

The next issue of The Sault Tribe News will be the 2005 Annual Report. We will feature reports from every department of the Tribe along with their accomplishments and funding statistics. Please be sure to read the next issue of the news. The deadline for submissions for the following issue is Aug 1.

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News briefs

No body contact advisory on Sugar Island.

As a result of high bacteria levels, specifically E. coli, on the north shore of Sugar Island, the Chippewa County Health Department has issued a no body contact advisory for areas near 55 N. Westshore Dr., Williams Dr., and Village Rd. People should avoid body contact with surface waters of the St. Mary's River in these areas. Chippewa County Health Department will notify the public when the no body contact advisory is lifted.

Gravelle hearing rescheduled for July 5

A preliminary hearing regarding felony drug charges levied last May 31 against Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit I Representative Todd Gravelle is re-scheduled from June 14 to July 5 at 1:30 p.m. inside the 91st District Court in Sault Ste. Marie. Gravelle turned himself in to authorities last June 1 after a three-count warrant for felony possession of cocaine, oxycodone and methodone was issued against him a day earlier. Each count carries a maximum of four years in prison and/or a fine up to \$25,000.

The charges appear to be part of the fall out of an earlier Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement investigation.

Judge Michael McDonald of the 91st District Court released Gravelle on his own recognizance at his arraignment.

Tribes, state sign economic accord

In the interest of creating more jobs in Michigan, all 12 federally recognized American Indian tribes in the state signed an economic development accord recently with Governor Jennifer Granholm with the aim of creating at least 1,000 new non-gaming jobs in the next five years.

The accord aims to expand joint economic development to the benefit of both the state and all of Michigan's tribes.

2006 General election results

Close race in Unit II determined by recount



New Unit III Representative Keith Massaway, center, with wife, Jean, and one of his sons, Andrew.

The Sault Tribe's governing body will welcome three new members to its board of directors. Unofficial results indicate DJ Hoffman (Unit I), Keith Massaway (Unit III), and Shirley Petosky (Unit V) were voted to the tribal board to represent their respective units.

Tribe members welcomed back incumbent board members Dennis McKelvie (Unit I), Denise Chase (Unit IV), and Robert LaPoint (Unit II) who were all voted for another term as board representatives of the Sault Tribe.

Unit II proved to be the closest campaign race of all the regions. Incumbent Robert LaPoint narrowly defeated challenger Francis Hank by a mere three votes. A re-

count was requested by Hank and a hand count of the votes was conducted on June 27. Each candidate received one extra vote, indicating the results did not change.

Unit V also proved to be a close race. Shirley Petosky defeated Karl Weber by only 43-votes to win the Unit V board seat. Mrs. Petosky will replace Victor Matson, Sr., who announced his retirement from the board earlier this year. (Please see story on page 3.)

Six board seats were up for election this term, which included two seats in Unit I, one seat in Unit II, one seat in Unit III, one seat in Unit IV and one seat in Unit V. The newly elected board members are scheduled to take



Re-elected incumbent Dennis McKelvie congratulates new board member DJ Hoffman.

their oath of office at the Sault powwow on July 1. The next board meeting will be held on July 11 at Mackinac Island.

The Sault Tribe's seven-county service area, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta and Marquette counties are divided into five units. Each unit is represented by an elected tribe member who serves on the tribe's board of directors. The number of board representatives per unit is based on unit population. The 13-member board of directors is the governing body of the Sault Tribe.

Each board member is elected to a four-year term by the tribe membership in a general election by a mail-in ballot.

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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

- Unit I**
- DJ Hoffman (1579)
- Dennis McKelvie (1395)
- Darwin (Joe) McCoy (1263)
- Nathan Wright (1056)
- Unit II**
- Robert LaPoint* (442)
- Frances Marie Hank (439)
- Unit III**
- Keith Massaway (769)
- Rob Lambert* (558)
- Unit IV 2.**
- Denise Chase (555)
- Ron Powers (265)
- Unit V**
- Shirley Petosky (290)
- Karl Weber (247)

Official results will be released by the Sault Tribe Election Committee when available.

NCAI stages innovative conference

By Rick Smith

While a large schedule of events waited for attendees of the annual mid-year conference of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Sault Ste. Marie during June 19-21, hundreds of tribal leaders attended the organizations inaugural tribal leader/scholar research forum and watched a new head of the U.S. Department of the Interior make his first major address to a significantly large audience of American Indian leaders.

Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, a former governor of Idaho, said tribes and the federal government must work together to achieve common goals. Via satellite, Kempthorne said, "You are in countless ways the conservation teachers of this land that we all share. I look forward to working

closely with you to tackle tough issues. Together we can find solutions to Indian water rights, education, economic development and methamphetamine abuse. We must work together as one."

In spite of strains from a long-running law suit involving on the relationship between the Indian Country and the Interior, NCAI President Joe Garcia responded in his speech, "'I'm extremely encouraged that the importance of fighting methamphetamine abuse, health care and addressing the deep-seated economic woes that exist in Indian Country are at the top of the secretary's agenda. From our first meeting on his first day in office, I knew he would be committed to the current agenda for Indian nations, which I outlined in my State of Indian Nations address."

Garcia also added fighting the use and manufacture of meth on reservations is a top priority that calls for more than simply beefing up police forces. "Law enforcement, however, is just one of the tools to combat meth abuse on tribal lands," he said. "We also need to address the underlying social issues that fuel the spread of addiction."

Hundreds of tribal leaders attended the first NCAI sponsored forums between tribal leaders and scholastic researchers designed to experts on Indian issues face-to-face with policy makers. Discussion topics ranged from the U.S. Supreme Court and tribal sovereignty, socioeconomic change to tribal self-determination.

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Concerns of border reservations examined

BY SHARON BURNS
TODAY CORRESPONDENT

CORNWALL, Ont. — Since Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. government has taken many steps to secure the country and protect it from terrorists. Communities along both sides of the U.S. borders have been impacted by the changes, in particular American Indian communities like Akwesasne.

At Akwesasne, many Mohawks face inspection from customs officers on a daily basis, as they pass over the Canada border to go to work, attend school, visit family members, conduct business or shop. Akwesasne's strategic location rests partly in Quebec, partly in Ontario and partly in New York, subjecting its residents to cross-border inspection regularly. Their passage through the U.S. port of entry nearest to them has become increasingly difficult and often delayed as security has tightened since Sept. 11, 2001.

The concerns of various officials from Indian Country were expressed during the international Indigenous Cross-Border Security Summit March 17-18. During the two-day event, the concerns of both all were heard in the same venue, and participants from all sides of the issues agreed that the summit was necessary and productive.

"This summit is an opportunity to share information between indigenous leaders and government authorities on border issues related to international crime, terrorism and identification cards," said Mohawk Council of Akwesasne District Chief Michael Mitchell before the summit. "We welcome this opportunity to highlight our best efforts to battle organized crime and terrorism. The media seldom covers our efforts to deal with these issues and our struggle to advance our rights. This is a concern for indigenous people."

The summit was held, in part, to address the growing need for Indian County leaders to meet face to face with government officials to discuss the growing issues of border security.

"It is important that the federal government of Canada and the United States consult with the leaders of indigenous nations on the national homeland security strategies and programmatic initiatives and all related topics," said Joe Garcia, president of the

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). "We, as indigenous leaders, must be engaged in this dialogue and communicate our concerns and recommendations on these matters."

Akwesasne is one of two reservations that physically straddle the U.S./Canada border, the other being the Micmacs of Maine. The Tohono O'odham straddle the U.S./Mexico border. Many other Native communities are located near the northern and southern borders, close enough to subject them to unwelcome inconvenience caused by tightened security or by the increase in crime related to cross-border activities.

"The indigenous nations living near and adjacent to the present-day borders are the first to feel the impacts upon their territory from those who seek to do us harm," said Garcia. "Whether the threats are drug-smuggling, which place the health and well-being of our children at risk, or terrorist activities which can cause great harm to the cultural, social and economic viability of tribal communities, we will gather to share our thoughts on this important topic and seek solutions."

Indian officials came from far and wide to attend the summit and hear the concerns of others or to address their own. Along with tribal leaders, representatives from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) of Canada and the NCAI attended. They were met by representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Canada Border Services Agency, Foreign Affairs Canada and various law enforcement agencies.

The summit was hosted by the Mohawk Councils of Akwesasne and co-hosted by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, AFN and the NCAI.

Two pressing issues were the topic of many workshops and presentations during the summit.

The first was the U.S. government's plan to require a secure form of identification when anyone enters or re-enters the country. While the original plan proposed by the Bush administration was to require passports, other options are being considered.

"Indian people are concerned about their way of life being impacted," said Clifford Koenig, who represented the Border Patrol. "Their biggest concern is maintaining their culture."

non-profit events. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the editor, subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

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Koenig said that information shared during the summit helped all parties in attendance. He also noted that the passport requirement is not set in stone.

An Alberta-based company, Treaty 7, has been exploring the current status cards used by Indians to cross the U.S. border and they have examined how such cards could be improved to potentially meet the security needs of the federal government.

The second pressing issue addressed during the summit was crime and the need to fight it along the border with the cooperation of policing agencies on and off reservations. Akwesasne's own police agencies — one on each side of the border — receive little federal funding. They generally have the budget of small-town police forces but are responsible for patrolling 12 miles of border.

"What the tribes are dealing with; it's not a pretty picture," said NCAI representative Robert Holden. "One of the things we want to do is support the police and try to bring about the unmet needs that tribal law enforcement deserve and should have, since they're in the front lines standing in harm's way day in and day out; and we owe them as much to have all the resources they need to do their jobs."

"Other tribes are having similar problems in terms of no support for tribal efforts related to border security and protection," said Chief James Ransom. "Other border tribes have significantly larger border areas to patrol than Akwesasne and their police forces are not as well developed as ours."

As the summit concluded, a general feeling of accomplishment was expressed by many of the attendees. It was the first opportunity many had to share their concerns.

"I think we walked away with a strong indication that outside policing agencies want to work with tribes and first nations on border security issues and that they recognize we play an important role in this effort," Ransom said.

A second summit has been discussed but not yet planned. A report on the first summit, which was closed to the public, is expected to be released soon.

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The long wait is over

SUBMITTED BY LYNN M. TROZZO, RECRUITER

The grand gem of the north is finally open. It has been a long project for sure, and "project" does not even touch the size and magnitude of the brand new beauty — Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel.

The art displayed in the details of the stonework, furniture, tiles, and the careful creativity in the keeping of the northern theme is magnificent. The view is truly majestic and one cannot help but stand in awe.

For those of us who have had the pleasure of being involved in the ground work of such a site, a true destination, the gem of the north, this has been worth the wait.

For those who have the opportunity to work and grow in such a beautiful place as Kewadin Shores brings such a sense of pride, not only in oneself but in a community that is driven by the tourism industry.

There has recently been a commercial on television where a product needs to get to market and there are two people discussing how this is going to be done on deadline. One person, looking over into another room, says, "We have them."

He is referring to a room full of employees, team-members. Honestly speaking, I do not even know what the product was, but it struck me that the total asset of the company, the bottom line, was the people — the workers, the team-members.

That is exactly how Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel came

to be. It really is the gem of the north because of the people. They had the drive, determination and the grand vision to see it through regardless of the obstacles.

From the Human Resources aspect, the challenge of opening a brand new destination in the heart of St. Ignace area has been nothing less than aspiring. Our competition has been fierce in the search for talent in individuals that possess the number one characteristic that we all look for in the hospitality industry; and that is customer service attributes. We have hired close to 90 people with extraordinary customer service skills.

The community and tribe's members have supported this endeavor for a long time and it shows.

The success of such a grand legacy is usually in the capable hands of all those involved from the bottom up. These folks have worked tirelessly, hours upon hours, sacrificing time with families and giving their heart to the completion of the project.

For all those involved, for all those who jumped on-board and for all those who stayed with us to jump the hurdles, we take our hats off to you, and thank you for the long days and nights in creating the legacy for our team members, current and future, and all tribe members.

It is not too late to join the team of Cool Places, Cool People, Cool Jobs! Call toll free at (866) 635-7032 if you would like to become part of this wonderful, hardworking group of people.

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Apply on line at www.saulttribe.com
Employee relations specialist: Closes July 28
MIS director: Closes July 5
Data base administrator: Open until filled
Data base analyst: Open until filled

Scavenger challenge returns in September

The Scavenger Challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. It is somewhat like the *Amazing Race*, *Fear Factor* and *Survivor*, all in one.

A \$20 entry fee (\$30 at the door) will include entry for two team members into an after-challenge party, hors d'oeuvres, entry into door prizes and \$20 in Kewadin tokens.

Purchase your tickets at the Sault Tribe Health Center, Lori Jump (906) 632-5250; Sault Tribe Administration, Peggy Pavlat (906) 635-6050; Community Action, Ken Stott (906) 632-

6636; Advocacy Resource Center, (906) 632-1808. For more details contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 635-7705 or (906) 632-1808.

First place — \$100 and great gifts from local merchants.

Second — \$75 and great gifts from local merchants.

Third — \$50 and great gifts from local merchants.

Staged at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in the Tahquamenon Room.

Registration is on Friday, Sept. 15, 6-6:30 p.m. Rules and instructions at 6:45 p.m.

Race starts at 7 p.m.!

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Vic Matson, Sr., retires from board of directors



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

After 22 years of serving on the Sault Tribe board of directors, Unit V representative Vic Matson Sr. is retiring. Matson was first elected to the board in 1984.

Matson is also retiring from the CORA board and as chairman of the Conservation Committee. "I am retiring from everything; I am going to walk away and hold my head high. I am proud of what I have accomplished," Matson said.

Since first elected to office Matson has helped bring housing to the people in Munising at the Wetmore Housing site. "Everyone was very happy; some of the

buildings the people lived in prior to the new construction were torn down they were so bad. It was deplorable," Matson said.

For the past 30 years Matson has also defended the rights of tribal fishermen. He was a commercial fisherman himself for many years and was present for the 1985 and 2000 Consent Decree as well as a negotiator for inland hunting and fishing rights. "The board used to only have one meeting a month and I could still fish and serve on the board. After the casinos opened I decided to stop fishing and devote my full attention to the board. It's been a very successful 22 years for me. I'm very proud of what the tribe has accomplished. I watched them start with nothing and look where we are today," he said.

"I can remember we signed for the first casino in the Sault in 1985 against our lawyers advice. They thought the federal government would close us down. The board went ahead and opened the casino anyhow and here we are today." Matson said he was at the grand opening of the Christmas casino in 1995 and was part of the hiring process. "I made sure our people in Unit V got a fair

deal. A lot of people had been out of work for years and were hired when the casino opened. Its been very successful."

Matson said he is most proud of the Lincoln School project and plans to be in the area when it is completed. In the meantime Vic and his wife Lizet, will be traveling in their motor home and settling into their house in Fort Myers, Florida during the winter months. "There comes a time in your life when you want to have your own time. I have lots of grand kids and kids and would like to give them my time now. I'll be fishing every day off my boat in Florida. I've grown up with the tribe and it has had my full dedication," Matson said. "I will be back and have a permanent local address in the summer months."

Matson said he views the future of the tribe positively and sees it continuing to move forward. "I am proud to be a part of the tribe in any way I can. I have been treated like a million dollars and the tribe has given me a very good life. I love all the people who work for the tribe. I want everyone to know that I have a smile for each of you."

Weathering the storm

This was written in honor of Vic Matson, Sr. and his tug "Sallie," and the role he has played over the years protecting the rights of tribal fishermen.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Thank you for carrying me through the storm, even though you were tired and worn, for sharing the love of the lakes with me, for a fisherman I was born to be.

Fourth generation, my son makes five, he walks in my footsteps and fills me with pride.

Before our treaty rights were recognized, we were soot in some peoples eyes.

Our nets were cut, our life was torn, while we were waiting for a treaty to be born.

Our children ran screaming, their arms opened wide, to prevent the DNR from taking our pride.

Their arms were pried loose, a trailer hooked up, out of the water it was jerked with a thug.

The biggest mistake they ever made, cameras were waiting that Native American Day.

They pulled the tug into a place called Marquette, with the city watching and holding its breath.

We had to fish, for our families, for food, so later that

night we sought our catch, with Munising watching at our back.

As we came in to empty out our load, violating a law we were told, the bushes and trees grew new limbs from the rifles and men hidden within. Into our own fish house we were cornered, while our refuge became our jail.

Federal court came up quick, our tug was in the water again, our treaty rights were being recognized, waiting to become finalized.

Now years later we are five tribes strong, have forged an alliance, are moving on. Our lakes are great, our children are strong, a good example has been born. The tribes' had a voice, and said loud and strong, we can do this for seven generations long.

And so the tug is laid to rest, for it has traveled with the best. There may be tears in it's owners eyes, but there is pride in the hearts of our tribe.

They have worked hard the two of them, but now it's time to trade the Sallie in.

A fisherman's day is an early one, no matter the weather their life goes on, and on those Great Lakes now sails Vic Matson's son.

Friends of Anishinabe Youth Drop-In Center a hit with tribal youth



Joanne Umbrasas, juvenile prevention service coordinator

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Kids, if you are looking for some fun activities and the chance to register for some awesome prizes stop by the Friends of Anishinabe Youth Drop-In Center located at 2154 Shunk Road at the Shedawin building.

The drop-in center is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Each time you stop by you can fill out a registration form and drop it in the big box for a chance to win a gift certificate for a Redline bike from Pro Sports or a 2GB i-pod nano from Radio Shack as well as gift certificates for Wal-Mart and fast food coupons. Two bikes and two i-pods will be given away at each picnic. The family picnics and drawings for prizes take place on July 8, Aug. 5 and Aug. 26 at noon.

Lunch is provided free anytime the center is open.

Juvenile prevention service coordinator, Joanne Umbrasas, purchased a remote controlled

The drop-in center is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Family picnics and drawings for prizes take place on July 8, Aug. 5 and Aug. 26 at noon.

Viper and motorcycle, basketball hoop, games and art supplies for the kids to use at the center. There is also a foosball table donated by Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Dan Tadgeerson volunteered his bike repair skills and is only a phone call away. "A young man came to the center riding on his steel rim. I called Dan and told him we had a bike emergency and within 30 minutes he was here with a whole new tire; the rim, inner tube, tire and changed the whole thing. We have been very blessed by people in the community willing to help out," Umbrasas said.

Saturday activities differ each week and include movie day, family game day and the picnics. The kids, with help from staff, are planning to prepare the meals for the family picnics. "The first picnic on June 3 was a huge success, we had 32 children and 17 adults attend," said Paula McKerchie, AmeriCorp volunteer.

Then on the third Saturday of the month Home Town Rent to Own has let the center borrow a big screen TV for movie day. The final Saturday of the month is family game day.



Joanne Umbrasas and Mandy McRorie work on clearing out and weeding the old garden in front of the drop-in center.

"We figured we would have the greatest drop-in center summer program we have ever seen with the prizes for the kids we are giving away at the picnics. The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention grant which funds the drop-in center gives us money to spend on the kids and likes to see the money spent on the children," Umbrasas said. "Our focus is mentoring children. If you have time you can share with youth or a skill you would like to share, we encourage you to contact the center and

apply to become a mentor."

Sault Tribe Chief of Police Fred Paquin has agreed to let officers stop by the center and shoot some hoops with the kids when they are outside. "We are a group mentoring center, that's why we called it the Friends of Anishinabe Youth Summer Program," Umbrasas said.

The first two weeks the center was open about 12 children dropped in each day for different activities and a free lunch.

The program got its start last August when Umbrasas

approached Chairperson Aaron Payment about securing a couple AmeriCorp volunteers to help run a mentoring program under a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention program. "I told him that, unfortunately, we didn't have any space for the volunteers. He said the Shedawin building was empty and maybe we could get space there. Things evolved; we received the mentoring grant and the two AmeriCorp volunteers, Allie Krebs and Paula McKerchie," Umbrasas said. All their hard work paid off June 3 with the first family picnic. "The current grant funding the program ends Sept. 30. We have re-applied for a grant and are hoping to hear something in August," she said.

Later this summer as you pull up in front of the Shedawin building take a good look at the flower bed — you might see the drop-in centers logo in the flowers planted there. "There are blue pansies outlining the U.P. and yellow marigolds in the corner representing the sun. We tried to be creative," she said. Umbrasas earned her new nickname, the Wasp Whisperer, during her planting labors as she worked around an underground wasp nest. "We negotiated an agreement and I made a deal with them. I didn't spray them with Raid and they didn't sting me," she said.

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U.S. Senator Stabenow visits NCAI conference



Left to right, Sierra Causley, Director Lana Causley, U.S. Senator for Michigan Debbie Stabenow and Chairperson Payment at the National Congress for American Indians Conference held June 18-21.

**Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson**

NCAI Conference A success!

From Saturday - June 17 through Wednesday - June 21, 2006, our Tribe hosted the mid-year conference for the National Congress of American Indians. This organization, established in 1946, is a confederation of sorts to compel our direct participation in the legislative process. Though we maintain our individual sovereignty as a nation, we come together to legislate our position on various U.S. legislative and policy matters that effect our lives as Indian people. The national organization monitors legislative, policy, federal agency, and presidential and federal agency actions that effect our lives.

Throughout other sections of this edition of the Sault Tribe News, information appears regarding this conference. However, I did want to acknowledge the honor hosting this conference represents and to thank all of the team members and volunteers who ensured this event was a smashing success. The following individuals did a surberb job:

Local planning committee

Bud Biron, Melissa Causley, Jackie Halfaday-Minton, Stephanie Laitinen, DJ Malloy, Maggie Nolan, Cecil Pavlat, Krista Payment, Barb Willis

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St. Ignace casino

I wish to clarifysome rumblings regarding the new St. Ignace casino. As you know by now, all Tribal households received a letter in the mail announcing the completion of the newly constructed St. Ignace casino, hotel, and entertainment complex. The total project cost at over \$40 million should significantly increase revenue in a market that is closer to population. The current gaming facility has served us extremely well, but is has significant problems as a result of expansions rather than building from design to completion. The new facility has much greater ceiling clearance to address smoke issues, and is designed with one large open gaming space which is what gamers prefer. The amenities with a hotel, restaurant, deli and sports bar with a view of Hogs Bay (northern Lake Huron) is breathtaking.

Again, the new facility is designed to drive more revenue for programs and services. Recall, that about 60 percent of the funding for our Tribal programs and services comes from gaming and enterprise revenue. Federal and state appropriations only account for about 40 percent. Per the 'Balanced Budget' resolution I wrote and the Board passed last year, 93 percent of our net revenue is budgeted for programs and services of the Tribe. The balance is used for debt retirement on project financing, and also as a small reserve.

One question Members have asked with regard to the opening is why the gaming space is not yet ready. First, we had planned all along and listed in previous announcements that the hotel, restaurant and entertainment space would be opening mid June 2006. This was achieved last week. The

hard opening including gaming was never scheduled to occur earlier than late August 2006. Having said this however, I do want to clarify that there was in fact a glitch with regard to opening.

In the late fall of 2003, the concept and renderings were shared with the Tribal Board to build a new casino in St. Ignace. This geographical area has long held a great deal of promise for generating revenue because of the closer proximity to larger population bases and because of the volume of tourism that the St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island area enjoy. In fact, over the years, the less than ideal physical layout of the current facility has rivaled the revenue of our main gaming operation in Sault Ste. Marie which has a facility that is nearly four times the size of our St. Ignace facility.

In early 2004, specific designs were shared with the Tribal Board that showed the location of the facility. In subsequent months, several elder meetings occurred to gather input from the elders on whether or not to use the elder fund to finance a portion of the construction and guarantee a rate of return for the Elder Fund. As you'll recall, the Elders overwhelming supported this as the Tribal Board in turn guaranteed the rate of return back to the Elder fund which stabilized and secured the amount of the Elder dividend at \$1,600 per year and made a greater portion of the dividend tax exempt as a the more of the fund is channeled through the fund, the greater the tax exemption.

Bouschor changed the line to hurt our Tribe

In the waning days of the 2004 Tribal Chair elections, immediately after the anonymous phone polls (where you were asked if you would support Bernard Bouschor or Aaron Payment) the design for the casino was changed to move the gaming space from eligible land to ineligible land. We have proof of Bouschor's irresponsibility here in the form of a memo. It is my opinion that this was done in a 'scorched Earth' effort to try to destroy our Tribe on the way out the door. The line change was not discovered until well into the construction.

The good news is that we are confident that we will resolve this issue and open our new gaming space by early fall if not late summer. We have worked diligently to deal with this situation since discovering it, and will continue to do so. Let me reiterate, both the Tribal Board, and my office were kept out of the loop until after the bulk of the construction was completed and the design could not be changed back to the original. Though the Sault Tribe Times, funded by Bernard Bouschor with its Web master - Bernard Bouschor's nephew, has tried to paint a picture that

both my office and the Board are remiss for having caused this situation, it should be very clear who is responsible. It should be crystal clear that though he once represented a great benefit to our people, Bernard Bouschor's current campaign of destruction to our Tribe is harmful.

The results are still preliminary but I want to welcome DJ Hoffman, Keith Massaway, and Shirley Petoskey to the Tribal Board. At press time a recount was called for Unit II, but, I'd alike to also, congratulate Bob LaPoint, Denise Chase, and Dennis McKelvie for their return to the Tribal Board.

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

Executive Order: 2006-02 Vic Matson, Sr Tributary

Victor Matson Sr., better known as Vic, has served the Tribe for over twenty two years by always trying to see the big picture and always having a positive orientation toward the Tribe and our people;

Over the years, Vic has advocated strongly but has waited patiently for his unit to reap the benefits as other units do. He has nonetheless quietly supported the Tribe and it's leaders out of loyalty to his Tribe and his people;

Vic's contributions and commitment to our treaty rights over the years serving as the Chairman of our Tribe's Conservation Committee and in advocating for our Tribal Fishermen is unsurpassed;

Over the years, Vic is estimated to have traveled, by car, over 253,440 miles from Munising, Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and back on behalf of our Tribe to attend Tribal Board meetings;

A sage old fisherman, Vic's words of wisdom and no nonsense approach will be sorely missed on our Board.

This tributary recognizes and honors Vic Matson for his life long service to his Tribe, to his people, and especially to his fellow fishermen.

In Vic's honor, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Victor Matson, Sr. Tributary Scholarship which shall be granted to at least one Tribal Member college student per year who is studying in an academic discipline related to sustaining our Tribal Fisheries and/or the livelihood of our Tribal Fisherman.

Chi McGwitch, Vic for your leadership, your guidance, and your support.



Cover art by Darryl Brown, Sault Tribe member.

A.J. Rogers donated land to tribe where Sault Kewadin Casino now stands



A.J. Rogers Jr.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

In the early '70s Sault business owner A.J. Rogers Jr., who is not a member of the Sault Tribe, donated 30 city lots to a newly forming tribe with big ambitions and no funding.

"My relationship with the tribe started years and years ago," Rogers said. "I knew Joey (Lumsden) for a long time, we were neighbors. There was no tribe back then until Joe and (Fred) Hatch started organizing it. I never thought of them as anything other than my friends," he said.

Rogers said the newly formed tribe ran an ad in *The Evening News* looking for property to purchase on Shunk Road. "I told Joey I would sell them a piece of property. They gave me a \$250 binder with an option to buy. When the option came up they never bought it. When I asked them about it they said they had no money to buy it with. I thought about it for a while and decided to just give it to them. They were thinking about building tribal housing and I thought it would help."

The 30 city lots, or about two city blocks, donated to the tribe by Rogers is

now partially occupied by the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. "The property starts just on the other side of what was 16th street, which is where the driveway to the casino is now and runs west going in straight behind the casino. They needed help at the time, and I didn't think too much of it. I liked helping my friends out," Rogers said.

Rogers owns and operates R&R Marine on Portage Street just west of the Portage Street bridge. His father began selling boats and motors at his resort on Sugar Island. "My father had a tourist resort on Sugar Island which is Bennett's Landing now but used to be Roger's Landing," Rogers said. "We moved to the Sault in 1966 and after two years at our current location my father told me I would either sink or swim and left the business. Here I am 40 years later," he said. "We are not big but we survive. I have five mechanics and two people up front with me. We have some employees who have been here for over 20 years. I try to make this a pleasant working environment for them. We give our customers good service and take care of them."

His 90-year old mother, Doris Rogers, works two or three hours a day at the shop taking care of special orders. "We just let her do whatever she wants and go along with it and hope for the best. She is pretty spry; she lives on her own and takes care of an apartment building and is still driving," Rogers said.

His sister, Sandra McPherson has also worked with him for the past 35 years.

"I am 68-years old and should have retired by now. A few years back I had a bad hip and could barely move. But I had surgery and felt pretty good so I decided to stay. I had the place sold but told them I changed my mind. What would I do if I retired?"

Rogers said he has watched the tribe over the years create jobs for people and help them out in other ways. "I don't feel bad about giving that property away. I helped a little, that's all," he said. "I have children who are tribe members and work for the tribe, I feel good about that."

Three of his children who work for the tribe are Tony Rogers, Barb Rogers-Carle and Lisa Bumstead.

Gaming commission celebrates 10-year anniversary

BY BRIDGET SCHOPP, GAMING COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR

The Sault Tribe Gaming Commission was formed on June 17, 1996, to govern the conduct of gaming within the jurisdiction of the tribe, provide for the operation of tribal licensed gaming establishments, prohibit non-complying gaming activities and provide remedies for violations. The gaming commission has nine full-time employees including the executive director and the assistant director. The gaming commission also oversees five surveillance departments and their staff.

The gaming commission office, located at 2175 Shunk Road, is responsible for the licensing of all gaming facilities, gaming managers, key personnel, management contractors, and manufacturers/suppliers of gaming devices and services. Before any gaming licensed employee can be hired, they must be checked on law enforcement's Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) terminal to

verify that they qualify for a gaming license under the regulation set forth by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), the Compact with the State of Michigan, and Tribal Code Chapter 42. The gaming commission also evaluates Canadian Police Information Center checks brought in by Canadian applicants applying for gaming licensed positions.

All licensed employees are fingerprinted and their fingerprints are sent to the FBI or the RCMP for processing. A thorough background check is completed on all licensed employees and vendors by checking all counties in every state where an employee has lived, running credit reports, driving record checks, calling references and compiling an investigative report with all of the findings. A suitability determination is then generated after the investigation results are compiled with a recommendation for or against licensing. The gaming commission is also responsible for devel-

oping and issuing gaming licenses and badges to all casino and governmental employees tribal wide.

The gaming commission does much more than background investigations. Its close working relationship with surveillance, law enforcement, and the prosecuting attorney is key to the protection and security of gaming activities.

The gaming commission and surveillance provide law enforcement with important information used to assist them in criminal investigations and scams within and outside the different Kewadin Casinos. Several other duties of the gaming commission and its staff include, but are not limited to the following:

- Review and answer all customer complaints.
- Make weekly compliance site visits.
- Conduct annual updates on background checks for all gaming licensed team members.
- Assist employees with the forgiveness process.
- Assist Housing, Human

Resources and ACFS with background checks.

- Complete background checks for election purposes.
- Attend quarterly Michigan Indian Gaming Communication Network meetings.
- Issue and monitor raffle licenses for tribal organizations.
- Conduct audits to ensure that the gaming facilities are abiding by the MICS.
- Review and approve all casino policy and procedures and submit them to the Gaming Commissioners.
- Maintain a list of undesirables from the casinos.

By remaining in strict compliance with the National Indian Gaming Commission and enforcing the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the Compact with the State of Michigan, and Tribal Code Chapter 42 and the rules therein, the gaming commission strives to ensure a consistent and fair environment for gaming in our facilities. The gaming commission provides for safe gaming facili-

ties while protecting the assets of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Anyone wishing to contact the gaming commission should call (906) 635-7042 or call toll free (866) 345-1391.

Gaming commission employees can be contacted by calling their direct lines at Ken Ermatinger, executive director, (906) 635-7018; Nancy Waybrant, assistant director, (906) 635-4942; Bridget Schopp, gaming compliance investigator, (906) 635-4929; Dale Bosley, lead employee background investigator, (906) 635-4940; Violet Patton, employee background investigator, (906) 635-4943; Rachel Krchmar, employee background investigator; Don Cooper, internal auditor, (906) 635-4904; Cheyenne Holappa, internal audit accountant, (906) 632-0530 ext. 53473; and Marsha Waybrant, receptionist, (906) 635-7042.

Keeping Head Start children out of harm's way

BY RICK SMITH

After concluding an investigation into the Head Start programs serving the Navajo Nation on their reservation surrounding Window Rock, Ariz., the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a notice of summary suspension last May, effectively shutting down the schools across the largest Indian reservation in the country. The investigation revealed 106 out of 612 employees had criminal records ranging from first-degree murder to driving while intoxicated. Many of those employees had histories of perpetrating child abuse or neglect.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, this situation is not an isolated incident in Indian Country. The department says most tribes simply don't have the resources, technical support or trained staff to adequately comply with current laws mandat-

ing tribes to conduct background investigations on prospective employees. Also, many tribes do not know how to document a suitability decision after the background investigation is completed, as in the case with the Navajo Nation, said Justice.

This gives reason to pause and consider our tribe's own Head Start and Early Head Start programs serving members in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties. At the moment, our tribe's programs have 34 employees who tend to 130 children. While much smaller than the programs that were operated by the Navajo, protecting our children remains a fundamental value.

Laura McKechnie, interim director of our tribe's Head Start and Early Head Start programs said careful and proper investigative protocols are faithfully observed during the hiring phase of all program employees and

continue on employees at random intervals. She said checks are routinely conducted through the Michigan Family Independence Agency, the Michigan State Police and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

McKechnie added employees must meet certain qualifications, certification and keep them current through continuing education and the tribe is liberal with providing funding to maintain a high quality environment for the children in the programs. "The tribe always supports and assists us with the development and retention of an exceptional and professional staff," she said.

Cheryl Bernier, director of Sault Tribe Human Resources, echoed McKechnie's assurances.

In the mean time, the Navajo Nation Department of Head Start was one of the largest Head Start organizations operating in the United States today. The Navajo

reservation is comparable in size to the state of West Virginia. With five satellite Head Start agency offices and a central administration office in Window Rock. At the time of the closure the agency was serving 4,013 children ages 3-5 enrolled in 205 Head Start centers and home based programs. Sixty children ages 0-3 and six expectant mothers were enrolled in five Early Head Start centers across the Navajo Nation. Each year the 0-5 age population increases.

The Navajo intend to pick up the pieces and move the programs up as well. "It is of paramount importance to the Navajo Nation that the problems with Navajo Head Start and Early Head Start are corrected, that our children's health and safety is assured, that a quality early childhood development program is put in place, and that control of these programs is appropriately restored under

capable Navajo management," said Leonard Chee, chairman of the Education Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. "With Head Start graduations just around the corner, it would be easy to be disheartened by the federal suspension of these programs. Nonetheless, although the coming months may prove difficult, the result will be a better program and a brighter future for our kids. That is what Head Start is all about."

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is August 1 at 5 p.m. The July 21 issue will be the Tribe's annual report and will not include submissions or regularly run articles. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

Asked and Answered: The Shores Casino



Editor's note: We present to you a new feature to help answer those frequently asked questions about the Sault Tribe. This feature will be running in all the future issues of The Sault Tribe News on this page.

Q: Has there been a delay in the opening of the new casino and hotel?
A: Unfortunately, this situation on some levels is being characterized as a delay. This is not entirely accurate. Our casino plans all along called for a soft opening on June 15 and a grand opening in late August/early September and we are still on schedule.

The soft opening, which involves the opening of our hotel, restaurant, lounge and bar area, basically allows us to actually open our facilities to the public, and give us the opportunity to bring in our new staff, allow for training, and work out any kinks (if any) that come with opening a new business. Every business goes through this process to ensure customer service is at the highest level before they really start marketing their product.

Q: Will there be gaming at the new casino?
A: The official grand opening which was originally planned for late August or early September remains on schedule, and will include the opening of the new casino gaming floor.

Throughout the summer, casino gaming will remain available at the current casino site and will include shuttle services to and from our new hotel and restaurant for the convenience of our guests.

We are also adding to our current executive host staff, valet, and shuttle services in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for our guests and to ensure that our customers receive the utmost care and highest level

of customer service during and after the transition of the gaming to the new facility.

Q: If there is a delay, will the new employees recently hired still have their jobs?

A: Despite our current situation all the new employees hired will not be adversely affected by our current situation, the current gaming site will continue to operate, and the larger areas such as the hotel and restaurant are operating as I speak. We are still in need of those new employees that were hired this past Spring and we will need them on staff throughout the Summer as planned. Over eighty new team members have been hired to work at the new property, mostly to fill positions at the new hotel.

Q: From the outside, the hotel still looks like it is under construction, are they really done?

A: All the interior construction of the new facility was officially completed on June 12. The construction crew is currently conducting clean-up and testing systems. Paving and landscaping will continue for the next month and a half.

Q: How were we unable to avoid the land-trust concerns regarding the Shores Casino?

A: As with any construction project of this scale, this endeavor did not come without its fair share of obstacles. During construction, a land trust issue was identified regarding the casino's expansion. As soon as the issue was identified, the Tribe immediately took action to try to resolve the issue and is currently working to meet all the requirements of the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding the status of the land the new casino is now occupying. The NIGC determines what tribal lands are eligible for gaming.

This issue was unfortunately unavoidable due to the circumstances. Initial research indicated the issue was the result of inadequate planning from the previous administration, prior to July 2004. Although this situation is discouraging, this may prove to be a blessing in disguise. We are now looking to further expand our gaming floor at the new facility, which will allow us to utilize the current available space to provide entertainment for our guests. The good news is this issue did not delay the soft opening of our new hotel, restaurant, lounge, and bar at our new site.

Q: What is the Management doing to solve the land-trust is-

sue?
A: To remedy the issue, additional expansion is being planned on the new casino which will ultimately increase the gaming floor to include more slot machines compared to the original plans. Expansion plans on the new casino are scheduled to begin immediately. This will also allow the current space at the new casino to be utilized for various entertainment for our guests. A show schedule is currently being planned for the summer and will be released soon.

Q: Are we going to lose any revenue because of this issue?
A: From a revenue standpoint, we do not anticipate losing any significant revenue. The current casino will continue to operate until the secondary expansion of the gaming floor at the new site is completed. We are expecting a very busy summer this year in the St. Ignace Area, and if you haven't seen our new Kewadin Shores Hotel & Casino yet, we encourage everyone to stop by.

Answers provided by the Sault Tribe's Membership Response Team. For more information on any of our Kewadin Casinos, please visit our web site at www.kewadin.com.

Housing Authority Down Payment Assistance Program

Applications available June 8 to July 7
 Funding available once this year.

- Must be a Sault Tribe member
 - At least 18 years old
 - First time home buyer
- Within the income guidelines

• Qualify for a mortgage at a lender of your choice

• Live in the seven-county service area: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft and Marquette.

Contact Angie Spencer, (906) 495-1077 or aspencer@saulttribe.net.

Membership Q & A

Q: How can I find out what scholarships and grants are available to Tribal students?

A: Information on Higher Education opportunities for Tribal students can be obtained through Janice Lewton in that same department. The telephone number is (906) 632-6098.

Q: When is the Sugar Island Powwow?

A: This year the Sugar Island Pow Wow will be held on July 15 and 16. On Saturday, there will be a potluck feast that includes meat, frybread, and refreshments provided. Participants are asked to please bring a dish to pass. Contact Cecil Pavlat for more information at (906) 632-7494.

—*Mügwetch, DJ and Clarence.*
 Have a question about the



tribe? You can write DJ Malloy or Clarence Hudak, executive membership liaisons, at the office of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Chairperson, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783 or email them at: dmalloy@saulttribe.net and chudak@saulttribe.net; or call them at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26021, toll free at (888) 942-2766, cell Phones, DJ, (906) 440-6861 and Clarence (906) 440-6855 or fax at (906) 632-6086.

Board of directors open hours

Tribes members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on the following dates:

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| July 11-Mackinac Island City Hall | Aug. 1-Munising American Legion. |
| Aug. 15-Newberry, Comfort Inn. | Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom. |
| Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center. | Oct. 3-Munising American Legion. |
| Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear. | Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom. |
| Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center. | Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom. |

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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3 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

Send one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation (tribe members only) to:
 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors

Attn: Joanne Carr

523 Sashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
 (906) 635-6050, (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 632-6696

Email: jcarr@saulttribe.net

Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

Date	Time	Unit	Meeting Location	Date	Time	Unit	Meeting Location
July	NO MEETINGS HELD IN MONTH OF JULY, 2006			11/3/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Petoskey	Location TBA
8/4/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/4/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Petoskey	Location TBA
8/5/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/17/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/18/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA	11/18/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/19/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA	12/1/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
9/8/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion	12/2/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
9/9/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion	12/15/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
9/22/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/16/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
9/23/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.			
10/6/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility				
10/7/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility				
10/20/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				
10/21/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				

June board meeting briefs

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on June 6, 2006, in Escanaba, Mich. All board members were present.

Approved resolutions: Votes cast on unanimous decisions are not noted.

A resolution passed last May 16 authorizing \$50,000 in tribal support for costs to be shared with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to build a walleye-rearing pond on Sault Tribe property was amended. The amendment allowed an increase in tribal support to \$104,450, which will include direct expenses or in-kind contributions. Board member Denise Chase opposed the amendment.

The board approved the Sault Tribe Housing Authority to apply for a grant for \$50,000 through Enterprise Communities, Inc., to buy high efficiency furnaces for 16 housing units in Project MI 149006 in St. Ignace. Board member Robert LaPoint opposed the application.

An application was approved for a \$235,000 U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant to provide outreach, education and remediation to protect children from environmental causes of illness, such as asthma, mold and

other hazards.

The Sault Tribe Human Resources Department received authorization to modify the number of weekly work hours to accommodate all qualified applicants for the tribal Summer Youth Worker Program and the Workforce Investment Act Summer Youth Program. Also, the budget allocation for the programs was increased from \$90,434 to \$158,000.

The board adjourned and met for another general meeting on June 16 in Marquette. Board member Paul Shagen was absent.

The board approved granting and permanent easement to Cloverland Electric on property near Hessel to relocate an overhead distribution line. The easement came with no monetary consideration due to the overall benefits to tribal interests. Board member Fred Paquin opposed the measure.

Approval was given to re-allocate \$6,000 from a U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant to repair and upgrade a basketball court in Manistique.

Official support was approved for a budget recommendation from our tribe's Housing Board of Commissioners for housing modernization, development of a quadplex, along with travel and training for a home inspector.

A proposal was approved for funding of a drug use prevention program through Pathways/Northcare Network. LaPoint opposed the measure.

The board approved 2006 budgets for an increase of \$8,550,288 in tribal support dollars and a fiscal year 2006 budget modification for an increase of \$71,990 in tribal support dollars. Board member Lana Causley opposed the modifications.

A \$5,000,000 increase was approved in the loan amount for construction of the new Shores Casino in St. Ignace. Board member Todd Gravelle abstained.

An amendment to treaty fishing rules and regulations was approved to allow members, aged 16 and 17 years, eligibility for a helper's license only with the written consent of a parent or guardian and approval from the board of directors.

The board approved a waiver of sovereign immunity to execute a lease with Sprung Instant Structures, Inc., for a 90-foot by 285-foot structure with some accessories for 24 months.

The board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and all members are invited to attend.

Honoring American Indian veterans



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Native Americans have participated with distinction in United States military for more than 200 years. This Fourth of July, let's honor Native Americans and their contribution to our freedom and independence, these veterans that have given so much in service to our country, to the defense of our nation.

It is estimated that more than 12,000 American Indians served in the United States military in World War I. In World War II, more than 44,000 American Indians, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000, served with distinction between 1941 and 1945 in both European and Pacific theaters of war.

Native American families at home also participated in service to their country, and were an important part of the war effort. More than 40,000 Indian people left their reservations to work in ordnance depots, factories, and other war industries. American Indians also invested more than \$50 million in war bonds, and contributed generously to the Red Cross and the Army and Navy

Relief societies.

American Indian troops from World War II were joined by newly recruited Native Americans to fight Communist aggression during the Korean conflict. The Native American's strong sense of patriotism and courage emerged once again during Vietnam. More than 42,000 Native Americans, more than 90 percent of them volunteers, fought in Vietnam. Native American contributions in United States military combat continued in the 1980s and 1990s as they saw duty in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf and continue to show their support by fighting in Iraq.

There are nearly 185,000 Native American military veterans. Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. They have been formally recognized for their courage and bravery through military decoration.

In our culture our veterans are held in a position of honor. We honor those who provided protection and preservation of our tribal members. You will see many gatherings where during the grand entry all of the dancers follow the veterans who are the honor guard and carry the flags.

Please take time out from your busy day and offer some support to our elders who are veterans. Without our veterans we would not have the freedom and independence that we enjoy each and every day. Dying for freedom is not the worst thing that could happen, being forgotten is. We will remember.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (906) 643-8878.

The board acts quickly and decisively



Tom Miller
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer as it will be over all too soon.

The board of directors has been working diligently on tribal business that has included some major problems. But, I feel that we have reacted quickly and decisively to these problems. Of course, the St. Ignace casino and the land issue comes to the forefront.

I believe the immediate solution (Sprung Building) that was arrived at and approved by the board will prove to be an asset in the long run. The status of the land is being worked on with the BIA and hopefully will be rectified and the

portion of the casino in question will be allowed to operate as it was intended. The communication that was distributed by the tribe gave a very good explanation of the problem and our plan to rectify it. That casino will not miss a beat in its operations as the existing casino will continue to operate until all is corrected.

We have the Greektown Casino expansion progressing in an orderly and efficient manner, which means that we will have the construction completed, hopefully, on time and within budget. Two things that don't always occur in the construction world, but we have proper oversight in place and this should help us in meeting our timeline and budget.

We recently established the tribe's operating budget amount of \$8,588,678 for the current year. The board and the chairman have been working very hard on tightening the budgets to stay within the budgeted amount.

A unit four major event has happened was the signing of a purchase/sale agreement at the last board meeting for the acquisition of a building in the Escanaba area for use by our community members. There is still some work to do before the building can be finally purchased, but Denise and

I are working on it. Another positive event that happened this week was the National Congress of American Indians that was hosted by the tribe in Sault Ste. Marie. Over a thousand people from tribes across the nation attended the mid-year conference. This is an example of the organizations that affect many of the things that come to Indian Country and the type that we must actively participate in. The board is becoming more active in the political arena than in the past. I believe that this will definitely be to our advantage in the building and the shaping of our future relationships with the state of Michigan and the United States government. This board is taking a proactive, rather than a reactive approach to our governmental oversight. As the election process winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the board members that have worked very hard to do what was best for the tribal community. For those that will be re-elected and are not up for election, it's back to the grind and for those who chose to leave or are not re-elected, thank you for your efforts. If anyone has questions, you can reach me at (906) 440-5737 or (906) 644-3334.

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Sault Ste. Marie
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mondays and Thursdays
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9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays
Escanaba and Manistique
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8, Wednesdays

Tune in to the Sault Tribe This Week, the Saturday Morning Show with George Snider from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews and music and other great features.

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The next issue of The Sault Tribe News will be the 2005 Annual Report. Deadline for submissions for the following issue is August 1.

National Congress of American Indians conference impressed with our community



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

As you may have read in the last edition of our tribal paper, a member of the board of directors has been charged with three counts of drug possession. I am not writing to publicize the issue but I feel that it warrants an explanation on my part as a board member.

Many members have called me and asked why Mr. Gravelle has not been removed from the board of directors. I will attempt to explain my position as it remains

the same as when I was asked by Director Gravelle to remove Director Shagen from office. The board of directors does not have the authority to remove or suspend any board member from office.

Mr. Gravelle is charged with the counts and has not been convicted; he will have his day in court. I will not attack Director Gravelle but I agree with the many members who have contacted me and feel that it is in the best interest of the tribe to step away until the court proceedings are complete.

On June 6, 2006, I asked Mr. Gravelle if he would be willing to take a voluntary suspension from the board of directors until the case is resolved; he has chosen not to. I want you to know that I did not ask Mr. Gravelle to take a suspension because I have already convicted him, the reason is that many members are concerned about jeopardizing our license with the state and the outlook it places on our tribe as a government.

The board of directors must have a gaming license in the state of Michigan to participate at any management level within our gaming authorities. Director

Gravelle was required to remove himself from the Greektown management board and the Kewadin Gaming Authority board, pending the outcome of the charges.

Chairman Payment has assured the board of directors that the Michigan Gaming Control Board is completely satisfied with Director Gravelle removing himself from the Greektown board and Gaming Authority board (northern casino's) and that we are not in any sort of jeopardy within our gaming license. Once the court proceedings are complete and the charges are either substantiated or dismissed the board must take appropriate action.

An explanation of the soft opening of the casino is also in order. As explained in a letter from the chairman, there are concerns that we can not game on the land where the casino is built due to a land trust issue. Rather than point fingers and blame the past administration, which our current chair was at the time the vice chair as well as the deputy executive director, we must move forward and make immediate and positive remedies to our situation. The solution for now is the plans to move

forward on the 90-foot sprung structure to accommodate our slots and other gaming activities. This is planned to be completed by September. We will continue to work toward the opening of the new casino in St. Ignace.

I would like to let you know what a great achievement our tribe has made this past week. We had the honor of hosting the 2006 mid-year, National Congress of American Indians conference. This conference is designed to bring tribal leaders together for information, collaboration, work groups and roundtable discussions to move our nations forward.

The information and contacts that we were able to make are invaluable and will assist in moving our tribe in the right direction.

During the grand assembly, we had the opportunity to hear from and make comment to the Secretary to the Department of Interior, Dirk Kempthorne. Our chairman made a positive approach and questioned him about our land issues and stalling on the part of the department, he assured us that he would look into the issue's and respond back. At this time I would like to recognize all those

involved in making this conference a complete success. The staff of the chairman's office was always on top of everything, the staff of the casino and hotel were always friendly and accommodating. A special miigwetch must go out to our community members who cooked and acted as hosts to all our visitors this past week. To those who sang, drummed, danced and made arrangements for our demonstration powwow. We were all very honored to show other Indian nations our culture and community involvement. As a representative of the tribe, many tribal leaders from the other nations commented on the atmosphere and accommodating community members and staff we have.

All those involved can and should be proud of the comments and achievements that this conference had on our tribe. Miigwetch, to Graz and Rene' Shipman for the sunrise ceremonies and the involvement that you both had in giving us direction throughout the week of events. Baamaapii, Lana Causley (906) 484-2954, lcausley@saulttribe.net.

Now is the time for action



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters in Unit I for granting me the opportunity to continue serving as your representative. I will continue to work on your behalf to ensure that decisions are made to benefit the membership of the tribe.

This election we will see many new faces on our board. I would like to welcome Shirley Petoskey (Unit V), Keith Massaway (Unit III), and DJ Hoffman (Unit I). I would like to also congratulate all of individuals that sought to make a difference by seeking elected office within the tribe. Finally, I would like to thank Rob Lambert for his years of service to the tribe.

The elections are over, and it is time for us as a tribe to move forward. We have many difficult decisions ahead of us. We must stay focused on our responsibility to ensure the long term stability of the tribe.

Our Casino project in St. Ignace

has run into some serious problems.

This is not a time for blaming, no matter the administration. The blame lies within the board of directors.

Did the Board ask enough questions? We did not!!!! Are we going to continue to make foolish mistakes? We must not!!!!

Blame gets you nowhere. We must move forward. Now is time for action!!!

Problems with the board not questioning issues needs to cease. People must be held accountable! We reward individuals for good jobs, but when they do not we must hold them accountable.

If we do not, the fault is on the board!

The land problem in St. Ignace hopefully will be solved soon. We must have a plan to solve this. The days of costly overruns must cease, we are not bringing in the cash that we once were.

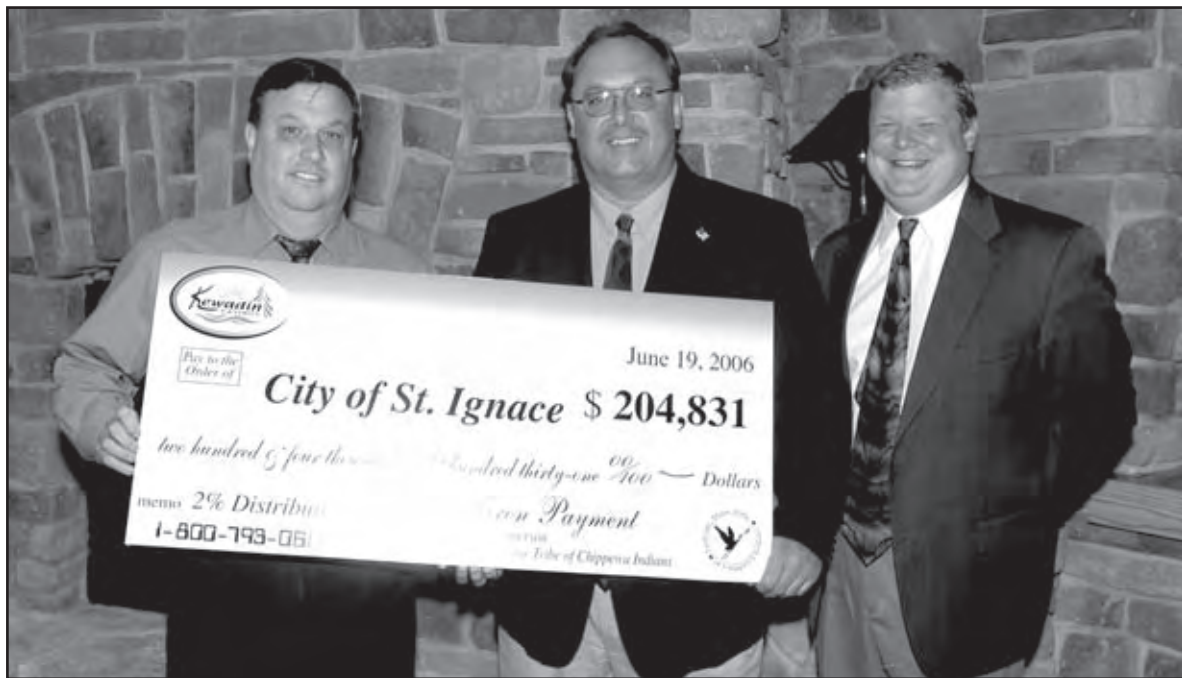
The board needs to get back to guiding the tribe. We need to stop worrying about petty things. Taking care of our units is a top priority, but the tribe has to come first. Just because something is good for our unit, doesn't mean it is best for the tribe.

Hopefully this new board will step up to the plate to make the tribe financially secure and moving forward. We must not make promises we can't keep. Short term fixes, can lead to long term problems.

It's time for us to move forward and I, for one, am looking forward to it.

Sincerely, Dennis McKelvie,
Unit I Board of Directors, (906) 632-7267.

Kewadin contributes \$204,831 to city of St. Ignace



Unit III Board Representative Fred Paquin, left, presents the two percent check to Mayor Paul Grondin, center, and City Manager Eric Dodson. The funds will be used in the Mackinac Straits Moses Dialysis Unit, Little Bear East Recreation Center and for student advocate services and road improvements.

Photo by Al Kamuda

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos presented the City of St. Ignace a check for \$204,831 as a part of the casino's 2-For-You Program.

The check was presented to Mayor Paul Grondin and City Manager Eric Dodson by Unit III Sault Tribe Board Representative Fred Paquin in the lobby of Kewadin's newest casino resort and hotel. The Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel opened its doors to their new hotel and restaurant on June 15. The official grand opening of the new gaming venue is scheduled for late August or early September.

Mayor Grondin commented,

"The City of St. Ignace is fortunate to have a positive relationship with the Sault Tribe that we are committed to continuing. Our community is a better place because of the contributions of the tribe toward city infrastructure, fire, police and the addition of Little Bear East. There is a strong American Indian heritage in St. Ignace amongst our population. We, as a city, are better when we work together to honor that heritage."

Paquin added, "I just want to comment that working with the entire Unit III region has been a privilege. Working with the City of St. Ignace has been a positive experience and we are glad the

tribe is able to provide the city this type of funding."

City officials have earmarked some of the funds for the Mackinac Straits Moses Dialysis Unit, Little Bear East Recreation Center, student advocate services, and road improvements.

Since 1994, the tribe has annually contributed two-percent of its casino slot earnings to local governments. From bringing emergency response vehicles into rural areas to increasing the educational opportunities available for community and tribal members, the contributions have helped improve the lives of many throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula.

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The Rosemary Gaskin Scholarship was established to honor and carry out Rosemary's good works. Students compete for a \$1,000 scholarship by writing a 500 word essay focusing on one of the following topics:

Issues of equality

American Indian rights

Education

Reviving Indian culture and traditional beliefs

Who is eligible?

- Sault Tribe members
- No minimum blood quantum
- Attend a public institution of higher education
- Not need based
- Full or part time

How do I apply?

- Write and submit a 500 word essay
- Include copy of tribal card
- Include name, return address, phone number, e-mail, school attending and degree pursuing
- Apply by July 15, 2006

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Chippewa County Community Foundation P.O. Box 1979
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
Phone: (906) 635-1731. e-mail: cccf@lighthouse.net

Enjoy the warm days of summer!

Kewadin opens new casino hotel and restaurant

BY CORY WILSON

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — Kewadin Casinos is pleased to announce the opening of their newest Kewadin Casinos resort in St. Ignace, which opened the doors to its hotel and restaurant on June 15. The new facility includes an 81-room on-site hotel, 225-seat Horseshoe Bay Restaurant, 125-seat Northern Pines Lounge, and Whitetail Sports Bar along with 30,000 square feet of entertainment space.

"This is the largest of our expansion projects to date at Kewadin Casinos and we couldn't be happier with the way it turned out," said Tony Goetz, casino chief operating officer.

The décor of the exterior and interior of the facility follows the tribe's casino development plan of creating a "Northern Exposure" theme featuring Native culture, brick, rock, and wood. The new development also showcases a rock and water feature by the sports bar.

Over 80 new team members have been hired to work at the new property, mostly to fill positions at the new hotel, bringing the total workforce in the casino to over 350. "Anytime we can bring this number of jobs to an area, it's a good thing for the entire community," said Fred Paquin, Unit III tribal board representative, who volunteered countless hours on this project. "We are looking forward to a busy summer season in the St. Ignace area as a whole," he continued.

After construction began in May 2004, the construction crew has been working diligently to complete the new casino. As with any construction project of this scale, this endeavor did not come without its fair share of obstacles.

During construction, a land trust issue was identified regarding the casino's expansion. As soon as the issue was identified, the tribe immediately took action to try to resolve the issue and is currently working to meet all the requirements of the National Indian Gaming Commission regarding the status of the land the new casino is now occupying. The NIGC determines what tribal lands are eligible for gaming.

"This issue was unfortunately unavoidable due to the circumstances. Initial research indicated the issue was the result of inadequate planning from the

previous administration, prior to July 2004. Although this situation is discouraging, this may prove to be a blessing in disguise. We are now looking to further expand our gaming floor at the new facility, which will allow us to utilize the current available space to provide entertainment for our guests. The good news is this issue will not delay the soft opening of our new hotel, restaurant, lounge and bar at our new site," stated tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment.

To remedy the issue, additional expansion is being planned on the new casino which will ultimately increase the gaming floor to include more slot machines compared to the original plans. This will also allow the current space at the new casino to be utilized for various entertainment for our guests. A show schedule is currently being planned for the summer and will be released soon.

The official grand opening which was originally planned for late August or early September remains on schedule and will include the opening of the new casino gaming floor. Throughout the summer, casino gaming will remain available at the current casino site and will include shuttle services to and from our new hotel and restaurant for the convenience of our guests. "We are also adding to our current executive host staff, valet and shuttle services in order to make the transition as smooth as possible for our guests and to ensure that our customers receive the utmost care and highest level of customer service during and after the transition of the gaming to the new facility," added Tony Goetz.

Kewadin Casinos is also very pleased to recognize the tremendous support from the City of St. Ignace. According to City Manager Eric Dodson, "The casino and the whole tribal organization have been very good to the city itself. We are very excited about the new casino. It will bring new visitors to the area and bring new life to our troubled economy."

All the interior construction of the new facility was officially completed on June 12. The construction crew is currently conducting clean-up and testing systems. Paving and landscaping will continue for the next month and a half.

Quick facts:

- The official name is the Ke-

wadin Shores Casino and Hotel.

- The new facility will employ 375 team members.
- The square footage of the new gaming hall will be 25,650.
- The square footage of the entertainment room is 30,000.
- The square footage of the entire complex is 127,000.
- The comparison in square footage to the current facility is 55,650 vs. 152,650, after the new gaming structure is erected.
- The new hotel will have 81 rooms, consisting of three floors overlooking the waterfront.
- The Horseshoe Bay Restaurant will seat 225 occupants vs. the current 136.
- The Campfire Deli will provide seating for 40 patrons.
- Our entertainment lounge will seat 125.
- The Whitetail Sports Bar will feature 80 seats and is themed for winter sports featuring a beautiful icicle mural with a view of the waterfront.
- More than 500 employees have worked on-site.
- On average, 170-180 people worked on location.
- More than 40 different companies were subcontracted.
- Almost 80 percent of all the construction employees were local.

Tribe seeks grant to complete health center

The Sault Tribe has applied for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). If funding is received, the tribe will be able to complete the third floor of the new Tribal Health Center currently being renovated in Munising, Mich. The Sault Tribe previously received funding to renovate the first and second floor of the building; however, additional funds are required to complete the third floor.

This grant will help cover the expenses to remodel the third floor, install special padded flooring and purchase a limited amount of exercise equipment. The grant is the amount of \$600,000 to cover expenses. If the grant is approved, renovations are expected to begin in January 2007. The duration of the grant is for 12 months.

This grant is now available for viewing by the community. If you would like to view the grant application submitted by the Sault Tribe, please contact Mari LaVeque at the Tribal Health Center, E10442 M-28 East, Wetmore, MI, 49895. Ms. LaVeque will also have order forms if you would like to purchase a copy of the grant application. If you don't live in the Munising area, and would like to buy a copy, please call Brenda Cooper at (800) 793-0660 ext. 26012.

Tribe moves forward with tribal center in Escanaba

BY CORY WILSON

ESCANABA, Mich.— The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors announced on June 6 that the tribe has entered into a purchase agreement to buy a facility located at US 2-41 and County Rd. 426 in Escanaba, which will be renovated into a tribal center for Unit IV members.

After 21 months of research and planning, the Sault Tribe appropriated the funds to establish a tribal center in Unit IV. It should be noted, there are several contingencies in the purchase agreement

that still must be finalized, which include water and sewer renovations, however, those issues should be resolved in the very near future. The board of directors has set strict budget guidelines pertaining to the project and has indicated the total project costs cannot exceed the amount appropriated by tribe. The proposed tribal center will allow for the consolidation of the current tribal services in the area into one facility.

"I would like to recognize the tireless efforts of the Unit IV tribal board members' Denise Chase and Tom Miller, who helped move

along the establishment of an Escanaba tribal center. At a time when resources are tight, I am happy to see that we were able to move forward with this project," stated tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Unit IV Representative Tom Miller added, "We felt this was a long and difficult process, however, Denise Chase and I supported the choice (of the location of the new tribal center) by the local community. It will be a premier asset for local community members."

"This is a huge accomplishment

for the Delta county area. Tom Miller and I have been advocating for a building for the past two years, along with past board member Martha Miller. The Delta county elders are very vocal and should be applauded for their efforts in pushing for an adequate community building. They identified this building as one that would fulfill the growing needs of the whole community," stated Denise Chase, Unit IV representative.

Tribal member is honored by University of Minnesota



Mildred (Mike) Kerridge Mueller, a Sault Tribe member, was recently honored as one of 100 distinguished alumni of the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota.

The honorees were recognized at a Centennial Gala Celebration at the McNamara Alumni Center

in Minneapolis. Dr. Mueller, who has always been “Mike” or “Dr. Mike” was honored for her contributions to education and particularly Indian education. She was one of two American Indian honorees (with John Redhorse of Duluth) and was the first American Indian to receive a doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

After receiving her Ed.D. from the University in 1973, and after the completion of several studies on racism and alternative education in city and urban schools, she joined the Minnesota Department of Education as the assistant director of Indian education. In that role she completed a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education for a multi-state consortium of American Indian educators. The grant was approved and 13 State department of education partici-

pants including Michigan met in seminars, conducted studies, held discussions with state leaders, tribal leaders and U.S. government leaders to try to improve the educational opportunities for American Indian students.

The Consortium for Indian Education continued for 30 months with participation from Alaska, Arizona, New York, North Carolina and seven other states plus some states that joined after the original 13 began their work (Iowa, Wisconsin and Texas).

In 1977 Mike was promoted to director of Indian education (later designated as manager). In this role she administered the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program, which grew from \$250,000 to \$2,500,000.

After nine years in the Indian Education office, Mueller became director of statistics for the Minnesota Department of

Education. Then in 1980 she was appointed to the Augsburg College Board of Regents. Augsburg College is a private Lutheran College in Minneapolis with a long history of recruiting, serving and graduating American Indian students. After nine years on the board of regents, Mueller joined the faculty of Augsburg College as an assistant professor in the Education Department. Mueller designed an Indian studies minor for Augsburg which was approved by the faculty, staffed by the college and offered to students, and which is still popular with students today.

Mueller served on the original Advisory Committee for the Minnesota Women’s Foundation (a grant making, non-profit now part of the Minneapolis Foundation) and was a long time member of the American Indian Advisory Committee at the

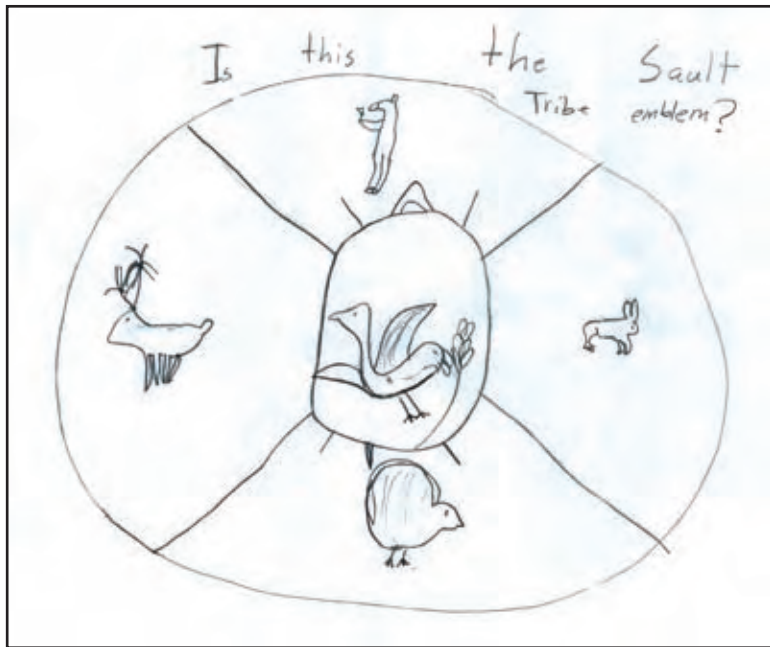
University of Minnesota. She also served on a board for an Indian alternative school, was a consultant for MIGIZI (a Minneapolis supplemental program for American Indian youth), as well as several education, multi-ethnic and service groups.

Mueller was born in Manistique, Mich., the daughter of Fred and Ruth Kerridge. She graduated from Manistique High School and received a B.A. and M.A. from Central Michigan University. In 1973 she completed a doctorate in education at the University of Minnesota. She is married to Van D. Mueller, also a graduate of Manistique High School. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Mueller’s grandparents are the late Charles and Sophie Kerridge. She also has many relatives in the Straits of Mackinac area that she would like to reconnect with.

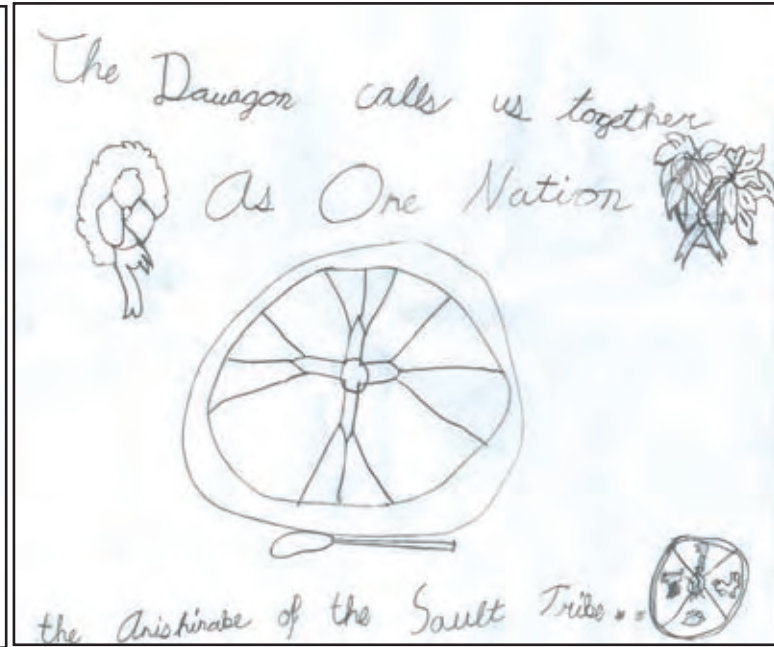
Young tribe member learning about culture



Victoria Cross is a seven-year old Sault Tribe member from Burns, Ore. She mailed these drawings and thank you letter to someone within the tribal organization who had previous contact with her.



Dear Tribe,
Thank you for all the information you have given me. I made the eagle thing and gave it to my father. He likes it a lot. He hung it in his computer trailer. I really like the information you gave me. Did you like my letter? I loved the one you gave me. I am glad to know I am loved by my Tribe. Thanks for everything. I have a couple of questions for you too. They are on the pictures.
Your friend, Victoria Cross with scanned images of drawings.



Youth plant flowers in front of elder building



SUBMITTED BY BARB GRAVELLE
Youth from the Youth Education and Activities (YEA) program planted flowers around the elder building on Shunk Road in the Sault.

Four generations gathered for photo

On Mother’s Day, May 14, 2006, a four-generation family celebration occurred at Dara and Dave Kellan’s home in St. Ignace. Bernice Dolney of Bay City, Mich., is Elaine Horn’s mother and Dara and Dawn’s grandmother. She is also great-grandmother to Brittany and Brendan Baker of Roscommon, Dawn and Nick Baker’s children, and great-grandmother to Garrett Horn and Gaven Gustafson, Dara and Dave Kellan’s sons. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Dara Kellan holding her son, Gaven, Bernice Dolney, Dawn Baker. Front row, left to right, are Garrett Horn, Brendan Baker and Elaine Horn with her granddaughter Brittany Rose.



Other family members at the celebration were Robert Roger Horn, Derrick Horn and his fiancé, Crystal Sayles and their son, Jason. Elaine Horn prepared a delicious prime rib dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, a carrot salad with a brown sugar sauce and a decorated vanilla

cake for dessert. She also had crystal vases which adorned the table with a variety of roses and alstromeria, a Happy Mother’s Day balloon, a beautiful handmade corsage of alstromeria and a peach tulip for her mother which Bernice Dolney is wearing.

Moving? Call Sault Tribe Enrollment to update your new address. (800) 251-6597 or (906) 635-3396.

Closs and Kammers wed



Sault Tribe member Sunshine Closs and Craig Kammers were married Feb. 11, 2006, at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace with Pastor Tari Stage Harvey officiating. The groom is the son of Beverly Kammers and the late Dean Kammers of St. Ignace. The bride is the daughter of Marian Closs and Bill Closs of St. Ignace. The maid of honor was Michelle Hiser and bride's maid was Jennifer Closs. Best man was Darrell Lovegrove and groomsman was Bob Sparks. Callie and Kennedy Kammers, daughters of the bride and groom, served as flower girls. Nephews of the bride and groom, Trever Gugin and MaGaven Kammers were the ring bearers. After the ceremony, Kennedy was baptized. A Dinner and reception followed at the Moose Lodge.

Stork Report...

Nadia Gail Provencher was born on May 12, 2006, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H., weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces and measuring 20 inches in length. All living in New Hampshire, proud parents are David and Jessica Provencher; grandparents are David and Gail Provencher and Carol and Bernie Bussier; great-grandparents are Andre and Claire Provencher along with Dolores E. Walsh of Nevada. Great-great-grandparent is Dorothy Gereau of Kincheloe, Mich.



Free summer program offered

The Youth Education and Activities Department is offering a free summer program from July 5 to Aug. 9 for members of the Sault Tribe between first and fourth grades! The program runs Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is available to the first 30 kids who sign up. Limited transportation is available for the first 12 par-

ticipants who request it. The participants in the Little Learners Summer program will be given the unique opportunity to learn more about the Anishnabe culture, including traditional food, medicines, the medicine wheel, traditional language, crafts and traditional dancing all while having a fun time. The summer program includes one camping excursion, environmental teachings, hiking, computer games, Ojibwe language instruction, swimming, and reading stories with the children, so many fun activities we can't even list them all. We have activities to interest anyone and everyone. Have your children learn more about their culture and have an amazing summer all at the same time. For more information please call Merran Behling at Youth Education & Activities at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300 or email mbehling@saulttribe.net.

Poet's corner — Marion Komendera

Rose

BY MARION KOMENDERA

Rose, you are the sister I never had, I knew what I was given and was glad.

The minute I saw you, with your happy button eyes, not only were you sweet and fun, you were wise.

The things we did to amuse each other, it's a good thing we weren't caught by mother.

We took horrible chances of getting in trouble-deep, but we went to bed smiling in our sleep.

We went to the railroad tracks and the forbidden woods, slithering under the factory fence, into a yard of dangerous goods.

New houses being built were perfect for some peace, we were smart after your perilous fall, to cease.

Our airplane rides were a thrill to behold, we were discovered, but it was worth the scold.

Nortown Theater movies were a magic land to be in, you loved

Reagan and I loved Flynn.

Teraplanes was the place to meet our peers, we never thought of the future with fears.

We felt stirrings of excitement for our future dreams, with the jukebox blast, playing music that still stirs us from out of our past.

The old stone house that contained our souls and schemes, will always be the home of our early dreams.

We won't forget the cats, mice, fleas, and dusty coal, I wouldn't change a thing, it's a part of my soul.

You and I got our strength from our offbeat past, this is how our mind's were cast.

At times we experienced things we could never tell, but we learned in our house with the magic spell.

The storm

BY MARION KOMENDERA

In the dark roared the thunder at the rooftops,

Displaying the fiery lights of

anger that smite the ground with magnificent force.

Waking everyone with its frightening intensity,

Many spiraled gusts waged war within its core.

Brilliant swords of laser thrusts, booming cannons from its depths,

At dawn it was dark as night.

The streetlights were baffled and remained alight.

A child's farewell

BY MARION KOMENDERA

Mother, you told me to be strong. Be stoic, don't ever cry. Don't show your emotions, it's a sign of weakness.

So goodbye. The train begins to move slowly, I watched your sad face on the platform.

We are moving faster now, I smiled and waved, telephone poles are rushing by.

Don't cry mama, not for me. No tears from me now, later I can cry and you won't see.

Grants help 80 Michigan schools to comply with federal mandate

Several Michigan middle and high schools are getting help with their homework to improve student health. Through a grant program supported by Michigan Action for Healthy Kids, a coalition of public and private organizations and individuals, 80 Michigan schools received grants of \$5,800 to help promote healthier student bodies. Each school will use the funds to purchase a refrigerated vending machine for healthy food and beverage choices, assess the health of their school environment, and design and manage a customized action plan to improve their school's nutrition and physical education practices.

The grants are awarded at a perfect time. A new federal mandate requires that all school districts establish a wellness policy by the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. The government hopes school wellness policies will help turn around troubling nutrition and physical activity trends. In Michigan, 82 percent of school-age children eat fewer than five fruits and vegetables and drink less than three glasses of milk per day; and 72 percent don't attend daily physical education classes.

Michigan Action for Healthy Kids (MAFHK), an affiliate of the Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) is a non-profit organization.

AFHK was established in October 2002 at a national summit led by former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher. All states were charged with forming state teams to help schools create environments that support sound nutrition and physical activity. MAFHK is a collaboration of over 800 individuals representing Michigan government, education, health, business, industry and communities.

Local Upper Peninsula schools receiving the grant are: Engadine Middle/High School, J.K.L. Bahweting School, Rudyard High School, and Sault Area High School.

Higher Education Programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
2005-06 School Year Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program
(a.k.a. incentive award program)

From January 1st until May 30th, 973 students were eligible to receive \$629,110.25 in incentive awards. Students attended schools in 42 states, plus two in Canada, as follows:

- Alaska 1 @ \$500
- Arizona 16 @ \$8,213
- California 17 @ \$8,322.50
- Colorado 12 @ \$5,633
- Connecticut 5 @ \$3,500
- Florida 16 @ \$9,086
- Georgia 5 @ \$2,280
- Hawaii 1 @ \$240
- Illinois 15 @ \$10,146
- Indiana 9 @ \$5,000
- Iowa 15 @ \$10,146

- Kentucky 1 @ \$1,000
- Louisiana 1 @ \$500
- Maine 1 @ \$500
- Maryland 2 @ \$740
- Massachusetts 3 @ \$1,573
- Michigan 727 @ 486,575.50
- Minnesota 21 @ \$10,986.45
- Mississippi 2 @ \$1,240
- Missouri 4 @ \$2,500
- Nebraska 2 @ \$860
- Nevada 4 @ \$1,940
- New Hampshire 1 @ \$333
- New Jersey 1 @ \$320
- New Mexico 2 @ \$1,500
- New York 7 @ \$4,100
- North Carolina 5 @ \$3,440
- Ohio 15 @ \$10,744.85;
- Oklahoma 4 @ \$2,120
- Oregon 3 @ \$1,486
- Pennsylvania 7 @ \$3,860
- Rhode Island 2 @ \$1,166
- South Carolina 3 @ \$1,500
- Tennessee 10 @ \$6,700
- Texas 3 @ \$2,500

- Utah 2 @ \$1,000
- Vermont 1 @ \$500
- Virginia 4 @ \$3,500
- Washington 7 @ \$5,332
- West Virginia 1 @ \$240
- Wisconsin 26 @ \$13,932.95
- Canada 2 @ \$1,500

2006-07 Schools Year YEAR Applications

If you applied for our programs for the 2005-06 school year and plan to attend in the upcoming year, you will need to reapply. You can contact our office or go to the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.org and file one online.

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

JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting July 11 in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting at (906) 635-5055.

Ash seed collection workshop

Put on by the National Forest Service

Join us in learning skills in the collection of ash seeds.

Tribal members and Forest employees are invited to participate. Workshops will be taking place both in a classroom setting and out in the field. Instructor Robert Karrfalt, Director, National Seed Laboratory, USDA Forest Service

Class size will be limited so please call ahead to reserve a space.
Cheri Ford, caford@fs.fed.us (906) 932-1330, ext. 314

Dates/locations

9:00 – 3:30 local time

St. Ignace, MI

August 31

Little Bear East Community Recreation Center

Ashland, WI

September 21

Bureau of Indian Affairs Office



What to bring:

Comfortable hiking attire
Sack lunch for the field

Skin cancer, not just for "old" people

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

Last year, James Keith reported for News 8 Austin (Texas) that one person dies every hour from skin cancer, and many of them are teenagers. His report told the story of 15 year old Jessica who found out she had melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer, after she had a mole removed from her body.

As teenagers, our bodies seem to bounce back from anything. Jessica thought the doctors had made a mistake and admitted; "I knew you could get skin cancer

but I thought it was something that would happen when I was a lot older, so I didn't worry about it."

The truth is skin cancer is a concern for kids and adults. There are three types of UV rays that make up sunlight which can damage our skin even on a cloudy day. Skin cancer is 100% treatable if it is found early enough. Why take chances? You can lower your risks of skin cancer by following this simple philosophy:

• Slip!

Slip on a shirt. Protect your skin with clothing. Sunglasses protect your eyes.

• Slop!

Slop on the sunscreen with an SPF factor of 15 or higher and apply it often. Sweat and swimming may cause your sunscreen to come off.

• Slap!

Slap on a hat with a wide brim to protect your ears, neck, and face which get a lot of sun.

See your physician for more information or stop by Sault Tribe Community Health or call (906) 632-5210. You may also contact the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345 or go online at www.cancer.org.

Conferences scheduled to boost tourism

A team from Michigan State University (MSU) and Travel Michigan has developed the first comprehensive plan to guide Michigan's tourism industry and is inviting people throughout the state to provide feedback and help shape the plan. Throughout the summer, the MSU research team will hold several "listening sessions" to gather information on tourism trends that people have seen while working at various Michigan hotels, attractions, parks, restaurants, chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus. Sessions will be held in different locations around the state. • July 10, 1-4 p.m., Burnham Brook, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek. • July 12, 1-4 p.m., The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. • July 13, 1-4 p.m., Bavarian Inn Lodge, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth. • July 19, 1-4 p.m., Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, 100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd., Acme. • July 20, 1-4 p.m., Great Lakes Maritime Center, 500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena. Sessions are open to the public and free of charge. Visit www.tourismcenter.msu.edu/plan.

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Foster care kids waiting to be adopted

SUBMITTED BY MELISSA VANLUVEN, CHILD PLACEMENT SERVICES SUPERVISOR

The Michigan Heart Gallery will be at St. Ignace public library July 15 through August 14 at 110 West Spruce Street, St. Ignace.

The Heart Gallery is a photographic exhibit of children in the foster care system who are waiting for a permanent family of their own through adoptions. The Heart Gallery is used to increase awareness about adoption and to recruit families for these children.

The Michigan Heart Gallery will be a traveling photographic exhibit of Michigan children who are waiting to be adopted. The exhibit will also feature photographs of families who have adopted children from the foster care system.

Professional photographers donated their time to take photo's and showcase them on two wall size displays.

Here is the web address for the Michigan Heart Gallery www.miheart.org.

Standard plate ending its 24-year reign in Michigan

Michigan will discontinue its standard blue license plate and adopt a plate with improved features under legislation awaiting the governor's signature, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced recently.

The "Old Blue" plate design, as it is known, is used by 5.6 million motorists. It has been on Michigan vehicles since July 1982 and will cease being issued on Jan. 1, 2007. After that, the state will reissue new plates as they expire.

A new plate design has not been finalized but is expected to be similar to recently issued plates which have a fully reflective white background. There will be no extra cost to residents for a replacement plate.

"The Old Blue plate has had a good run in Michigan but it is time to move to a design that uses modern technology and improves visibility," said Land. "This change will also allow the state to use the same type of material

for all of its license plates, which makes production more efficient."

The legislative package includes House Bills 5607 and 5979, sponsored by Rep. Phillip LaJoy, R-Canton, and House Bill 4437, sponsored by Rep. Scott Hummel, R-DeWitt. The legislation would provide the necessary funds to the Department of State to cover expenses incurred in re-issuing the estimated six million new plates needed.

It is estimated that the additional revenue to the state would total at least \$15 million, which would more than offset the costs involved.

Michigan is the last state still using the glass-beads manufacturing process. During production, tiny crushed glass beads with the consistency of sand are sprinkled on the wet white paint to give the characters on the plate limited reflectivity.

For more information visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

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YEA brings meals to the elders



Left to right, Lindsay Cadreau, Merran Behling and Angie Jackson hang the banner announcing the dinner to honor the elders. Over 50 elders showed up for the free dinner.

The Bahweting Anishinaabek Tribal Youth Council hosted a free dinner for Unit I elders at the Nokomis/Mishomis Building on Shunk Road.

The youngsters cooked whitefish and wild rice with mushrooms for the elders and were assisted by the Sault Tribe's nutrition program which promotes healthy eating habits.

The council would like to thank the elders, Holly Kibble, Charla Gordon, Barb Wilkins, the building staff and CORA for donating the fish.



Lindsay Cadreau readies the juices for the elders.



Rob McRorie, front, and James McKelvie serve up fresh whitefish at the dinner.



Above left, Mike Leon and Krista Willette load up the whitefish fillets for the buffet at the elders dinner. The council cooked the food with the guidance of the elder meal staff and the tribe's nutritionist. Above right, Justin Frasier serves the dinner to a couple.



Both teams ended up number one after the Battle of the Boards IV Matball Mayhem at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center. Sault Tribe board members teamed up against the Bahweting Anishinaabek Tribal Youth Council to raise donations for the council's trip to the UNITY conference in Buffalo, N.Y., and promote fitness. The council let the board win so they'd come back for the games next year and says thanks to all who helped make this year's games a success.

Photos by Alan Kamuda

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS COMES TO THE SAULT



Jefferson Keel, first vice-president of NCAI addresses one of the general assembly sessions held in the mornings of the conference. The registrants would then break into groups for workshops and open discussions for talks on the issues facing today's Indian nations.



20-year-old Brooke Grant, Miss NCAI, was also in attendance at the conference. Brooke is a member of the Hoopa Tribe in California.



NCAI President Joe A. Garcia listens to Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, talk on the importance of the Native vote in 2006 at a general assembly meeting.



Daniel B. Ramirez, an artist from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, discusses his work with visitors to the conference. The "International Marketplace" of the conference featured artisans, businesses and non-profit organizations from around the country



The Honor Guard retires the colors at the closing ceremonies of the 2006 Mid-Year Meeting of the National Congress of American Indians



NCAI President Joe A Garcia, First Vice-President Jefferson Keel and Chairperson Aaron Payment at the dance and drum demonstration held for the conference attendees.

NCAI's tribal leader/scholar research forum draws hundreds to the Sault

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"These priorities that we set forth and focused on this week in Sault Ste. Marie are crucial elements to Indian Country's current agenda," said NCAI executive director Jacqueline Johnson. "As we move forward in working with Congress to pass important Indian legislation, such as the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, it's imperative that we have these comprehensive working meetings so that we incorporate tribal leaders' input in the process."

A trade show also exhibited during the conference and featured many and varied entities from traditional Indian crafts to American Indian owned international businesses to recruiters for U.S. government agencies.

PHOTOS BY ALAN KAMUDA



Kewadin General Manager Steve Sprecker and Stephanie Laitinen, assistant director of sales, look over the custom motorcycle that was given away as part of the Native Wholesale Supply Company's display at the market place.



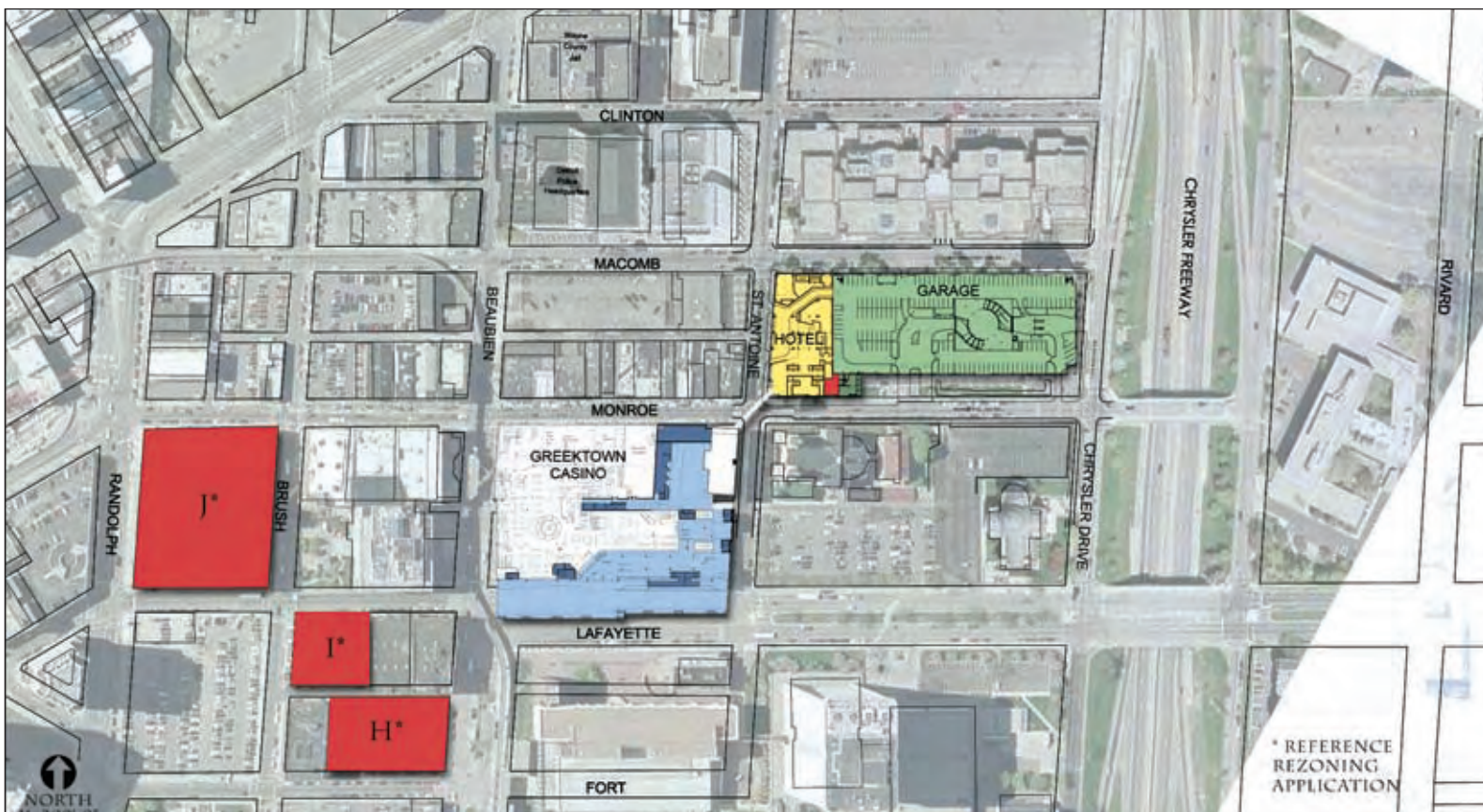
A traditional feast was held at Nigaanaagizhik, left, for the conference attendees followed by a drumming and dance demonstration at the powwow grounds, right, where, left to right, Howard E. Richardson, vice-chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina dances with Welford Clark of the Lumbee Tribe of N.C. and Jackie Halfaday-Minton of the Sault.



Ground broken for permanent Greektown Hotel



Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, second from right, watches as Vice-Chairperson Bob LaPoint turns over a shovel full of dirt at the ground breaking for the permanent Greektown Casino Hotel, and parking garage shown in the latest artist rendering on the right. The new hotel will feature a 3,100 space parking garage in the rear, and 25,000 square feet of convention space. The illustration below shows the locations of the hotel and casino in Greektown. "This is a significant day for the City of Detroit and a historic moment for Greektown Casino," said Marvin Beatty, (on the far right), a local Greektown Casino investor. "The permanent Greektown Casino resort will be a world class destination that will attract more visitors to Detroit and the Greektown District, create more jobs, and generate more revenues for the city and for public schools across Michigan." Also in the ground breaking photo are, left to right, Hills Howard, Greektown partner, Unit I representatives Joe Eitrem and Dennis McKelvie.



Permanent Greektown Casino Resort Facts

Ground breaking: Demolition and ground breaking began on June 9.

Total Project Investment: \$475 million (about \$275 million at the current location, plus \$200 million for the new hotel, garage, and casino renovations.

Gaming Space: 100,000 square feet (25,000 square feet of new gaming space will be added to the existing casino at 555 E. Lafayette Ave.)

Parking Structure: 3,100 space parking garage. Hotel, garage, and casino connected by a moving walkway at Monroe between St. Antoine and I-375.

Theater: 1,200-1,500 seat multi-purpose theater in the casino

Convention Space: 25,000 square feet of convention space in the hotel

Construction Time line: Construction will begin in November. The permanent parking garage is projected to be completed in mid-2007. The Hotel and expanded gaming floor is expected to be completed in mid December 2008.



The old city parking structure which occupies the site of the permanent Greektown Hotel starts to come down, above. "With this ground breaking, we celebrate more jobs and revenues for Detroit and our state, the start of a magnificent new resort destination in the heart of Detroit, and additional resources to support program and services for members of the Sault Tribe," said Chairperson Aaron Payment at the press conference following the ground breaking, right.



Summer interns come with a dedication to learn



Dean LaTour goes over a design he has just created with graphic designer Carol Syminow in the communications department.

**By Traci Belair
Communications Department
Summer Intern**

Seventeen Sault Tribe college students have come to the Sault to participate in this year's Summer Intern Program which lasts 10 weeks and has existed since 1997. Membership liaison and summer intern coordinator DJ Malloy oversees the program which gives the interns an inside look at the day to day operations of the tribe and hands-on training. All of the summer interns are currently enrolled, or have recently graduated from, college and work directly with a supervisor gaining valuable experience for future endeavors.

Here's an introduction to this year's summer interns.

Perhaps **Dean LaTour**, in above left photo, stumbled on the perfect job when he was granted an internship with the Communications Department this summer. Dean, a junior at Lake Superior State University, is majoring in graphic design and visual arts.

The majority of what he does within the department is creating logos, flyers and posters. He does these tasks by applying knowledge that he has gained from school and the things he has learned from his supervisors.

So far, Dean has helped to create a 13-page service directory, which can be used by the guests in each room of the Kewadin Casino. Also, he has spent time creating convention sales posters for the casino. In the future, he will be developing a logo for a local building contractor and designing promotions for coming casino events, such as Cargo Cash.

Dean sees the opportunity of having an internship with the tribe as a way to pay them back for all of the help they have given him throughout his life. He says the tribe has provided him with many educational opportunities.

"My time here and the knowledge I've gained has made me look forward to graduating and getting started in the real world," he said. Ironically, Dean has already spent five years in the real

world as a journalist in the United States Navy. During that time, he visited every continent except Antarctica.

Dean described his supervisors and everyone else in the tribe he has encountered, as very friendly. "They're all very helpful and make me feel at ease," said Dean, who now lives in Brimley, "they're also very honest about the field of graphic design."

One of the things he's learned is the "competition in this field is fierce, and I should take every opportunity given to me to better my chances at success."

LaTour's hope for the future is not only to have an additional bullet on his resume, but he would also like to take with him "as much knowledge about graphic design as possible" and "to meet as many people within the tribal organization." He also stresses how important it is for future interns to learn as much as they possibly can from the people who surround them.

When **Jessica Frazier**, below left, thinks of accounting, she is reminded of the one thing she is most passionate about. "I did the internship last year (within the same department) and I really learned a lot about the field and realized that accounting is my passion," she said.

Jessica, 21, is a junior at LSSU majoring in accounting. She is placed in the accounting department and is currently learning how to close accounts for the MidJim gas stations. Throughout her work so far, she said she learned that "I am able to set my mind on a goal and accomplish it with little or no difficulties."

Last year, at the beginning of her internship, she says she came in not knowing for sure if accounting was the place for her. However, as time passed, she enjoyed it more and more. Now that she is in her second year, she is looking forward to furthering her knowledge in her field.

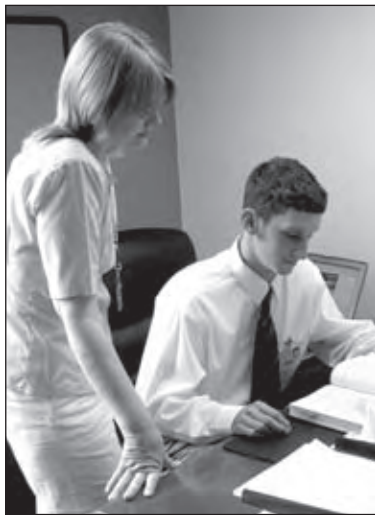
Although the courses Jessica has taken in school helped in some way to prepare her for the

things she's been assigned in her placement, she is still learning new things from the people she works with. "In a lot of ways, my supervisor, Amy Cappelli, has taught me things in the work environment that I have yet to learn about in school."

Some of the other tasks that Jessica's been assigned to are balancing dailies on JD Edwards, recording and applying purchases and payments for different tribal businesses, counting cigarette coupons, preparing invoices and various other tasks which help her supervisor close the books at the end of the month.

Although being granted an internship twice is very rare, Jessica has been given the chance again and she says it's very important to apply for the program when the opportunity arises. "I know friends that have said 'well, I won't get it' so they don't even try. It's such a great opportunity. What's the harm in trying?"

John Kellis, below, is a summer intern in the legal department. John, a Sault Area High School graduate, currently attends Michigan State University where he is majoring in business admin-



John Kellis, seated, goes over a few law contracts with Candace Blocher, interim legal coordinator for the tribe

istration and pre-law. Although he has not been an intern for very long, he is learning very quickly. "I am amazed at the exposure I have already received in the legal department. Already, I have been introduced to various forms of law ranging from contracts, real estate and other areas."

So far in his internship, John feels he has learned a great deal from the example the staff has set for him. He says they have shown him how dedication and desire will assist him later in his life while he moves on and gets closer to attending law school. "The knowledgeable staff here has given me a positive outlook on my future career path."

John, 19, feels quite privileged to be an intern with the tribe. "Having this internship means a lot to me as it shows that the tribe believes in me and is helping me to succeed by giving me a chance to experience my future career field and gain valuable knowledge."

Throughout his short time with the tribe, John feels as though his placement has shown him he has a lot of work to do if he ever wants to become a successful law student and attorney. However, he has found himself more interested in law fields recently and foresees this will continue throughout the rest of his internship.

Outside of the office, John and his fellow interns were given an opportunity to visit the Mary



Seth Robinson is coached on communications skills with a bull horn by Andrea Walsh, an events coordinator at Chi Mukwa.

Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. "Already in the first week of the internship we were able to participate in the culture camp on Sugar Island. This was a great experience and taught us much about ourselves and our culture."

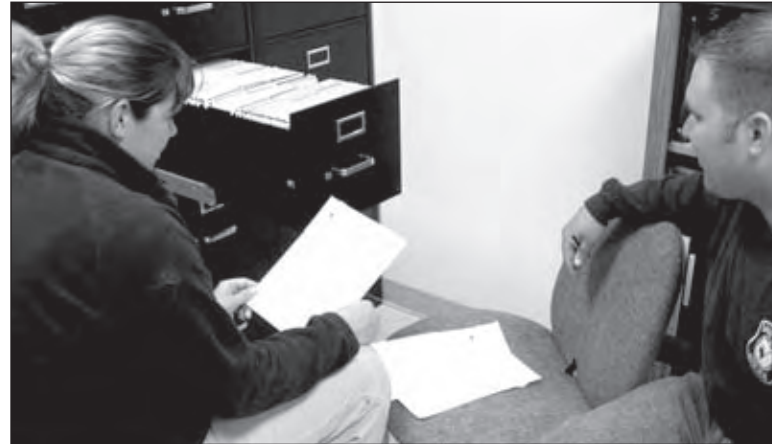
As far as advice for the future interns of the tribe, John adds, "Do anything in your power to further your knowledge in your field because you may grow to love or hate the career path. However, the only way to realize how you feel is to work hard, learn from the experienced staff around you and, hopefully, enjoy every minute of it."

Kasey Gurnoe, below, pegged as the summer interns' version of the class clown, is a native of Sault Ste. Marie. Kasey grew up around the tribe and says that she has "been a part of this tribe since the day I was born." Her placement in the law enforcement office seems almost perfect for her whose major is criminal justice with a focus in law enforcement and a minor in corrections.

Gurnoe says that working for the tribe so far has not changed her outlook on her career goals at all. She has wanted to be a cop for a long time. The placement has done nothing but make her more sure of what she has chosen for a career. "It gives me one step ahead in my education and my foot in the door with the tribal police, if that is the department I choose to go into after graduation." She also added that working with the tribal police is giving her an opportunity to see what it's like to be a police officer on a day-to-day basis.

Gurnoe says she wouldn't change any aspect of her placement. "I can't really say I would have anything change. The people here are awesome and the work we do is all a part of the job. Sooner or later, I will work my way up."

The classes Kasey has been taking at LSSU have helped her with the tasks she has been performing up to this point in her internship.



Kasey Gurnoe files away police reports overlooked by police dispatcher Al Teneyck, Kasey hopes to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Currently, she has been doing a lot of office work. As far as what the law enforcement team has in store for her in the future, she isn't exactly sure. "I don't know what's planned for us yet," said Gurnoe, "but whatever it is, I guarantee that it will be fun."

Before he enrolled at Central Michigan University, **Seth Robinson**, above, spent his time as a semi-pro football player in Canada. Due to injuries, he was forced to quit. He is currently a senior with a major in sport studies. Seth is at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center presently working with the scheduling of events. He was drawn to the internship program because he felt it would help prepare him in learning how to run a large recreational facility, which is what he wants to do after he graduates.

"I have been using a lot of the skills I learned in my business and computer classes," Seth said. "I have already improved my typing skills as well as communicating and I've also learned how to use a fax machine."

Seth feels that communication and organization are two of the key things to remember when it comes to a job such as his. "I don't think I would be able to keep up with the job if I didn't have to be organized." He also explained that he has learned something very important about himself — he is creative and feels driven when he cares about the project on which he works.

In respect to future interns of the Sault Tribe, Seth has one piece of advice to give them, "Be open to new things, and always take the advice you receive from your supervisors, they have been there before and their knowledge can be invaluable."

We will be visiting with more interns in the next issue of *The Sault Tribe News*.



Jessica Frazier, left, works on the accounting records with Amy Cappelli, senior accountant of the Sault Tribe.

Young Scholars Program offered To high achievers

Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities Program will be accepting applications for the Young Scholars Program for the Winter/Spring semester of the 2005-06 school year. Students may apply twice a year, after the first semester and again at the end of the second semester. The purpose of this program is to recognize the hard work and dedication of our tribe's students in grades six through 12 who have received all A grades or perfect attendance for one or more marking periods.

Students will receive an award of \$25 for each marking period in which all A grades or perfect attendance was achieved with a maximum award of \$50 per semester. To be eligible, a student must be an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and be in grades six through 12 at a public or private school.

To qualify for all A grades, students must receive some form of an "A" grade (A+, A, A-) in all courses for a marking period. Students in schools that grade on a numerical basis must receive the equivalent of these "A" grades to qualify. In such case, please attach a letter stating the school's grade equivalency with the application. To qualify for perfect attendance, students must have been in school or at a school function each day of the marking period with the report stating zero absences. Excused absences do not constitute perfect attendance.

To qualify for the program, the following information must be received by July 14, 2006: a completed application; a copy of the student's report card signed by a parent or a letter from an administrator at the school stating the marking periods for which the student earned all A grades or perfect attendance; a copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card (note: if the student doesn't have a card please call Enrollment to request one); a photograph to be printed in the tribal newspaper is optional, send a picture you can spare with the student's name on the back.

The information can be mailed to:
The Young Scholars Program,
Attn: Sylvia Shannon, 2 Ice Circle,
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.
 All information must be received by July 14, 2006.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Young Scholars Program Application Form (6th through 12th grade)

Student's Name:		Age:	Grade:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Email:	
School Name:		Principal's Name:	
School Address:		School Phone:	
All A's - # of marking periods (2nd semester only)	Perfect Attendance - # of marking periods (2nd semester only)	Social Security Number - Mandatory	

Please attach the following:

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's and/or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 6 through 12 to qualify)
2. A copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card; (If the student does not have a card please call Enrollment to request one; if the student was previously in the program a copy is not required every semester, a copy is on file)
3. If a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. **Please write the student's name on the back of the photograph.**

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Sault Tribe Education's Department officials may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail the preceding information to: The Young Scholars Program, Attn: Sylvia Shannon, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

All information must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2006 to be eligible for the program.

Jones to receive MBA from Harvard Business School



Bob and Mary Geroux with grandson Jeff and his wife Kristi on the steps of the library at Harvard.

Sault Tribe member Jeffery Robert Jones and his wife, Kristi Lynn Jones, are set to receive master's in business administration degrees after a successful first term at Harvard University last fall.

An honors program graduate from the University of Michigan, Jones holds bachelor's of science in engineering degrees in computer engineering and electrical engineering (2001) and a master's of science degree in engineering

management (2004).

A former employee at the Ford Motor Company, Jones worked part-time during his undergraduate studies in the research and innovation laboratory, and full-time thereafter designing forward model multimedia products.

The son of Kathi Cutler and Jim Jones of Dearborn and the grandson of Robert and Mary Geroux of Heartland, Jones is also the great-great-great grandson of She-bye-aw-way-quay.

Bobbie Jo Taylor awarded scholarships



Carol Baxter, Dwaine and Debbie Taylor and grandparents, Merrill and Joan Gravelle Sr. of Escanaba, Mich., are proud to announce the accomplishments achieved by their daughter, and granddaughter, Bobbie Jo Taylor.

An outgoing student, she was involved in numerous activities throughout her Gladstone High School career. This included playing on the 2004 Michigan Girls All-State Soft Ball Team and she was an honor roll student. Bobbie Jo has been awarded the following scholarships: The Chelsea Hewitt Award, The Indian Education Scholarship and the Buck Miller Sports Scholarship.

Bobbie Jo plans to become a registered dietician. She will attend Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba, Mich., for two years, then transfer to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to obtain her bachelor's degree.

Fox earns vet degree from Michigan State



Sault Tribe member Sarah Krystal Fox graduated with honors from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Her college assignments included travel to Atlanta, Ga., cities in California and the Upper Peninsula to study various aspects of bird, fish and animal life.

She will be practicing at a small animal clinic in down state Oakland County.

Sarah is the daughter of Michael and Donna Fox of Leonard, Mich., and the granddaughter of Donald and Pat Dougherty of Manistique, Mich.

The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

EPA hit with suit over mercury regulations

By Rick Smith

A coalition of sixteen states, five ecological organizations and four American Indian tribes filed a law suit on June 9 in federal court in Washington D.C. contending a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule violates the Clean Air Act.

Specifically, the EPA announced last May 31 that it would proceed with a so-called cap-and-trade program for mercury emissions in spite of petitions and other displays of opposition from the coalition and others who believe the program is inadequate and jeopardizes human safety. Mercury, a potent neuro-toxin, accumulates in waters through emissions from manufacturing or power plants. Mercury enters the

aquatic food chain through the mercury deposit accumulations and, eventually, is consumed by humans consuming certain types of fish. Children, before birth, can contract permanent brain and nervous system damage resulting from exposure to low levels of mercury. Mercury exposure can result in a number of other mental impairments as well. Scientists estimate about 600,000 children may be born annually in the United States with neurological problems caused by mercury exposure levels while in utero.

The coalition says the new cap-and-trade rule is not as stringent as it should be and, in fact, more than 20 states are taking action to adopt stronger rules to reduce mercury emissions up to 90 per-

cent.

States involved in the challenge are Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin. The ecological groups on board this action are the Natural Resource Defense Council, the Clean Air Task Force, the Ohio Environmental Council and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. The four tribes are the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine.

National Park Service monitoring wildlife health around Great Lakes

By Rick Smith

As part of a first-ever effort by ecologists to inventory the U.S. National Park Service's plant, water and wildlife holdings, the park service wants to monitor life in nine properties around the Great Lakes. Ecologists see bald eagles as key figures in determining the status of wildlife health in the nine parks around the Great Lakes.

"We are getting the vital signs of the national parks, which is really important to access the ecological health of the parks," said Bill Route, a park service ecologist. He added that eagles have a critical story to tell about the health of the mammals, plants, water and birds that live on the

park service lands. That's because the birds feed primarily on fish, which in turn live in water containing runoff and rainfall with some level of contaminants, such as mercury and pesticides. Because eagles feed their offspring fish from waters near their nests, samples of eaglets blood can tell researchers the health of the young birds and other wildlife all along the food chain.

"Eagles are bio-sentinels," Route said. "We are looking for toxics that accumulate and build up in their tissues. In a sense, they let us put a finger on the pulse of the park and its environment."

Route said it's a challenge just to reach the birds. Sites can be reached by hiking, canoe or both

using Global Positioning System technology along with climbing trees. Once a team reaches an eagle site, somebody climbs the tree, collects the eaglets and lowers them to the ground, where someone else takes blood samples. Afterwards, the eaglets are returned to their nests. The blood — 39 samples since the inventory started on May 22 — will be processed later, with results compiled over the winter and released to the public by next summer.

Areas of most concern are along the Mississippi River and in parts of Great Lakes parks, where there have been reports of animal, bird or fish deformities.

From the kitchen of Bob Flowers

Summer strawberry cake

Created this one for a church gathering. It came out very good. I didn't make everything from scratch, but adapted some ready made ingredients to make this cool and yummy.

Ingredients:
Water
3 boxed yellow cake mixes
6 eggs
6 extra tbs. cooking oil
2 lbs. powdered sugar
1 lb. butter, softened
2 cans strawberry pie filling
1 cup frozen strawberries
Cooking spray
flour
1/4 cup Nestlé's strawberry syrup
1 large container of strawberry flavored whipped topping.

Preheat oven to 350F. Mix the cake mixes in a very large bowl according to the package directions. Add the extra six tbs. of cooking oil. Divide batter into two equal batches. Pour into greased and floured 10-inch spring form pans. Place in the oven and cook for 50 minutes. Test with clean butter knife when the timer goes off. If the knife comes out clean, remove the cakes and let cool.

While the cakes are cooking, soften the butter and add powdered sugar while beating until you reach the consistency you like to work with. Add the strawberry syrup and blend in completely. Set aside.

Gently fold together the whipped topping, and strawberry pie filling. Thaw and add the frozen strawberries.

When the cakes have cooled, slice the top off of one cake to form a flat top. Then, slice one-third of the remaining cake

horizontally. Remove the top third layer and set aside (a thin, plastic cutting board works well for this task). Cut vertically, a circle from the bottom layer, leaving a one-inch wide ring. Remove the circle and slice in half horizontally. Place one of the circular pieces back into the ring. Fill the inside cake with the whipped-cream/strawberry mixture until it is even with the cake top. Spread the strawberry frosting on the exposed outer ring top. Place the one-third thick top over the cake. Spread that layer with frosting in a smooth layer.

For the second cake, don't remove the top. Just remove the top one-third of the cake horizontally and set aside. Again cut out a nine-inch inner circle of cake. Remove it and slice in half horizontally. Place one half to the side. Lift the outer cake ring and carefully place it on top of the iced cake. Place the half-high cake circle inside that ring. Fill with the whipped cream/strawberry filling. Spread icing on the outer ring. Place the remaining cake, with dome, on top of the cake. Combine any left over filling with the remaining icing and spread all over the sides and top. Refrigerate overnight or for several hours. Serve cold.

You might ask why I add the extra cooking oil beyond what the mix calls for. I have found that adding an extra two tablespoons of cooking oil to the boxed cake recipes results in extraordinary texture and a more moist cake.

It's a bit of work, but you will be the hero of the next potluck, guaranteed.

—From the tribe's mail—

Students thank Higher Education Program

Enclosed please find my grades/transcript for Winter 2006 for a transfer course I took on the UM-Dearborn campus. I successfully completed my master's in manufacturing engineering degree at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I graduated magna cum laude, as the valedictorian of my class, while also working full-time as a process engineer for the 3M Company. I have recently assumed a new position and relocated to northern California.

Thank you very much for the financial help during graduate school (and undergraduate as well), it is much appreciated. I plan on taking a brief period of time off and then begin pursuing a master's in business administration.

Regards,
— Darren N. Goetz

I recently graduated from CMU with my master's degree in administration. I am writing to you to let you know that I have appreciated the tribal support in the form of the self-sufficiency incentive program.

A goal I established years ago has now been realized and I thank

you for your assistance with this dream. Thanks to your emotional and financial support, my future now includes a plethora of options. My gratitude abounds.

Please share my appreciation with all those who help to make this opportunity available to students. Without such support, higher education would be a much more difficult path to pursue.

Sincerely,
— Patricia Kjolhede

As I send in this last report grade for the self-sufficiency fund for my now obtained degree as dietetic technician, I would like to extend my gratitude for your support. If it were not for this wonderful program I would not have been afforded this wonderful opportunity to work in my place of true passion.

As I re-enter the work force in this new profession I shall be forever in your debt. Thanks for making my dream come true.

Sincerely,
— Carolyn Kodramaz

Chairperson helps re-unite family

Aaron A. Payment,
Thank you so much, Aaron,
for re-uniting my son and I. You

summed it up when you said "blood line and tribal lineage won out." This is wonderful. This belief is exactly what I've been praying would come about not just for my son and I, but for many families divided for one reason or another.

Thanks to all board members, families, tribal members and friends who bring into practice this belief in strengthening the tribal family. In my heart, this is the greatest gift I and my son have ever received. This is wonderful.

If possible, I would like to have your staff make public and print this in the tribal paper. I believe it would bring hope to some, awareness to others and I pray unification and loyalty to your belief in tribal family lineage winning out. I am not real good with words, but maybe someone can take from this the important idea I am trying to express. I can't thank you all enough.

I pray the Creator protects and provides for all of you; all you need to continue to help the tribal family.

Chi megwitch
— Gary B. Biron and son,
Garret M. Biron

Unsung heroes of tribal family

To my tribal family,

I am writing this letter to address the many unsung heroes of our tribal family. There are uncountable individuals who are members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians who deserve the credit due to them. The ladies of all our tribal businesses. There are so many women within our community who strive for excellence in working at our tribal offices. These ladies run many of our programs and make walking in to tribal buildings a true pleasure. I have to say that calling tribal offices on the telephone is also a pleasure as the phone is always answered with a ladies' etiquette and a wonderful smile that can be heard through the phone. I walk in to a tribal building, I see these women whether a secretary or a program director, working efficiently, running about and getting things done. I take pride in seeing my tribal family striving for excellence to this extent and still smiling.

I believe it would do us all good to sit back and think about all of the times we have walked in to any or all of these offices

in need or in prospect for doing business and were met with the utmost respect, professionalism and willingness to assist. No matter what mood the women are in, I have yet to be met with the selfishness of a frown when visiting any of these offices. I would like to express my gratitude to all of these great mothers and daughters who have treated me so well.

I ask of you, my community members, if you are treated as well as I have been by these ladies who work at our tribal buildings and businesses drop them a thank you and give them a smile. A smile can turn one's day around where as it can save another's life. We can never know just how much a smile can change the world for someone else. Please join with me and give credit where credit is due! To all of those who help us out and treat us as important respected individuals no matter whom we are.

Sincerely,
—Basel Willis and tribal elders

Token destruction takes place at Kewadin Sault



With the help of the gaming commission and the casino security staff, cage personnel put tokens and chips into bins, above, that are then taken to the conveyor belt, right, which cuts them into small random size pieces, far right. The scrap metal is recycled and the chips disposed of.

On Tuesday June 6 Secure Mobil Destruction was at Kewadin Sault to destroy nearly 300,000 old casino tokens and over 400,000 out dated casino chips. The company is a self contained unit that shreds casino tokens into scrap metal and destroys chips. The over 15,000 pounds of tokens and chips took only four hours to destroy.

"This was the first time in Kewadin's history that such an operation occurred" said Cage Director Kent Artley.

Secure Mobil Destruction is based in



Las Vegas and specializes in token and chip destruction. They are gaming approved and licensed for on-site destruction and have been in service since 1999. The process used is capable of destroying in excess of 400,000 pieces of \$1 gaming tokens per hour and in excess of 1.2 million pieces of \$0.25 gaming tokens per hour.

"We prefer this company because they are licensed and are a completely self-contained unit," said Artley. "The entire process is videotaped with a copy given to our gaming



commission. We also receive a certificate of destruction upon job completion."

The machines used in this process cut tokens and chips into random sized pieces with no two pieces being the same. The metal is recycled at a scrap yard and the chips are sent to a waste site in Los Angeles.

A special thanks to Barb Sherman, St. Ignace cage, John Hobbs and Kent Artley Sault cage, Don Cooper, internal audit, Darren Causley and Ray Ross, Sault security, Bridgett Schopp, gaming commission for their help.

Cloudman named new director of player development

Kristen Cloudman, of Sault Ste. Marie, has been chosen as the director of player development for Kewadin Casinos five locations. Cloudman will oversee the casino's Northern Rewards Club and executive services departments.

"We are happy to have Kristen on board," said Alan Bouschor, V.P. of Marketing and Sales. "She will be a good fit to our team."

Cloudman came to the casino from the Sault Tribe's MidJim Store where she began working as the manager in April 2001. Within two years time, she gained oversight of both MidJim locations as the general manager, overseeing all general operations including approximately 15 employees.

"I think this will be an exciting change for my career,"



said Cloudman who graduated in 2000 with a bachelor of science in business administration from Davenport University and also holds an associate's degree from North Western Michigan College. She was a tribal chairman's intern in 2000 and worked with the Kewadin Casinos' administration department briefly before beginning her employment with the MidJim store in 2001.

Merle Haggard and Train to perform at Kewadin's St. Ignace casino

One is a country legend and one is a Top 40 icon. Both hold multiple Grammy Awards and both are appearing this summer at the new Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel in St. Ignace.

Country music star Merle Haggard will perform inside the newly opened Kewadin Casino on July 26 at 7 p.m. The legend has been cranking out country music hits and collaborations since his first album *Strangers*

in 1965. With nearly 100 albums to date, Haggard's hits include *Okie from Muskogee*, *Hungry Eyes* and *The Bottle Let Me Down*. Haggard's bountiful collection includes solo albums, country and blues and top 40 collaborations.

Appearing on August 10 at 7 p.m. is the rock band Train. This Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum band, whose hits include *Drops Of Jupiter* and *Calling All Angels* has a new album, *For Me*,

It's You. The new album features founding core members Pat Monahan, Jimmy Stafford (guitars) and Scott Underwood (drums) along with bassist Johnny Colt (originally from the Black Crowes), and Atlanta keyboardist Brandon Bush (John Mayer, Shawn Mullins).

Formed in San Francisco in 1994, Train quickly developed an avid local following and, by 1997, was opening for national bands like Blues Traveler,

Barenaked Ladies and Counting Crows.

Each of Train's studio albums, beginning with 1998's self-titled debut and carrying on through *Drops Of Jupiter* and *My Private Nation*, has achieved RIAA platinum status or better while generating a string of hit singles that touched the lives of the group's fans in profound and powerful ways: *Free*, *Meet Virginia*, *I Am*, *Drops Of Jupiter*, *Something More*, *She's On*

Fire, *Calling All Angels*, *Ordinary*, *When I Look To The Sky*, *Get To Me*.

Ticket prices for both concerts is \$38.50 and will go on sale June 27.

For more information on these and other Kewadin Casino entertainment shows, call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Kewadin Casinos sales department working to bring thousands of tourists to the U. P.



Part of the Kewadin Group Sales Department, left to right, Christopher Fish, Dorothy Fockler, Gloria Kemp, John Mackey, Dana Patrick, Carrie McKelvie, and Ashley Payment. Team members not present are Lucjan Lipnicki, Caroline Davis, Thomas Lock, Christina Showan, Edward Thorne, Larry Marsh, Teddy Cearlock, Walter Dansingburg, Frank LaCoy, Stephen Morris, Joseph Przedwojewski and Herbert LeGrow.

You see them on the highway, you see them traveling in lower Michigan, you see them driving down Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie and every time you visit at Kewadin Casinos. They're motor coaches, of course!

In 2005, 140,565 people came to Kewadin Casinos on a motor coach bus tour in approximately

2,812 motor coaches. Kewadin's Group Sales Department is responsible for organizing these bus tours, working with nearly 800 groups from throughout the country. Most tours are from the metro Detroit area, Ontario, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Ohio. The group sales staff helps to arrange overnight lodging, entertainment,

meals and other activities for guests who visit on bus tours.

Another arm of the sales area is Kewadin Travel. This transportation division of the casino offers Michigan residents the means to travel to any of the Kewadin Casinos in luxury on a Kewadin Travel Van Hool motor coach. The department schedules many trips from lower Michigan to the U.P. with pick up points in Grand Rapids, Flint, Detroit and Lansing, just to name a few. Kewadin Travel motor coaches are also leased by other groups who come to Kewadin Casinos.

Since 1995, nearly 2.1 million casino customers arrived at Kewadin Casinos courtesy of the Group Sales and Kewadin Travel departments.

"Our focus is to bring customers to the casino," said Gloria Kemp, travel and tour manager. "But instead of bringing one or two people, we bring 45 or 50 at a time."

Kemp served as Kewadin's Group Sales Manager since 1997 and has been working with Kewadin Casinos since 1994. Currently,

she oversees the operations of the Group Sales and Kewadin Travel departments. She has a master's degree in business administration and is a certified travel industry specialist through the American Bus Association and Purdue University.

The more than qualified staff Kemp works with has a combined total of 111 years of experience at Kewadin Casinos and working with motor coach groups with the group sales office at 16 years; Kewadin Travel office at 8 years; tour hosts at 33 years; Kewadin Travel drivers at 42 years; and Kemp at 12 years.

Ed Thorne has been working for Kewadin in the Group Sales department for over six years and truly enjoys what he does. Through his years of experience, Thorne finds that listening is something he uses every day to keep his customers happy. "If you really listen to a customer, you will be able to identify the problem and find a solution quickly," said Thorne. "The added bonus is a happy customer!"

Sales team member, Ashley

Payment, has over two years of experience working with motor coaches. Although Payment is relatively new to her position, she has the right personality and temperament to make her an effective sales representative for both our tour and charter customers. Payment, who lives in Sault Ste. Marie, says the number one skill needed to do her job is patience. "You can never let an obstacle set you back," said Payment. "You either find a way to go around it, over it or beneath it."

The bus group customers who stay at Kewadin Casinos Hotel make up 50 percent of the hotel rooms sold on an annual basis. Of this 50 percent, Kewadin Travel groups make up 40 percent. "This is a huge percentage," said Kemp.

"Our customers come to Kewadin to stay and play and it is our responsibility to get them here and give them an unforgettable experience."

The group sales and Kewadin Travel departments have 18 staff members which include drivers, tour hosts and office team members.

**Kewadin news
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Cree plan huge wind farm

QUEBEC — In partnership with Ventus Energy, the Chisasibi band of Cree Indians hope to build Canada's largest wind park. The \$3,000,000,000 project calls for 1,100 windmills that would generate 1,650 megawatts of wind power.

The Ventus and Cree project, named Yudin Energy Limited Partnership, has filed an application to export up to 204 megawatts, or 1.7 terawatt hours, of electricity to the United States. The windmills will be built on a 500-kilometer long corridor along La Grande River and the Laforge/Brisay area.

However, the plans must be approved by the Canadian federal government and Quebec. "There are a lot of things to look at first," said Mathieu St-Amant.

— *American Indian Listserve*

Mining school, Indian college testing land near uranium mines

SOUTH DAKOTA — Contamination from uranium mining on federal lands is well documented, but no one knows how much of that pollution has effected surrounding lands. Now researchers from The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Oglala Lakota College have begun a survey of adjacent private property.

"Nobody has looked at how this has come onto private property or carried down the watershed areas on ground or surface water. And nobody's looked at air contamination," said Jim Stone, assistant professor at the School of Mines.

So far, tests show that concentrations of arsenic, uranium and other contaminants is higher than what occurs naturally.

— *Associated Press*

2006 Winners announced by the Office of Indian Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The winners of the 2006 Native American Student Art Competition, "The Power to Dream, The Power to Achieve," have been announced.

In the pre-kindergarten category, the winners are:

- First place, *Untitled* by Makayla Chenot (Chukchansi) of California;
- Second place, *Once We Hunted Them, Now We Learn About Them* by Pinna' Wassa' Pe Kopepasah (Commanche) of Oklahoma;

Third place, *Rainbow Dreams* by Brittany Schwartz (Chippewa) of Michigan.

In the kindergarten through grades two category:

- First place, *Great Indian Artist* by Ian Drapeau (Yankton) of Nebraska;
- Second place, *I Want to be a Baby Doctor* by Angela Longee (Sioux/Assiniboine) of Nebraska.
- Third place, *My Good Tangles* by Kanowan A. Kayotawape (Menominee) of Illinois.

In grades three through five:

- First place: *Sweet Dreams* by Seneca O. Love (Penobscot) of Maine;
- Second place, *Living up to Your Dream* by Isabelle Chamberlain (Winnebago) of Nebraska;
- Third place, *My Reflection* by Rachel M. Baldwin (Brothertown Indian Nation) of Wisconsin.

In grades six through eight:

- First place, *If You Can Believe, Then You Can Achieve* by Antonio Perea (Navajo) of Nevada;
- Second place, *The Gifts of Education* by Jordan Martin-Thompson (Mohawk) of New York;
- Third place, *Dream Big! Reach for the Stars* by Mariah Hayes (Cherokee) of Oklahoma.

In grades nine through ten:

- First place, *A Dream to Achieve* by Amy Powless (Oneida) of Oklahoma;
- Second place, *Untitled* by Michael Curley (Zuni) of New Mexico;
- Third place, *Successful Paths* by Sunny A. Loneman (Cheyenne – Arapaho) of Arizona;
- Honorable mention, *The Sacred Road* by Lorraine Peters (Navajo) of California.

High school juniors and seniors:

- First place, *Education: The Power to Achieve Your Dream* by Stephanie Hollis (Cherokee/Blackfoot) of Oklahoma;
- Second place, *Untitled* by Samuel Dalgai (Navajo) of Arizona;
- Third place, *College Dreams* by Parker Forrest Blair (Mesquakie-Winnebago-Miwok) of California;
- Honorable mention, *Native Nation* by Brandon Price (Navajo) of California.

With 1398 entries from 32 states, participation in the 2006 Native American Student Art Competition was 10 times greater than that of 2005.

— *Indian Education*

Proud plainsman

MONTANA — In 2005, Scott McGowan became the first person from Montana to run the mile in under four minutes.

The 25 year old, of Chippewa heritage, grew up in Poplar on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, home to Sioux and Assisboine. To McGowan, it is a home he loves and

is fiercely proud of, despite the racism he's encountered. "When I tell people that I'm from Poplar, I get everything from sympathy to being called prairie nigger . . .," he said. "You can't believe how tribe members are treated. When we were on the road, going to cross country meets, we'd go into a Wal-Mart store and people said, "There are too many of you to come in here. Too many Indians."

McGowan himself has a strict set of values. They go something like this:

- You get a fair day's wage for a fair day's work, no more, no less.
- You have to be able to trust in a person's word.
- There's the "popsicle rule" — if you have enough for everyone, you can eat your popsicles in the front yard. Otherwise, do it in private.
- It's what you've done that's worthy, not how many possessions or how much wealth you have.
- And you don't talk about what you've done. No bragging, no whining.

Due to his light skin, McGowan said some Indians mistake him for white. But he remains proud of his Chippewa heritage. "My father told me, 'Never be embarrassed about where you're from,'" he said.

— *Running Times*

Teens find the pulse of a people in Star Nation

SOUTH DAKOTA — Landon Lupi, 17, is a student at Stevens High School (SHS). In December, he created The Star Nation Drum Group, a student drum group to help SHS Lakota students connect with their tribal culture and heritage. Impressed by Lupi's efforts, the school bought Star Nation a drum.

"Landon is preserving his cultural heritage and reaching out through the drum to bring other students into the group," said assistant-principal Bruce Jordan. "He's a genuine, sincere kid out there wanting to make a better society."

Students meet each week to learn and practice traditional Lakota songs. "I'm teaching the spiritual songs that you would hear at religious get-togethers and at sun dances, a little bit of the powwow songs and the flag song," Lupi said.

Star Nation Drum includes both young men and women. "I thought it would be a good idea to have girls sing with us, and they could learn, too," he said. "Plus, they sound a little better than some of the guys."

Star Nation has performed at area schools and will soon sing at nearby nursing homes. "I'd like to show the Lakota residents there that the songs are going on to the next generation, that it isn't dying," said 17-year old Whitney Two Bulls, a Star Nation Drum Group member.

— *Rapid City Journal*

Performer raises money for youth program

CONNECTICUT — Jana Mashonee is a 26-year old Lumbee woman on her way to stardom. Her 2002 release of *Stairway to Heaven* skyrocketed to number eight on the Billboard dance chart, a first for an American Indian in this category.

In retrospect, *Stairway to Heaven* prepared Jana for obstacles she would face as a recording artist. When radio stations refused to play her song, she worked around it by promoting it at nightclubs. "For a couple of weeks I outsold Madonna," she said. "But it still didn't get the airplay it deserved."

She has also won three Native American Nammy Awards. In April, Jana performed at the First Lady's Luncheon in Washington, D.C. About 2,000 politicians, dignitaries, former Supreme Court justices and others were in attendance. Each year the event raises money for a different charity. This year, Jana helped raise \$25,000 for the United National Indian Tribal Youth program.

Jana says her music reflects her heritage and her experiences in UNITY, a program that empowers American Indian and Alaska Native youths on a spiritual, social and psychological level. She has begun her own program, "Jana's Kids." She visits schools where she intertwines her music with a speech on cultural pride, identity and peer pressures. She opens the floor for students to discuss their feelings on any topic.

"Native youth may appear passive, but they have a lot to say. We need to listen to them more and not shut them down." The Jana's Kids program also raises scholarship funds for students who excel in the academic, artistic or athletic arenas.

Learn more about Jana and Jana's Kids at www.jananation.com.

— *Indian Country Today*

Townfolk challenge local mascot

OHIO — Recently, Oberlin High School graduates joined others at the Cleveland Indians' home opener to protest the team's racist mascot and team name. Oberlin High School is also under fire for its own use of "Indians" as a team name. "Every decade someone has brought the issue to the board," said Marci Alegant, school board president. Ohio has the highest percentage of sports teams claiming Indian mascots — almost 10% of its teams embrace Indians as their own. Some people say that American Indians are honored by the mascot," said protestor Elana Riffle, Oberlin College (OC) senior. "So to take

that out of the public eye it'll be forgotten."

Now Riffle and other OC students are showing a passionate drive to change the status quo. The college's experimental college course titled "The History of the American Indian Movement," is being taught by Robert Roche of the Cleveland American Indian Movement.

— *Native Village*

Daughter keeps art of natural dyes alive

ARIZONA — Navajo weaver Mabel Burnside Myers created the Navajo plant dye charts which illustrate natural dyes for yarn in Navajo weavings. "When I was 11, I remember making these little plant cards," said Myer's daughter, Isabel Deschinny.

Each card explained how a single dye was made from a plant. Eventually, Myers combined the plant samples with their yarn colors in a collection known as Navajo dye charts.

Today Deschinny is carrying on her mother's traditions by teaching southwest plants and the dying processes in university classes and workshops. The secret to creating natural dyes comes from choosing the right plant, in the right season and in the right spirit of Navajo tradition and giving back.

Blossoms, roots, barks, leaves, berries and skins are used in the dye baths. Each requires special care and knowledge to produce the color:

"Buckwheat is the hardest; sometimes it is brighter yellow than at other times. I have to have a pick and an axe for mountain mahogany, and I have to have a man to get it. Holly berries only appear every five or 10 years, so you have to store those up." she said.

"I go to Taos, New Mexico, for the choke cherries. Sumac leaves are used for gray; burnt juniper ashes produce a light color of lime; purple larkspur, known as txadidiidoot'lish, creates golds; Navajo tea, known as ch'ilgoh wehiih, creates yellow; another dye is created from rabbit brush, known as g'iiltshoih; sagebrush produces a light yellow; brown onion skin produces the goldenrod color; canyagre dock root, known as wild rhubarb and chaad'iniih to Navajos, is used for dark yellow-orange."

Deschinny has self-published a booklet of plant dye formulas, *Native Plant Dyes, Series I, Introduction*.

— *Indian Country Today*

Red Lake tribe starts Internet radio station

MINNESOTA — You'd be hard-pressed to find any radio station in Minnesota that regularly plays powwow music. Red Lake's Internet radio station is doing it every day. Local drum groups from Red Lake and contemporary American Indian artists from Minnesota and across the country have found regular rotation on the station.

It was started by Red Lake tribe member Gary Jourdain, better known to his listeners as "Rez Dawg." Since January, Jourdain and a handful of volunteer DJs have operated the Web radio site out of the spare bedroom of Jourdain's home on the shore of Red Lake.

"You're listening to Red Lake Radio live on a Tuesday afternoon, here. Rez Dog hanging out with you in the studio," Jourdain says. "Coming up, I've got music from Eyabay, also some Buddy Redbone mixed in there, some more beautiful music from Ulali, also Robbie Robertson, Crooked Lake, Red Lake's very own Black Bear Crossing. You got something you want to hear? E-mail me at rezdawg@paulbunyan.net, or you can hit us up here at the studio."

Gary Jourdain, or Rez Dawg, would have preferred to be broadcasting this kind of music on a tribally-owned FM radio station. The tribe at one time had a broadcast license from the Federal Communications Commission but the process to get a station up and running takes years. Over the course of several tribal administrations, the effort fell by the wayside and the FCC license expired.

For now, Jourdain is content to run the station on the Internet. He asked tribal leaders for help to get it started. The tribe provided about \$7,000 to buy computers, a mixing board and a desk.

"They told me it's my baby," said Jourdain. "I can basically do what I want with it. Looking at our program schedule, we pretty much do anything we want with it." Jourdain picked up the Rez Dog monicker during his years as a student hip-hop DJ on Bemidji State University's campus radio station. His love of radio grew at BSU. Jourdain decided then that he would one day start a radio station on the Red Lake Reservation.

"I'm doing it because it's always been a dream of mine, and I think it's something the tribe really needs," he said.

By day, Jourdain works as a marketer for the tribal casinos. So during the daytime hours of the work week, there's an automated playlist. It includes nothing but Native American drum groups, contemporary artists and Native comedians. In the evenings and on weekends, Jourdain is on the air live about 15 hours a week.

— *Minnesota Public Radio*

June 4-August 27 - Sunday drop in basketball, drop in volleyball or public skating free to tribe members 2:45-4:05 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information please call (906) 635-7465.

June 5-August 25 - Friends of Anishinaabe Youth Mentoring Program - Drop in summer program at the Shedawin building, 2154 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Monday through Saturday Noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746.

June 8-July 7 - Applications available for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Down Payment Assistance Program. You could receive up to \$5,000 for a down payment and/or closing costs. Funding available once this year, must be a Sault Tribe member, be at least 18, be a first time home buyer, be within the income guidelines, qualify for a mortgage at a lender of your choice, and must live in the seven county service area. For more information contact Angie Spencer at (906) 495-1077.

June 12-August 24 - Sault Tribe elder's water exercise at the LSSU Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays 6 to 6:50 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Cost: \$24. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 with questions.

June 19-August 2 - Free learn to swim classes for Sault Tribe youth. LSSU Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 4:50 p.m. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to register.

June 27 - "What Was Never Told" lesson 8, at the Tahquamenon room, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Participants of the 12 lesson program series will experience native contemporary struggles, a closer look at our values and traditions, a native perspective of cultural loss and revival, use of cultural, social, and healing information. Contact Elaine Wright at (906) 632-7494.

June 27 - JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting at (906) 635-5055.

June 27-July 27 - The Youth Education and Activities program is offering a five week summer program, The Circle of Life. The program will meet Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program has availability for thirty participants and must be a member of the Sault Tribe between the fifth and ninth grade at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. For more information call Laura Ermatinger or Jill King at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300. Circle of Life programs are also taking place in Kinross, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, and Escanaba.

June 28-July 2 - The 25th annual summer gathering and traditional powwow, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. There is no cost for admission. June 28 will be the blessing of the powwow grounds

followed by a feast beginning at 10:30 a.m. On June 29, sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer spiritual gathering 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch and dinner at the powwow grounds lodge. June 30, sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer gathering is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids carnival at the powwow grounds big tent. Grand entry is at 7:30 p.m. July 1, art show at the Niigaanagizhik building from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 2, Sunday Mass, by Brother John Hascall at the Niigaanagizhik building, 11 a.m. grand entry is at 1 p.m. at the powwow grounds. Grand entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast at 5 p.m. For more information please contact Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033.

July 1 - Great Tug Boat Race - tugboats race in the upper St. Mary's River from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This race can be seen from either side of the river. Call Leanne Marlow for more information at (906) 632-6868.

July 1-5 - Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

July 2 - Come on up to celebrate Independence Day with Kewadin Casinos and win some cash while you're at it! We're giving away \$35,000 in cash prizes at all of our casino sites. We'll be holding random drawings from noon to 8 p.m. for a chance to pick a backpack loaded with money! For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 3 - The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 5 - The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 5-29 - Mnaajanigid Migiz Honoring the Eagle, an exhibit by Ron Paquin at Alberta House Arts Center 217 Ferris, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Exhibit reception Saturday, July 8, 1 to 3 p.m.

July 5-August 9 - Little Learners Summer Program. The Youth Education and Activities Department is offering a free summer program for members of the Sault Tribe between first and fourth grade. The program runs Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and is available to the first 30 kids who sign up. The summer program includes one camping excursion, environmental teachings, hiking, computer games, Ojibwe language instruction, swimming, and reading stories with the children. For more information please call Merran Behling at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300.

July 6 - The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m.

at Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 6 - Toto Concert, 7 p.m., Dream Maker Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 7-9 - Tournament action heats up at Kewadin Casinos. Join us at Kewadin Casino, St. Ignace for the Spin to Win slot tournament. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 8 - The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold the monthly meeting will be held the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 8 - Friends of Anishnaabe Youth Mentoring Program, Saturday schedule: family picnic, at the Shedawin Building, 2154 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. No registration, just come and have fun. Contact Paula McKerchie (906) 635-7729, Ally Krebs (906) 635-1127 or Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 for more information.

July 11 & July 13: Enjoy Living Smoke-Free - Yes, You Can! July 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. and July 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session six, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

July 11 - Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting on Mackinac Island at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

July 11 - JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting at (906) 635-5055.

July 11-August 8 - The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Education and Activities Program invite you to join us on Tuesday for Euchre and Cribbage this summer! From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information please call YEA at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300.

July 12 - Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 13-16 - Homier Tool Show at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information please call (906) 635-RINK.

July 14 - The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting 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.

July 14 - Keith Urban, 8 p.m. outdoor concert at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 14-15 - Relay for Life at the Sault Area High School with a "Yooper Mardi Gras" theme. For more information call Roxanne at (906) 635 9247, the Kewadin Casino contact is Ed Thorne at (906) 632-0530 ext. 52099.

July 14-15 - 10th Annual Sugar Island powwow and spiritual gathering. Spiritual gathering will be July 14 and powwow July 15 and 16. Grand entries Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. For further information contact Cecil Pavlat at (906) 632-4719.

July 14-16 - Tournament action heats up at Kewadin Casinos. Join us at Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie for our Keno tournament. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 15 August 14 - The Michigan Heart Gallery will be at St. Ignace public library, 110 West Spruce Street, St. Ignace. The Heart Gallery is a photographic exhibit of children in the foster care system that is waiting for a permanent family of their own through adoptions. The Heart Gallery is used to increase awareness about adoption and to recruit families for these children. The Michigan Heart Gallery will be a traveling photographic exhibit of Michigan children who are waiting to be adopted. The exhibit will also feature photographs of families who have adopted children from the foster care system. Professional photographers donated their time to take photos and showcase them on two wall size displays. Visit the Michigan Heart Gallery web site at www.miheart.org for more information.

July 17 - The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting 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.

July 17 - The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 17-August 18 - Body Recall - a safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people. Body Recall is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-10:50 a.m. in the dance room at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The suggested contribution is \$2. Call (906) 635-RINK ext. 51003 for more information.

July 20 - The Sault Tribe Veteran's Group will meet on the third Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Cultural Division, 206 Greenough St. Call Art Leighton at (906) 632-7494 for more information.

July 22 - ATV Rally at Kewadin Manistique at 10 a.m. There will be prizes and trophies for all participants at this event which is free to all! For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

July 24 - The Elderly Advi-

sory Board will meet 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.

July 28 - The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting 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.

August 1 - Board of directors open hours from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the American Legion in Munising, Mich. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings. For questions contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

August 1 - Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Munising at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

August 2 - The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

August 3 - The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

August 4 & August 5 - Constitutional Committee meeting August 4 from 5 - 9 p.m. and August 5 from 8 - 3 p.m., at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. For more information please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

August 7 - Tribal chairperson open office hours are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2 - 6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

August 7 - The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

August 8 - JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting at (906) 635-5055.

August 9 - Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Joseph "Ed" Barras, 75, of Indianapolis, passed away May 31, 2006. He was born Dec. 13, 1930 in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., to Patrick Joseph and Josephine Henrietta Handley Barras, who preceded him in death.

Ed graduated from Loretto High School in 1948 and attended Highland Park Junior College. He retired as superintendent of GM Truck and Bus in 1987, after 32 years of service. Ed served in the U.S. Air Force, was a member of St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church, St. Joseph Knights of Columbus 5290, past grand knight, Fourth Degree Assembly, Goldenaires and Sault Ste. Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Visitation was held June 4 at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel in Indianapolis with a mass of Christian burial on the following day at St. Simon's.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Rita A. Barras; sons, Joseph L., wife Mary R., Thomas M., wife Debbie K., Jeffrey W., wife Kimberly S.; and nine grandchildren, Kellie, Zachary, Shannon, Stephanie, Chelsea, Meghan, Jacob, Luke and Sean.

A brother, Fredrick M. Barras preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society or the American Cancer Society.

John W. Blowers, 52, of Menasha, Wisc., passed away June 6, 2006, in Escanaba. He was born May 24, 1954, in Escanaba and was the son of Delore Brassaw and Elsie Blowers.

He graduated from Escanaba High School in 1972. After high school he worked at Christian Park Health Care Center and, later, with Mead Paper Company. He was employed for the last 25 years at Kimberly Clark Paper Company in Neenah, Wisc.

Family was very important to John and he was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was an avid Detroit Lions Fan.

John W. Blowers is survived by sisters, Mary (Roger) Brannstrom of Rapid River, Bertha (Gilbert) Vallier of Perkins, Jean Couillard of Escanaba, Joan (Terry) Gaudrault of Escanaba; brothers, Lorin Blowers of Escanaba, Harley (Terri) Blowers of Neenah, Glen Blowers of Menominee, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, his brother, Fred Blowers, and sister, LaVonne Blowers, preceded him in death.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Anderson Funeral Home in Escanaba and at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Grant officiating. Burial was in the Gardens of Rest Cemetery.

The Anderson Funeral Home assisted the family.

Bonita Joy (nee Pemble) Ryerse, 65, of St. Ignace and Lansing, passed away Friday, June 16, 2006, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care.

Bonnie was born Feb. 15, 1941, at her grandparents home in St. Ignace, to Blair J. Sr. and Rita (Furlott) Pemble, the oldest of eight children. She attended Ursuline Academy Catholic School through the eighth grade and graduated from LaSalle High School in St. Ignace in 1959. Bonnie attended Northern Michigan University studying music and was a member of the college marching band. She was a resident of St. Ignace all her life until moving to Lansing in 1965.

Bonnie was a former member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic

Church and a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Bonnie had worked for her father in the family business, Pemble Brothers Wholesale, in the early '60s, employed in retail sales at Cut Label in Lansing, Meijer's in Lansing and retired from the Lansing School District in 1999 as a financial transactions clerk after 21 years of service.

Bonnie is fondly remembered for being an accomplished and talented pianist. She loved to entertain at the piano for family and friends at gatherings and did so on numerous occasions through the years. Besides her love for music, she enjoyed reading, watching sports events and movies, golfing, playing cards and bingo. She was most happy when time was spent with family and close friends, sharing laughter and recalling times past.

Throughout her life, Bonnie was always kind and generous to others and will be greatly missed by those who knew her and loved her.

Survivors include four sons and their families, David (Deborah) Ryerse of Dayton, Ohio; Barry (Brooke) Ryerse of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Jon Ryerse of Phoenix, Ariz.; Timothy Ryerse of St.

Ignace; seven grandchildren, Chelsea, Taylor, Alyssa, Lauryn, Denis, Joshua and Marissa. She is also survived by one brother, Blair (Uzz) Pemble, Jr. of St. Ignace; and four sisters, Sue (Donald) Hakola of Rudyard, Jeanne Gabres of Scottsdale, Ariz., Glenda Pemble of Denver, Colo., and Barbara Edgren of Denver, Colo.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both in 1989; and two of her brothers, David Pemble on Dec. 4, 1976, and Bruce Pemble on July 31, 2002. At her request, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at Dodson Funeral Home on June 27 with Fr. Norbert B. Landreville officiating.

Her family received friends at the funeral home. Burial of her remains took place at St. Ignatius Cemetery beside her parents and brothers. Memorials may be directed to the Activities Department of Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care, with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted the family with arrangements.

Vehicles for sale

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department is currently accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following vehicles:

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1994 Dodge Ram 250	157,062
1996 GMC Safari	231,793 miles

All vehicles are on display at 1111-1/2 Easterday Ave., behind the Old Truck Stop in Sault Ste. Marie. All bids must be submitted by July 11, 2006 at 3 p.m.

Submit bids to: Sault Tribe Purchasing
Tamara Leask/Vehicles
2186 Shunk Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

For more information contact Tamara Leask at (906) 635-7035.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

Tribes turn to radio to close gaps

By RICK SMITH

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is a private, non-profit corporation that was created by Congress in 1967. It is not a government agency and it promotes public telecommunications services (television, radio and online) for the American people. The corporation invests in more than 1,000 local radio and television stations along with station services, programs and ideas. These stations reach virtually every household in the country.

According to the CPB, the corporation is the largest single source of funding for public radio and television programming. It funds diverse and innovative programming that's useful, educational and cultural.

Not long ago, the corporation granted \$1.5 million for the establishment of the Center for Native American Radio, which recently opened for business. At this time,

the center helps 33 American Indian operated radio stations with programming, accounting, engineering and fund raising, which is a big challenge for most of the non-commercial operations.

Peggy Berryhill, director of services and planning for the center, said American Indians who live on reservations are often scattered far from each other and radio can decrease the sense of isolation for some of the nation's poorest and most vulnerable people. Proponents say radio stations that serve American Indian interests could help boost morale, provide networking opportunities and give them a sense that they aren't alone.

While the center doesn't provide funding for construction of radio stations, it guides people to money that's available.

Berryhill said American Indian radio stations helps Indian communities maintain their traditions

and sovereignty. "The mission of these stations is about cultural preservation," she said. "It's about economic development for the reservation. It's about having a voice for their communities, an independent media."

Modern technology allows for general programming to be transmitted from a single station over a huge area, such as our tribe's service area, while relay equipment can tailor news, announcements, notices and advertising for specific locales.

At present, 33 American Indian radio stations operate in 11 states.

More information can be found on the Web through the Center for Native American Public Radio at www.cnapr.org, the National Federation of Community Broadcasters at www.nfcb.org and the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program at www.ntia.gov/ptfp.

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YEA Circle of Knowledge offered

The intention of this program will be to further educate our tribal youth in the areas of culture, mathematics, and basic level physics. This program will run from July 5 until Aug. 2. Any student wishing to participate will need to fill out a registration form stating their intent to enroll in the program. Also a parental consent form will need to be filled out prior to acceptance into the program. The deadline for enrollment applications will be Friday, June 30. Class size will be limited to the first fifteen students enrolled due to space constraints. Classes will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week between the hours of one and three p.m. This will be a relaxed learning environment and will provide a good preparation for the ensuing school year. Call James Fair at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300.

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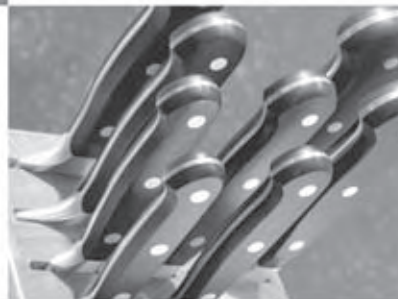
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