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News Briefs

September is National Youth Court Month

Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), National Youth Court Month, which is celebrated each September, recognizes the contributions that youth courts make to our nation's youth, families and communities.

The theme for this year's observance is "Young People Delivering Justice."

As OJJDP Administrator J. Robert Flores has noted, youth courts give the nation's youth "a chance to contribute directly to the working of our justice system, and at the same time develop a foundation for their trust in that system."

To assist youth courts in marking Youth Court Month, the National Youth Court Center, which is funded by OJJDP, in conjunction with NHTSA, is offering its 2005 National Youth Court Month action kit. The kit includes tips for planning events and activities, suggests activities to commemorate Youth Court Month, offers strategies for communicating more effectively with the media and provides a list of national youth court resources. For further information about National Youth Court Month, visit the National Youth Court Center web site at www.youthcourt.net.

EPA awards grants

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region Five has awarded an \$11,640 environmental education grant to Inland Seas Education Association, Sutton's Bay, Mich., for a Great Lakes issues teacher's workshop.

Twenty high school teachers from the area will participate in a two-day program aboard ISEA's 77-foot schooner, Inland Seas. They will attend seminars led by Great Lakes experts that will promote effective classroom strategies for stewardship of this valuable resource.

The Michigan-based association is among 16 organizations in a six-state region that received a total of \$194,900 in environmental education grant money from EPA this year. More than 130 proposals were received.

Referendum fails to garner required 30 percent of the membership's vote



Volunteers opened the letters containing the votes on resolution 2005-60 at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center. Photo by Alan Kamuda

BY CORY WILSON

The official results of the referendum vote regarding Resolution 2005-60: Reconciliation of Removal and Election Eligibility Tribal Code Sections, were announced at the Aug. 2 board meeting in Munising.

Resolution 2005-60 was approved by the board of directors on May 3. A petition was then issued requiring the resolution to go to a referendum vote of the membership.

The Election Committee announced that 3,598 ballots were received out of 11,394 mailed to the membership, accounting for 31.5 percent voter turnout. However, of the 3,598 ballots received, 184 ballots were deemed spoiled or damaged bal-

lots and thus, according to the existing election code, could not be counted. Therefore, only 3,414 ballots were actually counted amounting to 29.9 percent of the ballots.

This election has initiated a question of interpretation as it relates to what constitutes a 30 percent vote of the membership. Does a referendum "vote" that is cast — and counted — constitute a 30 percent vote of the membership or does a "ballot cast" — whether counted or not, constitute a 30 percent vote of the membership?

According to an official statement issued by the Election Committee, "As required we received in excess of 30 percent registered voters who cast bal-

lots, therefore, Resolution 2005-60 is not valid and binding in accordance with the Referendum Ordinance. However, lead council has advised the Election Committee that the tribal Constitution reads, "vote," whereas the Referendum Code states "ballots cast." Lead council has also advised that the Constitution supersedes the code. The Election Committee recognizes that a discrepancy between "ballots cast" and "vote" does exist. However, it is the Election Committee's responsibility to follow the Referendum Code. Any discrepancies between the tribal Code and the tribal Constitution are issues for the board of directors, not this committee."

The Sault Tribe's Legal

Department ruled on the matter by issuing their opinion in answering the question: "Was the Referendum Election a valid election under the Constitution and Ordinance of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians?"

The legal department's opinion stated, "The clear language of the Constitution states, a vote of the majority of the eligible voters voting in such a referendum shall be conclusive and binding upon the board of directors provided, however, that at least (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such referendum conducted pursuant to tribal ordinance."

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Tribe hires purchasing director

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Brad Pringle was recently hired as the tribe's purchasing director.

Pringle was born and raised in Saginaw, Mich., and graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a BA degree in accounting. He also holds a Michigan real-estate license.



Brad Pringle

Pringle's past experience includes director of compliance for Central Warehouse Company which in 2001 formed a joint venture with Delphi. "That was a good opportunity for me, when the partnership was formed Delphi was working on a new project, the Quadra-Steer which is rear wheel steering that has been offered as an option in full size SUVs from 2002 to 2005," Pringle said.

Pringle has kept himself informed of tribal activities and news by reading *The Sault Tribe News* and visiting the tribe's Web

site. "The programs Delphi was working on were winding down and I began keeping my eye out for other opportunities when I saw the purchasing director position listed on the tribal web site," Pringle said.

With family roots in St. Ignace, Pringle said he is glad to be part of a smaller community. "The tribe gives back to local communities, it is a different way of looking at things compared to how other businesses I have worked for operate," Pringle said.

Pringle is the fourth of five children born to Eugene and

Margaret (Fraser) Pringle and his grandparents are John Fraser and Marie Martin Fraser Olshove of St. Ignace.

Pringle is relocating his family to Sault Ste. Marie; his wife Jessica Riley Pringle and their three-and-a-half year old daughter, Virginia.

Annually, the Sault Tribe has over \$65 million in purchasing power. "I have a strong group of people in the purchasing department to work with," Pringle said. Smiling, he added, "I don't have to spend it all myself, I have plenty of people to help me do that."

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Askwith, Stanaway record glimpse into past

Songs of strength and a quiet lesson on social concepts



Above left, Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway in period clothing and, right, a likeness of a fur trade era canoe, a subject of one of the songs on the *John Johnston* CD. The vessel seen here was one of several seen on the weekend of July 22-24 during the Voyageur Days segment of the Soo Locks 150th anniversary gala. The canoe is touted as one of the most important American Indian contributions to the fur trade.

Photo on left courtesy of John Askwith. Photo on right by Rick Smith

BY RICK SMITH

Anyone in the Sault who is savvy with the local music scene is bound to know the immensely enjoyable, powerful skills and talents of Susan Askwith and her long-time collaborator, Dave Stanaway.

Recently, Askwith and Stanaway finished recording a compact disc (CD) at Lake Street Studio in Brimley, Mich., which was in the works from April through June of 2005. The title of the CD is *John Johnston — His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era*, which, as you might guess, imparts some local history as well as some fine listening pleasure.

Before we dissect the CD, we should briefly introduce Askwith and Stanaway to those unfamiliar with them and their works.

Askwith is a friendly and charming Bawating Anishinaabekwe who obviously knows her way around a guitar and how to convey feelings with her strong,

yet delicate, flowing vocals.

Then there's Stanaway, he bears the countenance of a gentleman who is articulate and forceful when bending his guitar's strings or flexing his vocal chords. He's also a talented lyricist and composer.

Okay, on to the main event.

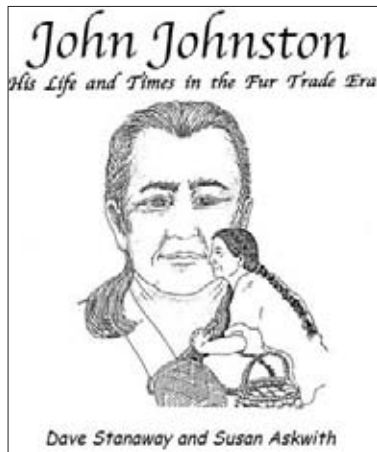
John Johnston — His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era is a tribute to one of the Sault area's leading citizens, his family, home and times, who had what it took to thrive and survive in the fur trade, especially in the unstable era of the War of 1812.

The CD contains a booklet which provides a thumbnail sketch of Johnston, who married the daughter of a powerful Chippewa chief and settled in the Sault area in 1793.

Stanaway composed the music and lyrics for most of the songs on the CD, as he did in the first song, *Easy Come, Easy Go*, an easy going ballad very briefly

summing Johnston's fortunes and misfortunes. Stanaway accompanies himself quite well on guitar and sings the story in this song while Askwith adds nice finishing details with her vocals.

The next song, *Inn of the Wilderness*, gives a flavor of the Johnston home which often welcomed visitors in their travels.



Cover art of the new *John Johnston* CD by Dave Stanaway and Susan Askwith.

Most of the rest of the songs center on certain facets of the times such as the voyageurs, canoes, facing challenges in life and death.

There are two songs on this CD, however, that stand apart from all the rest. Not only because of the subjects of the songs, but how, together, they vividly illustrate a contradiction in the popular beliefs of that era. The songs are *Sweet Willy, My Boy* and *Testing the Waters*.

The lyrics for *Sweet Willy, My Boy*, were written originally as an eloquent poem by Jane Johnston Schoolcraft, a half-breed daughter of the Johnstons, about the loss of her four-year old son to a disease. Stanaway composed a beautiful, dignified musical score for the words of the poem and Askwith breathed life into this resulting masterpiece that could, seemingly, easily become a folk classic. The song is an elegantly haunting heart-breaker.

It's the background of *Sweet Willy, My Boy* that contradicts the subject of *Testing the Waters*. Back in the fur trade days, it was believed half-breeds were, well, half-wits, and *Testing the Waters* is an account of what life was like for most half-breeds back then. Contrast the testimony laid down in *Testing the Waters* to the graceful words of *Sweet Willy, My Boy* and a contradiction between fact and a belief held during days long gone becomes evident. While the entire CD is educational and very entertaining, there is an outstanding social lesson for all to learn in these songs alone.

Copies of *John Johnston — His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era* are available online at www.lakestreetstudio.com, by visiting the John Johnstone House on Water Street in Sault Ste. Marie or by calling Askwith at 632-7422 or Stanaway at 248-3316.

June and July Police Reports

Parole violation

June 3, male, lodged Delta County Sheriff's Department, (DCSD).

Domestic abuse

June 3, male, lodged DCSD.
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Domestic assault

June 9, male, lodged Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, (MCSD).

Theft

June 9, male, lodged MCSD.

Warrants

June 4, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, (CCSD), bond \$1,000.

June 7, female, lodged CCSD, bond \$600.

June 11, male, lodged CCSD,

bond \$10,000.

June 11, male, 91st District Court, lodged CCSD, bond \$200.

June 11, male, Bay Mills Court, lodged CCSD, bond \$500.

June 14, male, lodged CCSD, bond \$4,392.

June 17, female, 91st District Court, lodged CCSD, bond \$0.

June 23, male, assault, arraigned in court.

June 25, male, lodged MCSD.

June 27, male, lodged MCSD.

July 10, male, lodged CCSD, bond \$1,000.

July 15, female, lodged CCSD.

July 20, male, FTA traffic, lodged CCSD, bond \$250.

July 21, female, turned over to Mackinac County.

July 26, male, offense concerning dogs, lodged CCSD.

July 29, male, 19, FTC, lodged CCSD, bond \$40,000.

Minor in possession

July 6, female, lodged CCSD.

July 16, female, turned over to parents.

July 16, male, turned over to parents.

July 16, male, turned over to parents.

Driving while license suspended

June 7, male lodged CCSD, bond \$100.

July 21, male, lodged CCSD.

Operating while intoxicated

June 14, male, lodged CCSD, bond \$1,000.

June 25, male, lodged CCSD.

Disorderly conduct

June 25, male, lodged Mackinac County State Police.

July 23, male, lodged CCSD.

Possession of marijuana

June 25, male, lodged MCSD.

July 14, posted bond.

July 24, male, posted bond.

July 24, female, posted bond

Minor

consuming alcohol

July 9, male, posted bond.

Felonious assault

July 13, male, lodged CCSD.

Reckless driving

July 14, male, lodged CCSD.

Probation violation

July 14, female, lodged CCSD.

July 14, male, lodged CCSD.

July 14, male, 19, lodged CCSD.

Sentencing child abuse

July 19, female, 120 days, lodged CCSD.

Driving

without a license

July 24, male, lodged CCSD, bond \$100.

Possession of stolen property

July 26, male, lodged CCSD.

Curfew violation

July 30, female, turned over to parents.

If you are a tribe member and have moved recently, contact Sault Tribe Enrollment Department to update your address at (906) 635-3396 or 1-800-251-6597.

Deadline for the next issue of The Sault Tribe News is Aug. 22.

Controversial issues surround Michigan landfills

Dafter landfill focus of local attention—Part two

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Part One of this article was printed in the June 28, 2005, edition of *The Sault Tribe News* on page 3.

Tri-County Pollution Control (Tri-Copc) was founded in 1979 by residents of Dafter Township who were concerned about the Dafter Landfill (then called the Reid Landfill) and the potential for damage to local waterways. Tri-Copc president Eldrus "Annie" Goetz contends that previous owners of the Dafter Landfill allowed hazardous materials into the site. Tri-Copc is concerned that with the political struggle going on over Canadian and out-of-state trash this issue will be overlooked. Tri-Copc is in favor of the proposed surcharge as a way of stopping the flow of trash across Michigan's borders and is trying to raise awareness of potential problems possibly created when the landfill began operating in the early 1980s.

Tom Horton, government affairs manager for the Michigan market area for Waste Management had this to say, "We are one of the most highly regulated industries in the state. The way we operate our facilities, the material we accept, where it comes from, how we handle the materials and report the materials, that is all dictated by both state and federal regulatory agencies."

"Our stance on the surcharge is one that has really been reflected by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Municipal League. They have both come out very strongly against this proposal because it would be such a tremendous burden on both businesses and residents in the state of Michigan. We have spent a significant amount of time talking with legislators about what really impacts the flow of waste and all indications are this would have almost no impact at all on Ontario waste flowing into Michigan. There is, at this time, simply no place else for it to go," Horton said.

"I think the most important thing about this issue that some people on the political spectrum are ignoring is the fact that Ontario has probably another five



years or so to work through their disposal capacity issues. They have made it very clear in testimony before the House and Senate and environmental committees that they expect to see a significant reduction in waste volumes by the year 2010.

"The most important step Michigan could take is to continue to work with Ontario to urge them to meet that target. In order for them to do that some very specific things have to happen and that primarily is to make sure that facilities which have applications for expanding their existing sites are approved in a timely manner. It has been the lack of these approvals being processed in a timely manner that has caused the shortage in capacity in Ontario," Horton said. "The fact that some of Michigan's landfill disposal capacity is being used by Canada on a short term basis really isn't enough of a reason to have the type of response we have seen coming out of Lansing."

Waste coming into Michigan from other states according to Horton is due to geographical and economic reasons. "If you look at the waste that comes from Ohio almost all of it goes to a landfill in Monroe County and the entrance to that landfill is actually in Ohio. As you enter the landfill you actually cross the border into Michigan. If you look at the waste that comes in from Indiana and Illinois, again the same thing is true. It tends to be landfills that are in Berrien County and those

landfills are closer to downtown Chicago than they are to the city of Lansing. They are part of a geographical and economic area that tends to exist in those immediate communities surrounding that area. If you go south of Lansing a county or two most of the garbage picked up there goes to a landfill in Indiana," Horton said.

Saying there has been a failure in the past to look at the whole picture, Horton cited the example of tax structures. "We may have some states that have a higher burden on landfill fees but not on



small business taxes. You have to look at a total burden, which I don't think anyone has done. To pick out one specific fee area and say that is a reason why landfill capacity is cheaper in Michigan is really not looking at the total picture."

When all is said and done Michigan is one of the top three

importers of trash. Most of this trash flow across borders is based on geographic and economic influences. If the trash "problem" with Canada is temporary as reported by the Canadian government does Michigan need a permanent tax to discourage waste flow that may take care of itself in the near future?

In a report dated October 2003 by the National Solid Wastes Management Association, it was stated, "Congressional Research Service (2002) shows all states but Hawaii rely on another state to manage some part of the municipal solid waste they generate."

According to an article in the Jan. 1, 2004, issue of *WasteAge* by Rebekah A. Hall, "To date, 90 percent of the United States' waste exports are sent to Canada, which also includes hazardous waste materials. Almost all of Canada's waste exports are destined to cross U.S. borders."

• During fiscal year 2002, Canada contributed 11.5 percent of all waste disposed in Michigan, an increase of 9.8 percent from fiscal year 2001.

• Michigan exports about five times as much hazardous waste to Canada as Canada exports to Michigan.

• Approximately 125 to 150 trash trucks per day from Toronto come into Michigan. About 30 more trucks per day from other Canadian municipalities also deliver trash to Michigan.

• Michigan landfill inspections have confirmed that waste received from Toronto is typical

municipal solid waste and is suitable for disposal. (Source: Energy and Commerce Committee Hearing, July 23, 2003).

According to an article posted on the Washington D.C. Canadian Embassy Web site, "In 2006, Canada will implement a Canada-U.S. bilateral agreement that creates an environmentally-sound, science based system for monitoring waste shipments. The agreement includes requirements for notification and consent. Canada seeks for the US to fully implement this amendment as well. In the meantime, Canadian cities like Toronto are making sure that they comply with US environmental regulations on municipal waste. For example, in October 2004, Michigan approved Toronto's application to export waste to the state, after finding that Toronto's garbage laws are just as strict as Michigan's." Contact for the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. is Monique Frison, (202) 448-6584.

There are 51 landfills in the state of Michigan with a designed life span of 50 to 100 years. Importing waste from Canada and out-of-state has had very little impact on the planned life span of these landfills. According to the Canadian government, they are working to improve their own waste capacity and hope to dramatically slow or stop the flow of waste into Michigan in about five years.

The proposed surcharge, if passed would raise the dumping fee from 21 cents a ton to \$7.50 a ton and could possibly slow the importation of trash into Michigan landfills. That surcharge would remain in effect even after the problem it was meant to fix was gone.

This trashy mess calls for neighbors to help neighbors. If Canada is serious about taking control of their capacity problem in a relatively short time span, maybe it would be beneficial for residents of Michigan and the United States to offer their support in this effort. No one wants someone else's trash in their "backyard," with better planning and legislation on both sides of the border this issue can be resolved.

National Congress of American Indians convention coming to Sault Ste. Marie in 2006

By **RICK SMITH**

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is scheduled to meet in Sault Ste. Marie for its 2006 mid-year convention during June 16-24.

According to the NCAI Web site, the Congress was founded in 1944 in response to termination and assimilation policies the United States forced upon tribal governments in contradiction of treaty rights and status as sovereigns. The Congress stresses the need for unity and cooperation among tribal governments for the protection of treaties and sovereign rights.

Since 1944, NCAI works to inform the public and the U.S.

Congress on the governmental rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The 2006 convention will provide an excellent opportunity for members of our tribe to become acquainted, or better acquainted, with the National Congress of American Indians.

The Congress strongly advocates the involvement of all American Indian peoples and the general public to protect tribal self-government and the rights of the original people by calling, writing and visiting their elected state and federal representatives. The Congress advocates and provides information on current issues that will impact tribes, so

everyone can join the effort.

"It's going to be great when they get here," said Bob Nygaard, a former delegate from our tribe to the Congress from about 1996 to 2004. "This has been in the works for about three years. The Congress asked for information from tribes about places to hold the conventions this year and Ken Ermatinger and I submitted information to them about facilities in our area. This is going to fill up the hotel for sure and spill over into the town."

Nygaard said about 1,000 delegates from all across the country will be attending along with their accompanying parties. As always, there will be a tradeshow that will

afford crafters, businesses and non-profit groups an opportunity to showcase their offerings and disseminate information. About 50 vendors from near and far are likely to follow the Congress to the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Brad Baldwin, director of sales, speaking from Detroit, concurred with Nygaard's assessment. "This is, potentially, one of the largest conventions we'll see." He said the convention will not only test the Sault Kewadin facilities, but will probably spread city-wide and into Sault, Ont. Nygaard and Ermatinger were among those Baldwin credited for landing the convention for Kewadin Sault.

"It's been hard to book this convention, mainly because we're 350 miles from a metro airport and other conveniences. We got it primarily through the hard work of Leslie Locke, our convention sales manager, and Stephanie Laitinen, our assistant director of sales. It was very difficult and they did it."

The National Congress of American Indians held a mid-year conference last June 12-15 in Green Bay, Wisc., and Ken Ermatinger attended as a delegate from our tribe. In addition, two Sault Tribe staff members, Sue Stiver and D.J. Malloy went as volunteer assistants.

Referendum vote fails to meet 30 percent



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Chairperson,
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Members' efforts to halt referendum misuse is working

In my report to the members prior to the annual report edition of *The Sault Tribe News*, I called your attention to the misuse of the tribal referendum code to frustrate our legislative process and deny you — the voter — the right to elect who you choose to represent your interests.

Voter interest in referenda seems to have waned with a huge drop from June 2005 by over 12 percent to a mere 29.95 percent voters participation in the most recent referendum vote. Typically, we garner between 65 percent and 75 percent of the eligible voters during tribal elections. The latest referendum vote is less than one-half of the votes we normally receive.

The latest referendum results show that the members have become frustrated with receiving ballots to undo what their elected officials have put in place. In the latest referendum vote, a mere 15 percent of those eligible voted to disapprove the decision made by the tribal board.

As a representative democracy, we elect individuals for whom we wish to represent our interests. A minimum threshold established by tribal Constitutional law, mandates that at least 30 percent of the voters must vote in order for the decision of the board to be overturned.

According to the Election Committee report at the Aug. 2, tribal board meeting, the number of votes received were as follows:

1,691 Approve
1,723 Disapprove
3,414 Votes Cast

11,394 Ballots Mailed
3,418 = 30 percent of 11,394
(votes needed)

Therefore, the number of votes necessary pursuant to the tribal Constitution to overturn a decision of the tribal board, in this case, was 3,418. Only 3,414 votes

were cast. The numbers are what they are. Though a great deal of negative politics have surrounded this issue, the requirement was simply not met.

As things are generally never without controversy with the tribe, the tribal Election Committee disagrees with the results above. Falling short of the mark at 3,414, the Election Committee is nonetheless choosing to interpret spoiled ballots as returned ballots and therefore — count them. This is fundamentally flawed because it is inconsistent with both the tribal Constitution - Article IX (*at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote*) and the Election Code, Section 10.114 (2c) (*Ballots which do not clearly express the voting choice will be regarded as spoiled ballots and will not be counted*).

However, regardless of the above cited laws, the Election Committee chooses to interpret that blank returned ballots (spoiled ballots) somehow constitute cast votes. Conversely, cast is defined in the Webster's Third New International Dictionary as, "to deposit (a ballot) formally or officially: give (a vote)" and ballot is defined by Black's Law Dictionary as "a small ball or ticket used for indicating a vote . . . the formal record of a person's vote."

Further, when the question was posed to the Election Committee chair — If we needed 3,418 ballots to make the 30 percent Constitutional requirement for votes voted and 3,000 ballots were returned blank with an additional 418 votes cast, would they certify the results (paraphrased), the Election Committee chair's response was yes. This is absurd.

Just as the tribal board, by ordinance and resolution, has delegated the authority to conduct elections to the tribal Election Committee, it also delegated the authority to render binding legal opinions to the general counsel of the tribe. Immediately following the Election Committee's report to the tribal board (only 29.95 percent of the eligible voters cast votes) the referendum was valid. The general counsel then discharged his duly authorized binding legal opinion and ruled that the 30 percent requirement had not been met because where 3,418 votes were required for the referendum to take effect, only 3,414 votes were cast. The election was therefore voided pursuant to the tribal Constitution. The full legal opinion can be obtained by going on line to the tribe's Web page or by calling the 800 number listed below.

A review of the signatures to submit this issue to a referendum vote, the Web page under the name of B. Bouschor (which campaigned to disapprove) and local newspaper ads all suggest that Bernard Bouschor orchestrated the petition for the purposes of eliminating Michael Lumsden or possibly Verna Lawrence as competition

in the 2006 Unit I tribal board election.

This kind of ugly campaigning is not without precedent, as we recently found evidence that tribal and/or Greektown funds were used to send out a letter dated Nov. 11, 2003, under the signature of the former chairperson's secretary to attack Michael Lumsden's character and to suggest that my affiliation with Lumsden would be cause to not vote for me in the 2004 tribal chairperson election. The actual language read:

"I would like you to consider the following information about Aaron Payment and his unwavering support for Mike Lumsden before, during and after Lumsden's removal from the tribal board.

"I am writing to you at this time because Aaron Payment has made it clear that he is going to be a candidate for tribal chairman."

The letter, produced by a company called Mitchell Research, was recovered from a deleted file found on a computer of an employee who reported directly to Bernard Bouschor. The document properties imprint show the origin of the letter from Mitchell Research. Misuse of tribal funds for this kind of muckraking purpose is inexcusable and provides a level of proof that the former administration was intimately involved in corrupt removal proceedings. Knowing this, why would we deny anyone removed under such circumstances, to run for office?

Finally, it may be a coincidence but both Unit I board members up for re-election next year, Paul Shagen and Dennis McKelvie, supported certifying the referendum results even though the number of votes required pursuant to the tribal Constitution were not met. Wouldn't each individual have a conflict of interest here because they would both stand to benefit from eliminating both Michael Lumsden and Verna Lawrence from their competition in the 2006 Unit I election?

New hires: 100 percent Sault Tribe

I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been hired by the tribe. I am proud to announce that 100 percent of the following individuals are Sault Tribe members.

Bonnie Culfa — Health division director. Originally from St. Ignace but relocated from Redlands, California. She has a bachelor's of science in nursing and a master's of science degree in nursing administration. Bonnie brings 17 plus years of experience to the tribe.

Jessica Dumback — Recreation manager. Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and has been employed with the Sault Tribe for eight years starting out as a tribal intern. For the last nine months, she has served in the role of acting recreation manager.

Jocelyn (Roy) Fabry — Tribal staff

attorney/assistant prosecutor/inland hunting and fishing/Conservation Committee. Jocelyn previously interned with our tribal legal department. Previously she served as staff attorney for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Jocelyn was recently married to Chuck Fabry, also a Sault Tribe member.

Courtney Kachur — Tribal attorney/prosecutor. Courtney has a juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and has practiced law since 2000. He had relocated from Wisconsin to join our team.

Jessica Paquette — Physic-ian. Jessica has currently accepted a contracted position at our tribal health center in Sault Ste. Marie. We are very excited to have a Sault Tribe member as a physician in our health care field.

Bradley Pringle — Purchasing Director. He has a bachelor's from Saginaw Valley in accounting and business administration and brings to our company many years of experience in quality control field.

Renee Robinson — Planning director. Planning department: Renee has worked for the Sault Tribe for 14 years (five and a half as planning and development analyst) and acting planning director for seven months. She holds a master's degree in public administration and has completed her course work towards a doctorate degree in educational administration. The main team member assigned to the tribal strategic plan, Renee is well qualified for this post.

Cory Wilson — Communications director. Cory has worked for the Sault Tribe for eight years starting out as a WIA student worker. He holds a bachelor's degree in communications with an associate's degree in visual communications.

Congratulations to our new team members and welcome aboard!

Sault Tribe Golf Classic raises 40 percent more.

On July 30 we held our newly revamped Sault Tribe Golf Classic to raise funds for tribal chairperson scholarships. The proceeds will allow us to double the number of Joseph K. Lumsden Scholarships we award, as well as create a new scholarship to memorialize and honor Fred Hatch, our tribal chairperson leading up to federal recognition. I am excited to report that where our committee raised \$117,000 last year, this year they raised over \$160,000. For more information about tribal scholarships, please contact the tribal education department or to make a tax deductible donation for this fund, please contact Jake Sillers at the 800 number listed below.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me by e-mail at apayment@saulttribe.net or call (906) 635-6050 or toll free at (888) 94-AARON.

Membership Questions and Answers

Members' Q & A

Q: I'm a 16-year old tribe member who lives in the lower peninsula and I will be starting school soon. Can I apply for the Young Scholars Program?

A: Yes, you may apply after the fall semester, as a member's residence is not used in determining eligibility. To be eligible a student must be an enrolled member of the Sault Tribe and be in grades 6 through 12 at a public or private school.

Students will receive an award of \$25 for each marking period in which all A grades and/or perfect attendance was achieved with a maximum award of \$50 per semester. Contact Sylvia Shannon in the education department at 906-635-7010, ext. 56538. You can also send her an e-mail at sshannon@saulttribe.net.

Q: I live outside the seven county service area and I am wondering where my family can seek health benefits. Can we be seen at

another tribe's health clinic?

A: Yes and no. Any tribal member can request to be seen at another tribe's health clinic. Some tribes will allow members of other tribes to use their clinics but have the right to refuse service. However, members should seek out those clinics that are categorized as an Indian Health Service, (IHS) facilities. These particular clinics are funded through BIA dollars and are meant to service members of federally recognized tribes. For a listing of IHS facilities in

your area, visit the IHS website page that lists the area offices and then a listing of facilities within that district. That site can be found at the following web address: http://www.ihs.gov/FacilitiesServices/AreaOffices/AreaOffices_index.asp.

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State cites fraud in "affirmative action" petition

BY RICK SMITH

Regarding a proposal that would sound the death knell for the Michigan Indian tuition waiver, only one of the four people on the Michigan Board of Canvassers voted on July 19 to certify the so-called Michigan Civil Rights Initiative for the November 2006 state ballot.

Backers of the initiative said they were not surprised their petition was denied and will be returning to court over the matter. Opponents of the initiative say the ballot proposal would prohibit affirmative action programs in hiring and student admissions at colleges and universities as well as end the Michigan Indian tuition waiver. A group called By Any Means Necessary filed for an investigation into the petition signatures after citing charges of fraud by circulators of the petition for the initiative.

The initiative group collected over 500,000 signatures on their petition and needed 317,757 signatures of registered voters. A staff review of the petition found many cases of misrepresentation, deception and forgery along with

irregularities in dates, registration status and voter information.

George Washington, attorney for By Any Means Necessary, told the *Detroit Free Press* that a sampling of petition signers by the group showed as many as 25 percent of those who signed the petition were deceived.

"We didn't find a single black person who signed this who knew what they were signing," said Washington. "They were told by those who circulated the petitions that it would help affirmative action."

Ruthie Stevenson, president of the Macomb County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said an unaware petition circulator approached her claiming the NAACP and Ruth Stevenson favor the initiative.

"I told him I'm Ruthie Stevenson, and I am not in favor of this deplorable petition," she said.

In another incident, Wayne County Circuit Judge Robert Ziolkowski told the *Detroit Free Press* he was asked at a drug store last year by a black woman to

sign a pro-affirmative action petition. Ziolkowski said he was in a hurry and while all for affirmative action, rather than read the petition's 300-word explanation, he believed what the woman said and signed it.

Once inside the store, other shoppers told Ziolkowski the woman lied to him and the petition was for a ballot proposal that would actually ban affirmative action.

Upon leaving the store, the judge examined the woman and the petition and crossed his name off the petition. "I asked her why she would say that, she said that's what they told her to say. To be honest, I don't think she knew what it was for," said Ziolkowski.

As reported in the Feb. 1, 2005, issue of *The Sault Tribe News*, the organization calling itself the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is backed by the American Civil Rights Institute based in Sacramento, Calif., and seeks to end affirmative action and other similar hiring and college student enrollment practices.

Program pays for wells and drain fields for new construction

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you are planning to purchase a modular home, trailer or build a house in 2006 and need a well or drain field dug, now is the time to visit Kelly Smart, ACFS direct assistance case manager for the tribe's sanitation program, and apply for assistance.

Smart was able to help 22 families pay for their wells and drain fields last year and hopes to help 16 families this year. "Many families are not aware of this program. Each family is entitled to \$20,000 for wells and drain fields on new construction, but if a family applies today that is going to build this year, they won't receive funding. You have to apply a year in advance," Smart said.

The funding applies to any tribe member residing in the service area. You do not have to live on trust land to use this program.

"It is an excellent program for tribe members, it reduces their

mortgage amount and payments. In Manistique and Escanaba, we were able to help five families last year. So far this year we have helped eight families," Smart said.

The sanitation program recently received a new memorandum of agreement (MOA) from Indian Health Service (IHS) for \$140,000 for eight families. "Each year IHS asks us for a tentative estimate of the number of families we think will be building new construction. We usually give them a number in February or March for funding for the following year," Smart said.

Once an application is filled out, an engineer visits the property where the new construction will be located and performs a site evaluation and an estimate. The fee for the engineers is covered under the MOA by IHS.

Kelly Smart can be reached at (906) 635-5250 ext. 23370, or toll free at 800-726-0093.

Referendum fails to get 30 percent of votes needed

RESOLUTION NO: 2005-60 RECONCILIATION OF REMOVAL AND ELECTION ELIGIBILITY TRIBAL CODE SECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 476 et seq.

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Tribal Constitution generally prescribes the procedure and grounds upon which a member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance, Section 10.109, currently defines the eligibility requirements to run for election to the Board of Directors and for Tribal Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, in August 2004, the Board of Directors made comprehensive revisions to Tribal Code Chapter 16: Removal from Office, and adopted standards that must be met before a Board member may be removed from office; and

WHEREAS, the eligibility standard by which Board members previously removed from office may conform with the election eligibility standards now in place; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to eliminate any discrepancy between the effect of the previous removal code and the current removal code by not denying anyone eligibility to run for office under an old standard that does not now comport with the current standard in the removal code and make other eligibility changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors amends Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance, as follows:

- (1) The present Subsection (5) of Section 10.109, Candidates for Election, is repealed; and
- (2) The new Subsection (5) of Section 10.109, Candidates for Election, is as follows:

(5) No individual who has been previously removed from office as a member of the Board of Directors, pursuant to Article VI of the Tribal Constitution, shall be eligible for election to office if the grounds for the previous removal satisfies the grounds for removal of Tribal Code Chapter 16: Removal from Office, enacted August 3, 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any previous member of the Board of Directors removed from the Board of Directors prior to the enactment of the current Tribal Code Chapter 16: Removal from Office, enacted August 3, 2004, shall not be denied eligibility to run for and be elected to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Board of Directors, provided, that the Board member would not have been removed under the current standards contained within the present Tribal Code Chapter 16.

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The tribal Election Committee reported the following vote totals: Eligible voters, 11,394; 30 percent of voters, 3,418; total votes counted, 3,414; spoiled ballots, 184 (of which seven were unmarked).

"Based upon the report of the Election Committee and the clear language of the Constitution, the election is invalid, null and void because at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote, did not vote."

The legal department further stated, "In order to come to this conclusion, a close reading of the tribal Constitution and Code is necessary." The following statements were obtained from the official legal opinion issued by the legal department:

a. The Constitution.

Supreme Law. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. In this document the people have delegated to their elected representatives the authority to govern. If there is ever a conflict between the Constitution and any other document of the tribe, the Constitution always takes priority.

Referendum Petition. In this case Article IX, Right of Referendum, is the governing constitutional provision. It allows for the right of referendum on any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution. Either the board or the people may ask for this referendum election. The people may ask for it by presenting to the board "a petition signed by at least 100

eligible voters."

Because the Tribal Election Commission does not register tribal members as required by the Constitution, Article V, Section 1, the secretary of the board has no way of knowing whether or not the signatures on any given petition are those of "eligible voters" or not. This however, is a question for another day. But once the secretary of the board certifies that there are sufficient signatures for a referendum election to take place, the board is obligated to call for one within 60 days of the date the petition was presented.

b. Tribal Code

Once a referendum election is called, it is conducted in accordance with the Tribal Code. The relevant sections of the Tribal Code are as follows:

Chapter 12: The Referendum Ordinance. This ordinance provides a detailed outline of rules governing any referendum election. The most relevant section of the ordinance to our discussion is Code 12.109 Referendum Result. Subsection (1) reads: "In the event that less than thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters cast ballots in the referendum election, such election shall be null and void and of no consequence or effect." This provision is written to carry out the constitutional mandate spelled out above. Thus, it must be consistent and in harmony with that same constitutional mandate.

Voting and casting ballots are the two terms used that remain undefined by either Constitution or Code. So we turn to the common understanding of these terms as defined in ordinary or legal dictionaries. "Vote" is defined in Black's Law Dictionary as "the expression of one's preference or opinion by ballot. . . the total number of votes cast in an election as in the incumbent received 60 percent of the vote." Cast is defined in Webster's Third New International Dictionary as, "to deposit (a ballot) formally or officially: give (a vote)." Ballot is defined by Black's Law Dictionary as "A small ball or ticket used for indicating a vote. . . the formal record of a person's vote."

Ballot choices.

Taken at their ordinary and commonly

accepted meanings, then, the Constitution and the Code are in harmony. Both require that a person indicate his or her choice on the official ballot before the ballot is to be considered a vote. What choices are open to eligible voters when they vote? According to Code 12.106 (6) an eligible voter may decide to approve or disapprove the ordinance or resolution in question. Note well that to abstain or indicate no preference is not an option allowed by the Code. Thus, if an eligible voter returns a ballot with no choice indicated as to approve or disapprove the ordinance or resolution in question, it is equivalent to throwing the ballot in the wastebasket. In this election, there were seven ballots in which the eligible voter declined to indicate a choice to either approve or disapprove the resolution in question.

Spoiled ballots.

Chapter 12.103 indicates that Tribal Code Chapter 10 also applies to referendum elections when not inconsistent. The Election Committee explained that 177 votes were spoiled. To determine what leads to a ballot being declared "spoiled" one must look to Code 10.114(c), which states two interesting rules. First of all a "ballot which does not clearly express the voting choice will be regarded as spoiled ballot and not counted." And secondly, "Ballots that fail to meet the security measures adopted by the Election Committee will be regarded as spoiled ballots and will not be counted." These 177 ballots were declared spoiled by the Election Committee because they were sliced or otherwise mutilated. They failed to meet the security measures. What the Election Committee failed to declare is that, in accordance with this Code section, even the seven unmarked ballots are spoiled in that they "did not clearly express the voting choice." Thus, by this Code provision, all 184 spoiled ballots are neither to be counted as votes nor cast ballots."

According to legislative policy, the legal department's ruling takes precedence and is currently being upheld at this juncture.

Special enrollment period closes Aug. 20

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Mackinac Island on July 5, 2005. All board members were present.

Resolutions: Voting is not noted on actions taken unanimously.

A fiscal year 2005 tribal support budget modification for \$80,000 was approved for the Sault Tribe Gaming Commission. The funds will be used to hire help with class II regulation compliance and procedures. Board members Joe Eitrem, Robert Lambert and Dennis McKelvie opposed the move.

Another fiscal year 2005 tribal support budget modification for \$95,456 was approved to cover expenses to buy and operate three vehicles for our tribe's Youth Education and Activities in the western service area. The vehicles will be stationed in Munising,

Escanaba and Kinross.

An additional \$42,635 modification was made for the reorganization and expansion of Youth Education and Activities in the western service area.

Our tribe's emergency assistance program received a budget increase of \$100,000 and a two tier system was established will increase from up to \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000 and the second tier will be eligible for up to \$500. Included with this measure was an increase of \$20,000 for the elder heating program. This is a program that uses a three tier system for elders who are over income guidelines for the low income heating assistance program. The first tier was increased from \$600 to \$900, the second tier was increased \$400 to \$600 and the third tier was increased from \$300 to \$400.

An appropriation of \$2,000,000 was made for the St. Ignace water and sewer project

with the funds to come from the sale of tribal businesses and corporate tax. The measure provides infrastructure support for the Kewadin Shores Casino project. Board members Cathy Abramson, Todd Gravelle, Vic Matson, Sr., Tom Miller and Fred Paquin opposed the action.

The special membership enrollment period opened Oct. 19, 2004, was ordered temporarily closed as of Aug. 20, 2005, at 5 p.m. in order to allow the processing of applications on file with the registrar and to prevent the filing of new applications. Board members Lambert and McKelvie opposed.

The board approved an increase in the monthly stipend for each appellate court judge from \$100 per month to \$200 per month, compensation for attorney judges for all legal work product at the rate of \$150 per hour billed but not to exceed \$5,000 or a total of \$17,000 annually and appropri-

ated an additional \$8,000 to support these increases for the remainder of fiscal year 2005. Board members Gravelle, McKelvie and Robert LaPoint opposed the measure.

An transfer of \$27,792.06 was approved from the fiscal year 2005 video production budget to the The Sault Tribe News budget to buy new computers.

An allocation of \$8,000 was approved to fund a community calendar insert into each of the issues of the remaining tribal newspapers for the year 2005.

A resolution to appropriate \$50,000 for the tribal legal department to conduct independent investigations into alleged confidentiality leaks from board members was denied. Board members Gravelle, McKelvie, Eitrem, Lambert and Matson favored the measure while LaPoint abstained.

The board convened another meeting in Munising on Aug 2.

Board members Joe Eitrem and Fred Paquin were absent.

Resolutions: An application was approved for a grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement and support an electronic health record keeping system for the Sault health clinic and community health center network.

The board adopted a policy to allow casino employees the benefit of converting sick time to vacation time. The policy allows such conversions at a ratio of 2:1, so that seven days sick time could be converted to 3.5 days of vacation time. The benefit applies to employees who reach, or are beyond, the second anniversary of employment.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians usually meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and tribe members are invited to attend.

Members want services not promises



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

After attending a vast majority of town hall meetings. One thing has been made abundantly clear: Tribe members want services not promises!

Our membership expected changes after the last election cycle. Those changes have not occurred. Instead we are all left wondering when the change is going to take place.

For those of you that thought the Bouschor administration was

gone, unfortunately only the names have changed. The "one man show" still continues to perform.

Recently the administration posted, in-house, a position for the tribal communications director. This position was, by all intent, meant to be a "key management" position that should be selected by the tribal board of directors. The board intended the position to be posted so that all qualified tribe members could apply. Instead the administration decided to find and utilize a loophole in the board resolution for hiring "key management" positions to hand pick the candidates. Other events continue to occur:

- We have contracts that are being awarded by this administration without proper bidding.
- Non-postings of jobs.
- Promotion of individuals to posts without following proper procedures — skirting the rules of management by loophole instead of the intent of established policies and procedures.

The above are just a few of the problems that are still occurring within our tribal government.

This is wrong, and it is time for the board to take a stand. It was wrong in the past, and it is wrong now! We can either close all of these loopholes or we trust our administration to follow the intent of our policies and procedures. Right now the decision seems pretty apparent.

I used to blame the old board for all of the power it gave to the past chairman. It appears that this board is also afraid to do what must be done. We love putting blame for not getting things done. Nobody is to blame but the board. As long as the administration continues to take control, we have no one to blame but ourselves. We must take a stand as a board. It is time for the curtain to fall on the "One Man Show."

As I sit here writing this report with a pen given to me by a new friend and tribe member that I had the privilege to meet at the Sugar Island Powwow. I cannot express how wonderful it was to meet with friends, both new and old. I would like to take this time to thank a few people for making this celebration a success. Thank you Stan and Teri Barr for

use of your equipment and cutting grass; Jim and Roger Young (Frisky and Chocolate); Joe and Dorothy Eitrem for donating beverages and snow cones; the entire Sugar Island Powwow Committee; and everyone else who took the time to help.

I wrote the above report for the last edition of the tribal paper, however, it was omitted due to the nature of the last edition (The annual report).

Since my initial report — a Communications Director has been hired, multiple people have been let go. I guess the concern about layoffs was justified. **But the board should have been informed! This is unacceptable! We had to find out from employees not staff or the chairman's office, This is the second time that this has happened. The staff should read the Constitution. The board is in control of the tribe! Not them! And the members are in control of the board.**

Since my initial report, The people have spoken!

I am going to listen to the voice of our people and not our

overpriced "legal counsel." I am going to follow the will of the people and **accept the referendum vote.**

Some of the board and our general counsel think that I am voting for this to slight our general counsel, since I voted against his initial hire. I, along with other board members, do not agree with his opinion.

No one man has the authority to override the majority of the board or our tribal Constitution.

Until the majority of the board speaks, I will uphold the referendum vote. Which is the right of the membership to disagree with the board. I will never step on the membership's rights.

Just as with hunting and fishing rights, the right of referendum is a membership right for now and future generations. It is up to the membership to decide whether or not they are willing to yield them.

Sincerely, Dennis McKelvie,
(906) 632-7267.

Many things are going on within our tribe



Rob Lambert
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Many things are going on within our tribe. The St. Ignace casino is still on track and the scheduled opening in late May of 2006 has

not been pushed back. The steel skeleton is in place and some of the flooring is being poured. We are still not sure what will be done with the old St. Ignace casino once the new facility is up running. The idea of a convention center has been discussed but no decision has been made. Please call me to discuss any ideas you have for the future of this building. In late July, the tribes met with the State of Michigan to discuss our tax agreement. The state has asked for several revisions to the current agreement. Our tribe would like to add Mackinac Island and then possibly other areas in the future. The tax agreement has not been reopened, so if you currently receive a tax benefit as a resident tribe member, nothing has or will change unless we

agree to the state's requests or if we can add Mackinac Island to the agreement area. I did attend this tax summit so if you have a specific question, please give me a call.

I would like to bring to your attention an issue that was brought to the board of directors at our Aug. 2, 2005, meeting in Munising. It seems that the referendum petition has been ruled null and void by our chief legal counsel because, in his opinion, not enough members voted. This issue started with the chairperson of our tribal election committee giving us the results of the referendum on whether a board member that has been removed can run again. The election chairperson stated that the results were final and that the members disapproved

the original resolution that would have allowed board members that have been removed to run again. Soon after that a tribal attorney argued that not enough members had voted and that the original resolution stands that allows board members that have been removed to run again. This is where the debate begins as board members went back and forth discussing the actual numbers of the referendum. It appears that many ballots were returned with the identifying number cut off. Other ballots were returned and declared spoiled since there was no way to determine how a member desired to vote. I want to be clear that I had wished for the referendum to be approved by the members but, in this case, I must agree with our election committee in declaring

that all ballots returned must be counted when determining if 30 percent of our eligible members voted in this referendum. I am very interested in speaking with the members who returned their ballot with the number cut off to understand your reason for doing so.

Thank you for taking the time to read my unit report.

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My agenda has not changed, my priority is you



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I missed the last issue for a unit report that marked the one year anniversary to my elected position as your representative. Being new to politics and elected office was an extreme change for my family and myself.

Representing and having a responsibility to each and every one of you is one that I have never taken lightly. Sleepless nights about making the right decisions, wracking my brain about getting issues resolved and avenues to get my points across are new reasons to keep me up at night. I have stated this to remind and assure tribe members that my agenda has not changed, my priority is to you. In the seats on the board of directors, we all have a different way of viewing things,

diversity on this board is clear to the membership and is not a bad thing as long as we use it to advance our tribe's best interest. In this past year, I have learned some valuable lessons. Some I can carry with me for the remainder of my term and some, of course, are just tough lessons learned. Tribe members who call me or attend meetings are a great avenue for me to hear your concerns so, please, always attend the meetings and do not hesitate to call me.

The board has been on a break from workshops and meetings for the last three weeks. There are no actionable board items to speak of but one major item that unfolded before the break is a presentation with the board by two tribal attorneys who have expertise in ratifying and changing tribal Constitutions. These two men have been involved with numerous tribes in assisting them with the shortcomings of the government assigned Constitutions. With workshops and meetings held in the communities, input and free dialogue from the membership, I think we can customize our constitution to work better for our tribe. As stated in my last report, this process could take years, the experts said the maximum could be at least four years and depending on the amount of meetings, travel, paperwork, postage and the expertise to assist us, we will

have to budget additional funding. I look forward to moving ahead on our Constitutional convention and plan to address that issue at our next meeting of the board of directors.

I want to talk a little about our last meeting on Mackinac Island. There was a resolution presented by our legal department as well as the chairman to hire a special investigator at a rate of \$50,000 to investigate a leak on our board of directors. It was discussed that some proprietary information was released to a local Web site that hindered our approach for the development of the Romulus casino. After a detailed discussion about the resolution to hire a special investigator to investigate the board, we came to a consensus that we would voluntarily submit to a polygraph test. I was upset by the fact that this was never discussed with us prior to the meeting to hire an outside company to investigate our board. In order to have a seat on the board of directors we must submit to an in depth investigation by the Michigan Gaming Control Board that investigates our past employers, criminal record, interviews family members, real estate investments, committee and political involvement seats, all our financial records going back three years and also verbal interviews are done with the control board as well. We must provide hundreds

of documents, we must sign confidentiality forms due to our compacts with Detroit and Greektown Casino. As you all know, we have recently submitted to a drug test as well. I have said all of this to inform you of the state I feel we are in at this point, the confidentiality word is thrown around very loosely within our tribe.

Please don't get me wrong, I completely understand there is information that must remain confidential, we have a responsibility with priority information and there are some issues that cannot be discussed right away but, after saying that, I'm confident that each and every board member can and does distinguish the difference between what can and cannot be released. The polygraph results will be made public, please call with any questions you have.

Unit II has been approved to hire a new assistant to our youth coordinator for our area. It was not official at the release of my last report but we have now posted for that position and the interviews are now complete. Our youth coordinator has already expanded youth services to include Newberry, Drummond and DeTour. Mrs. Burnside works closely with Rudyard, Pickford and Cedarville schools as well. Nadine, your school will also be implemented and involved in the Youth Education plan. Please

contact Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2098 if your children are interested in attending the youth activities in your area.

This past weekend we held our second annual Youth Empowered Powwow in Garnet. Of all the powwows I have attended, this is my favorite. The youth plan the day's activities and completely take part in the arrangements for the gathering. There were approximately 34 young dancers to begin our grand entry, which is a positive sign that cultural activities are reaching our children in the outlying areas. Youth coordinators Lisa Burnside and Patty Teeple have done a great job assisting these young ones. Jacki Halfaday Minton was our master of ceremonies for the gathering and putting aside the few bad jokes, she stood out and did a fantastic job.

Chi megwetch to the head dancers and all the parents involved. Elders from Newberry, Rexton and Naubinway attended and it was an honor having you there to take part. I will be holding a unit meeting in Naubinway on Aug. 31, 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pavilion in town. As always please call me with any questions or concerns you have at (906) 484-2954. E-mail lanacausley@cedarville.net. Bammaapii.

Community center in Escanaba approved



Denise Chase
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The tribal board was in recess from July 6 thru Aug. 1 for summer break. Although board members still attended various committee meetings, grand assembly, Greektown teleconference meeting and Tom Miller and myself held office hours July 13 Escanaba 5:30-7:30 p.m., July 30 5:30-7:30 at Gwinn, Mich., and Manistique 5:30-7:30 Aug. 1.

At the July 11 Delta County zoning committee meeting the building and property that was looked at for a community center

in Escanaba was approved for rezoning. Myself, Tom Miller and Jerry Miller, elderly committee chairman attended the meeting. The rezoning will allow the tribe to go forward with the steps of acquiring the building for either lease or purchase. The building will provide a safe handicapped accessible and adequate tribal center for our staff and membership use. Myself and Tom are meeting with a planning committee next week and will update you in next article.

The board approved a \$95,456 tribal support budget modification for the Youth Education and Activities to purchase three vehicles (15 seater vans) and include insurance and gasoline for vehicles. The vehicles are for Munising, Escanaba and Kinross.

The board also approved: Tribal support budget modification of \$42,635 for Youth Education and Activities to expand one full time coordinator to Hessel area and one half-time coordinator to Escanaba area. It was asked that the half-time Escanaba position be put to full time in the upcoming YEA planning budget.

Transferring \$27,792.06 from

the 2005 video production budget to the newspaper budget, to allow them to upgrade and purchase computer equipment to publish tribal newspaper.

Tribal support budget modification of \$200,000 for emergency assistance program and \$20,000 for the elders heating program. For more information on these programs call you local tribal center.

\$8,000 budget modification for appellate court. This will increase appellate court judges stipend from \$100 to \$200 per month and compensate attorney judges for legal work at \$150 per hour.

Approved \$2,000,000 for the St. Ignace water/sewer project for St. Ignace Casino, the funds will come from sale of tribal businesses and corporate tax. Outside funding will also be pursued.

\$8,000 to fund community calendar as insert into tribal newspaper.

\$815,000 to Semco Energy to provide system design and improvements necessary to deliver natural gas to St. Ignace casino.

Approved health division to apply for a federal grant of \$300,000 to implement a elec-

tronic health record system throughout the health division clinics and community health center network.

A discussion was held at a board workshop about how to expedite delivery of the tribal newspaper to the western end and outside of the seven-county service area. The board decided to put a survey in the tribal paper to get input from membership and see how many people actually think this is a problem.

The board decided to temporarily suspend special enrollment effective Aug. 20 at 5:00 p.m. to allow our enrollment staff to process the applications on file that amount to 4,000 applications.

On July 5 the board approved 54 special enrollment applications for enrollment.

On Aug. 2, the tribal Election Committee, who is responsible for conduction and administering the election and referendums, submitted the result regarding the referendum vote on Resolution 2005-06, Reconciliation of Removal and Election Eligibility Tribal Code Sections.

The election committed certified the following results: 3,598 Ballots received. 1,691 approved

the resolution. 1,723 disapproved the resolution.

According to this, it should mean once the election committee certifies the results, its done there were 32 more votes who disapproved of the resolution than approved. Which would mean three individuals who were removed from the board in the past wouldn't be able to run for office, according to a vote of the people. Anyway there was an hour and half discussion at the Munising meeting. We are waiting for a legal opinion from Steve Morello. It was stated that never in the history of the tribe has the board ever not went along with or overturned the election committee certification. A workshop will be set up to discuss this issue.

Office hours:

Aug. 10 - Escanaba Tribal Center 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 17th - KI Sawyer 269 Canberra 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

As always if I can be of any assistance to you please call me at (906) 341-6783 or 1-888-667-3809.

Thank you.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

SPECIAL NEEDS/ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

4 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

ELECTION COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Non-commercial fisherman

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Referendum election 2005-60 is valid



Cathy Abramson
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

At the Aug. 4, 2005, board of directors meeting, the election committee chairman submitted the results for the referendum election regarding Resolution 2005-60. A total of 3,598 ballots were received. Out of the 3,598 ballots received, 1,691 approved and 1,723 disapproved. The other ballots considered spoiled totaled 184. The Election Committee chairman stated, "As required we received in excess of 30 percent registered voters who cast ballots, therefore, Resolution 2005-60 is not valid and binding in accordance with the Referendum Ordinance."

The referendum voted to disapprove Resolution 2005-60 by 31

3,598 Ballots received			
Approved	Disapproved	Spoiled	Total received
1,691	1,723	184	3,598
Votes needed for a valid referendum election is 3,418 received ballots.			

votes. There were no contests filed with the election committee during the contest period. Bottom line is: The membership has decided that if a board member has been removed from the board, that person cannot run for the board again. As a board member representing our membership, I support the decision of our membership. It was a close race. The membership chose to disapprove the resolution and board members should respect that. To not recognize the will of the people would be to trample on their rights to referendum.

Unfortunately, our general counsel and his assistant disagree with whether or not we have met 30 percent of the voter participation as specified in our tribal constitution. These guys are splitting hairs. It's a matter of semantics. Would this even be an issue with our lead counsel if the vote went the other way? I doubt it! This board did not request an opinion as to the legalities of the referendum ordinance vs. the constitution. Yet our lead counsel issued a binding legal opinion that we now have to vote to overturn if we want the referendum results

(the will of the people) to stand as submitted by the election committee. The very thought of this should be extremely upsetting to everyone regardless of whether you voted for, against or were indifferent on this issue. It should be upsetting to our entire membership that our lead counsel can issue an unsolicited binding legal opinion that the board must comply with or vote to overturn.

I respect the effort provided by Ernie Walker and Steve Morello regarding the election committee certification of ballots recently. However, I disagree with their opinion because I believe the tribal interpretation of the word "vote" has been that of simply casting or returning a ballot. I believe this, in and of itself is viewed as a tribe member casting their vote. I strongly believe that the differences in our tribal Constitution and election ordinance reflect an interpretation of the word "vote" that is consistent with the definition of casting a ballot and differs from their legal and Webster's interpretation. The word vote and ballot cast was not an error but rather an interpretation that was consistent with par-

ticipation. The tribe members exercised their right to participate in the election by returning the ballots and this should be counted. This is my tribal interpretation of our Constitution but is in direct opposition to our legal interpretation. However, I was elected to represent our tribe members and believe, in most instances, I interpret issues based upon what I believe is right for our tribe and consistent with our past traditions and practices. These views do not necessarily fit our legal representatives' views but I will continue to educate our legal staff in tribal ways.

When tribe members receive ballots in the mail, they may act upon them in many ways. First, if they chose to not vote they would simply not return the ballot. If they decide to vote (cast their ballot), they would indicate their preference by marking one of the choices offered or by leaving it blank. Any marked choice or the simple returning of a blank ballot is their vote for, against or indifferent. When a vote is cast by returning a ballot this is their choice. If for some reason a vote cast is invalidated through the interpretation of the election committee that it is a spoiled ballot — the fact still remains that the tribe member cast a vote and this vote should count as a participation in the voting process. Director

Causley contacted Dee Springer, of the Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indians Affairs, and she stated that according to the Federal Register, if the Secretary of the Interior came in and conducted the elections, all ballots received would count toward the 30 percent participation required.

All this being said, my interpretation of the results of the recent referendum is that 3,548 votes were cast. This total amount exceeds the minimum requirement of 30 percent participation. We have wasted too much time on this issue. The board should overturn lead counsel's binding legal opinion and accept the results as submitted by the election committee. At this writing, there are at least seven board members who have agreed to overturn lead counsel's decision. We have other pressing issues to work on. We must move forward.

Chi megwetch to all those members who participated in the referendum election. Every time you vote, it reaffirms our sovereign right to govern ourselves. Please continue to contact your board members. Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 635-3054 or (906) 440-7613 or send e-mail to abrams410@charter.net.

Lack of progress on the St. Ignace casino



Robert LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

We did not have a meeting in July, but I wanted to make sure I wrote a unit report for this edition of the paper. Even though we

(BOD) don't get vacations, I think taking a month off in July is poor timing. I think if we are going to skip a month, it should be in December or January. Not much gets done in those months any way with all the other activities going on. Right now I'm trying to get a clear picture of why we are not making more progress on the construction of the new casino in St. Ignace. I believe this is our number one priority. I make several trips down there every week, it is frustrating and I wish more board members would begin asking questions about the lack of progress and visit the work site to see for themselves how things are. Director McKelvie visited the job site this past week. This is serious business. If we don't make progress, we may not be able to get any work done on the inside

this winter. It will take over 2000 electrical outlets for the casino hall. I'm not totally sure but it appears we haven't even put this out for bid yet. We also have to get moving on the plumbing. Last year we leased new trucks for the job at a cost of \$7,500 per month and as far as I can see, they are hardly being used for this job. How many men on the construction crew that are idle or coasting is a question I am almost afraid to ask. I'm sure the influences to this impasse are many and varied and I am certainly not blaming anyone, all construction jobs are subject to uncertainties but the importance of getting this project moving deserves 100% attention.

Another issue that should be addressed is the fight going on by the Michigan sportsmen who are organizing and campaigning

against our treaty hunting agreement. I don't have all the details but this much I know, they have already begun to attack this legislation with rumors and scare tactics. They are saying that there will be "Indians" hunting in their back yards. It is the same kind of attacks and racial slurs that were used years ago when the white sports fishermen protested us getting our treaty rights to fish. Slogans such as "Save a walleye, spear a Chippewa," and we can expect the same kind of attacks from sportsmen hunting organizations as we seek our legal treaty rights from the federal government. This issue also needs immediate attention. Maybe we can address this issue and launch a public relations campaign in all the newspapers, radio and television. Asking the other tribes to

get involved in this public relations campaign would be my recommendation, and we should take the lead on this to get them involved. There should be more public discussion about our economic decisions and we need to set the record straight with the Michigan voters over the hunting license issue. Many questions are being asked as to whether decisions are being excessively focused on short term issues and the politics of the past. We need to find a suitable balance between short run and long run objectives. Right now, getting the St. Ignace casino built will help both our short run and long run goals. If you have questions or need information please contact me, Bob LaPoint, Unit II director and vice chairman.

Team members gardens at Kewadin casino



Jennifer Torstenson in front of the garden maintained by the employment department.

Photo by Brenda Austin

SUBMITTED BY LYNN TROZZO

It occurred to me recently as I was finishing the planting or the "Employment" garden outside the Employment office that ownership of a project or task is probably one of the highest standards an employee can be held to. For if you don't have ownership of any one multi-dimensional and sometimes rewarding project, then it is really just another job.

It takes a whole lot of people to make a project go and sometimes a whole lot of volunteerism to make our team as successful as it is. Each one of the gardens around the casino in the Sault has been taken on by various departments, from housekeeping to management. This is all on a volunteer basis, not to mention a lit-

tle competition.

Ownership by volunteering is probably the most rewarding type of accomplishment one can attain. I've personally walked around the entire complex and have seen the dedication of our team members to the gardens respectively. I've seen they have a place of employment that they take great pride in and it shows in their creativity. They have due cause to be proud for each of their gardens if you stop and take the time to admire them. You too, will know that these are dedicated team members whom have made ownership collectively and made the place look beautiful.

Of course, we have the greatest maintenance and grounds-keeping crew any organization could ask

for, without them — none of it could have been accomplished. They are now in their "teaching and mentoring" positions as they guide the youth of our tribe during their summer employment — that is, the "WIA" workers. They follow their leaders around waiting to be instructed and watching and learning. They will be our next generation of leaders who eventually will take over from all those they learn from.

This is what I'm talking about when I say, Cool Places! Cool People! Cool Jobs! Call toll free 1-866-635-7032, or apply online or better yet stop in the employment office and tell us how you admire the garden!

From our tribe's mail

Would anyone know his name?

To the Editor,

My name is Dan Schoenow. I'm 51 years old and live in Saginaw. About 45 years ago, I was on vacation with my grandparents in the Sault. They went there every year for two weeks to watch the ships and enjoy the quiet, staying at Welch's cabins near the river.

I remember spending time watching an old man, I'm sure he was an American Indian, carve little totem poles in a store across from the viewing stand by the locks.

When there weren't too many boats coming through, my grandfather would take me across the road and we would stand and watch this man carving. Buying anything was out of the question, we didn't have much money to spend.

He never said much just kept to his work carving.

One day, after watching him for a long time he motioned to me to come into the store. I walked up to his chair and he handed a little bunny totem pole to me that he had just carved. I still have it and was looking at it just last night.

I thanked him and that one time I saw him smile. I've always wondered what his name was. I know he has long since passed away. He must have been at least sixty or seventy back in 1960. Maybe his family would like knowing that although he is gone he has not been forgotten. I still think about his act of kindness.

Sincerely,
—Dan Schoenow

(Editors note: If anyone can identify this man, please contact The Sault Tribe News and we will forward the information on to Mr. Schoenow).

A large healing circle has been completed

To the Editor,

On behalf of the Kerr Brothers, I wish to extend our appreciation to everyone involved in the eagle feather award ceremony at the powwow on Saturday. Especially to head veteran, George Martin, and fellow veterans. Migwich! The four of us were honored for our Vietnam tours of duty, all in harms way.

From 67' to 71' Plieku, DongHa, DaNang, Hue, ConTien, Quang Tri Province, and other areas were the focus for our mothers worry beads. A four star mother, she bore her burden with pride and courage, not knowing what the next knock on the door, or telephone call would bring for five very long years since we were all in combat areas. Our sisters Anne, Renee' and our other brothers David, Paul, and Rev. Robert Kerr also joined in many prayers for us.

Our father, Theodore Roosevelt Kerr, died in May 66' a little over a half year before the first son went over. We were in mourning still for our father when we went over.

It is a small miracle we are all still physically here.

And to be honored in such a way, our way, the red way of humility, honor, forgiveness, love, and respect. It is the right way.

We must continue to teach our children, by example, this path. Tell the children and teens — tell them — this is the way it was if they ever wondered, and this is the way it will be. Tell them we must sometime live in two worlds, but our hearts are red! Keep these ways, nourish these ways. Tell them we must forgive ourselves, before we can forgive others. Don't be too hard on yourself. Others are there to support you. Tell them we don't "control" the spirit quest. We must stop, listen and be open to it. Most of us are still on it. Our guide is there, listen to her. Tell them it takes more courage to forgive and love what we sometimes don't see as loving, than it is to pull a trigger. Tell them to support the Iraqi veterans. Welcome them home now, not years from now. Tell them to appreciate and honor your parents. You don't truly know what you had or how much they loved you, until they are gone. Tell them these things.

Being on the receiving end, I can't express in words in this language, the powerful feelings and emotion I felt. A very large healing circle has been completed. For this we say, Chi Megwich.
—Harvey Kerr, Nin Peace Eagle

Thanks for the generous donation

To the Editor,

On May 16, 2005, staff of the Sault Tribe Community Health program participated in the annual community baby shower at the Sault High School.

We would like to thank Tracy Trosclair, owner of Tracy's Boutique in Sault Ste. Marie, for donating her time and money for the two baby baskets, one for a boy and a girl. She has generously donated for the last three years.

She has done a beautiful job in selecting the items needed for a newborn.

How a person is selected for a basket is, before the shower starts, a number is picked at random. When the shower starts, people sign up on any number lined sheet. At the end, whatever name is next to the chosen number, gets to choose a basket.

—Staff of the Community Health program

Funeral assistance is greatly appreciated

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for the payment of \$3,000 to the Bowerman Funeral Home for partial payment for my husband David Paquette's funeral. This is a wonderful fund for the tribe to help the Indian families with the members final expenses.
—Family of David J. Paquette

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous check for funeral assistance for my husband, Arthur Merritt. It was very much needed and very much appreciated. My husband was very proud of his Indian heritage and all the help accorded to the elders.

Thank you again and God bless.

—Rena Merritt

In answer to political activity allegations

To the Editor,

Please be advised that at no time has the JKL Bahweting building or resources been used for tribal political activity. At the May school board meeting Mr. Oshelski made reference to Marta Diaz, Michael Lumsden, and Nancie Hatch stuffing envelopes after school hours on one occasion. This took place during the fall of 2003. This was during the time when the school was in litigation with the tribe. Former Chairman Bernard Bouschor sent a letter to all tribe members throughout the country that contained serious allegation of wrong doing on the part of Ms. Hatch, Mr. Lumsden and Mr. Payment. He also made similar allegations to the school's federal funding agents and Northern Michigan University. The letters that were sent out by Mr. Bouschor stated the Mr. Lumsden had participated in criminal activities while serving on the school board and tribal board.

The mailing that was sent out from the school, using the building and school resources, was to refute the allegations made by Mr. Bouschor. This mailing was sent out to Unit-I households and parents at JKL Bahweting School.

While serving on the school board and since, Mr. Payment has been committed to keeping tribal politics out of the school. At no time did he ever engage in or suggest any activity that was not in keeping with board policies and the best interest of the students.

We hope this explanation ends all speculation of political activities at JKL Bahweting School.

—School Board President Shawnda Kangas and School Administrator Nick Oshelski

Alzheimer's patients need our help

To the Editor,

The Michigan House has released their version of the state budget, which allocates funds for programs in the Alzheimer's Information Network line item. Crisis Helpline and referral services for Alzheimer's patients have been placed in the lower quarter of their priorities.

I am concerned about thousands of desperate family members taking care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease who call us needing support groups, crisis intervention, care consultation and other services. Eighty percent of individuals with dementia live at home with a family member.

Eliminating funding for a 24-hour helpline makes it very difficult, if not impossible to continue providing services to this very vulnerable population.

Almost 200,000 people are afflicted with Alzheimer's disease in Michigan. An estimated one of every ten people over 65 and one in two over 85 are impacted by this disease.

It would seem appropriate that the allocation process be re-evaluated so that providing services to this extremely fragile population is continued.

Yours truly,
—Beverly Bartlett
Regional director
Upper Peninsula region

Gem Island ceremonies a success

To the Editor,

The gathering at the Gem Island cemetery was a great success. I would like to thank every one who attended and made the event such a success.

I am hoping this will become an annual event on Memorial Day and with each year more improvements will be made on the road and cemetery so more of our elders will be able to attend.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Frisky Young and Clarence (Bouncer) Cadreau for all their help in organizing and work done on the road and clearing the area. I want to thank Russ Tyner and Jimmy Young for operating the equipment to clear the road. I also want to thank Brother John Hascall for bringing the ceremonies and mass to Gem Island and Father Ted Brodeur and the Diocese of Marquette for providing funds to rent the equipment and buy food for the feast. Chi megwetch
—Osawamick Frechette

Our thanks to all family and friends who were there for support and prayers

To the Editor,

Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

First we give thanks to God for making our son fine after his surgery and recovery. Then to the family members at each of our work sites, United States Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Sault Ste. Marie and Lynn Auto Parts. These people went above and beyond for our family. They covered for us when we needed to be near our son and kept in contact over his progress. Thank you just does not seem like enough.

A Special thanks to Dr. Olechowski, Dr Rechner, Pam Honkanen, and Sue LaPointe from War Memorial Hospital.

They made sure we had directions so my husband could follow the ambulance and went so far as getting us a picture of the surgeon he would be seeing. They also made Russell feel comfortable while they did their job with courtesy and excellent customer service.

On Sunday, June 19, our son Russell was in the emergency room for abdominal pain. They found a discrepancy on the CAT scan. He needed to be transported to pediatrics in Grand Rapids for surgery. We would also like to thank the Allied Health Ambulance Drivers from Petoskey Gary and Julie. They drove us to Grand Rapids to DeVos Children's Hospital and did a great job with him.

Russell had surgery four days later for a double stomach. His recovery is slow and steady. Thanks to all of our family and friends who were there for support and prayers and sent him flowers, cards, stuffed animals, games, snacks and balloons. Thanks to family members who took care of our dogs and also collected our mail and checked on our home. A very special thank you to Grandma Max for going with us. When your child needs care, please know that War Memorial is up to that challenge and can help you going above and beyond what they need to serve you

—Bruce, Chicki, Heather, Danny and Russell Lipponen

Incentive award helps

To the Editor

I am in receipt of your incentive award for the winter semester 2005. The financial assistance is most helpful and much appreciated.

Thank you very much,
—Lara Cook

Special Olympians thank the tribe

To the Editor,

The eastern Upper Peninsula Special Olympians enjoyed a wonderful picnic with the help of many tribal offices. We thank all those who gave money, prizes and time to make our picnic a huge success. Many responded to an e-mail sent by Edie Reno and donated numerous prizes from their own pockets. Many departments sent prizes. We have a family picnic every year at the Paquin family cabin on Brevort Lake and 80 athletes, their families and volunteers enjoyed a day of games, food and a ride on a pontoon boat. The employees and departments of Sault Tribe made this day extra special.

Thank you
—Laura Aikens,
Area 35 director

The deadline for the next edition of *The Sault Tribe News* is 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22.

Sault Tribe concludes summer internship program

BY DEAN LATOUR

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - On Aug. 12, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will conclude their 13th annual summer internship program. The 10-week program offered tribe members who are sophomores or higher in college a chance to experience life in the workplace and put the knowledge and skills they acquired in school to practical use.

"The Sault Tribe hopes to take what the interns have learned at school, and apply it to a corresponding position within the tribe," said DJ Malloy, the Student Internship Program coordinator and one of the tribe's two executive membership liaisons. "Hopefully, they'll want to come back and work for the tribe at some point after graduation."

There were a few changes made to this year's internship program.

"This year's program differs in a couple of areas. One is that we've employed 20 interns, instead of 15", said Malloy. The program's length was also shortened to 10 weeks, according to Malloy. "By shortening the length of the program, we were able to extend the budget to include those extra interns."

"Some of the fluff was also cut from the program, the weekly trips, speakers and travel to tribal board meetings, which added to the cost of the intern program."

This year's interns worked in a variety of tribal departments and worked in a variety of capacities.

"I've done a lot of historic research for the tribe," said Aaron Litzner, a graduate of Lake Superior State University (LSSU). "Especially regarding the '70s when they were trying to get federal recognition." Litzner worked for the tribe's cultural division and is currently pursuing his teacher certification.

"I've done a lot of computer work," said Robert Haske, a



Back row, left to right, Bryan Tallman, Jacob Collins, Ked Pomeroy, Jamison Miller and Robert Haske. Middle, left to right, Pamela Santiago, Aaron Litzner, Steve MacDonald, Jessica Frazier, and Mike Vigneaux. Front row, left to right, Ashley Hoath, Merran Behling, Lena Carpentier, Anglea Ellis, Samantha Stiver and Stephanie Doran. Interns not shown are Jason Marshall, David Giacherio and Dean LaTour.

Photo by Brenda Austin

senior accounting major at LSSU. "Entering journal entries, some dailies, cash flows, stuff like that. Basic accounting stuff." Haske worked with the administration building accounting department.

"I ran a Circle of Life program," said Merran Behling, a sophomore elementary education major at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisc., "We took about 15 kids to different campsites, and we taught them about the medicine wheel." Behling worked for Youth Education and Activities at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

"I did a lot of work for the tribal assembly," said Jacob Collins, a junior and an entertainment sports promotion management major at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., "I made up reports, flyers, I did some news stories, pretty much anything that had to do with the assembly," Collins worked in the

tribe's executive office.

In addition to their normal daily work hours, the student interns also volunteered their time for several Sault Tribe-sponsored events throughout the summer. Some of the events included the 24th annual Sault Tribe Powwow, the 2005 tribal assembly, the Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the 15th annual Billy Mills Fun Run, the Sault Tribe Scholarship Golf Classic and the Kewadin Casino outdoor concert featuring ZZ Top and George Thorogood.

"I liked hanging out with everybody, having fun and working together as a group and a team," said Samantha Stiver, a junior elementary education major at LSSU. Stiver worked for the tribe's Early Head Start Program.

During this summer's tribal assembly, the interns also focused their efforts and reached out to an

area family in need. The interns held a benefit luncheon and raffle for the family of Zachary Bruce. Zachary is a 4-year old tribal member who has cancer.

Proceeds from both events totaled \$1,085 and will assist his family with hospital, living and travel expenses. Joy LaLonde, Zachary's mother, was very grateful for the effort put forth by the interns as well as the overwhelming response realized at the fund raiser. She commented via telephone, "It's so wonderful to know that our community hasn't forgotten about Zach. I just can't tell you how much this means!"

Despite a full-time work schedule and their volunteer and fundraising efforts, the 2005 interns also had time to relax, get to know one another better and have some fun. The students were invited to attend a Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, July 5, on Mackinac Island. During

their visit to the island and the straits region, the interns learned about the island courtesy of a carriage ride tour as well as experience some of the island's history by visiting Fort Mackinac. The two-day event was concluded with a relaxing Mackinac Island catamaran cruise on board the Mackinac Breeze, captained by Bruce Fink.

"I liked when we got to go on the catamaran sailing," said Behling. "I live on a lake, and we sail all the time. My dad is actually looking into getting almost the exact same boat and I got to go home and brag about sailing on it."

The 2005 Sault interns seemed to gain a lot from this year's program.

"I learned a lot about office work," said Bryan Tallman, a senior advertising major at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., "I've never really worked in this kind of environment before, so I liked doing that." Tallman worked in the Chi Mukwa events department.

"I learned that I really like accounting," said Jessica Frazier, a junior accounting major at LSSU. "I started off in this program not knowing if this was what I wanted to do with the rest of my life. Now I really like it, and I'm sure I want to." Frazier worked with Midjim accounting.

"I was really a great experience to be able to learn so much and use what I learned in my classes," Collins said.

"It was different everyday. One day I'm building a lodge, the next day I'm at the Vietnam Memorial Wall," said Litzner. "I went to all the events this summer, like Anishinabe Days and Voyageur Days."

"It was really fun to get to hang out with all the interns, and get to know everybody," said Stiver. "I had a lot of fun. I'd do it again."

Morgan to participate in torch run to benefit Special Olympics

Eric Morgan, corrections officer at Chippewa Correctional Facility is gearing up to raise funds and participate in this year's law enforcement torch run in an effort to raise funds for Michigan Special Olympics. Central Savings Bank helped Morgan with the cause by donating \$500.

The law enforcement torch run for Special Olympics is an international series of relay runs by law enforcement and corrections officers to support the Special Olympics. Michigan's central route is a non-stop, 750-mile relay beginning Sept. 12 in Copper Harbor and ending Sept. 16 in metro Detroit. The central route team is comprised of runners from the MSP, Fraternal Order of Police and Michigan

Department of Corrections.

Over 12,000 athletes across the state participate in Special Olympics Michigan, competing in over 23 different sports.

Donations are used to purchase athlete uniforms, sports equipment, facility, housing and coach training. Special Olympics Michigan is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization supported entirely by private donations. The program relies on the generosity of Michigan businesses, organizations and individual donors. Special Olympics programs and activities are provided at no cost to the athletes or their families.

Dan "SanMan" McKerchie 2004 Sault Tribe housing team member of the year

SUBMITTED BY JONI TALENTINO, HOUSING DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Housing administration is pleased to announce the selection of Dan McKerchie as team member of the year. Dan was selected for his dedicated service and going above and beyond in performance of his responsibilities.

Dan began employment with the tribe in 1991 as a carpenter on the first addition to the casino, formerly known as the Atlantic Room. In 1993, he transferred to the Housing Authority Force Account construction department as a carpenter foreman. Within a short time, Dan assumed a new position as field superintendent and the responsibility of overseeing the rehabilitation of 104 homes located on the former Air Force Base in Kincheloe, Mich. Since then, Dan has been promoted to project manager and has managed the new construction of homes in Wetmore, Escanaba,



Left to right, Carolyn O'Neil, division director, Dan McKerchie, projects manager, Bruce LaPointe, general manager.

Newberry and, most recently, the 47 new homes at Odenaang in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dan lives in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife Loris of 29 years. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. He enjoys

playing billiards, plans to take up golf this summer but, most of all, camping with his grandchildren.

Congratulations on being selected 2004 team member of the year!

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Aug. 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Members get new home with help from DHS, Community Action Agency and the tribe

By BRENDA AUSTIN

When Department of Human Services, Indian outreach worker Sharon Fegan was no longer able to authorize funds for the upkeep of Alan Kiczenski's and Lois Green's home she asked for help.

Help for eight children who all slept in one bedroom and living room on the first floor of a two-story house. Inflatable mattresses were set up on the floor at night because there were bats in their upstairs bedrooms. Holes in the ceilings were plugged with plastic bread bags and the ceiling in the kitchen had collapsed.

Fegan began working with the family in 1992. "The home was getting worse every year and we needed to make sure they were going to make it through another winter," she said.

So, through a collaborative effort between Tony Bosbous at the Community Action Agency, Kelly Smart from Sault Tribe Housing and Sue Williams from the USDA Rural Development Program, the family now has a new home.

Last year Community Action had given Fegan money for a new furnace for the old home and also helped with the cost of insulation, the house had none. "We were burning a lot of firewood in our wood stove but I didn't like burning wood at night because we had kids all over the house," Kiczenski said.

The tribe helped with the installation of new windows and doors. With the roof just about ready to cave in, Fegan asked Community Action for help. "Tony Bosbous told me we shouldn't put any more money into their old home because it was time to replace it with a new one," Fegan said.

"He told me to come to his office and we would talk. He said if I could raise money from somewhere else he would match it, I told him good, I'm not leaving your office until I have some."

Fegan asked Bosbous to call Kelly Smart, home improvement program manager at the tribe's housing department. They put her on a speaker phone and Fegan asked her for \$15,000 plus money



for a septic tank. "Kelly said all the funds were gone for septic tanks but she could give me \$20,000 and the additional \$5,000 could be used for the septic tank," Fegan said.

She then asked Bosbous for \$25,000 who responded that she would have it before she left his office that day. "On the way back to my office I stopped at the USDA rural development office and asked Sue Williams for a one-percent interest loan for the family. They now had \$45,000 cash towards a new home and septic tank and if they could get a rural development loan for one-percent for the remainder of the cost of the home they would be able to go house shopping" Fegan said.

The next day Fegan took Williams to visit the family's

home just past Goetzville, about 70 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, where Williams inspected and took photos of the house. Fegan said, "She told me that in the 35 years she had been working she had never come across a family that needed more help than this one."

That was in September, 2004. Within a week they were approved for the one-percent loan and were told to go looking for a new house.

Alan, who is disabled, borrowed a friend's video camera and went house shopping. Lois is a dishwasher at the St. Ignace Kewadin Shores Casino. So while Lois washed dishes, Alan set off with his friends camera house shopping. With four bedroom modular homes few and far between Alan was having a diffi-



Above left: Alan Kiczenski, with five of the eight children still at home, in front of their new home. Above right: Tribe member Lois Green and Alan, with their children, lived in the home above until last February. Below left: The new home is located just behind the old which will be burned down by the local fire department in a controlled burn.

Photos by Brenda Austin

cult time finding one to fit his families needs. On his way home that evening from Kalkaska he came across another modular sales office. "I decided it wouldn't hurt to stop, I was there and if I just drove by I would never know. I was glad I stopped, they did have a four bedroom house. As soon as I walked into it and saw all the room it had I fell in love with it. It had a day room which we could use as a fifth bedroom," Kiczenski said.

Two stipulations were placed on the homes purchase: Whoever they purchased the home from had to act as general contractor and the home had to have a full basement.

Kiczenski took Green to see the \$119,000 home the following day and said she was so happy and excited she was crying.

The basement was laid last October and while the construction was being done on the new home the tribe moved the family into a house on the Hessel reservation where they stayed for four months. They moved into their new home on Valentines Day, Feb. 14, 2005, with a new mort-

gage payment of less than \$300 a month.

The family received donated furniture from the Endahyon Group Home, which had just closed, and from Kewadin Casino when some remodeling of the second floor was being done. People in the community also donated items to the family. "The little kids are so happy to show me their rooms when I go to visit that they grab me around the legs and just hold on," Fegan said. When the family moved in Fegan bought the children some stuffed animal toys for their new rooms.

The children range in age from 16 months to almost 18.

The new home sits about 75 feet behind the old one which will soon be burned down by the local fire department.

"Everything fell into place, the kids are happy to go to school and happy to come home. We have some yard work to do and next year at this time I hope to have it pretty much done," a smiling Kiczenski said.

Smart said, "I was very humbled to be able to help a family who was in dire need of home replacement knowing they'd never be able to do it themselves. When Tony Bosbous and Sharon Fegan called me, I knew I had to do something. This is what makes my job so rewarding, projects like this. I know I made a difference in someone's life, more importantly those children now have a beautiful home the rest of their lives." Kelly Smart is now the direct assistance case manager for ACFs.

It's a reunion!

Family and friends of the descendants of the Amble Goudreau, John R. McLeod, Joseph Derocher (Derusha), Louis LaJoyce Sr., the Bellants and any other ancestors.

Please keep the date of August 20, 2005 open for a grand reunion dedicated to these earliest settlers. It will be held in Epoufette at the Hendricks Township Fire Hall off U.S. 2 at the corner of Hiawathia Tr. and Cut River Rd. a potluck dinner is planned for 2 p.m. so bring a dish to pass.

The committee plans a 50/50 drawing to cover expenses such as deposit on the hall, sliced ham, table service & etc. for dinner. The hall will open at 9 a.m. Saturday when the setup of tables start. There is plenty of parking space for travel trailers & motor

homes at the ballpark and new playground that surrounds the fire hall.

There are three cemeteries in the area for you to check out, if you have pictures or historical information you wish to share please bring them along.

For any questions you may have please contact on of the following: Fannie Aslin, Box 182 Newberry, MI 49868, (906) 293-3550, Carl and Mary Belonga, 430 E. Mcmillan, Newberry, MI 49868, (906) 235-7995, Jim and Ann Ryer, 5251 Cut River Rd. Naubinway, MI 49762, (906) 292-5433 e-mail jimann@myvine.com, or Cliff Bellant at bellant@up.net.

If your root's go back 50 years or more we are relation and we look forward to seeing you here.

McKerchie retires after 21 years with tribe



By BRENDA AUSTIN

After 21 years of working for the tribe as a painter Ken McKerchie has retired.

McKerchie worked for the housing authority throughout the seven counties as a painter and doing maintenance. For the past 12 years he has worked for the

housing department.

In the photo he is shown with a plaque for his years of service presented to him by his supervisor Jerry Causley. "Ken was a very good team member to work with, he got along great with everyone and was a very hard worker," Causley said.

McKerchie said he has no formal plans for his retirement and that he plans to take it one day at a time.

McKerchie's parents are the late Earl and Adeline McKerchie. He has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Little Bear East St. Ignace Fitness center summer hours:

Mondays - Thursdays
7 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fridays
8 a.m.-noon
Saturdays
8 a.m.-11 a.m.
Closed Sundays

Tribe members receive 50 percent discounts on daily and membership rates!

Please contact the Little Bear East at 643-8676 for more information.

Wagners celebrate 50th

Wagners celebrate 50 years
An open house for family and friends to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Bill and Dorothy Wagner was held July 30 from 2-6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.



Bill and the former Dorothy Mitchell were married Oct. 15, 1955 at the Central United Methodist Church in Sault Ste. Marie. They have resided in Sault Ste. Marie all of their lives.

The Wagners are the parents of four children, Dennis (Carmen) Wagner, Dianne (Mike) Pace, Darrell (Sue) Wagner, and Darlene (Jim) Jorgensen, all of Sault Ste. Marie. They have 11 grandchildren.

Stork report...

Dan and Jodi Quinn of the Sault are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl **Piper Madigan-Evelyn Quinn**, born on May 25, 2005, at 1:57 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital. Piper weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 18.25 inches in length. Grandparents are Tony and



Margaret Bosbous and Daniel and Denice Quinn. Great-grandparents are J. Paul and Margery Quinn, and Vernon Streeter, Sr.

Piper is named after Dan's grandmother Evelyn Streeter (deceased) and Jodi's grandmother Bernice Tavern (nee Madigan, deceased).

Teresa and John Cummings of Orion, Mich., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Ashley Rose Cummings**. She was born on March 8, 2005, at 12:13 a.m. at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Mich. She weighed



six pounds, eight ounces and was 19 inches in length. Grandparents are Ray and Betty Cummings of Ortonville, Mich., and Irene and Jim Sears of Goodrich, Mich.

Surviving great-grandmother is Catherine Rooney of Belfast, Ireland. Deceased great-grand-

parents are John Rooney of Belfast, Charlie and Effie Cummings of Lake City, Tenn., Horace and Viola Sears of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and tribe members Earl and Adeline McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie.

Ashley Rose was named after her great-aunt Bernice Rose Roberts, Sault Tribe member from Valdosta, Ga. Ashley and Bernice share the same birthdate of March 8.

Tereas Cummings, mother of Ashley Rose, is a tribe member.

Child care center celebrates 10 years

BY ROBERTA VERDONE, CHILD CARE MANAGER

The Sault Tribe Child Care Center celebrated 10 years of serving our community on June 10, 2005, with an ice cream social. Pictured are three generations, (center) Bailey Carey, (left) mother, Michelle Maleport (right) grandmother Peggy Maleport.

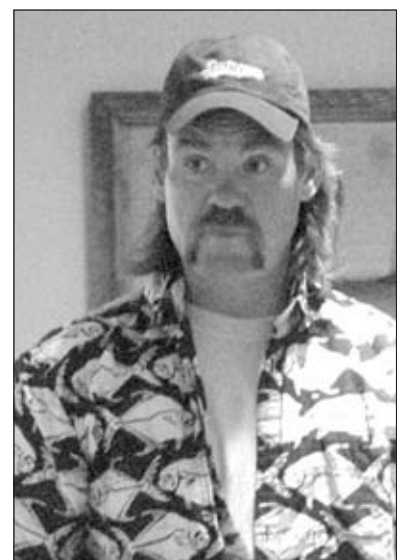


From the archives



Photo taken in 1912. Standing is James LaPointe and Lucille (nee Cadotte) LaPointe. Seated is Arconje LaPointe, mother of Margaret LaPointe and Thomas Stevenson, Helen McInnes and Lucy and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cadotte, parents of Lucille LaPointe.

Dan Donarski shares fish recipe



Dan Donarski's recipe for pan-fried walleye, whitefish, perch or pike

- walleye (or preferred type of fish)
 - Cajun seasonings
 - non-stick spray
1. Using skinned walleye fillets, coat with Cajun seasonings.
 2. Spray pan or use a little olive oil for a thin coat and fry until fish flakes.
 3. Enjoy.

Well known Michigan sportsman Dan Donarski, along with Sault Tribe staffer Bob Flowers, recently conducted a class on simple but healthy and somewhat gourmet style cooking that can be done using campfires, outdoor grills or regular ovens with wild or commercial meats. The class was sponsored by our tribe's wellness program and is anticipated to return in the future.

Photo by Rick Smith

New advocacy help



Michelle Dolly



Suzanne Leask

Michelle Dolly and Suzanne Leask have recently accepted assistant positions at our tribe's Advocacy Resource Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dolly was born in St. Ignace and raised in the eastern Upper Peninsula. She has university studies to her credit and is currently studying at Bay Mills Community College and also has extensive experience working with domestic abuse situations.

Dolly's hobbies include gardening, enjoying the outdoors and creative writing.

Leask hails from New Orleans, La., and has family in the eastern Upper Peninsula. She will start studies at Lake Superior State University in the next school year and has volunteered at the center for the past two years.

Leask's hobbies include reading, swimming and baby sitting.

Gaskin and Flemming united

Editor's note: Due to an error in the last issue we are rerunning this announcement with the correct information.

Sharonda Rose Gaskin and Jared Woodrow Flemming of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., were united in a ceremony performed by Donelda Harper at the Vegas Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie on May 21, 2005.

Sharonda is the daughter of Lauri Gaskin of Sault Ste. Marie. Jared is the son of Donna Bruce and John Flemming of Flint.

The bride wore a strapless white gown with embroidered lavender flowers around the cathedral length train, and carried a bundle of white tulips. She was given away by her uncle, John Gaskin.

Maid of honor was Rosemary Gaskin of the Sault, sister of the bride. She was joined by brides maids Misty Sibbald, also of the Sault, Sheila Seitz and Catherine Johnson of Detroit.

Best man was Sheldon Kranendunk of the Sault. He was joined by grooms men Justin Brown, Craig (D.J. Paperkut) Payment, and J.J. Schmit all of the Sault.

Flower girl was Trudie Bruce, sister of the groom, she was escorted by ring bearer Laurence Taylor, brother of the bride.

A wedding trip was taken after the wedding to Cancun, Mexico. In August, the bride will be leaving for Great Lakes, Ill. for basic training in the Navy.



Clearing the air about nicotine

BY KIM SAKIS,
SAULT TRIBE HEALTH EDUCATION

According to a recent national survey, 82 percent of the people believe that nicotine causes cancer. Another third of the people surveyed believe that nicotine replacement therapies, such as nicotine patches, gums and lozenges, are unsafe because they contain nicotine. Let's clear the air on some facts about nicotine and replacement therapy products role in smoking or chewing tobacco cessation.

Myth — Nicotine causes cancer. Fact — Nicotine is not proven to cause cancer. While nicotine is the drug to which a smoker or chewer of tobacco is addicted, it is not carcinogenic (cancer causing).

Myth — Nicotine causes the diseases related to smoking or chewing. Fact — Cigarettes are a well known cause of cancer, chronic lung disease such as emphysema, heart disease and other disorders such as asthma.

Cigarettes contain more than 4,000 chemicals, and it is those chemicals, not the nicotine, that is responsible for the majority of harmful effects.

Myth — Nicotine is responsible for adverse health effects related to smoking. Fact — The main adverse effect of nicotine in tobacco products is addiction, which is why it is so difficult to quit. Because smokers and chewers are dependent on getting nicotine, they continue to expose themselves to toxins (chemicals) from smoking and chewing tobacco. As stated, it is those toxins that cause adverse health effects.

Myth — It is nicotine that causes yellow stains on fingers and teeth. Fact — It is not the nicotine; rather it is the tar in tobacco that causes yellow-brown staining.

Myth — Replacement therapies are more harmful than smoking because of nicotine's addictive behavior. Fact — Nicotine is an addictive drug. When smoked, it

is delivered into the lungs and is rapidly absorbed by the blood, reaching the brain within about 10 seconds. At this point, smokers experience a nicotine "hit", causing the brain to produce chemicals that regulates emotion and feelings of pleasure. The brain soon comes to expect regular doses of nicotine and suffers withdrawal symptoms when it no longer is getting the nicotine. Compared to cigarette smoking, replacement therapies provides lower doses of nicotine which are delivered more slowly, in a controlled way, and over a shorter period of time with the dose being stepped down.

Myth — Replacement therapies are no safer than cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Fact — The benefits of replacement therapies used to help give up cigarettes or chewing far outweigh the risks of smoking. Cigarettes contain more than 4,000 chemicals compared to replacement therapy products.

Myth — Replacement therapy

substitutes one addiction for another. Fact — Replacement therapy has a lower abuse rate than cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Using replacement therapy to help you quit smoking will provide relief from the physical withdrawals from nicotine and allow the user to make the lifestyle changes necessary to be successful. These lifestyle changes include managing stress and other emotions without smoking or chewing, and finding alternatives to "triggers" that spur the thought of smoking such as talking on the phone, driving a car, finishing a meal, etc. The therapy is stepped down over an average period of 8-12 weeks (sometimes a bit longer) which makes withdrawal symptoms, such as irritability and anxiety, more manageable.

The Sault Tribe health centers provide tobacco cessation services to help with nicotine addiction. Among the replacement therapies available through the health centers are nicotine patches,

Nicorette gum, and Commit lozenge. Zyban, which is an oral medication (pill) used for nicotine cessation is also available. Zyban is an anti-depressant found effective for quitting smoking or chewing. These medications are free of charge for Sault Tribe members and patients eligible for Sault Tribe health services.

Your health care provider or community health staff can help you decide which therapy or combination of medications can be most effective for the individual. Our pharmacy staff is dedicated in educating the proper use of each medication as well as the proper step down for a successful quit attempt. Speak with your doctor or provider or call Sault Tribe Community Health Services, (906) 632-5210, for an appointment or for more information.

Waabanangikwe's Journey

BY MARY ANN STOTT, BSN

Waabanangikwe was in her family's boat fishing on the St. Mary's river just off Neebish Island. It had been very hot and the fish were not biting, but she was enjoying the warm breeze on her face and the beautiful scenery as the boat slowly moved with the current. When Waabanangikwe looked toward shore she saw an Anishanabe woman fishing. This woman smiled and waved for Waabanangikwe to come onto the shore. Her name was Zalia Frazier and she lived in a home enclosed by trees near the shore of the river.

Zalia had recognized Waabanangikwe and had heard of her journey to learn about diabetes and the teachings she brought to her people. Zalia knew that she was to meet this young girl and share her message with Waabanangikwe. With a diagnosis of diabetes in 1973, Zalia understood the need to make changes in order to have a healthy



Zalia Frazier

life. She decreased the amount of starches in her diet, ate regular meals, walked for exercise and tried to keep her stress level down. Zalia told Waabanangikwe that she had rheumatic fever at age 14 and developed a heart murmur. On Oct. 2, 2002, she had to have heart bypass surgery. Now Zalia has to deal with both diabetes and heart disease. She told Waabanangikwe that one

should never give up. You need to always strive to be as healthy as you can be. Zalia continues to live a healthy lifestyle and sees her doctors on a regular basis. She follows treatment recommendations and reports any changes in her health.

Zalia wants her people to know that prevention of these diseases is the best way. A healthy lifestyle will keep your life in balance. Our tribal community needs to eat healthy foods and exercise every day. Waabanangikwe thanked Zalia for her teachings and promised to bring her message to the people. The journey continues for Waabanangikwe and each step brings more understanding.

Contacts for the Sault Tribe Diabetes Program: Sarah Willey, ANP, BC-ADM, CDE Diabetes nurse specialist Phone: (906) 632-5231 Mary Ann Stott, BSN Diabetes nurse educator Phone: (906) 632-5209

Sault IHS site selected for recruiting video

LYNN M. TROZZO, RECRUITER
SAULT TRIBE HUMAN RESOURCES

Picture this if you will, out of the 230 Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals and clinics in the United States serving Native Americans, a somewhat cosmopolitan filming crew from Maryland lands in Detroit and drives north to Sault Ste. Marie to shoot a recruiting video that will go nationwide in early fall.

The initiating leader of the recruiting video is none other than our very own Bruce Anderson, DDS, dental program manager for Sault Tribe and IHS. Anderson has been serving tribe members for 16 years.

Anderson's close ties and proactive recruiting with the IHS Division of Oral Health recruitment program in Rockville, Md., is what propelled the recruiting video for the Sault Tribe. The first recruiting video was done in 2001, and focused on the IHS sites at Bemidji, Minn., Alaska,

and Aberdeen, S.D. This year's sites include not only Sault Ste. Marie, but Ft. Defiance, Ariz., Lame Deer, Mont., and Albuquerque, N.M. Just about as varied as it gets.

The recruiting video aims to target the 16,000 active dental students nationwide, and the 4,000 graduates of the 56 dental schools in the United States. Of the 56 dental schools in the U.S., IHS annually visits 48 of them. This is what I call "gorilla recruiting" when it comes to serving the health care needs of 1.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who use Indian Health Services throughout the United States.

Anderson explained to me about his recruiting and retention task force for the dental program and their multi-disciplinary approach to recruiting for the 10 health centers. The newest site, which is in Manistique, is scheduled to open its doors for dental

services early September.

Anderson said that each site provides the same services to all their clients. Whatever is offered at the Lambert Center or the Sault site will be offered at the Manistique site as well.

One of the recruiting tools Anderson uses is an open door policy. His dental team is welcome to open visitation by high school students or university students at any time. Anderson promotes working for Sault Tribe and IHS as a chance to start, to grow and to achieve greater things.

When asked about his management style, why his retention and longevity is so high at the Sault site, he said, "we genuinely care for the people we serve."

For more information on serving with the Indian Health Service visit www.saulttribe.com and apply for current positions with the Sault Tribe, or call toll free 1-866-635-7032.

Do you know your HIV status?

SUBMITTED BY STACEY WILLIS

Sault Tribe health services has been awarded a two-year rapid HIV test grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The Sault Tribe is one of 15 sites across the nation funded by the CDC for this project. The purpose of this grant is to implement strategies to reduce the number of new HIV infections each year in the United States.

Nationwide, about 40,000 new infections occur each year. An estimated 950,000 people are infected with the HIV virus, but about 280,000 (29%) do not know they are infected.

OraQuick HIV rapid screening tests will be offered to all patients

between the ages of 18-49.

OraQuick is a new HIV test that gives results in as little as 20 minutes. The primary sites for routine rapid HIV counseling and testing will be the tribal health clinics in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Munising and Manistique. Testing will be offered as a part of routine medical care during office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Nursing staff will be providing the counseling and testing, and administering the rapid HIV test, at most sites.

If questions, call Stacey Willis HIV/AIDS health educator at (906) 632-5255.

Kids health fair at Newberry Tribal Health Center

On Aug. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Newberry Tribal Health Center will hold its third annual kids health fair.

We will be doing screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and body fat percentages. There will be many activities, face painting, cupcake decorating, finger printing and photo IDs and our famous fishing game. The kids will also be able to

interact with physical fitness and dental care pros, and learn about healthy foods.

This year, the kids will get to learn about and make their own traditional medicine pouches.

An adult must accompany children. We will be serving snacks and refreshments. For more information call us at (906) 293-8181. Hope to see you at the fair on Aug. 16.

Alzheimer's Association holds annual caregiver conference

The Alzheimer's Association will conduct its annual caregiver education conference on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Holiday Inn in Marquette from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker is Mr. David Shenk, the award-winning, best-selling author of "The Forgetting - Alzheimer's: Portrait of an Epidemic." The goal of the conference is to share information

and tools to navigate the endless patterns of caregiving with both caregivers and professionals. The target audience is individuals with Alzheimer's disease, family caregivers and professional service providers. Contact hours are available through NMU for RNs and LPNs. For additional information and a registration brochure, call 906-228-3910 or 800-272-3900.

Aug. 12-14 — Native American Cup Golf Tournament at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

Aug. 13 - The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 11 p.m. For any questions, please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 13-14 — Lac Vieux Dessert powwow in Watersmeet in the western U.P. Grand entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Grand entry 1 p.m. Sunday. Come visit family and friends and enjoy the social aspect of our culture. See many dancers and their beautiful regalia and shop at the traders' booths. Contact (906) 358-4577.

Aug. 13-14 — Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa homecoming jingtamok in Harbor Springs, Mich. Grand entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Come visit family and friends and enjoy the social aspect of our culture. See many dancers and their beautiful regalia and shop at the traders' booths. Please contact Regina Gasco for more information (231) 242-1574.

Aug. 15 — Give the gift of life! The Chippewa County Chapter of the American Red Cross is sponsoring a type "O" blood drive at the Faith Lutheran Church at 1400 Park Street in Sault Ste Marie. The hours of the drive are from noon until 5:45 p.m. Walk-ins are accepted and all blood types are welcome to donate. To make an appointment or for more information, please call (906) 632-8111.

Aug. 15 — The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 15 — The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 15 — Men's education group is held Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Aug. 16 — The Newberry Tribal Health Center will hold its third annual kid's health fair 1-3 p.m. There will be screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and body fat percentages. Many other activities including face painting, cupcake decorating, finger printing, photo IDs and our famous fishing game will be offered. Kids will also be able to interact with physical fitness and dental care specialists and learn about healthy foods.

This year kids will have the opportunity to learn about and make their own traditional medicine pouches. An adult must accompany all children. Snacks and refreshments will be served. For more information call (906) 293-8181. Hope to see you there!

Aug. 16 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Newberry 6 p.m. Open community hour

from 5-6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Aug. 17 — Eastern Upper Peninsula Units I, II, and III elder's picnic 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 17 — Voices to Choices adolescent group is held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Aug. 17 — Unit IV office hours with Denise Chase and Tom Miller at KI Sawyer 269 Canberra, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information call Denise Chase at (906) 341-6783 or 1-888-667-3809 or Tom Miller at (906) 644-2527.

Aug. 17 — The Beach Boys at the Dream Makers Theater call 1-800-KEWADIN or the box office at (906) 635-4917 or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

Aug. 18 — Community Healing, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, culture division, 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Native teachings are about a way of life, and the way you see the community is also the way you see yourself. We discuss ways to bring activities and campaigns to address the community needs and interests. We meet monthly, contact Elaine Wright (906) 632-7494.

Aug. 19 — Blood drive at Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie from 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Please donate to save a life! Walk-ins welcomed!

Aug. 19 — The Manistique casino will begin offering Texas hold 'em poker Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. For more information call the Manistique casino at (906) 341-5510 or 1-800-KEWADIN.

Aug. 20-21 — Sault Tribe Hessel powwow, grand entry at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Grand entry 1 p.m. Sunday. Come visit family and friends and enjoy the social aspect of our culture. See many dancers and their beautiful regalia and shop at the traders' booths. Please contact Bud Biron for more information at (906) 632-7033 or Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2727. Bahweting Singers invited drum.

Aug. 22 — *The Sault Tribe News* deadline.

Aug. 22 — The elderly advisory board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 22 — Men's education group, Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Aug. 22-23 — Traditional medicine clinic Sault Ste. Marie 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 632-5210.

Aug. 24 — Traditional medicine clinic, St. Ignace, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 643-8689.

Aug. 24 — Gathering committee monthly meeting 3-5 p.m. at the administration building. For information, please call Charlie Mattson at (906) 635-6050.

Aug. 24 — Unit III board members Fred Paquin and Robert Lambert are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. Please come share your ideas, questions or concerns with your tribal board representatives. This Unit III meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Enji Maawanji' Iding (The former McCann School) 399 McCann Street in St. Ignace. For more information call Lona Stewart at (906) 635-6050.

Aug. 24 — Voices to Choices adult group is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Aug. 24 — Bayliss Public Library will host nationally known author Steve Hamilton, through its centennial author series at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Bayliss Public Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (906) 632-9331.

Aug. 25-26 — Traditional medicine clinic Sault Ste. Marie 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 632-5210.

Aug. 26 — The Newberry elders will be holding a craft and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. We will also be offering chili and fry bread, for a donation of \$4.00 per person. So come shop and eat with us.

Aug. 26 — Registration deadline for the third annual Sault Tribe open Saturday, Sept. 3 and Sunday, Sept. 4 at The Oaks. The tournament is open to all Sault Tribe members, Sault Tribe employees and spouses of Sault Tribe members and Sault Tribe employees. To register, please mail a check or money order with your name and address to Paul Shagen at 13800 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, MI 49715. Checks must be received by Friday, August 26, 2005. For more information call Paul at (906) 437-5381.

Aug. 27 — The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Aug. 27-28 — Teen leadership camp will be at the culture camp on Sugar Island. This camp is for youth ages 12 through high school. For more information or an application, please contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or toll free at 800-726-9105.

Aug. 27-28 — Eighth annual Rapid River traditional Anishnabeg powwow will be held in Rapid River, Mich. Spiritual conference on Friday Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grand entries 1 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Crazy auction 11 a.m. on Sunday, people's learning

circle activities, teachings, traders and vendors. Free admission, public welcome. For information contact Larry or Mary Godfrey at (906) 428-4622 or (906) 280-8770.

Aug. 29 — Traditional medicine clinic, Manistique, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., for appointments call (906) 341-8469.

Aug. 29 — Men's education group is held Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Aug. 30 — Traditional medicine clinic, Escanaba, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 786-9211.

Aug. 31 — Traditional medicine clinic Marquette 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 387-4614.

Aug. 31 — The Chippewa County Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group will meet in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie at 2:00 p.m. For more information please call (906) 632-3363.

Aug. 31 — Unit II Director Lana Causley will be holding a unit meeting in Naubinway at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pavilion in town. For more information call Lana Causley at (906) 484-2954.

Sept. 3 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Grand Marais. Registration begins at noon at the Community Center and ends at the band stand on the bay. Walk begins at 1 p.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Gustav Petruske Jr. at (906) 494-2451.

Sept. 1 — The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 1 — Lonestar at the Dream Makers Theater call 1-800-KEWADIN or the box office at (906) 635-4917 or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

Sept. 3-4 — Third annual Sault Tribe open starting at 9 a.m. at The Oaks. For more information call Paul Shagen at (906) 437-5381.

Sept. 3 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Ontonagon. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Maple Manor. Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Carlo Goodreau or Sally Elsworth at (906) 884-2882.

Sept. 5 — The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 5 — Men's education group is held Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat

McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 6 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5-6 p.m. For more information, contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Sept. 7 — Voices to Choices adolescent group is held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 8-11 — Dagwaagi women's spiritual wellness fall gathering. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of friendship and learning crafts, cultural teachings, a new twist on nutrition, relationships, discovery, relaxation, music, talking circles and so much more! Sugar Island, Sault Tribe culture camp Sept. 8, 6 p.m. to Sept. 11, noon. If you would like more information or would like an application please contact us by mail, phone or email. Karen Howell or Selina McLean at 1022 E. Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-6075 or 1-800-9150 or e-mail sskarenh@saulttribe.net or smclean@saulttribe.net Funding assistance made possible through the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan.

Sept. 9 — The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call the elder services division at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Gwinn, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Gwinn Clubhouse. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Julie Shaw at (906) 346-9862.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Houghton, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Super 8 Motel. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Marja Salani at (906) 482-4880 or Dave Mayo-Kiely at (906) 483-4722.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Iron Mountain, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Crystal Lake Community Center. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Angela Elliot-Johnson or Tammy Tomassucci at (906) 774-8032 or Kristin Sommerfeld at (906) 774-2256.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Ishpeming. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Bancroft Park. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Elyse Bertucci at (906) 485-5527, Rich Rossway at (906) 485-2115 or Teresa Luetzow at (906) 485-1061.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in L'Anse. Contact Pamela Anderson at (906) 524-6711.

Billy Mills Fun Run and Walk at Chi Mukwa



Ready, set, go! — The start of the 5K and 10K runs began at the finish line outside of Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in the Sault.



Winner of the 10K run in his age category, Daniel Droski, age 39, from Lowell, Mich., finished with a time of 35:06.6.

Participants came from across Michigan and Ontario to participate in the annual Billy Mills Fun Run and Walk held Saturday, July 30.

Races began at the finish line in the parking lot of Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

There was a youth one-mile run with 10 participants. Nikolai Klebba, 11, from the Sault won with a time of 6:21.00.

There was also a 5K and 10K run with winners from different age categories.

The winner of the 5K walk was 41-year old Robin Jackson of the Sault.



Runners setting their pace at the beginning of the run.



Winner of the 5K run in her age category, 12-year old Lynnette Carrick finished with a time of 22:34.7.



Blaise Henning, age 15, from Harbor Springs, Mich., was the winner of the 5K run in his age group with a time of 15:44.6.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Keith Swendsen, 13, from Brimley, Mich., placed sixth in the 5K run in his age category with a time of 21:00.9 and a missing shoe.



John Powell, 74, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., participated in the 5K run.



Freddy Standaert, 62, from Detroit, Mich., finishing the 5K run.



Jessica Spincich, 12, from Newberry, Mich., finished the 5K run with a time of 24:22.0.



Lois Bryant and Sally Burke hold up license plates for tribe members and elders that are available at the Newberry Tribal Health Center where they both work. The plates sell for \$5 with all the proceeds going into a fund for Newberry elders.



Local elders, Margaret Vassar, (nee Causley), Catherine Lapointe, (nee Causley) and Basil Willis with Jackie Germain and Unit II Representative Lana Causley at the newly remodeled Hessel powwow grounds. "Jackie Germain has cleaned and maintained the grounds for our community, chi megwetch to him for his efforts," said Representative Causley. "The grounds look great and are ready for our annual gathering. Sault Tribe Construction did a outstanding job on the new structures and we are grateful to them as well as Greektown Casino and the board of directors for making the funding possible. Our powwow grounds were in very bad condition. Any Unit II members who are interested in being part of our community can contact Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2098." The Hessel powwow will be held Aug. 19-20.



Newberry Fire Chief Dale Immel puts his helmet on eight-year old Brittany Davis at the Children's Safety Fair in Newberry.



Miigizheekwe Memegos, 6, from Brimley does a fancy shawl dance at the 2005 general assembly.



The Wandering Warriors, a diabetes support group, meets once a month at the Newberry center to learn more about the effects and symptoms of diabetes. The meetings and lectures are followed by a walk around the center to promote exercise and healthy living as a way to control diabetes.

Around the Tribe

Photos from events around the tribe's service area.



Graz Shipman takes a break in the 90-degree heat after giving a dance demonstration at the general assembly.

Photos by
Alan
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Elders gather for lunch and a meeting at the Manistique Community Center. Elder lunches are served in Manistique, St. Ignace and Hessel on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. In the Sault, Tuesday thru Friday, and on Mackinac Island on Wednesdays, from January through June.



Left, Angie Swanson, resident services specialist and Mary Lester, resident services coordinator give Smokey Bear a welcome hug at the Children's Safety Fair in Newberry.

Crafters at the tribal assembly



Bernadette Azevedo, black ash basket maker.



Robert Little, 7, played his hand drum and sang a traditional song.



Cathy Boling shared a booth with her mom, Jane Homminga, while they worked on beading.

During the recent tribal assembly held July 21-23, many local crafters shared their knowledge and skills with those willing to stop and watch. Lillian Wisner from Raco, who does quill and birch bark work, offered hands on learning while she showed how to make a birch bark canoe. Bud Biron demonstrated how to make a traditional hand drum and others shared their unique abilities with basket making, beading and quill work. The event was held at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building and the powwow grounds.



Jane Homminga working on her beading.



Photos by Brenda Austin



Lillian Wisner works on a birch bark canoe.



The finished canoe was very time consuming to create.



Bud Biron preparing hide for a hand drum.



Ron Paquin is shown here making a basket traditionally used for berry gathering and storage. Ron and others provided on lookers with demonstrations of their craft making skills.



Higher education programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Our incentive award monies are now depleted for the 2004-05 school year, please do not send in any more grade reports.

We funded 1,120 students in incentive award checks for the 2004-05 school year at \$840,719.21.

Also, if you know you have an incentive award check coming, please make sure we have your correct mailing address.

It costs approximately \$28 when the accounting department has to stop payment on a check and reissue another one. There have been just too many students not letting us know they moved either while they're in school or when school is out.

There is a strong possibility the students may have to pay the \$28 for the reissue and this amount would be deducted from their incentive award checks, so please make sure we have the correct

address.

If you change locations often, you may want to think about getting a post office box.

2005-06 school year: If you have not submitted your application for the 2005-06 school year, please do so right away. You can do it online or by calling us at (906) 635-7784 or 1-800-792-0660 and ask for higher education.

Additional information needed: I would like to take this opportunity to explain in more detail of what we will be requiring students to submit along with their grades beginning with the fall 2005 session of the 2005-06 school year. Because we want to get a better understanding of student educational expenses and their financial aid eligibility, we will be requiring a fee statement or a financial aid statement:

Once you register for classes, the school will send you a fee statement which will indicate

your educational expenses for the semester less any financial aid you are eligible for. All students will receive this, regardless of whether or not they applied for financial aid.

If you also received a financial aid award letter, you'll need to send that too. If you have questions regarding any of the above forms, please contact your financial aid office.

This begins with the 2005-06 school year, so please don't send in anything now.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at (906) 635-7784 or 1-800-793-0660, ask for higher education or e-mail at jl Lewton@saulttribe.net



Local student to study abroad in New Zealand

Norway, Mich. — Luke Francis Florek is ready to take his studies to Aotearoa — the Land of the Long White Cloud — through AustraLearn study abroad programs. Beginning in July 2005, Florek embarked on an academic journey to University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand. Florek will be a senior this year at Grand Valley State University, majoring in English language arts and minoring in elementary education. He plans to study at University of Waikato for one academic semester, from July 5, 2005 through Nov. 13, 2005.

During his semester in New

Zealand, Florek will have the opportunity to take courses in his major, travel to a Maori village, participate in various adventurous activities and give back to the New Zealand environment through a volunteer weekend, all through AustraLearn.

AustraLearn fosters cultural immersion programs allowing students to expand their education globally by living and learning in a different culture. Florek and all other AustraLearn students are provided with the unique opportunity to partake in an orientation program for their first four days in New Zealand in the stunning Rotorua region of the North

Island.

AustraLearn is a 501C non-profit organization located in Denver, Colo., and has grown to be the educational specialists in Australia and New Zealand. With over 15 years of experience in international education,

AustraLearn is uniquely placed to offer many different types of educational experiences through a network of over 25 universities in Australia and New Zealand including semester/year study abroad program, a unique summer course, internships and full degree opportunities. For further information about AustraLearn, please visit www.australlearn.org.

Palmer enters academy



Harrison "Hank" J. Palmer III reported for training at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on June 29, 2005.

Palmer graduated *magna cum laude* from West Bloomfield High School in June of 2005, where he was a student for three years. His curriculum was science-based and included several college-level classes in his junior and senior years. He was awarded a Michigan Competitive Scholarship, a Michigan Merit Award and an award from the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa. He was an honor roll student throughout his high school career.

At the academy, Palmer's training and education will include four years of study resulting in a bachelor's degree. His summers will be spent training on various sailing vessels, fleet ships and in-flight training. After his third

year, he will have the choice of becoming a Marine or Navy officer. He will be a member of the Naval Academy Pipe and Drum Corps. His education package is valued at \$380,000.

Palmer received acceptance to the academy in December of 2004 pending Congressional appointment, which he received in January of 2005 from Representative Joe Knollenberg (R-Detroit).

Palmer is the great-grandson of Eva Powers of St. Ignace and Marshall, grandson of Dell and Pamela Powers of Newaygo, son of Kelli and Scott Sullivan of Battle Creek and Harry and Sherry Palmer of West Bloomfield.

Adult education

BY GEORGE SNIDER

I have often talked about how important education is to one's future and how things have changed over the years.

One of those changes is how we are moving from an unskilled work force to what is considered a skilled workforce. In 1950, only 20 percent of the working population were considered skilled workers. That would be people with post-secondary training, but less than a baccalaureate degree and 60 percent were unskilled.

Unskilled were those with a high school diploma or less with no technical training. In 1991, 45 percent of the people working were considered skilled and 35 percent were unskilled.

The latest statistics for 2005 show that 65 percent of the labor force is considered skilled and only 15 percent are considered unskilled. In 1950, 1991 and 2005 the professional workforce has remained the same at 20 percent.

Professionals are those with a baccalaureate degree or higher. The logical assumption would be that as the percentage of unskilled jobs shrink the more important it would be to move into a position of being classified as a skilled or professional worker.

The tribal education programs have been working towards this goal for a number of years.

For the most part, we have been very successful, providing our members with opportunities to successful futures. The Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center has helped hundreds of adults return to school to complete their high school requirements and continue their education.

If you our any member of your family would like to know more about returning to school, we would be more than happy to provide you with the necessary information. Please feel free to contact me at (906) 632-7786 or e-mail gsnider@saulttribe.net.

J.K.L. summer library students



Tribal elder, Rita Dale, poses with Bahweting Anishinaabe summer library students and teacher, Molly Davie. The students made Mrs. Dale an apron with all of their handprints pressed on it to thank her for volunteering for the summer library program. Mrs. Dale taught students how to make origami, paper and salt dough beads and candles. Mrs. Dale also helped make dream catchers with the Bahweting Anishinaabe summer learning program students. The summer library and summer learning programs are provided to Bahweting students at no charge and include daily breakfast and lunch service.

Meet our new 4-H program assistant

Come and get involved with Chippewa County 4-H. We need enthusiastic people with all interests and hobbies to guide the youth of our community. Are you interested in gardening, shooting sports, livestock, sewing or horses? Would you like to share your knowledge and skills? Call the 4-H office today at (906) 635-6368 and find out how you can become a 4-H leader.

Chippewa County Michigan State University is pleased to announce Ms. Becky McDonoff as their new 4-H program associate. Becky is the daughter of Tom and Mary Ellen McDonoff of Rudyard and a sibling to three brothers and one sister. Becky has been a member of Chippewa County 4-H with over 15 years as a club member and teen volunteer. She is also a former Chippewa County fair

queen. Her former 4-H leader Elaine Love tells us, "I believe Becky will do an excellent job as our 4-H program associate. It is nice to see someone in this job who has grown up in our area and is familiar with local programs and people."

Becky is a graduate of Lake Superior State University program of sociology and has been working at Rudyard after school programs and substitute teaching for the past three years. Her experiences will be an asset to Chippewa County 4-H programs.

Funding for the 4-H position is a partnership between the Chippewa County Commission, Bay Mills Indian Community and MSU Extension. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H programs, give Becky a call at (906) 635-6368.

MSU Extension offering master gardener course

Master gardener is being offered this fall in three U.P. locations: Kincheloe, Engadine and Escanaba. This 10-week, in-depth training provides an excellent educational opportunity for all gardeners, beginners and experienced. Classes will be held Tuesday nights in Kincheloe, Wednesday nights in Engadine and Thursday nights in Escanaba. Classes start Sept. 6.

Each class will focus on a different horticultural topic. These include plant and soil science, flower, fruit, vegetable gardening, woody ornamentals, indoor plants, lawn care and pest management. A variety of speakers will be featured, including horticultural professionals, gardening experts and MSU Extension agents.

Registration is \$195, which includes the 800-page master gardener reference manual. For more information, call the Chippewa County MSU Extension office at (906) 635-6368. Registration deadline is Aug. 19.

Grant allows Sault High student to explore fisheries at LSSU

Sault High School student Megan Keway will be interning this summer with Lake Superior State University's Aquatic Research Laboratory, thanks to a scholarship from the American Fisheries Society (AFS).

Keway, who has just completed her senior year, is one of 63 students participating in the nationwide Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, an education program sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. LSSU's Aquatic Research Lab Co-Director Ashley Moerke will be working with Keway as a mentor. Keway will help Moerke's lab staff with a variety of fisheries-related projects to introduce her to opportunities in the field of fisheries and aquatic sciences.

One is collecting samples for an Environmental Protection Agency study titled "Biotic integrity and habitat assessment with the St. Mary's River Area of Concern," which involves 25



Sault High School student Megan Keway, left, eyes a sediment sample from Ashmun Bay with Professor Ashley Moerke of LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory. Keway was helping Moerke's team collect samples that are important to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study of the "health" of the St. Mary's River. LSSU's School of Biological Science and Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science is involved in the three-year, \$715,000 project. Moerke is Keway's mentor this summer, thanks to a scholarship from the American Fisheries Society.

Photo by John Shibley

LSSU undergraduate students and nine faculty and staff. Keway will collect biological and chemical data on 10 coastal marshes in the St. Mary's River.

Keway will also be involved with other lab projects that sample water quality, aquatic insects and fishes from streams and lakes throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula.

The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate student interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior and senior high school students regardless of race, creed, or gender. Because the program seeks to increase diversity within the fisheries professions, preference will be given to qualified women and minority applicants.

Each student chosen for the program is awarded a \$3,000

scholarship and is matched with a professional mentor for a summer-long, hands-on experience in fisheries science.

Financial support for the 2005 Hutton Program is being provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, NOAA Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The program also receives support from several AFS subunits and many AFS individual members.

For information on the American Fisheries Society and the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, please visit the American Fisheries Society website at www.fisheries.org. Keep tabs on LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory through its Web site at www.lssu.edu/ar/.

Taking an international river's pulse

Faculty and students from Lake Superior State University have been collecting samples important to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant that studies the "health" of the St. Mary's River.

Nine faculty and staff and 25 students from LSSU's School of Biological Science and Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science are involved in the three-year, \$715,000 project. LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory is also working in the study.

The study, titled, "Biotic Integrity and Habitat Assessment within the St. Mary's River Area of Concern," is designed to assist the International Joint Commission (IJC) in evaluating problems in the environment of the river. The study looks at coastal marshes to determine man's impact on the habitat and the wildlife that use it. The



Team members collect aquatic insect samples and use a multi-probe meter to measure water quality. A mini-fyke net in the foreground catches fish.

Photo by John Shibley

researchers take biological samples and perform chemical analysis of samples taken from the

water and bottomlands.

The IJC identifies 14 "beneficial use impairments" (BUI) in its

areas of concern around international waterways. The St. Mary's is one of three areas of concern found on international waterways, with the others being the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. Nine of the 14 detriments to living things in the watershed are identified as being present in the St. Mary's. The study will produce data that will determine if the river is still being affected by the already-identified BUI.

The study examines four of the nine BUI identified in the river: restrictions of fish and wildlife consumption; degradation of fish and wildlife populations; degradation of benthos and loss of fish and wildlife habitat.

The two reference sites are above the rapids, with the remaining eight scattered from the rapids to the north end of Neebish, including coastal marshes near Mission Creek, Baie de Wasai,

Lake Nicolet, Charlotte River, Cook Island and Churchillville Point. All are in U.S. waters.

Survey crews are setting four fyke nets and one 100-foot gill net as part of their assessment of the wildlife use of the St. Mary's River. Nets were set for 24 hours at 10 sites in June, with follow-ups planned for August.

Besides fish, teams are measuring invertebrate and terrestrial insect populations, amphibian populations and bird usage. LSSU is also looking at the plant communities and plant productivity

Following data collection this summer, faculty and students will work over the next 18 months at presenting the data in a way that is meaningful for those using it to manage the river.

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By Randy Gordon

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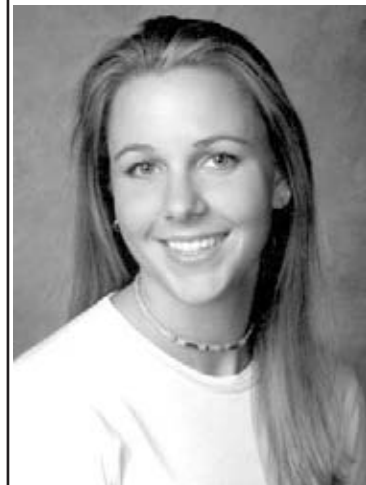
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Borowicz makes dean's list



Lisa Ann Borowicz made the dean's list for the 2004-05 winter semester at Charles Stewart Mott Community College in Flint, Mich.

She is the daughter of Randy and Belinda Borowicz of Lennon, Mich. Her grandparents are Thomas and Joyce Borowicz of Cheboygan, Mich. Lisa is a member of the Sault Tribe.

Hessel's annual powwow will be held on August 19 and 20.

Tribal interns and chair's staff raise over \$1,085



Student Interns build subs and salads during the 2005 Tribal Assembly fund raiser held at Niigaanaagizhik.

This year's Sault Tribe Student Interns and the chairpersons staff put together a luncheon and raffle of patio furniture, donated to raise funds, at the 2005 Tribal Assembly. The fund raiser was to benefit a local tribal family in need. The interns made submarine sandwiches and chef salads; donating all the proceeds to the family of a 4 year old tribal member, Zachary Bruce. The luncheon raised over \$635 and the raffle another \$450. Since the event, commitments continue to come into the chair's office in support of this cause.

Zachary is receiving treatment for his ailment at the hospital in Ann Arbor. This requires the family to travel frequently and places an additional

financial hardship on the parents. Quite often, medical insurance will cover the direct cost of care, but will deny the family any assistance with the costs associated with travel and lodging while seeking medical treatment. For this reason, the Sault Tribe Student Interns chose to champion their cause.

The account for this family fund raiser is still open to accept donations. It will remain open and continue to disburse the funds to the family for as long as your generosity continues. If you are interested in donating, or for more information on how you can help, please call the chairperson's staff at (906) 632-6578.



Deck Chairs with the tribe's logo were donated by Bonny View Cottage Furniture of Kincheloe to help raise funds for family of Zachary Bruce.

American Indian students receive Gates Millennium Scholarship

The American Indian Graduate Center, now in its fifth year of overseeing the Gates Millennium Scholarship for American Indian students, is pleased to announce there are currently over 600 students on the scholarships currently attending post secondary institutions and 150 more students will be awarded scholarships as new freshmen this fall. This unprecedented achievement could not have happened without the help of the tribal educators, leaders, families of the candidate finalists, many school administrators and university admission staff who recognized and encouraged these highly qualified and

talented American Indian students to apply for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. The graduate center commends the newly selected 150 scholarship recipients for their self-discipline and hard work in being selected for this prestigious scholarship.

To be nominated as a Gates Millennium scholar, candidates must be a citizen or legal resident or national of the United States, have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale, plan to enter an accredited college or university as a full-time freshman, demonstrate leadership abilities through participation in community service or other activities and American

Indian/Alaskan Native and submit proof of tribal enrollment or certificate of descent.

To reach, coordinate and support the American Indian component of the Gates Millennium Scholarship initiative, the graduate center has been conducting intensive outreach efforts during the past year to recruit more American Indian students to apply for the Gates Millennium Scholarships. The average grade point average of nominees for the scholarship is 3.74.

For more information, contact the American Indian Graduate Center at 1-866-884-7007.

Authors to visit Bayliss Public Library

Bayliss Public Library has been awarded an Arts and Libraries Community Literary Partnership Program grant of \$3,880 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant will enable the library to host nationally known author

Steve Hamilton Aug. 24, and author Moira "Pat" Wilson on Sept. 28. Both events will take place at 7 p.m. and are free to the public. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Bayliss Public Library is at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. For information call (906) 632-9331.

Askwith shows LSSU students honeybee hive



Local beekeeper Susan Askwith shows off her hive of honeybees to LSSU students Crystal Bole, center, and Katy Traylor. Professor Marie Greenwood's summer entomology class swung by for an afternoon primer in the apiarist's art. Askwith's bees, with a range of several square miles, play a significant role in keeping city flower gardens and fruit trees both colorful and productive. In return, the Askwiths get quarts of golden honey and LSSU bug classes learn about bees.

Photo by John Shibley

New EPA research fellowship opportunities

Approximately 100 new fellowships will be awarded for research in environmental fields of study through the agency's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program. The STAR program provides educational support for full-time master's and doctoral level students who plan to pursue environmental careers; with a focus on developing future leaders in environmental science, education, assessment, and restoration efforts.

Deadline for applications is Oct. 18, 2005. Awards for this selection process will be made by May 30, 2006, for the fall term. More than 1,300 applicants com-

pete each year for approximately 100 fellowships through a rigorous merit review process. A 2002 National Academy of Science (NAS) report gave the STAR program an outstanding rating.

The NAS report said STAR research results had improved the scientific foundation for decision making at EPA since the program's inception in 1995. EPA has awarded more than 1,000 fellowships to students in almost every state and the District of Columbia. Examples of project areas undertaken by previous fellows include environmental engineering, environmental health sciences, toxicology and the ecology

of aquatic and terrestrial systems. Fellows will receive up to \$37,000 per year, with masters degree candidates eligible for up to two years of support and doctoral candidates for a total of three years. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or be lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

Information on STAR fellowships is available at www.epa.gov/ncer/fellow. Detailed application information can be found at www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_fellow.

Geologist opens doors for non-traditional LSSU geology students

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - A "non-traditional" Lake Superior State University grad has created a scholarship for students who don't quite fit the mold of a traditional student. The Leonard Payne Geology Scholarship will help returning students fund part of their college education in geology. It's Len Payne's way of showing his appreciation to LSSU's geology program.

In 1994, at the age of 44, Payne returned to school to earn a college degree. He transferred to LSSU after attending North Central Michigan College for two years and earning an associate's degree. Payne was considered a non-traditional student because he

had returned to university in mid-career, later than students traditionally attend college.

Thanks to his associate's degree and a good GPA, Payne was able to receive some financial aid at LSSU. However, toward the end of his studies, Payne had to sell an original 1902 Remington Rolling-Block rifle, which had been a gift, to raise money to go on a geology field camp.

Payne went on to graduate from Lake State in 1999 and now runs his own business in Lander, Wyoming.

"It was a struggle to fund my education since there were virtually no scholarships for returning

students at the university," says Payne. "After graduating with a superb education and forming my own consulting firm, I decided it was time to help LSSU geology students like me to earn their college degrees."

Payne hopes that his newly established scholarship will let geology students earn a degree without having to sell treasured belongings, as he did, to afford an education.

With this in mind, documents that formally created the Payne Scholarship were signed in the Black Hills of South Dakota during an annual LSSU field geology trip. LSSU Geology Professor Paul Kelso and his class of 13

were on hand to serve as official witnesses.

Kelso's Advanced Field Training class teaches senior geology students methods of mapping deformed rocks, analyzing cross sections of rock formations, and constructing deformation histories in one of the greatest geological formations on the planet. It was a class not unlike the one for which Payne sold his Remington 10 years ago.

For more information about giving to this scholarship or creating your own, please contact the LSSU Foundation: www.lssu.edu/foundation, (906) 635-2665 or foundation@lssu.edu.

Hospice of Chippewa County bicycle festival

Saturday, Sept. 17.

There will be 10, 25 and 50-mile events. Competitive and non-competitive classes.

T-shirts for all participants. Trophies for top two finishes in competitive classes.

Hamburger bash to follow the festival at the Moose Lodge. Plaques for organization/business with the largest donation.

For more information please call (906) 253-3151.



August is Environmental Awareness Month

SUBMITTED BY BOB FLOWERS

I shudder at the reckless abandon of industrial waste only twenty years ago. Its legacy continues, as do dangerous practices in our own yards, and on our own lands. A quick Google search - how to protect Michigan's waters - supplies us with numerous sites offering membership and illustrating how private citizens and organizations are cooperating to protect our precious lakes and streams that make our little part of the world a paradise. And make no mistake, though the tannery and carbide factories are gone, we still struggle with pollution.

I can remember my stepfather changing the oil in his car, thoughtlessly dumping the grimy substance into a nearby vacant field. He didn't know that what he was doing was wrong and potentially harmful. Sadly, people still make this mistake today, even knowing the dangers. And, there are other things people don't know or think about that are

equally harmful to our lands. When the unknowing do-it-yourselfers clean up their paintbrushes, or spray powerful cleaning solvents over their car engines, and let the residue fall onto the ground, they are potentially contaminating precious ground-water resources. And lawn products containing weed killers are used to "beautify" our lawns, the powerful and dangerous chemicals again enter our environment. Consider the thousands of lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, and mercury batteries that are disposed of every month, the metals and salts used in these devices are toxic and long lasting. They can cause everything from cancer, to nervous system failure, and they are getting into our drinking water, our lakes, our streams, and our soil.

Do we recycle our glass, paper metal and plastic products? Most of us don't. In many places, trash must be separated and placed in labeled recycling receptacles. For those of you who have gar-

dens, consider building or purchasing a compost container to accept vegetable and food wastes. Or make your own worm box. In both, the waste material is digested by powerful bacteria and enzymes, without foul odor, and produces rich fertilizers that build and help maintain the health of soils. And with the worm box, you get free fishing bait to boot.

Are we truly stewards of the land, as is the Anishnaabe tradition, or are we simply squatters who take from the land and give nothing in return, not even out thanks.

Web site mecprotects.org/map can help open our eyes to the many things we can do as individuals, as organizations, and as an honorable people. To be an honorable people, we must do honorable things.

In Sault Ste. Marie there is the Chippewa County Recycling Center and a compost site. To find out more about the location and services, call 632-0525.

Doc's corner

To further improve our services to you, ACFS Behavioral Health, is incorporating new screening and assessment instruments.



These will aid in more rapid identification of psychological and behavioral problems, individual strengths, coping skills present within the individual and support systems in the social environment, and the development of an effective treatment plan to address the problems identified.

What are screening and assessment? Screening and assessment share objectives for evaluation, but they are distinguished by different purposes and often require somewhat different methods. Most definitions of screening for mental health and substance abuse problems describe a relatively brief process designed to identify individuals who are at increased risk of having disorders that warrant immediate attention, intervention, or more comprehensive review of the problems. Screening therefore is a triage process, employed with every individual requesting behavioral health services. Screening also identifies the need for further evaluation.

In contrast to screening, assessment is more comprehensive. Assessment involves the individualized examination of the psychosocial needs and problems identified during the initial screen, including the type and extent of mental health and substance use disorders, other issues associated with the disorders, further evaluation of interpersonal and intrapersonal strengths, and recommendations for treatment and intervention.

A screening will typically involve the individual reporting the reason they may be seeking services, providing demographic information such as name, address, family status, and completing an issue related questionnaire. An assessment is much more in-depth and typically includes more individualized data collection, psychological testing, past record reviews, and input from significant others when possible. For example, if a child is referred to investigate the possibility of an attention disorder, input from the child's parents, other caretakers, and teachers is desired and helpful for an accurate diagnosis.

Once information has been collected and interpreted, the mental health specialist will report this information to the individual, and together they will develop a treatment plan to best address the presenting issues.



Binoojinnyak gitgaaning . . . A grand opening ceremony was held on July 25 for the Binoojinnyak Gitgaaning — Place of Children's Garden — also called "Lil Sprouts Garden." The ceremony was conducted by Cecil Pavlat at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center. The garden was designed by Janice Pittman of the health center to provide entertainment to the young visitors. Funding and supplies were provided through the ACFS Child Care Development Fund and individual contributors.



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Bringing news from ACFS

ACFS announces third annual child care and development conference

This year's conference theme is "What is on the Front Burner in Early Childhood," and is scheduled for Oct. 28 at Kewadin Casinos. Registration packets will be mailed in September to all participating Child Care Development Fund providers.

The 2006 goals are:

- Increase availability of providers in all of the tribe's service area.
- Improve early learning in child care.
- Provide resources to ensure safe, healthy and happy child care environments.

• Educate providers of our native traditions, language and stories. Beginning in 2006, the Child Care Development Fund plans to strengthen the link between parents, caregivers and the children for whom they care. Resources will be provided to care givers on a voluntary basis, however, required by ACFS to access child care grants.

Examples for resources shall be notification of training, parent involvement activities, assessment surveys, and tools to enhance early learning and school readiness, expanding child care options and much more.

If you would like to attend this conference or know of a parent in need of financial assistance for child care please call us at (906) 632-5250 or 800-726-0093.

We hope we are moving way beyond an "either-or" debate about child care. The question is not whether children should be in child care, the issue is about how infants, children and families can best be supported and how each family can have the best available information and options to pursue what is best for them. The challenge is to support families and child care providers so that the quality of care improves in all settings where infants and children are cared for and that quality is reflected by nurture of parents as well as their children."
- Dr. T. Berry Brazelton

They're at it again

SUBMITTED BY HOLLY HAAPALA

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY COMMITTEE

The Children's Christmas Charity Committee is at it again, raising money for the fiscal year 2005 Christmas season. This time, the committee has designated the month of August as a dress down month. What better a way to spend the warm summer month of August than dressed down in comfortable, relaxed clothing? We ask that you please participate in making August the most successful dress down month ever and, remember, the money you spend to dress down is going to put a smile on the face of some deserving child, what a wonderful cause.

The committee would also like to extend a very sincere welcome to two of our newest members, Barb Christie and Heather Corbiere. Barb and Heather are both employed with the tribe in the education department and joined the committee in May. Barb and Heather, we are looking forward to having you on the committee. Thank you for joining.

We would also like to remind those of you looking to get involved, volunteer and make a difference, we are always looking for new faces to join the committee.

If interested, please contact Teri Romano or Stacey Tadgerson at (906) 632-5250. Teri's extension is 23110 and Stacey's is 23500. Best wishes to all for a safe and happy summer.

General assistance

General assistance is designed to insure the delivery of temporary financial assistance to eligible Sault Tribe members when they are unable to meet their basic needs while promoting economic self-sufficiency through employment.

There is an application and documentation requirements. Direct assistance staff members will assist with questions and process application for eligibility.

Eligibility criteria includes tribal membership, permanent year-around residency within seven-county service area.

Priorities for service are tribal households who are unemployed or underemployed.

If you have questions about this service or would like to receive an applications, feel free to contact a direct assistance staff member in your area.
Sault Ste. Marie 632-5250 or 800-726-0093
St. Ignace 643-8103 or 877-444-5608
Manistique 341-6993 or 800-347-7137
Munising 387-3906

Mission statement

To provide temporary financial assistance to meet the basic needs of eligible members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians while promoting personal, economic, and social stability that will allow the individual or family unit to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Local member to run triathlon for charity

Newberry native Bobby Lehto has found a charitable way to spend his summer while finishing his chemistry internship at Lake Superior State University. Lehto has always been an active athlete and has found a way to incorporate his generosity into his athletics and training. He and two friends, Eric Rocker and A.J. Downey, are planning on running the Nautical Malibu Triathlon in Malibu, Calif., on Sept. 25, 2005. The triathlon consists of a half-mile swim followed by an 18-mile bike ride and finishes with a four-mile run.

Lehto is racing to raise money for the American Cancer Society and is going to hold a can drive on Sept. 2. They will be stopping at the tribal buildings in Sault Ste. Marie to collect any donations you may have. Fifty percent of the proceeds are going to fund their trip to California with the other fifty percent going to the American Cancer Society, until their trip is paid for. When they have collected enough contributions to pay for their trip, 100% of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

All three Newberry natives have already held a can drive in Newberry and are planning a



Bobby Lehto

spaghetti dinner to benefit the race. The dinner will be at the Newberry Elks Club on Sept. 10, 2005, and is by donation only.

Please show everyone how supportive our Native community is to charitable efforts and save up your cans or stop in for the dinner. They are very close to making their goal and thank everyone in their communities for your support.

Good luck boys!

Golf scholarship classic raises over \$160,000



Chairperson Aaron Payment, second from left, presents the Northern Star Broadcasting Team, L-R: Keith Neve, Chris Monk and Doug LaPrade, fourth member Don Hilson is not in the photo, with the first place trophies in the men's division. The Northern Star Broadcasting team won with a 59, the lowest score of the day at the Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic.

The Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic held on Saturday, July 30 at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club raised over \$160,000 in scholarship funds. A total of 34 teams consisting of 134 golfers participated in the annual scholarship fund-raising event.

The Northern Star Broadcasting team consisting of Keith Neve, Chris Monk, Doug LaPrade, and Don Hilston won the Men's Division after shooting 59 for 18-holes. Team LSSU consisting of Dave Thomas, Derek Crawford, Jim Roque, and Ray Forrest finished second with a tie breaking score of 60. Cool Luc Bottled Water Company, consisting of Cliff Benoit, Tony Haller, Fred Benoit, and Fred Benoit Jr., finished in third place with their score of 60.

In the Mixed Division, Marty Wilk, Karen Wilk, Barb Latra, and Tom Latra of Fairway Parking captured first place with a tie breaking score of 66. Northern Neuro Surgery, Rene Farnette, Kim Haldene, Phil Dansoil, Dorothy Dansoil, settled for second with a score of 66. Skanska Building USA, Incorporated, Mike Day, Gina Gough, Mike Leinweber, Stephanie Corona, finished in third with a 67.

The Sault Tribe will be awarding fifteen \$1,000 scholarships this coming school year. The funds raised at this event go towards three scholarships including the Fred Hatch Education Scholarship, Joseph K. Lumsden Scholarship and Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship. The remaining funds are put into a trust fund, which will secure future funding for scholarships of this kind. The interest generated from the trust fund is used for scholarship disbursements. For more information regarding Sault Tribe Scholarships, please contact the Education Department at (906) 635-7784.



Gina Gough takes a shot at \$10,000 in the event's putting contest. Unfortunately, no one was able to take home the top prize in the 10, 30 and 50 foot putting contest.

Sibbald Named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year by EUP Special Olympics

Bernita Siabbald was honored at a banquet held on June 1 in Mt. Pleasant as EUP Special Olympic Volunteer of the Year.

Bernita has been involved with Special Olympics for seven years. She has been a coach, volunteer, chaperone and a Unified Athlete. Bernita is on the management team that coordinates all of EUP Special Olympics activities. Bernita heads one of our fund raisers, the Little Caesars pizza sale. She also coordinates, with the help of her staff at Hiawatha Behavior Health, the annual EUP bowling tournament. During the winter, Bernita arranges the use of the HBH facility to have our EUP winter games banquet. Bernita's volunteer time is above and beyond her work hours. Bernita supervises a program called Connections at HBH that provides programs for the intellectually disabled adults. With over a 120 athletes in the EUP Bernita makes sure the HBH staff is there to transport, chaperone and coach Special Olympian athletes. Bernita is married to Bob Sibbald and has two daughters, Amanda and Katie.



Third annual Sault Tribe Open

The Third Annual Sault Tribe Open takes place Saturday, Sept. 3 and Sunday, Sept. 4 at The Oaks. The tournament is open to all Sault Tribe members, employees and spouses of members and employees.

The tournament is individual stroke play with qualifying play on Saturday and flight play on Sunday. All scoring will be based on the two-day total. All ties will be decided by the lowest score counting back from the number one handicap hole, except that the winner of the championship flight will be decided by sudden death playoff.

The cost is \$75 per player (\$40 for the golf and \$35 for prize money.)

To register, please mail a check or money order with your name and address to Paul Shagen at 13800 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715. Checks must be received by Friday, August 29.

There will be a skins game on Saturday and Sunday for \$10 per player each day. If no skin is won on Saturday, the skins money will be added to the Sunday skins money. If no skin is won on Sunday, the skins money will be added to the prize money.

The number of flights for Sunday play will be determined by the number of players. Each flight will have no more than 12 golfers. Any player in a flight other than the championship

flight who improves by 10 or more strokes on Sunday will be moved to the next flight.

If the tournament is cancelled due to the weather, all unpaid prize money (\$35 per player) will be returned. Golf course policy will govern any refund or rain check of the green and cart fees (\$40 per player).

USGA rules shall govern all play, except that all out of bounds (white stakes) and lost balls will be played as water hazards (red stakes), except that a player cannot hit out of the hazard. Instead, the player must take on penalty stroke and drop within the proper distance and point of entry. In addition, a player can roll the ball six inches and no

closer to the hole in his own fairway.

To facilitate faster play, carts are included in the tournament fee and are required.

There will be closest to the pins on all par threes on Saturday and Sunday.

Prize money for flight play on Sunday will be paid as follows: first place in each flight will be paid 40 percent of the prize money; second place in each flight will be paid 30 percent of the prize money; third place in each flight will be paid 20 percent of the prize money and fourth place in each flight will be paid 10 percent of the prize money.

Lake Superior State University Open Swim

June 6-Aug. 26
Tuesday & Thursday
2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Gym and Weight Room

June 6- Aug. 26
Monday-Thursday
6 a.m.-8 p.m. and
Friday 6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Walking On.....

Frederick M. Barras, 60, of Sault Ste. Marie, died July 31 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie with his family at his side. He was born Sept. 2, 1944, in Sault Ste. Marie to Patrick Joseph and Josephine Henrietta (nee Handley) Barras.

A lifelong resident of the Sault, Fred graduated from Loretto Catholic High School. He married Judith Ann Kennedy on April 16, 1966, at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Fred worked for 24 years at Hoover Precision Products, first in the shipping department and then in quality control. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a former member of the Sault Ste. Marie Auxiliary Police.

Fred was a talented musician who played in many local bands. He especially enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren who affectionately called him "Pa."

Fred is survived by his loving wife, Judy; one daughter, Annette (Ronald) Brabant of Sault Ste. Marie; three grandchildren, Lindsey, Steven and Haley; and his cat Miss Kitty. Also surviving are one brother, Edwin (Rita) Barras of Indianapolis, Ind.; his mother-in-law, Ann Kennedy of Sault Ste. Marie; one brother-in-law, Edward Kennedy of Brimley; one sister-in-law, Sharon Kennedy of Brimley; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Carol Lisa Barras; and his father-in-law, Elvin Kennedy.

A memorial service was held Aug. 2 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie with Deacon Bill Piche officiating.

Private interment will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Endowed Carol Barras Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., assisted the family.

Raymond J. Dutcher, 74, of Hessel was an avid outdoorsman who worked as a hunting and fishing guide in Cedarville for many years. He worked for Snow's Docks for 20 years. Mr. Dutcher died June 13, 2005.

He was born June 16, 1930, to Harvey and Lucy (nee Andress) Dutcher of Cedarville.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1951. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was very proud of his heritage.

Raymond is survived by two sisters, Leona Brown and Alice Gamble, both of Hessel, and a brother, Harvey W. Dutcher of Douglas, Ariz., as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.



He was preceded in death by three sisters, Josephine Elizabeth in July, 1919, Jacqlene Delores in April, 1940, and Marjorie Ann in 1942.

Visitation and service was June 16 at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace. A Luncheon was hosted at the Hessel Tribal Center following the service.

Nephews Harvey Crisp, Howard Crisp, Harvey A. Dutcher, Derek Dutcher and Kim Gamble served as pallbearers, with deceased nephews Paul Gamble, Perry Gamble, and Brock Litzner named by the family as honorary pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Robert J. Smith of Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away on July 10, 2005, at the Michigan Veteran's Facility. Bob was born in Grand Rapids on Jan. 30, 1920, to Clarence Smith and Margaret Lamyotte Smith. He



was preceded in death by his three brothers, Calrence, Bernard and George, a half-brother Gaylord Smith, and a half-sister Ella Kennedy Malcomson.

Bob was a Sault Tribe member and was extremely proud of his rich French-Canadian and American Indian heritage. He was a direct descendant of two Ojibwa chiefs, Chebyawboas and Iauba, and also Ezekiel Solomon, the first Jewish settler in Michigan.

After graduating from Comstock Park High School in 1940 and working for a delivery service, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in Oct. 1941. He received training in the operation and maintenance of heavy machine guns. He was shipped to England and saw action in Belgium, Holland and France. He was wounded twice, suffering six shrapnel wounds in northern France and later suffered wounds from machine gun fire as his outfit was about to push into Germany. He received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He told his family once that he thought he was going to receive another medal, but didn't want to bother the government about it. He was glad to be home, alive, after the war.

In 2001, a son contacted the federal government and after checking his records, determined that he should have actually received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and four other medals. At Christmas 2001, Robert was awarded the other seven medals in a ceremony at his home in Grand Rapids.

He had always dreamed of living in St. Ignace after the war, but he couldn't find work. He often visited his grandparents there, George Lamyotte and Elizabeth Paquin Lamyotte, and loved the natural beauty of the area.

In 1950, he met Eleanor (Ellie) Cordes and they were married in 1951 in Grand Rapids.

For 25 faithful years Bob was a

devoted employee of Wurzburg's Department Store. After they closed, he began working for Herpolsheimers and then at Canteen Company. After he retired, he and Ellie worked for almost twenty years at DeVos Hall, Bob as a ticket taker and Ellie as an usher. Bob enjoyed taking time to unwind by tinkering with old clocks, teeing off on the golf course and taking family vacations with his wife and children. When the children were grown, he and Ellie continued to travel to New York, Hawaii, San Francisco, Grand Canyon and Mexico.

His wife Ellie survives, as well as their children, Pete and Debbie Meyerholtz of Grand Rapids, Bro. Thom Smith of Cross in the Woods, Indian River, Dave and Lynn Houghton of Kalamazoo. He loved being a father, but being a grandpa brought a new kind of joy to his heart. Grandchildren include Peter (Stacey), Jennifer, Andy, Amy, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Bob's easy going, laid back demeanor was warm and inviting. He made friends with everyone and his sweet spirit will be dearly missed. He will be fondly remembered by all those who knew him.

Mass was celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church, Grand Rapids, on July 13 with burial in Resurrection Cemetery.

Aldyth Steel Parkin, 71, of DeTour Village and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians died peacefully in her sleep at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey with both her children at her side on July 23. She very much appreciated a quote from wilderness advocate John Muir. "Between every two pine trees is a doorway to another life."

According to her family, her body simply could not keep pace with her spirit and her passing was like the lifting of the fog from her favorite marsh on a cool summer dawn.

Aldyth was born on May 1, 1934, (or five wars ago, as she liked to put it), to Ione (nee Simmons) Steel and John D. Steel, Sr., both of whom preceded her in death. She attended Lake Superior State College as a "mature" student, earning a bachelor's of arts in social studies. She later received a master's degree in American studies at the University of South Florida, Tampa, and subsequently completed post graduate studies in that field under scholarship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Her love of learning never faded. She continued studying American Indian history and culture in recent years by attending lectures, field trips and powwows with close friends throughout the upper Great Lakes.

She is survived by husband Kenneth, whom she married in June 1979; her children Pete (Kathryn) Griffin, Jr., of Juneau, Alaska, and Terrie Milligan of Hessel; grandchildren Rhianna Milligan of Hessel, and Peter Scott and Margaret Steel Griffin of Juneau, Alaska; brother John (Carol) Steel, Jr., of DeTour and nephews Randy, Mike, and Eric; sister-in-law Donna Parkin Welz of Temple Terrace, Fla.; brother-in-law Mark Carney of Salem, Ill.; close family friends Pete and Irene Griffin of Hessel; and many other nieces and nephews for

whom she was always "aunt Aldyth."

A gathering of friends and family for coffee and cake was held July 26 at the Hessel Tribal Center.

Cremation has taken place, and her ashes will be interred at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour at a later date with family in attendance.

Memorials may be directed to the DeTour Ambulance Corps or Northern Michigan Hospital, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace who assisted the family with arrangements.

Robert L. Shannon passed away unexpectedly on July 25. He was born on Sugar Island on April 30, 1934. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army.



He was inducted on Dec. 9, 1956, completed basic training at Ft. Leonardwood and was stationed in Korea and at bases around the country. He was honorably discharged and returned to Michigan and worked at REO and Fisher Body in Lansing for many years, then moved to Wisconsin where he worked at the docks in Sturgeon Bay. He relocated to California and lived in San Jose for several years. In 1992 he returned to Sault Ste Marie. He enjoyed the good people and his work for Sault Ste Marie Tribe at Kewadin Casino, where he was honored as outstanding employee of the Month in February, 1994. He was delighted to see many family pictures, including one of himself as a small child, in an article titled "Joe Pete, A Sugar Island Saga," in the Michigan History Magazine, August 1992 edition. He retired from the tribe in 1999.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothy (Shannon) Lawitzke of Sault Ste Marie. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, Marjory Arning, her son, Greg Gierke and his family; Garry Payment and his wife Dorothy and daughters Kimberly and Pam; Bonnie Brady and her daughter Jeanne; Fran Shooltz and her husband Doug, and son Keith and his family; Ed Vennillion and his wife Vicki, and daughters Lisa, Chris and Amanda and their families, Jane and Richard Hulse and their daughters Jill, Shannon and her family; Charles and Kim Vennillion and their sons, Jonathon and Kristopher, Mark Vennillion and his children Megan and Kevin; Todd Shannon, Tadd Shannon and Aaron Shannon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary (nee Oiler) Shannon, sisters Alice (nee Shannon) Payment, Molly (nee Shannon) Vennillion, brothers William G. Shannon and Kenneth R. Shannon.

There was a graveside service Friday, Aug. 5, at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Sugar Island.

Arrangements were handled by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Have questions? Social Security Web site offers answers

Submitted By Ed Dwyer
Social Security manager in Escanaba

Those of us at Social Security want to provide you with the information you need about our programs and services. Our web site, at www.socialsecurity.gov, is one of the ways we do that.

If you have questions about the Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, the Social Security web site is filled with information about these programs. But people often have questions that are very specific in nature.

One of our most popular features is found in the center of the Social Security web page. It is called Questions about. There is a drop-down box of subjects visitors can choose from — everything from benefits to taxes. After clicking on the subject, visitors are taken to an answers page where the most often asked questions and answers can be found. For example, if you choose "Social Security Statement" from the drop-down box, you get dozens of the most often asked questions, and their answers, on this topic. If you choose "Checks and Payments" from the drop-down box, you would get the most often asked questions and answers on this subject. And if there is a question that you have a particular interest in, you can even request that you be notified by e-mail if the answer is updated in the future.

If you can't find the answer to your question, we also provide a space where you can ask it and receive a personal response.

Also, the next time that you visit Social Security's Web site, look at the bottom left hand corner of the Web page. There is a heading called "Compliments/Suggestions/Complaints." If you just click on any of these three options, you will find that we provide a message box where you can let us know what you think — whether it is positive or negative. Please do not include personal information, especially Social Security numbers, when you use this service.

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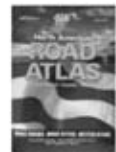
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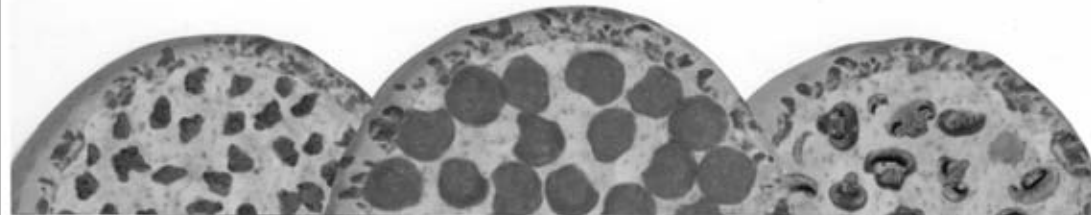
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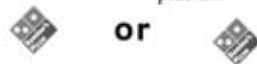
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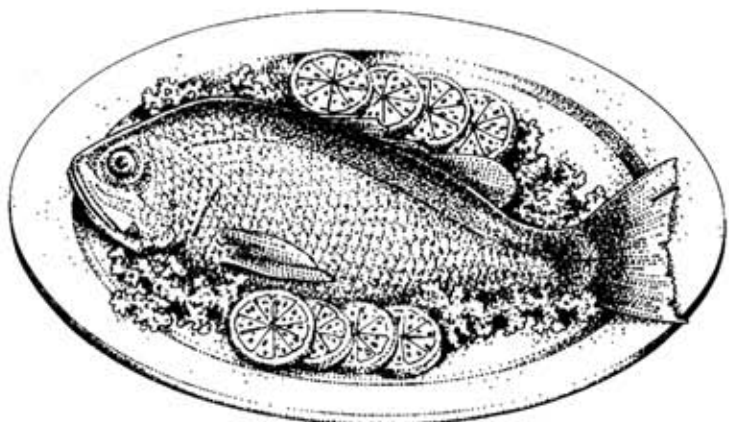
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