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## Briefs

### Munising Community Center

The renovation of the former Lincoln School building in Munising is 80 percent complete.

The 21,000 square foot facility will accommodate ACFS, health services and provide space for community gatherings. Construction, which began in the spring, is two months ahead of schedule. The building should be ready for occupancy by January 1, 2007.

(See photo on page 14).

### 7+2 Litigation Report

The board of directors received an update on Oct. 3, from the tribe's lead attorney Bill Horton, regarding the civil lawsuit against the former chairman, a law firm, and seven former key employees.

According to the verbal report, the judge presiding over the case has confirmed a "hard" trial date of April 16-27, 2007. Depositions were conducted during the past six months and will continue for the next several weeks.

A court-ordered facilitation, which is defined as 'an attempt to resolve the case voluntarily' is set for November 16. The next major event is a case evaluation which is set for Feb. 2, 2007, and is conducted to assign a monetary value to the case including attorney fees, if the case was to proceed to trial. The case evaluation is needed in the event of a settlement only.

The Sault Tribe, which is seeking to collect \$2.6 million that was inappropriately awarded to seven key employees, may be entitled to three times the amount equating to \$7.5 million, if the judge decides the payouts were an act of conversion which is knowingly obtaining property or funds that are not rightfully yours. The report also indicated a forensic audit was conducted and showed the Sault Tribe had excellent checks and balances regarding their accounting practices, and that the method in which the payouts were conducted did not follow company procedures.

A special board meeting to establish clear direction regarding a possible settlement was also discussed. Date and time has not been set.

During depositions, possible election campaign violations involving the former chairman were also identified. Election violations are a criminal offense and possible charges against former Chairman Bernard Bouschor could be pending. The Sault Tribe has not taken any action regarding the alleged violations at this time and has not announced any official investigation.

# Kewadin Shores Casino opens



It's been non-stop activity at Kewadin Shores new casino facility as team members rush to move over 800 slot machines from the old casino to the new one. Above, Dave Welch, left, slot technician, and Pat Burke, slot attendant move a machine onto its new home. The casino in St. Ignace will be closed for less than eight hours during the move.

PHOTO BY ALAN KAMUDA

### By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

ST. IGNACE - Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel in St. Ignace is pleased to announce the opening of its new casino which is scheduled for Friday, Oct 13. The casino features a 25,000 square foot gaming floor with over 800 slots and 26 table games.

"We are all extremely happy to have our new facility entirely operational," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer. "Our team has worked

very hard and overcome a variety of obstacles to get where we are today and we are very proud of all of them."

The décor of the exterior and interior of the facility follows the Tribe's Casino Development Plan creating a "Northern Exposure" theme featuring Native culture, brick, rock and wood. The new development also showcases a rock and water feature by the entertainment lounge area.

Over eighty new team members

were hired to work at the new property, mostly to fill positions at the new hotel, bringing the total workforce in this casino to over 350. "Any time we can bring this number of jobs to an area, it's a good thing for the entire community," said Fred Paquin, Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

The St. Ignace project is the largest development in Kewadin's recent history. The new facility features 152,650 square feet of space compared to 55,650 in the

old facility.

More than 500 employees from more than 40 different companies were subcontracted to complete this project. Nearly eighty percent of all construction employees were local and 100 percent of the subcontractors were local.

The architecture work was completed by Cunningham Group with Skanska group as the main contractor. "There were so many people that helped with the project and I can't even begin to thank all of them. Everyone did an outstanding job," said Aaron Payment, tribal chairperson.

A grand opening will be held on Friday Nov. 10. All customers registering at the Northern Rewards Club will receive a free entry into a drawing for a 2006 Jeep Liberty Renegade grand prize and all players using their Northern Rewards Cards will be eligible for \$25,000 in cash prizes starting at noon. A special \$1.99 breakfast will be offered in the Horseshoe Bay restaurant starting at 6 a.m. and the first 500 customers through the doors will receive a special prize.

Live entertainment will be performed in the Northern Pines Lounge.

Watch the Kewadin Web site at [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) or call 1-800-KEWADIN for more details.

Be sure to see the special 12 page insert in this issue of *The Sault Tribe News* for a close up look at the New Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel.

## Proposal 2 threatens Indian tuition waiver

Part II of a look at the "Michigan Civil Rights Initiative"

### By RICK SMITH

It's called the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative; the goal is to stop affirmative action practices in state supported schools and state government. It appears the initiative is destined to become Proposition 2 on this November's state ballot. The language of the ballot was approved by the Board of State Canvassers last Jan. 20 and reads, "A proposal to amend the state Constitution to ban Affirmative Action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes."

Here's where the danger lurks: Technically, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is not an affirmative action program, however, it

is certainly a state program that gives preferential treatment for education purposes to individuals who can prove they are at least one-quarter of American Indian blood ancestry.

Since the American Indian population is only 1.5 percent of the total overall Michigan population, it is likely most people are unaware of the roots of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (examined in the Sept. 22 issue of *The Sault Tribe News*), neither would they likely be able to differentiate between the waiver and affirmative action programs. Hence, if Proposition 2 passes, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver might also be ceased along with the affirmative action programs.

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## Board requests secretarial election regarding candidate eligibility

MANISTIQUE, Mich.—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors officially approved a request to conduct the first ever "Secretarial Election" in the tribe's 30-year history to amend the tribe's Constitution.

In an effort to follow through on a previous resolution and referendum regarding the issue of employees continuing to serve as board members, the board voted at the Sept. 19 meeting to resolve the issue by conducting a Secretarial Election.

On March 15, 2005, the board of directors adopted Resolution 2005-40, which was subsequently approved by popular referendum on June 10, 2005, with 64 percent of the voters approving the referendum, therefore, mandating the board to "submit the issue of whether employees of the tribe may serve on the board of directors to a vote of the people, at the time of the

constitutional convention." On Jan. 31, 2006, the board accepted the installation of members to the Constitutional Convention Committee.

According to article 10 of the Sault Tribe's Constitution, the Constitution and bylaws "may be amended by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it is approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It is the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon receipt of a resolution passed by the majority of the board."

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# Young skunk rescued



This young skunk was spotted trying to cross Bingham Street onto Hursley Street in the Sault on Sept. 27 about 11 a.m. Noticing the skunk had a drink cup stuck to its head and was unable to see very well, some calls were made to local law enforcement and animal control agencies who were unable to respond at the time.

After about 30 minutes on the phone with no help coming, things were taken into hand and

a search for the skunk began. It was located further down on Hursley Street bumping into things and headed into someone's backyard. The photographer was able to get close enough to pull the cup off the skunk's head.

Above, a young skunk with a MooLatte cup stuck over its head and neck making it difficult to breathe and impossible to eat and drink. Below, rescued at last!

Photos by Brenda Austin



Above: Hawks in silhouette. Right: This hawk was making sweeping glides across a field on Seymour Road in the Sault looking for an afternoon snack.

Photos by Brenda Austin

# Sault Tribe increases minimum wage

Manistique, MI-The Sault Tribe announced they will follow the State's lead and increase their minimum wage in an effort to recognize dedicated Sault Tribe team members and to remain competitive for jobs in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

As a sovereign nation, federally recognized tribes in Michigan are not required to follow state mandates such as minimum wage; however, the Sault Tribe is in agreement that minimum wage increases are justifiable due to a weakening economy.

Minimum wage increases for Sault Tribe team members are scheduled to take effect on October 1. Starting wages will be increased from \$5.15 to \$6.95 per hour, equating to an increase of \$1.80.

Human Resources Director Cheryl Bernier stated, "I think this is a great opportunity for the Tribe to continue to be the employer of choice in the eastern Upper Peninsula and will certainly allow us to be competitive in our recruiting efforts".

According to the Human Resources Department, the increase will currently affect approximately 225 team members with the majority being Kewadin Casino employees. The Sault Tribe is also adjusting the wage

grid of entry level positions to keep parity among those with similar job duties.

Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment added, "I am pleased we are in the position to offer our front-line team members this increase, as it will benefit them the most."

Tony Goetz, Chief Operating Officer of Kewadin Casinos also stated, "The wage increases will impact approximately 151 casino employees who work in primarily non-tipped positions. Additionally, some of the positions that currently have starting wages that are just slightly above the new minimum wage will also be adjusted. All current team members in departments where the starting wage is being adjusted, will receive some sort of hourly pay increase. We are very pleased that the change will impact many of our front-line workers, whom are the backbone of our many successes enjoyed here at Kewadin Casinos."

The Sault Tribe offers a competitive benefit package including 401k, health insurance, long-term disability, supplemental insurance, life insurance, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. To view the latest job openings visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).



Left: Randy McLeod, Jr. bagged his first goose recently with help from his father, Randy McLeod. Photo by Brenda Austin

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# Tribal health centers form partnership with National Marrow Donor Program

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Sault Tribe health centers, in partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), now offer free testing and registration for those wishing to become a potential bone marrow donor. The free testing applies to all minorities, particularly anyone with American Indian ancestry.

According to Kevin Meyer, NMDP Great Lakes region program coordinator, "Because of the huge need for more minority donors, we have decided to focus our efforts where we can do the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people. Accordingly, all testing funds have been diverted to minorities only. Testing and registration for caucasians is not free at this time.

The number of minorities, including American Indians, registered as donors makes it difficult for patients needing a stem cell transplant for diseases such as multiple myeloma, leukemia, lymphoma and forms of anemia to find a matching donor.

Seventy percent of patients



Front sitting is Kevin Meyer, NMDP program coordinator, and standing is Eric Trosko, NMDP recruitment specialist. Health center employees attended a training on how to register potential bone marrow donors.

Photo by Brenda Austin

needing a transplant must look outside their family and hope against great odds to find a match from those who took time to be tested and become registered on the National Marrow Donor

Registry. "Last year only 15 American Indian patients found a match. Many more died looking for a match. We are sure that through our new relationship with the Sault Tribe we can effect

change. We are also thrilled that this innovative approach to registering donors may provide a catalyst to other American Indian groups. In this effort the Sault Tribe will be a leader in appealing to those of American Indian ancestry to provide the life giving cells that so many need," Meyer said.

Becoming registered to be a potential donor is painless and easy. You will be directed to fill out the registration materials and on how to use a cotton mouth swab for your DNA typing. Any Sault Tribe health center can now help you with this free procedure. "We have formed a really good partnership with the tribe and are excited about this opportunity," Meyer said. "Donors will be encouraged to get tested through public service announcements and print ads which will begin soon in your local community. We will also continue to host drives in the U.P. on a regular basis. We are always looking for groups and events that may want to have us attend their function to register

attendees."

According to information released by the National Marrow Donor Program, there are six million people currently registered as potential donors with the NMDP and every day at least 3,000 people look hoping to find a match. The NMDP on average facilitates about 250 transplants a month.

Of concern to the NMDP and those hoping to find a matching donor is the fact that about 50 percent of minorities that are registered and called as a potential match for someone are either unwilling, unable to be located, or medically unable to do so. The NMDP is asking potential donors to be committed if they are a match for a patient and not create false hope, be willing if you register to follow up on the commitment you are choosing to make.

For more information contact the nearest Sault Tribe health center or the Great Lakes Region Office of the National Marrow Donor Program at: Eric Trosko, recruiter, (800) 471-3020 ext. 101 or by email at [etrosko@nmdp.org](mailto:etrosko@nmdp.org).

## Most businesses home-based

By **RICK SMITH**

WASHINGTON, D.C. —

According to two reports on businesses and business owners from the United States Census Bureau released last Sept. 27, almost half, 49 percent, of the nation's businesses are operated from proprietors' homes and more than six in 10 owners used their own money to start the business.

"Home-based businesses collectively generated a remarkable amount of economic activity, especially for women and minorities," noted Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon. "Just released data also show most businesses are started by people and families who dig into their own pockets."

The data also show self-employed individuals who have no paid employees operate three-fourths of U.S. businesses.

The two recently released reports are from surveys regarding business owners and characteristics of businesses taken in 2002.

Other highlights from the reports:

- Home-based businesses made up 56 percent of American Indian and 56 percent of women-owned firms.

- Top industries for home-based businesses were professional, scientific and technical services, construction, retail trade and other services (such as personal services, and repair and maintenance).

- Most businesses are "self-made," people using their own money or family assets for business startups included 77 percent for businesses with paid employees and 59 percent for businesses with no paid employees.

- Top industries for these "self-made" businesses were accommodation and food services, manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade.

- Nearly three in 10, or 28 percent, of all entrepreneurs started or acquired their business with no capital at all.

- Nearly one in 10 U.S. businesses used personal or business credit cards to finance their startups or acquisitions.

- Business owners are highly educated, three in 10 are over 55 and 14 percent are veterans. In 2002, 64 percent of business owners had at least some college education at the time they started or acquired ownership in their business, 23 percent had a bachelor's degree and 17 percent had a graduate degree. Just over one in four owners had a high school education or less.

- Thirty-one percent of owners were more than 55 years of age, 29 percent were between 45 and 54, and 24 percent were between 35 and 44. Only two percent of owners were less than 25 years of age.

- Fourteen percent of business owners in 2002 were veterans; 73 percent of those operated with no paid employees. Nearly seven

percent of veteran business owners were disabled as a result of injury incurred or aggravated during active military service.

- Owners' income, roles and hours vary. When it comes to depending upon a business for income, 70 percent of owners of firms with employees reported that their businesses are their primary source of income, compared to 44 percent of firms without employees.

- More than half of business owners reported their primary function was managing day-to-day operations and producing their business goods and services.

- When it comes to putting in long hours, more than half the owners of firms with paid employees reported working overtime, more than 40 hours a week, on average. Only 26 percent of owners of firms with no employees reported they worked overtime. In fact, 43 percent of owners of firms without employees reported working less than 20 hours a week on average, compared to 20 percent of owners of firms with employees.

More than 2.3 million firms were asked to report information about the characteristics of up to three individuals with the largest share of ownership; additional owners were not surveyed regarding characteristics. Owners had the option of selecting more than one race and are included in all races they selected.

## Dr. Vivica Sherman "Best of the Best"



In a recent survey of readers of The Evening News, the annual "Best of the Best" awards were voted on. Sault Tribe Health Center pediatrician, Dr. Vivica Sherman was named the best pediatrician in the survey area. "Since it is coming from my patients I think it is great. It means I do something right, we are here for them," Sherman said.

Photo by Brenda Austin

## Attention Vietnam-offshore veterans and their spouses

SUBMITTED BY **JAMES SHOGREN**

Vietnam-Offshore Veterans who have a disability, considered presumptive due to herbicide exposure and who served in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia or on Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam, you may be entitled to VA benefits and should file a claim or if previously denied you should reopen your claim. A recent U.S. Court of appeals decision stated the VA had been

illegally denying claims to those who did not actually step foot in Vietnam but were in the war zone. If you are the widow/widower of a veteran who was previously denied and who died of one of the following diseases, you may be eligible for Dependents Indemnity Compensation from the VA. Presumptive diseases due to herbicide exposure: Chlorache, Type II diabetes, Hodgkin's disease, Chronic lymphocytic

leukemia, multiple myeloma, acute and sub-acute peripheral neuropathy, prostate cancer, respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea), porphyria cutanea tarda, soft tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaosi's sarcoma or mesothelioma). The VA is appealing this decision and it may be overturned, but just in case you should have your claim on file. For further informa-

tion or to file a claim you should contact Jim Shogren, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs at (906) 635-6370 or your veterans organization service officer.

Mailing address is:  
Chippewa County Veterans Affairs  
319 Court Street, third floor  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Startling new revelations in lawsuit against Bouschor



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

The following information has come to light during the discovery phase of our law suit to recover the \$2.66 million Bernard Bouschor and seven others stole from the Tribe on Election night 2004. To fully understand the scope of the corruption Bouschor and the seven others participated in, Members need to hear the details. I am writing this material myself to avoid newspaper staff from further undue attacks by Bouschor on his salacious website.

It is important to note that at the very first meeting following the 2006 election, Directors Hoffman and Abramson, verbalized their support for limiting what Board members should be able to write in their reports to the Members. Anyway you slice it, folks, that is censorship, and creates a barrier between you and those whom you elect to represent you. Until the Board votes to censor my reports, I will continue to update you on details of our lawsuit. Some of the facts we have identified are as follows:

- Defendant Joe Paczkowski gave a sworn statement under oath and by penalty of perjury, that a Lansing lobbyist hired to represent our Tribe, participated in campaign activity for Bouschor. This took the form of election polls. Our Tribal Election laws and Membership Code prohibit this. Given their improper activity, I immediately terminated their continued representation for our Tribe because I find their actions no different that the Abramoff scandals.
- Miller Canfield, individuals from the law firm that coached Bouschor on how to take the \$2.66 million from the Membership, also participated in making illegal (Tribal law) campaign contributions (presumably to keep their contract with the Tribe in the event Bouschor was re-elected). Recall, in a previous report, I noted that an attorney at this law firm, Kevin Moody, testified that he contributed several thousands of dollars to Bouschor's campaign by paying a vendor directly to avoid our campaign laws. Also recall, that Moody testified that a law firm partner also contributed money similarly.
- A research firm, Mitchell Research, hired to lobby for a Sault Tribe Romulus casino, produced most of Bouschor campaign materials (we have actual copies of what they produced). Again,

this is a clear violation of Tribal Election laws for Bouschor to have involved outside non-Tribal individuals in our election. A partial list of materials this firm produced includes:

- A letter supposedly authored by Theresa DeLorme (Bouschor's retired secretary) attacking Mike Lumsden for allegedly being a woman abuser and me for supporting a woman abuser. It also noted that I planned to run for Chairperson (11/2003);
- A letter supposedly authored by various individuals attacking Todd Gravelle during his attempt to be elected during the special advisory election to fill Lumsden's seat when he was removed. The position was filled by Gravelle's opponent Paul Shagen;
- An attack letter supposedly from Ilene Moses (the letter was actually mis-labeled Irene Moses - suggesting she didn't produce the letter herself) opposing Bernard Bouschor's opponents;
- The 'Unity Team' mailers which campaigned to reelect Bouschor, and among others, Cathy Abramson, and Kim Gravelle. Recall that Director Abramson voted against suing Bouschor and the seven to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night. Note also, that Kim Gravelle has attended several Tribal Board meetings to express her opposition to the litigation.
- Emails drafted for individuals (including family members of the litigants) to be critical of candidates opposing Bernard Bouschor's 2004 re-election.

A number of other items have been revealed during the deposition phase of the litigation. These shows the conspiracy these individuals participated in:

- \$2.66 million in checks cut for seven people, then deleted off the computer accounting system to cover their tracks and prevent the Controller from catching this activity and reporting it to the authorities;
- \$2.66 million in checks converted to cashier's checks to avoid the ability to stop payment. Defendant Jolene Nertoli testified that she converted her check to a cashier's check to prevent the Tribe from being able to stop payment.
- An additional expense of full health care insurance at the Tribe's costs for two years to the defendants. Tribal Members who reside outside of the service area receive no health coverage from the Tribe and those in the service area are limited to clinic visits and contracted health coverage only for life threatening illnesses.
- Defendant Joe Paczkowski, testified under oath that he was the author of anonymous 'Peter Parker' emails and web page which attacked political opponents to Bouschor and Shagen and accused others of having committed crimes. Paczkowski is currently running for Chippewa

County Board of Directors for the Kinross/ Kincheloe area;

- Defendants depose Tribe on 'White Wednesday' article published in the Sault Evening News** and 'Federal Indian Preference' hiring policy which is permitted by federal law. It appears the defendants will characterize the Tribe as racists and that the Evening News contributed to creating an environment where the defendants would file a motion for a venue outside of Chippewa County;
- Bouschor shuts down Tribal offices on the afternoon after the 2004 election results were announced to allow for defendants to steal office computers, work files, and other items belonging to the Tribe. Much of this is caught on video surveillance camera;
- Bouschor empties the Chairperson's office including all files related to Romulus, St. Ignace casino expansion, computers, desk, shelves, furniture, and even a head dress gifted to the Tribe by former Chairperson Fred Hatch (caught on video);

I will continue to report on these items to the Membership as I learn of them. At this point, I believe it is necessary to hire an outside special prosecutor to investigate and prosecute Bernard Bouschor for whatever criminal acts he engaged in his attempt to win at all costs. We will hire an outside prosecutor to avoid any appearance of impropriety given the Tribal Prosecutor reports to the Tribal Board and the Chairperson in the organization chart. This not a political decision but is a judicial decision.

## EVENING NEWS COINS TERM 'WHITE WEDNESDAY': BOARD GRANTS PREFERENCE IN ADS

Again, with the defendants filing a motion for a venue outside of Chippewa County - to hear our case, it appears more than coincidental that for the last two years, that the Sault Evening News has continually characterized our Tribe as racist by coining the term 'White Wednesday' for the Tribe's layoff of eight upper level casino staff for which the Board granted severances. The Evening News has characterized our federal Indian preference hiring policies as somehow racist.

Immediately after the Evening News created the term 'White Wednesday' I conferred with the Governmental and Casino Executive team to discuss discontinuing paying for ads in a paper that would be so blatantly biased in their reporting. Since this time we have not suffered in hiring in that we have an applicant to job vacancy ratio of nearly 7 to 1 and our representation of Members has increased in overall Tribal employment by 4% from 59% to 63%. So we are not hurting for applicants and our Members are certainly not disadvantaged. If anything, our Members are advantaged by having exclusive opportunity by viewing posting in

our own Tribal paper.

All our adult Members receive the Tribal paper. We have extended the period by which we post positions to 4 to 6 weeks to allow for maximum exposure to the Members. In this event, there is truly no business or economic or even social benefit to our Members by forcing our Human Resources Department to spend up to \$10,000 advertising in a paper that has characterized our Tribe as racists in their reporting using terms like 'White Wednesday.' I find it especially insulting that the Board will not appropriate an additional amount to ensure those Members who live outside of the UP receive their paper timely but have no qualms about unnecessarily funding a paper that appears to have participated in a scheme to avoid the 7 + 1 + 1 case from being heard in the community it affects.

## TRIBAL ELDERS DRAFT BOARD DRESS CODE

In my Chair's report last month, I published a letter submitted to the Tribal Board from the Elder Advisory Board which is comprised of representatives from all of our official elder groups from all units of the Tribe. The Elders voted unanimously to submit the letter to the Tribal Board of Directors. Additionally, in holding meetings around the service area, Members have commented on what they characterize as the unprofessional dress of the some of the Board with some wearing worn out t-shirts and jeans. The Elders felt strongly enough that they voted to suggest to the Board that we pass a dress code. The following is what they drafted:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby submits itself to mandates of the BOARD DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE CODE, a copy of which is attached:

## BOARD DRESS & PERSONAL APPEARANCE CODE

A well groomed, professional appearance is part of the overall commitment to excellence and quality of service to the tribal membership;

As a representative of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, you are expected to maintain the image of professionalism and dress appropriately;

Tennis shoes, blue jeans, tee shirts, and sweat shirts are not considered appropriate attire.

Dress down days do not apply to Board members.

Heading the advice of our Elders, I will place their resolution on the November 7, 2006 Tribal Board meeting agenda and report to you the outcome.

## ATTENTION DETROIT AREA MEMBERS

If you would like to be contact-

ed by other Detroit area Members, please contact my office and I will share with you email addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses for those who have given their information for this purpose. This is a volunteer driven process and no Tribal records will be released.

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

## MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Format: We open up the floor for questions from Members and updates are given. If you have any questions about the meetings, please call me toll free at: (888) 94-AARON.

Unit 1: 6 p.m. - 10/24/06  
(Sault at Kewadin Casino)

Unit 2: 6 p.m. - 10/18/06  
(Newberry at Tribal Center)

Unit 3: 6 p.m. - 10/25/06  
(St. Ignace at McCann School)

Unit 4: 6 p.m. - 11/8/06  
(Escanaba: Location TBA)

Unit 5: 6 p.m. - 11/15/06  
(Marquette: Location TBA)

Tri-County Detroit Area  
6 p.m. - 11/19/06  
(Detroit at Greektown Casino)

Northern Lower Michigan  
6 p.m. - 10/27/06  
(Cheboygan High School)

Mid Michigan  
6 p.m. - 10/26/06  
(Okemos, MI/ Nokomis Center)

**Remember  
to vote!!  
Some very  
important  
issues will  
be on the  
ballot this  
year  
and the only  
way to be a  
voice is to  
vote.  
Miigwech,  
Aaron**

# Potential threat to Indian tuition waiver looming

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Hence, if Proposition 2 passes, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver might also be ceased

along with the affirmative action programs. The history of inconsistent administration of the waiver by state supported universities attests to the possibility of the waiver's demise.

While most university administrators were reluctant to speak on the situation, one said under condition of anonymity that if the initiative passes, the waiver would undoubtedly be, "threatened, if not killed out-



Jennifer Gratz



Ward Connerly

right."

Jennifer Gratz sued the University of Michigan in the late 1990s over its undergraduate admissions policies after failing to gain acceptance into the school. Now she is leading the charge to ban public affirmative action programs in Michigan.

Gratz and her comrades have been accused of misleading signers of their petitions to get the measure on the November ballot. They are alleged to have been

less than honest with the public about what their proposal will do because, for example, the term "civil rights" is linked, in most peoples' minds, with advocating support for affirmative action. The organization was also accused of other misleading tactics such as outright fraud.

Ward Connerly, a black businessman from California, is a backer and mentor of the Michigan effort to see the initiative passed as it was in California

and Washington. Connerly is president and chief executive officer of Connerly and Associates, Inc., a Sacramento-based association management and land development consulting firm founded in 1973.

Connerly was appointed to a 12-year term as a University of California Board of Regents in March of 1993. As a member of the regents, Connerly focused attention on the University's race-based system of preferences in

its admissions policy. On July 20, 1995, a majority of the regents voted to end the university's use of race as a means for admissions.

According to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Web site, Connerly accepted chairmanship of the California Civil Rights Initiative in December of 1995 when he decided the campaign was in jeopardy. Under his leadership, the campaign successfully obtained more than a million signatures and qualified for the November 1996 ballot. California voters passed the proposition by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin.

Contenders against the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative include Governor Jennifer Granholm, University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, the organization called By Any Means Necessary, another called One United Michigan among more individuals and groups.

There has already been plenty of heated debate, court challenges and rhetoric on this matter and it is likely to increase on the airwaves as the election draws near.

## Proposal 2's affect on the Sault Tribe

*According to Sault Tribe Education Division Director Angeline Matson, "Over 1.5 million dollars for college tuition is waived for Sault Tribe members annually through the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program." This amount actually rivals the amount the Sault Tribe budgets from gaming revenue. Losing the waiver, would present a tremendous financial hardship for Sault Tribe members seeking a college education. The Sault Tribe and the other 11-federally recognized tribes in Michigan would have to consider the idea of replacing the program with tribal funds to assist members in the absence of the waiver program. "With 93 to 95 percent of our net revenue already used to cover essential services for members, it would be very difficult to find additional dollars from other services to cover this shortfall" explained Chairperson Aaron Payment. Chairperson Payment further elaborated, "Coming from a poverty background, I simply would not have been able to obtain my bachelors degree and master's degree without the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. We are only now scratching the surface with educational opportunity for American Indians." This worthwhile benefit for Native Americans living throughout Michigan could very well be a thing of the past, if Proposal 2 passes.*

## GSA woos American Indian businesses

BY RICK SMITH

The United States General Services Administration (GSA) is the centralized federal procurement agency for the U.S. government. It acquires goods and services needed by all federal entities. The GSA was created in 1949 by Congress to improve government efficiency and help federal agencies better serve the public. The agency also plays a key role in developing and implementing government-wide policies and providing services and solutions to enhance accuracy and speed to inquiries from citizens.

Lurita Doan, administrator of the GSA, told a group of American Indian business leaders forum last Sept. 18 in Washington, D.C., the agency is recommitting to ensure the Indian business community has the opportunity to become active partners with the agency in providing goods and services to the federal government.

"You bet the GSA is reaching out to the Native American business community," Doan said. "We want to ensure that you know what's necessary to succeed in the federal procurement process. We will take the necessary steps to

make certain you all have every opportunity to participate in the federal contracting arena."

Doan met with the business leaders at the GSA/Native American business community forum, which included representatives from the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the U.S. Department of Interior, to outline plans for increasing American Indian participation in federal contracting opportunities. The plans include increasing federal support to the GSA Native American Business Center, increasing the agency's extensive national and regional outreach to American Indian businesses and tribes and establishing an American Indian/GSA business development task force.

According to the agency's Web site, the GSA has a strong history of supporting Native American small business owners at both its national headquarters and 11 GSA regional offices throughout the United States. GSA offers small business development workshops for Native American small business owners, maintains close ties to the National Congress

of American Indians and is also a partner in the National Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Business Trade Fair.

The agency's national Native American Business Center will reach out to American Indian businesses by supplying facilities, supplies and technology to support economic prosperity and streamline the acquisition process. In addition, the center will provide resources and information that will assist them in learning how to obtain government contracts and marketing their product. Finally, the center will coordinate American Indian populations with federal, state, and local agencies, businesses and industries in providing contract opportunities throughout Indian Country.

The center helps American Indian business development by supplying facilities, supplies and technology to support economic prosperity and streamline the acquisition process. It also provides resources and information to assist them in obtaining government contracts and marketing their products to federal customers.

## Board requests secretarial election regarding candidate eligibility

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The resolution stated, "It is the desire and intent of the board, that a secretarial election be held for the purpose of amending the tribe's Constitution, Article IV, Section 3, to impose additional restrictions on the qualifications of the members of the board of directors."

Section 3 of Article IV of the tribe's constitution, outlines the eligibility requirements to run for office, which only states that, "members of the board shall be qualified voters of the tribe, eighteen years of age or over."

The secretarial election seeks to gain a vote of the membership pertaining to "restrictions on eligibility to hold elected office." If approved, the amendment would add the following stipulations to

the Constitution:

"Any person elected or appointed to a position on the board, who is either an employee or independent contractor of the tribe shall voluntarily resign his or her employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the tribe prior to assuming the duties of office or taking the oath of office. Failure to voluntarily resign and/or terminate the contractual relationship with the tribe shall bar the elected or appointed individual from assuming the duties of office or taking the oath of office."

The board's decision to bring this issue to a secretarial election is pursuant to Resolution 2005-40 and its subsequent approving popular referendum. Upon certification of the election results

by the Secretary of the Interior, the results of the secretarial election will be conclusive and give clear direction as to how the tribe should proceed regarding this issue, and thus will determine whether or not the preceding stipulations will be added to the tribe's Constitution. Conducting a vote of the membership regarding this issue will fulfill the purpose and intent of tribal resolution 2005-40.

If the amendment is adopted, the amendment would take effect during the next scheduled election, following its inclusion into the Constitution. The amendment would not immediately affect current board members who may be in conflict with the new requirement.

## Work begins on movie about tribe members' ancestor



Delores LeVeque, a great-great-great granddaughter of Powers of the Air. Film companies are working on a movie called Face in the Rock based on a book of the same name.

BY RICK SMITH

Last August, scouting parties from Los Angeles and New York were in the Sault Ste. Marie and Munising areas looking over terrain, resources and recruits. They were scouting for the Back 40 Films production of A Face in the Rock.

The movie is based on a 1995 book of the same name written by Loren Graham. The author is an historian with ties to Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

James Ludwig of Back 40 Films has roots in Iron River, Mich., but now lives in New York. He came upon the idea of making a movie version of A Face in the Rock after his father, a Sault physician, recommended he read the story.

The story opens in the mid-1600s and concludes with the resurgence of American Indian nations in the 1970s.

According to a synopsis of the book, the primary setting of the story is Grand Island, eight miles long and four miles wide off the south shore Lake Superior, which was once home to a sizable community of Chippewa Indians who lived in harmony with the land and with each other. Their tragic demise began in the early 1800s when fellow tribesman from the mainland goaded them into waging war against rival Sioux. The war party was decimated and only one young brave, Powers

of the Air, lived to tell the story that celebrated the heroism of his band and formed the basis of the legend that survives today.

The book is a narrative of the intimate relationship between place and people. Powers of the Air lived to witness the desecration of Grand Island by the fur and logging industries, the missionaries and the near total loss of the Chippewa language, history and culture.

The story ends with events leading to the federal recognition of American Indian tribes in the latter 1900s.

One descendent of Powers of the Air, Delores LeVeque, estimates there are about 265 descendents from Powers of the Air. LeVeque is a great-great-great-granddaughter of Powers of the Air and lives in the setting of the story along with some of the artifacts mentioned.

"The water well that is spoken of in the book still exists," said LeVeque. "We drew water from it when I was a child. To think that Powers of the Air used this well and drew water from it and roamed the acreage we now live on is just a fantastic memory I have with much joy."

Ludwig, of Back 40 Films, couldn't say with certainty when the film crews will return for the long haul shooting, but it appears crews will be making sporadic visits for various reasons until then. Ludwig said he and the rest of the crew were very pleased with the settings found in the U.P. for shooting and they will rely heavily on the Bay Mills Indian Community along with our tribe for consulting assistance, shooting crew help and casting. "We invite anyone who is interested in working on either side of the camera to get in touch with us via our Web site so that everyone will be on the same page about developments," he said. Ludwig explained some of the people involved with the film come from New York and "all may access the Web site to keep current on our progress."

The project's Web site is at [www.faceintherock.com](http://www.faceintherock.com).

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Oct. 24 at 9 a.m.

# Board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Sept. 19 in Manistique. Board member Lana Causley was absent.

Approved resolutions: Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.

The board submitted a request through the Bureau of Indian Affairs to change Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to read: The members of the board shall be qualified voters of the tribe 18 years of age or over.

Any person elected or appointed to a position on the board who is either an employee or independent contractor of the tribe shall voluntarily resign his or her employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the tribe prior to assuming the duties of the office or taking the oath of office. Failure to voluntarily resign and/or terminate the contractual relationship with the tribe shall bar the elected or appointed individual from assuming the duties of office or taking the oath. The results of such a "Secretarial Election" shall be conclusive and binding

upon the tribe. Board members Robert LaPoint, Fred Paquin and Denise Chase abstained from voting while board members Cathy Abramson and Keith Massaway opposed the measure.

Trust land unit sales were extended from five years to 10 years. Board members DJ Hoffman, Tom Miller and Abramson abstained while board member Paquin opposed.

The minimum wage for tribal employees was raised to \$6.95 per hour.

The board adjourned and met for another meeting on Oct. 3 in Munising. Board member Abramson was absent. Minutes were approved for meetings on Aug 8, 28-29, Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2006. Board member Causley abstained from voting on the minutes of the Sept. 19 meeting.

Changes in Contract Health Services were adopted in policies and procedures to better control expenditures including but not limited to re-negotiation of health service rates with contracted providers and pharmacies; create program accounts to separate area funding agreement funding from the Indian Health Service and tribal support funds in which all voucher requests will

be reviewed, regardless of age, and placed in the appropriate cost center based on established medical priority and other cost saving strategies.

The budget for about 33 services, mostly health related, were authorized tribal support funding at 2006 levels until approval of the 2007 budget. Board member Todd Gravelle abstained.

A special support request of \$52,334 for behavioral health and HIV prevention funding through Dec. 31 if no other source is found.

The board authorized the tribal chairman to create, or cause to be created, a monthly report to the board of directors reporting any expenditures that were not previously budgeted stating the amount, cost center, date and reason the expenditure took place. These reports will be marked and held confidential, will be due by the 31st of each month and placed in the board FYI packets. Board member Shirley Petosky opposed the measure.

The board of directors meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and all tribe members are invited to attend. Call (906) 635-6050 for meeting sites.

# Lincoln School work is awesome



**Keith Massaway**  
Unit III Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The leaves on the trees are in full color and are such a beautiful sight as I travel through the Upper Peninsula to my various meetings. On Oct. 3 we had our regular board meeting in Munising. In the morning I went on a walking tour of the old Lincoln School Building. The tribe has taken a discarded school building in the center of town and they have completely remodeled and refurbished it into a truly awesome community center. The first floor is the main gathering area for the community. It has a large room with a kitchen attached to handle groups or small events. There is also a conference room and offices. On the second floor is the medical clinic. This floor also has offices for ACFS and other social programs and also the traditional healers have offices and a medicine room. On the third floor is a walking track and a physical fitness area. The entire building should be ready to occupy in February.

Our Unit III meeting was again well attended and many questions were asked, some pertained to employment, some about elder services and other were general

questions on upcoming events. We gave a brief rundown on all of the current projects of the tribe and how work is progressing on our sprung structure, which should be opening as you read this article. Our unit meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the McCann Community Building.

Many of our meetings at the board level are on the upcoming budgets for the fiscal year. We are going through them painstakingly. I have to commend our team members in the medical field. They have worked very hard to find ways that policies and resources can be used to increase the effectiveness of our health care and to streamline our costs. We enacted many of their recommendations at the Munising meeting.

I have had a phone call asking why I do not say much during the televised meetings. Quite frankly it is because we generally meet early in the day and spend hours getting and discussing information on the topics we are to vote on later in the day. When we arrive at the televised meeting at 6 p.m. that night I have done all of my information gathering on the topic and have formed my opinion on how I will vote. In order not to extend the meeting (which sometimes last until midnight) I refrain from making many comments. I now realize this is misconstrued and will from now on make my opinions and concerns in front of the cameras so the members who are not in attendance can see my rational on how I am voting.

Again thank you for your calls and feel free to contact me with any concerns.  
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## Membership Q & A

**Q:** I recently graduated from college and in doing so I incurred some debt with student loans. Will the tribe help me with paying these off?

**A:** No. The tribe does offer financial assistance for higher education but in order to receive this, a member must be currently enrolled into a college or university along with submitting an application with the tribe's Education Department. The two programs offered are the Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program and the Higher Education Grant Program. For more information on these programs or to submit an application, call Janice Lewton at (906) 635-7784 or e-mail at [edujanic@saulttribe.net](mailto:edujanic@saulttribe.net).

**Q:** My brother recently told me that I do not have to use a state license if I go fishing on the Great Lakes, is this true?

**A:** Partially, but there is more to this. A tribe member who engages in recreational fishing on the Great Lakes 1836 Treaty waters is not required to have in

his or her possession a state fishing license, but they must have their tribal identification card on them at all times. This is pursuant to the 2000 Consent Decree, Chapter V. It must also be understood that there are boundaries on lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior that were set forth in the 1836 Treaty and you must stay within them. If you would like a map of the allowable areas you may contact Clarence Hudak, at (888) 942-2766.

If you have any other questions regarding history or culture, contact the tribe's Cultural Department at 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, (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 e-mail them at [dmalloy@saulttribe.net](mailto:dmalloy@saulttribe.net).



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## SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### HEALTH COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies (different units)

### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Commercial Fisherman Vacancy

### ELECTION 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  
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## Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

Date	Time	Unit/Location
Oct. 20/21	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Nov. 3/4	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Nov. 17/18	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Dec. 1/2	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Dec. 15/16	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 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.

# Working hard to represent you at home and at the national level



**Cathy Abramson**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Chi megwetch to all those who planned and participated in the dedication of the Sault Tribe Veterans' Memorial. Special thanks to veteran Ed Cook who presented the idea and stayed with it to fruition. Thank you to all of you who have and continue to fight for our country. Please keep them in your prayers.

Through the bureau, we have obtained a VISTA worker who will help us plan and develop our volunteer program. This volunteer program will match the needs of our direct program services to the gift or talent of the volunteer. With an organized volunteer program, we will be able to recruit, retain and promote our volunteers. It is my hope that it will help foster our community spirit.

I am also pleased that our Unit I members will once again have an opportunity to be informed of job openings by reading our local newspaper. All other units, plus the Cheboygan area, continued to have jobs posted while ours was cancelled. At a board meeting, I requested that our H.R. department begin posting all job descriptions in the *Sault Evening News* again. All board members voted in support with Director

Chase voting no.

Our board voted to support funding for the Escanaba Health Center to move into a more adequate and accessible health office. I supported this and I believe our board made a sound financial decision that was based on the needs of our tribe members in the western end of the U.P.

The "double dipping" issue was recently brought before our board on two separate occasions. The first time, the resolution was referred to our Constitutional Convention Committee with the majority of the board approving it. I supported this because this is process that was sanctioned by the board to make the necessary changes to our Constitution. Once the committee makes all the recommended changes to our Constitution, they will go to the vote of the people in a Secretarial Election. It was by resolution again to the board with different wording. I voted no because I believe that we should follow the process that we set in place which would be referring it to the Constitutional Convention Committee. We need to respect their role and the governmental reform process our board of directors established.

Even though there is a brand new sewer treatment plant that is now in operation in the Canadian Sault, Sugar Islanders still report high E-coli counts in the St. Mary's River. We are very fortunate to have active community members and leaders involved in trying to combat this very serious health issue that our people are faced with. Thank you to Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Carl Levin, Congressman Bart Stupak and State Representative Gary McDowell for all the efforts you all have made to address this issue. I am happy to inform you that the Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First

Nation and Bay Mills Tribal Councils have all agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with our tribe to work together to urge the U.S. and Canada to take care of their responsibility to preserve and restore our St. Mary's River. A formal signing ceremony will take place in Bay Mills in early November.

I would like to thank our elders who have been so supportive in our efforts to get the Canadian government to assume their responsibility in the clean up of our St. Marys River. Let me tell you just how effective you have been. The Michigan Indian Elders Association approved a resolution in support of the protecting and restoring our waters. At this writing, I am attending the National Congress of American Indians. When the list of resolutions came out, we were extremely happy to find that the National Indian Office on Aging Commission sponsored Resolution SAC-06-074 – To Protect the Waters of the Great Lakes As Well as the Waterways Running Next To Or Within Tribal Lands As National Resources. Robert Chicks, our NCAI midwest regional vice president, Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and I met with Mr. De LaCruz and got his permission to make an amendment to the proposed resolution. I had the honors of presenting this resolution and its amendments to the Environmental Committee and it passed with strong support. We now have the NCAI, which consists of tribes across the nation supporting our efforts. Again, thank you to our elders. Your voices were heard throughout Indian Country this week!

H.R. 4766, a bill which passed in the House, for the purpose of funding language preservation projects, will be up for vote in the Senate as a first item on the agenda during the Lame Duck

session. This bill shows a strong possibility of passing, with no holds placed on it requesting modifications. This bill will create competitive grants for the creation of language immersion schools, language nests and language survival schools. Our tribe would be eligible to compete for one of these grants.

Now the not so good news. Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (No Child Left Behind Act under President Bush) is a heated topic within Indian communities. It appears that this reauthorization process will take at least a year and probably become part of 2008 presidential election platforms. Under this Act is an Indian piece of legislation, Title VII, which permits the funding of programs that use language and culture to teach our children. The creation of No Child Left Behind has placed pressure on this program to emphasize math and reading and push culture and language programs aside. Tribes are calling for meaningful consultation with the U.S. Department of Education before the new legislation is written and placed before Congress.

There was some controversy regarding the restructuring that took place within the BIA. The new Bureau of Indian Education has been formed, which included an addition of seven new high level supervisory positions. Many tribes feel that this was done without and meaningful consultation. Furthermore the funding of this restructuring came from the school funding which is ISEP money. There are three current lawsuits between tribes and the US Department of the Interior concerning this lack of consultation.

Significant dangers exist within the field of Indian gaming. H.R. 4893, a bill which would decrease off-reservation gaming

rights and (more importantly) threaten the very nature of tribal sovereignty is expected to be brought to the House floor for another vote during the upcoming months. S2078 is a dangerous bill which is designed to take regulatory power over gaming operations away from the tribes and give it to the federal government. Significant danger exists that portions of the legislation will be added to other bills going up for vote. Additionally, the National Indian Gaming Commission is pushing federal regulation of Class II games which would result in economic collapse of non-compact tribes which engage in Class II games.

On Sept. 29, 2006, the last day of the pre-election session of Congress, S.1057, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2006, failed to pass in the Senate. The House is not marking it up because they are waiting for the two Republican senators whose objections remain and have blocked the bill from proceeding.

It is important that you get involved. Make sure that you get out and vote. In Michigan, a proposed Constitutional amendment will be on the ballot. Vote no on Proposal Two! This amendment would immediately eliminate opportunities for women and minorities in education, jobs and contracts. It would have a damaging impact on our Anishinaabe people. Michigan would be taking a giant step backward in the progress it has made toward equal opportunity. Get out and vote! Vote no on Proposal Two!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call me at (906) 322-3823 or (906) 635-3054. My e-mail address is cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Constitutional amendment to be sent to the people for approval



**Todd K. Gravelle**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The tribe's board of directors voted on Sept. 19, 2006, to submit the issue of whether employees may serve as members of the board of directors to a "vote of the people" in the form of a constitutional amendment. This vote is long overdue, and as the author

and sponsor of this amendment, I was deeply pleased by the level of support from my fellow board members to finally address this issue once and for all. This is truly a momentous occasion! In over the 30 years since our tribe has achieved federal recognition, no constitutional amendment has ever been sent to the people for consideration. I am proud to have led this effort.

The following board members voted to send this amendment to the membership for consideration: Dennis McKelvie, D.J. Hoffman, Shirley Petoskey, Joe Eitrem and Tom Miller. Chairperson Aaron Payment also voted to send this issue to the people as he was allowed to cast a vote on this issue since it pertained to a constitutional amendment.

Directors Fred Paquin, and Denise Chase (as employees of the Tribe) voluntarily abstained from this constitutional amendment vote as did Bob Lapoint.

Cathy Abramson and Keith Massaway voted no to not send this issue to the people for a vote.

It is my belief that it is an inherent "conflict of interest" to be an employee and member of the board of directors since one position cannot supervise the other. There are real and concrete examples that I will provide to the membership on why this is an unsound practice which breeds corruption.

Perhaps the starkest example of this conflict of interest is that Fred Paquin, the tribe's chief of police (in a sworn affidavit) was offered a contract buyout by the former chairman shortly after the election. Instead of launching a formal investigation of his "supervisor," the moment he knew of the former chairman's intentions to pillage the tribe, he instead chose to sit on this information until he was formally questioned by tribal attorneys representing the tribe in this case. Why did he

not take any affirmative measures to protect the assets of our tribe the moment he learned of this?

The real question that I have is, what did he know and when did he know it, and did he not have a duty to the tribe to act on this information? Tribe members all know that Paquin supported the former chairman in his bid for re-election. Did his allegiance to the former chairman cloud his judgment? This is the conflict of interest that I have been talking about all along.

There are a host of other important issues and resolutions that I plan to bring to the table for consideration, namely:

1. Independent investigation of the St. Ignace casino debacle.
2. Independent auditing of our tribal rolls.
3. Release of governmental salaries for public view.
4. Adoption of a tribal freedom of information act.
5. Maternity leave policy.

6. Prescription drug plan for all tribe members.

As the author and chief sponsor of these resolutions, I plan to push hard to see that these and other important issues are addressed and voted upon by the board of directors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to openly welcome the newly admitted members of the tribe and strongly encourage all members to exercise their right to vote and register with the tribe so that they can weigh-in on these important issues. I will ask the editor of our newspaper to include registration forms and other voting information on a continuous basis in our newspaper to help explain and facilitate this process. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or by phone at: (906) 635-5740.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of *The Sault Tribe News*. You can call enrollment

# Knowledge is empowering



**D.J. Hoffman**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors  
*"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family."* -Kofi Annan

Information is a key to success in many areas. Without adequate information, businesses fail, governments flounder, and progress is stifled. It is imperative that information is shared within the tribe. **Leadership needs** access to **information** to assist them in making the best decisions on behalf of the membership of this tribe. **Employee's need information** to do their respective jobs correctly. The **membership needs information** to understand what is happening, and how they can ensure that we continue to progress towards enhancing the future of our tribe.

## Information empowers all of us!!!!

Unfortunately, we as leaders do not, at times, have all of the information to perform our duties effectively. Knowledge is power, and in this case – some would seek to maintain that status quo. In the next few weeks, months, and even years, I will be working to ensure that no one person holds all of the information regarding the contracts, lawsuits, budgets, business, proposals, plans, ect. of this tribe. All leaders should have this information. All members should know the facts.

The difference between facts and allegations must also be distinguished. In this paper you will see many "allegations." All of which are only substantiated by rumor or insinuation. This is no way to lead, or govern. You deserve better. You deserve responsible, progressive leadership. You deserve the truth!

In my last report I discussed the issues of Double Dipping, the Escanaba building, and economic development. In the following, I will give you an update of the board's progress in these areas:

### DOUBLE DIPPING (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

The board has voted to send out a Constitutional Amendment on this issue. Once and for all the debate over whether a board member can serve simultaneously as an employee will be addressed by you, the membership.

My vote on this issue was to send it to the membership for

a majority vote of the people. While some may disagree with the vote that I cast, it will ultimately be the will of the membership that decides on this issue by their respective votes. I have stayed consistent in my vote, and believe that the membership has the right to decide the criteria for their elected officials.

### ESCANABA

I am very please to say that the board has worked together to provide a new, leased, facility for health services. This facility will triple the space of the former, inadequate, facility while maintaining similar facility expenditures.

This just shows that we can do more for our membership without expending exorbitant funds. Researching alternatives, as well as collaborative debate can lead to productive results for our members in all units. When we keep an open mind, are informed of all options, and throw politics out the window – we can actually get things done.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

October 10, 2006 – I will be introducing a resolution to re-establish our Economic Development Commission. This will not be the same commission, as in the past. This commission will be comprised of the board of directors, as well as tribe members with no external conflicts of interest. We will, hopefully, pass this resolution and begin the process of planning for diversification of business interests. Some

will argue that we do not have the funds at this time. I would counter that argument by stating that we do not have a plan in place for diversification, and this is the beginning of that process.

We must diversify to ensure our financial future. We cannot always depend on the all mighty dollar derived from casino revenues.

### WE CAN BE SUCCESSFUL DIVERSIFYING!!!!!!

### MEETING PROCEDURES

The board has, on two occasions, allowed board members to vote via telephone. I do not believe that we were elected to call in our votes and thus have introduced legislation to amend our Parliamentary rules to eliminate this practice.

### According to Roberts Rules:

"A meeting of an assembly is a single official gathering of its members in one room or area to transact business for a length of time during which there is no cessation of proceedings and the members do not separate, unless for a short recess, as defined below. (For modification of the "one-room-or-area" requirement when the bylaws authorize meeting by video conference or teleconference, see pages 482-83.)" RONR pages 79/80, and,

"It is a fundamental principle of parliamentary law that the right to vote is limited to the members of an organization who are actually present at the time the vote is taken in a legal meeting, although it should be noted that a

member need not be present when the question is put. Exceptions to this rule must be expressly stated in the bylaws." Pages 408/409.

Our Parliamentary rules do not clearly state an allowable occurrence, one way or another. Hopefully, this legislation will clearly establish that telephone votes are not allowed.

### BUDGETS

We are in the midst of reviewing the governmental operations budgets. There are difficult decisions to make, and strategic cuts will occur. Creative restructuring can lead to savings – this must be looked at intensively. We must have the appropriate information to make these decisions.

It would be easy to borrow funds to offset our shortfalls. However, borrowing excessive amounts of money has put us in the precarious position that we are in today.

I assure you that I will vote to ensure that membership services are the number one priority.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,  
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Unit 1 Board of Director  
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# Great honor to serve as your representative



**Lana Causley**  
Unit II Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

During this past summer season I have been busy with attending board meeting, committee meetings, unit meetings and attempting to gather with Anishinaabe at our powwows, some in this area as well as traveling to other communities, as our representative. It is a great honor to be able to attend these gatherings on behalf of our people and I would like to take this time and recognize all those that I have met

this year and had a chance to visit with.

The annual powwow held in Hessel in late August did not make *The Sault Tribe News* but I will say that this was one of the best powwows in our area. After meeting with Elders in the Newberry area they have requested that we begin planning for a gathering in their area as well. To begin we will need volunteers from the area. If you are interested please contact myself or Lisa Burnside as we would like to start planning this winter, to be ready for a summer or fall gathering for 2007.

This past weekend we held our fall feast and welcoming to our new fire keepers/teaching lodge in Hessel. The gathering marked a long awaited and much needed lodge for our people. Those involved in the planning and construction have to be very proud of the outcome; I have heard many comments that it is exactly what was asked for and needed.

The men that built the lodge have to be very proud of the outcome. Miigwetch to the men involved in the construction: Dave

Landerville, Jimmy Hough, Mike Hough, Lynn Ailing, Len Adams and Kenny Nolan. Miigwetch for a gathering place that we will cherish. Miigwetch to the community members that helped out and gathered on the day of the feast, it is so important to make positive things happen in our community and creating teaching tools for the generations to come.

As stated in my last unit report, I submitted the resolution that the chairman of our Tribe report spending to the board of directors on a monthly basis. The exact resolved portion of the resolution is as follows:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the tribal chairman will create or cause to be created a monthly report to the board of directors reporting any expenditures that were no previously budgeted, stating the amount, cost center, date and the reason the expenditure took place. This report will be marked and held confidential and will be due by the 31st of each month and will be placed in the board packets.

This will create accountability as to the signature authority

spending within our tribe. The confidentiality of the report is to protect those that have medical or sensitive services. Many years have passed since tribes became recognized to govern themselves and we have learned from our mistakes. Accountability to the people is crucial; many tribes do not even allow any one person to have discretionary spending authority, that is a thing of the past.

The resolution was approved by the entire board and I am grateful that there will be a report distributed.

The board is busy reviewing the budget schedule for 2007. We have a deficient amount of \$6,349,047. We will need to decrease spending in some areas or borrow the money, those are the only two options that we have at this point. During my discussions with members we must act responsible and not continue to borrow money. I have requested that the board be presented with any and all decreases that can happen **WITHOUT** a negative effect on services to the members. Its important that you

understand our financial position due to the fact that there will be one of two things happening either we borrow or make cuts. That is the reality that we face today with our governmental operations.

I want to acknowledge the letter that was read to the board by Mr. Bob Menard, Elder committee chairman at the August 28 meeting. Just a short message to all of you. I listened and will respect and take direction from your words, I apologize that it had come to that action.

In closing I would like to remind everyone about the ghost feast that the Rickley family holds for our Ancestors in the fall to honor our loved ones that passed. The feast will be held at McCann School on Oct, 28 starting at 6 p.m. These are the important gatherings that we hold close to us, Miigwetch to that family.

As always please call me if you would like to meet, I will be holding office hours at the Hessel Tribal Center on Monday, Oct 30. Email: lcausley@saulttribe.net Phone: (906) 484-2954.

## Board of directors open hours

Tribe 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:

- Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.
- Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.

## Charter Cable

### televises Sault Tribe general board meeting

Marquette and Alger Counties

6:30 to 11 p.m., Channel 8, Fridays

Sault Ste. Marie

3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mondays and Thursdays

St. Ignace, 9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays

Escanaba and Manistique, 3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8, Wednesdays



# Local band beginning work on second CD

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A group of talented musicians from the Sault joined together in May 2005 and formed a band they named Clown Sack.

The band released their first CD "Rotten Candy" last spring with 13 original songs written by the band members.

Members of the band make their own costumes and masks worn during their concerts to resemble vampire clowns. Band members are known only by their stage names: Schloppy is the lead vocalist, Slappy plays bass guitar, Buttercookie plays lead guitar and rhythm, Scratchy is the groups drummer and Doinky is the band's madness, a dancing clown. Three of the five band members are Sault Tribe members.

Schloppy said the band has had about 8,300 profile hits on its Internet MySpace account and about 15,000 song plays. "We currently have two live videos on YouTube.com, 'Clown Sauce' and 'Social Homicide.' One was filmed at the Savoy and the other at the Dream Makers Theater at



Left: Scratchy, Slappy, Schloppy, Butter Cookie and Doniky.

Kewadin Casino in the Sault," he said. "Our songs are also available on iTunes and ringtones with most major carriers for digital downloads worldwide."

Their performance schedule includes a pre-Halloween show at Harpo's, a 2,000-seat concert hall in Detroit on October 21; Halloween shows in Big Rapids

on Oct. 27 and the following day, Oct. 28, in Grand Rapids, on New Years Eve night the band will be playing in Peoria, Illinois and in mid January an all ages show in Sault Ste Marie.

Once the shows are over the band hopes to concentrate on writing songs for their next CD to be released this spring. "We are starting a video shoot for a song from our first CD, 'Rumplestiltskin. We will be requesting people to be extra's in the video, so keep posted to MySpace for more information. If that goes well we hope to make two additional music videos to put with our home DVD collection along with our live performances for fans to purchase online. There is a potential for the band to go on a 14-day, 14-venue tour next spring with two other bands from Illinois," Schloppy said.

The band recently opened up for Ted Nugent at Kewadin Casino and volunteered for a birthday party at the Kinross Recreation Center in Kinross, Mich. "We changed our lyrics on

the fly so there was no profanity and it went great. The kids were going crazy, we were signing paper plates, tennis shoes and anything they could grab that we could write on, it was great" Schloppy said.

The band is currently seeking management and has also sent out requests for a cartoonist to do a cartoon once a month of the bands adventures.

The group will keep its image for the new album but will have new costumes and more radio-friendly lyrics.

Visit Clown Sacks Web site at [www.clownsack.com](http://www.clownsack.com) and check out the bands merchandise. Paypal is available with t-shirts in a large variety of colors, hoodies, beanie hats and hackeysacks. For information about merchandise or touring schedule email: [merchandise@clownsack.com](mailto:merchandise@clownsack.com).

The group also has a MySpace Web page at [MySpace/clownsack](http://MySpace/clownsack). Their CD "Rotten Candy" can be purchased at [www.clownsack.com](http://www.clownsack.com), at [jamwave.com](http://jamwave.com) and also at [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com).

## Shampine and Knoll united in marriage

On Saturday, August 19 at 5 p.m., Kelly Jean Shampine was united in marriage to Michael Knoll at the Wndgate Country Club in Rochester Hills, Mich. Maid of honor was Jill Popour, sister of the bride. Her attendants were Julie Popour, sister of the bride, Carolyn Chisholm, Kelly Clor, Amanda Coulon, and flower girl Ashley Olko, niece of the bride. Best man was Matt Coulon, friend of the groom. Grooms-men were Aaron Morandini, Jeff Chisholm, Jack Tracey, and Eric Olko, brother-in-law of the bride. Ushers were Derek Main and Jake Shampine, brothers of the bride.

Mike is the son of Mike and Terry Knoll and grandparents Jerry and Jan Eckman. Kelly is the daughter of Jane (Bob) Hunyady and Tom (Nancy) Shampine. Her grandparents are Tom and Shirley Shampine and the late Clara Reno.

The bride is the director at the Art Leader gallery in West Bloomfield Township. The groom is employed at Quicken Loans in Troy, Mich. They are making their home in Farmington Hills, Mich.



## Stork Report...

Noah Christopher Goetz, born June 26, 2006, to Christopher P. Goetz and Melissa Noble. Noah weighed eight pounds, two ounces. Grandparents are Albert and Linda Goetz of Sault Ste. Marie and Joann Noble also of the Sault.



Lucinda Schrader, member of the Sault Tribe, and her husband Ryan Schmelling are proud to announce the birth of their triplets. Born Aug. 30, 2006, at



Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

Two daughters, Larkin Elizabeth, three pounds, six ounces and 15.75 inches in length; Pari Mari, three pounds, 14 ounces and 16 inches in length; and a son, Trevor Lee who weighed four pounds and was 17.25 inches long.

They join big brother Zayn, 2, at home in Waukegan, Ill. Grandparents are Weston and Marian Schrader of Waukegan and Loren and Karen Schmelling of Hutchinson, Minn.

Mishael Kourage McDowell was born to Sault Tribe member Michael McDowell, and his wife, Kami, on August 25, 2006. Mishael



weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Michael and Kami reside in Fossil, Oregon.

Libby Lynn Tobias was born Sept. 17, 2006, to proud mother Amanda Tobias. She was delivered at War Memorial Hospital at 6:53 p.m., weight eight pounds, 1.8 ounces and was 20.75 inches in length. Grandparents are Susan and Bill Tobias of Sault Ste. Marie. Amanda and Libby are Sault Tribe members. Amanda is a security guard at Kewadin Sault.



## Roberts studies mystery of fire tragedies

TARRYTOWN, New York—

Attending a conference on computer modeling at the University of Michigan in 2003, Benjamin Roberts was fascinated by computer simulations that showed how adding an obstruction in front of an exit can actually improve evacuation time in an emergency.

"Adding the obstruction forces people to organize around it, making the evacuation more orderly and faster," said Roberts.

This September, Roberts was honored by having his own research published in a prestigious international journal on fire safety and security called FS-World ([www.fs-world.com](http://www.fs-world.com)). Roberts' article appears with others by distinguished scientists, such as Richard G. Gann a Senior Research Scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology—quite an honor for the 18 year old freshman at Skidmore College in New



York.

The Sault Tribe member built computer models that measured how long it took to evacuate a given space while varying the number of people in the space, the size of the exits and the number of exits.

He named the phenomenon, "Blocked Exit Syndrome." Conversely, Roberts found that when the width of an exit is increased to accommodate more people, blockage may be delayed or avoided.

Roberts first presented his research at the Westchester County Fire Academy in New York, using agent-based modeling software known as "Netlogo." Afterwards, Westchester Fire Marshals President Larry Desimone said, "This research calls into question the adequacy of the International Fire Code and should be further studied."

Roberts is also a black belt in taekwondo, last year winning three gold medals in the New York State AAU Taekwondo Championships and a bronze in the 2005 National AAU Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina.

## Griffin deployed to Baghdad

Sault Tribe member and U.S. Army Spc. Christopher T. Griffin of Bravo Troop, third cavalry, Fort Carson, Colo., will be deployed to Baghdad, October 2006. Chris' parents are Kerri and Mel Causley of Boyne City, Rick



and Kathy LaDuke of Kincheloe. Grandparents are Tom and Maggie Balgenorth, Larry and Cheryl Baker, all from Kincheloe, and Marcia and the late Ken Griffin of Goetzville. Chris is a 2004 graduate of Rudyard High School.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN HORN

These four Sault Tribe members are cheerleaders for the "Northern League" Junior Saints football team. The girls are all eighth grade students at LaSalle high school in St. Ignace. Front row, left: Annemarie Horn, Kelsey Putnam. Back, left: Hailey St. Andrew and Martina Beaudoin.



The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 9 a.m.

# Accenture awards \$100,000 in scholarships to American Indian students

BY RICK SMITH

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Accenture is a global company that generated over \$15 billion in 2005 and has about 140,000 on its payroll in 48 different countries. On Sept. 28, 10 American Indian students from across the United States were awarded the second annual scholarship funding from Accenture's American Indian Scholarship Fund. The students were honored at a celebration held at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

According to Heather Govern, media representative for Accenture, more than 140 students applied for this year's Accenture scholarship program, which sought out the highest-

achieving American Indian and Alaska Native students seeking degrees and careers in technology, professional and business fields. Candidates were evaluated based on academic excellence, leadership ability and a commitment to American Indian culture and community. Candidates were also required to provide proof of enrollment in a federally recognized American Indian or Alaskan Native tribe.

"Accenture is honored to contribute to the higher education of these exceptional women and men," said Randy Willis, senior executive sponsor of Accenture's American Indian interest group. "While there were many deserving candidates, these students stood out as future leaders in the

American Indian community."

Six Accenture Scholars will receive undergraduate scholarships toward completing four-year baccalaureate degrees:

- Laura J. Graveley, (Muscogee) of Okmulgee, Okla., will attend Stanford University.
- Nolan Smith-Kaprosey, (Bay Mills Chippewa) of Fort Snelling, Minn., will attend Yale University.
- Gary L. Richards Jr., (Oglala Lakota Sioux) of Pine Ridge, S.D., will attend Creighton University.
- Brittnea S. Nemecek, (Choctaw) of Durant, Okla., will attend East Central University.
- Jana V. Lekanoff, (Qawalangin) of Unalaska, Alaska will attend Cornell University.
- Terra L. Branson, (Muscogee)

of Okmulgee, Okla., will attend Dartmouth College.

Four Accenture Fellows will receive graduate scholarships towards completing advanced or professional degrees:

- Jon P. Swan, (Chippewa-Cree Rocky Boy's) of Box Elder, Mont., will attend the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.
  - Jay H. Calhoun, (Cherokee) of Tahlequah, Okla., will attend Dartmouth College.
  - Jeri A. Azure, (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) of Belcourt, N.D., will attend the University of North Dakota.
  - Dana R. Arviso, (Navajo) of Fort Defiance, Ariz., will attend the University of Washington.
- In addition to the scholarships, these recipients will be eligible

for summer internships with Accenture as first-year graduate students or junior-year undergraduate students.

Accenture's American Indian Scholarship Fund was created in September 2004, when Accenture supported the opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Accenture acts as a management consultant and information technology services advisor to the Museum. About Accenture

Govern said Accenture will begin taking applications online around May. "Just go to [accenture.com](http://accenture.com) in May of next year to fill out an application and apply," she said.

## Sault Tribe Housing Authority and DeMawating Development 2006 student workers

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority and DeMawating Development would like to thank the 2006 Student worker crew. The crew did an excellent job of making Kincheloe look nice this past summer. The crews were in charge of landscaping, house-keeping, painting and interior renovation. Thanks for all of your efforts.

Left to right in the bucket: Kevin Akers, Billy Bernier, and James Perry (Housing student workers.) Joel Libby, Tonya Captain, and Josh Captain. (DeMawating student workers.) Missing from photo-Housing: Zack Ewing and Dan Sparks. DeMawating: Katia Locke.



## Something in the distance

BY JOHN ASLIN

*There is something in the way an old Indian prays,  
Something about the manner he stares into the distance at the end of his days.  
There is something on the horizon and it seems to be on his mind.*

*There seems to be something in the distance,  
Some great happening that is being awaited,  
There seems to be a sense of awaiting  
And yet a calm serenity  
That exists deep within the Indians soul  
That says there is more.*

*There is something in the Indians eyes, which reflect the compassion and concern for all life.  
Something in the way that he solemnly awaits his destiny, the destiny that seems so far away in the distance of the setting sun,  
Yet ever so prominent and near.*

*Could the something be that he feels the end is near? Could it be the memories of his fading past?  
And that the ancestors are calling to him upon the winds of change saying that we are ever so destructive to all they know and understand.*

*Could the distant reflections that trouble this man be the memories of cries and the pains of his people? The things they fought so hard to keep from fading into the horizon of the setting sun? Or could the deep and pained thoughts be the worries of an*

*old man who just wants a future for his children and grandchildren?*

*Could the distant stare be the tears that are bleeding within his heart, as he watches the Earth be destroyed by humanity? As they ever so carelessly dredge the mother's surface for materialistic findings, that seem to matter more than our children's future to ever so many?*

*Could the something he awaits be the end of life as our ancestor knew, and could that distant stare be the knowing that there is surely to come a reckoning for our destruction of the great and eternal mother Earth? For surely every living creature and organism has a self defense mechanism and we are the threat to the great mother Earth.*

*There is something in the way an Indian stares as he looks into the setting sun, a worry, a concern, and a knowing. Maybe we should ask him, "What awaits," maybe we should listen to the drumbeat of his heart, as he speaks with a clean tongue and smudged hands. Surely we will all learn from the people who know nature best. The People who were placed here to care for Her.*

*There is something in the distance!*

John Aslin 172869  
Kinross Correctional Facility  
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## Honoring our Anishinabe Veterans Annual Powwow

Saturday, November 11  
Kinross Recreation Center, Kinross Michigan  
Grand Entry at 1 & 7 p.m.  
Feast/Potluck will be held at 5 p.m.  
Please bring a dish to pass.

M.C.s are Butch Elliott and Bucko Teeple  
Head veteran Paul Yarnell  
Head male T.B.A

Head female Melissa Causley  
Arena director George Anziano  
Invited drums, Bahweting Singers, Ogee Ma Miishishino, White Buffalo Cloud, Tree Town Singers, Medicine Lodge, Red Stone Ojibwa  
Blanket dance for all other drums.

All traders and public welcome. Alcohol and drug free event. For more information contact Bud Biron at (906) 635-1392 or Gene Biron at (906) 643-6519.

Dear Higher Education Department,

Thank you for the scholarship. It is so appreciated. I feel very honored to receive this generous scholarship and assure you that it will be used in the best way; to supplement my education costs.

Currently, I'm a senior with over 100 credits and plan to finish by spring 2008. I attend Eastern Michigan University. My degree will be for teaching emotionally impaired students grades K-12 and also my degree will allow me to teach elementary grades with social studies major.

Sincerely,

—Bernadette Garren



## —From our mail—

To the editor,

The Big Bay de Noc School District would like to say thank you to the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians for their generous donation of two percent monies for our tutoring program.

We appreciate the continued support we have received to keep providing this service to our students. Without this extra support we would be unable to provide this program. The students and staff of Big Bay de Noc would like to say chi miigwetch. Sincerely,

— Colleen Weinert,  
Title VII coordinator

To the editor,

Thanks to the Tribe for the Unit III elders' Soo Locks dinner cruise on Aug. 24.

We had an enjoyable time, comfortable bus and a congenial driver.

The weather was tourist quality and the river was calm and picturesque.

The meal was first-class, some of us even had seconds.

I guess the Great Spirit smiled on us, descendants of Indians who

enjoyed the bounty of the river (rapids).

We even enjoyed the sight of a train, a rarity for St. Ignace residents. It pulled a mile of boxcars across the swing bridge while our boat waited in the Canadian lock. I think this was for the benefit of one of our group who is a train buff. You can see we were well entertained.

Thanks again, from an elder of Unit III.

Sincerely,

— Margaret Robinson

To the editor,

Chi Miigwetch! Thank you Sault Tribe for creating the Women's Spring Spiritual Wellness Gathering Dagwaagi! I loved the cultural teachings and experiences, the new friendships, the opportunity to be on Sugar Island with nature, the fantastic food, and the sweat lodge. I can't wait to see all the empowered and beautiful women again. Thanks to everyone who supported the easeful, welcoming, blessing-filled gathering.

—Leisha Bell

## Win a big screen TV

SUBMITTED BY HEATHER SMITH-UNITED WAY WORKPLACE COORDINATOR

Last week was the kick-off of the Sault Tribe Employee campaign for the Chippewa County United Way. In this 50<sup>th</sup> year of the United Way, our tribal employee goal is \$20,000 with 100-percent participation.

As an incentive, for total participation, tribal employees pledging at least \$50 to the United Way will receive a chance to win a big screen television. Those pledging

\$50 will receive one entry, \$100 will receive two entries, and your entries will multiply by each additional \$100 that you pledge. The second place prize will be two certificates for dinner at Dream Catchers Restaurant.

The winner of the 51 inch Magnavox television will be drawn at the December 5 Sault Tribe board of director's meeting. For further information or to request a pledge card, please contact Heather Smith at Chi Mukwa ext. 56510 as soon as possible.

Visit the Constitution Committee Web page and see what the latest news is and read profiles of committee members. Go to [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and click on the Constitution Project button on the upper left above the blue links.

# What is Contract Health Service?

BY TINA M. FOX  
CHS ASSISTANT/OFFICE  
MANAGER

Contract Health Service (CHS). What is it? Is it an insurance policy? Who is eligible? How can I access this program?

CHS is funded by federal funds appropriated by Congress and then to each area office (Bemidji) where they are distributed to tribes. They are used to fund services outside of our tribal health care clinics and providers. Where the funding level has not increased over the years, the cost of health care has risen astronomically. For this reason, our Tribe has continued to supplement CHS by allocating tribal dollars to help support services to our membership.

CHS is not an insurance policy, or entitlement program. Priorities for coverage under CHS have been established since the funding level is insufficient to provide all the care our membership needs. CHS is under a priority 1A level of care which are those conditions that are an emergency and a threat to life, limb or senses (diagnosis and treatment of injuries or conditions that, if left untreated, results in uncertain/potentially grave outcomes or even death). Access is through a referral by the tribal

clinic provider (or emergency contact to CHS within 24 hours of emergent care). The referral or emergency room report is reviewed by CHS medical management team to determine level of priority. Not all referrals from our clinic fall under the priority 1A category, and therefore are not covered under CHS.

Eligibility — Sault Tribe members who reside in the seven-county Contract Health Service (CHS) delivery area, the geographic area to those who live on or near Indian reservations as established by the federal government and tribes. The counties include Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta, and Marquette.

Sault Tribe members can request an application by calling CHS at (800) 922-0582 or (906) 632-5220. The completed application, along with proof of income (1040 income tax form), copy of any primary insurance cards, can be returned to the CHS certifier. The income is used to determine eligibility for alternate resources. CHS is mandated by the federal government to be the payer of last resort. Refusal to access an alternate resource such as a tribal clinic, Medicare, Medicaid, MiChild, crippled children's pro-

grams, vocational rehabilitation programs, Veterans or other state and federal programs, can result in a denial of eligibility for CHS.

How many tribe members does CHS serve?

Did you know that 12,484 tribe members in the seven-county service area have applied and used CHS at one time or another.

CHS processed 14,614 prescription requests to contracted outside pharmacies in the tune of \$1,136,224 in FY'05.

There was a total of 14,152 authorizations (vouchers) requested for provider's outside of our tribal health clinics. Each voucher may require possibly two or three letters sent by your patient care coordinator asking for pertinent information to process your claim, for a total of 42,456 letters.

CHS handles around 4,850 incoming phone calls on a monthly basis, averaging out to 242 a day.

Here is the staff: Tina Fox, CHS office manager; Carol Pages-Montie, CHS certifier; Kim Menard, patient care coordinator (A-F); Tina Robinson, patient care coordinator (G-L), Niki Tremblay, patient care coordinator (M-R); Claudette Crook, Patient Care Coordinator (S-Z); Edythe Reno, referral coordinator; Heather

Lester, St. Ignace-Lambert Clinic-patient care coordinator

Where does all the CHS money go?

FY05:  
Inpatient — \$ 807,336  
Outpatient — \$1,356,701  
Pharmacy — \$1,136,224  
Durable/other medical — \$43,934.56

CHEF qualified — \$273,017

Other expense, misc. — \$31,125

What about high cost cases? Catastrophic Health

Emergency Fund (CHEF) was created by Congress to cover medical expenses incurred for catastrophic illnesses and events falling within the CHS program priorities for payment.

Once a member has exceeded medical expenses of \$24,500 (threshold changes each year and based on consumer price index) CHS can apply for additional funds to get back monies over this amount that they have spent. This is not a guarantee that these funds will be available when your catastrophic case happens. CHS had six qualified CHEF cases in FY'05. Of these cases submitted, there were only three that received additional funding which amounted to \$62,851. The CHEF

monies are available to apply for Oct. 1 of each fiscal year. If your case happens at the beginning of the fiscal year, CHEF funding is more likely to be approved. If your case happens in March or after, as in our case, CHEF funding may be denied as no funding available.

What can I do as a member to help stretch CHS dollars?

Use our tribal health clinic services and providers. Use CHS contracted provider's for outside referrals from our tribal clinics. Use our tribal clinic formulary for all prescriptions. Use generic drugs when at all possible. Use emergency room services only for urgent or emergent care. Apply for all alternate resources at time when you may be eligible and notify CHS.

Contract Health Services, Sault Tribe Health and Human Resources Building, Second floor 2864 Ashmun Street.

Mailing address: PO Box 1628 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: (800) 922-0582 or (906) 632-5220 Fax: (906) 632-5228.

## Celebrating Chi Mukwa's ten-year anniversary



Ribbon cutting for the new aerobic room at Chi Mukwa—Left: Kristi Cleary, Kristi Little, Jessica Dumback, Cathy Abramson holding her one-year old granddaughter Joy Catherine Kerfoot, Chairperson Aaron Payment, Bonnie Culfa and Connie Hill.



Chi Mukwa employees celebrated the recreation centers 10-year anniversary.



Three employees were recognized for being at Chi Mukwa since it first opened its doors 10-years ago. Top left, Chairperson Aaron Payment, Tammy Graham receiving her award and Jessica Dumback. Top right, center is Rod Hutte with his plaque commmerating his 10 years of service. Left, center is Neil Krull receiving his plaque.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Left: Chairperson Aaron Payment, Jessica Dumback, Kristi Little and Cathy Abramson with her granddaughter Joy Kerfoot.

**We would all like to send a big thank you to Christine McPherson...** In recognition of Boss's Day, on October 16, the staff at ACFS would like to acknowledge Director Christine McPherson, for all her efforts with the agency. Christine has always encouraged staff to "think outside of the box" when servicing tribe members and their families. In addition to her efforts to serve our community she has always taken the time to listen to her staff on an individual basis. Christine, thank you for your leadership. We hope you feel as fortunate to have us as your staff as we are to have you as our leader.

# New programs for fathers and parents

*“The supreme test of any civilization is whether or not it can teach men to become good fathers” — Margaret Mead.*

Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) would like community members to learn more about the availability of two new programs — the Proud Father and Proud Parents Programs. Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan is dedicated to helping children have a better life. All of our services support children and families.

In the Proud Father Program, the focus is to help fathers develop a nurturing, supportive relationship with their children. Fathers are important. Evidence points to the absence of the father as a major factor in the increase of delinquency and violence. Sixty percent of rapists, 72 percent of adolescent murderers and 70 percent of long-term prison inmates come from fatherless homes. Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and, more importantly, avoid high risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers.

Parents are important and children need both their mother and their father actively involved in their lives to grow up well.

The purpose of this program is to strengthen families and improve the lives of children.

Father facts:

- Having a loving and nurturing father is important for a child's happiness, well-being and social and academic success.

- Withdrawal of love by either the father or mother was equally influential in predicting a child's emotional instability, lack of self-esteem, depression, social withdrawal and level of aggression.

- Father love was a better predictor than mother love for certain outcomes, including delinquency, conduct problems, substance abuse, overall mental health and well-being.

- Outcome studies found, after controlling for mother love, father love was the sole significant predictor for certain outcomes, such as psychological adjustment problems, conduct problems and substance abuse.

*Source: Rohner, Ronald P., and Robert A. Veneziano. "The Importance of Father Love: History and Contemporary Evidence". Review of General Psychology 5.4 (December 2001): 382-405.*

Fathers do not only have roles of being provider and protector, there are contributions only a father can make. Fathers teach little boys how to become men. Fathers teach daughters how to relate to them. Fathers teach self-control, stimulate appropriate risk taking and independence. The presence of the father increases empathy and well-being. Children whose fathers spent time alone with them more than twice a week tested higher in empathy and became more compassionate as adults.

The Proud Fathers program is a 14-week program where fathers learn to be nurturing fathers and make a huge difference in their children's lives. The workshop is open to fathers 14 years or older who are married, unmarried, separated, divorced and have children, or who are expecting children in

their life. Grandparents, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers are also invited to attend the workshop. The curriculum covers the roots of fathering, self-nurturing skills, feelings and male nurturance, fathering without violence or fear, overcoming barriers to fathering, discipline, fun, games, fathers and daughters, fathers and sons, parental teamwork, healing the father wound, and time and place for fathering. Fathers are able to enjoy a meal together and get to know and share with other fathers. Incentives for attendance will be given, plus child care and transportation, if necessary, will be provided.

The Proud Parents Program's focus is to help promote co-parenting skills. Parents are important and children need both their mother and their father actively involved in their lives to grow up well. The purpose of this program is to strengthen families and improve the lives of children. We know how hard the job of parenting is, both for mothers and fathers.

The Proud Parents Program is a ten-week workshop open to couples 14 years or older who are married, unmarried or contemplating marriage who are parents of a child under the age of 18 (unless the child is 18 and attending school full time) or who are expecting to be parents. Also, grandparents or relatives who are caring for children may participate in this workshop. The Proud Parents Program focuses on strengthening the couple relationship (married or unmarried) through a shared exploration of parenting attitudes and skills. This ten-week curriculum uses some of the most

effective approaches to create a series of couple dialogues. With the addition of new relationship building activities, partners learn about themselves and each other, while creating a shared vision for family life. The weekly group experimental activities, and the home activities in the Proud Parent journal, help each couple to develop the attitudes and skills for successful family formation.

Proud Parent Program activities include:

1. Exploring the roots of relationships, becoming married, becoming parents.
2. Family HIS-story and HER-story, the joys of marriage and being a couple.
3. Self-nurturing, learning to meet our own needs.
4. Family leadership.
5. Spice of relationships.
6. Family fun nights.
7. The power to nurture.
8. Discipline and team work.
9. Balance, successfully juggling time and family life.
10. Graduation celebration.

Incentives for attendance will be given, plus a free meal, child care and, if necessary, transportation will be provided.

ACFS wants to share these resources with the tribal community for any father or parents who would like some additional information about parenting. ACFS child placement will have an added community resource for families who are identified with needs for special services.

For more, please call Teaching Family Homes, (906) 249-KIDS or (800) 292-5260, or contact Jim Whalen, Chippewa/Luce County site coordinator, (906) 293-8243/5670 or (800) 292-5257.

## Housing resources

Finding a new home can be an exciting time for you and your family. The choice to move into a new home is usually a well planned occurrence. You can take the time it requires to set a budget, explore housing options, pick the neighborhood you like and find just the right home. Sometimes though, needing to find a new home comes at you unexpectedly, for many reasons. Many of us wouldn't know where to turn in these times.

The following agencies are a place to start when you find yourself in this position.

### Alger County

Munising Housing  
(906) 387-4084

Windjammer Apartments  
(906) 387-4640

MSHDA

(906) 226-8258

### Chippewa County

Bay Mills Housing Authority  
(906) 248-5524

Community Action  
(800) 562-4963

MSHDA

(906) 632-1201

Housing Community  
(906) 635-5841

### Delta County

Housing Commission  
(906) 786-6229

Hannahville Indian Community  
(906) 466-2934

### Luce County

Housing Commission  
(906) 293-5988

Safe Haven Homeless Program  
(906) 635-5841

### Mackinac County

H.O.M.E.

(906) 643-6239

MSHDA

(906) 632-1201

Safe Haven Homeless Program  
(906) 635-5841

Les Cheneaux Village Apartments  
(906) 484-3818

Housing Commission  
(906) 586-3414

### Marquette County

MSHDA

(906) 226-8258

### Schoolcraft County

Housing Commission  
(906) 341-5451

### All above counties

Sault Tribe Housing  
(800) 794-4072

For special circumstances and other housing programs, visit [www.yooperaid.org](http://www.yooperaid.org).

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

SUBMITTED BY  
ANNA ROGERS-STOTT

Nationwide, communities will come together to remember the courage and strength of domestic violence survivors, celebrate and honor our accomplishments as a movement and rededicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities.

Show your support for survivors of domestic violence by wearing a purple ribbon. If you're interested in receiving a ribbon contact the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808.

**There's no excuse for domestic violence!**

Abuse is about one person controlling another. It's a pattern of behavior. Many women don't think of themselves as being

abused because they haven't been hit. But, abuse can be physical, emotional, or sexual and it's NOT YOUR FAULT!

Know the warning signs:

- Controls your actions
- Controls your money
- Threatens to hurt
- Calls you names
- Destroys property
- Cause pain or injury
- Chokes, slaps, pushes
- Forces unwanted sex

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available.

For more information call the Sault Tribe's Advocacy Resource Center, (906) 632-1808, toll free at (877) 639-7820 or after 5 p.m. or on weekends at (906) 278-0003.

### *I GOT FLOWERS TODAY*

*I got flowers today. It wasn't my birthday or any other special day. We had our first argument last night, and he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me. I know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said. Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today. It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day. Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me. It seemed like a nightmare. I couldn't believe it was real. I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over. I know he must be sorry. Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today, and it wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day. Last night, he beat me up again. And it was much worse than all the other times. If I leave him, what will I do? How will I take care of my kids? What about*

*money? I'm afraid of him and scared to leave. But I know he must be sorry. Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today. Today was a very special day. It was the day of my funeral. Last night, he finally killed me. He beat me to death. If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him, I would not have gotten flowers...today.*  
— Anonymous

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month,  
Silence is not an option.*



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COMMUNITY AND  
FAMILY SERVICES**  
*BIIDAAJMOWIN*  
Bringing news  
from ACFS

*Be sure to see the special section on the grand opening of the St. Ignace Shores Resort and Casino in this issue of The Sault Tribe News.*

# Community Health Services events for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Sault Tribe Health Center community health nurses, community health educators and nutritionists will be hosting a brown bag luncheon on Oct. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium. Community Health Services staff will be demonstrating how to do a breast self exam and answering questions concerning breast cancer prevention and early detection. A nutritionist will also provide information on how to eat healthy to prevent cancer.

Displays with health information concerning breast cancer awareness will be set up in the lobby at the Sault Tribe Health Center during the month of October.

Be in harmony with your body with good breast care. Harmony

means taking care of yourself with the three pathways to healthy breasts.

1. Do breast self exams once a month.
2. See a health care provider for a breast exam once a year.
3. If you are over age 40 and of average risk, get an annual mammogram.

Mammography screening is the single most effective method of early detection. Unfortunately, studies have indicated that a significant number of women over 40 years of age fail to get a mammogram and of those who do, many never follow up with a second mammogram. Also women who are at a higher than average risk should talk to their health care provider about how often and when to begin having

breast exams.

It is important that women know that there are programs available to help provide low-cost or free mammography screening to women over 40 who are uninsured or underinsured. For information on low or no cost mammography screening contact the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5210 or your nearest rural health center.



# What is Chronic Kidney Disease

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is damage to the kidneys. In CKD, wastes can build to high levels in your blood and make you feel sick. You may develop conditions like high blood pressure, anemia (low blood count), weak bones, poor nutritional health and nerve damage. Also, kidney disease increases your chance of having heart and blood vessel disease and even death. These problems may happen slowly over a long period of time. CKD may be caused by diabetes, high blood pressure and other disorders.

If CKD progresses, it may eventually lead to kidney failure. In chronic or end stage kidney failure, your kidneys do not get better. By the time you lose about 85 to 90 percent of your kidney function you will need dialysis for the rest of your life. Dialysis is a treatment that does some of the things done by healthy kidneys. If your doctor says you are a candidate, you may choose to be placed on a waiting list for a new kidney. The slow loss of kidney function is often hard to detect. You may not notice signs or symptoms until you have lost more than half your kidney function. The first sign many people notice is a lack of energy.

Some earlier signs that you may have a kidney problem include:

- High blood pressure.
- Blood and/or protein in the urine.

• A creatinine blood test greater than 1.2 for women and 1.4 for men. Creatinine is a waste product removed from the blood by healthy kidneys. In kidney disease, creatinine levels in the blood may increase. Creatinine levels vary with age, race and body size.

• A glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 60. GFR is a measure of how well your kidneys filter wastes from your blood. GFR may be estimated from the creatinine level in your blood.

- More frequent urination, particularly at night.
- Difficult or painful urination.
- Puffiness around eyes, swelling of hands and feet.

Later signs that may indicate you may need to start treatment for kidney failure soon include, nausea and vomiting, poor appetite, hiccups, weight loss, abnormal bleeding, trouble sleeping, itching, cramping at night, swelling and trouble breathing.

Not everyone with CKD experiences all of the symptoms. You may have just a few, and they may come and go without warning.

See your doctor if you have symptoms of CKD. See a registered dietitian to learn how to eat more healthfully if you have diabetes and/or high blood pressure to help prevent CKD. Early detection and treatment may help slow the progression of CKD.

# Community Flu Clinic to be held November 2

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death.

Every year in the United States, on average:

- 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu.
- More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.
- About 36,000 people die

from flu.

Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications.

The best way to protect yourself from getting the flu is by getting vaccinated with the flu vaccine every fall. Because the flu virus changes each year, it is important that you receive a new flu vaccine every year. It takes

approximately two weeks after vaccination to develop antibodies against the flu. The best months to get vaccinated are October through December; however, you can get vaccinated throughout the season. Any protection against the flu is better than no protection!

*Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>.*

# New program is up and running strong Healthier hearts will result

BY CHARLA GORDON, NUTRITIONIST

Do you have Type 2 diabetes? Are you wondering how diabetes and heart disease are related to each other? Are you Anishinaabe and over the age of 18? If you answered "yes" to these questions read on to learn about a program just for you.

The SDPI IHS Healthy Heart Project is designed to reduce the risk of heart (cardiovascular) disease in people with diabetes. The Sault Tribe proudly received this five-year special diabetes program grant in 2004. In this second year of the grant, we are looking for people with diabetes who want to learn more about delaying or reducing the risk of heart disease.

Diabetes and heart disease often go hand in hand. But, most people do not know they have heart disease until they have a medical emergency like a heart

attack or a stroke. Research has shown that it is possible to reduce your risk of heart disease by monitoring and managing blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar (glucose) levels, and making changes in food choices, physical activity and tobacco use.

If you join this program you will receive special services from the project team made up of diabetes nurse educators, nutritionists, health educators and medical providers. There will be monthly clinic visits with the team, medication management and fun group classes all designed to reduce risk for cardiovascular disease.

Currently 28 people are enrolled in the Sault and we plan to expand services to the rural health clinics in the seven-county service area in 2007. For more information about this program, please call Sarah Willey, project coordinator at (906) 632-5210.

## Community Flu Clinic

Thursday November 2 from 2-7 p.m.

- Drive-through at Sault Ste. Marie City Airport Hangar (Adults only)
- LSSU Norris Center (Adults and Kids)
- Kinross Urgent Care Clinic (Adults only)
- Bay Mills Resort Horizons Center (Adults only)
- Drummond Island Township Hall (Begins at 1 p.m. – adults only)

Adults-\$15  
Children-\$7

Sponsored by: The Chippewa County Health Department, War Memorial Hospital, Sault Tribe Health Center, LSSU, Bay Mills Indian Community, Chippewa County Emergency Services, Kinross Urgent Care Clinic, Drummond Island Medical Center, US Coast Guard, Community Emergency response Team, American Red Cross & Hiawatha Behavioral Health  
For more information call (906) 253-3141.

Wear short sleeves!  
And bring your:  
Medicare card,  
Employer vouchers,  
Tribe members bring proof  
of employment or tribal  
card,  
LSSU student or  
employee ID card

# A hidden cause of anxiety in teens and young adults

Many people who smoke will tell you that they feel smoking helps them relax. Unfortunately, that relaxed feeling is only a mean trick played on the mind by nicotine. Research done in New York by Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, senior author of the study, and his colleagues, found that cigarette smoking increases symptoms of anxiety in both teens and adults. The researchers followed over 700 young teens for ten years and found that those who smoked were more likely to suffer from panic attacks, anxiety disorders and phobias when they reached adulthood. Some of the suggested reasons are listed below:

Commercial tobaccos cause an increase in a person's blood pressure and heart rate. The nicotine

and chemicals in the tobacco interfere with the body's natural hormones and processes by causing spikes in the user's insulin (for diabetics this is especially dangerous) and meddling with the body's natural ability to produce serotonin, a chemical in our body that helps us to relax and feel good.

Smoking can impair respiration causing major changes in our ability to breathe which can contribute to panic attacks. The fear of cancer or other diseases may be less of a motivator for teens but by the time they become young adults, the reality of the risks start to hit home.

For those who try to quit, there is some short term anxiety from the withdrawal but that doesn't last long. Once the withdrawal

symptoms subside, usually in a few days to a few weeks, the person's level of stress and anxiety start to normalize and the young adults find themselves having less stress and fewer panic attacks than ever before.

To read more about this research, look for "Association Between Cigarette Smoking and Anxiety Disorders During Adolescence and Early Adulthood" by Jeffrey Johnson, Ph.D., Patrician Cohen, Ph.D., Daniel Pine, MD and colleagues in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Nov. 8, 2000, Vol 284, No. 18, 2348-2351 and also available from Dr. Johnson at [jjohnso@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu](mailto:jjohnso@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu) or (212) 543-5523.



# 2006 Rez Walk

Despite the rain, 25 people had a great time at the Rez Walk and Play, an event for National Family Fitness Day to promote families being active together. Enjoying the fall colors and a brisk walk are from left to right, Laura Porterfield, Jill King, Andrea Kucharczyk and Karen Kucharczyk.

# Two percent community contributions in Unit 5

## Christmas Kewadin contributes to local youth and women's groups



MUNISING, Mich. – Munising Public Schools received \$34,359 this year from Kewadin Casinos as a part of their 2 for You program, which contributes two percent of the casino's slot earnings to local governments. The funds were used to support educational programs in the Munising school system which included the Empower our Youth Native Education and Experience our Native Culture & History: A New Way of Learning programs, forensic science classes, and a summer reading program coordinated with the local public libraries. Curriculum classroom equipment was also purchased with the funds. Above left: top row, L-R: Francie Wyers, Title VII Native American Education cultural tech, Cindy Blank, local Sault Tribe YEA coordinator, Kim Swanberg, director Title VII Native American education, bottom row: DeeJay Paquette, Central Elementary School principal, Cheri Tannehill, Christmas Kewadin Casino manager, Shirley Petosky, Sault Tribe Board of Directors Representative, Unit 5, and Tate Masters, Christmas Kewadin Casino assistant manager. Kewadin Casinos also presented a \$5,000 check to the The Zone Lake Effect Youth Center above right, Cheri Tannehill, left, presents the check to Troy Hicks, program director, with Shirley Petosky, and Tate Masters.

Kewadin Casinos distributed a handful of checks this month to various organizations throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula. The two percent payments are distributed twice a year and are often used to assist local communities in the areas of health, education, recreation, and public safety.



MARQUETTE, Mich. – Kewadin Casinos presented a \$5000 check to the Marquette Women's Center as a part of the casino's 2 for You program which contributes two percent of the casino's slot earnings to local governments.

Christmas Casino Asst. Manager Tate Masters, left, and Casino Manager Cheri Tannehill, along with Unit V Sault Tribe Board Representative Shirley Petosky presented the check to Executive Director Gail Nelson, and Families in Transition (F.I.T.) Coordinator Liana Loonsfoot.

**Also in Munising...**The former Lincoln School, soon to be the Sault Tribe's Munising Community and Health Center, nears completion. The center will feature a community center and kitchen on the first floor, health services on the second floor, where the main entrance way is on this side of the building, and a walk around track and fitness center on the top floor. The building is two months ahead of schedule and plans are to open it in January, 2007.

## Manistique Community Center holds an open house



An open house was held at the Manistique Community Center to celebrate the official opening of the optical and pharmacy departments. Above left, Tom Meehan, chief pharmacist, left, with Unit IV Representatives Tom Miller, Denise Chase and Chairperson Aaron Payment welcome pharmacist Kourtney Bradley. Above right, visitors enjoy the lunch that was provided at the open house.

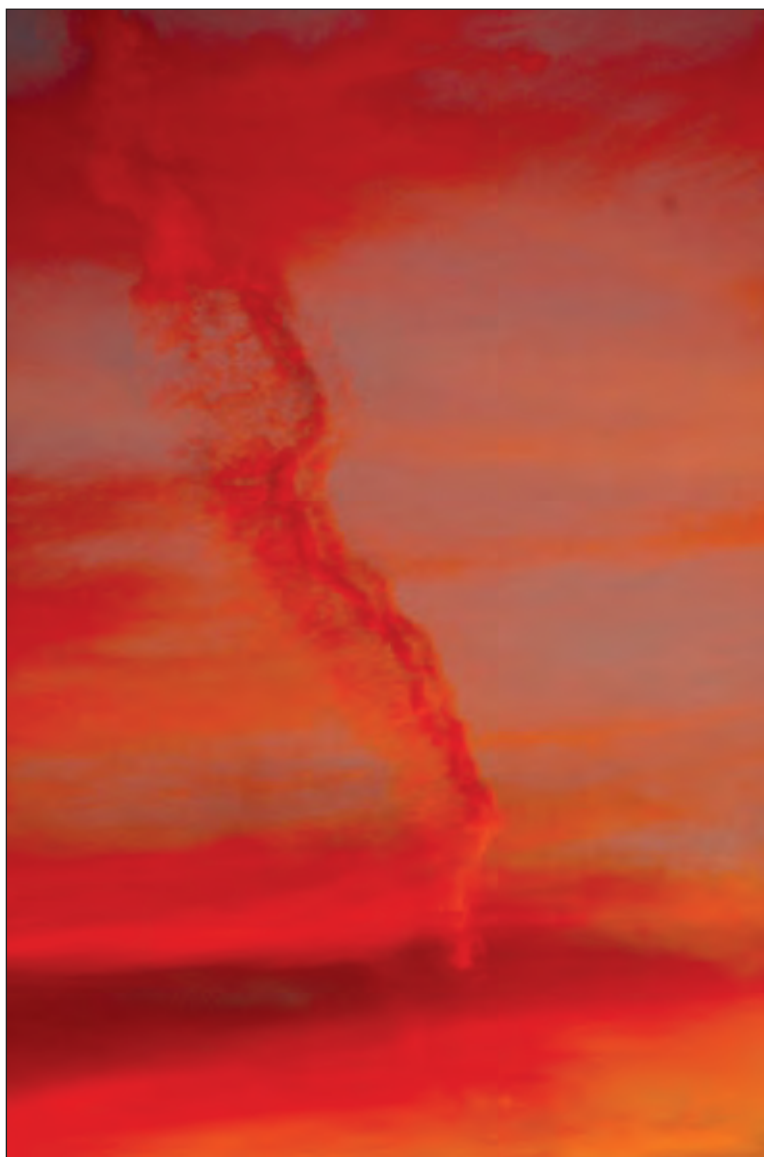
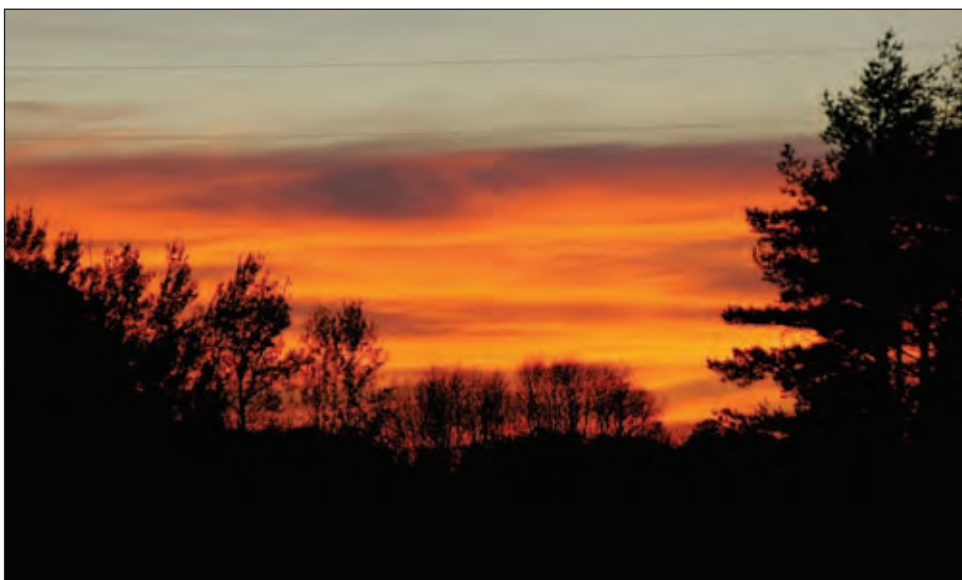
Photos by Gail Sulander

# The colors of evening

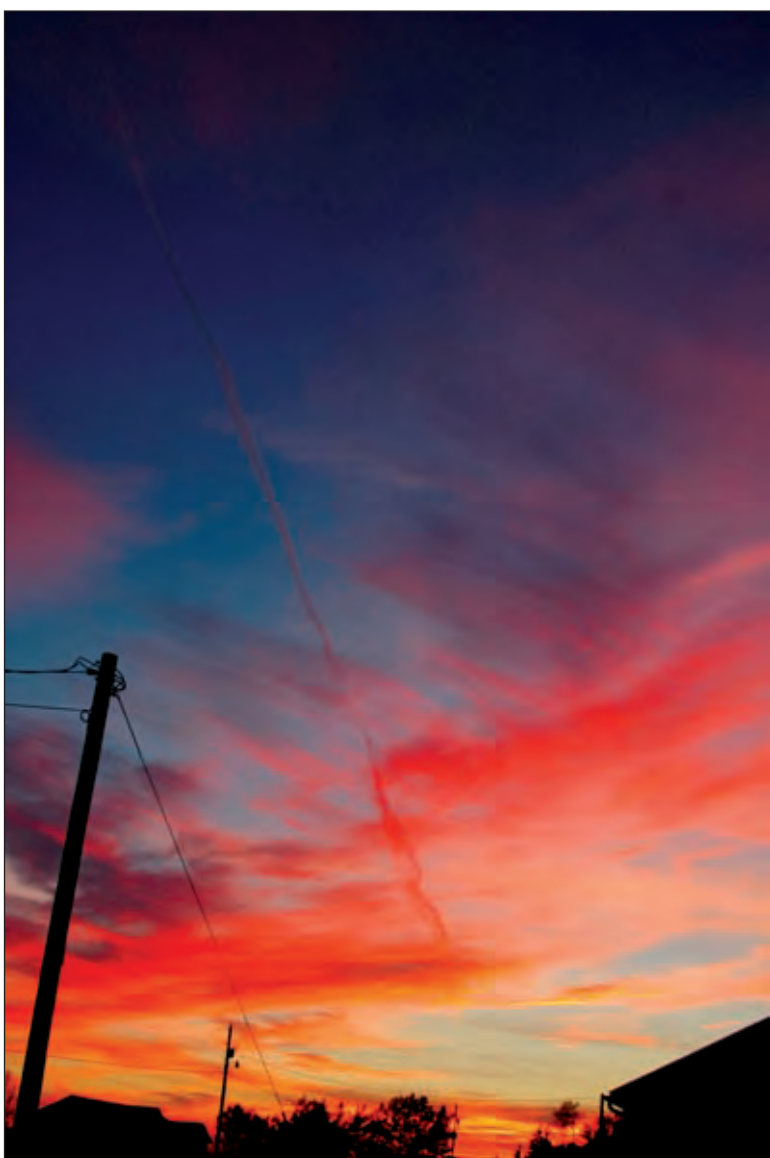
The evening sky is such a mixture of colors and shades it is often hard to capture on camera. Cloud configurations can change so quickly that by the time a photographer has the camera in place the formation is gone.

Right: Silhouette of a horse shelter and tree stump on a farm in Pickford owned by Helmut and Joanne Umbrasas. Right center: A vapor trail left from a passing plane. Left center, lower left and lower right: Sunset at Odenaang, Sault Tribe's housing development between Shunk and Seymour Roads in the Sault.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you... while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." —John Muir



*Photos  
by  
Brenda  
Austin*



# News of other nations

## Abenaki corn returned to tribe

VERMONT — The Abenaki People are called the "original Vermonters," but within the next few generations, their people and culture could become extinct.

In their efforts to preserve Abenaki ways and traditions, the Koasek Abenaki tribe recently accepted the return their ancestral corn seeds. The corn, which had been out of Abenaki hands for more than three centuries, was given to them by Charlie and Sarah Calley.

"This is the first time in 300 years our corn has come home to us," said Abenaki chief Nancy Lyons. As customary after receiving a gift, Lyons said, the Abenaki would give a gift in return.

The Calleys also hope to sell the Abenaki an historic building for the tribe's planned Koasek Cultural Academy. Plans for the academy include cultural exchange programs, historic preservation and language preservation. "We only have a few left who can speak the original language," Lyons said. "I expect it will be extinct in the next generation, maybe two, if we don't start preserving it now."

— American Indian Listserve

## Indigenous in Americas: just say 'no' to papal bull

SOUTH DAKOTA — Indigenous people in the Americas are demanding that the Papal Bull Inter Caetera of 1493, and the 1496 Royal Charter of the Church of England, be rescinded. These "doctrines of discovery" led to the seizure of American Indian homelands and served as instruments of genocide. Indigenous leaders and non-governmental organizations signed the resolution during the recent Summit of Indigenous Nations in South Dakota. Among the content and comments:

"... the 'Doctrine of Discovery' is a legal and political fiction in violation of the rights of indigenous peoples and intellectual act of oppression which continues to... suppress and repress the indigenous peoples in the western hemisphere."

"These papal bulls (caused) extinguishments of aboriginal land title and the subjugation of indigenous peoples of Abya Yala (North and South America).

"... The document pointed out that the U.S. had its own 'papal bulls' through the Supreme Court decision of *Johnson v. McIntosh* (1823). That law set the precedent for denying American Indians title to their lands in the United States.

"The indigenous nations have resolved... that the Pope of the Catholic Church and the Queen of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury rescind these doctrines of discovery (which wrongly) justify and pave the way for the illegal dispossession of aboriginal land title and the subjugation of non-Christian peoples to the present day."

The demands to rescind the papal bulls are not new. In 1991 at the United Nations in Geneva, indigenous leaders issued a statement to then-Pope John Paul II: "We demand... a denunciation of the unilateral treaty of Pope Alexander VI as being contrary to the universal human rights of peoples. Whereas the year 1993 completes 500 years of... conquest without clear rectification of this universal injustice... we demand that the Papal Bull of May 3, 4, 1493 *Inter Caetera* be annulled."

In May, at the United Nations in New York, a Continental Proclamation Abya Yala was presented to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. This proclamation was ratified in 2004 at the Continental Summit of Indigenous Peoples and in 2005 in Argentina. The proclamation stated, "That the Papal Bull *Inter Caetera* of Pope Alexander VI is hereby annulled, as well as whatever Doctrine of Discovery proceeding from which that pretends to deform the relationship of harmony, justice and peace of we, the indigenous peoples of humanity in its entirety."

Learn More: Papal Bull, Columbus Day and European Invasion

— Indian Country Today

## United States House passes Native American Language Preservation Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States House of Representatives has passed HR4766, the Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation Act 2006.

"Today we are one step closer to reviving the true spirit of Indian Education. The U.S. House of Representatives has listened to Indian Country, they have acknowledged that American Indian languages have a place in education, they have a place in America," remarked Ryan Wilson, president of the National Indian Education Association.

"The U.S. House of Representatives needs to be commended for creating time in their final hours of business, before their recess, to acknowledge the tremendous contributions to America from Native languages. Not only are these languages sacred to Indian Country, they are part of

the sacred heritage of America."

Wilson encouraged the U.S. Senate to also pass the Language Act. "... the House of Representatives is willing to take a fresh look at Indian education and accept the documented success of heritage language immersion schools. We respectfully ask the United States Senate to make the same consideration. The eyes of Indian Country are now shifting to the Senate and the hopes of Indian Country are now vested there. We have waited so long, many across Indian Country are hanging on just for this bill. We are almost there."

Ask your senator to support the Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation Act 2006: [www.niea.org](http://www.niea.org).  
— National Indian Education Association

## National Indian Law Library receives award

COLORADO — The Native American Rights Fund and its National Indian Law Library has received the 2006 Public Access to Government Information Award.

The American Association of Law Libraries recognized Monica Martens and David Selden for their work in making tribal law available to the public. "A principle tenet of the American Association of Law Libraries is the right of equal access to information for all to ensure an informed citizenry and to promote a just and democratic society," said Johanna C. Bizub, AALL Awards Committee Chair.

The library's work has focused on hundreds of tribal codes and constitutions. It offers a variety of user-friendly tools to access this difficult-to-find information including a Web site, full-text online copies and unique and thorough keyword searching capability through the library's Internet catalog.

Visit the National Indian Law Library at [www.narf.org](http://www.narf.org).

## Group affirms tribal sovereignty through public education

MAINE — When Maine's tribes must assert their sovereignty, they have support from a non-tribal coalition: The Maine Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty (MCTS).

"We seek to support tribes," Chairman John McKaig said. "We seek to educate non-Native people about tribal sovereignty, tribal rights and racism."

The coalition started five years ago when the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Nations were fighting the state and industries over pollution in tribal waters. The tribes refused a court order, on grounds of sovereignty, to hand over water quality documents to the corporations.

In the meantime, Penobscot Chief Barry Dana and two Passamaquoddy governors were threatened with jail sentences and \$1,000-per-day fines. Dana enlisted the help of longtime non-Indian friend John Frachella, who organized others into a tribal support group. Those supporters marched alongside tribe members to the state capital.

"I think it took away some of the ammunition from the... people of the state," Dana said. "When they saw their own people marching with us, they sort of got tongue-tied." The EPA ended up conceding its tribal water authority. "It's a very small ripple in a very large pond," McKaig said at the time. Today, the MCTS is educating others about American Indian rights through information tables and videos.

— Indian Country Today

## National Eagle Center receives \$500,000 Donation

MINNESOTA — The Prairie Island Indian Community recently presented a \$500,000 check to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. The center is the first nationally-recognized organization dedicated to honoring and preserving the eagle. With close spiritual ties to the eagle, the Prairie Island Indian Community hopes its support will help ensure that future generations can learn about and appreciate this important piece of their culture.

"The eagle and its feathers are sacred and highly revered in our traditions, culture and religion," said Audrey Bennett from the Prairie Island Indian Community. "They represent balance, truth and strength as well as courage, wisdom and freedom."

The tribe's donation nearly completes the National Eagle Center's fund-raising goal of \$4,300,000. The center, which has a 2007 completion date, will feature an observation deck overlooking the Mississippi River. It will also offer exhibits and educational programs about the importance of the eagle to American Indian culture.

— Indian Country Today

## Wild mustangs in South

### Dakota are in danger of starving

SOUTH DAKOTA — South Dakota is experiencing the worst drought in its history. This year's rainfall has been only four inches instead of the normal 17 inches. And the drought is worse where the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros has its headquarters. The horses there usually receive food supplements beginning in November. But because of the drought, the society began feeding horses in July. Now they are out of money and need cash donations or hay delivered to the ranch. Each truckload of hay now costs \$2,500.00. Sixty truckloads are needed.

"We are down to the bare bones," said Karen Sussman, president of the society. "We will run out of hay by next week, and the price has gone up." Like many American Indian people, Sussman believe horses are sacred. Another believer is Harry Charger from the Sand Arch Band of Lakota. While archaeologists say horses were extinct from North American until they returned with Spanish invaders, Charger says they have always been here. "As long as there were thunderstorms on this continent, the thunderbeings were mounted on 'the dog that was mysterious' (referring to horses)."

The Lakota people are close to the horse. Many tribes even had "medicine" for their horses. "I remember seeing a horse get hurt when I was three years old," said Charger. "A truck ran into it. You could hear that horse scream a mile away. My grandfather was a visionary (medicine man) . . . He got some herbs and weeds and put it in his mouth . . . and chewed it up. He said something to someone up there and put the medicine on the horse and said 'Grandson, stand up.' The horse stood up. The horse was perfect yet there was blood all over him. The Creator gave my grandfather the vision or the authority to use the gift."

Learn more about the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros and help save the horses at [www.ispmb.org](http://www.ispmb.org).

— Native Times

## Symbols on skin connect hearts to history in Alaska

ALASKA — Traditional Inupiat tattoos are part of the ongoing effort by Alaska Natives to revive their language, dancing and art. Tattoos were common throughout Alaska until the practice faded out in the 20th century due, in part, to rejection by Christian missionaries.

The practice nearly died out when children were forced to attend boarding schools during the times they would have received their first tattoos. Now some Barrow residents are honoring their ancestors by returning to the tattooing traditions. Some women have chin markings of family and ancient traditions. One whaler plans a tattooed whale-tail necklace to commemorate his whale kills.

Lars Krutak has studied the Alaskan customs and says traditional tattoos were made using bird-bone needles, sinew thread and soot to decorate human canvasses. For women who bore elaborate designs across faces and necks to enhance beauty or fertility, it was a painful rite of passage. For hunters, the etchings — usually dark blue — boosted bravery and could ward off evil spirits. While skin-stitched tattoos are extremely rare today — perhaps possessed by only a few elders — some people are embracing the old designs. "We need to be proud of what we are," said educator Jana Harcharek, who wears a discreet blue stripe on her chin.

— Anchorage Daily News

## Catawbas angered over development plans

SOUTH CAROLINA — Museum officials and developers will meet the Catawba Indian Nation and historic preservationists to discuss how to proceed with a 350-acre development planned in Fort Mill. Some experts say the land, which contains burial grounds and the remains of at least two 18th century Catawba villages, should be preserved. County and museum officials say they know of no "substantiated" burial grounds on the property, although they've never initiated a thorough search. The officials also say they've worked with the Catawba on land surveys.

Tribal leaders disagree, saying museum and country officials have not contacted them in years and they were never formally invited to participate in fieldwork. "I personally feel it's a slap in the face to the Catawba people, a complete lack of consideration, respect and social responsibility," said Jason Harris, tribal councilman for the Catawbas.

— Indian Country Today



**Michael James Wright Sr.**, well-known Native American activist in the late 60s and early 70s passed away Oct. 2, 2006, at his home in Sault Ste. Marie with his family next to him. Wright was a father of four and grandfather of four. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of American Indian Movement, and obtained a B.A. in psychology at Northern Michigan University in the early 80s. He was a very humble man whom never sought recognition for his many accomplishments.



Mike Wright with his granddaughter Autumn Wright

Wright was born June 11, 1934. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was well known through Native American circles. In the 70s, Wright was involved in the Bureau of Indian Affairs take over in Washington D.C. and many other protests that eventually helped tribes around the country, including his own, gain federal recognition.

Wright is one of the leaders who helped revitalize Anishinabek culture. During the height of anti-Native American sentiment in the early 70s, Wright took a stance for the Anishinabek people. In

Sault Ste. Marie, he organized Indian Awareness Week and created a parade of Anishinabek who walked through the center of the city. His unheard of (at the time) celebration gained recognition from the city, state and federal government officials, breaking down some of the racial barriers that existed. He was also involved with stopping a pay-to-see display of Native American remains in St. Ignace. He brought powwows back to the eastern Upper Peninsula area and created some powwow protocols still in use today. Wright improved his people's lives culturally and economically, helped many people privately and always gave what little he had to those in need.

Wright was the founding editor of the Nishinawbe News, a regional Native American newspaper published by Northern Michigan University in the early 70s and his achievements have been written about in the New York Times and Washington Post and several newspapers in the Michigan area.

Mike Wright was the chairman of Consolidated Bahweting Ojibwas and Mackinac Tribe, a founder of Mary Queen of Peace Prayer Group, past president of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Isaac Jogues Council and member of Kitimasag Drum.

Michael is survived by his wife, Mary Socorro Wright of Eagle Pass, Texas; sons, Michael James Wright, Jr. of lower

Michigan, and Nathan John (Elaine nee Young) Wright of Sault Ste. Marie; daughters, Delia Marie (Dennis) Ketcherside of Anchorage, Alaska, and Jessica Wright of Lansing, Mich.; brother, Victor Wright of Pontiac, Mich.; and sisters, Edith (Gerald) Synett and Rose (the late Ruben) LaVictor both of Sault Ste. Marie. A lifelong good friend, Merle Newman of Sault Ste. Marie also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Delia M. (nee Mastaw) Wright; sisters, Frieda Hanson and Bertha Wright; and brothers, Raymond and John Wright.

Visitation was at the Niigaanigiizhik Building Oct. 4 until Oct. 5. Anishinabek ceremonies took place. A Mass was held at noon Oct. 5, at St. Mary's Church in Sault Ste. Marie, followed by a burial on Sugar Island at Maple Ridge Cemetery.

In loving memory of **Howard LaVern Merritt**. On Sept. 1, 2005, at the young age of 63 Howard lost his courageous battle with cancer. He is missed deeply by his family and friends not a day goes past that he is not thought of lovingly. He was born in Ann Arbor on March 15, 1942 to Alonzo and Elfrieda (Arbogast) Merritt. He married Barbara Belonga of Sault Ste. Marie and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on Oct. 7, 1959, in Ypsilanti, and

she survives. Howard attended Ann Arbor High School, and then went to work for Armstrong Carpet in Ann Arbor, where he was employed for 10 years. He then joined the physical plant department at Eastern Michigan University, where he served as a plumber for 31 years, retiring in 1997. His parents preceded him in death. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three children, Howard A. Merritt of Indianapolis, Ind., Theresa (Nicholas) Chapekis of Ypsilanti and Lorrie (George) Shaw of Tecumseh, six grandchildren, Rachel and Rebecca Merritt, Adam and Matthew Brown, Ian Shaw, and Athena Chapekis, one great-granddaughter, Kloei Brown, one sister, Ruth (Roger) Goodman, two brothers, Merle (Bonnie) Merritt, and Alfred (Rose) Merritt and several nieces and nephews.

**Christine Wilson** of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Sept. 23, at War Memorial Hospital. She was born April 10, 1914 at Sheguiandah, Ontario.

She enjoyed knitting and will be remembered by her casino friends. She was originally from first nations, Ontario.

She is survived by two step



sons, Allen Bachelor of Petoskey, Mich., and Calvin Wilson of Rodney, Mich.

One daughter, Mary Gray of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

One step daughter, Clair Wilson of Syracuse, IN.

Five grandchildren, Danny Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Edward Trudeau (Melissa) of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Rosemary Pitawanakwat, Vivian Trudeau of Wikwemikong, Ontario.

Twelve great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren all of Wikwemikong, Ontario.

Predeceased by: Husband George Wilson, parents William and Elizabeth Obimeweve, daughter Genievie Trudeau and step brother Currie Bearfoot.

Visitation was Monday, September 25, Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Funeral services were Tuesday September 26, at 11 a.m. at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Final resting place is Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Share a memory, tell a story or send the family a condolence to clarkbaileynewhouse@sbcglobal.net.

## Regalia sewing day at culture center



Regalia sewing day was held Saturday, September 30, at the Niigaanigiizhik building (culture building) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The "ALL STARS' Seven Strategies for Successful Parenting" CD and other positive parenting materials were provided free of charge to parents attending the event. Materials for girl's/women's traditional, and boy's/men's grass dance regalia were provided to those wanting to try their hand at making their own. Participants enjoyed a potluck lunch. The event was sponsored by the Sault Tribe and the State of Michigan.

Above left: Mike McKerchie receives help from Sharon Downs measuring his pattern onto the fabric. Right: Behavioral Health Counselor with Sault Tribe American Indian Substance Abuse, Karen Howell organized sewing day and is shown here helping Sharon Downs make a shirt for her regalia.

Photos by Brenda Austin



### Madoodiswan Kinoomaagewnan History of the Lodge Camp October 27 & 28

Where: Sugar Island Mary Murray Culture Camp

When: Friday & Saturday October 27 & 28

If you would like to sign up your child or would like to participate please give Josh Homminga or Melissa Causley a call at (906) 632-7033 or 632-7494 ext. 27013. Permission slip required for attendance.

#### Agenda

**Friday**

6 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
8 p.m.  
9:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

8 a.m.  
9 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.  
12 p.m.  
1 p.m.  
1:15 p.m.  
2:15 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
4 p.m.  
5 p.m.

Leave for camp  
Light supper  
Workshop 1 design village  
Pop corn/movie

Breakfast  
Cleanup  
Wabino lodge teachings  
Tribal historian Art Leighton  
Break  
Set up lunch  
Lunch  
Cleanup  
Sweatlodge teachings  
Break  
Tools of the lodge  
Cleanup  
Pack up  
Head for home

# Candidates response to American Indian issues

For a better understanding of candidates positions on issue regarding American Indians, the Sault Tribe presented the following questions to candidates running for state and federal seats in the upcoming 2006 election.

A letter and questionnaire was sent to gubernatorial candidates, Jennifer M. Granholm, Dick Devos, Douglas Campbell, Bhagwan Dashairya and Gregory Creswell; Lt. governor candidates, Ruth Johnson, John D. Cherry Jr., David Skrbina, Cecil G. Oehling and Scotty Bowman; U.S. Senate candidates Debbie Stabenow, David Sole, Dennis W. FitzSimons, Leonard Schwartz and Michael Bouchard; U.S. House of Representatives District 1 candidates, Don Hopper, Bart Stupak, David J. Newland, Joshua J. Warren and Ken Proctor; Michigan 37th District State Senate candidates Jason Allen and Sharon Unger; 38th District State Senate candidates Pete Mackin and Mike Prusi; 105th District State Representative Candidates Kevin A. Eisenheimer and Tim Hay Bauer; 107th District State Representative candidates Jay Duggan and Gary McDowell; 108th District State Representative candidates Tom Casperson and Judy Nerat; 109th State Representative candidates Joel Westrom and Steven Lindberg; 110th State Representative candidates Dave Schmidt, Michael A. Lahti and James M. Niemela.

The questions presented to the candidates were:

1. Do you support funding at the appropriate level (to cover the actual expense of tuition waived by universities) of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program, a state funded program based on a government to government agreement (Comstock Agreement)?
2. What is your position on the level of regulatory oversight of the Michigan Indian gaming industry? What will your general position be on re-negotiating the 1993 Indian Gaming Compact with Michigan Indian Tribes in 2013? Why?
3. Tribes in Michigan have found a unique way to address the low rates of academic achievement and graduation for Native Americans by pooling federal tribal resources and state charter school funding. Would you support the continued operation of charter school funding for tribal schools?
4. The health status of the Michigan Indian population remains below the general population. How would you address this pressing need for additional health care for American Indians?
5. How would you further promote government-to-government relations with Indian tribes located in Michigan? What actions would you propose or support in an effort to preserve tribal sovereignty?
6. What is your position on Proposal 2, which would eliminate opportunities for women and minorities?
7. What specific initiatives/funding would you support for non-gaming tribal economic development?
8. How have you supported in the past, and expect to support in the future; funding and/or services for the increasing population of American Indian elders?
9. American Indians are both citizens of their respective tribes

and voting members of your districts. How would you ensure various state programs are available and eligible to Indian tribes and individual Indians?

10. Tribes have very successful mutual law enforcement agreements with local law enforcement agencies. Would you support establishing similar agreements between the tribes and the Michigan State Police?

The following candidates responded to our questionnaire.

## Governor



**Gregory Creswell- Libertarian**

1. No.
2. There is too much regulatory oversight of the Michigan Indian Gaming Industry, in fact, it, the Gaming Industry should not be under any governmental control, period. Accept for laws against fraud, extortion etc. We support the free market style of Gaming no matter what. The I.G.C. of 1993 with the Michigan tribes should be re-worded to read: We the undersigned adhere to the free market results only, rather good or bad and we are opposed to any and all government regulation. Because a free market means a free society.
3. No, not as it is now. We believe in getting government completely out of education.
4. The best way to deal with the health care issue here in Michigan would be to start a privately run medical savings account, get government out of the health care sector. Also taxes relief for all along with repealing all regulations that hinder success.
5. We would not promote a "government-to-government" relationship with the tribes located in Michigan, but would use free market remedies to get away from it. On the sovereignty issue, we would support full private property rights for everyone including all Michigan tribes. Plus restoring rights of easement, access, hunting and fishing. The B.I.A.(Bureau of Indian Affairs) should be abolished and the tribes should be free to select their citizenship, level of autonomy up to absolute sovereignty.
6. We support proposal #2 and it's passage. VOTE YES ON 2.
7. The remedies we believe would be huge tax relief and regulation reductions.
8. We do not support any taxpayer funding of any kind but we do advocate; donations, donations, donations.
9. We do not support any kind of taxpayer funded programs. DONATE, DONATE, DONATE.
10. Yes. Best regards, Gregory Creswell, candidate for Governor/Libertarian Party p.s. We believe negotiations should be undertaken to exchange unclaimed and unowned federal and state land back to the tribes and holding fully liable for those responsible for any and all damage on reservation lands.

## Lt. Governor



**Scotty Bowman-Libertarian**

1. The state should keep all existing agreements with tribal governments. New spending should come from voluntary sources. I support complete autonomy of Native American territory.
2. The only necessary restriction on the Indian Gaming Industry, is that all transactions be honest. All new negotiations (such as re-negotiating the 1993 Indian Gaming Compact) should respect the sovereignty of Native lands, and the right of individuals to spend their money as they see fit. Libertarian candidates respect the right of all people to engage in any peaceful honest activity. This includes gaming.
3. While I believe all school funding should be voluntary, I think tribal organizations have as much a right to organize a charter school as any other. Furthermore, tribal organizations should be free to spend money as they deem appropriate without intervention from the state or federal government.
4. State and federal authorities should not impede any plans by native governments to raise new revenue. Such revenue could be used for health care improvements. Furthermore, federal and state, limitations and prohibitions on alternative medicine have no jurisdiction on reservations.
5. Sovereignty of native land should be fully recognized. This means federal and state laws should not apply on tribal land. Rather it is for citizens of the Native American nations to determine their own internal affairs. While, it is really none of my business, I would suggest that tribal governments establish their territories as free enterprise zones where tourists could vacation, and spend their money, in a less restrictive environment then most Americans have become accustomed. The success of native gaming points to the wisdom of this path.
6. I have carefully looked over the proposals on the state-wide ballot. There are no proposals that would "eliminate opportunities for women and minorities." If there were such a proposal I would oppose it. There may be a local Proposal 2 (somewhere in the state) that does this, but I am not aware of it. The Proposal 2 on the state-wide ballot is a Civil Rights initiative that would end some forms of state-sponsored racism and sexism. While it does not go far enough, it is a step in the direction of non-racist society that respects equal rights for all people. For the full wording of the actual state-wide proposal 2 visit: www.mcri2006.org.
7. Tribal initiatives should be up to tribal governments and not under the jurisdiction of the state or federal governments.
8. I have not substantially supported funding and services for American Indian elders, because I haven't had much money out-

side of what I have needed for personal needs. Anyone who is able should be free to lend such support.

9. Those who are dual citizens should receive the same quality of service as other citizens.

10. That depends. If such agreements respect the sovereignty of Native American nations, and apply to some extradition or emergency aid, fine. However, such agreements could serve as an excuse to impose state law on reservations. I would be opposed to such cases.

## United States Senate



**David Sole - Green Party**

1. I support full funding of the Comstock Agreement to cover the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program. All treaty obligations must be fully adhered to by the U.S. government and the state of Michigan.
2. Gaming regulation should favor the needs and desires of the Native tribes. This is one area of commerce that has actually benefited the Native peoples and ought to continue to benefit them. Changes that the tribes feel are needed should be enacted in any re-negotiations. The U.S. and Michigan governments owe much more to Native peoples than can ever be repaid.
3. The issue of charter school funding should be decided by the Native nations themselves as a matter of self-determination and sovereignty. In general I favor improving public schools, but defer to the tribes in matters that concern themselves.
4. We need free national health care for all in the U.S. including prescription drugs. I call for the immediate withdrawal of all troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, slashing the bloated Pentagon budget and ending U.S. aid to Israel. This money could immediately be diverted a health care for all, and increased medical research. Special needs of Michigan's tribes in the area of health care should be detailed by tribal leaders and then aggressively implemented at a federal and state level.
5. I support a comprehensive review of all treaty rights and obligations with all Michigan tribes. I agree that these are government to government issues (sovereignty). We also need to expand education of non-Native peoples throughout Michigan's schools to develop better understanding of Native rights and contributions.
6. I strongly oppose Proposal 2 and support maintaining and expanding affirmative action. Racism and sex discrimination are far from dead and we need to continue efforts to eradicate them. Affirmative action is just one method.
7. The infrastructure of Michigan's cities, towns and rural areas is in disrepair. I propose a national program, funded by diverting money from the military budget, to guarantee a job at a

decent wage to anyone able to work. Native tribes ought to be able to identify the needs in their own areas and be commissioned to oversee this jobs program.

8. Comprehensive, free national health care and prescription drugs would benefit all seniors. I would also press for the immediate pardon of Native elder Leonard Peltier, unjustly imprisoned all these years after being framed up by the federal government.

9. We need special outreach programs throughout the state, especially in urban areas and areas away from tribal lands, to ensure that all medical programs, job programs, education programs and housing programs are accessible to Native people. No one should be allowed to "fall through the cracks." These outreach programs ought, also, to employ Native people.

10. Should the Native tribes seek cooperative agreements with the Michigan State Police, I would support their desires as a matter of respecting sovereignty.

## United States House of Representatives



**Ken Proctor - Libertarian District 1**

1. As a Libertarian, I believe all agreements, whether between two people, or two governments, should be honored as they were made. If an agreement is not being lived up to by one party or the other, this breach should be addressed. I am very aware of the federal and state government's history of broken treaties, contracts and agreements with Anishinaabe. This saddens me. Our present elected officials show little honor and little respect for any of people of Michigan.
  2. The tribal councils that worked on the 1993 Compact were right to keep the Michigan government and its bureaucracy from having too much control over what should be a tribal matter. It is my hope that the same wisdom guide any and all future Compacts.
  3. Yes! I am an advocate for charter schools. I also believe in the use of school vouchers. I believe school vouchers should be given to every child in Michigan and should be able to be used at any public, private, or charter school. I believe vouchers should also be able to be redeemed by people that home-school.
  4. Health care is an issue that everyone must deal with. I know that a large reason for our health cares' low availability and high cost is government over-regulation and forced mandates on every segment of our health care system. There are specific things that can be done at the state and federal government level to lower the cost of health care and give everyone more and better choices. The specific health care needs of the American Indian should have a higher priority than it now has in our government.
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5. Please read my answer to question #1. Libertarians are not like Democrats or Republicans, who are opposite sides of the same coin. We believe in the sovereignty of the individual and I will always defend the sovereignty of the many nations and tribes of the American Indian.

6. Proposition 2 will not eliminate opportunities for women and minorities. Big government, both Democrats and Republicans; big business and big labor, are all against this proposition. These enemies of this proposal are fighting it not to protect women and minorities, but to protect the power and the tax money that they receive from all the government programs and agencies that decide which group of people get the most preferential treatment. I have always been bound by my own personal creed to always treat everyone equally. When government is forced to treat everyone equally, the power of special interests to take bread from your table greatly decreases. Our government's unequal treatment of groups of people creates real walls of division that will always keep those people separated and apart from the larger group.

7. Any initiatives/funding should be tailored to the resources' and potential of each specific tribal group and area; keeping in mind the needs of the group and their desires and wishes. Overall state funding of tribal non-gaming economic development should be better balanced against economic development initiatives state wide. Much can be done, that is not being done now, or even tried.

8. I do not fully understand all the issues associated with this question, but I do understand it is important. If I am elected I will make great effort to learn more about these and other issues of Anishinaabe, and with your help, develop some solutions.

9. All state programs should be as accessible and available to all the people in the state of Michigan as possible. If accessibility is limited in different remote or lower populated areas because of state budget cuts, or special interest's priorities, then our elected officials have bad priorities, and they should be changed.

10. Yes. I think the more control the tribes have over their own business and interests, the better it could be for everyone. Interaction between tribal agencies, and state or federal agencies, should not be an uphill walk. Voluntary cooperation is always preferred by Libertarians like myself, over forced confrontation.

## Michigan State Senate



**Jason Allen - Republican  
37th District**

1. Yes, I have worked diligently with tribal leadership and members of the legislature to ensure funding for the Tuition Waiver program. Funding for this program has and continues to be

a concern of mine because of the strong impact it has on Upper Peninsula colleges and universities, in addition to tribal populations.

2. Oversight of tribal gaming is important in that it ensures compliance with the existing compacts so that one tribe is not disadvantaged to another. In the senate, I chair the Gaming and Casino Oversight committee and feel that we currently have a good balance in gaming oversight. Due to term limits established in the Michigan Constitution, I will not be eligible to serve in the state legislature in 2013 and therefore will not be involved with re-negotiating the 1993 compacts in 2013.

3. Yes, I support continued operation of charter school funding for tribal schools.

4. I had the opportunity to tour tribal facilities in the Sault and I was impressed with their programs for diabetes, wellness and elder care. I will continue to work with tribal leadership and state regulatory agencies for any assistance that is needed.

5. I enjoy a good relationship with Chairman Payment and have been working to maintain an open line of communication with the tribes. A number of Michigan tribes have traveled to Lansing to testify before the Senate Gaming and Casino Oversight committee, which I chair. These committee hearings have been helped members of the legislature better understand the unique challenges which are being faced by tribal members. I believe strongly that dialogues of this nature need to continue in the future.

6. I am opposed to Proposal 2.

7. I am open to working with tribal leadership to help them chart their own path. A first step in the process is communicating with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the state agency which oversees state level economic development programs. I have an excellent working relationship with the MEDC and am certainly willing to help facilitate these discussions.

8. Yes, I support funding for American Indian elder populations.

9. My office remains available to work with any constituent who is having difficulty with a state government agency. I will continue the dialogue established with government to government relations to ensure that all are represented.

10. I am open to starting the discussion of a tribal/state police law enforcement agreement. As was the case with local law enforcement agreements, there would be many issues that would need to be worked out, but it is certainly a conversation worth having.

## Michigan State House



**Tom Hay Bauer - Democratic  
105th District**

1. As past project director of the Waganakising Odawa Business Technology Training

Program (WOBTT) for the Education Department at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), I am completely dedicated to a wide range of educational opportunities for tribal members in Michigan. As a legislator, I would sponsor legislation to provide free tuition as required under the Comstock Agreement and restore the MITW as a separate line item in the State's budget.

2. Through my association with LTBB and many of its employees and citizens, I have been very impressed with the degree of care and diligence that the tribe devotes to regulating its own gaming operations. I have the greatest confidence in the ability of Michigan's tribes to self-regulate with a minimum of oversight—just as Michigan regulates its own lottery. I certainly do not see any need for more state regulation than is required under the current compact.

3. Providing an environment in which tribal culture and language can flourish is an absolute priority. I would introduce legislation granting each Indian tribe in Michigan funding and support for the establishment of a charter school (or schools) that would advance this goal. This authority should be independent of any limits imposed on the chartering of non-tribal schools.

4. I have seen the effects of diabetes, alcoholism, and other serious diseases on tribal communities. There is an absolute need for culturally-sensitive programs to attack these health problems and encourage wellness. I will support these programs to the best of my ability at the State level.

5. Chairman Frank Ettawageshik of the LTBB is an energetic and eloquent advocate of tribal sovereignty, and I have been fortunate to hear many of his thoughts on the matter over the past four years. It is clear from the United States Constitution and numerous treaties that Indian tribes must be treated as sovereign entities. As a legislator, I will commit myself to the full recognition of this inherent sovereignty.

6. This deceptively-named proposal is nothing more than an attempt to undo decades of progress in civil rights, and I most certainly oppose both its substance and intent. We must remember that the Civil Rights Movement began during the lifetime of many who are still living, and its objectives are every bit as important and in need of fulfillment today as was the case in past decades.

7. The success of tribal economic entities will be important in the growth of Michigan's economy and the health of its local communities. As a legislator, I will work more than full time with tribes and others to make sure that benefits from sources such as the 21st Century Jobs program are brought to the 105th District. I will also work exclusively for the people of the district and will avoid economic or other ties that would present any potential for a conflict of interest.



**Gary McDowell - Democratic  
107th District**

1. Yes, I support funding enough money for the Indian Tuition Waiver so that colleges do not have to use the funding for their operating expenses to make up the difference between the funding provided for waivers and the actual cost of the waivers.

2. I believe fewer government regulations and less government bureaucracy create an environment where businesses will have the opportunity to grow and succeed. My focus is to create an environment where businesses can thrive. However, we must ensure that the oversight fund is adequately funded.

My general position on re-negotiating the 1993 Indian Gaming Compact is that all parties should be able to bring their concerns to the table and negotiate an agreement that will be amicable to all involved.

3. Yes, I support the continued operation of charter schools authorized by tribal community colleges. These schools are meeting the needs of students and helping them to achieve academic success, and they should be supported.

4. It is widely recognized that health disparities exist in Michigan and must be addressed. While solid efforts to address health disparities are underway, more must be done. Currently, the Department of Community Health budget provides funding for Michigan disparity reduction and minority health programs, and we were successful in restoring potential cuts to these programs for Fiscal Year 2007. These programs are responsible for the development, promotion, and administration of health promotion programs for minority populations including American Indians. This responsibility is carried out through grants to local health departments and community-based organizations. Funding supports highly targeted evidence-based prevention, health promotion, and screening services.

I also supported legislation which would require the Department of Community Health to develop and implement a structure to address racial and ethnic health disparities, monitor minority health progress, establish minority health policy, and develop and implement a statewide strategic plan for the reduction of disparities. This bill passed the House of Representatives in March, and is currently in the Senate Health Policy Committee.

5. As County Commissioner, I worked very closely with the Sault Tribe on several endeavors through the county EDC to advance tribal businesses. As a board member on the Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital, I worked on the joint venture with the tribe to establish the dialysis unit and urgent care center at the hospital.

As state representative, I have continued this close relationship with the area tribes through regu-

lar meetings, and have been very willing to assist with any tribal activities.

I think it is very important for the state of Michigan, local governments and tribal governments to work jointly on projects of mutual concern, such as the urgent care center. However, the state leadership must also respect the fact that the Indian communities are not under the state's control or authority, but are in fact separate sovereign nations.

6. I am opposed to this proposal.

7. As a member of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation for 16 years, I worked on several joint projects with the tribe to provide economic opportunities for tribe members and the area community.

As your state representative, I have supported diversifying our state's economy with the 21st Century Jobs Fund. I believe this is also the key to tribal economic development. We need to develop and encourage tribal entrepreneurship by improving access to capital, improving technological infrastructure, supporting and improving education and training opportunities, and increasing awareness of existing economic development resources, such as American Indian Economic Development Fund loans and training programs.

We also need to promote entrepreneurship in a way that recognizes the unique circumstances Indians face. For example, many Indians have a difficult time accessing commercial credit because they have no real property (land, homes, etc.) to offer as collateral. A possible solution is to increase the availability of "secured lending," which uses personal property as collateral. Also important to the securing of credit is the implementation of uniform tribal commercial codes, which streamline the cost of doing business.

We also need to protect funding and financial aid programs for community colleges such as the Bay Mills Community College and the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. These community colleges are the engines of economic growth and training centers for tribal members to learn entrepreneurial skills.

8. The Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) budget provides for a variety of programs which specifically focus on Michigan's aging population, including community-based and in-home programs to seniors and their caregivers. These programs are designed to help maintain older adults in the least restrictive setting and avoid costly, premature nursing home placement. I supported funding increases for the 2007 budget year for these programs, which allows the state to take advantage of federal fund increases and grants for nutritional programs such as congregate meals and home delivered meals

9. My oath as your state representative requires me to uphold the Michigan and the United States Constitutions. Both clearly state that all citizens should be treated equally under the law. I would not propose nor support any legislation that would treat similarly situated individuals differently by denying one group access to benefits solely due to a group's ethnicity.

10. Yes, as long as this is what the tribe desired.

# Write your Congressional representatives!

## Indians urged to action for health care improvements

BY RICK SMITH

Camelita Skeeter, CEO of the Indian Health Care Resource Center in Tulsa, Okla., wants all American Indians who have representation in the U.S. Congress to fire off letters to their representatives to support passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The bill to improve Indian health care has been stalled in Congress for years, but it is again up for consideration.

Skeeter, a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation, said American Indians across the country are facing a health care crisis and now is the time to take matters into their own hands. "It's a law that needs to be authorized," said Skeeter. "All the tribes have agreed to this version since the year 2000 but it keeps falling to the bottom of the list. We need all the support we can get, but it's going to have to come from the grassroots up."

She added the Act would expand medical services, enhance services already in place and stabilize and improve funding of services. Others say the bill would essentially modernize the Indian Health Service system and prevent diseases that often go untreated. This is especially true in urban areas where clinics are funded by federal dollars.

"The tribes gave their land up and the government said 'we

will provide your education, we will provide your health care.' We still have a long way to go, but we made some steps forward, particularly in prenatal care," said Skeeter.

Citing the situation of hundreds of Indian Health Care Resource Center clientele in Tulsa as a reflection of the rest of the country, Skeeter noted, "About 70 percent of our patient load have no means, they have no health insurance so they would not be able to receive services."

The Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc., is a private, nonprofit Oklahoma corporation with a locally elected board of trustees. The center is a community-based organization, which manages its own affairs and is not controlled by any tribe, the Indian Health Service or any other agency. With an annual operating budget of over \$9 million, the center delivers comprehensive health care supported by a highly capable and efficient administrative and business operations staff.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act declared it policy of the United States to elevate the health status of American Indians to a level at parity with the general U.S. population. The Act has had a checkered legislative history.

# August and September Constitutional Convention Committee update

Submitted by Bill McDermott

Having completed work, for the most part, on the Judicial Branch of our government the committee now is addressing the Legislative Branch of our government, upon completing this portion we will then address the Executive Branch. Work remains on the Judicial Branch and will be completed as we address issues in the Legislative and Executive Branches and tie all elements of the government together.

August and September have seen the committee tackle some of its most controversial topics to date. The types of issues such as: Who is or can be a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians? As we all know some members today are described in the current Constitution and some are recognized in a resolution adopted

in 1978. The big question is in this new Constitution how should this issue be addressed at present and how will it be addressed for the future. This is one of several large issues that the committee is charged with the responsibility of answering, and is one that consumes a great deal of discussion as the committee has experienced.

Along with this discussion the committee is addressing issues concerned directly with the legislators (directors) that will represent those members. The issues that we are currently discussing are those of: qualifications, recall, removal, suspension, election, length of terms, meeting times and places and also voting districts, regular sessions (meetings) and special sessions.

As we all know there is a distinct difference between our service area as defined by Indian

Health Service and our Election Districts (Units) even as established in our current Constitution.

The Committee encourages all tribe members to attend, and be involved, in our meetings as we are drafting this Constitution for the benefit of all of our tribe members both present and future. We need to know the types of issues that you would like to see addressed and we do this by allowing time for members to address the Committee before we begin, during the discussion at the chairman's discretion and at the end of our discussion. All meetings of the Committee are being held in Sault Ste Marie at Kewadin Casino.

For a complete list of dates and times for the meetings, please see page 4.

### ATTENTION: FISHERS & FISH PROCESSORS HACCP basic course to be offered Dec. 19-21

SAULT STE. MARIE — A seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification training, to be conducted by Michigan Sea Grant Agent Ron Kinnunen, has been scheduled for December 19, 20, and 21, at Mikanuk Hall, Bay Mills Community College, Bay Mills Indian Community.

The cost is \$90 per person, and includes all HACCP manuals and educational materials. The course is open to any and all fishers and fish processors who would like to attend. The course will be taught by Ron Kinnunen, Mike Erdman, Jim Thannum and Jennifer Dale-Burton.

CORA-member tribe fishers should check with their Natural Resource departments for additional resources. "HACCP" stands for "Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point." The Seafood HACCP regulation became mandatory in 1997. The HACCP training course helps fishermen and processors learn to develop and adopt a HACCP plan to fit their specific needs; reassess or modify the plan as a result of verification activities and any corrective actions that occur; and review the HACCP records for adequacy. For questions or to sign up, contact Ron Kinnunen at (906) 226-3687 or kinnune1@msu.edu.

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# Fourth annual Walk for Warmth

Some economic experts have indicated that there is a one in four chance that the U.S. is headed towards a recession within the next year, others indicate there is a 50-percent chance. Add these alarming projections to the bleak economic situation already found in Michigan as a whole, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan could really feel the burden of a lower socio-economic base; astrophysically and without delay.

Being proactive in its efforts to make available emergency needs monies for Chippewa County residents, the Walk for Warmth

Committee is bracing for what might be "critical mass" in the amount of funding requests being sought this season.

The Walk for Warmth (W4W) Fund is a last resort funding source administered by Community Action for individuals with financial assistance needs. Each year, assistance is provided to help Chippewa County residents with heating and other emergency needs that are not covered by other social service programs due to regulations and policy. In 2005 the W4W fund assisted 122 families and a total

of 397 household members.

We are very appreciative of the community's support for Walk for Warmth and proud to participate in this fund-raising activity. Our goal is not only to help Faith Works! and C-L-M Community Action raise money but to also increase awareness about home heating emergencies and the importance of helping others within our community.

Faith Works! and C-L-M Community Action are pleased to announce that the Third Annual Walk for Warmth Campaign raised over \$28,000, which was

up 50-percent from the 2004 total. Special thanks to the many volunteers, local merchants, and individuals who donated to this fund raiser and made Walk for Warmth a success.

Currently, we are organizing for the Fourth Annual Walk for Warmth scheduled on October 21, at the Avery Square in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the Walk will commence at 10 a.m. More Committee members are needed to plan this event. We invite all ages. Youth groups, local fraternity/sorority members, church

organizations, and social service workers we need you too! Interested persons may become involved by donating time, talent, and monetary contributions.

Planning meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year at 8 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church on Lyon Street. For further information, please call Scott Nason at (906) 632-3363 or Bob Ferguson at (906) 635-0097. Join the Walk for Warmth and stomp out the cold for your friends and neighbors!

## Labor starved Wyoming recruiting Michigan workers

BY KIRK JOHNSON

GILLETTE, Wyo.—Houston Mellentine, 10, held up the rattlesnake tail he kept in a box. "Killed it right over there," he said, pointing to the edge of his family's dirt front yard.

His mother, Melissa, sat in a folding chair as the sun set one recent evening, eyeing the snake's tail in her son's hand. "They don't have rattlesnakes in Michigan," she said somewhat longingly, at least not in her old front yard.

But then, Michigan has few of the types of jobs that brought the Mellentines here.

Labor-starved Wyoming, with its energy boom in coal, oil and natural gas, is vigorously courting the workers of the Rust Belt - in particular, those in Michigan's struggling auto industry. And the workers are responding, and adjusting to a very different life in the West.

Wyoming economic development officials and company representatives are planning their third recruiting trip this year, visiting job fairs next month in Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids. A billboard depicting a lush Wyoming will go up on the highway outside Flint later this month and be seen by an estimated 65,000 people a day.

"Michigan has been very good for us," said Ruth Benson, the director of the Campbell County Economic Development Corporation, who has twice led recruiting expeditions to depressed cities in Michigan.

So far, about 1,500 Michigan residents have signed up to receive job postings through the Wyoming work force Web site, and at least several hundred, employers and recruiters say, have

moved to the state.

Mrs. Mellentine's husband, Joe, is one of those who heard the call. Mr. Mellentine, 35, a former ironworker and landscaper from Chesaning, just outside Flint, moved here in March after hearing about Wyoming at a job fair. "I came to get a piece of the American pie," said Mr. Mellentine, who works for a company that prepares sites for natural gas drilling.

Mrs. Mellentine and their two sons joined him in July, and he has since talked three of his childhood friends in Michigan into heading West as well.

They are all still very much adjusting to the change. But many former Michigan residents say their Wyoming experience - voting for change with their feet, trading the comfortable and familiar for a boomtown life more than 1,000 miles from home - has reaffirmed their faith that good things can still happen with a little gumption.

"A lot of people are afraid to take a chance," said Eric Chapdelaine, 33, who was lured here by Mr. Mellentine and is now driving a cargo truck to coal mines and drilling sites. "But you've got to make it happen - or sit back and let it happen."

The local police are also aware of the Michigan labor pool. Chief Richard Adriaens of the Gillette police was hired in 2004 from a suburb near Detroit. Since then, he has returned and found three more fellow Michiganders to add to the town's 48-officer roster, with another recruiting swing planned for later this year.

Michigan is attractive, Chief Adriaens said, because the police training is excellent, but the job

market is not. "We've tried some other areas that had depressed economies, but they weren't the same," he said.

Officials in Michigan, where the unemployment rate was about seven percent in July, said they were unconcerned about the Wyoming employment campaign, mostly because it had involved only a small fraction of the state's workers and had not signaled a wholesale migration. The state also has some experience with this situation: in the early 1980's, thousands of laid-off auto workers moved to Texas during the oil boom there.

"It's a good thing that people that have salable skills use them, even when we have to lose them," said Michael Shore, a spokesman for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

By the standards of the nation's past great labor migrations - the industrial revolution in the late 1800's that filled urban factories with former farmers, the Dust Bowl diaspora to California in the 1930's, the tide of blacks from the South in World War II seeking work in northern factories - what is happening here is an aberration, historians and geographers say.

Economic trends have mostly gone the other way since World War II, they say, anchoring blue-collar life. Families that require two incomes to make ends meet are less able to leave, even when one income is lost. A college education increases knowledge of options that may exist elsewhere, but many blue-collar workers do not have a degree.

"People with high education and skills are the first to leave a declining area," said

Mark E. Reisinger, an assistant professor of geography at the State University of New York at Binghamton who studies labor mobility. "People who never left home to go to school are more tied to place."

Wyoming recruiters say there is another element to their admiration for Michigan. Not only are the people there akin to Wyomingites in the ways and wiles of work, but they also have an inner toughness, they say, that can only come from surviving harsh northern winters.

The state tried a job campaign in the South last fall after Hurricane Katrina, hoping to draw displaced oil industry workers. But the effort largely flopped when people who were used to working on the balmy Gulf Coast got wind of what life can be like in Wyoming in January.

"People keep talking about the winters, but I'm not scared," said Tami Studer, who moved to Casper this summer from Lansing with her husband, Philip, who now works nights for a company that makes equipment for natural gas drilling. One conversation at the local Wal-Mart, though, did give her pause, she said. A boy was talking about the thermometer hitting 43 below.

The other word often mentioned by the newly arrived is "empty." Wyoming has just about 500,000 people spread across 97,000 square miles. Michigan has nearly 10 million people in 57,000 square miles.

"I thought I was a country girl until I came here," Mrs. Mellentine said. "But I love it."

What happens down the road in Wyoming - whether transplanted lives will take root or last

just a season or two - will probably depend on people like Josh Dagen.

Mr. Dagen is 19 and three months out of Byron High School in Michigan. He arrived here in late July, had a job the next day driving a dump truck at a coal mine and now makes about \$1,000 a week, including overtime, he said.

When asked if he planned to stay in Wyoming, he said, "I'm not sure yet."

"But if things go well," he added, "I might stay, because nothing is going to happen in Michigan in the next 10 years at least, and there's money out here to be made."

Mr. Dagen said he was encouraging his parents to move.

"We're thinking about it," his mother, Kristine, said in a telephone interview. "Seems like every other person I talk to knows somebody who's going out there, or has gone out there, or is talking about it."

But Harley Mellentine, Houston's 12-year-old brother, is not so sure that Wyoming will be a perfect fit for him.

"Michigan will always be home," he said firmly, sitting outside the family house. "No matter how long we stay here, Michigan is always going to be home to me."

This recruitment billboard will go up outside Flint, Mich., before Wyoming officials and employers participate in a job fair there this month: Joe Mellentine, a former ironworker and landscaper from Michigan, moved his family to Wyoming this year.

## AIDS rising among American Indians

BY RICK SMITH

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Information gathered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are significant, rising problems in Indian Country.

The emergence of HIV/AIDS as a significant problem among American Indians appears to be something of a surprise. "It's interesting, number one, we don't have much data in regard to HIV in the American Indian population or the Alaska Native population, but we have very good data in regard to sexually transmitted diseases and we have very good data

in regard to substance abuse," said Dr. Anthony Dekker, D.O., an Indian Health Service (IHS) consultant. "If you look at patients in the American Indian population, they have very high rates of Chlamydia, higher than any other ethnic group — and they have very high rates of other forms of sexually transmitted diseases. We do know that non-protected sexual contact is a significant issue in the American Indian/Alaska Native population. We also know that there is a very high rate of alcohol and drug abuse in the American Indian/Alaska Native population. There are many reasons for that, but what happens is that when you take a population that has had high rates of substance abuse and

high rates of sexually transmitted diseases, any population in the U.S. also has high rates of HIV."

Frank Canizales, HIV/AIDS coordinator for IHS said access to care, particularly in rural regions, is another issue with HIV/AIDS treatment. "In most cases, the rural and remote reservations, if we have the tribal or IHS run clinics, transportation to and from the clinic is always a problem and not just for issues of total health care. At any time, the preventive health care services are more difficult for our population to be able to address. Certainly transportation and isolation are key issues."

According to the CDC, although HIV/AIDS diagnoses of American Indians represent less than one per

cent of the total number of cases reported, when population size is taken into account Indians ranked third in AIDS diagnosis rates. In the 33 states that have long-term confidential name-based HIV reporting, women accounted for 29 per cent of the HIV/AIDS diagnoses among Indians. Overall, surveillance data show that HIV/AIDS is a growing problem among American Indians.

Last May, about 1,000 American Indian representatives along with federal, state and local health officials gathered in Anchorage, Alaska, to address concerns over the growing incidence of HIV/AIDS among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

### City of Port Huron Job Announcements

Police Officer

The Port Huron Police Department is looking for men and women who want to become part of an exciting police organization.

Present salary range is \$40,974 - \$54,632.

Fire Fighter

The City of Port Huron is preparing to update their fire fighter candidate list. Present salary range is \$39,751 - 53,001.

Application deadline for both positions is November 8.

For a complete job description, application and selection process summary, visit our Web site at [www.porthuron.org](http://www.porthuron.org). Applications must be submitted with a resume to the Municipal Office Center, Personnel Dept., 100 McMorrان Blvd., Port Huron, MI 48060.

**Sept. 5-Nov. 30:** Fall fitness classes begin at the All-In-One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include: early birds, Pilates/yoga combo, kickboxing, lunch crunch II, step'n to the groove, ABD/LAB and Sunday fit. For more information call Connie Hill at (906) 635-RINK.

**Sept. 8-Dec. 15:** Open swim. Free for Sault Tribe members. Fridays 5-7 p.m. and Sundays 7-9 p.m. at the Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool. You must show your tribal membership card. For more information, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770.

**Sept. 11-Dec. 8:** 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 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The suggested contribution is \$2. For more information, demonstrations or cost concerns call (906) 635-RINK ext. 51003.

**Sept. 12-Nov. 28:** Yoga for health, relaxation, and stress management is being offered. Beginning students and all levels welcome. Instructor Lee Carlson, a registered social worker and certified yoga therapist with an M.A. in health education. Carlson has taught yoga classes and stress management for more than twenty-five years in Lower Michigan and across the Upper Peninsula. Yoga classes will be held Tuesday nights at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$68 for Eight weeks or \$90 for 12 weeks. Fee discounted for second residential family member (spouse or child), \$60 for 8 weeks, \$78 for 12 weeks. Anyone can benefit, regardless of your previous level of experience or flexibility. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing or leggings. You will need a yoga mat, block, strap, and yoga blanket for class. You may bring your own equipment, or mats, blocks, straps, yoga blankets, eye bags, mat carriers, books and instructional CDs will be available for purchase at discounted prices. A limited number of mats and props will be available for loan. For more information, call Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210.

**Sept. 12-Dec. 22:** The YEA homework/computer lab hours at the east wing of the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Homework Lab, peer tutoring, small group tutoring and reading Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and computer lab, educational games, Internet and snacks from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Available for all tribal students in elementary, middle school and high school. Coming soon: Teen court, book club, and more! For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

**Sept. 13-Dec. 20:** Bahweting Anishinabek Tribal Youth Council meetings Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., for eighth through grade twelve students at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

**Sept. 15-Dec. 22:** Culture hour will be held Fridays. Learn about powwow dancing, regalia, beadwork and crafts from 5:30-6:30

p.m. at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

**Sept. 18-Oct. 25:** Learn to Swim session one. Free learn to swim classes for Sault Tribe youth. Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-4:50 p.m. Class size is limited. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to register.

**Oct. 4-Nov. 1:** Learn to skate starts at 6:15-7:05 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Price is \$60 per person get two for the price of one. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 6-26:** The date has been set! Northern Hospitality at 2510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, MI is putting together the lowest prices ever. We have been given our official move date, and we have to be out of our current building by October 26. We really don't want to move this furniture and flooring down to the new store. Please come in and help us make our work load a little smaller, and your wallet a little thicker by saving so much money! The pricing just keeps getting better. We have pillow top queen size mattress and boxspring sets from \$399. Ceramic tile from \$1 a square foot, hardwood flooring from \$2.25 a square foot, laminate flooring from \$1.60 a square foot and, just arriving is an order of beautiful dinning sets at close out pricing. Hurry in, it all needs to go. Our new address will be 827 Ashmun in the prior Heartland Distributors building. Come in and check out our new location in November. If you have any questions call (906) 635-4800.

**Oct. 13:** Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions, please call the Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 13:** Soo Indians vs. Abitibi, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 13-14:** Smoked Fish Camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island Friday from 6 p.m. to Saturday at 6 p.m. Sign up and permission slips required for youth. Parents are encouraged to attend. Contact Melissa or Josh for details at (906) 632-7494

**Oct. 14:** Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. For any questions, please call the Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 14:** Soo Indians vs. Manitoulin, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 14:** John Corbett - Susan Hayes - Carolyn Dawn Johnson in concert at 7 p.m., Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets on sale now, \$28.50. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**Oct. 16:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions, please call the Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 16:** Tribal chairperson

open office hours on Mondays 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. Contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 632-6578 ext. 26640 or (888) 94-AARON to make an appointment.

**Oct. 16:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meeting at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 16:** Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools title VII Indian Education Program Parent Committee organizational meeting. Open meeting at the Middle School library at 6 p.m. Nominations and election of Indian Education Parent Committee members. For more information, please call (906) 635-6617 or (906) 635-3839 ext. 5033 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Oct. 17:** Neuropathy — It can affect more than just your feet. Class is 3-5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. This class provides an overview of the various types of neuropathy caused by diabetes, how they may affect the body and the treatments available for management. For questions or to register call Community Health at (906) 632-5210. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

**Oct. 18:** The LSSU Native American Center will be hosting an open house from noon until 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by to learn about our services and what we can offer students. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact, Director Stephanie Sabatine at (906) 635-6664 or via e-mail at [ssabatine@lssu.edu](mailto:ssabatine@lssu.edu).

**Oct. 18:** Sault Tribe Education Department community meeting at Little Bear East, St. Ignace, Mich. at 6 p.m. Attention Sault Tribe students, parents & community: "Tell us what you think about the Sault Tribe Education Department." What can help our students do better in school? What services do we need to add? How can our services be improved? How can we get more Sault Tribe members to work for the Tribe? Community meetings are held from Oct. 4 - Nov. 1. For more information contact Education Director/Assistant Membership Services Director, Angeline Matson at (906) 635-4944 or [amatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:amatson@saulttribe.net).

**Oct. 18:** Unit II Monthly Chair meeting held at Best Western, Newberry, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

**Oct. 20 & 21:** Constitutional Committee meeting Oct. 20 from 5-9 p.m. and Oct. 21 from 8-3 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. Committee meetings open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning and conclusion of each meeting and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

**Oct. 20:** Culture hour will be held Fridays. Learn about powwow dancing, regalia, beadwork and crafts from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

**Oct. 21:** Fall Spiritual Gathering 12 p.m. at the Sault powwow grounds, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. Also please bring your dish bag or dishes. Also please bring any sacred items that you would like to feast. Contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or toll free at (800) 726-9105 or Bud Biron at (906) 632-7494 if you have any questions. Sponsored by the American Indian Substance Abuse program and the Sault Tribe Cultural Department.

**Oct. 21:** Art Club from 1-4 p.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Activities will include: painting, photography, beadwork, jewelry making and arts and crafts. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

**Oct. 21:** Soo Indians vs. Manitoulin 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 21-22:** Thirteenth annual Land of Falling Waters Traditional Powwow "Honoring All Nations Elders," tentatively scheduled at the Middle School at Parkside, 2400 Fourth Street in Jackson, Mich. Doors open at 11. For more information, contact Linda Cypret-Kilborne at (269) 781-6409, Heather Miller at (517) 768-8018, Vickie Antonie at (269) 660-0727 or Phil Peterson at (517) 784-3357.

**Oct. 22:** Soo Indians vs. Thunderbirds, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 23:** Elderly Advisory board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 23-24:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

**Oct. 24:** Unit I monthly chair meeting held at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

**Oct. 25:** Unit III monthly Unit meeting held at the McCann School in St. Ignace, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with Chairperson Aaron Payment and Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

**Oct. 25-26:** Harlan Downwind will be holding office hours at the Traditional Medicine Clinic in St. Ignace, Mich., at the Lambert Center, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

**Oct. 26:** Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting at the Nokomis Native American Cultural Learning Center, Okemos, Mich. from 5-7 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and

give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

**Oct. 26-29:** Homier Distribution Show at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**Oct. 27:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 27:** Northern Lower Michigan monthly chair meeting at the Cheboygan High School in Cheboygan, Mich. from 5-7 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

**Oct. 27-28:** Madoodiswan Kinooamaagewnan history of the Lodge Camp at the Sugar Island Mary Murray Culture Camp from Oct. 27 from 6 p.m. to Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. If you would like to sign up your child or would like to participate please call Josh Homminga or Melissa Causley at (907) 632-7033 or (906) 632-7494. Permission slip required for attendance.

**Oct. 27-30:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

**Oct. 28:** Super Science Saturday 1-4 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

**Oct. 28:** Eleventh annual Spirit of the Harvest, Michigan Tech University, Gates Tennis Center, Houghton, Mich. Grand Entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Special Pink Shawl Presentation at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Lori Sherman at (906) 487-3692 or [lasherma@mtu.edu](mailto:lasherma@mtu.edu).

**Oct. 28:** Spirit feast from 4-6 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik building, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. Sponsored by the Sault Tribe Cultural Division. If you have any questions, please call (906) 632-7494.

**Oct. 29:** There will be a Native Catholic Mass at the Gaylord Diocese Cathedral at 4 p.m. The Cathedral is located at 606 N. Ohio St. Gaylord, MI. It is suggested that anyone having regalia, wear it. Also we expect to start smudging at around 3 p.m. The Main celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Father Jim Gardner. This Mass is a start to bring our Native spirituality to church. Any questions call the Diocese at (989) 732-5141. The Bishop started working on this about two years ago.

**Oct. 30:** Munising Tribal Center Adult and Elder Health Fair located at the Wetmore Township Hall (located behind the fire station) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a variety of screening booths, information booths, and your 2006 Flu immunization plus more activities. For more information call the Munising Tribal Center at (906) 387-4721.

**Oct. 30:** Sault Tribe Education Department community meeting at Kinross Recreation Center, Kincheloe, Mich. at 6 p.m. For more information call (906) 635-4944.

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