

Briefs

4013 tax forms

If you haven't received your 4013 tax form it might be because you have not changed your address with the tax office. If the tax office does not have your correct address, you may not receive your refund. If you have questions, contact Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050.

Elder check tax requirement

Are you wondering how much of your elder dividend check is taxable and what must be filed with the IRS on your 2006 tax forms? If the answer is yes, you are not alone. Several elders have called tribal offices to obtain information required to file their taxes.

Here is what you need to know: If you received money from Sault Tribe in 2006, then you will receive a form called a 1099-MISC sometime in early February. This IRS form is required to be sent to all persons who received income. You will need this 1099-MISC to file the taxable portion of your elder dividend check.

Each year, there is a letter included with your elder check that explains the taxable and non-taxable amounts of your elder dividend. This information is provided as a courtesy and is not the official form that is required by the IRS for tax reporting purposes.

All Sault Tribe 1099-MISC forms will be mailed no later than Jan. 31, 2007, and the elder payees of Sault Tribe should receive them sometime in early February. If you do not receive your form 1099-MISC, please call toll free at (888) 94-AARON for assistance.

Special enrollment update

The Enrollment Department is winding down with the special enrollment applications. Membership rolls opened for special enrollment cases on Jan. 3, 2005, and closed on Aug. 20, 2005. During that period, 4,568 applications were received.

As of Feb. 1, 2007, 2,698 applications were approved for membership into the Sault Tribe, while 1,496 were denied. There are 374 applications still open. The majority (91 percent) of the applications that were approved for membership into the tribe were residents outside the seven-county service area.

Secretarial Election is moving forward



From left, The Secretarial Election Committee consists of Sault Tribe Vice Chairman Dennis McKelvie, BIA Superintendent Gerald Parish and Appellate Court Judge Richard Mastaw.

By CORY WILSON

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Secretarial Election pertaining to whether or not board members can serve as an elected official while also hired as a tribal employee is finally moving forward despite a three-month delay on the part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Midwest Regional Office of Bureau of Indian Affairs eventually acknowledged and approved the tribe's request to hold a Secretarial Election in a notice sent to tribal officials on Jan. 5. According to the document, the regional office has completed the technical and legal review of the proposed amendment to the Constitution and has forwarded the election request to the superintendent of the Michigan BIA. The resolution calling for the constitutional amendment was passed by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors on Sept. 19, 2006, and formal correspondence was sent to the BIA on Sept. 25, 2006.

The Secretarial Election ultimately seeks to gain a vote of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amend-

ment 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."

If the amendment is adopted, the new policy would take effect during the next scheduled election. The amendment would not immediately affect current board members who may be in conflict with the new requirement. Federal regulations pertaining to Secretarial Elections stipulate an election board must be appointed to conduct the election. The election board includes BIA Superintendent Gerald Parish, who will serve as the election board chairman, along with at least two representatives of the tribal governing body or two adult members of the tribe, which are appointed by the tribe. The election board is responsible for providing suitable ballots and supervising the conduct of the election.

On Jan. 16, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors appointed Vice Chairman Dennis McKelvie and current Appellate Court judge, tribe member and Sault Tribe Constitutional Convention member Richard Mastaw to the Secretarial Election Board. Eight board members approved the appointment, while two opposed (Fred Paquin/Lana Causley) and two abstained (Dennis McKelvie/Denise Chase).

The Secretarial Election Committee met for the first time on Jan. 26 at the BIA office in Sault Ste. Marie. The meeting served as an introduction to the Secretarial Election process, and included important agenda topics such as conducting voter registration and establishing an election schedule.

The Secretarial Election Committee will be responsible for conducting the voter registration

drive. Registration forms will be mailed to tribe members who are 18 years of age and older or turn 18 on the date of the election. Those tribe members seeking to vote in the upcoming Secretarial Election, must return their registration form in order to receive a ballot and be eligible to vote in this election.

The BIA also clarified that the 90-day requirement to hold the election was not as of Jan. 5, as previously reported. The notice of election is scheduled for March 1. Voter registration forms will also be mailed on March 1. The deadline to return the voter registration form is March 30.

Federal regulations require that the election committee publish the registered voter list prior to election day. The registered voters list is scheduled for public release on April 6. Ballots will also be mailed on April 6. The last day to challenge the names or absence of names on the registered voters list is April 19. Election day is set for May 1. The last day for a qualified voter to challenge the election results is May 4.

The local BIA office has held seven Secretarial Elections within the last four years. According to the BIA, typically 70-80 percent of those who register will participate in the election. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will only become effective upon approval by the Secretary or authorized representative. The Secretary of the Interior has 45 days from the date of the election to approve or disapprove the proposed amendment.

Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Secretarial Election Committee. For more information, please contact the BIA office at (877) 659-5028, ext. 3111, or (906) 632-6809.

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Open voter registration

As of Jan. 17, 2006, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has had open voter registration for all tribe members. The Election Committee, on behalf of the board of directors, strives to maintain the integrity and security of tribal elections. Voter registration is an integral part of that process and the Election Committee wants to ensure accuracy of registered voters.

Registration is permanent. However, if you move in or out of an election unit, you will be required to re-register. On page 29 you will find a voter registration card. Please read through it and complete all blank areas along with a signature. A form is also available on the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com, to be printed and mailed to Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

We are also working on two voter registration drives at this time.

The first voter registration drive is aimed at updating bad addresses for tribe members and also to have those members register. A list of bad addresses is printed on pages 26 to 29. We ask members to review the list and to contact friends and family on the

list to update their address and register to vote.

The second voter registration drive will be aimed at members who have not registered, have moved in or out of a unit area, or have recently turned 18.

This voter registration drive is conducted by the Sault Tribe. A separate registration drive will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for those who wish to vote in the

Secretarial Election. The Secretarial Election voter registration form will be mailed to you directly.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact Michael McKerchie, Election Committee chairman, or Joanne Carr, board secretary at (800) 793-0660 or (906) 635-6050.

See page 26 for a voter registration card.

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3 Vacancies (different units)

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1 Vacancy

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2 Vacancies (different units)

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE
1 Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
1 Vacancy for a non-commercial fisherman

Send one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation (tribe members only) to:

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Fax (906) 632-6696

Email: jcarr@saulttribe.net

Membership Q & A

Q: I have a card and I am in need of some dental work. Will the Indians help me to get my teeth fixed?

A: I will list the toll-free numbers for the Sault Tribe clinics that provide dental services at the bottom of this answer, but first, I would like to address the way the question is asked.

It is very unsettling to hear a member of the tribe use the term "the Indians." You may not realize it, but when this is said you are implying that you are separate from them and, in essence, not one of them. Now, please understand that I am not trying to patronize or chastise anyone here as that is not the purpose of this article so perhaps it would be best to try to understand where the use of this expression comes from.

For generations we have been under assault. The newcomers to this great continent wanted the resources that were here, and they wanted them badly. Our ancestors stood in the way of them taking possession so for hundreds of years wars were fought by European countries that pitted tribe against tribe, and eventually, the conquerors against the tribes. Attempts at annihilation were made, but our ancestors were strong, and could not be exterminated, so instead they were rounded up like cattle and put on the reservations.

Not long after this the assimilation process began. This was a policy that had a goal of taking the identity of our people away. Children were stolen from



their parents and put in boarding schools where they were forced to dress and act like their captors. The young boys' hair was forcibly cut and any use of the native language was strictly forbidden. In fact, there are horrible stories of beatings and wooden blocks being inserted into the mouths of those who would not conform. These innocent children eventually grew up being brainwashed into thinking that it was bad to be a Native American and that it was something to be ashamed of. For some, the result was to deny their heritage.

Today, we may bare the scars from these injustices of the past, but just like our ancestors, we are strong and have a great capacity to overcome so please don't separate yourself from who you really are by referring to your tribe as "the Indians." Don't let those who have tried to take our identity and destroy our culture win. Stand up and say "my tribe" and be honored that you share the blood of the first peoples.

Respectfully, Clarence Hudak
Sault Clinic (877) 256-0009
Lambert Center (877) 256-0135
Manistique Center (866) 401-0043.

BY RICK SMITH

Bahweting Drum boomed in a season of celebration for U.P. Catholics on Jan. 14 in Sault Ste. Marie at the first of several commemorative events to observe the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of the Diocese of Marquette founding. The event was a packed Mass of about 450 congregants at the Holy Name of Mary Pro-Cathedral.

"The Catholic-Native American tradition began long before the diocese was established and remains prominent within the church," said Father Allen Mott, associate pastor at Holy Name of Mary. "The drum coming is important. It is a great honor not only for the diocese, but also for the bishop. It is also a great sign of the relationship amongst all Catholics."

Mott is also associate pastor at predominantly Indian churches Sacred Heart on Sugar Island and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Bay Mills, he ministers at St. Francis Xavier in Brimley as well.

The Jan. 14 congregation at Holy Name of Mary stood in silence at the beginning of the Mass as Bahweting Drum

resounded off of the walls and vaulted ceiling of the church. One sensed the blood memory of Anishinaabe ancestry as the singers lifted their voices in graceful union with the drum's throbbing pulse. The dozen drummers and singers participated at intervals throughout the remainder of the Mass.

Celebrant was Bishop of Marquette Alexander K. Sample along with 15 reverends and a brother listed as concelebrants.

"It was a high honor for us," said Bud Biron, spokesman for the drum and singers. Father Mott invited the drum to the service, on behalf of the bishop, with a traditional tobacco offering. Biron said the drum's participation in the anniversary observance reflected that "over 150 years ago, there were Indians here — and today there are still Indians here — with their own customs, beliefs and traditions."

Biron added this occasion marked the fourth time the presence of Bahweting Drum was felt during ceremonies at Holy Name of Mary.

Members of the Bay Mills Indian Community participated

with traditional Anishinaabe singing and dancing at a reception at the nearby St. Mary School following the Mass.

Catholic Jesuit missionaries began indoctrinating Great Lakes American Indians into the religion beginning in the 1600s after arriving from France. Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 9, 1857, designating Frederic Baraga as its first bishop. The Holy See sanctioned the diocese to move to Marquette in 1865. The St. Mary parish in the Sault is the oldest in Michigan and the third oldest in the United States.

According to the celebration program, the chalice of Bishop Baraga was used during the Mass. It is the custom of the Diocese of Marquette to use the chalice when the bishop presides in the cathedral at major diocesan Masses. The chalice was a gift to Baraga from Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph who was the groom in an 1854 wedding where Baraga represented the American Church hierarchy.

The sesquicentennial celebrations close in Marquette on Aug. 5, 2007.

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Tribe waits for court decision

By CORY WILSON

PETOSKEY, Mich. — The Sault Tribe submitted a motion on Jan. 16 in Emmet County Circuit Court requesting the judge make a decision regarding its lawsuit against former Chairman Bernard Bouschor, seven former key employees and a law firm once employed by the tribe.

The attorneys representing the Sault Tribe have indicated they are confident the undisputed facts presented to the court at this juncture will be considered condemning enough to find the defendants guilty on five of the charges filed, which involves breach of fiduciary duty, constructive fraud, conversion of funds, embezzlement, and cooperatively administering unauthorized severance agreements.

After several months of obtaining testimony and collecting further evidence supporting the tribe's claims, the tribe feels they now have more than enough evidence to find the defendants guilty and will once again ask the court to make a decision on the case.

According to Bill Horton, lead attorney for the Sault Tribe, "We believe the undisputed evidence shows we are entitled to a judgment in our favor without a trial on many of the claims against the defendants."

The tribe made a similar request to the court on Jan. 31, 2006, based upon initial evidence, however, the judge chose to hear further arguments and opted to set a trial date beginning April 16, 2007. The tribe's second request for the court's decision is expected to include evidence in the form of testimony from the former chairman and the seven key employees.

The tribe claims the severance agreements entered into with the employee defendants on or about June 9, 2004, are invalid, void and thus unenforceable because the former Chairman Bernard Bouschor did not have the authority to enter into those agreements. Bouschor and the seven former key employees — Dan Green, Paul Shagen, Jolene Nertoli, Joe Paczkowski, Dave Scott, Jim Jannetta and Dan Weaver also breached fiduciary duty by failing to disclose a secret material transaction involving them and committed an act of conversion by obtaining checks belonging to the tribe without authority and without its consent, thus constructively defrauding the tribe.

The tribe claims the defendants' cooperatively and deliberately circumvented standard accounting policies to keep the payments of the severance agreements secret, which ultimately

prevented the tribe from stopping the payments or even having record of the transactions.

In the same motion presented to the court, the tribe has filed suit against Bernard Bouschor and the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, for aiding in the concealment of the embezzlement and conversion of \$2.66 million into severance money paid to the seven key employees. If Bouschor and the law firm are found guilty or liable, the tribe could be awarded up to three times the amount of money paid out in the severance agreements, equating to over \$7.9 million.

The tribe also addressed the defendant's counterclaim. The tribe argues it never waived its sovereign immunity as to the severance agreements and is therefore immune from any lawsuit filed against the tribe by the defendants.

In response to the tribe's actions, the defendants also filed a motion asking the court to dismiss all claims against the former Chairman Bernard Bouschor. The defendants claim Bouschor had absolute immunity, did not engage in any wrongful conduct, and is entitled to dismissal based on the argument that this issue was already ruled upon in tribal court, therefore under 'res judicata' cannot be tried for the same issue again in state court. The defendants also claim tribal court had jurisdiction in the case and thus is not subject to any form of appeal.

The honorable Judge Charles Johnson took both motions under advisement and chose to rule on the matter at a later date. A final ruling on the motions is expected to take two to three weeks. If the court denies the tribe's request for a decision, the case would continue to trial as scheduled. The tribe originally filed suit in August 2004. The lengthy legal battle has lasted nearly two-and-a-half years.

Sault Tribe board member Todd Gravelle added, "I expect the judge to rule in favor of the Sault Tribe on behalf of the membership. \$2.66 million is a lot of money and this could have devastated the tribal budget, and may still have a lasting effect on the tribe if the money is not recovered. Hopefully, the judge will rule in our favor." Gravelle assisted with the original restraining order against Bouschor to hold the former chairman to his lawful spending limit in an effort to prevent any further actions against employees.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

National Women and Girls HIV and AIDS Awareness Day is March 10, and National Native American HIV and AIDS Day is March 21. The Sault Tribe Health Advisory Program would like to share some updated HIV and AIDS information with the community.

Most women with AIDS are diagnosed between the ages of 25 and 44, indicating that many are likely infected at a relatively young age (after infection with HIV it takes an average of 10 years to reach the AIDS stage). The HIV virus is transmitted more efficiently from men to women during sexual intercourse. Having another sexually transmitted disease (STD) may increase risk for contracting HIV. Most AIDS diagnoses among women and teens are due to heterosexual transmission followed by injection drug use.

Many women with HIV or AIDS encounter barriers to treatment due to postponement of care due to lack of transportation, too

sick to go to a doctor and lack of financial stability (low-income).

As for Native Americans, "the numbers for HIV and AIDS diagnoses for American Indians and Alaska Natives represent less than one-percent of the total number of HIV and AIDS cases to the HIV/AIDS Reporting System. However, when population size is taken into account, this population in 2004 was ranked third in rates of AIDS diagnoses, after African-Americans and Hispanics. The rate of AIDS diagnoses for this population group has been higher than that for whites since 1995, according to the Centers for Disease Control, April 2006.

An estimated one-fourth of approximately one million people in this country who are living with HIV do not know that they are infected. That's approximately 250,000 people who could be spreading it to their partners unknowingly.

For everyone who reads this, we would like to remind you that Feb. 14 is not just Valentine's Day

but most appropriately National Condom Day. So, in honor of this day, we will be doing various educational outreach activities to remind people about having safe sex other than the all important abstinence.

On that day, we will have an information table at the Sault Tribe Health Center where we will be promoting HIV testing and material handouts. During the week we will also be at the Sault Tribe casino to run an information table. We will also be available to do extra HIV testing both using the new rapid HIV test, that brings results in 20 minutes, and the conventional HIV test using the OraSure testing device, it's your choice. Please give it some consideration. Now is the time to access our program.

If you have questions or would like free HIV testing ask to speak with Stacey Roy, HIV/AIDS health educator (906) 632-5255 or Larry Klein (906) 632-5265, program coordinator. Testing is available to anyone in the community.

Constitution Committee readies draft

On Jan. 26 and 27, the Sault Tribe Constitutional Convention Committee held meetings at which they began the review of the initial draft of the new amended Constitution. The committee will meet again on Feb. 16 and 17 to complete the final review. From that point, the committee will be addressing a schedule of meetings, so they can bring the amended Constitution to the membership for their suggestions and support. The following paragraphs review a little history that brought us to this point and highlights areas of the amended Constitution.

In 1975 the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians applied for the organization of a tribal government structure, this was done under the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA). The end result of that process was that, in May of 1975, the tribe passed a resolution to submit the new Constitution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to hold what is called a Secretarial Election, so named due to the fact that it is held under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior. Later, in October of 1975, an election was conducted. The results of that election were approved by the acting deputy commissioner of Indian Affairs. On Nov. 13, 1975, The Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was officially recognized as a government. Since the establishment of the Constitution in 1975, our Constitution has not been amended.

Fast forward to 2005, 30 years have passed and several issues have been identified during the years since our Constitution was adopted. Together, the membership and our board of directors decided it was time that amending the Constitution was an issue that needed to be looked into. A plan was developed by the board and put into action with the passage of Resolution 2005-198 on Dec. 6, 2005. Included in that plan were detailed instructions on how a committee was to be assembled. Together, this group would total 29 tribe members and would be a very diverse group ranging in age from the mid-20s into the

60s, residing from Marquette to Detroit, in various types of employment to retired and all members volunteer their time. Facilitators hired by the tribe have about 20 years of experience working with Indian tribal law and constitutional law, both very specialized areas. Meetings began February 2006 and continue today.

One of the first items discussed was, "What is an amendment?" At that time, the committee was informed the Bureau of Indian Affairs would consider anything from the changing of a sentence to a total rewrite as an amendment. The committee laid out its first sentence: "Section 1. Source of Sovereignty. The people shall be the source of all governing authority and power vested in the tribe by this Constitution."

After completing articles on sovereignty and territory, the committee then decided to tackle an Article on Separation of Powers, as this was one of the big items that was identified by both the membership and the board as one of the things our government needed in order for it to operate more effectively. This article establishes three branches for our government — judicial, legislative and executive.

The judicial branch is comprised of a system of three courts and all the personnel needed to operate this branch. The first court, the trial court, will consist of a court where someone who has been harmed may take their case, there will be a chief judge and one associate judge. All judges at this level will be elected by the membership to four-year terms.

The next court is the Supreme Court, which will handle all appeals from the trial courts along with all election related issues. This level will consist of five justices, all elected by the membership to six-year terms.

The remaining court is the Constitution court, this court will handle all issues related to the Constitution that are not accepted by the trial court, these issues may be brought directly to the Constitution court by the mem-

bership if they feel an issue was not handled in accordance with the Constitution. This court will consist of seven judges all elected by the membership to eight-year terms.

The legislative branch is made up of 15 representatives who come from current and new voting districts. All voting districts remain the same with the exception that the balance of the Upper Peninsula, currently not represented, is attached to Unit V and the lower peninsula is divided into three voting districts, each with one representative. Each representative will be elected from the district they represent by a majority vote of the members in that district. All actions taken by the legislature will be accomplished by a written law or budget and presented during a legislative session to be held beginning on the first Monday of each month. Also described in this Article are the qualifications for holding office, terms of office, powers of the legislature and a plan for redistricting, if deemed necessary.

The executive branch is comprised of an ogema (leader), one vice ogema and several departments established in the Constitution including culture and tradition, administration, business and treasury. The ogema and vice ogema are elected as a team, by a majority vote of all eligible tribe members for a term of four years and have the responsibility of executing the laws, preparing and administering the various budgets and representing the tribe. This article also contains the qualifications for holding the elected office and the powers of this office.

There are also Articles in this Constitution that address the areas of recall, removal and vacancies, tribal newspaper, elections, sovereign immunity, right of referendum and initiative and a process for amending the Constitution.

The Constitution Committee will meet again on Friday, Feb. 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and again on Saturday Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste Marie, to complete the final review before taking this document to the membership.

Attention Sault Tribe Web site visitors

By NATHAN WRIGHT, WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR

Please check your e-mail accounts to ensure you have received our last e-mail newsletter, sent Dec. 29, titled: "News from Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians" from Sault Tribe Communications. If you previously registered on our site and did not receive an e-mail newsletter, visit www.saulttribe.com, and sign up.

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Your right to vote threatened

Tribal labor law, revenue sharing to benefit all members regardless of where you live



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

At the Tuesday - January 30, 2007 Tribal Board Special meeting, (item not scheduled on the agenda) it was nonetheless asserted by Director Dennis McKelvie that the Sault Tribe Members who are Mackinac Band descendants (about 15,000 of our 34,000 Members - or roughly 44 percent) should be prohibited from voting in the upcoming Secretarial election - and I assume in the upcoming Constitutional Amendment votes.

Director McKelvie threatened (on video) that 'if they [Mackinac Band descendants] were allowed to vote, that [McKelvie] would resign' as the Tribal Board's appointee to the Secretarial election currently underway. I think Director McKelvie's rationale for why these Members should not be allowed to vote is fundamentally flawed. Below are the relevant sections (verbatim in italics) from our Tribal Constitution.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. The following persons shall be entitled to membership in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, provided that such persons possess Indian blood and are not currently enrolled with any other tribe or band of North American Indians, and provided further that such persons are citizens of the United States of America:

(a) All persons descended from the six historical bands (Grand Island, Point Iroquois, Sault Ste. Marie, Garden River, Sugar Island, and Drummond Island Bands) of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians whose names appear on any historical roll, census or record made by officials of the Department of the Interior or Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(b) All persons enrolled on the membership roll of the organization, known as the Original Bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians who are alive on the date of approval of this constitution and who are descendants of the original bands.

(c) All persons who may hereafter be adopted into the tribe in accordance with any ordinance enacted for that purpose by the board of directors;

(d) All lineal descendants of such persons as are described in (a), (b) or (c) above.

Sec. 2. The board of directors shall have the power to enact

ordinances consistent with this article to govern future membership, loss of membership and adoption.

Article III, Section (a) of the Sault Tribe Constitution lists the historical bands. Subsection (b) is where I believe a majority of the Mackinac Band descendants (who are not also descended from the other historical bands) were enrolled in our Tribe. Given they were members at the time of federal recognition, they and their descendants are absolutely entitled to vote in all of our Tribal elections including Secretarial or Constitutional amendment elections.

There are, however, three possible groups for whom it might be argued - they are not otherwise entitled to vote in the secretarial election. They are:

- Those individuals and their descendants of Mackinac Band (without any link to any other historical band or subsection (b) Original Bands) who may have nonetheless subsequently enrolled in the Tribe;

- Those individuals and their descendants of the Little Traverse Band (without any link to any other historical band or subsection (b) Original Bands) who may have nonetheless subsequently enrolled in the Tribe;

- Those individuals and their descendants of Adopted Members (without any link to any other historical band or subsection (b) Original Bands) who may have nonetheless subsequently enrolled in the Tribe;

Given the contentiousness of the so called, 'double dipping' or 'conflict of interest' issue and the inherent conflict of interest for seated Board members who currently work for the Tribe, the Tribal Board has asked for an outside legal opinion. They have also asked for a ruling from the Secretary of Interior on who is eligible to vote. I have requested the Tribal Legal Department work with the Tribal Registrar to prepare a written legislative history to define these groups.

In the meantime, based on a careful review of the federal regulations that govern secretarial elections, it is my opinion that 100 percent of our Tribal Members are entitled to vote in the upcoming Secretarial Election and the Constitutional Amendment vote regardless of your lineage from the Mackinac Band. I am submitting the following for review by our legal team, our outside Indian law attorney and to the BIA for their concurrence or dissent.

CFR 25, part 81, Subsection 81.6 Entitlement to vote

d) For a reorganized tribe to amend its constitution and bylaws, only members who have duly registered shall be entitled to vote; provided that registration is open to the same class of vot-

ers that was entitled to vote in the Secretarial election that effected its reorganization, unless the amendment article of the existing constitution provides others.

This section of our 'existing constitution' does provide for this as it reads:

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This 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 shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon the receipt of a resolution passed by a majority of the board of directors, the chairperson having the right to vote thereon.

The relevant section from above reads: "...a majority vote of the eligible voters of the tribe." 'Eligible voters of the tribe' is clearly defined in our Tribal Constitution to read:

Article V, Sec. 4. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over who is a member of the tribe shall be eligible to vote in tribal elections.

Thus, in my opinion, all Members of the Sault Tribe are eligible to register to vote in the upcoming Secretarial Election and the Constitutional Convention vote.

YOU MUST HOWEVER REGISTER TO VOTE. YOUR CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION IN TRIBAL ELECTIONS WILL NOT COUNT AS YOUR REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTES.

DRAFT LEGISLATION

Briefly, the following is language from a resolution I have drafted to expand services to members where they live in the form of a revenue share plan that commits the Board to a long term plan that can only be changed by the Members. I have introduced this resolution twice now and in both instances it has been tabled. I pledge to keep introducing the resolution until the Board takes some action. They would be wise to note that the vast majority of our population would benefit from enactment of this resolution as 2/3 of you live outside of our existing service area which is limited to the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This resolution reads:

REVENUE SHARING PLAN BENEFITING ALL MEMBERS

WHEREAS, our current population of over 34,000 will forever preclude our Tribe from being able to institute a per capita benefit to Members to any meaningful level; and

WHEREAS, it is in the long term interest for all Members of the Tribe to realize the benefit of their Membership in terms of eventually receiving some sort of membership service or benefit based on availability of funding; and

WHEREAS, the assets of the Tribe have needed to be invested in economic development focusing primarily on gaming to generate an economy and revenue base sufficient to begin to meet the needs of our neediest Members; and

WHEREAS, it is in the overall best interest of all Tribal Members to share in the benefit of their Membership by ensuring that all Members will eventually benefit from their Membership regardless of where they reside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Board of Directors shall submit to the U.S. Department of Interior for approval a revenue share plan that establishes the following objectives and outcomes: A plan that continues the Tribe's current expenditure plan of spending 95% of net revenue for the annual Membership programs, services and operations of the Tribe.

An implementation plan that increases an amount to be spent from the net revenue proceeds to benefit Tribal Members regardless of residency. This amount shall increase from an initial amount of 10% of net revenue and increase by 5% of net revenue each year focusing on meeting the needs of the neediest first using federal guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above mentioned revenue allocation plan shall first be submitted for approval via Tribal referendum to all eligible Sault Tribe voters.

TRIBAL LABOR LAW

I also drafted the following resolution to direct our legal and human resources departments to draft a Tribal Labor Law statute to ensure true due process at work and a 'Tribal Right to Work' state. The resolution I have drafted is in stark contrast to one drafted by Director Hoffman to protect just nine percent of the employees he considers 'key employees.' My draft legislation reads:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribe's Legal and Human Resources Departments are hereby directed to prepare for submission to this Board a full administrative code providing for Tribal Employees rights to be protected with full due process and Tribal Court appeal rights, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that Tribal Court shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals of adverse employment actions and the awarding of meaningful civil declaratory, injunctive and remedial measures.

No one should fear for their jobs. Establishing Tribal Administrative Labor Law will take the politicians out of the decision making process and ensure due process employment protections are decided by a judge licensed to practice law in at least one state and in our Tribal court.

The competing resolution entitled 'key employee' that protects just nine percent of the employees, ensures an immediate family member of the individual who drafted the resolution would be covered. Should positions paid over \$100,000 have any more claim to their job than a waitress or housekeeper? At what point did Board members who support equal employment protections lose sight of the people who put them in office as evidenced by wanting to enact a special protection for the privileged class?

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact me by Email at apayment@saulttribe.net or call (906) 632-6578 or toll free at (888) 94-AARON.

2007 MEMBER MEETINGS

Unit	1	Time	Location
Feb	19th	6pm	Brimely: BMCC
Mar	19th	6pm	Sugar Island Culture Camp

Unit	2	Time	Location
Feb	21st	5pm	Hessel Tribal Center
Mar	21st	5pm	Naubenway: Pavilion

Unit	3	Time	Location
Mar	26th	6pm	McCann School, St. Ignace

Unit	4	Time	Location
Feb	22nd	5pm	Manistique Tribal Center

Unit	5	Time	Location
Feb	10th	11am	Munising: American Legion

Detroit	Time	Location
Mar	11th	12pm Detroit: Greentown Casino-Olive Rm

Mid/ West Michigan	Time	Location
Feb	25th	12pm Grand Rapids: Days Inn 310 Pearl Street
Apr	22nd	12pm Nokomis Center - Okemos, MI

N. Michigan	Time	Location
Feb	25th	6pm Petoskey: Comfort Inn 1314 N 31
Mar	25th	6pm Cheboygan: Inverness Township Hall

Locations are subject to change. Call to confirm:
1-888-94-AARON

January board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Jan. 2 at the Kewadin Casino complex in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. All board members were present.

Approved resolutions: Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.

The board approved retaining Unit III two percent funding amounting to at least \$118,398 per year through the term of the existing compact for the City of St. Ignace. Board members Joe Eitrem, Todd Gravelle, DJ Hoffman and Dennis McKelvie opposed the measure.

All other resolutions were either tabled or removed.

The board met for another general meeting in Hessel on Jan. 16. All board members were present.

Approved resolutions: A tribal code regarding gathering rights (Tribal Code Chapter 23) was adopted. The code contains terms and conditions for gathering natural resources on U.S. National Forest Service (USNFS) lands within the territory ceded in the Washington Treaty of 1836 pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between Sault Tribe, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the USNFS.

As a show of our tribe's stance

on certain issues asked by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the board passed 15 resolutions expressing an acknowledgement of a need for increased tribal enforcement personnel, opposition to modifications to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and opposition to current restrictions in the Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program.

On the same matter, support was approved for funding the juvenile detention facility, Indian health care reauthorization, protecting the training component of American Indian housing programs, reauthorization of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, National Indian Housing Council efforts to improve housing opportunities, federal funding to meet mental health needs of tribe members, provision of "medicare-like rates for CHS on Medicaid Modernization Act," maintaining current funding levels adjusted for inflation of the crime victims fund, continuing historical trust obligations to federally recognized tribes, backing NCAI efforts to improve American Indian participation in voting, adequate health care for American Indians in urban areas and protection of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

The board approved the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Plan Year 10 for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing funding.

An application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) was approved for a fiscal year 2007 competitive grant to support our tribe's junior police academy. Another grant application to the DOJ was approved in support of the juvenile detention center in St. Ignace during 2007.

A fiscal year 2007 continuation grant application to the DOJ was approved for civil legal services funding for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking throughout the service area. Board member Gravelle abstained from voting on the measure.

The board approved amending the bylaws of the Elderly Advisory Committee to provide for an increasing number of members on the committee as new area subcommittees are formed and for other "housekeeping" changes. Board member Eitrem opposed the measure and Gravelle abstained.

A donation was approved for \$35,000 to the Bay Cliff Health Camp for children.

A long term two percent agreement with the City of Sault Ste. Marie was approved to provide no more than \$570,000 to improve the section of Shunk Road between Spruce Street and Marquette Avenue with the city paying at least \$500,000. Board members Robert LaPoint, Denise Chase and Tom Miller opposed.

The board approved an application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a grant to fund a tribal wildlife project.

An amendment regarding board meetings changed Chapter 14 of the Tribal Code to read, "Regular meetings shall mean those meetings held during the first and third week of each month by the board of directors." Board members Hoffman and McKelvie opposed.

Richard Mastaw and Dennis McKelvie were appointed to the Secretarial Election Board as part of the procedures for an election to amend Article VI, Section III, of the tribal Constitution to determine whether a person may simultaneously serve as an elected official and as a tribal employee or contractor. Board members McKelvie and Chase abstained.

The board authorized an application with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for an expedited, two-part determination that the casino

in St. Ignace was taken into trust by the U.S. in 2000 for the benefit of Sault Tribe.

The tribal Communications Department was directed to release the time, date and place of monthly board meetings with tentative agendas to all media outlets via news releases and work with media to help meet the tribal policy of five-day notices prior to board meetings.

The board met for a special meeting on Jan. 23 in Sault Ste. Marie. Board member Cathy Abramson was absent.

Approved resolution: The board approved the 2007 budget for tribal operation, including "the Conservation Committee travel budget in the amount of \$10,950, the fisherman advocate budget in the amount of \$25,149.61, the intern's budget in the amount of \$86,900 and the tribal operation budget in the amount of \$3,330,232.92 for a total of \$3,453,232.50 in tribal support." Board members Hoffman, McKelvie, Massaway and Fred Paquin opposed and LaPoint abstained, creating a tie broken by a favorable vote from Chairperson Aaron Payment.

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

Petosky's update for Unit V



Shirley Petosky
Unit V Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Hello again dear friends, This has been a very busy month for our board of directors and indeed our whole tribe.

A Unit V meeting was scheduled to coordinate with two percent monies distribution — our chairman, Aaron, planned to be in Munising for both events but guess what? Weather bulletins and school closings to the west of us and strong winds and ice covered roads to the east ruled the day — we'll try again!

I've had many phone calls asking about dentistry, free elders' tax preparations and Lincoln School opening.

First, I want to tell you that you are welcome to contact me anytime — I will get you the information you need or the person to contact.

Every paper has an article from D.J. Malloy and Clarence Hudak, they are very helpful and will do what they claim — get answers for you.

Everyone in the offices at the Sault is terrific and will help you seek answers to your problems.

The dentistry in the Sault and Manistique both see emergen-

cies from 8-9 every morning Monday thru Friday. Because there is only one dentist in Manistique you should call the day before to make sure there will be a dentist.

The news is that Lincoln School will be open for clinic hours on Monday, March 19. The Wetmore Clinic will be closed Wednesday, March 14 thru Friday, March 16. Please make sure that your prescriptions will carry you through these dates.

One biggy I would like to address — I as well as other board members are getting e-mails asking why we don't want our chairman, Aaron, going downstate for meetings. I have no problem with Aaron doing that and, from what I can tell, neither does anyone else. We know you are part of us and indeed our own relatives. If any of us have a beef against one another or with our chairman or the chairman with us — it doesn't mean that we, the board, or Aaron are not working for the tribe. We all feel strongly on certain issues. If something doesn't come out of our mouths the way our heart and mind wanted to say it, please by all means contact us — better yet, go to your meetings and confront the board and the chairman. I realize not all of our board goes downstate to your meetings but, those who do will certainly have a dialogue with you.

I talked to a health director from the Keweenaw Bay Tribe in Baraga and, yes, they will see our tribe members. They are not able to provide the same things as the Sault Tribe but, for those of you who live in that area and are Sault Tribe, please contact them. If they can help you that would be great.

As for the elder tax preparation that was going to be offered free

of charge, well it doesn't look as though that can be offered this year. A short window of time to pull it altogether isn't able to be met.

I was able to attend the Elderly Advisory Board meeting in Newberry last week, nice lively discussions. The chairperson from that group also met with the board of directors the next day. The committee would like to receive answers in a timely manner to their inquiries.

The board of directors promised to do this so that the elders are not left wondering if anyone out there heard them or not.

There seems to be quite a bit of support for our Conservation Committee to be divided. The fisherman in one group and the hunters in another group. Other tribes do this already. That way one group can be working on one problem and the other will be able to concentrate on a different situation.

The Constitutional Convention will be winding down soon. A big pat on the back should be given to everyone who works on this important document. They have given up a lot of weekends away from their families for all of us. A big sacrifice.

Tell the truth now, are all your Christmas decorations put away?

Sister in Minnesota, hello! Warren in Sand Lake, call again sometime. Bev in Greenville, the tribe doesn't own the hotel anymore.

Stay warm and fight nice. Shirley Petosky, Unit V Rep. (906) 387-2101 or email shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

P.S. Sure enjoyed the gathering on Feb. 1 for the Marquette Area Elders. Three of their group were wished happy birthday, Pearl, Skip and Bob.

Spin to win



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

During my first two years we had a problem getting items on the agenda. That is why we had to surprise the board with legislation submitted the same day. (Some passed, some didn't).

I thought things would change after the last chairman's election. I have tried to place seven items on the agenda since that change took place. In the past I had the associate executive director type a resolution on my behalf, and our last general counsel threatened to have them fired. Recently, I was told that I was not following the proper procedure.

The new rules were set up so that a board member/chairman must submit a request through the board secretary and legal coordinator to have the Legal Department assist in the drafting of resolutions.

I followed the rules last week to a "T." I informed the board of my intentions. I turned it in to the board secretary to have a lawyer draft the resolution to ensure its legality. The current chairman told the attorney to cease work on it. I was under the belief that the attorneys work for the board. I guess I was wrong! They must

only work for the chairman.

From now on, I will do my own resolutions and bring them to the board in the old surprise manner. If this is what I must do to get things done, then so be it.

During the next few months we have a Secretarial Election. The Secretarial Election will allow you the opportunity to vote on the issue of working for the Tribe and sitting on the board.

During this election process, you must all register to vote, including those in the service area. A detailed explanation of the entire process will be brought forth soon, however it is imperative that you know that you must register to vote or you will not receive a ballot.

There is a lack of trust in the election process by some members. Some people complain about the BIA, and yet they want them to run our election. Believe it or not, we are trustworthy and capable tribe members. If we didn't, the board would not have had the turnover it has in the recent election cycles.

During the last month, I have been traveling around with various board members to the chairman's meetings around the state. It has been interesting. I have enjoyed meeting with every one of you. Many wonder why we don't get along. It isn't a matter of opinions that are the problem. It is the spin doctored version of the truth that causes discontent.

I do believe we are like a two wheel drive pick-up truck in the winter in the Sault just spinning our wheels about solving our problems. We have big problems ahead of us and we need to start solving them now. We either need to change vehicles, or how we drive.

Dennis McKelvie, Unit I, (906) 632-7267.

Vote YES to end double-dipping



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

The issue of whether board members can be employees of the tribe has been a hot issue for some time now. We have heard it time and time again from candidates for elected office, that upon their election to office they will do something to address this issue. The time has now come for you, the members to decide this issue once and for all by voting to amend our constitution to ban this unsound practice.

My position on this issue has been clear from the start. If elected, I would do my best to end this unsound practice since it both breeds contempt for our Board of Directors and poses a real and inescapable conflict of interest to hold both positions at the same

time.

When first elected in July of 2004, I found myself in a near impossible position. The Legal Department was gutted on election night with the General Counsel Dan Green, Deputy General Counsel Jim Jannetta and Senior Staff Attorney Paul Shagen vacating their positions shortly after the election while leaving the tribe with huge sums of money.

I remained an attorney for the tribe under these trying circumstances assisting in the filing of a temporary restraining order against the former chairman to prevent any further raiding of our tribal treasury and assisting in the filing of the present lawsuit against the former employees to recover the \$2.66 million improperly taken. Once things settled down and we hired new attorneys to fill the huge void left in our legal department, I fulfilled my campaign promise by resigning my position as an attorney for the tribe on Dec. 31, 2004.

As the author and sponsor of our 1st Constitutional Amendment, I can speak from first-hand experience that, when I served as an employee and a board member, I was confronted with many conflicts which only confirmed my resolve to end this practice.

According to a letter received by the tribe on Jan. 5, 2007, the

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office "has completed the technical and legal review of the proposed amendment" and has found that it can be presented to the membership for approval or disapproval. The key language to qualify to be elected to the Board of Directors reads as follows:

"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."

To put this simply, if the above amendment passes, after a person is elected to our Tribal Board of Directors they must resign their employment with the tribe or surrender their employment contract with the tribe before they can assume their duties as a Board member. In other words, no more being an employee of the tribe and also being a Board member. You will then have to choose. When deciding on whether to approve this amendment, tribal

members must ask themselves a simple question:

Do you believe that board members should not be allowed to be employees of the tribe while they are board members? If so, then vote to Approve the above amendment.

In order for the tribe to move forward on this election under federal regulations, the board of directors had to appoint an election board. Nearly all board members voted to appoint Vice-Chair Dennis McKelvie and Richard Mastaw, an attorney who serves as a Sault Tribe Appellate Court judge and also serves on the tribe's Constitutional Convention Committee. At the Jan. 16, 2007, tribal board meeting, these appointments were approved with Directors Fred Paquin and Lana Causley opposing. It is important to note that had we not approved the creation of the committee, the process would have been halted. It is also important to note that Director Paquin, who also serves as the Chief of Police for our tribe voted No on the appointments, has a conflict of interest as he currently is an employee of the tribe with an employment contract and serves on the tribal Board of Directors. At best, he should have abstained. This proves the point that a clear conflict exists here.

I am very pleased to announce that we now have a tentative timetable when we can expect to vote

on this critical issue.

Voter registration forms and the official notice of the election will be mailed to you on March 1, 2007. Tribal members who wish to vote on this constitutional amendment must register to vote in this special election to amend our constitution as formal registration is required under federal regulations. **Even if you are already registered to vote in our elections you must register again to vote in this election!**

To vote in this election, simply fill-out the registration card mailed to you and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope by March 30, 2007, and you will receive an official ballot. On April 6, 2007, official ballots will be mailed to tribal voters who registered for the election. Election day is scheduled for May 1, 2007, for counting the ballots. Given the short turn-around time, please send in your ballot as soon as you receive it. Again, and this is critically important, only tribal members who register to vote will get to vote in this election. Therefore, whatever your position on this critically important issue, I strongly encourage all tribal members to register and ultimately vote so your voice is heard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Remodel project to start at the Hessel casino



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Employees of the tribe now have an opportunity to charge gas, cigarettes and groceries at our two Midjim convenience stores. Upon a proposed recommendation by Director Hoffman, tribal and non-tribal team members will now have the service offered to them through our businesses. Applications are available at the Midjim stores in the Sault and St. Ignace.

It has come to my attention through e-mails and phone calls that there is some confusion on where I stand with the chairman holding town meetings throughout the seven-county service area and beyond to lower Michigan. It has been reported that the board has made attempts to cut the budget for the chairman's travel, this is completely untrue. No board members have made the recommendation to me or have proposed this. As the meetings are attended by tribe members, they have expressed concern that the meetings are to campaign against select current board members, I

thought we were done with using the tribes resources in that way. The meetings that the chairman and board hold for the membership are in place to be an open forum for updates, information on business and to assist members with services they may need. At no time should the tribe's resources (travel, per diem, hotel) be used to campaign. For the record, I commend the chair for holding meetings for our members but the time should not be used to attack anyone — employees, tribe members or board members. The claims that we are attempting to cut the travel for the chair are not true.

During our Jan. 24 weekly workshop, we discussed one of our largest budgets which are the tribal operations budgets which amount to \$3,330,232.92. The chairman chose to make a political issue out of the board of directors delay in passing this budget. Members of the board reviewed the budget, not all members were present so we therefore postponed the review until some questions were answered. Instead of just rescheduling the review, the chair chose to break up this budget and place separate resolutions for certain employees on the agenda for approval (two employment positions come out of this budget). During this process he placed the discussion about this employee on the agenda for a public workshop and called/invited in all the parties involved including the employee. At least four board members during the day explained we were not comfortable in reviewing the budgets this way and would like to hold the review as normal with the board discussing the issue. The request was ignored

and we continued on. The board was forced later that evening in the board of directors meeting to make a decision on the tribal operations budget in an amount over \$3 million dollars. The vote of course was a tie (due to the uncertainty) with the chair breaking the tie for approval. We had only asked that we wait and go over the entire budget in detail in the next couple of days. We had in place a continuing spending resolution, so no business would be interrupted (the continuing resolution was approved the prior week for an additional 30 days) to my complete astonishment at the end of the vote and meeting the chairman requested that we edit and redact the tape of the workshop! Director Gravelle made a motion and Director Chase seconded. After the motion to edit or redact the tape, I reminded everyone that we had the concern throughout the day and it was never stopped, to edit the tape now was keeping things from the membership, we chose to conduct business that way therefore we had been in the wrong. To make a political decision to place this on the agenda for an open workshop, force a vote and then ask it be kept from the membership is unacceptable! We cannot conduct business this way; edit the tape so that the membership is once again told half the story or like it never happened. After reminding the chair that we had been uncomfortable all day and he chose not to do anything about stopping the discussion and continuing on to the normal practice, Director Gravelle withdrew himself and the board unanimously said there would be no editing of the tape. Please view the tape of

the workshop and board meeting on Jan. 23, 2007. A board member has made the suggestion that since we have set a precedent of doing budgets in open session, that is should continue, I agree NO more SECRETS. Once again I have chosen to place negative items in my unit report but I have no other avenue. It reminded me of the time the chair directed our secretary to edit meeting minutes where there was a vote for him to pay back \$4,000 for a mailing. The board ultimately made him place the action back in the minutes but overturned their vote to make him pay the money back. As stated before, if this ever happens again, I will file a complaint in Tribal Court, but at this time the judge (this places that individual in a very hard spot) reports directly to him. The process is broken. There is hope, once our new Constitution is passed, we will have in place fair and complete practices for the future of our tribe.

On a good note, the board has directed that the chairperson place on the agenda for the workshops an amount of time each week to go over Human Resource procedures that need to be looked at and changed. H.R. has a list of policies that have been expressed to be a problem or have not worked for our team members. It's well overdue that we make this time available to look at these and make changes in the best interest of our team members.

The tribe has announced that we have chosen the two representatives to the election board with the BIA superintendent Gerald Parish for the Secretarial Election on double dipping/employees on the board. As announced in the

paper, I opposed the two candidates, let me say it's not because I do not agree that they shouldn't be on the election board, I opposed because we could have chosen up to five members to be on this board as reported to me and, again, this process was forced through without sufficient discussion.

In closing, I would like to announce that our staff has been working very hard on a project at the Hessel casino, we will be renovating the existing layout. With the goal of increased revenue, the new remodel will be able to hold an additional 88 more slots and, hopefully in the future, we can have table games brought back. With the schedule for construction now, we are also able to keep construction team members working throughout the winter season. It's a start for our small casino in Unit II and being a resort area we need to increase our space, build a small hotel and also look at other opportunities to make this a destination area throughout the year. The management staffs, team members at the casino and the board of directors all have the same goal for this casino. Director LaPoint and I are pleased that it is being looked at with the goal in mind to expand and increase the revenue. Hopefully, we can also increase the staff from 33 employees to more in the future.

I will be holding office hours on Feb. 12 at the Hessel Tribal Center and we held a powwow committee meeting in Newberry on Feb. 7, office hours by appointment at the Newberry Tribal Center on Feb. 23.

Baamaapii, Lana Causley (906) 484-2954 or e-mail lcousley@saulttribe.net.

Review of the two percent gaming compact



Joseph Eitrem,
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Aanii, Sault Tribe members! I hope everyone is having a great new year in 2007. Our tribe has been very busy. As many of our members may know, we built a brand new casino in St. Ignace and ran into a problem well into the construction phase wherein the gaming floor is not able to be utilized due to it not being on the right side of the "line." Rather than pointing fingers and blaming past administrators for this mistake, the board of directors has approved the hiring of an independent law firm to investigate how this mistake occurred.

This investigation is ongoing, and the attorney hired is currently gathering applicable documents and talking with a variety of individuals who were involved

in this project at different phases of conception and construction. The board agreed in the resolution authorizing the hiring of this independent investigator to make public what the findings of this independent firm are once they are received.

Another hot topic in our communities right now is our two percent agreements. Some members falsely believe that we can keep the two percent dollars and use this money for tribal services. This is not true at all. The tribe entered into the gaming compact with the State of Michigan in 1993, and per that agreement, we are required to pay two percent of our net wins from electronic games (slots) to local units of government. We do get to choose which local units of government will receive these dollars, however we cannot mandate that the unit of government uses the money for specific projects. With our voluntary application process used by the local units of government, they can submit that they are going to use the money for certain projects, and the board of directors looks at those proposed projects to determine the most impact on all of our communities, tribal and non-tribal alike. The way the two percent is calculated is, we take all the money that was dropped into our machines, minus any money that was paid out in winnings, and then we calculate two percent of that number, as long as that dollar amount is no

less than what that particular gaming facility would pay if we were required to pay property taxes on our trust land. This is not to be confused with the payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) agreements we have.

The board is also looking at revising some of our personnel policies as it relates to due process. I, personally, think it's crazy to have the term "voluntary terminations." The only voluntary termination I can see is when someone retires from their position. However, in looking at revising these policies, we have to look at different requirements we have, such as gaming licenses, driver's licenses and failure to disclose a conviction that may have prevented an individual from being hired in a certain position. It is an automatic termination if an employee fails to maintain their gaming license in a licensed position. For all other "voluntary terminations," I am advocating for an appeal process to ensure that all tribal employment policies were followed that result in any type of termination, possibly with the exception of the three situations listed above.

Unit I board members held a unit meeting on Sugar Island Jan. 22, 2007. One of the concerns raised at this meeting, by a tribe member, is how the tribe calculates wages in conjunction with different benefits offered to our construction workers. Some of the board members have agreed to sit

down individually with Human Resources so that we can get a better understanding of how this is calculated as it is very detailed and somewhat confusing.

The board has also authorized a Secretarial Election to hold a constitutional amendment to address the issue of whether individual board members can be employed by the tribe at the same time they are an elected official. The Secretarial Election process is a different election process. I want to stress to all tribe members to watch for a packet of information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs with information and an election registration form for this particular election. They have to hold their own election registration process for constitutional amendments, so just because you are registered to vote in tribal elections does not automatically register you for the Secretarial Election. If you are interested in having a voice in the process, please make sure you fill out and return your voter registration form once you receive. A time line for this process is on the tribe's Web site and hopefully in this edition of the tribal paper, but as of right now, the votes are scheduled to be counted May 1, 2007.

As our elders are becoming more aware of, the board of directors has authorized recommendations made by health division staff to bring their budgets in line for 2007. Through our budget process, we have managed to come

close to balancing our budget, with health costs rising we knew we had to make some changes in this area or we'd see this budget run over by \$1.5 million again. The board knew we had to do something to keep budgets in line going forward. These recommendations relate specifically to how contract health services are being delivered. If any of our elders have any questions or concerns related to this, please contact Tina Fox at (906) 632-5220 and she can assist in explaining in more detail the changes that have been made and different procedures that have been put in place.

And finally, I want to update our members on our Greektown Casino in Detroit. Revenues were up for the month of December. Construction is on schedule to date and our board of directors is more intimately involved now than ever before to ensure our investment in Detroit is being protected to the greatest extent possible. This casino, once our covenants are fully met, will be our future revenue source for tribal programs and services.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the above or anything else that is going on in our tribe today, please feel free to contact me anytime at home (906) 632-8567, cell is (906) 440-5728, or via e-mail at www.josepheitrem@yahoo.com.

Tribe has major issues facing it right now



Bob LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

We have some real major issues facing us right now. Our tribal debt has me very concerned. To dwell on the past or to not dwell on the past is to gloss over the economic reality. The back room deal made by the former chairman with the Greeks is really coming back to haunt us. We now owe the Greeks over \$200 million dollars. This situation is serious. I would like to make a proposal that we put aside \$2,000,000 million dollars per month so we will have the money to pay this debt. We got rid of a 17-year dictator and now we no longer have to make a deal with the devil.

As I mentioned before, I did resign from the Greektown management board. What is the point of travelling five hours for a fifty minute meeting when they aren't

going to listen to us anyway. Something is wrong. We have less than six tribe members employed at Greektown. There are no tribe members on the Greektown executive team. I think a few members from Detroit should sit on the management board. Someone could take my seat. We should consider having professionals sitting on that board, maybe an accountant, a banker, a lawyer or people with strong business backgrounds. Right now, we can only get \$5 million dollars a year from Greektown. The state gets that much from us every 20 days. The state takes 24 percent of the gross. That is over 60 percent of the net profit. We have to pay interest on all our loans. We cannot continue this way. We need to get out from underneath these contracts. One member made the suggestion because it seems like Romulus is out of the question, to sign off on Charlotte Beach in exchange for putting Greektown into trust. Then we could come under IGRA.

Another suggestion was to revisit a deal with Lac Vieux Desert Band and see if they might take 20-30 percent of Greektown in exchange for the \$40 million we owe them. We need to be thinking of ways to strengthen our financial future. We made the promise of financial self-sufficiency to our members. We need to honor that promise.

The other big mistake we made in the past 15 years has

been in granting contracts. We have a contracted attorney who advised us to go ahead and build in St. Ignace. Look at the mess we are in and he is still being paid. I think he just aggravates the situation to keep the case going, maybe he doesn't want to give up this cash cow.

Poor governance alone does not explain the most striking features of employment contracts. We need a financial shift not a political shift. Our contracts have been way too generous. In the past, our board and the chairman believed the best way to serve our members was to throw endless dollars at them. Salaries of the key employees should be made public. Evergreen contracts should be made public. It's not easy to get a reluctant group to move in the right direction. No one can deny the abuses and downright crookery that has marred executive pay. The lion's share of the executive bonanza were not deserved in the sense that our members got value for the money handed out. Things are getting better and the political pay schemes are almost gone. Voting to end "double dipping" is going to end that chapter of past abuses. I think it is more appropriate to say that working for the tribe and serving on the board is a conflict of interest. In the end, the members will decide. If you have any questions please contact Bob LaPoint, Unit II Director, (906) 493-5311.

Tribal passports?



DJ Hoffman
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can not fool all of the people all of the time."

~LINCOLN~

BUDGETS

The budgetary process has been, and will continue to be a contentious issue for the near future. While the board has completed this year's budget, it is time that we begin to plan for next year.

With the support of fellow board members, I will be writing legislation to ensure that this process is required to follow strategic planning goals set forth by the tribe. Budgeting without direction is unacceptable. We must have a plan in place to set the course of the ship.

LICENSE PLATES/PASSPORTS

I have requested that the legal department research the concept of the issuance of tribal license plates to our membership. Other tribes issue similar plates, and I am wondering if we are able to

afford the same benefit to our membership.

In addition to the license plate process, legal is researching the use of tribal identification cards as a means to travel between the United States and Canada in lieu of a passport. As you may or may not know, the United States will be requiring all persons entering the country to have a valid passport. To attempt to alleviate this requirement for tribe members, I have requested that legal research our rights to enter the United States under the "Jay Treaty." This Treaty is honored by the United States and may allow for this exception to the passport requirement, thus saving tribe members money and bureaucratic headaches. I would like to acknowledge Mr. Dan Tadgerson, tribe member, who brought this issue to my attention.

These processes may or may not be possible; however, I will keep the membership updated on their progress.

PAYROLL DEDUCT AT MIDJIMS

I would like to thank the board of directors for supporting my request to allow tribal employee's the opportunity to payroll deduct products (excluding alcohol) from our Midjim convenience stores. I had always been perplexed by the notion that an employee could payroll deduct a couch, but could not purchase a simple gallon of milk or gas under the same structure. I hope that this new option is a benefit to all of our team members.

KEY EMPLOYEE'S RESOLUTION

Recently I submitted a resolution to amend the tribe's "Key Employment" Resolution.

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Dates for 2007 Unit III meetings with board members Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway. All meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the McCann Center in St. Ignace. Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

St. Ignace to purchase Native American artifact collection



A very small part of the Fort de Buade collection.

Photo by Keith Massaway

By BRENDA AUSTIN

A long-term two percent funding agreement with the tribe is allowing the city of St. Ignace to seek the purchase the Fort de Buade Museum collection owned by the estate of the late Dr. Bensen.

The collection, termed priceless by board member Keith Massaway, was on a contractual lease for a year to the Michilimackinac Historical Society to give the society and the City of St. Ignace time to find financing to purchase the collection.

Valued at \$641,039, the collection includes one-of-a-kind artifacts from tribes around the Great Lakes region as well as non-regional tribes. According to Massaway, one of the items in the collection is the communion rail doors from the first St. Ann's Church on Mackinac Island and a large collection of muskets. There is also a confessional door from the mission church located at the Santiago settlement (named for Chief Mesatago, better known as Santiago), and a tin plate photo album was found in Chief Satigo's lodge along with medicines used by his wife, Esther Martin, who was a medicine woman at the settlement. These items date back to the 1850s. Most of the pictures have been copied and are hanging beside the Satigo diorama. There are many people who lived at the Satigo settlement shown in the tin plated pictures.

The purchase of the collection included four gift shops in downtown St. Ignace and their contents. The inventory in the four gift shops is valued at \$176,000, the buildings at \$345,000 and the artifacts and paintings are worth \$641,039. The buildings, inventory and artifacts have a total value of \$1,162,039.

Massaway said, "Dr. Bensen wanted the collection to stay in the area. His family honored his wishes by allowing us the time to make this happen. They had many full price offers from people in Canada and an auction house in Ohio but turned those down in favor of finding a local purchaser."

The collection would remain housed where it is currently located at 334 N. State Street in St. Ignace. "The City of St. Ignace doesn't want the purchase of the collection to be a tax burden on its citizens so the historical society has agreed to partner with the city to staff and operate it," Massaway said.

The Michilimackinac Historical Society is a group of

more than 100 paying members who have been together for about five years. "We are interested in preserving the history of St. Ignace and in educating the community," said Massaway.

According to Historical Society President Judi Engle, their present project is to preserve the museum artifacts and the history, including an oral history of Chief Satigo and his descendants.

According to Engle, the original Fort de Buade was the first fort built in the Great Lakes region. It began as a stockade and eventually the French came and set up an encampment to protect their citizens from the Iroquois and English. The Ottawa, Chippewa, Huron and French were on good terms and lived side by side. There were a lot of different groups of people living there at the time and it was an important area for the French fur traders. "Dr. Bensen called his building housing the collection Fort de Buade because it is located near what is believed to be the original location of the fort," Massaway said.

The city and historical society have verbally agreed that items from the collection will not be sold. Any item to be sold would have to be agreed on by all parties involved. Also under the verbal agreement at this time, if the historical society ever disbands, any collections would become property of the City of St. Ignace. The city has also agreed that if they can no longer operate the facility, then the collection is then gifted to the Sault Tribe.

The long-term two percent funding used to finance the historical collection was previously committed to the Little Bear East facility, which is now paid for. \$118,398 out of \$202,968 of the funds previously committed to the Little Bear East project have been reassigned to support the museum for the next six years, and the remaining 50 percent are being directed towards funding road projects within the tribe over the next seven years. Under the new agreement, the City of St. Ignace will procure a loan to purchase the Fort de Buade collection and will receive two percent payments of \$118,398 per year for the next six years towards the loan.

Another long term two percent agreement also arranged by the board of directors with Unit I allows for the reconstruction of Shunk Road between Spruce and Marquette.

For more information contact Keith Massaway, Unit III representative, at (906) 643-6981.

Tribal passports?

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The amendment would have added all management positions throughout the tribe. Unfortunately, the intent of this resolution was inappropriately spun into one of controversy. This resolution would have ensured that all managers hired be in compliance with the tribe's hiring process. What makes one manager different than another? No more "pre-determined rigged jobs," all managers would have had to have been ultimately approved by the board of directors, ensuring that the appropriate hiring process was followed. This would ensure accountability. One individual has made this issue that of only protecting nine percent of the workforce, while the rest are left unprotected. The truth is that this same individual had no problem with the current resolution that only includes a few of the managers. This same individual motioned to support the original resolution which included even fewer employees. Where was the concern for the past two plus years?

I would like to personally apologize to all of the team members

for the actions of this individual, to bring politics into your work e-mails and in meetings during your work time. There is no excuse for this behavior!

CODE OF ETHICS

In light of the current behavior patterns, and the simple notion that it is entirely necessary, I will be requesting that the board look at adopting a code of conduct and ethics. We must be professional, and we must ensure that the membership is represented in an appropriate way. We do not need to talk about people's mothers, brothers and sisters. We must inform the membership of what is occurring in the tribe, and what we are doing to ensure progress.

AREA MEETINGS

I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you from outside the service area in the past few weeks. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to hear your concerns and express my views on various topics. I urge you to keep informed and ask for more than one view on an issue. While many have their own opinions on issues, it is important that you have all of the information necessary to form your own.

We are all familiar with the story of the boy who cried wolf. His need for attention compelled him to create false crises, until the dreadful day that the crisis actually came upon him.

In politics, there is always more to the story. With the right political spin, allegations/rumors can be very convincing. However, responsible representation asks questions. I will continue to seek the answers to the questions that constituents pose.

I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive. We will work to ensure the protection of services for the membership of the tribe. Make no mistake when I say we. No one does anything alone to make this tribe move forward. It takes a majority of the board as well as the membership.

But make no mistake, one person can make a difference, whether on the board or not!

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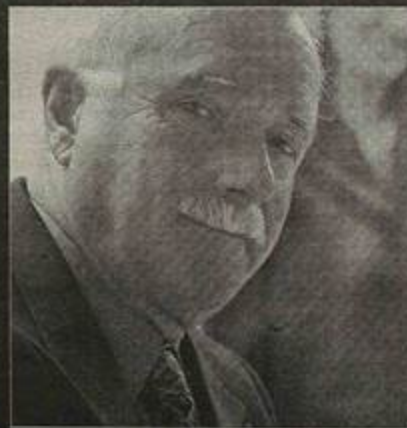
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Home-ownership rates decrease

USDA Rural Development has announced a decrease in the home mortgage interest rate for its Section 502 Home-Ownership Direct Loan Program. The new interest rate was reduced to 5.75 percent, down from a previous 6 percent.

According to a specialist from Rural Development's Sault Ste. Marie office, the rate decrease makes this a good time for lower-income families to purchase a home through the program.

Section 502 Direct Loan Program is available to eligible very-low and low-income households to purchase an existing home, buy a site and build a house, or purchase a new

dwelling in rural areas.

Financing under this program is available for up to 100 percent loan-to-value, and no down payment is required. Eligibility is based on household size and income. Applicants must have acceptable credit histories and debt-to-income ratios. Depending on the household incomes, mortgage payments may be subsidized to as low as one-percent interest rate.

For more information on eligibility requirements and income limits, go to www.eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov, or call (800) 944-8119 and ask for Sault Ste. Marie, or dial direct (906) 632-9611 ext. 4.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board and Greektown Casino

BY ROGER MARTIN

Few state or federal government agencies are more important to the Sault Tribe and its members than the often-misunderstood Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB).

Though the tribe is a sovereign government able to pass laws and set policies with only limited oversight from the state and federal governments, the MGCB has significant authority over the tribe's largest business asset: Greektown Casino in Detroit.

That's because Greektown Casino is not an Indian reservation casino. In fact, under Proposal E, the 1996 state law approved by Michigan voters, all three Detroit casinos — Greektown, MotorCity and MGM Grand Detroit — are "commercial casinos" that must follow all state and federal laws that regulate casinos and other businesses. In Michigan, the lead regulator of the three Detroit casinos is the MGCB.

"The tribe's sovereignty pretty much ends at the entrance to Greektown Casino because Greektown is not a Native casino," said Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment. "Under Proposal E, all three Detroit casinos were created as commercial casino enterprises that are subject to all of the laws, rules and regulations of the state and federal governments."

"Sometimes, I get questions from Sault Tribe members as to why we care so much about the MGCB and why they care so much about our Greektown Casino. Well, it's because the MGCB was established in state law to regulate the three Detroit casinos, and obviously we own one of those casinos. As a result, it is a critical agency to the Sault Tribe and its members," added Payment.

Greektown Casino is important to the tribe for many reasons:

- When Greektown opened in November 2000, the Sault Tribe earned world-wide recognition by becoming the first Indian tribe in the country to own and operate a commercial casino enterprise.

- Greektown Casino revenues were up \$9.6 million to \$345 million in 2006 compared to \$335.6 million in 2005. Greektown revenues help to support tribal member programs and services. As the tribe pays down the debt on the casino, more revenues will be available for member programs and services.

- Detroit remains one of the strongest gaming markets in the nation. When the three permanent Detroit casinos open, revenues are expected to grow.

- "We are the first and only tribe to own and operate a state-licensed casino in a major metropolitan area," said Payment. "I am also happy to report that since 2004, we have increased the Tribe's majority ownership to 99 percent."

- The MGCB has offices in East Lansing and Detroit. Its staff is made up of state police officers and investigators, accountants, lawyers and other professionals. Final decisions and policies of the MGCB are approved by a five-member board appointed by the Governor. The MGCB maintains a staff of regulators inside each of the casinos. The MGCB enforces the state's main gaming law — the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act. The MGCB:

- Investigates all people who apply for jobs at the three Detroit casinos, and determines whether each person is suitable for a license.

- Investigates all owners and investors at the three Detroit casinos and determines whether they are suitable for a license.

- Reviews the financial operations of the casinos to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and accepted accounting

practices.

- Monitors the casinos to ensure they are paying their taxes. The three Detroit casinos pay the highest tax of any land-based casinos in the nation. The revenues are distributed to K-12 public education in Michigan, and for capital improvement, youth programs and tax relief in the City of Detroit.

- Monitors the management operations of the casinos to make sure they are following all state and federal laws.

- Reviews all marketing promotions being proposed by the casinos.

- Monitors the casinos' construction and capital improvement plans, including design, financing, hiring decisions and more.

- Enforces rules and regulations that are aimed at minimizing problem and under-age gambling in Michigan.

- Establishes licensing standards and procedures for all casino vendors and suppliers.

- Imposes civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act.

"Frankly, most of the operational and management decisions and policies that are in place at Greektown Casino are within the scope and oversight authority of the MGCB," said Payment. "That's why the agency is so important to the tribe and to the owners of MGM Grand and MotorCity as well."

The tribe's five casinos are not largely regulated by the MGCB. Instead, the five northern casinos are regulated by the tribe and the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The MGCB does have the authority to ensure all Michigan tribes with state gaming compacts are complying with the provisions of the compacts.

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Culture an important part of board of director meetings

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you have attended a tribal board meeting in the past year you are aware that cultural traditions are very much a part of these meetings.

According to tribe member Carol Eavou, cultural ceremonies at board meetings have now taken on an additional component. In addition to the presentation of the seven grandfathers, smudging and the presence of the eagle staff, now semaa (tobacco) is being made available for anyone wishing to offer it during the meetings for the betterment of our people and tribe.

"It is important to incorporate the cultural aspect of our lives into our meetings; we are trying to help make a positive difference," Eavou said.

"Before board meetings begin Les Ailing presents the eagle staff and says the opening prayer to help all of us as a group do things

that are right for everyone. Then the grandfathers are presented to remind us all of our basic values as a people. Smudging before the meeting starts is also done," Eavou said.

The semaa will be available with a bowl for the offering and members are welcome to come up anytime during the meeting. At the meeting's end the semaa will be taken care of in a traditional way.

"It was something that was needed. We talked with the board and asked for their input and they were comfortable with allowing this to happen," Eavou said. "We are making great strides as a people in being more comfortable with our traditional ways."



DeKeyzers' celebrate 50th



James "Jim" and Leona Leonard DeKeyser celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006. They, their extended family and wedding attendants gathered for a Thanksgiving dinner held at the Horseshoe Bay Restaurant in the Kewadin Shores Inn in St. Ignace.

Jim and Leona were married on Nov. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour, Mich. Their attendants were maid of honor, Geraldine (nee Leonard) Huyck; best man, the late Norman DeKeyser, Martha

(nee Stevenson) King and Calvin Prout. Leona's sisters Diane Adams and Sharon Socia were flower girls.

Leona is the daughter of the late Herman and the late Beatrice King Leonard. Jim is the son of the late George DeKeyser and of Eunice Bodart DeKeyser.

They have lived in St. Ignace for the past 50 years. Jim retired from George's Auto Parts and Leona retired from the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

Jim and Leona had five children and have 11 grandchildren

and two great-grandchildren. Deborah Nichols of Grand Ledge, Mich., and her children, Dustin, Darwin and Jenna Rae; James and Sheryl (nee Marshall) of St. Ignace and their children, Nichole Martin and Brent; Christopher and Lana (nee

Greve) of Coldwater, Mich., and their children Lindee VanDellen, Landan, Shannon and Carter; Gwen and Bill Pechta of St. Ignace and their children, Alyssa and William; their son Darryl passed away in 1969. Their great grandchildren are Hunter and Mia Martin.

The DeKeyzers are members of the St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church. They enjoy visiting family and friends, like to travel and have many hobbies.

Memories of Lincoln School

It is such a fulfilling accomplishment to be able to create something new from something old. This will soon be the case when the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians opens the doors to the newly renovated Lincoln School on M-28 in Munising, Mich. This 92-year old, three-story, 21,000 square foot facility will become home to ACFS and health services along with a wellness area and community space.

In 1914, the Munising Board of Education instructed Charlton and Kuenzli, Marquette architects, to prepare plans for the new eight-room school to replace the old (inoperative) West Ward School. It was completed in 1916 at a cost of \$42,025.00. Named Lincoln School, it had entrances on both Superior Street and Munising Avenue. It could accommodate 300 children in grades kindergarten through eight in individual classrooms.

In the quest to gather more information about Lincoln School, Arthur, Dolores, Mari Beth, Nita and Kristine LeVeque came forth to take a walk down memory lane and share some of their thoughts and memories while attending Lincoln School. Their family memories demonstrate the multi-generational connection a school can have to a community.

Arthur attended the school from 1933 through the sixth grade in 1939. His memories are of his teachers Ms. Amy Leece and the skits performed in her class. Ms. Johnson whom he had for third and fourth grades and the taffy apples he made in Lena Delger's class during Christmas time.

Dolores' father, Harry S. Kroupa assisted with the first painting of Lincoln School. Dolores recalls a full body statue of Abraham Lincoln in the front entrance of the school. The statue was on a platform and was larger than a human being.

Dolores' friend, Carol Floria Smathers, who also attended Lincoln School, recalls Lena Delger as being the most loving, caring and compassionate teacher. Another teacher, Ms. Minnie Brown who taught sixth grade, had a special way of rewarding students who were good all week; she would read from a Nancy Drew mystery book on Friday afternoons. The fond memory of milk, fruit, raisins and oranges for

snack times still remain fresh in Carol's mind.

Mari Beth remembers the kindergarten room having many nursery rhymes painted on the walls. When Mari Beth attended music class in fifth grade, she started out playing the tonette, but when she became a sixth grader, she was able to have her choice of instrument to play. The music instructor was Mr. Ken Erickson who was an excellent leader. In the spring and at Christmas time, the school held plays on the stage located on the first floor.

When President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Nita remembers her teacher instructing the students to stand up for a prayer for the Kennedy family as well as for the whole country. Nita recalls her third grade teacher, Mrs. Gibson, being very strict but an excellent teacher. Nita also remembers Ms. Amy Leece, the tall, thin kindergarten teacher, wearing her long black hair in braids wrapped around her head like a halo.

Kristine attended Lincoln School from 1963 through 1969 and recalls Ms. Amy Leece as being one of her teachers. She recalls the snacks of milk and saltine crackers and the mats used during morning naptime. Ms. Leece had the children sing and make records for them to give to their parents. To this day, each of the LeVeque girls still have those very records that were made in Ms. Leece's class.

Also interviewed for her thoughts and memories is Kae Salminen. She, too, remembers doing skits as well as playing the bells in the Christmas programs. In later years, she attended the holiday programs of her children, who also went to Lincoln School. Watching these had her envisioning herself on the very stage as a youngster.

With fond memories of the past and new ones to be made, we hope this facility will prove to be an anchor to the community and to serve us as well in the next 92 years as it has in the past.

We appreciate people sharing their memories about this facility. If you would like to share your family's memories of Lincoln School, please contact Kim Green at (906) 635-6050. Please join us for a formal grand opening to be announced this spring.

Traditional medicine winter feast and teachings

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Kirtley Nakarado graduates magna cum laude



Kirtley Nakarado graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor

of Science degree in nursing from the University of Colorado School of Nursing this month. This is her second bachelor's degree as she previously received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College in 2003.

Kirtley has accepted a nursing position from the University of Colorado Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit. She will also be continuing her education as she works towards a pediatric nurse practitioner license and doctor of nursing practice degree.

Kirtley is the daughter of Christine and Gary Nakarado and the granddaughter of Helen Nakarado of St. Ignace.

11-year old tribe member goes to World Championship Hoop Dance Contest



Rita DeVoy performing at Sault Tribe's annual Fourth of July summer powwow.

PHOTO BY ALAN KAMUDA

SUBMITTED BY CATHY DEVOY

Phoenix, Ariz., is the site of the 17th annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest and the destination for 11-year old Rita DeVoy this coming Feb. 2-4, 2007.

Rita has been a powwow dancer since she was two. She began hoop dancing at the age of seven with four hoops and has now mastered over 18 hoops. She has hoop danced at powwows in Michigan and Ontario and performed with the Waswagoning Native Dance Theatre Troupe from Lac du Flambeau, Wisc. Rita particularly likes to dance at elder's functions because it makes them happy to see the young people carrying on the traditions.

Hoop dancing is an American Indian dance which originated long ago with the Hopi. Over the years it has grown to become an intertribal dance incorporating creative designs, difficult manipulations of the hoops and intricate footwork. The hoops symbol-

ize the circle of life. The dancer begins with one hoop weaving more hoops into formations that create a variety of designs representing clans and other important symbols. Some of Rita's formations include a butterfly, hummingbird, turtle, bear, snake, the northern lights, an eagle and a hawk, and a globe representing mother earth. Occasionally, a little mouse she calls Mickey finds a way into the dance routine just for the little kids.

Rita has saved her money from performing this past summer and, with the help of family and friends, has raised funds to travel

to this championship contest. She will compete in the youth division which includes both boys and girls. Rita's role model is Lisa Odjig, the first woman to ever win the World Championship Hoop Contest. She hopes to follow in those dance steps.

Rita is a sixth grade student at Rudyard Middle School. She is also a student of ballet at the Sault Theatre Arts Resource Studio. Rita is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and is proud to represent her family, tribe and community at this championship event.

Rachel Mandelstamm accepts position as youth education coordinator



By BRENDA AUSTIN

The Youth Education and Activities Program (YEA) recently hired Rachel Mandelstamm as a youth education coordinator.

Mandelstamm was one of the youngest people in LSSU's history to graduate with a bachelor's and an associate's degrees in three years. She holds a bachelor's in criminal justice with an emphasis in law enforcement and has an associate's degree in fire science and is a certified firefighter. She plans to begin a master's program in social work soon through Grand Valley State University on the campus of LSSU. "I am staying here in the Sault for my master's program because I love my job," she said. "I want to work

with kids and help keep them off the streets through the programs YEA offers."

Mandelstamm began working for the tribe in 2004 as a banquet server for Kewadin Casino. In October of 2006, she accepted a youth group leader position with the Bear Necessity After School Program at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center. She was there for two months when the youth education coordinator position was made available. "We offer the kids a lot of different activities, events and programs such as the tribal youth council. YEA also offers a homework lab, computer lab, Super Science Saturdays on the third Saturday of each month, and art club on the first and second Saturdays of each month. I also write grants and organize volunteers to help in the community with programs such as the Circle of Life," she said.

Mandelstamm grew up on a farm in Freeland, Mich., where she graduated in a class of 98 peers. In high school, she was involved with many different community agencies on a local and national level. Some of her after-school commitments included volunteering for the United Way, America's Promise, Saginaw Promise and Club SLIME (Service Learning

In Motion Everywhere), where she flew around the country and spoke with teachers and educators helping them understand how important community service and volunteering are for students. She implemented the Club SLIME program and re-wrote the curriculum so every student in high school and junior high was required to do one service learning project a year.

"I started a recreation program in Freeland that is still going strong today. We began with about 50 kids and it grew to over 250," she said.

She hopes to use her experience to bring positive youth oriented events to the Sault Ste. Marie area. "Bands for cans is something I started downstate and would like to bring to our area. Kids who play in local bands or play an instrument and would like to participate gather in a local park and play dance music. It costs youth three cans of food to get in which we donate to a local food bank. It was really successful. I did that for two years and now my little sister has taken over. We also got the Lions Club involved who gave the kids hot-dogs and brats."

Rachel Mandelstamm can be contacted at (906) 635-7010 or (800) 588-RINK.

Groundwater Stewardship Program

Where do I find that number? While mowing you find that part of your lawn smells like sewage. Who do you call? The water coming out of your well smells or looks funny, what do you do and whom do you call? You have just finished renovating an area of your house and have left over material. Where can you take left over building material? After you find out

whom to call, what is their phone number? Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP) and MSU Extension announce an Environmental Resource Guide for the counties of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac.

Tammy Cohee, the AmeriCorps Groundwater Educator has developed this directory to supplement the many programs offered by the MGSP.

This guide lists agencies to help consumers learn where to recycle and what can be recycled, whom to call for composting information, septic systems information and whom to call if there is a problem, where to go for soil and water testing and where to find water well drillers.

For a copy, contact Tammy Cohee at (906) 635-6368 or e-mail coheet@michigan.gov.

Anishnabe Future Leaders Camp

AFL will be held this summer from August 19-23, at the Clear Lake Education Center, in Clear Lake, Mich. Applications can be downloaded from www.itcmi.org, click on Anishnabe Future Leaders and follow the trail. For questions call Terri Tavenner - AFL program manager at (906) 632-6896 ext. 129 or visit the Web site listed above.

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Jacob Green on tour of duty in Fallujah



Lance Cpl. Jacob Green

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Twenty-two year old Lance Cpl. Jacob Green of Sugar Island — with USMC Bravo Company, First Battalion, 1/24 Weapons Platoon, 24th Marines out of Saginaw, Fourth Marine Division — has been in Fallujah since mid-September of 2006.

Green, a 2004 graduate of Sault Area High School, is the lead gunner for a three-man mortar team. The 60 mm mortars are capable of striking a target more than two miles away.

Green has been enlisted in the Marine Reserves for almost three years.

Chianbens, Little Big Man, is Green's Native name meaning small in stature, big in presence. Green said that life is hard in Fallujah, with long hot days and cold nights. "We are given one hot meal a day. If someone in the civilian world all of a sudden had



everything taken away from them — their job, house, money and luxuries like taking a shower and making dinner — their life would be similar to ours. I feel isolated, scared and alone at times. I live for the man to my left and right and dream of the day when I will see my loved ones again. This war is also very hard on my family as well," Green said.

"War and violence are extremely prevalent in the daily lives of the people here. It is as common for them to see violence as it is for us to see the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather. Each day I wake up with the hopes of improving my environment, whether it is by helping an Iraqi or talking with a friend when he is feeling down. Every day I see young people walking to school and it reminds me of when I went to school and dreamed about the future. Even though our

cultures are different, we are still the same in most respects," he said.

Green said their mission in Fallujah is to win the hearts and minds of the citizens of Iraq, to make Iraq a safer country to live in and prepare Iraqi police and their Army to be able to protect Iraqi citizens.

The following are quotes taken from e-mail he sent to his family:

Dec. 3, 2006, "Hi Mom, don't worry about me, I'm fine. I moved to a new place, its a nicer facility but there is so much to do here. All of us guys are okay, just grumpy. We only get about three hours of sleep a night. Twice a week we will be lucky to get two days where we get five hours of sleep. This place is crazy, the situation here is horrible. If you don't hear from me for a while, don't worry, I'm just busy. If I had a nicker for every lost hour of sleep,

I'd be a millionaire. This is the worst I've ever experienced, but I'll make it through."

Dec. 21, "Hi, mom, I'm fine, but I had a three-day headache, someone tried to shoot me with a rocket propelled grenade and it hit my window and missed me by five feet. It gave me a concussion, one more concussion and I got a purple heart. Then they shot at me with a machine gun, about 30 rounds chipped away the brick by my window and then they shot another rocket propelled grenade at the same window and knocked me backwards. We are all fine, got our combat action ribbons. Then a sniper missed hitting me in the arm by about two to four inches. Fun fun."

Jan 18, "Yeah, the additional troops might ease things after a while, but I think things might spark up for the first half of their arrival. I'm sending home some seeds that you plant in the summer like around June or they won't survive. If you want, you can plant them in a pot with Miracle Grow but keep them warm with a little water. Some farmers gave them to me as a gift. I just thought I'd give you a heads up on what's arriving in the mail. Just don't let anyone lose them. I'm also sending home more foreign currency. Love, Your Son, Jacob"

Jacob is the son of Holly and Jack Kibble and the grandson of Emery and Donna Corbiere, all of Sugar Island.

Gravelle issues public apology

Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit I Representative Todd Gravelle faced Judge Michael McDonald for sentencing in the 91st District Court of Chippewa County in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 24, after plea bargains, on one count of illegal use of a controlled substance and one count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Gravelle received five days in jail, \$2,010 in fines, fees and costs, six months probation — precluding him from consuming any alcohol or contraband, entering any bars or casinos (except for work) during that time — and completion of an alcohol assessment program.

In response to the sentencing, Gravelle announced, "I am sorry that this incident has brought embarrassment and disrepute to our tribe. Hopefully, I can put this unfortunate incident behind me and work towards implementing the reforms I have started since my election to the board. Lastly and more importantly, I am sorry for the embarrassment this has caused my mother."

Regarding Mr. Gravelle's future as an elected board member, Chairperson Aaron Payment stated, "Based on the outcome of the sentencing and my interpretation of the removal code; this is not a removable offense. This incident does not reach the level or standard for removal under our code."

Mr. Gravelle served five days in Chippewa County Jail beginning Jan. 25 and ending Jan. 30.

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Stork Report...



Brent and Lynde (Goetz) are the proud parents of a son, **Randen Christopher**, born Sept. 5, 2006 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

He joins his sister Kendra Lyn at home. Grandparents are Richard and Beverly Blair of Sault Ste. Marie, and David and Beverly Goetz of Dafer. Great grandparents are Leland and Virginia Blair of Sault Ste. Marie and Eldrus Goetz of Dafer.



Samantha Hurley and Nicholas DeGrand, both of Marquette, Mich., announce the arrival of their daughter **Sophia Rose DeGrand**. Sophia was born on Oct. 20, 2006, at Marquette General Hospital weighing five pounds, 10 ounces and measured 18.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Rose and Jerry Paquet of Marquette, Valorie and Robert DeGrand of Escanaba, and Thomas and Ann Hurley of Ishpeming. Great-grandparents are Pete and Char Shelafoe and Walter Hurley, all of Marquette. Aunts are Jennifer DeGrand of Escanaba and Dana Paquet of Marquette. Char, Rose, Dana, and Samantha are all members of the Sault Tribe. Sophie is now a new member as well.



Kalia Meadow Bond was born on Dec. 24, 2006, at War Memorial hospital. She is the daughter of Brandon and Jody (nee Reno) Bond. Grandparents include Jill Bond of St. Joseph, Mich., Jeff and Tammy Bond also of St. Joseph and Jerry and Edie Reno of the Sault. Great-grandparents are Janet Schrubba of St. Joseph and Robert and Mary Reno of the Sault. The Bonds would like to give a special thank you to doctors Tetzlaff and Majkrzak and the entire OB staff at WMH.



Aikens takes first in Elks 552 Hoop Shoot

Sault Tribe member, Jayson Aikens won first place in the 10-11-year old boys division, in the Elks 552 Hoop Shoot on Dec. 2, 2006. Jayson advanced to the regional competition in Ishpeming on Jan. 6, 2007. Jayson is in the sixth grade at Brimley Public Schools. Good luck Jayson!



Two with one shot

Lesley Hicks of Newberry, a first year bow hunter, held out all season for the big buck. The last few days of bow season only brought does. On the last night, Hicks drew back to shoot the largest of the does. Having been video taped shooting her first deer and reviewing the tape, she was asked, "Where is the arrow?" Returning to the woods looking for the arrow, it was discovered that Lesley not only bagged a large doe, but another doe which were both shot in the vitals.



Landrevilles receive honors



Above left, Raechel Landreville and her cousin Karen Landreville, juniors at Cedarville High School, were both inducted into the National Honor Society on Jan. 8, 2007, in an evening ceremony. Raechel is the daughter of Ken and Leeann Landreville and Robyn and Darrell Hill. Karen is the daughter of Jim and Jeannette Landreville. Raechel's older sister, Donielle Landreville, was inducted last year. Above right, Alice Landreville, 11, daughter of Ken and Leeann Landreville has been named one of Michigan's 2006 Great Lakes Scholars. Alice is a sixth grader at Cedarville Middle School. Her fifth grade teacher, Carrie Carr, nominated her. To be nominated the students had to excel in the classroom, the community as leaders in activities outside of school or on the athletic field and courts. The nominees also had to have a B average. Alice's name and accomplishments were published in 'The 2006 Great Lakes Scholars' book along with hundreds of other students from Michigan in grades three through eight.

And baby makes five

With the birth of Isabella on July 9, 2006, plans were made to take a five-generation picture. This photo was taken over Thanksgiving weekend 2006. Back row, left, is Bobby Andrews of Pound, Wisc., proudly holding his daughter Isabella; grandmother Kim Andrews of Oconto, Wisc. Front left, great-grandmother Judy LaJoie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and great-great-grandmother Alice Huhtala.



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NCAI President State of Indian Nations Address

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Jan. 25, 2007. — In the fifth annual State of Indian Nations Address at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Joe A. Garcia asked Indian nations to speak with one voice and take pride in the work they are doing; drawing on cultures, traditions and ancient teachings, to ensure a thriving Indian Country is left for the seventh generation.

"Indian Country is made up of everyday warriors and leaders who are part of a modern day Native renaissance where Native pride runs deep through strong tribal governance and flourishing cultures," said Garcia in his address on the current State of Indian Nations. "We are making educational and economic strides that are beginning to close the gap between Native people and our non-native neighbors."

Garcia said he gets guidance from the legacy of one of the great leaders from Pueblo Country, Po'pay.

"Just as Po'pay helped unify Indian Nations in Pueblo Country to make possible a greater future,

I wish to see Indian Country come together as 'many tribes with one voice' to promote progress for our people," he said.

Garcia laid out Indian Country's role on the global stage, called for strengthening tribal governance, encouraged expanded tribal economic development and set Indian Country's agenda for the 110th Congress.

He said this year's priorities for Indian Country are strengthening tribal governance, public safety, health, economic development, education and natural resources.

Strengthening tribal governance

"As tribes take on more responsibilities, we find that we need to improve the way our tribal governments function. Today tribes are governments with budgets and responsibilities comparable to state governments, and we have become much more self-sufficient than we were in the past. As I traveled the country this past year, I heard from many tribal leaders about their efforts to improve the effectiveness of their governments.

Too often tribes are saddled with federally-imposed models

of governance that do not fit our traditions and cultures. It is time to address the barriers caused by these mismatched governments."

Public safety

"Improved governance will also help us do a better job of meeting basic needs such as public safety. Tribal leaders are particularly concerned about the escalating threats related to drug trafficking and border security in Indian country and the ongoing shortage of law enforcement, tribal courts, and detention centers to address these rising demands.

Indian Country lacks the resources needed to protect Indian people and that, my friends and colleagues, is unacceptable."

Health

"I commend Senator Byron Dorgan, the new chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, who is working on legislation to increase clinic hours and doctor availability on reservations and encourage more low-cost health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

But the battle from last year is still underway. When we win it, we will see the Indian health care system brought into the 21st cen-

tury to address matters at the heart of family and community life; mental health, substance abuse, youth suicide and the challenge of attracting and retaining health care professionals of the first rank."

Economic development

"Many of the federal policies that impact tribal economic development were put into place at a time when tribal governments did not have the capacity that we have today. These policies need to be revisited and tribal governments need to be given the same tools for economic development that exist for other governments.

We need clear policies of respect and support for tribal regulatory authority and self-governance. We need improved telecommunications penetration and consistent tax code treatment of tribal government pension plans. We need access to bond financing to the same extent that it is available to state and local governments. And we need to make sure that tribal governments are included in their rightful place in the national streamline sales tax agreement."

Education

"Education is the foundation for building strong, independent nations. Our youth are the future of our nations and it is critical that we prepare them to govern and to hold these distinguished roles. Our nations must be equipped with the resources needed to ensure that Native children are given the same opportunities in education that are afforded to their non-Native peers."

Natural resources

"Tribes want to play our part in lessening our nation's dependence on foreign oil through renewable energy sources. We must also have support from the federal government that will enable us to be good energy partners for America.

I call upon Congress to adopt legislation that will create a Production Tax Incentive that will allow Indian tribes to develop alternative energy sources in an economically feasible manner.

Tribes are a natural player in this process. We are the original stewards of the environment and our natural resources."

Sault Tribe answers NCAI call for solidarity

BY RICK SMITH

Along with many other tribes, Sault Tribe recently rendered numerous official positions in a show of solidarity on issues that National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President Joe Garcia is putting on the top of the federal agenda for Indian Country in 2007.

Garcia, in the fifth annual State of Indian Nations Address at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on Jan. 25, told tribal leaders, White House officials, members of the House and Senate, Congressional staff, friends, family and all people listening across the country that he has learned the needs and hopes of Indian Country in 2007 surround strengthening tribal governance, public safety, health, economic development, education and natural resources. Those are the issues, he said, that most frequently concerned the people of Indian Country he spoke with in much of the past year.

Garcia's speech was given two days after President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address and serves as a platform to relay the general state of American Indian nations to the president, the American public and American Indian sovereigns.

Acting on earlier official communications with NCAI, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors recently approved a package of resolutions expressing solidarity with the NCAI on over a dozen issues at a Jan. 16 meeting. The board acknowledged the need for additional federal support for tribal law enforcement capabilities,

health care, mental health care, housing needs, crime victim assistance and education. The board also approved supporting initiatives to increase American Indian voter participation in mainstream elections and a requirement for the federal government to continue trust obligations. Opposition to current federal funding restrictions also became official.

Robert Nygaard, legislative analyst for Sault Tribe, has been working with the NCAI legislative director and other officials in Washington, D.C., in presenting the concerns of our tribe.

In his address, Garcia reflected on how far Indian Country has come, but still has far to go. "As an example," he said, "Consider our ongoing effort to promote Indian voting and Indian candidates — our program, Native Vote. Today, 64 American Indians serve as state legislators in 14 states, that is the most ever."

Megan Kelly Powell, a Sault Tribe member and federal liaison in Washington, expounded later in an interview, "The members of our tribe need to be active in telling their state and federal senators and representatives what we want and need. Not many people know that if just six people write or fax their representatives on an issue, they will sit up and take notice. We are over 30,000 strong, if every member, just turning 18 and up to our elders, would pay attention to the issues important to us, such as housing and health care, we would see things get done. We are a huge voting block, but they are getting away with neglect because we sit back and let it hap-

pen." Powell cited the deplorable situation of the raw sewage in the St. Mary's River as an example. "That is a slap in the face to our beliefs, our culture, who we are, if most of our members voiced their concerns about it to their federal representatives, you could bet action wouldn't be long in coming."

Speaking on strengthening tribal governance, Garcia said many tribal leaders told him of their efforts to improve the effectiveness of their governments. "Too often tribes are saddled with federally-imposed models of governance that do not fit our traditions and cultures," he said. "It is time to address the barriers caused by these mismatched governments."

Garcia summed up his points on public safety with, "Indian Country lacks the resources needed to protect Indian people and that, my friends and colleagues, is unacceptable."

Referring to his State of the Indian Nations speech last year, Garcia noted he spoke on pursuing the passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. "We came close to passage, but time ran out," he said. "Therefore, this item remains on the agenda, and it is more important than ever."

He spoke at length on issues before concluding. President Garcia noted in closing, "We seek progress, but that is not our only goal. First and foremost, we seek to preserve our way of life, and to send along our ways to the generations who will follow."

Members sue for racial discrimination

BY RICK SMITH

After being passed over during the spring of 2005 in two contracting opportunities to a higher bidder on a Lake Michigan underwater repair project, a Sault Ste. Marie marine contracting corporation is suing two agencies for racial discrimination.

The plaintiff in the case is MCM Marine, Inc., and the defendants are the Ottawa County Road Commission along with Prein and Newhof, Inc., a Michigan corporation. Sault Tribe members Douglas McCoy and Darwin (Joe) McCoy, brothers, are two of the three partners in MCM Marine. Robert Chartrand is the third partner.

The suit stems from circumstances surrounding a contract awarded to the second highest bidder for repair work on a water intake of the Northwest Ottawa Water System (NOWS) and the reputation of one of the defendants.

The highest of five bids for the project, \$1.4 million, came from Durocher Marine of Cheboygan, Mich., and listed MCM as a subcontractor. The commission awarded the contract to the King Company of Holland, Mich., which gave the second highest bid of \$1,139,500 on the project. Luedtke Engineering of Frankfort, Mich., submitted the next lowest bid of \$1,064,200 and was rejected, according to Ottawa County Circuit Court documents, because Luedtke also listed MCM as a subcontractor. MCM submitted its own bid of \$817,098. The lowest bid, came from Great Lakes Dock and Materials, LLC., of Muskegon, Mich.

The Ottawa County Road Commission opened the project for bids on March 9, 2005, and the contract was awarded on April 14.

According to court documents, Prein and Newhof questioned the qualifications and capabilities of

MCM Marine in a project recommendation to the commission. In addition, the commission knew MCM to be a minority owned enterprise. Further, MCM was never apprised of the commission's policies or insecurities regarding their bids.

Attorney for the plaintiff, Thomas M. Keranen, noted, "No one criticized MCM's work or bid prices, nor did they ever tell MCM why MCM, and those bidders using MCM, were blackballed from selection. Some bidders were told (by Prein and Newhof) their bids would be considered if they excluded MCM."

Among the list of MCM's regular clientele are the United States Coast Guard, U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Ferris State University.

Attorneys representing the Ottawa County Road Commission did not return calls for comment.

Attorneys for Prein and Newhof declined to comment except to say, "We did not make the final decision and we didn't know MCM has minority status."

MCM partner Joe McCoy said Prein and Newhof was indeed aware of the company's minority status. McCoy also indicated at least one of the defendants is reputed to be biased against American Indian firms, he expressed his frustration at encountering such a situation after more than two decades of conscientious diligence to develop a well-respected reputation in the trade. "We have worked hard for a long, long time to build this company and to become one of the premier contracting companies in the country. It hurts to see racism is still alive and affecting us, especially where we have great satisfaction in what we have accomplished."

No court date has been set at this time.

TRACKS — a 10-week weight management class

Thursdays, beginning Feb 8 from noon-1 p.m.

Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun, conference room A on third floor. No charge to attend and open to all members of the community. Sault Tribe employees may attend on work time with supervisor's approval. Class size is limited, please pre-register. Call Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210 for more information or to sign up.

February is heart health month

SUBMITTED BY CHARLA GORDON, RD, HEALTHY HEART PROJECT

February is heart month and with it come ideas for keeping your heart beating strong.

Near and dear to my work are the many foods we can eat to keep our hearts healthy.

First, let's talk about fiber. Remember that fiber comes from plant foods and for heart health we know that oatmeal, barley, rye bread, brown and wild rice, popcorn, apples, bananas, berries, grapefruit, oranges, peaches, pears, plums, tangerines, broccoli, carrots, peas, potatoes, summer squash, dried peas and beans are

especially good.

The bottom line — eat more plant foods with every meal.

Second, we need healthy fats, olive oil, canola oil, nuts and fish are all best choices. A fat that is especially harmful to your heart is called a "trans" or hydrogenated fat found in vegetable shortening, stick margarine and many snack foods. All fats are rich in calories, so keep portions moderate to avoid gaining extra weight.

The bottom line — read labels and make changes to healthier types of fat.

Misusing tobacco is a serious threat to the health of our hearts,

lungs and blood vessels whether it is through a cigarette, cigar, chew or secondhand smoke.

The bottom line — keep tobacco use sacred. Refrain from smoking or chewing commercial tobacco and don't expose others to secondhand smoke.

Physical activity will help make your heart stronger. Moving your body 30 minutes or more on most days of the week can help you get in better shape, lower blood pressure, lower blood sugar and increase your healthy cholesterol number (HDL).

The bottom line — find something you like to do and get mov-

ing most days of the week.

Another way to keep your heart healthy is to keep your blood pressure, diabetes, blood cholesterol and weight numbers in healthy ranges. Healthy food choices, regular physical activity and medication (if needed) can help you manage all of these numbers.

The bottom line — know your numbers. Preventive medicine can be one of your best friends, keep your appointments with your health care providers.

Learning more about your heart, how it works and what you can do to keep it beating strong

is also good preventive medicine. Check out the community calendar or events and activities calendar in your area to see what kinds of classes are available to you and your family.

In the Sault, and coming soon to rural health clinics, we have a wonderful series of six sessions called Honoring the Gift of Heart Health. Come join us and learn more to keep your heart beating strong for many years.

For more information about this program please call Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5217.

Community Health promotes Through with Chew Week

Sault Tribe Community Health Education will collaborate with the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition to promote the Through With Chew campaign during the week of Feb. 18-24.

The purpose of this annual education campaign is to decrease spit tobacco use and to increase awareness of the negative health effects of using this product. This event was started by the American Academy of Otolaryngology in 1989 and has grown in popularity in the past few years through an initiative by the Wyoming Tobacco-Free Community Program.

According to Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, since 1970, smokeless or spit tobacco has gone from a product used primarily by older men to one used predominantly by young men and boys. In 1970, males 65 and older were almost six times as likely as those between ages 18-24 to use spit tobacco regularly. By 1991, however, young males were 50 percent more likely than the oldest ones to be regular users. This pattern holds especially true for moist snuff, the most popular type of spit tobacco. From 1970-1991, the regular use of moist spit tobacco by 18-24-year old males increased almost 10 fold, from less than one percent to 6.2

percent. Conversely, use among males 65 and older decreased by almost half.

Among all high school seniors who have ever used spit tobacco, almost three-fourths began by the ninth grade. Despite some recent declines in youth spit tobacco use, 9.9 percent of all boys in U.S. high schools and 1.2 percent of high school girls currently use spit tobacco products. In Michigan, 10 percent of high school boys use smokeless tobacco.

Julie Trotter of the county health department said, "An average size dip of smokeless tobacco contains three to four times the nicotine of one cigarette and some brands deliver more harmful chemicals and more nicotine than others do. According to a National Cancer Institute publication, Copenhagen and Red Man snuff has a higher level of nicotine and harmful chemicals than Skoal, Hawken, Kodiak or Skoal Bandits. Spit tobacco use is also dangerous because it contains at least 28 known cancer-causing agents. Spit tobacco is highly addictive and it is not a safe alternative to cigarettes."

The Centers for Disease Control reports that spit tobacco use is related to oral cancers, tooth and gum disease, leukoplakia and cardiovascular disease. Spit tobacco

use can also result in gingivitis, bad breath, stained teeth and receding gums. Cancer of the esophagus, larynx, stomach, pharynx, and pancreas can be caused by constant exposure to chemically enhanced spit tobacco.

Donna Norkoli of our tribe's Community Health Services noted, "If you use spit tobacco, you should check your mouth often, looking closely at the places where you hold the tobacco. See your dentist right away if you have a sore or lump that doesn't heal or a red or white patch that doesn't go away. Your chances for a cure are higher if oral cancer is found early."

At the local level, the coalition will be hosting an information table at K-Mart in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community Health educators will be promoting Through With Chew in local schools and through the local media.

For more information about the Through with Chew campaign, or if you would like to quit chewing tobacco, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or call your local tribal health center. "Giving up tobacco abuse is the single best thing you can do to improve and protect your health," Norkoli said.

Niim-Ikwe workshop for women and girls

Attention Sault Tribe members — Sault Tribe Community Health, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Healthy Anishinaabe Women's Project present the Niim-Ikwe workshop for women and girls to be held in Kincheloe, Mich., Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sault Tribe Community Health is sponsoring the workshop specially designed for women and girls, age 11 to elder, with funding from Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Healthy Anishinaabe Women's Project.

The Niim-Ikwe workshop (Niim-ikwe in Ojibwe means *dancing woman*) is designed to bring Anishinaabe ladies together for a day of sharing and learning. The agenda will include discussion on topics such as feminine cultural teachings and keeping physically active with traditional

powwow dancing, Anishinaabe foods, nutrition, crafting and much more.

The workshop is free but space is limited to 40 participants. If you are interested in attending, please complete a registration form due by Feb. 23. Registration forms can be picked up and returned to either Dee Dee or Tim at the Kinross Recreation Center, or call (906) 495-5350. You may also call Michelle Willis at Community Health at (906) 632-



Health Center staff enjoy "Break Station"



Sault Tribe Health Center employees relieve some stress at the December "Holiday Break Station" sponsored by Sault Tribe Community Health Services. Left, Dezria MacInnes and Lynette Marsh solve Christmas brainteasers.

Housing Commission recognized for smoke-free policy

The Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission was recognized at a January meeting by the Chippewa County Health Department and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition as a leader in the state of Michigan for adopting a smoke-free policy for multi-unit dwellings. They are the first housing commission in the Upper Peninsula to adopt this measure and the ninth in the state.

Mr. Aaron Hopper, Chippewa County Health Department Board of Health chairperson, had the honors of presenting a plaque to the Sault Housing Commission. "This achievement by the Sault

Ste. Marie Housing Commission adds a new luster to the Chippewa County smoke-free air regulation that was implemented in October 2004, which require most worksites and public places to be smoke-free."

The Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission voted unanimously in December to adopt the policy, which requires the entire building to be smoke-free, including all apartments and all common areas. This measure affects Riverview Terrace, Arlington Towne Apartments and James Terrace housing designated for senior citizens and disabled.

Get Moving U.P. is going strong

Sault Tribe Community Health is coordinating participation in the Get Moving U.P. program at the Sault Tribe Health Center, Kewadin Casinos and JKL Bahweting School. Currently, we have 30 participants registered with the Sault Tribe Health Center who have logged 9,289 minutes of physical activity from Jan. 1 through Jan. 14. Kewadin Casinos has 17 participants who have logged 2,020 minutes of activity. JKL Bahweting School registered nine participants who boast of logging 1,935 minutes.

Prize winners for stage one, covering the first two weeks of the program, are Ted Holappa for the Sault Tribe Health Center, Tel Fox for Kewadin Casinos and Brandi Reno at JKL Bahweting School.

Remember, your goal is to get at least 30 minutes of activity each day at least five days a week. If you make a plan to do this seven days a week it is more likely that you will get the amount of activity you need to stay healthy.

You may need to change the way you think about activity. Take a look at your day and figure out where you can substitute activity for inactivity.

The secret to increasing your activity is to look for ways to be active that aren't necessarily planned or structured. For example, take a break from your desk and deliver a message to a co-worker rather than sending an e-mail or park your car at the farthest end of the parking lot and walk to your destination.

The 1996 Surgeon General's report on physical activity recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity exercise five or more days a week. This can be all at once or even accumulated in ten-minute segments. If you do not reach that amount of physical activity you raise your risk of several chronic diseases including diabetes and heart disease.

So keep moving U.P.! Drawings for prizes will be held every two weeks until the end of the program

on Feb. 25.

Any participants who enter minutes of activity in those two weeks will be eligible for the drawings. Any participants who enter 2,400 activity minutes during the program will be eligible for the grand prize drawing for \$20 gift cards from Wal-Mart.

If you have a question or would like more information about the program, call Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844.



Kewadin Casino Wedding Expo 2007



This wedding party featured gowns and a tuxedo in chocolate, black and white from Brenda's Bridal in Sault Ste. Marie.



Hailey Clement, 4, was a beautiful flower girl.

The Kewadin Casino Wedding Expo 2007 was held Jan. 20 at the Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. The fashion show featured gowns from Brenda's Bridal, a ballet skit and a waltz performed by Jerry Tomei and Michelle Reinhart.

Local vendors displayed their offerings in artfully designed and decorated booths.

The fashion show was a success with the attentive grooms and beautiful blushing brides taking their turn on the runway. The stars of the show however, were the shyly waving flower girls.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Jerry Tomei and Michelle Reinhart performing the waltz during the fashion show.



Kewadin Casino Banquets department, together with the Convention Sales department, organized everything for the wedding expo. Banquet staff had examples of their wedding cakes and sales brochures available. Left, Terry Lovegrove, Banquet Captain, Annette Andress, Convention Services Manager and Gail Wilson, Banquet Captain.



Left, Morgan Hilgendorf and Parker Clement, 8, junior bridesmaids.

Winter survival camp on Sugar Island



Back left, Les Ailing, Bev Shannon and Josh Homminga help a group of youth build a shelter from tree branches, pine boughs and snow.



Chris Hadfield from the Sault, 9, looking out from inside the shelter he is helping his group work on.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Back left, Bill Hadfield, Laurie Gaskin, Chris Hadfield, Laura Ailing (center), Samatha Smart (right) and Devyn McKeever (front).



Left, Alaysia Brewer, 7, Les Ailing and Dyani Stewart, 9, attaching pine boughs to their shelter and covering them with a layer of snow for insulation.



Team leader Mike Pilcher works to get more branches added to the frame of his shelter.

Following the trail through the woods left by previous brave souls trekking through the sub-zero weather, the sound of young voices eventually led to two groups working to learn winter survival skills. Each group was allowed a small box of tools including a knife, rope, matches or magnesium fire starter and compass. Their goal, to build a shelter from materials found around them in the woods and to get a fire started and keep it going. At the end of the afternoon, the two groups were judged to see which shelter was better built. The youth originally began with three groups but due to the cold and the hot chocolate offered in the lodge, three soon turned into two. Winter survival camp is offered each year at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

A beautiful you: Special night held for young Munising girls



Left to right, Sixth graders Morgan Sontag, Sara Sutherland and Molly Matson.



Seventh grader Lauren Gahagan getting her hair braided.

SUBMITTED BY KIM SWANBERG

Munising Schools Native American Education and Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities programs teamed up to provide a special evening for young ladies ages 11-17.

They were invited to participate in a sleepover at Central Elementary School on Friday. The girls received a manicure, pedicure and hair styles from students

at the Cosmetology Department at Northern Michigan University. They also received information on nutrition, health and wellness and proper hygiene habits from Paula Ackerman, nutritionist at Munising Memorial Hospital and Joan Vinette, Michigan State University Extension Office.

Kim Swanberg, Native American Education Program Coordinator and Cindy Blank,

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities coordinator, planned the evening earlier this school year to help educate our young ladies about healthy nutrition habits, exercise and build positive self-esteem. Next year, we would like to add more components such as self-defense. The evening ended with popcorn and movies.

Middle school throws students zero tardy party

The Sault Area Middle School threw a zero tardy party for students who had zero absences, zero tardies and zero referrals for the entire first semester and, as a reward, they were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut and bowling at Dondee Lanes. Pictured in no particular order are Alyssa Anderson, Jeff Moran, Tasha Opalka, Matthew Clow, Haran Ellis, Jerome Gervais, Jacquelyn Hardwood, Elaine Oberle, Tessa Opalka, Shelby Hoffman, Russell Lipponen, and Bret Weber and missing from photo is Jessica McCrory.



Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program

Feb 15, 2007, is the deadline for the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The program is for current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Applicants should have interest in biological sciences and have a satisfactory grade point average. The program is eight weeks long. Scholarship is \$3,000. Students are matched with professional mentors and complete a fisheries science experience in a marine and/or freshwater setting. The mentor placements are sought to be a reasonable commuting distance from the students. Students must submit application, resume and a one page description of type of assignment he or she would like. Applications are available via a Web site at www.fisheries.org.



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The next deadline for submissions to Win Awenen Nisitotung is Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

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Students make sand paintings



SUBMITTED BY KIM SWANBERG

Students from Munising Elementary School had teachings on sand painting. Students also had a chance to make their own sand paintings. Pictured around the paintings are (starting front left) Lauren Peters first grade, Van Ouelette first grade, Amanda Marinoff fourth grade, T.J. Wing first grade, Hailey Streeter third grade, and Via Ouelette third grade.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Sault Tribe Internship Program

- Eleven-week paid internship
- University sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Placements in your field of study
- Real world work experience
- Leadership seminars
- Cultural workshops
- Team challenges and projects

Call (800) 793-0660 for application packet
Application deadline April 6, 2007
Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member.

Higher Education vocational training

SUBMITTED BY HEATHER CORBIERE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Education Department saw spectacular growth with the vocational training program in 2006. We were able to provide financial assistance to 48 students throughout the nation!

Assistance under the vocational training program helped offset the cost of short and long-term training programs, certification and testing expenses.

Training providers attended by 2006 applicants were:

- Allegan County Technical and Education Center
- Blue Heron Academy
- Careerline Tech Center
- Commercial Driving Services, Inc.
- International Trucking School
- Lehigh Career and Technical Institute
- Mercy School of Nursing
- Michigan Institute of Aeronautics
- Michigan School of Cardiovascular Sonography

- Midwest Truck Driving School
- MJ Murphy Beauty College
- Nashville Auto Diesel College
- North County Heavy Equipment School
- Nu-Way Truck Driver Training Centers
- Ohio Center for Broadcasting
- Olympia Career Training Institute
- Orlando Culinary Academy
- Phlebotomy Education LLC
- Renaissance Academy of Beauty
- Tri Area Driving School
- Up North School of Cosmetology
- Yuma School of Beauty

Applications are available at www.saulttribe.com, under education. Funds have been allocated for the 2007 year. You may still submit an application and be placed on our waiting list.

If you have questions call (800) 793-0660 (ext. 56536), or (906) 635-7784. You may also e-mail hcorbiere@saulttribe.net.

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Young Scholars Program offered to high achievers

Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities Program will be accepting applications for the Young Scholars Program for the fall semester of the 2006-07 school year. Students may apply twice a year, after the first semester and again at the end of the second semester. The purpose of this program is to recognize the hard work and dedication of our tribe's students in grades six through 12 who have received all A grades or perfect attendance for one or more marking periods.

Students will receive an award

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

To qualify for all A grades, students must receive some form of an "A" grade (A+, A, A-) in all courses for a marking period. Students in schools that grade on a numerical basis must receive the

equivalent of these "A" grades to qualify. In such case, please attach a letter stating the school's grade equivalency with the application. To qualify for perfect attendance, students must have been in school or at a school function each day of the marking period with the report card stating zero absences. Excused absences do not constitute perfect attendance.

To qualify for the program, the following information must be received by March 2, 2007: a completed application, a copy of the student's report card signed

by a parent or a letter from an administrator at the school stating the marking periods for which the student earned all A grades or perfect attendance, and a copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card. Students may send a photograph if they want it to be printed in the tribal newspaper but it is not necessary.

Mail to: The Young Scholars Program, Attn: Angeline Matson, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. All information must be received by March 2, 2007.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Young Scholars Program

Application Form (6th through 12th grade)

Student's Name:		Age:	Grade:
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:		Email:	
School Name:		Principal's Name:	
School Address:		School Phone:	
All A grades - # of marking periods (1st semester only)	Perfect Attendance - # of marking periods (1st semester only)	Social Security Number - Mandatory	

Please attach the following:

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

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

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail the preceding information to: The Young Scholars Program, Attn: Angeline Matson, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. All information must be received by 5 p.m. on March 2, 2007 to be eligible for the program.

Spring job fair circuit

BARB GRAVELLE, HUMAN RESOURCE RECRUITER

As the new Human Resource recruiter, I am gearing up for the spring job fair circuit the next few months. At the job fairs, I will be representing the Sault Tribe and looking for qualified applicants. Please review the following calendar and make sure to come to any job fairs that are near you!

Job fair calendar:

Central Michigan University

Feb. 14, 11-4 p.m., University Center Rotunda, Mt. Pleasant.

Michigan State University
Feb. 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Kellogg Hotel and Convention Center, East Lansing.

College Fair - Manistique
Feb. 18, 1-4 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center.

College Fair - Sault Ste. Marie
Feb. 19, from 5-8 p.m. at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

College Fair - St. Ignace

Feb. 20, from 5-8 p.m., Little Bear East Recreation Center.

Ferris State University
March 1, from 10-2 p.m., Victor F. Spathelf Center, Big Rapids.
Michigan Collegiate Fair
March 16, from 9-3 p.m., Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia.

U.P. Collegiate Fair - NMU
March 21, from 1-4 p.m., Don H. Buttom University Center, Marquette.

Michigan Works - Sault Job Fair March 24, 1-4 p.m., Sault Area High School, Sault Ste. Marie.

There are other tentative job fairs "in the works" for the Sault area, St. Ignace, Cheboygan, Newberry, and a few other sites.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the job fairs, please feel free to give me a call at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447. See you at the job fair.

The following is a list of Kewadin box office phone numbers for elders to contact to reserve tickets for shows.

Sault elders	Unit I	Box office	(906) 635-4917
Hessel elders	Unit II	Elder Services	(906) 484-5026
Newberry elders	Unit II	Tribal Health Center	(906) 293-8181
St. Ignace elders	Unit III	Phillis Colgrove	(906) 643-8875
Escanaba/Manistique elders	Unit IV	Denise Chase	(906) 341-6993
Munising elders	Unit V	Shirley Petoskey	(906) 387-2101
Marquette elders	Unit V	Robert Menard	(906) 485-5364

The next deadline for submissions to *Win Awenen Nisitotung* is Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

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Michigan Indian Elders Association 2007 scholarship notice

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of four \$500 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to five qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or

university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

- Qualifications – the student:
- Must be an enrolled member (copy of tribal card) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands (must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum

score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.

- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it

with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be received by the coordinator not later than June 18, 2007. (Please note, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

Application forms can be obtained from the tribal education department of each of the constituent tribes/bands or downloaded from the M.I.E.A. Web site at www.michiganindianelders.org.

Current constituent tribes and bands are Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band

of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, Gun Lake Tribe, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Michigan Indian Elders Association student incentive program

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all A grades for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. At \$25 per award, there will be 120 winners who will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.

• The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school (home schooling not eligible).

• A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+).

• For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight A grades will be acceptable.

• A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.

• Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.

• The first two marking periods of this 2006/2007 school year (or the number of marking periods completed by March 1, 2007, for school systems having something other than four marking periods) will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.

• A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight A grades for both marking periods. For example, straight A grades and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

• A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.

• A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight A grades and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April 2007 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association at Manistee, Mich.

Very important:
You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than April 1, 2007:

Robert S. Menard, President, Michigan Indian Elders Association, 1910 North Lake Drive, Ishpeming, MI 49849.

Application forms can be obtained from your tribal Education Department or you can download one from the internet at www.michiganindianelders.org.

Higher Education Programs

By JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

First of all, we would like to congratulate those students who graduated in December 2006. We wish you the best of luck in your future.

2006-07 Self-sufficiency program:

As of Jan. 25, we processed 685 student fall session 2006 incentive award checks totaling \$298,037.

The location of the schools they attended, the number of students and the award amounts are as follows:

Alabama - 2	833
Arizona - 10	4,059.75
California - 2	833
Colorado - 5	2,000
Connecticut - 8	4,000
Florida - 8	3,580
Georgia - 8	2,920
Hawaii - 1	360
Illinois - 9	3,999.50
Indiana - 7	3,240
Kansas - 1	500
Kentucky - 1	500
Louisiana - 1	500
Maryland - 1	120
Michigan - 530	230,281.70

Minnesota - 11	4,980
Missouri - 4	2,000
Nebraska - 1	120
Nevada - 4	1,940
New Jersey - 2	480
New Mexico - 3	1,333
New York - 1	266.50
N. Carolina - 4	1,573
Ohio - 6	2,353
Oklahoma - 3	1,400
Pennsylvania - 3	1,500
Rhode Island - 1	333
Tennessee - 4	2,000
Texas - 5	2,360
Utah - 2	1,000
Virginia - 4	2,000
Washington - 7	2,559
West Virginia - 2	413.15
Wisconsin - 22	10,440
Canada - 3	1,500

Make sure when sending in your grades it includes your name, school's name, Fall 2006, your grades, etc.

You can mail your grades to Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783, fax them to (906) 635-7785, or e-mail them as a word document and send as an attachment: jl Lewton@saulttribe.net.

Keep in mind that it can take anywhere from four to six weeks to receive a check.

Also, we cannot process any checks without a current application on file.

If you changed your name or address you submitted your 2006-07 application, you need to complete a W-9 form or you will not get paid.

Please go to the tribe's Web site located at www.saulttribe.com and under "Education" print off the form and fax it to us at (906) 635-7785.

2006-07 Grant program:
For those who qualified, grant award checks will be sent to the colleges in February.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email at jl Lewton@saulttribe.net. If you're in our area, our office is located at Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena), 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie, MI.

Head Start and Early Head Start to begin recruitment



The Sault Tribe Head Start program has a classroom in the Child Care Center. The classroom uses Ojibway language throughout each day, and provides cultural art and activities. Last month, parents volunteered over 247 hours to the classroom! For more information about this program, please call (906) 632-5258.

SUBMITTED BY TRISH STERLING,
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
MANAGER

As per Head Start performance standards, we must be full by the first day of school each year. Therefore, we will begin recruiting for our 2007-2008 school year in February 2007 so that we can begin selection and acceptance

procedures.

Our first priority is to serve income eligible three and four-year olds in our Head Start classrooms, newborns through age two in our Early Head Start classroom and pregnant women and children from newborns through age two in our Early Head Start home-based program.

We offer three part-day, part-year Head Start classrooms; one in St. Ignace and two in Sault Ste. Marie. We offer one full-day, full-year Head Start classroom in the Sault for income eligible children and families who need before and after care. We offer one full-day, full-year Early Head Start classroom in the Sault for income eligible children and families who need before and after care. Before and after care services are paid by the parent. We also offer Early Head Start home visiting services in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties.

We do accept applications year-round, however, your child will be placed on a waiting list if we receive your application after May 1, 2007. If we have an opening after that, we go to the next neediest family on the list. We can refer you to the Child Care Center or another program if your child is not selected for our program or if you are over income limits.

We accept income eligible Sault Tribe members first, income eligible other tribe members second and over-income Sault Tribe members last if we have openings. If interested in our services, please call Cathy at (906) 635-7722 for an application.

Sault Tribe Education Division presents College Fair 2007

Held at three locations this year:

Sunday, Feb. 18 in Manistique

Time: 1-4 p.m. Tribal Center

Monday, Feb. 19 in Sault Ste. Marie

Time: 5-8 p.m. at Chi Mukwa Arena

Tuesday, Feb. 20 in St. Ignace

Time: 5-8 p.m. at Little Bear East

Event is open to the public.

Parents encouraged to attend—entire family welcome.

Sault Tribe Education Division (800) 793-0660.

Two percent agreements with local communities

By LONA STEWART

On Aug. 16 and 20, 1993, respectively, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the State of Michigan entered into a Stipulation for Entry Consent Judgment and Tribal Gaming Compact.

The tribe entered this agreement in order to comply with the requirements of the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. In the consent judgment, the tribe agreed to make semi-annual payments to local units of government located in the immediate areas of its casinos in the amount of two percent of the net wins derived from all Class III electronic games of chance (slot machines).

According to the agreement, the tribe has the right to determine which local units of government will receive these two percent payments. The tribe has implemented its own application process for the local units of government to apply for these dollars.

Although there is no requirement in the agreement and gaming compact to have any type of application and review process, the process was put in place to streamline the many requests received and make it simpler for the chairperson and board of directors to see which communities would be most positively affected, tribal and non-tribal alike, by receiving two percent dollars.

The tribe is not able to mandate that it receive any type of consideration from the local units of government it has entered into agreements with.

Although the tribe determines where the two percent funds are allocated, the tribe is legally obligated (per their contractual agreement with the state) to make sure these funds are properly distributed as outlined in the agreement. The tribe cannot keep these dollars to fund any of its membership services budgets or any other tribal budget. It is legally obligated to make these payments of two percent of the net win from all Class III electronic games to local units of government.

Long term two percent contributions are typically approved by the majority of the tribe's board of directors, while the short term contributions are approved by each respective tribal board unit director. For example, if the Marquette and Munising (Unit V) director received applications specific to Unit V, that director determines where that unit's portion of the allocation for short

term two percent monies are distributed.

The two percent distribution of funds is, in a sense, a special taxation agreement with the state and local governments. The Agreement states "...provided further, however, that out of said aggregate payment, each local unit of government shall receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of ad valorem property taxes that would otherwise be attributed to the Class III gaming facility if that site were subject to such taxation."

The tribe pays property taxes on all property owned in fee and payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILT) for property it has in trust. Casino properties fall under the two percent rule, which is different compared to all other tribal properties as it relates to PILT's. Casino properties must comply with the gaming compact with the State of Michigan which requires that local impact funds (two percent payments) not be less than the local government would receive if the property were subject to taxation.

The two percent contributions directly affect many services that we count on daily. Monies are earmarked by the recipients for projects such as road construction, police and fire equipment, educational services and high profile community events that impact the local economies, such as the International 500 Snowmobile race held in Sault Ste. Marie.



The 2-For-You Program

Since 1994, the Tribe has annually contributed two-percent (2%) of its casino slot earnings to local governments, totaling over 20 million dollars.



Happy smiles from Newberry youth

Unit II Representatives Lana Causley, far left and Bob LaPoint, far right, are shown awarding \$11,118.06 to the Newberry Youth Activity Program.

Student President Carrie Johnson and Program Director Mary Archambeau (center) are shown accepting the check on behalf of the program.

Over \$1 million distributed to EUP

Approximately \$1.1 million was distributed in two percent funds during the fall 2006 distribution cycle.

Local governments in the following counties received the following amounts in two percent funds from projects ranging

from education to health: Alger county \$67,118.06, Chippewa County \$530,302.06, Delta County \$48,870, Mackinac County \$296,005.06, Marquette County \$71,278, and Schoolcraft County \$47,970.

The 2-for-You team traveled

to the St. Ignace and distributed checks to local governments in both Unit II and Unit III.

The photographs below showcase just a few of the many presentations held this past month.

Photos by DJ Malloy

Ambulance service gets funding

Unit III presented a check to St. Ignace to help fund their ambulatory services.

L-R: Hessel Casino Manager Tel Fox, St. Ignace mayor Paul Grondin, Shores Casino Manager Darcy Chase, Unit III Director Fred Paquin, City Manager Eric Dodson, and Unit III Director Keith Massaway.



Funds support public safety

The Doyle Township fire department received \$5,000 to purchase a new thermal imaging camera to assist the department with fire rescues. Unit II Directors Lana Causley, far left and Bob LaPoint, far right, are shown awarding the check to the firemen Allen and Robert Schultz.



School computers purchased

Unit III presented a \$12,500 check to Moran Township School District for new computers and teaching materials for the Gros Cap School.

Accepting on behalf of the district was Mike Cope, Bill Peltier, Nancy Dadona, and Janice O'Boyle.



Funding for emergency shelter

Unit II Representatives Lana Causley, third from left, and Bob LaPoint, far right, are shown awarding \$5,000 to Alfred Dyer from the Hendricks Township Fire and Rescue. The funds will be used to develop an emergency shelter.



Preventing substance abuse

Unit III presented a \$237,387 check to Mackinac County. A portion of the money will be used for an educational program on substance abuse.

Judge Beth Gibson, third from left, and Judge Clayton Graham, second from right, from the 92nd District Court of Mackinac County are shown accepting the check.



Youth Education and Activities updates from across the tribe's service area



Sault kids did some face painting.

Manistique — (By Patty Teeple, YEA coordinator) The Anishinabe Nimnaki Tribal Youth Council has been very busy. They held a New Year's Eve drum social celebrating Native health, which was a success. There were healthy snacks and drawings, geared toward healthy life styles.

Chi megwetch to everyone who came, including the drummers, Manistique casino, Becky Dennis, Cheryl McKerchie, Jennifer Ozanich, Eric (Tribal Police), Kelly Whitefeather, Terry Teeple and Scott Belonga for all their help and support.

Escanaba — (By Kelly Constantino, YEA coordinator) Here in the Escanaba area, our youth are enjoying each day and love to be involved in our educational and cultural activities. Myself and Yvonne McCarthy with the elders program, along with the help of Bud Biron and his team, held a flute making camp Jan. 6.

We each made a flute and Bud played his flute so we could hear what ours should sound like. Some of the youth have mastered the sound and just love to play their flute. We now have Pat Bissell joining us once a week, helping us out with new technology. She has a great program and our youth are so happy to learn from her. We look forward to the summer Circle Of Life Program and many other activities to come.

Sault Ste. Marie — (By Rachel Mandelstamm, YEA coordinator) When people think of Sault Ste. Marie, many think snow, cold or stranded at home. When our students think of Sault Ste. Marie they think of dance revolution, art club, science club, media club, tribal youth council, Teen Court, game day, snacks, prizes and fun.

Media Club is the newest and hottest club in the Youth Education and Activities room. You can learn how to create computer animations, videos or master digital photography. High tech art and inspiration come together as we explore the creative world of media every Thursday from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. We create cartoons, Web pages and even make our own music videos.

The kids have been dancing the evenings away with dance revolution. After all their homework is done, they have the chance to participate in this fun, energetic and competitive game. The kids can also partake in the dance revolution tournament where prizes are won. An MP3 player will be given out to the winner of the whole tournament.

One snowy cold day here in the Sault, the kids found some old paint in the back and had fun painting their faces and taking pictures afterwards.

Tribal youth council has been

very busy planning their visits to five schools in the Sault to tell students in grades five to eight about prevention of bullying and harassment. They are planning skits, an essay contest and hosting a dance for the kids. The dance is free for kids in grades five to eight, Feb. 9 from 7-9 p.m. at Big Bear Recreation Center.

There is always something new and exciting going on in the YEA room, stop by and see what Rachel Mandelstamm, YEA coordinator, and her employees have in store for you. There are always prizes to be won, food to be eaten, and fun to be had!

Hessel — (By Lisa Burnside, YEA coordinator) The Youth Education and Activities program have had a very busy month. Students have participated in activities such as the Anishinabe language class which is held at the Hessel Tribal Center every other Monday, taught to the community by Nancy Debessage from the tribe's cultural department.

Our young learners program offered to students in kindergarten through third grade is a huge success as the participants engage in activities to reinforce their skills in reading and math. Many of our Youth Education and Activities participants are involved with the Mukwa Giizhik drum and enjoy coming to practice on Thursday's to learn more about their culture through drum and dance.

We recently held another regalia making session and many of our young men and women were able to work on completing their regalia. Chi megwetch, Hollie Currie for sharing your talent of shawl dancing with the youth from Manistique.

I recently started activities at the YAB building in Newberry, our first session was sharing the story behind our dream catchers. The youth who participated were able to start constructing their own dream catcher. We also held a drum social at the Newberry Tribal Center. I was thrilled to see youth from Newberry and Manistique join in on the drum. I'm planning to have activities at the YAB building once a month and at the tribal center once a month.

If you would like to know more about what is offered in Unit II, visit the local tribal center to pick up a copy of the monthly activities schedule.

Kinross — (By Tim Haller, YEA coordinator) Tribal youth council meets every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. The council works on promoting positive healthy activities in the Kinross area. They are presently working on putting together a dance that will take place Feb. 17 during Winter Fest at the Kinross Recreation Center. On that day, there will be dog sled races, a winter carnival, the "snow prin-



Some members of the new Media Club in Escanaba.

cess contest," and a dance from 7 to 10 p.m.

Kids who use the after school program can get help with their homework, practice their times tables, do research on the Internet, and attend art class on Fridays at 4 p.m. There are always other fun activities to do everyday such as crafts, games and an occasional field trip.

TRACKS, a 10 week weight management program began at the Kinross Recreation Center on Jan. 22. This class meets every Monday at noon and runs for an hour. There is no charge and it is open to all community members. You may call Betty Nolan, Sault Tribe Nutritionist at 632.5212 to register.

Coming up Feb. 24 Michelle Willis from Community Health will be holding a workshop at the recreation center concerning girl's and women's health issues. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must pre-register and forms will be available at the recreation center. For more information you may call Michelle Willis, Community Health educator at (906) 632-5280.

St. Ignace — (By Sue St. Onge, YEA coordinator) Partnered with the EUP Dispute Resolution Center, the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program is teaching area youth the skills needed to help them learn to resolve conflicts.

Conflict is an inevitable part of life. The earlier we are taught effective ways to deal with conflict, the healthier and happier and less stressful our lives will be.

This program will run through the end of the school year. Youth in grades five to 12 are invited to attend.

Munising — (By Cindy Blank, YEA coordinator) The YEA after school program called "Kid's Corner" in Munising has been busy. Students participate in making cultural crafts, cooking, and outdoor fitness fun. A group of students made healthy oatmeal-raisin-nut cookies. Students learn to read recipes, they learn the proper way to use measuring cups, teaspoons and tablespoons. We talk about nutrition and how to make cookies healthy but delicious!

Some of the other activities include making dream journals with fancy pens, sand paintings, and next week the students will get to go sledding after school. YEA and Title VII put together an overnight event called "A Beautiful You" for teenage girls. Students learned about self esteem, nutrition and how to take care of their bodies. Northern Michigan Cosmetology students came to Munising to give the girls pedicures, manicures and facials. They also taught the girls how to take care of their skin, nails, and hair.



Munising YEA kids made raisin oatmeal cookies.

Employment Opportunities!

For More Information Contact:
Employment Office, 2186 Shunk Rd.
(906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032
APPLY on-line at www.saulttribe.com

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**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians**

Making the transition from foster care to independence

To make a successful transition from foster care to adulthood and independence, young people need adequate preparation, support and guidance. Specifically, they need well-tailored services in career counseling and job development, health and mental health care, housing support, educational guidance, legal advocacy and practical life skills training. For foster children between the ages of 14-21, Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) caseworkers develop a plan to ensure that these social and emotional supports and resources are there to aid in this transition.

One valuable resource is the Youth in Transition Program, administered by the Michigan

Department of Human Services. The focus of the program is to prepare eligible foster-care teens for living on their own by providing independent living services, and assistance in helping students accomplish their educational goals in the pursuit of independence.

In planning for independence, services that may be provided from the program include life skills training, assistance with money management and budgeting, employment and educational supports, transitional living services and assistance in locating suitable living arrangements.

Limited financial assistance is available for specific activities including, but not limited to, start up costs associated with secur-

ing living arrangements, special tuition costs, books or transportation and initial job related supports such as uniforms, tools, apprentice fees, safety clothing or equipment.

By working with the Michigan Department of Human Services, ACFS caseworkers coordinate services for a relatively small community of young people at a crucial transitional moment in their lives.

If you are interested in learning more about the Youth in Transition Program, contact the Anishnabek Community and Family Services office, visit www.micvt.lssm.org or contact your local Michigan Department of Human Services.

Family fun events

It's that time of year again and the Parenting Awareness Committee is gearing up for March is Parenting Awareness Month. Parenting Awareness Month is unique to Michigan and provides guidance, materials, resources, referrals and technical assistance. The committee directs its efforts to assist local organizers to plan special parenting events, celebrations and education opportunities in March and throughout the year, and encourages a broader understanding and acknowledgment of the importance of effective parenting.

The big events for March Parenting Awareness Month have been annual family fun events in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, and Manistique. Last year, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie combined efforts with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District. In prior years, the school district held a children's celebration event that duplicated the Sault Tribe family fun events with local vendors and activities for children. When the two events were combined last year, the success was amazing. Close to 500 people participated in the event with 30 community vendors and

different activities.

Planning for 2007 began Jan. 11 and once again this year the school district is a sponsor. To reflect this joint effort, the event will combine family fun night with the children's celebration and will be called "family celebration."

Throughout the month of March, Parenting Awareness Committee members will be organizing and host a wide variety of activities and information sessions in honor of Parenting Awareness Month. Flyers will go out to area school-age children and paycheck inserts will be provided for all Sault Tribe employees. Table displays will be set up with information on many aspects of parenting. There will also be lunch and learn sessions provided at noon a couple times during the month of March.

Family celebration will be on Friday, March 16, at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center from 5-7 p.m. There will be lots of food, prizes and activities for children with information for parents. Please come and join the fun to help celebrate Parenting Awareness Month.

For more information, call Julie Menard at (906) 632-5250.

Tips for managing energy costs

The costs of heating your home can skyrocket during the winter months. The following tips could save you money and make the costs of heating your home more affordable. You can reduce your energy bill by 10 to 15 percent by using a few inexpensive energy saving measures.

Budget plan — Take advantage of budget plans if your energy supplier offers them. Having a set energy cost each month helps you plan when it comes to monthly budgeting. You will have peace of mind that your energy costs will remain the same from month to month, even if you use your furnace more in some months.

Think comfort — Comfort tip number one — keep drafts out. A small leak around a door or window can be the equivalent, in terms of air flow, to removing a brick from the side of a house and letting the wind blow through. Seal those gaps and keep winter winds on the outside. If you are a low income household, check with ACFS to see if you qualify for some weatherization or home improvement assistance.

Thermostats — Try keeping your house temperature where you feel comfortable with a sweater on. Keep your thermostat set at 70 degrees or lower during the day or when you are home and lower it at night when you are sleeping. Most people are comfortable sleeping at about 65 to 68 degrees. Try reducing the temperature to 55 or 60 when you are away from the house for more than a few hours. A five-degree reduction in the temperature setting for an eight-hour time period can save you up to 12 percent on your energy bill.

Window shades — Keep shades closed at night to conserve heat. During the day, open shades on sunny windows to take advantage of passive solar heating. Insulate windows and doors you do not use with plastic.

Humidify your home — Add humidity. Humid air feels warmer than dry air. You can add humidity by operating a humidifier for comfort or by keeping house plants. Plants clean the air and add moisture to the air at the same time. Putting trays of water on top of the register or radiators

also help.

Heat zones — If you are not using a room, don't heat it. Close off vents to rooms that are used infrequently and shut the door. Note, don't try shutting vents if you use a heat pump as closing the vent could harm the heat pump.

Ventilating fans — Don't over-run kitchen and bathroom ventilation fans. Turn them off as soon as they have done their job, or within fifteen minutes. A fan can draw out an entire houseful of heated air in about an hour.

Heating system — Keep your furnace air filter clean. Make sure you clean or replace the filter at least twice this winter. Keep registers or radiators dust and clutter free. Make sure they are not blocked by furniture drapers or carpet. You can increase the amount of heat that goes into a room by placing heating resistant radiator reflectors behind the radiator and the exterior wall.

Hot water — You can reduce your heating cost by using less hot water. Do this by installing low flow showerheads or fixing leaky faucets. When doing laundry, try using warm or cold water rather than hot, and try to wash on large load rather than several small ones. You can also save energy by reducing the temperature of your water heater. Try setting the thermostat to 120 degrees. Insulating your water heater and pipes is another way to save money. Kits are available at hardware stores.

Attic insulation — Much of the heat escaping homes is lost through the attic. Be sure to close any attic vents or fans during the winter and check on how well the attic is insulated. There should be at least nine inches of fiberglass insulation.

Fireplaces — Make sure your heat isn't going out the chimney. If you have a fireplace, remember to close the damper tightly. You can greatly improve the efficiency of your fireplace by installing tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.

Tax refund — If you receive an income tax refund, try to apply a portion of your refund to your energy costs. Pay any past due

amounts which you may owe in order to keep your account in good standing. Energy suppliers will often enter into and honor payment arrangements for accounts that are in and remain in, good standing. For those households who must purchase non-metered services such as propane, fuel oil or wood, consider pre-buying your next fuel delivery to ensure your family will be cozy all winter long.

If you do find you are having trouble paying your energy bills, please do not wait until you receive a shut-off notice. Contact the company directly to arrange some type of payment plan. Most energy suppliers are willing to work out some type of payment agreement. For those households with elders, disabled family members or very young children, ask about winter protection plans, which protects against service shut-off during the coldest winter months.

Energy assistance is offered to low-income households through your local Department of Human Services office or tribal Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) office. Applications for crisis energy assistance will be available to all households beginning Feb. 1, 2007.

Households must have a disconnect for metered services and must be interviewed by an ACFS direct assistance staff member.

For more information, please call your local tribal ACFS office:

Sault Ste. Marie (906) 632-5250 or toll free at (800) 726-0093.

St. Ignace (906) 643-8103 or toll free at (877) 444-5608.

Manistique (906) 341-6993 or toll free at (800) 347-7137.

Munising (906) 387-3906.



ACFS sunrise breakfast

Get up and out for breakfast at the Sault Trib Health Center kitchen on Feb. 28, from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., for breakfast casserole or quiche, \$1.50 a serving or slice. Yogurt fruit parfait will be available for \$1.50 and milk or juice 50 cents.

This event is sponsored by the ACFS Fundraising Committee and proceeds support youth and family community events. Get your day started with a good breakfast and give something to the community at the same time.

Domestic violence has lasting effects on its victims

By JENA MCKERCHIE AND PATRICIA ALLARD

Domestic violence can have unexpected, long-term effects on victims. These effects can be both physical and emotional, which leads to difficulties and barriers in the future for many victims.

Many women who have suffered physical abuse by their significant others also suffer from medical conditions as they grow older including arthritis, hypertension and heart disease (Perrone, 1992). These conditions have been identified by battered women as a direct result of the physical abuse they suffered.

One of the reasons these medical conditions are aggravated by domestic violence is that the abuser usually does not allow the woman to seek medical help.

While bruises fade and scars heal, the unseen scarring left by emotional and verbal abuse can take years to heal. These types of abuse in a relationship can lead to depression, low self-esteem, distorted self-body image, post traumatic stress disorder, obesity and, occasionally, substance abuse. Victims report emotional abuse is more traumatic than physical abuse as physical scars are easier to heal than emotional scars.

Economic abuse is one type of abuse many do not recognize as a form of domestic violence. Many

victims have reported they are not able to keep their jobs due to domestic violence.

Some of the reasons for this would be excessive absenteeism due to injuries as result of the violence or absences due to court appearances. Many victims have to physically move, sometimes more than once, to escape their abusive partner. This can lead to a less than desirable work history.

Many victims willingly give up any kind of financial security to which they may be entitled in divorce proceedings just to escape the violence. Included in this area is agreeing to lower child support payments or giving up homes, cars or other real property. While these actions may initially make the process easier and more agreeable, it can lead to impoverished situations in the long run. These "agreements" are becoming harder to change, once the victim realizes the long term affect on her family's financial situation.

Remember, domestic violence takes many forms and has unforeseen long term effects. And remember, you are not alone. Help is available. If you think you are in a relationship troubled with domestic violence and need help, please call (906) 632-1808 or (877) 639-7820.

Christine McPherson is the director of ACFS managing Child Placement, the Advocacy Resource Center, and Direct Assistance including: USDA food distribution, child care funding and licensing, general assistance, native employment works, emergency assistance, heating, weatherization, sanitation, home improvement and self sufficiency funeral assistance. Call Christine McPherson at (906) 632-5250.

Kewadin celebrates its team members



Kewadin Sault team members try their hand at blackjack. Right, dealer Alan Bouschor helps team members split their cards.



Housekeeper Dorlene Clark has fun playing the punch-a-bunch game at Kewadin Sault.



Tammy MacDougall, Kewadin Shores Northern Rewards Club supervisor, seated, plays deal or no deal with support from co-workers.

Every quarter, Kewadin hosts team member appreciation parties at all five casino locations. These parties are a great time for all team members and include food, games and prizes.

"As an organization, we can not succeed without each and every one of our team members," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer of Kewadin Casinos. "These parties give all of our team members on all of our shifts an opportunity to relax, enjoy some games, food and win great prizes. It's our way of saying 'thanks' to everyone. In a 24-hour a day, seven-day a week business, it can be difficult to find time to do this, but we feel it is very important for our team members and are happy to provide these parties four times a year."

In January, Mardi Gras themed parties were held at all casino facilities. Photos from the latest event are featured here.



Kewadin Shores team members play bingo at one of the games during the January team member parties.



Team members from Kewadin Hessel (seated) have fun with Christmas Casino Manager, Cheri Tannehill (back) during a team member appreciation slot tournament.

McKerchie named assistant casino manager



Sheryl McKerchie of Manistique, Mich., has been selected as the new assistant casino manager at Kewadin Casinos, St. Ignace. McKerchie, currently the casino manager at Kewadin Manistique, has been working with Kewadin for 21 years.

"We are very excited to have

Sheryl join the St. Ignace team," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer. "She brings to this facility management and gaming experience along with a fresh perspective on various projects we are working on."

As assistant manager, McKerchie will be responsible for the oversight of approximately 400 team members. She will be working with Darcy Chase, Kewadin St. Ignace general manager, and departmental managers ensuring that the casino is running in a functional and effective manner. "We are very glad to have Sheryl on board," said Chase. "One of our first priorities will be acquainting her with our staff and our beautiful new facility. All of us are excited to have a new outlook on the continued promotion of our newest Kewadin Casino."

The St. Ignace casino opened a new facility in October 2006

and now boasts approximately 152,000 square feet of facility space, which includes 800 slot machines, 26 table games, a 225-seat restaurant, two entertainment lounges and an 81-room on-site hotel.

"I am very eager to start working with our St. Ignace crew," said McKerchie. "This new position will bring a new set of challenges for me. I very much enjoy working with Kewadin Casinos and am proud to be a part of this organization," she continued. McKerchie began working with the casino in 1986 as a blackjack dealer and has since held a variety of management and supervisory positions including pit boss, shift manager and casino manager.

Call at 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

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WRITTEN AND COMPILED BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Manistique team members save customer



On New Year's Eve at Kewadin Manistique, security guards Keith Farley and Greg Vincent (above) performed the Heimlich maneuver on one of our Kewadin customers. With their quick response and professionalism the customer recovered quickly. "We are very honored that these two individuals have blessed our facility," said Tanya MacDonald, assistant casino manager. "This is not the first time these two have truly proven themselves to be a valuable asset to our family here in Manistique."

Kewadin Sault launches new Web site and marketing campaign

Natural attractions, area activities and talking animals in woodland surroundings are the center of a new advertising campaign for Kewadin Casinos according to vice president of marketing and sales, Alan Bouschor. The start of this campaign began this month with the launch of Kewadin's new Web site online at kewadin.com.

"The new direction of this campaign focuses on the natural amenities and attractions in our area along with gaming excitement and services we offer at all five of our casinos," said Bouschor. "We are very excited

about it and hope that our customers, team members and the public enjoy it as well."

Kewadin's spokespersons for the campaign are five woodland animals found in Michigan's Upper Peninsula including a moose, bear, raccoon, beaver and squirrel. "Each of the characters we use represents a different amenity in our facility that they enjoy. For example, the raccoon loves the Kewadin nightlife and the bear enjoys our dining buffet," said Bill Marsh, marketing director.

The direction of the com-

mercial compliments the overall interior and exterior renovations the casinos have undergone over the past three years focusing on a natural look featuring rock, wood and water. "The cutting edge technology we are using to enhance our television commercials will make this campaign eye catching and memorable," continued Bouschor. The new casino commercials will be launched in February 2007 using television and print publications. Billboards featuring the new campaign will be seen starting in January.

Entertainment schedule

Call the box office today at (800) 539-2346 or visit online at www.kewadin.com to purchase tickets for these great coming entertainers:

Feb. 8: The Oak Ridge Boys performing at the St. Ignace casino. Ticket price is \$35.

Feb. 22: Tesla performing at the DreamMakers Theater. Ticket price is \$32.50.

March 24: Everclear performing at the DreamMakers Theater.

Ticket price is \$25.

April 4: Bobby Vinton performing in the DreamMakers Theater. Ticket price is \$28.50.

April 15: Wayne Newton performing in the DreamMakers Theater. Ticket price is \$35.

April 20: George Jones performing at the St. Ignace casino. Ticket price is \$48.50.

May 9: B.B. King performing in the DreamMakers Theater. Ticket price is \$38.50.

Bibigwan anokiiwigamig — Flute workshop in Escanaba

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY ELAINE WRIGHT

Students were thankful for the story of the flute, clan teachings and the opportunity to create their own flute during a workshop offered in Escanaba this past month. This is the first in a series of four western-end workshops for YEA students. Everything we do as Anishinaabe is a representation of who we are. We put ourselves into our art, work and relationships. Students were inspired to learn more about who they are through their names and clan families. They received many teachings during the time they took to make a flute of their own. Not only did they receive teachings they also learned how to make their flute sing. For more information regarding the Mary Murray Culture Camp please contact camp coordinators Melissa Causley or Josh Homminga at 906 635-6050.



Weweni nokii (way-a-ni no-kee) careful work. Kiisa Deace shapes her flute by carefully sanding it.



Gnebig mizenaazo (gnay-big mi-zay-naa-zo) snake image. Tori Rousseau displays a finished flute with an image of a snake.



Ngamwag (nngaam-wag) making it sing. Krista Medwayosh and Elders Yvonne McCarthy and Ed Cook learn a song.



Ggii gshkitoonaa! (kee gish-ki-tow-naa) We were successful!

Bahweting drum feast

SUBMITTED BY ELAINE WRIGHT

Bahweting Singers and community members recently honored our grandfather (dewegan) during Gitchi Manidoo Giizis (Great Spirit-January moon) with a feast.

The drum is the heartbeat of our Anishinaabek community. As each season passes we honor the drum for giving us strength as a community. With each year's end, during biboon (winter) we remove the past year's tobacco ties and offer them into the fire.

We tie new semaa (tobacco) bundles with our prayers onto the drum to prepare us for the new year. This is intended to ensure that we keep our Anishinaabe bimaadziwin (native way of life) strong. Our dewegan also received a new mashkimod (bag) for traveling.



We have drum practice each Aabitoo giizhigad (Wednesday) from 7-9 p.m. at the Niigaanigiizhik Building.

Please contact Bud Biron or Josh Homminga for more information on coming events at (906) 635-6050.

Anishinaabe bimaadziwin



Elaine Wright

Anishinaabek office is now in the tribal administration building on the third floor at 523 Ashmun Street in the Sault.

To contact a staff member, please call the main line at (906) 635-6050 and give them the extension of the person with whom you wish to speak.

Mary Murray Culture Camp staff: Bud Biron, ext. 26144, Melissa Causley, ext. 26145, and Josh

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The Culture Department can also be contacted by fax at: (906) 632-7059.

Anishinabek Living Traditions Workshops

Larry and Mary Godfrey of Gladstone are working on bringing a variety of traditional workshops to the Escanaba area for those who are interested in learning more about working with the resources from mother earth.

The Ubuntu Circle (formally known as the Learning Circle) will be hosting workshops on porcupine quill work on birch bark taught by artist Ron Paquin, weaving sweetgrass baskets taught by Donald Meshigaud, and copper bowl forging taught by Ed Gray (Jikiwe). Each workshop has limited spaces and may require a class fee, so please call ahead to register.

Porcupine quills on birch bark Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba, Mich. Instructor is Ron

Paquin. Class limited to 25 participants age 16 and up. There is no fee for this class.

Sweetgrass basket, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba, Mich. Instructor is Donald Meshigaud. Class is limited to 15 participants age 16 and up. There is no fee to participate.

Copper bowl, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba, Mich. Instructor is Ed Gray (Jikiwe). Class is limited to 20 participants age 16 and up. Class fee is \$20.

All workshops were made possible by the two percent funding support of Sault Tribe.

For more information, please call Anishinabek Living Traditions Workshops, Larry and Mary Godfrey at (906) 428-4622.

**Anishinaabeg minwendawziwak
nokiiwaad miinwaa damnowaad**

**It's good to work and play
the Anishinaabe way!**

Bad address list and voter registration form

The following is a list of tribe members who need to update their current mailing address with the Enrollment Department. Those members correcting a bad address will also need to fill out and update your voter registration card if you would like to be eligible to vote.

If you know the current address of anyone on this list, please call the Enrollment Department at (800) 251-6597 or (906) 632-8552. Mailing address is Sault Tribe Enrollment Department, P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. You may also e-mail us at lsmith@saulttribe.net.

The names are listed by last name first followed by first name and middle initial.

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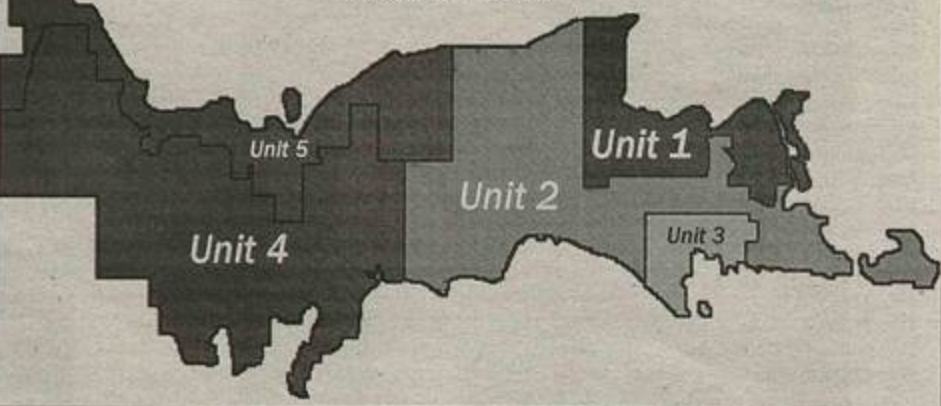
CITY & STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

To verify identity, please include last four numbers of your social security: - - -

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I register to vote in Unit _____ SIGNATURE _____
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Arthur John "Nugs" McCoy of Sugar Island passed away at his home on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007. He was born on Sugar Island Jan. 13, 1930 to John and Florence McCoy. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Joyce



(Leask) McCoy; eight children, M. Sue (Rudy) Pavlat of Sault Ste. Marie, Douglas (Diane) McCoy of Monroe, Mich., (Ron) Neumann of Sault Ste. Marie, Darwin "Joe" (Sharon) McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie, Luanne (Larry) Rutt of Deltona, Fla., Sherri (DeJay) Bumstead of Sault Ste. Marie, Darren "Ted" (Cathy) McCoy of Caledonia, Mich., and Darby (Cathy) McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie; twenty-one grandchildren, Gerry (Missy) Pavlat of Littleton, Colo., Travis (Allison) Pavlat of Vassar, Mich., Tanya Pavlat of Jackson, Mich., Nicole (Ray) Traxler of Manton, Mich., Rebecca (Lynn) Bumstead of Detroit, Mich., Amber (RD) Sober of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Andrea Zaig of Los Angeles, Calif., Dareth (Adam) Gilmore of Columbus, Ohio, Daraka (Matt) Hudecek and Cody McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie, Brent Belanger of Laurel, Md., Matthew (Stephanie) Bumstead and Jenna Bumstead of Sault Ste. Marie, Rachel, Theodore, Tyler, Kaylee, Trevor and Trent McCoy of Caledonia, Mich., Chelsea and Lindsay McCoy of Sault Ste. Marie; eight great-grandchildren Lauryn and Logan Arthur Pavlat, Kelsi Traxler, Trale Bumstead, Finley Hudecek, Cory Buchholz, Alexandria Bumstead and Alina Bumstead. Arthur is also survived by step-grandchildren, Walter Poirier, Nicholas and Natalie Rutt and step-great-grandchild Brandon Poccaro; as well as his beloved dog "Quay." He is survived by three sisters Marie DeMerse, June Nolan and Marge Boussineau. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Darrel; four brothers, Hugh, Earl, Scottie and Merlin McCoy; two sisters Jeanette Corbiere and Dorothy "Teenie" Menard.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church on Sugar Island and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed fishing and hunting,

and snowmobiling in his younger days. He loved to tell stories and enjoyed time at the casino. He loved spending time with his family. He began his dredging career at age 17 with Price Brothers and retired in 1992 after 45 years of working on the Great Lakes as a dredge operator. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Jan. 31, 2007 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Elinore Marie Spence, 79, of Goetzville, worked for 20 years as a housekeeper and also as a tribal census taker. Mrs. Spence died Jan. 19, 2007, at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace.



She was born Jan. 12, 1928, in Cedarville, to Henry Joseph and Marie (nee Dakota) Morrow.

She married Robert Spence on Nov. 29, 1948.

She was a member of the St. Mathias Church Women's Group and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She enjoyed cooking, traveling, dancing, fishing and flower gardening. Mrs. Spence treasured her family and loved to have large family gatherings, friends said.

Mrs. Spence is survived by one son and his family, Gale and Marcia Spence of Kinross; two daughters and their families, Marie and Wayne Lawless of Cedarville and Joan and Stanley Nettleton of Pickford; grandchildren and their families, Kimberly and Dean Porter, Robert Spence, Crystal Spence, Bill Spence, Katie Spence Merilee and David Hall, Allison and Bradley Newell, Justin Lawless, Tabitha and Chuck Newell, Stanley and Ashley Nettleton, and Tina and Jason Green; great-grandchildren, Courtney Proter, Chase Proter, Natalie Spence, Cassidy Yarnell, Aaron Newell, Josh Newell, Lydia Hall, Donald Newell, Bill Newell, Joe Newell, Taylor Green, James Green, Alexis Green and Johanna Nettleton; and a great-great-grandchild, Jake Newell. Also surviving are two sisters, Leona Louer of Ishpeming and Sally

Steele of Pickford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; one son, Dale Spence; one brother, Henry Morrow Jr.; and two sisters, Beverly Smale and Faye Crisp.

Services were Jan. 22, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Spring burial will be in Lytle Cemetery in DeTour Township.

Gerald William Munro, 85, of DeTour Village, passed away Jan. 20, 2007, in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born Jan. 6, 1922, in DeTour to William Earl and Orline Clare (nee St. Onge) Munro.



A lifelong DeTour resident, Gerald served in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked for 27 years on Great Lakes freighters, first on the fueling crew and then as a sailor. Gerald served as constable in DeTour for many years. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Gerald enjoyed hunting and was an avid baseball fan.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Billy, whom he married Feb. 4, 1949, in Sault Ste. Marie; two daughters, Diane (Gerald) Nettleton and Jerri D. (James) Harris, both of DeTour; two sons, Roderick (Patti) Munro of DeTour and Cameron (JoAnn) Munro of Valparaiso, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Brian (Angela) Nettleton, Shane Nettleton, Krista (Scott) Neels, Tom Munro, Brad Newell, Amy (Melvin) Bennett, Jody (Russell) Maddin, Charity Munro and Melody Munro; and seven great-grandchildren, Eden Nettleton, Emily Bennett, Alexis Fountain-Maddin, Samantha Bailey, Ava Nettleton, Grace Neels and Wesley Bennett. Also surviving are one sister, Suzanne (Donald) Stevenson of Sault Ste. Marie and one brother, Donald (Eileen) Munro of Milford, Ohio.

Gerald was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Bid" Munro and Roderick Munro.

Services were held Jan. 23 at DeTour Union Presbyterian Church in DeTour with Reverend Judith Arnold and Pastor Milton Adams officiating.

Spring burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour

Township. Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the family.

Marian Helen Nelson Smith was born in Marquette on Feb. 8, 1932, the fourth child of Paul C. Nelson and Edna Elizabeth Mellon. Marian died in Farmington Hills on June 6, 2006 surrounded by the family she loved. As Marian requested a Celebration of Life was held in Kensington Park in June, a place that held many happy memories for her. She is sorely missed by sisters Alva Brun, Joyce Cardwell and Sandra Schuman and her brother James Nelson. Her parents and three other brothers, Jack, Bruce and Leroy, preceded her in death. She has numerous nieces and nephews who were gifted by her presence in their lives. One of them writes from the heart: "Aunt Marian" was a true Anishinaabek Auntie who fully gave her love, who honored you as a co-conspirator, respected your abilities enough to allow you to do those dangerous things that tested your bravery, who loaded you up with all the sweets you never got to eat, and who sent you on impossible missions for something she needed (usually coffee or cigarettes) and showed complete confidence you would succeed in getting the goods to her. And you did succeed at all costs, for the story you could tell, for the laugh, for the twinkle in her eye, and to see that big bright smile that was just for you. Chi Megwetch our Aunt, for loving us all in your big way.

Roger Rickley, 56 of St. Ignace died Dec. 27 at his home following a lingering illness. He was born Jan. 10, 1950 in St. Ignace to Deward Rickley Sr. and Mabel Moses Rickley.

He was a commercial fisherman most of his life, following a short time in construction and work at the Tilden Mine in Empire. He worked for a time for Roy Carlson Construction in St. Ignace as a carpenter, but his skill was commercial fishing. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and of St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church. He also had done road construction with his father and brothers.

He is survived by his son, Roger Rickley Jr. (Bridgett Sorenson), of St. Ignace; daugh-

ters, Rebecca Rickley (Butch Bruce), of St. Ignace, Danielle Rickley, Gaylord, brothers, Ronald (Cindy) Rickley, and Russell (Veronica) Rickley, both of St. Ignace; sisters, Darlene Brown, St. Ignace, Judy (Al) Watts, White Lake, Christine (Mike) McPherson, Sault Ste. Marie, Diane Grant (Dennis Bazinaw) St. Ignace; grandchildren, Jordan, Cody, Conner and Brandon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Deward Rickley in 1993 and Mabel Rickley in 1975; a son, Duane Joseph in 1989. Also, his wife, Veronica Stempki Rickley died in July of 2000.

Mass of Christian burial was held Dec. 20 at St. Ignace Catholic Church with Fr. James Williams officiating, assisted by Deacon Donald Olmstead and Deacon Tom McClelland. Burial was in Wequayoc Native American cemetery on M134. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Pallbearers were Butch Bruce, Cory Peterson, Louie Colegrove, Herby Brown, Travis Rickley and Mike McPherson.

A lunch was served by St. Ann's Altar Society following the Mass in the church hall. Kewadin Casino provided food for the luncheon for the family.

Vera E. Forry, 83, died Dec. 21, 2006, at the Apache Junction Health Care Center in Apache Junction, Ariz.

She was born April 2, 1923, in Cheboygan, Mich., the daughter of the late Fredrick and Josephine Champagne and was raised there. She married Robert M. Forry and they raised their family in Garden City, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Vera enjoyed cooking, bowling and traveling. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Vera is survived by her son, Robert (Cheryl) Forry of Manistique; daughters, Cheryl (Arnie) Forry of West Salem, Ohio and Susan (Doug) Primeau of Apache Junction, Ariz., along with numerous grandchildren.

Interment will be in May 2007 at the Epoufette Bay Cemetery in Epoufette, Mich.

Online condolences can be expressed to sueprimeau@hotmail.com (attn: Sue Forry).

Hulbert Haulers arrive in UP

By LAURA AIKENS, EUP SPECIAL OLYMPICS

These are a unique group of guys, about 21 of them, who raise money for our local Special Olympic program. So far this year, they have raised \$26,000. They come once a year to EUP and snowmobile and present a check to EUP Special Olympics, Area 35. They are from all over Michigan. Their money stays here locally and has a direct impact on our local athletes.

They have been doing this for 25 years. It all started by coming up to hunt in the Hulbert area and they loved the Upper Peninsula and wanted to give something back. They raise money all year round and when they come up to snowmobile they present it to EUP Special Olympics. The amount has grown from \$200 in the beginning and has been as much as \$40,000. What is unique about this group is every cent



they raise goes to EUP Special Olympics. When they come to the EUP to snowmobile they pay their own expenses.

The monies help purchase uniforms, equipment, ribbons and medals, fun activities and pay for transportation and fees to out of town competition.

EUP Special Olympics service 120 athletes in the EUP. Without the generosity of these special guys we would not be able to do half the things we do.

People in the community may have seen them during the week of Jan. 22. They had 15 riders this year and had Special Olympic flags attached to their machines. They started their ride in Newberry and on Friday they rode over to the Sault to cheer on athletes competing in Winter Games at the Algonquin Trail and Hiawatha Behavior Health Building. Afterwards they joined the athletes for dinner and an evening of fun.

Mother and daughter recipients of special awards

EUP Special Olympian Christina Paquin receives the Most Inspirational Athlete Award for Area 35 at the UP Winter Games held in Marquette on Jan. 20. Christina has been in Special Olympics for 25 years and has shown true sportsmanship by cheering and encouraging her fellow athletes to try their best. Viloa Paquin was recipient of the Coaches Award. Vi coaches many of the programs.



Feb. 1-14: Show Me the Love promotion at all five Kewadin Casinos, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. random draws for cash! February 14, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. there will be random draws for more cash! It's all about the love for cash here at Kewadin Casinos, and we're giving away a lot of it. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Feb. 8-April 12: A 10-week weight management class, Thursdays beginning Feb. 8, Noon-1 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, conference room B. No charge to attend and open to all members of the community. Sault Tribe employees may attend on work time with supervisor's approval. Class size is limited. Please pre-register by calling Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 9-28: Sault Tribe Housing Down Payment Assistance Program applications now available! This assistance will only be available once this year. To be eligible you must: Be a Sault Tribe member, be at least 18 years old, be a first-time homebuyer, be within the income guidelines. Qualify for a mortgage from a lender of your choice. You could receive up to \$5,000 for a down payment and/or closing costs. If interested, please call Angie Spencer at (906) 635-7702, (800) 794-4072 or aspencer@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 9-March 31: Winter fitness classes at the All-In-One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include: early birds, Pilates, kickboxing, chi circuit, step-it-up, beginner Pilates and toning and sculpting. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 9: The Kewadin Casino Marketing and administration family is selling and delivering Valentine's Day sugar cookies for \$5 a dozen. All proceeds from this cookie sale will help us assist marketing team member Jesse Rapin, Web site administrator, who is undergoing cancer treatments and has no insurance. We will be delivering the Valentine's Day cookies to any tribal business or office within Sault Ste. Marie; or the cookies can be picked up at the Kewadin Casino administration office. Please consider helping us assist a team member in need! To place your order, please fax the cookie form back to Vickie Johndrow or Vicki Puidokas at (906) 635-7007 by Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. Feel free to call (906) 635-4968 with any questions. The cookies will be delivered or ready for pick up on Feb. 14.

Feb. 9: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 9: Wear Your Red Dress Day. February is Women's Heart Health Month. Community Health is celebrating and we would love to have you join us. If you are a mom, grandma, aunt, sister, daughter or friend, please come for a great night of good eats, lectures and fun treats, including: Performances by the Cedar Spirit Singers and Steph and MaryAnn (musicians extraordinaire). Other invited guests: George Snider as our red carpet MC! Wear some-

thing red to the event and you can be in the drawing for a spa package or movie passes. Join us at The Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 9: Soo Indians vs. Blind River, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Free admission for Sault Tribe elders and \$2 admission for Sault Tribe members. Tribe members must present tribal card. For more information, please call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 9-10: Join the Cultural Division in making traditional chokers, tobacco pouches and more at the regalia accessory camp, Feb. 9-10 at the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp, 266 Homestead Road, Sugar Island, MI. Space is limited. All youth must have completed permission slips to attend. Pick up is Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Building. To sign up or for details call (906) 635-6050 for Josh ext. 26146 or Melissa at ext. 26145.

Feb. 10: Totzone "Sweethearts Theme" 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Dress your little ones in pink or red, make a special valentines card, and decorate heart-shaped sugar cookies. Totzones are designed for children five and under and require adult supervision. We encourage everyone to bring strollers, push toys, ride-on toys, walkers and trikes. In addition, disco lights, children's music and special activities are planned for each Totzone date. There is a \$3 fee per child to participate. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 10: Unit V monthly chair meeting held at the American Legion, Munising, Mich., 11 a.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.

Feb. 10: Soo Indians vs. North Bay, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information, please call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 13 & 15: HDL, LDL - What's It All About? Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Feb. 13 from 1-3 p.m. and Feb. 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. What are cholesterol, lipoproteins and triglycerides? What readings are important for heart health? The numbers do not have to be confusing. Find out how to keep your readings in the target range by joining us at this session. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health six sessions Jan. 16 to March 29 at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and this new six session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. Come to any or all sessions! Open to the public. For questions or to register call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 13: JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. Upon request, the school shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to participate in these meetings. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting

at (906) 635-5055.

Feb. 14: Sault Tribe Job Fair, Central Michigan University, 11-4 p.m. at the University Center Rotunda, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. For more information, call Barb Gravelle, Human Resource recruiter at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447 or email bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 14 & 21: Anishinaabemowin language classes Wednesdays, from 12-1 p.m. at the former American Café, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. No sign up necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch. For more information contact Nancy Debassige, language instructor at (906) 632-6050 ext. 26143.

Feb. 14: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee holds monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 15: Sault Tribe Job Fair, Michigan State University, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Hotel and Convention Center, East Lansing, Mich. For more information, call Barb Gravelle, Human Resource recruiter at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447 or email bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 16-17: Cradleboard camp. Come join an overnight camp and learn the history and importance of the cradleboard in our culture. A how-to instruction demonstration will be shared with the building of only one cradleboard and mossbag. For more details, contact Melissa at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26145.

Feb. 16 & 17: Constitutional Committee meeting Feb. 16, 5-9 p.m. and Feb. 17, 8-3 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. Dates and locations are subject to change. 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.

Feb. 16-18: NIHL youth hockey tournament at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 16-21: Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribe Health Center 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for appointments, call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

Feb. 18: College Fair 2007 from 1-4 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center. This event is open to the public. Parents are encouraged to attend, the entire family is welcome! Win a laptop computer. One laptop will be given away each night. Sault Tribe card required, ages 16-19. You must be present to win. College representatives will be available to answer your questions. Workshops will be on financial aid, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Sault Tribe scholarships, IHS scholarships, Sault Tribe vocational training and ACT test preparation. There will be chili and frybread, door prizes and giveaways. For more information, call Sault Tribe Education Division at (800) 793-0660.

Feb. 19: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the third

Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 18: Sault Tribe Job Fair, College Fair, 1-4 p.m. Sault Tribal Health Center, Manistique, Mich. For more information, call Barb Gravelle, Human Resource recruiter at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447 or email bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 19: Tribal chairperson open office hours are held one Monday a month. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours. These meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

Feb. 19: Sault Tribe Job Fair, College Fair, 5-8 p.m., Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information, call Barb Gravelle, Human Resource recruiter at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447 or email bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 19: Unit I monthly chair meeting, Bay Mills Community College, room 103, Brimley, Mich., 6 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.

Feb. 19: College Fair 2007 from 5-8 p.m., Sault Ste. Marie, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. This event is open to the public. Parents are encouraged to attend, the entire family is welcome. Win a laptop computer. One laptop will be given away each night. Sault Tribe card required, ages 16-19. You must be present to win. College representatives will be available to answer your questions. Workshops will be on financial aid, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Sault Tribe scholarships, IHS scholarships, Sault Tribe Vocational Training and ACT test preparation. There will be chili and frybread, door prizes and giveaways. For more information, call Sault Tribe Education Division at (800) 793-0660.

Feb. 20: The Basics of Diabetes and Living a Full Life class 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. This is the session to attend if you want to know more about diabetes, just found out you have diabetes, never received diabetes education, or it has been a while since you have had an update on diabetes. The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, lots of time to ask questions, and a tasty meal. For questions or to register, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 20: Sault Tribe Elders Unit I annual pancake supper, 4:30-7 p.m. at Nokomis/Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and beverage will be served, adults \$4, five - 12 years old \$2, and children under five free. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 20: Sault Tribe Job Fair College Fair, 5-8 p.m., Little Bear East Recreation Center, St. Ignace, Mich. For more information, call Barb Gravelle, Human

Resource recruiter at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53447 or email bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

Feb. 20: College Fair 2007 from 5-8 p.m., St. Ignace, Little Bear East. This event is open to the public. Parents are encouraged to attend, the entire family is welcome! Win a laptop computer. One laptop will be given away each night. Sault Tribe card required, ages 16-19. You must be present to win. College representatives will be available to answer your questions. Workshops will be on financial aid, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Sault Tribe scholarships, IHS scholarships, Sault Tribe Vocational Training and ACT test preparation. There will be chili and frybread, door prizes and giveaways. For more information, call Sault Tribe Education Division at (800) 793-0660.

Feb. 20: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, St. Ignace at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Feb. 21: Unit II monthly chair meeting held at the Hessel Tribal Center, Hessel, Mich., 5 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.

Feb. 22: Unit IV monthly chair meeting held at the Manistique Tribal Center, Manistique, Mich., 5 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.

Feb. 22: Tesla in concert, 7 p.m. in the DreamMakers Theater, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets on sale now, price is \$35. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Feb. 22-23: 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.

Feb. 23: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee holds monthly meeting the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 23-25: NIHL youth hockey tournament at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 24: Totzone "Dora and Diego Theme" 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Dress your little ones like Dora or Diego. Totzones are designed for children five and under and require adult supervision. We encourage everyone to bring strollers, push toys, ride-on toys, walkers and trikes. There is a \$3 fee per child to participate. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Feb. 25: Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting, Grand Rapids at the Days Inn 310 Pearl Street NW/1-196 at 12 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.

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