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Upcoming powwows

For detailed location information, please contact the appropriate event coordinators listed:

June 16-17: Sault Tribe
Manistique Area Powwow at the Manistique Tribal Center, Highway US-2 in Manistique. Free admission. For more information, call Viola Neadow, Denise Chase, or Sharon Hutchinson at (800) 347-7137 or send an e-mail to: mbderwin@chartermi.net.

August 4: Youth Empowerment Pow-wow in Rexton. For more information, please call Lisa Burnside (906) 635-6050.

August 17-19: 15th Gathering of the Eagles Traditional Powwow at Three Mile Road in Hessel. For more information, e-mail lburnside@saulttribe.net, or contact Lana Causley at (906) 484-2954, Lisa Burnside at 484-2298, or John Causley Jr., at 484-2965.

August 25-26: St. Ignace-Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. For more information, call Darryl Brown at (906) 632-6398.

September 1-2: 11th Annual Sugar Island Powwow. Grand Entry at 1 and 7 p.m. For more information, call Cecil Pavlat or the Sault Tribe Cultural Division at (906) 635-6050.

September 7-9: 6th Annual Great North Winds "Honor Our Warriors" Traditional Powwow at the Pines Park 3 miles east of Manistique, Mich., next to the airport. For more information, call John or Ruth at (906) 359-4645.

September 15: Newberry Powwow at Newberry Tribal Center. For more information, please call (906) 293-8181.

September 22: Sault Tribe Munising Area Powwow. For more information, call (906) 635-6050.

January 31: New Year's Powwow in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call (906) 635-6050.

Gathering around the powwow campfire

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

As the smell of wood smoke from small camp fires permeates the early morning air, mothers are readying their children's regalia for the days dancing and fathers are stirring the embers of the fires from the night before to make a fresh pot of coffee and some fry bread.

Camping during the annual Sault Tribe Fourth of July powwow adds a new dimension to an already exciting event. The atmosphere is reminiscent of a tribal village in the 1600s, children running and playing games, dogs barking, someone practicing on their hand made flute and the tantalizing smell of meals being prepared. Modern conveniences add comfort to an older, harsher way of life as campers mix the old with the new.

Children enjoy searching for sweetgrass, which grows around the camping area while adults take time to catch up on news and visit with friends and acquaintances not seen since the previous years event.

As time draws near for the first grand entry of the day, many new sounds are added to the already colorful mixture. A grass dancer walks by with a whisper from his rustling skirt, a young child hops around making his anklets jingle, and a mother helps her daughter with her hair as her jingle dress adds to the happy sound of a summer powwow.

As the men begin to gather for grand entry and greet each other, the drums and their keepers get organized inside the center of the dance arena. Speeches are said, an opening prayer made and then the heartbeat of the people, the one thing that draws us all together begins. Colors swirl as fancy dancers twirl, women traditional dancers walk sedately while some of the men honor an animal ancestor by

imitating it in their dance, grass dancers and jingle dress dancers add to the color and sounds as the dancers make a circle around the beating drums.

Vendors, often one of the campers who that morning cooked over an open fire, line the outer

circle with their hand made crafts: jewelry, drums, rattles, sweetgrass, blankets, fry bread, cool drinks, ribbon shirts, animal skins and skulls, wind chimes and, on one vendor's shoulder, a talking bird.

Campers experience a powwow from sunrise to sunrise. An afternoon nap under an open sky after hours worth of dancing, the smells of sweetgrass mingled with Indian tacos, the

sun setting behind the last dancers of the day and the evening card games after the traders have covered their tables and put away their wares.

If you would like to experience a wonder filled weekend, bring your tent or camper and plan for a very rustic camping trip. The campsite is about one-and-a-half acres of cut grass and trees and is located beside the powwow grounds.

Bathroom facilities with showers are available next to the camping area, with showers open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. There are no water or electric hookups, but water is available from a spigot on the side of the building housing the restrooms and water spigots are also located around the arena.

Campers are allowed to arrive one week prior to the powwow and must depart no later than one week following the end of the powwow. Camping is free and on a first come, first served basis. Bring all your modern camping conveniences and enjoy a trip back in time.

Schedule:
blessing of the powwow grounds: July 3, 10:30 a.m. in the

center arbor followed by a feast at the site.

Summer Gathering: July 5-6, sunrise ceremony with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided to all participants.

Kids' Carnival follows: July 6, 4 p.m.

Grand Entry: July 6, 7 p.m.; July 7, 1 and 7 p.m.; July 8, 1 p.m.

Native Art Show: July 7, 10 a.m., under the big tent.

Feast: July 7, 5 p.m., at the big tent
Mass: July 8, 11 a.m. with Brother John Haskell.

Retiring of flags: July 8, 5 p.m.
During the powwow, numerous vendor booths will offer arts and crafts, food and drink, and other items.

For more information about the summer gathering, call Cecil Pavlat at (906) 635-6050.

For more information about the powwow and camping, call Bud Biron, Josh Homminga or Melissa Causley at (906) 635-6050.



Photo by Brenda Austin
A monarch butterfly at the campground.



Photo by Brenda Austin
John McKelvie readies the powwow grounds for the coming powwow, including the campground area, available for rustic camping during the gathering and powwow.

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Powwow feasting under the big tent

BY TRACY HAMMOND

Participants to the 2007 Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Summer Gathering and Powwow will find themselves welcomed guests as they are treated to the traditional hospitality of freshly prepared meals.

While in the past such events were held at the Niigaanagizhik Building, these meals are being served at the big tent behind the emcee stand and will be catered by Kewadin Casino. There are two feasts scheduled during the four-day event. The first feast will be on July 3 after the blessing of the powwow grounds, which is slated to begin at 10:30 a.m. The



Frybread is powwow fare.

second feast will be July 7 at 5 p.m. Guests at these events will be treated to traditional fare such as fish, fry bread, rice and corn among other taste treats.

Although exact numbers are difficult to pin down at this point, Cecil Pavlat, cultural repatriation specialist, expects about 500 people will be fed at these traditional meals.

Meals will also be provided to all summer gathering participants on July 5. Breakfast will be furnished after the sunrise ceremony with lunch and dinner to follow throughout the day. On July 6, the sunrise ceremony will be followed by breakfast and lunch will also be provided with activities expected to wrap up by 3:30 p.m. So remember, while at the Sault Tribe Summer Gathering and Powwow, participants should stop by the big tent, for some good food, fine company and old-fashioned hospitality.

Tracy Hammond is a Sault Tribe Communications Department intern.

Powwow planning: Behind the scenes

BY RICK SMITH

Did you ever consider all the coordination it takes to have a powwow? There are the drums, head dancers, officials, organizations and vendors who need to be at this kind of affair to make it a powwow, all these people don't just show up because they received an invitation.

It takes planning to put on a powwow; this is the work of powwow committees.

The Sault Tribe Powwow Committee is made up of 14 individuals and is chaired by Bud Biron who has had the job for about the last four years. The committee is responsible for all the recruiting, publicity and preparation that must be done for the powwow. No easy task.



Organizing vendors is just one of many tasks needed for a successful powwow. Above, a vendor at the recent Manistique powwow.

"We go out, listen and make contacts," said Biron, remarking about how some of the recruiting is done. "We get to know them. We go on the powwow trail."

Then it must be learned if contacts would be willing, able

and available to attend. It can take months, sometimes the whole year, to orchestrate a powwow.

Spiritual preparations are also a must and it is done just prior to a powwow at a gathering. "It paves the way for our visitors and guests, it is a physical and spiritual cleansing of the powwow grounds," said Cecil Pavlat, organizer of Sault Tribe gatherings for the last four or five years. "We ask for blessings that our visitors and guests enjoy themselves, that there will be no negativity and we offer thanks."

Thanks are offered again as the powwow closes.

The powwow committee is made up mostly of Sault Tribe members and meets on a regular basis.



Drum beats of the wind

While we sleep our spirits dance to drum beats of the wind, Graceful motion ethereal souls joined in a dance that never ends, Moving to the beat of the sea, and the whisper of the waves, Our moccasined feet don't miss a step but tap to the harmony.

Sleeping, our spirits move within time to drum beats not always there, The breath of air that a dinosaur breathed was the same one you and I shared.

Dancing upon the tides of time we spread our wings and learned to fly, Our moccasined feet move gracefully to the tune of a Grandfather drum.

While we sleep our spirits dance to be near each other again, The earth is aware of our soul prints

threaded throughout her hair, Each is entwined with the other through the present and the past, Our moccasined feet move joyfully to the drums beat, home at last.

While we sleep our spirits dance to drum beats of the wind, As our destinies unfold throughout time, we will meet each other again, The earth is our cradle, the universe our backyard, Our moccasined feet move to a shared beat yet to be defined.

Our spirits dance together to a beat we each create, Life is a gift, time an illusion, Love the ultimate goal, Our moccasined feet have found the beat within each others souls.

Our spirits dance together to drum beats of the wind, Drum beats which will call us home to be with each other again...

— By Brenda Austin

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Minimum wage increases July 1

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Tribe Human Resources Department has announced they will begin implementing the second stage of minimum wage increases. The minimum wage for team members employed with the Tribe will increase to \$7.15 per hour, which goes into effect July 1.

Approximately 122-casino team members and 224-governmental team members will experience an hourly wage adjustment due to the new minimum wage. According to Human Resources Director Cheryl Bernier, "Sault Tribe chose to keep pace with the state's minimum wage increase. This shows our team members that we value their employment. This also gives us the ability to remain competitive during the hiring and recruiting process."

Manistique Tribal Community Center pharmacy expands services

Effective, Monday, July 9, 2007, all patients who see tribal medical providers at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's tribal health centers in Munising and Marquette will now receive all medications from the Manistique Tribal Community Center pharmacy instead of the Lambert Tribal Center pharmacy. Also effective July 9, please call all prescription refills into the Manistique Tribal Community Center pharmacy at (906) 341-8469 or toll free at 1 (866) 401-0043.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the tribal health center nearest you.

Tax agreement area members: Centurytel and DTE Energy news

The tax office is working with the Michigan Department of Treasury to correct the issue of an exemption certificate.

Hessel elders hold rummage sale & flea market

The Unit II Hessel Elders will hold a rummage sale and flea market including homebaked goods on Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hessel Community Center next to the Kewadin Casino. Refreshments available.

Tribal Board honors Constitution Committee; additional review workshops are pending

ST. IGNACE — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors was in full attendance at a special workshop and meeting on June 6 in St. Ignace to review a final draft of a new Constitution, which was

officially presented to the board by the Constitutional Convention Committee.

Constitutional Convention Committee attorney, Robert Lytle, began the workshop with an

overview of the new Constitution and then proceeded to elaborate on each article by explaining how each section was created and why it was included in the final draft. Approximately 19 members

of the Constitutional Convention Committee were in attendance for the presentation. As the day progressed, public attendance grew from 15 to over 50. The informational workshop, which began at 3 p.m., concluded around 8 p.m. that evening.

Following the informational workshop, the board of directors honored the committee for its hard work and dedication with a feast and presentation of gifts. The Bahweting Drum Singers also honored the committee with an honor and healing song. The ceremonial honors concluded with a pipe ceremony led by eagle staff carrier Les Ailing.

Several members of the Constitutional Convention Committee took the floor for a brief moment to express their final thoughts regarding the process and final draft. A handful of committee members voiced their concerns pertaining to certain sections, and See "Constitution Committee" p.9

Sault Tribe members invited to July 7 Greektown Casino information meeting

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe members are invited to learn the latest information about the Sault Tribe's Greektown Casino at an informational reception to be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 7, in the Ontario 1 Room at Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The reception will feature artist renderings and photographs of the new permanent Greektown Casino, which is under construction in Detroit's most popular entertainment district. The event gives tribal members a chance to learn

the history of Greektown Casino, see the progress being made on the construction of the permanent casino complex and have questions answered by casino representatives.

The reception was requested by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors and the chairperson, who said it's important for tribal members to have easier access to information about the tribe's most important business asset.

The Sault Tribe made a significant investment in the city of Detroit to provide revenue for tribal

programs and services through Greektown Casino. Greektown Casino is now gearing up to open the first phase of its permanent casino complex — a parking garage and pedestrian walkway — on-time and on-budget in fall 2007. A 400-room hotel and expanded gaming floor will be completed in fall 2008.

For more information about the reception, please contact Cory Wilson, Communications Director, at (906) 632-6398 or (906) 635-6050. Light refreshments will be served.

Paralympian Tompkins speaks in St. Ignace

By Rick Smith

Joe Tompkins, an Alaskan with Tlingit ancestry, was 19 when he lost the use of his legs in a car wreck; he was riding around in a car drinking with friends when it happened.

Tompkins, the son of a minor league baseball player, had dreams of making it into a major league. At a muscular 6-foot, 5 inches, it seemed only a matter of practice and time for that dream to come true before the wreck.

"I didn't know how to take the blame for myself. At first, I blamed everybody else for what happened," Tompkins told an audience of youngsters in St. Ignace at the Kewadin Shores Casino. He said he let himself slip into self-pity and bitterness for about two years. Eventually, he came around to realize and accept who was really to blame. "My parents didn't tell me to get in that car and go with those guys. It was my attitude that got me into that car, it was my decision."

Tompkins said he accepted responsibility for himself about 17.5 years ago, and that's where he says his life began to gradually turn around for the better. He set a goal for himself and began working on a dream. "To be sure, there were ups and downs on my way to seeing a dream come true," he said. "That's always going to happen." Meeting one goal sparked another dream.

That was the essential message of Tompkins' appearance before the children. "The sooner you take responsibility for yourself, the sooner you'll see you can have a bright future," he said. He backed

that assertion with the story of his own life as an example.

Having been a recreational skier prior to the wreck, a friend of Tompkins suggested he try "sit-skiing."

A sit-ski was developed for people with significant lower extremity limitations. A sit-ski looks something like a one-piece, molded plastic version of a traditional child's sled. It is steered by using very short ski poles in the snow and leaning in the desired direction.

Tompkins wasn't impressed with this form of skiing until he learned about mono-skis.

Mono-skis have a molded bucket seat mounted to a frame with a shock absorber attached to a single ski. The skier must have good upper body strength, balance and trunk mobility. Skiers use short ski poles mounted on miniature skis and leaning for control. Mono-skiers can achieve very high levels of skill and take on some of the most challenging terrain.

In May 1999, 10 years after taking up this form of skiing, Tompkins became an active member of the U.S. Disabled Alpine Men's Ski Team. Later in the year, in December, Tompkins won the inaugural Disabled World Cup race at Breckenridge, Colo.

In the following year, after breaking both legs, he won sixth place in the downhill competition at the 2000 World Cup Championships.

Tompkins reached one of his major goals when he raced in the 2002 Paralympics. He was the top U.S. racer and placed sixth.



Photo by Rick Smith

Paralympian Joe Tompkins, who lost the use of his legs in a car accident, said his life turned around when he took responsibility for himself. YEA sponsored his talk with children in St. Ignace.

In 2003, Tompkins founded the Extreme Edge Foundation and placed second over both able-bodied and mono-ski competitors in a Huntsman's Cup Super-G race in Utah.

The Extreme Edge Foundation was incorporated in 2004 as a non-profit organization to recruit athletes. Earlier in the year, Tompkins won the Disabled World Cup Super-G competition in Austria along with excelling in other races.

Tompkins took first place in the 2005 Disabled World Cup downhill race in Switzerland and participated in the 2006 Paralympics in Torino, Italy.

"Do yourself a favor and don't get into drugs and alcohol," Tompkins told the children. "When you get into drugs and alcohol, you stop dreaming."

Backed by the Hartford Insurance Group, Tompkins makes appearances about 50 times a year as a motivational speaker at the behest of a variety of corporations and organizations.

When asked, Tompkins said he might retire from competition mono-skiing after winning an approaching major competition in Vancouver, B.C. — maybe, unless he sets another goal for himself.

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Membership Q&A: Our Elders



Q: My father is a widowed elder in the tribe and he is at the point where he will need more care and attention. I may decide to have him move in with me and I would like the contact for any services that the tribe might be able to provide.

A: The tribe's Elder Care Services is at 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. The phone number is (906) 635-4971 and toll-free at 1-888-711-7356.

I would like to commend you on your willingness to provide care for your father and it sheds some light on one of the distinct differences between the Anishinaabe and western civilization ways of thought. The disparity that I am referring to is how we, as Indian people, are taught to recognize the importance of our elders. These are the people who have already traveled down the paths of human life, acquiring the knowledge and wisdom that comes with that journey, and most times they did this while providing their youth with sustenance, protection and guidance. They gave of themselves and made personal sacrifices so that those who followed them would have an easier path to walk. Therefore, I believe that we are obligated to give back to them some of the attention and consideration that they gave to us.

Now, one simply has to turn on a television set or pick up a magazine to see the stark difference in ideology that is held by western civilization. The promotion of youth is everywhere and that stage of life is what is considered to be most valuable. Thus, there is a constant bombardment of marketing in this country that portrays growing older as something to be feared or ashamed

of. A prime example of this that I find amusing are "treatments" with botox injections offered to get rid of wrinkles, and while there are real medical uses for this substance, it's never mentioned that it's crafted from one of the most deadly poisons in the world. Personally, I'll live with the wrinkles.

I believe there should be great concern in the various tribal communities when it comes to these principles that are so foreign to our traditional ways of thinking. The mind-set that growing older is a bad thing can have some very serious consequences because it can lead to disrespect and a feeling amongst our younger people that the elders should just get out of the way. That's very dangerous and while I know it's obvious we cannot avoid being subjected to the continuous stream of marketing for youth, we should be making every effort to educate the children, by example, that our elders are precious and of utmost importance to the survival of our ways.

Once again, you have my deepest respect for your willingness to care for your elderly father and it's apparent that he did a great job raising you.

Respectfully, Clarence Hudak
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Bureau approves Secretarial Election

By CORY WILSON

The election results from the recent Secretarial Election pertaining to candidate eligibility were officially approved by the U.S. Department of Interior. The Sault Tribe received notice in a letter dated June 11, from the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), detailing three election challenges that were ruled unjustified and/or were not submitted accordingly under federal regulations.

The results of the Secretarial Election were then approved and validated by the Department of the Interior. Now that the final step in the amendment process is completed, the Sault Tribe now has the ability to officially include the amendment in a newly published Constitution.

According to a letter from Terrance Virden, director of the Midwest Regional BIA Office, "The first challenge (submitted by William Bouschor) was to the sufficiency of the number of votes cast. However, the individual was not a qualified voter because he had not registered to vote." The challenge by Bouschor was dismissed.

Virden added, "The second

challenge (submitted by Joanne Carr) asserted that only members living in the tribe's seven-county service area should have been allowed to vote in the election.

The second challenge was not supported by the regulations or the Constitution or any other substantiating evidence and was denied."

The regional director further wrote, "The final challenge (submitted by Betty Freiheit) asserted that individuals who are not properly enrolled tribal members were allowed to register for the election. However, no written challenges were presented to the election board for a determination of the eligibility of any of the registrants and no supporting documentation was submitted in furtherance of the assertion requesting that the election be invalidated. It was also noted that membership questions are internal tribal matters and inappropriate for review by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Accordingly, the third challenge was denied."

Another challenge submitted by Sault Tribe member Mary Locke, questioning whether or not the 30 percent voter turn-out requirement was met, was dismissed because Locke did not register

to vote in the Secretarial Election and under federal regulations cannot contest the election results. The complaint was also found to have no merit.

After receiving the final results of the election challenges, Chairperson Aaron Payment said, "The regional director interpreted that all members, regardless of their band of origin, and regardless of where they live, have a right as citizens of our tribe to exercise one of our most important rights — the right to vote."

Sault Tribe members residing outside of the service area, including Mackinac Band descendants, are eligible to vote in tribal elections. A recent population study shows that 62.3 percent of tribe members live outside of the service area.

Unit I Representative Todd Gravelle drafted the legislation, which initiated the Sault Tribe's first Constitutional amendment in the tribe's 30-year history.

"When I first ran for office, my platform was based upon Constitutional reform for the benefit of our people. As the author and sponsor of this amendment, I am humbled by the overwhelming

See "Secretarial Election," p. 23

Letters to the editor

EUP turkey population needs assessment

To all tribe members, concerning the issuance of turkey hunting permits. It is way too early for us to be getting turkey permits without endangering the existence any turkeys in the eastern Upper Peninsula. I spoke with board member Fred Paquin, who is conversant with the situation of wildlife in the Upper Peninsula, and he agrees that we should wait a few years before issuing permits. This would allow the turkey numbers to increase and allow for us to have a better understanding of exactly what sized population we have in this area.

Sincerely,

Mark Leask

Barbeau, Mich.

New Sault Tribe member feels acceptance

It is with great honor and pride for me to be accepted into the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. It has filled a great void in my heart.

I want to thank Aaron and all the members of the board for voting to open the rolls for special

cases.

The honor and pride I feel in being accepted by my people is such a privilege that I could never explain it in words.

I would like to especially thank Sue Paulsen and D.J. Malloy for standing by me in my endeavor to be accepted. I also want to thank my newfound family, my Aunt Louella Michell, Karen Sabatine, Bill Mitchell and the rest of their great family for welcoming me as one of their own. Again, I would like to thank Aaron, the board and everyone involved in welcoming me home.

Ernest V. Tebo

U.S. Army Retired
Menominee, Mich.

Miigwech

Thank you so much for the incentive award. I will be using this money for my next classes in the fall at Ferris State University. I appreciate all the help I receive from the Education Department. It really does give me the incentive to do my best. Thanks again.

Adam Ingalls

Muskegon, Mich.

New Schedule for board meeting, workshop broadcasts

SAULT STE. MARIE
— This is a public notice that the schedule for the televised broadcast of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors meetings and workshops on Charter Cable has changed.

Please note the Marquette broadcast has changed from Friday to Tuesday. The St. Ignace broadcast has moved from Monday to Friday and is

now on Channel 2. Broadcast times have also been adjusted. The new schedule is as follows:

Sault Ste. Marie — Thursday and Monday, Ch. 2, 3-5 p.m.

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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Congressional hearing held on St. Ignace reservation, casino

By CORY WILSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee held a legislative hearing on June 13 on House Bill H.R. 2120, which "directs the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe."

Approval of this bill would resolve a long-standing request by the Sault Tribe, asking that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and U.S. government recognize trust lands in the St. Ignace area as "reservation" lands. Not only has the tribe been treating the land as a reservation since 1983, lands contiguous to the reservation would be eligible for gaming.

If the legislation passes, the Kewadin Shores Casino property would be deemed "lands contiguous to the reservation" and thus eligible for gaming. The National Indian Gaming Commission previously ruled the new casino's original gaming area does not occupy land that is eligible for gaming; therefore the casino has not utilized the new venue for gaming.

Currently, the casino floor is located in a temporary structure, which is on land that meets the strict gaming requirements.

Chairperson Aaron Payment provided both verbal and written testimony to Congress with the hope of resolving the reserva-

tion-land dispute. Unit III Representative Fred Paquin and Unit I Representative Todd Gravelle also accompanied the chairperson to the hearing. Congressman Bart Stupak sponsored the bill and provided comments in support of the Sault Tribe.

Stupak told the committee, "While the Sault Tribe has repeatedly requested that this land be declared a reservation, the Department of Interior has failed to act — I have yet to hear a valid reason why the 1983 land cannot be considered a reservation. I have introduced H.R. 2120, to clear up the confusion regarding the 1983 land by officially declaring it a reservation. The Sault Tribe has been waiting for over 20 years to resolve this problem."

Chairman Payment addressed Congress by stating, "This bill is important to my tribe because, as I see it, it is simply an effort to correct a failure of the federal government to properly exercise its trust responsibility to my tribe."

Payment added, "The inability to use our land as we believe it should be used is entirely the fault of the United States. The tribe requested two different times (1986 and April, 1988 — both prior to the enactment of Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in October 1988) that the United States proclaim the 1983 parcel a reservation. In 1988, the United States got so far as to inform the local governments that a reservation proclamation was impending."

In a supportive document

I have yet to hear a valid reason why the 1983 land cannot be considered a reservation.

— Congressman Bart Stupak

from Terry Virden, BIA regional director in Minneapolis, the BIA acknowledges that the tribe complied with all applicable procedures prior to the enactment of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act in October of 1988 and that an administration oversight is likely to blame.

"Why this land was not proclaimed a reservation, we do not know, but we do not believe that the tribe or the people of the Upper Peninsula should have to pay for this failure," Payment said.

"H.R. 2120 would do what the United States said it was going to do in 1988 and what it should have done in 1983 or even 1986. My tribe has made a significant investment of \$41 million to build this new casino to provide a safe and healthy place for our 406 employees and customers and to continue to be the economic engine of this area of the state. We did this on land that is held in trust and is contiguous to land that has been in trust since 1983. The new replacement casino would not increase gaming and would not

add to the number of casinos now operating in Michigan. However, according to the Department of the Interior, the only way that the tribe can operate a casino on this land — without negotiating with the state, is this legislation. We have the support of the city, township, county governments and the neighboring tribe of just 30 miles — the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians — for this legislation. We would urge expedited consideration of this legislation so that we can finally use our building as it was intended," concluded Payment.

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs George Skibine in his written testimony said, "We support the purpose of H.R. 2120, a bill to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe. Currently, the matter is before the court as Sault Ste. Marie Tribe v. United States, Civ. No. 2:06-CV-276, and if Congress passes the legislation, it would put an end to the litigation."

In his testimony, Skibine concluded, "The tribe seeks to game on adjoining property taken in trust in the year 2000. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe built a new casino on this parcel. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe was advised by the Department and the National Indian Gaming Commission that they would need to apply under IGRA for a two-part determination

in order to game on the parcel. If Congress deems the first parcel to be reservation as of April 1988 for purposes of IGRA, then the tribe can game in its new casino under an exception in IGRA. We suggest amending the legislative language to reflect that 'the property shall be deemed a reservation as of April 19, 1988, for purposes of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. We will be happy to work with the committee staff on amending the legislation to reflect the necessary changes."

House Bill H.R. 2120 could be voted on as early as mid-July. Until this legislation is officially passed by Congress, the Sault Tribe will continue its litigation against the United States to resolve the issue.

Corrections

The story on the front page of the June 1, 2007, issue of Win Awenen Nisitotung, entitled, "Tribal hunting for 17 and under requires permit," should have made clear that although the law is now on the books as a subsection under tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Fishing, it has not yet been implemented.

The story "May board meeting briefs," on page 6 erroneously reported that the board of directors established the development of two co-executive directors, when in fact the duties and reporting structure for the executive director have not changed. W.A.N. regrets the error.



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New Munising Center Open House August 7

On Aug. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be an open house for the Victor Matson, Sr., Community Center (also known as the Grand Island Chippewa Center, Kitchi-Miniss Ednakiiyaang Gamig). The center is at 622 Superior, in Munising, Mich. Public tours start at 8:30 a.m., an official ceremony starts at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

From Constitution Committee, page 6

perhaps more time is needed to further address those issues before they can wholeheartedly support the all-inclusive Constitution. However, a strong majority of committee members voiced their support for the final draft as written and voted prior to the workshop, that the document is ready for board review and can be submitted to a vote of the people. (Note: A transcript of the comments will be available on the Sault Tribe's official Web site at www.saulttribe.com)

The final draft consists of 14 articles detailing sovereignty, bill of rights, territory, membership, separation of powers, judicial branch, legislative branch, executive branch, recall-removal and vacancies, newspaper, elections, sovereign immunity, referendum and initiative and amendments.

Compared to the tribe's current Constitution, the committee made significant changes. The tribe's proposed Constitution is modeled after the Constitution of the Iroquois, which also served as a model for the U.S. Constitution. The creation of the three branches of government including judicial, legislative and executive branches, was described as being the heart of the new Constitution and most significant addition because it provides for a separation of powers.

The issue of sovereignty, which has been vital for the tribe's future growth and ability to operate its own government, is not mentioned

in the current Constitution, but was found to be profound enough to be cited in two separate sections in the new version.

The final draft elaborated on the Bill of Rights by specifically listing the rights of Sault Tribe members, as compared to the current document, which only summarizes the rights of members.

By its own definition, adopting the new Constitution will not trump or over-rule all past legislation enacted by tribal government. Article I specifically states, "All laws of the tribe existing at the time of adoption of this Constitution shall remain in effect so long as such laws are consistent with this Constitution."

Another major change was the expansion of voting districts from five to eight, which will include all of Michigan. The current 13 member elected board of directors or legislature will be expanded to 15. Unit V will be expanded to include the rest of the western Upper Peninsula. The lower Peninsula will be divided into three at-large voting districts, with one legislator per voting district.

No official action was taken at the meeting regarding the proposed Constitution. The board of directors opted to develop a schedule of additional workshops, so board members could further review the document and provide comments to the committee.

Advocacy Resource Center gets new shelter worker

SAULT STE. MARIE

Kathryn Burlew, 29, has just been hired as a shelter worker for the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center, at its domestic violence shelter, the Lodge of Bravery, a temporary shelter for women in domestic violence situations.

"It's a nice place to help them get back on their feet," said Burlew, adding that she's glad to be able to join the team. Burlew will be starting out part-time taking over a night shift for the shelter. Her job is to "keep it safe and peaceful" at the shelter, monitoring cameras, checking on the women using the shelter, and being available for anyone who arrives in the night.

Burlew signed on with the shelter because she wants to "be able to help out other women," she said. The mother-of-two, engaged to be married, was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and has attended classes at Bay Mills Community College.

The tribe's Advocacy Resource Center is overseen by Anishnabek Community and Family Services. It provides comprehensive assistance to victims of crime, including advocacy, legal aid and lodge of bravery (domestic violence shelter), with a special focus on women and children who are in abusive relationships. Its services



Kathryn Burlew

are available to Sault Tribe members in the seven-county service area and non-Native victims of crime on reservation land. But, those who do not meet eligibility criteria can still be assisted by referrals to other agencies. For help, call 632-1808, 635-7705, or (877) 639-7820.

Bayliss Public Library presents 'Face in the Rock' movie trailer July 19

SAULT STE. MARIE — The premiere screening of the movie trailer for "A Face In The Rock" feature film is slated for July 19 at the Bayliss Public Library. Filmmakers will be on hand to share their ideas for the development of the film and a casual

Brady Memorial Services July 1 at St. Isaac's

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of William (Bill) Brady, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, who passed away Nov. 9, 2006, at his home in Dansville, Mich.



He was born Sept. 14, 1921, in Sault Ste. Marie.

The memorial service will be on Sunday, July 1, at 11 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with Brother John Hascall officiating.

Following the Mass, family and friends are invited to join Catherine Brady and her children for lunch and a photo tribute to Bill in Marquette Hall.

reception after the airing of the trailer.

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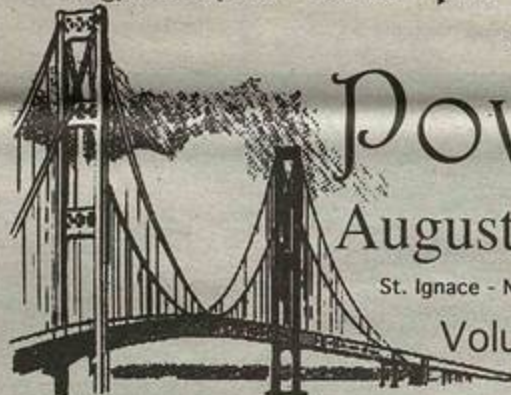
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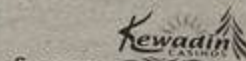
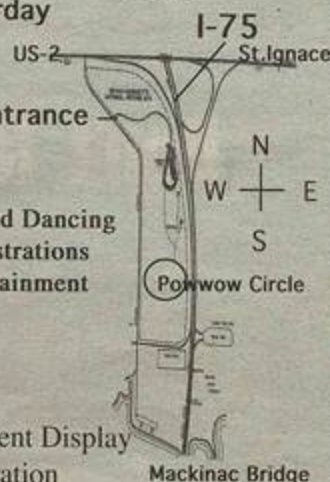
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COMMITTEE APPROVES DOCUMENT: WAITING ON TRIBAL BOARD



**Chairperson
Aaron
Payment**

I try to follow a traditional way of lifestyle. That means different things to different people. This morning I offered my tobacco and I asked which

direction would be the best way to move forward today without unnecessary disagreement. What came to me, real strongly was that we have our seven grandfathers. We talk about them a lot. One of those teachings is humility. With humility we

recognize our place in the universe...we are one part in our history. There is a long legacy of people who existed long before us. People who existed before the United States government. People who signed the treaties. Clearly, it should be without a doubt the constitution we have today is a corporate charter structure that was forced upon us at a time we were desperate for services. We did whatever we had to in order to become a tribe. The document that we have in place now was created by the federal government; to basically keep us under their thumb. All of our decisions were ultimately subject to the BIA. It is a point in our time when we have the opportunity as a sovereign people, to take a stand for our people for now and into the future. If we humble ourselves, and recognize our point in history, it seems to me that no matter what our individual disagreements

are that we should be able to find a way, for the benefit of all our future generations, to be able to live as independent sovereign people within this Tribe. I really hope we can go through this process in a respectful way, because certainly we don't want the people in the future to look back, seven generations from now, with shame upon a disagreeable approach. So let's try to do this in a traditional [Indian] way - respectful - that is another one of our teachings.

This information was from testimony given by the Constitutional Convention Committee on June 6, 2007.

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.

"Individual committee members might not have liked aspects of it, but this was approved by the committee."

- Aaron Payment



After a year and a half of meeting every other weekend and a total project cost of nearly \$300,000 spent to date, the Constitutional Amendment Committee submitted their final draft to the Tribal Board of Directors to approve the language to submit the new Constitution to a vote of the people.

2007 MEMBER MEETINGS

Unit 1	Time	Location
Jul 18th	6pm	Sugar Island, Sault Ste. Marie

Unit 2	Time	Location
Jul 18th	5pm	Pavilion, Naubinway

Unit 3	Time	Location
Jul 25th	6pm	McCann School, St. Ignace

Unit 4	Time	Location
Jul 17th	5pm	269 Avenger, Gwin

Unit 5	Time	Location
Jul 21st	11am	University Ctr, NMU, Marquette

Detroit	Time	Location
Jul 15th	12pm	Detroit Greektown Casino, Oliva Rm.
Jul 29th	12pm	

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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENT ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

"...the Cheboygan group that you can no longer act as a unit." (quote from BIA.) So prior to 9-11-72, they were acting as a unit. To me this is not expanded, this is returning them back what was taken from them by the BIA. - William McDermott

This document is for the people of this Tribe...Please give the people the opportunity to vote on it... - Clarence Hudak

We didn't all agree on [all]. Just a few - the separation of powers. I remember that one we were in agreement. - Billy Perry

One thing I do like about this is the separation of powers. I like that. I don't like all the process in there, but like the separation of powers. - Betty Freiheit

I think we are all Anishnabek and should protect our sovereignty and this constitution will do so. - George Tessier

...when we name those six historical bands, there is a reason that they named them. My mother led the fight in Washington, to not allow the Mackinac Band in. - Adrienne Shipman

We need to clean our rolls up. Because otherwise we are going to have people voting this that aren't constitutionally enrolled. - Kim Gravelle

This really isn't a reflection of us as a people. It's just like the United States constitution. - Jackie Halfaday

One of the things we decided on...as a committee, was that when we spoke - and came to a consensus, that was it. - Ron Munro

The U.S. Constitution is based on the Iroquois confederacy. I can't help it that it took them 12 to 17 years to do what we were capable of doing in 18 months. - Mary Lester

I ask that we let the people decide. Don't do it here...Let the people who are out there decide whether or not it is a good document for them. - Robert Menard, Chair Elder Advisory Board

I am asking you to remember that this is a nation of people, not a nation of land. - Jennifer Anziano

I for one, would be very happy to give up my vote on this and just let those members who live on our housing, on our reservation vote. - Joanne Carr

Compromising is a two way street and it is not just about yourselves. About the whole tribe, the future of the tribe. - Carlene Conguy

Due to newspaper layout constraints, the full comments of the quoted committee members was not able to be published as I originally intended. For the complete comments given by the above committee members please visit the Sault Tribe's official Website at www.saulttribe.com or view the video of the meeting also available online.

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Board meeting briefs for June 4 and 19

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting in Escanaba on June 4. Board member Robert LaPoint was absent.

Approved resolutions: *Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.*

The board agreed to join the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., as a subcontractor in the Nishin Gwa (Life is Good) substance abuse treatment improvement and expansion funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Tribes will receive training on effective treatment models and implement them with appropriate clients enrolled in tribal treatment services and satisfy all federal grant requirements.

A proposal was approved for a 2007 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to help

advance community policing and strengthen law enforcement and community partnerships. Board member Fred Paquin abstained from voting.

The board declined to participate in the national sex offender registry system and chose to maintain jurisdiction and authority over the registration of sex offenders through the current relationship with the State of Michigan.

A tribal enterprise budget modification policy was adopted to enhance financial reviews for the board. Board member Todd Gravelle opposed the measure.

Contracts for up to \$40,000 per year each were approved with J. David Whyte and James Lambros to provide indigent court defense services.

A supplemental hiring preference policy for the Intertribal Fisheries and Assessment Program was added to the Sault

Tribe governmental hiring policy, stating that preference will be given first to Sault Tribe members or enrolled members of the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Secondary preference is given to the spouse or dependent of a Sault Tribe member before others. Board member Denise Chase opposed.

An annual expenditure of \$4,000 from the Sault Tribe Memorial and Honorary Scholarship was approved to be awarded in equal amounts of \$1,000 to four members with special needs, two of whom shall be 18 or younger and two 19 or older.

The employee drug testing policy was amended to apply to all tribal employees, regardless of duties, and the Human Resources

Department shall test the same number of employees each month. Board members Cathy Abramson, DJ Hoffman and Gravelle opposed.

Two resolutions regarding a possible snowmobile museum site in Naubinway were approved. The first resolution officially expressed Sault Tribe's intent to explore leasing 2,000 square feet of land that may soon be acquired and put into trust.

The lease would provide a facility site for a snowmobile museum. The second resolution called for the acquisition of the land at a cost of \$350 and placing the land into trust. The acquisition became possible as a result of a survey error. Board member Chase opposed both measures.

The board met for another general meeting in Marquette on June 19. All board members were present.

Approved resolutions: *Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.*

Approval was given to entering into a lease agreement with the JKL School Board for a modular classroom building after it is constructed. The lease will include a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

The board approved fiscal year 2007 budget modifications for a \$6,000 increase in tribal support for Environmental Protection Agency water quality and a \$18,884.20 decrease in tribal support for the Teen Drop-In Center. Budget modifications were also approved for the re-allocation of Anishnabek Community and Family Services staff with no change to tribal support.

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

More accountability for elected officials



Cathy Abramson
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

There have to be checks and balances for elected officials who use tribal resources to distribute information to the membership and employees. It's becoming too easy to cross that line from being informational to political in the

e-mails, media releases and mailings.

There needs to be policies and procedures in place that clearly outline what serves as informational and what's political. Just one example of why this is necessary is that board members are receiving more and more complaints from our tribal employees who are receiving what they perceive as politically motivated letters from the chairperson in our tribe's e-mail system. These employees find this very counterproductive and it adds to their diminishing faith in our leadership. This lowers workplace morale and it takes away their focus on their job. We already have our monthly unit reports. We do not need to burden our employees with political rhetoric.

I'm not a tribal employee and yet I have been affected by this.

The chair sent out his own media release and an e-mail that grossly misrepresents a message I forwarded to the communications director. I can understand how the tribal chairman feels it's necessary to communicate with the membership, however, when he sends out information that is either mistaken or untrue, he crosses the line to it being political. Information/news is supposed to be objective so that individuals can draw their own conclusions. If it's not going to be presented in a fair and balanced way, tribal resources should not be used to disseminate it. If you would like the message that I forwarded to the communications director, please contact me and I will forward it to you in its entirety. My e-mail address is cabramson@saulttribe.net.

Misuse of tribal resources is not new as this has occurred

in the past and unfortunately it continues to be an issue today. The previous administration had their motives questioned when sending out their mailings to the membership and employees for informational purposes. With the 2008 tribal elections looming, we need to address this now before it becomes a free for all.

As I stated in my last unit report, the tribal chairperson/CEO is not a tribal employee. He is an elected official. Elected officials are not subject to the same rules as hired employees. There has to be a defining line between the duties of elected officials and the duties of employees. When an elected official acts as an employee, there is no accountability for their actions. At our next meeting, I am going to address this issue with the entire board. Other board members share my concerns and

are supportive in establishing policy. If you have feelings regarding this subject, please continue to contact me.

Proposed tribal Constitution

The board of directors has received the final proposal of the new tribal Constitution. We will now carefully review the proposed Constitution with the Convention Committee. Members please carefully read the proposed constitution that was inserted in your last tribal newspaper. Please have patience with the process as this is something that should not be taken lightly. I would like to thank the committee for all their dedication and hard work that they put into this.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on my cell phone (906) 322-3823 or home phone (906) 635-3054. I look forward to hearing from you

Director Shirley Petosky reports to Unit V



Shirley Petosky
Unit V Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Hello, my dear friends, wow, this month went by fast. The hot weather we had in Kitchi Miniss was awful. I try hard not to complain about winter because I know what's coming.

I always heard my grandma and my mother say if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen. Well, I listened to them and now my idea of a hot meal in the summertime is a fried bologna sandwich. If they want it any hotter than that, they can put it on

toast!

We have been faced with a lot of controversies in the past weeks; all the hullablow about the new Constitution, whether or not we were going to listen to one reading and vote the same day or not, did we really need workshops, some felt we should have been studying this 24 hours a day (their words not mine) and be ready to vote.

Well, in the end it looks like it will be the way most of us felt it should be. We will have workshops with the Constitution Committee and they will explain their thoughts on a certain issue and we'll give our input. Also I hope we will have access to all the input that was given at the community meetings the Constitution Committee held.

One thing I would like to say is that I appreciate everyone who worked on this document. Those who dropped out for whatever reasons are extended a heart-felt thank you along with those who saw it through to the end.

Remember though, contrary to ads that have gone out, 27 people did not see the project to the end.

At the last meetings there were a lot less numbers able to show up. I only say this so that people don't have to be under the idea that 27 people from beginning to end had a meeting of the minds.

As you know by now, elders in Kitchi Miniss (Munising) were tricked into believing our tribe when we were told to name the Lincoln School. I now feel this was a bone thrown at us to shut us up and to keep us occupied for about three or four years. Planning the community area was another bone tossed our way.

For our elders meal program, we have a household dishwasher that has to be run two or three times after each meal, which time doesn't allow for; so, we wash dishes by hand. A normal cooktop on our stove, no room for big pots side-by-side; so, we don't plan on that for any gatherings. No ice machine, possibly we will get that!

The sign will never cease to be an unfair slap in the face to the Munising elders. Not only couldn't we name Lincoln School the way we chose (to honor and respect three men, not just one).

But when it was requested that the Native part we chose should be kept off, it was put on anyway, but not the way WE spell Munising, which is Kitchi Miniss. We were Kitchi Miniss long before anyone decided that we would have to spell our Native words one way only.

Fine, but a town or an area is what it was known as and not changed on someone's decree. We weren't even told they wouldn't use our spelling, they just did it!

Besides knowing that John P. Carr and Don Corp are worthy of being on the sign, but the board wouldn't allow this, only one name could go up, one chosen behind closed doors we now have to be slapped in the face by being shown WE just thought WE were Kitchi Miniss — we really are not.

I have been trying to get something changed in our tribe but the going is hard. We, as a tribe, post a job for a certain wage per hour. So, if two people apply and both meet the requirements and both are capable of learning how to do the job, but one has experience and is hired (which, of course,

makes sense) we up the wage at the start because of the experience; this is wrong. We all hope to be upgraded in wages and we should be, but for our tribe to not stick to what is posted sure throws a budget out the window. I would rather see us stick to what we post and as time goes by give some raises. But, I think I'm not going to go too far with this idea.

Call me sometime or drop a line. Just don't ask me how I'm doing cause I might tell you, and then it would only be polite of me to ask "how are you" and before we know it, it would be time to hang up.

Don't forget the powwow in Kitchi Miniss, Saturday, Sept. 22. Pam, are all of you still coming? I sure hope so.

I guess I've chewed your ear enough for this time. Please have a safe and fun-filled summer. Eat lots of berries, but remember what little green apples can do!

God bless you, stay cool and fight nice. (906) 387-2101; shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

Sovereignty abused!



Todd K. Gravelle
Unit 1 Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The new Constitution has been formally presented to the board of directors and a copy has been sent to the membership in the last edition of the tribal newspaper. I strongly encourage all members to read it carefully as the board has set-up meetings with the Constitutional Convention Committee on July 11-14 to go over the document and hopefully submit the new Constitution to the people of our tribe for approval. The new Constitution contains: separation of powers between the three branches of government, a Bill of Rights, real checks and balances, an independent court system and broader representation for all of our members. These key reforms are needed to finalize the reforms promised to you during the last election cycle.

Some board members seem to believe that these reforms are not needed. I strongly disagree. We need these reforms now more than

ever. Members need to make their voices known and push the board hard for these reforms. My greatest fear is that the members have grown tired of the internal bickering of the board with no progress being made towards advancing the interests of the membership. The new Constitution will put an end to some of this bickering and institute a more modern form of government with more clearly defined roles for the board of directors and the chairperson.

We have also been notified by the Secretary of Interior that the challenges to the last constitutional amendment passed by 86 percent of the membership have been dismissed by the secretary as having no merit. The new amendment is now in effect and will now prohibit all future candidates for public office within the tribe from also being employees once elected.

At the last meeting of the board, I asked the board to consider sending to the people by referendum, a resolution that would immediately establish an interim system where members of the tribe could challenge the actions of the board and chairperson in court as being unconstitutional. I did this in the wake of the one of the most egregious acts of the board of directors who knowingly passed a random drug testing policy which would violate the Constitutional rights of tribal members and non-members alike.

In the early 1990s, the tribe was sued in federal court because

we were actually requiring our employees to submit to polygraph (lie detector) tests as a condition of their employment. The tribe quickly settled these cases out of court because after a thorough legal review, we concluded that these job requirements were unconstitutional.

At a recent board meeting in Escanaba, the board actually expanded our drug testing policy to include all of our employees. The board of directors actually did this despite the advice of legal counsel who stated that it is probably unconstitutional to require employees to submit to these tests because it violates the fourth amendment of the U.S. Constitution to subject employees to unreasonable searches and seizure of their bodies (without a warrant) and without good cause. The board of directors also had meetings with the employees to get their input on the present policy with a great majority of whom supported repealing the policy entirely. Instead of hearing the employees' opposition to the present policy (which many believed violated their constitutional rights), the board ignored their concerns entirely and actually voted to expand drug testing even further.

The board does not understand that the tribe is a government and, when it acts, it must make sure that it acts according to the Constitution. We previously required our employees who were in "safety sensitive" positions to

submit to random drug tests. The law allows us to do this since the tribe has an interest in making sure that these employees do not pose a safety risk to their fellow employees or the general public. However, the latest change goes too far since we do not have good cause to require all of our employees to submit to such tests. In effect, we are now subjecting our employees to illegal search and seizures without a warrant.

As one court explained: "testing programs may violate a state constitution's privacy guarantee when the program covers all employees, including those not in safety sensitive positions, based upon the government's general interest in workplace safety." In other words, when the board gave the green light to test all of our employees, the board exposed the tribe to massive violations of the constitutional rights of our employees. Please know that the U.S. Constitution takes precedence over our tribal constitution and we could see numerous lawsuits filed in federal court to challenge this policy, costing the tribe thousands of dollars in legal fees to defend that which is indefensible.

When the government (in this case our tribal government) submits public employees to random drug tests absent a reasonable, particularized basis to suspect an employee of wrongdoing, it is unconstitutional. In discussing random drug tests and the restrictions on when a government can

conduct them, the Supreme Court has stated: "These (fourth amendment) rights belong in the catalog of indispensable freedoms. Among deprivation of rights, none is so effective in cowering the population, crushing the spirit of the individual and putting terror in every heart. Uncontrolled search and seizure is one of the first and most effective weapons in the arsenal of every arbitrary government." *Brinegar v. United States*, 338 U.S. 100, 180 (1949).

Unfortunately, like the early 1990s when we subjected our employees to unconstitutional lie detector tests, it seems we are again violating the constitutional rights of our employees. Without an independent court system to challenge the actions of an arbitrary government, these and other violations of the constitutional rights of our members and non-members alike are sure to continue. If the latest actions of the board are not a wake-up call to our members I really do not know what is. Please support the new Constitution which would allow tribal members to challenge actions of the board of directors like this to protect the constitutional rights of all of our members.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. My phone number is: (906) 322-3822.

Work together for growth



Joe V. Eitrem
Unit 1 Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Contrary to what you may be hearing, there are some good things happening with our tribe. I am optimistic that 2007 will bring positive changes for the betterment of tribal members.

Our Greentown Casino is now 98 percent owned by the Sault Tribe. We still have to overcome obstacles for our permanent casino but once this is done, revenues will increase substantially so that we can better serve the needs of our members. The total revenues for the first six months of 2007 are up substantially in spite of ongoing construction. One reason for the increase in revenues is the non-smoking ban at the Windsor casino. We have also exceeded our budgeted amount by 10.6 percent.

We also have some new developments occurring within our tribe. I am anticipating the de-

velopment of our new Economic Development Committee. Coming from a business background, I am very eager to work towards potential avenues for economic growth for this tribe and the membership.

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.

I believe when an employee is let go for any reason, that person should have the right to appeal.

Unit One Directors have been holding monthly unit meetings to hear questions and concerns from our members as well as answer any questions you may have. We have tentatively decided on a set

monthly meeting to be held on the third Monday of each month, from 6-8 p.m. We selected the third Monday each month due to the fact that the full board of directors meets the third Tuesday each month and if there is anything we can follow up on or raise on your behalf at the regular board meetings, we have those questions and concerns in advance.

We have been alternating locations between Sugar Island and Sault Ste. Marie for these meetings. We also have a tribal staff member present to record any follow up required if we do not have the answers that evening. Please look in the Sault Evening News paper for exact locations each month.

I would like to invite any member who has questions or would like specific information to contact myself or any other Unit One board member in advance of each month's meeting to ensure we have the information available for you. You are welcome to contact me at any time with your questions and concerns.

The board must work together for the sake of the tribal membership. Too often we have the distractions of blame and name calling. We must set aside our differences and do our jobs as elected officials.

Thank You,
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Jennilee Olesick, 101, gets big Wayne Newton hug



Photo by Sherrie Lucas

Tribal elder Jennilee Olesick turned 101 on April 15th. She attends almost all shows at the Sault Kewadin Casino and recently, during a concert, met and received a hug from Wayne Newton. According to casino entertainment staff she is a really sweet lady and very alert.

Rights of members gagged

Recently, I held a Unit I meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. I started these unit meetings after I was elected. The membership only had these types of meetings during election time. These unit meetings were set up for the membership to express their concerns and question the board. They did not have to write their questions down, and they did not get one hour for a whole meeting. The reason I have brought this issue up is that this meeting was called on short notice to respond to issues that members had raised, one board member and the chair objected to this meeting. They sent the video production department to videotape the meeting. This contradicts the purpose of the meetings, to allow members to freely express their opinions without worry of retaliation from anyone.

7+1+1, or the 4+1+1

This information has been displayed in many different forms. It is how you look at it, or the technicalities of what really hap-

pened. In a news release by the tribe to *The Evening News*, it stated four board members were opposed and that the chairman does not vote unless it is a tie. What it failed to say is that no one voted. It was consensus. The board members were sitting in a courtroom in Petoskey, and at that consensus the chairman was all for settling with those individuals. The chairman participated in agreeing to the settlement. After the agreement was in place, I asked if the agreement was set in stone. He stated that the judge accepted it and it could not be changed. Then he told us there was a gag order on the settlement discussions. After over a month of waiting, I asked for a written copy of this gag order. Our attorney came back and told us there was no written gag order and that the information was not confidential. I then proceeded to report it in my last unit report. If the board voted to sue the 7+1+1 in public by resolution, how could the board

settle without doing the same?

St. Ignace Project

We are still working on fixing the problem. The chairman and a few board members flew to Washington to seek a political solution to the issue. And, as you are reading this, a judicial opinion will have been issued by a court in Grand Rapids related to this very issue. With regards to the St. Ignace investigation, I asked if the report could be published to the membership. The report is completed and the investigator will be presenting his findings to the board. It is my hope that, after this is complete, the report will be made public to the membership.

The Detroit project is moving along on schedule now. Unless some unforeseen problems arise, the parking garage will open in the first week of November followed by the casino opening in the spring of 2008. The tribe can no longer make mistakes! Your leaders can no longer make mistakes, such as the St. Ignace prob-



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

lem. Or the problems we have encountered in Greektown up to this point. That is why the leaders must be on board to be proactive to prevent issues from occurring instead of reactive, after they occur. After five years of a casino making nearly 95 million dollars a year EBITA, we should be out of debt instead of further into debt — which is the direction we are starting to head now.

The northern casinos have been hurt by a lack of business due to

multiple factors such as reduced tourism and increased competition. The days of the flowing money are ending. The leaders of the tribe will have to start making decisions on what benefits the tribe over what benefits their favorite people or programs.

The new Constitution has been completed and finalized by the Constitutional Committee. This very important process is trying to be force-fed to the membership without the board having the opportunity to thoroughly discuss this with the committee and attorneys. It has been stated that the committee has been working on this for over two years and we should send it out immediately. We have spent more time, as a board, on the tribe's drug testing policy than we have on the new Constitution. What I do not want to see is the membership being force-fed an issue just as they were forced to adhere to the election ordinance changes that violated their rights. If we take the time and do this process right, we can actually get it right.

Like the old carpenter said, "Measure twice, cut once!"

No clear identity

For the last 20 years or more all interpretations of the tribal Constitution has been in the hands of a few attorneys who worked for the former chairman. These individuals were employed to assist the tribal government, not the members. The former chairman had control over all interpretations and, in fact, developed many ordinances that helped maintain his power.

It is unhealthy for our tribal democracy to not check and balance and a separation of powers. We need to improve our Constitution, we need to improve our governmental structure. A lot of progress has been made. To his credit, Director Gravelle has helped us all. He wrote the amendment to put an end to double dipping with a Constitutional

amendment. This was historical.

By now, you have received your copy of the draft Constitution. I hope you take the time to read it closely. The board has not exercised its authority on whether they will allow the members to vote for the new constitution. This new draft is hardly a template document. Members worked over a year and half to create this new Constitution. Our first constitution, the one we are using now, was the one the federal government gave us. It is a corporation style and does not represent the thinking of sovereign individuals who consider the next generation.

I have faith that our members are intelligent, you can read the document, you can see that it will provide us with a checks and balance system and a separation of



Robert LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

powers. There needs to be a limit to powers. The board should not pass the laws and then interpret the law. This is not how a democracy works. The government

needs to be subordinate to the members. The members drafted this new Constitution and I think they should be given the right to vote on it.

Years ago, we spent a great deal of time on our economic goals and very little on building a truly stable government. We need to spend time building a democratic system that includes all the members but we also need to spend some time watching over our casinos. We need that balance.

Lets face it: there is more competition for the "gaming" market. And we are seeing a dip in our revenues. The whole game is changing right now. We need to be able to change with the times. We need creativity, the kind that sells. We need imagination, and, above all, innovation.

We don't have a clear identity right now. We have not been consistent in the utilization of our casino logo. There was never a proper roll out when we changed our logo and right now it is being hidden with some color schemes that hide it. Advertising should be understood more as an investment than an expense. The chairman is aware of this problem, he and I are working on evaluating the locations and cost of each bill board. I will be taking a trip into Canada to check on our signs up there and down state to photograph each sign. This is best way to have a proper analysis.

We will be taking the month of July off. I wish you all a safe summer and hope you can enjoy some of the celebrations taking place this year.

Director Chase reports to Unit IV

At the June 19 board meeting in Marquette some resolutions were tabled because the board had not had time to discuss them prior to the meeting at a workshop. We have requested that resolutions not be put on the board meeting agenda for a vote until they have been reviewed at a workshop.

The following resolutions were tabled:

- 1). Employment information 1 and 2.
- 2). Permitting all members to exercise constitutional rights.
- 3). Creating an independent judiciary by referendum.
- 4). Seven plus one plus one facilitation.
- 5). Linking the strategic plan and budget process.

These resolutions will be scheduled for review at a workshop and then be put back on a board meeting agenda for a final vote.

We have seen a decrease in our two percent dollar amounts available for the spring distribution cycle. We have had to cut back on distribution amounts to some of projects we normally fund. Hopefully, in the fall, total the distribution amounts will increase.

Short term two percent funds have been distributed to the following projects and units of gov-

ernment in Unit IV:

Bay de Noc School - Indian education	\$3,000
City of Manistique - Little Bear West	\$7,500
Delta County Sheriff's Dept. Rescue Dive Team	\$1,000
Escanaba Public School - Indian education	\$3,000
Gladstone Area Public School - cultural enhancement	\$3,000
Gwinn Area Public Schools - American Indian Enrichment Program	\$3,000
Ishpeming Public School - Indian education	\$3,000
Manistique area schools - Indian education	\$3,000
Maple Ridge Township - equipment upgrades	\$500
Negaunee schools - Indian education	\$3,000
Rapid River Public School - Indian education	\$3,000
Village of Garden - fireworks	\$1,500
Anishnabee Living Traditions Community Learning Program	\$2,873.88
West Branch Township - recreation center	\$7,500
MSU Extension Office - Christmas baskets	\$1,500
Sawyer Village - community center	\$3,000
Total distribution:	\$49,373.88
Long term spring distributions:	

Naubinway snowmobile museum: At the Escanaba board meeting, the tribal board approved leasing tribal land to the Top of The Lake Snowmobile Museum LLC. The tribe will not receive any lease monies for that property. They plan on establishing a snowmobile museum, educational center and tourism center and a tribal elder center. I did not support this resolution because Escanaba elders and the Marquette area elders have been waiting for meeting space for years. In fact the tribal board took away the funding for the Escanaba area community building. The community there does not have any space to hold community events, let alone elder meetings. Escanaba and Marquette area elders committees have been formed for nine plus years, and Naubinway elders were just recognized this year.

Constitutional convention: A workshop was held on June 6 in St. Ignace to review the proposed draft of the new Constitution. The board met with some of the Constitutional Committee members and one of the attorneys hired to assist with the process. Some of the board members reviewed the document for the first time that day and then the committee members were honored for their

service in drafting the document with a drum ceremony, pipe ceremony and gifts. Aaron had originally scheduled a special meeting on June 6 to vote on the final draft of the Constitution and send it out immediately for a Secretarial Election vote. Board members asked Aaron to cancel the June 6 special meeting and hold a workshop instead. Most board members hadn't even read or received a copy of the draft document before that day.

This document is too important to rush, some of the items in the document could cost millions of dollars to implement, we haven't even met with our chief financial officer to discuss the financial impact to the tribe to implement any or all parts of this Constitution. One estimate given to us could cost over two to three million dollars, (just for part of the judicial system). We have a fiduciary responsibility to the tribe and membership and all the more reason to slow down and to make sure when this document is put to the membership for a vote that we can afford to implement it. In talking to tribal members some say they were not given ample opportunity to voice their concern or give proper input. The membership needs to be informed com-



Denise Chase
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

pletely before this document is voted on. We should not be afraid to slow down and allow more time and not rush the process.

Some of the areas of concern brought up by members are:

- 1) Wasn't the committee only supposed to amend parts of the constitution (like the separation of powers)?
- 2) What is the total financial impact to the tribes budgets going to be?
- 3) Community meetings not advertised correctly and poorly attended.
- 4) What is going to happen to the current services to members living in the seven-county service area if you

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Director Miller reports to Unit IV

Things are looking up on a major concern with the St. Ignace property and the location of the gaming area. The chairman was in Washington, D.C., last week and did deliver an excellent testimony describing our situation. Deputy Skibine of the Department of the Interior also did testimony that was strongly supportive of rectifying the designation of this land in question and properly designating the land in reservation status. It looks good to this point. Representative Bart Stupak introduced a bill, HR 2120, basically requesting the same thing. Hopefully, with the push from these two areas, we

can get the problem corrected. The board has been diligently working on normal business which includes oversight of the budget. In this time of belt tightening, we are very cognizant of the programs and the bottom line. Maintaining the level of membership services available, while keeping the expenses in line, demands a constant effort by the board. Work continues on the constitutional convention. We now have a finalized draft from the working committee. The board needs time to go through it with the deliberate scrutiny that it deserves. This is the most important document in the recent

history of the tribe and it needs to be handled as such. The JKL Bahweting school expansion continues. The \$1.3 million dollar modular project is underway in an attempt to have additional classrooms open for a Sept. 7 start. This is a tight timeline to meet, wish us luck. The permanent school building expansion is moving along, although it is just in the planning and design phase. The JKL fiduciary board is becoming more active in the area of the BIA funded education system and is attending more of the conferences and meetings held concerning the improvement of education. This will enable the

board members to become more knowledgeable about the educational needs with which they deal. The first annual "Gathering of the Clans Powwow" was held at the Manistique Tribal Center over the June 16 and 17 weekend. Denise Chase, Tim Derwin and the others who helped organize and work it, did an excellent job. It was very well attended for a first year powwow. I think we have the beginnings of a very good event for years to come. I am hoping that everyone is healthy and has an excellent summer. If you have any issues or concerns, please call me at 644-3334 or 322-3827.



Tom Miller
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Director Hoffman reports to Unit I

In the past few weeks many changes have occurred throughout the tribe. As you may have read in the past issue of the paper, or in various articles in this edition, the 7+1+1 Litigation has changed.

4+1+1 LITIGATION (formerly 7+1+1)

The tribe has settled with three of the litigants from the 7+1+1 litigation. During a court mandated mediation of the lawsuit the majority of the board of directors, including the chairperson agreed by consensus to settle with three of the litigants. I was among the eight that followed our attorney's advice and agreed to settle with the litigants. Our attorney recommended that the tribe settle with the three litigants to strengthen our overall case.

I make no excuses; the decision that I cast was in the best interest of the tribe. **EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS THE CHAIRPERSON, PARTICIPATED IN THE MEDIATION PROCESS.** Each individual based their decision on what they felt was best for the tribe.

NEW CONSTITUTION

The tribe's new Constitution has taken center stage in the most

recent tribal newspaper articles, mass media releases and even employee group-wise e-mail accounts. There are accounts reported that "rogue" board members are attempting to sabotage or subvert the constitutional process. The truth is that you have a board of directors that wishes to do the due diligence to review the document with the Constitutional Convention Committee and the membership. A document of such magnitude is not something that you rush. Look what happened to the St. Ignace Casino when it was rushed? One or two individuals who control the media and communications of this paper are alleging that 11 other board members are a "minority rogue faction." The 11 board members are concerned about what is best for the entire membership. They are not using it for a political platform for the upcoming election cycle. The image that is being portrayed to the outside is that a minority of the board is attempting to thwart this process. Eleven members of the board of directors are a definitive majority that is trying to follow the process of working with the Constitutional Convention Committee on the new Constitution. The minority

faction that is being communicated to the membership is composed of two individuals attempting to politicize the process to garner future votes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

I have been working collaboratively with the tribe's budget manager and CFO to draft legislation regarding aligning the budgetary process with strategic planning. We have been able to draft budget modification policies that have been adopted by the tribe that inhibit departments from non appropriated spending. For example, no longer will a department be able to spend funds from one line item to another without an appropriate budget modification. If funds are needed, they must be budgeted appropriately and justified in detail. While the strategic planning portion has met some political resistance, I will continue to work on this legislation with all representatives who seek to not only plan responsibly for our present, but for future generations as well.

JKL BAHWETING SCHOOL

In the past month the board has appropriated funds for the expansion of the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Public School Academy. I voted no on the 1.49 million-dollar expenditure. I am fully supportive of the expansion project, however at the time of the vote there was no lease in place to guarantee re-payment of the tribe's purchase. I will not vote to approve projects that do not have funding in place. I am pleased to say that three weeks after the expansion funding appropriation vote was passed a separate lease agreement was passed unanimously. This agreement provided the funds necessary to pay for the scope of the project. Yes... it was done backwards. We must not continue the practice of putting the cart before the proverbial horse.

LICENSE PLATES

The process of tribal license plates for members that live on reservation property is close to becoming reality. Our attorneys have researched this process and have concluded that it is not only feasible, it is affordable. I will be working with the attorneys to draft legislation to make this concept a reality in the near future.

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, the tribe conducts a golf scholarship drive for various scholarships awarded. In fact, nearly 17 scholarships were awarded from this fund in the past year alone. The fund has grown at a very healthy rate. It sets at nearly \$500,000 to date. As you

can clearly see, the funds allocated are a mere four percent of the fund's total. I proposed legislation to establish four scholarships for tribal members who are often overlooked. With unanimous approval by the board of directors, the tribe will begin offering four \$1,000 scholarships for tribal members with special needs this summer. Two of the scholarships will be for those 18 and under, and two will be allocated for those 19 and above. Please contact the tribe's Education Department if you are interested in applying for these funds.

GREEKTOWN INTERNSHIPS

In the next few weeks, I will be submitting legislation to the tribal board of directors, as well as the Greentown Management Board, to establish internship opportunities for tribal members at our Greentown Casino. The intent is to provide paid internship positions for tribal members within management areas in the spring, summer and fall of each calendar year. I am proposing four internships in the summer and two in the fall and spring respectively.

GREEKTOWN CASINO

Greentown Casino is on schedule. There was a time in the past few months that I would not have been able to say that. Many board members have been diligent in ensuring that our tribe's most expensive endeavor also becomes our most lucrative. There are those that attempt to politicize the fact that certain board members attend regularly scheduled construction and management board meetings. The fact of the matter is simple, every board member has at one time or another stated that the "future is Detroit." If that is the case, then why do so many spend all of their time dwelling on the past, while ignoring the "FUTURE." We cannot afford the same types of problems that have affected our St. Ignace property occur in Detroit. **WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION!** At the most recent management board meeting we did not have enough board members present for a simple quorum. Greentown is a big part of our future, people need to start being responsible and acting like it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)

Flounder is a word that could be utilized to describe the process so far in re-establishing the EDC. Diversification is an integral part of our future. We cannot afford to take diversification lightly. We must set aside time to develop the committee structure so that we can begin upon the path to diversification with regards to our business



DJ Hoffman
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

interests.

There are many board members who are supportive of the process of establishing a new EDC, however, there are also naysayers who point to the mistakes of the past. I will be scheduling an EDC development discussion on Monday, July 9, from 5-7 p.m. Those who wish to participate are welcome, and encouraged to attend. For more information regarding the location and future dates, please feel free to contact me anytime.

FREE HOUSE

Yes, that the above mentioned title is exactly what is stated. I remember as a child watching the tribe give away two homes to tribal members. The ironic thing is that it never once occurred again. When I brought up the idea some thought I was crazy, "you can't do that!" My only response was, "Why not?" I am currently working with the tribe's Housing Department to establish parameters for a home give-away. We have contacted many vendors, as well as construction workers to solicit assistance in making this concept a reality. One local business developer actually offered to donate an existing home.

Please do not call housing about this yet. It is clearly being planned, developed, and subject to board approval. However, if you can help in anyway, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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 person 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!

Sincerely, DJ Hoffman.

I can be contacted at home at 635-6945, by cell at 322-3801, or toll free at (888) 4-DIHOFF. E-mail: djwhoffman@hotmail.com Web: www.membership-first.com

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add three more additional units below the bridge?

5). Will services be cut and possibly clinics closed down in the seven-county service area?

6). We won't get additional Indian Health Service dollars if you expand the service area and that means the health dollars will decrease to the current service area, and that means programs could shut down.

7). Who decided to add the three units below the bridge; why stop there, why not the whole U.S., why are they the only ones to be added?

6). You have no money in Contract Health right now, your working on emergency priority one and are turning members away for services and having elders pay co-pays on services like prescriptions, what is the cost going to be to expand? We need these answers before voting on parts of that constitution.

7). When are you going to take care of the elderly and members living in the current service area? We don't have access to community centers, we still travel one to two hours for medical/dental treatment or more.

There are many questions that need to be answered before we vote to implement the new constitution, the main one that

people are asking and every board member knows the answer to already is: Where is the money going to come from — is it budgeted for already or in the savings? No.

Manistique powwow:

We held our first Gathering of the Clan Powwow last weekend (June 16 and 17). It was very well attended, and although it rained on Saturday just before the feast meal, the weather cleared and the sun came back out and we could continue on with our auction and grand entry. We are already starting to plan for next year's powwow and are still looking for volunteers, if you would like to sign up call the Manistique Tribal Center at (906) 341-6993.

We would like to say meg wetch to everyone who donated items to the raffle and auction and to everyone who brought a dish to pass for the feast. Thank you to all the volunteers and workers who helped make our powwow a huge success, we couldn't have done it without you. We are getting back good reports that everyone enjoyed our gathering and we hope to see you back next year.

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



Head veteran Dale Anderson and veterans dance in the eagle staffs and flags during Grand Entry.



Tom Shampine, dedicated member of the Manistique Powwow Committee, cooked fry bread for two days straight.



Gilbert, Melissa McKeshick and Raymond Cadotte (in regalia, L-R) lead the dance line.

Manistique powwow

The Sault Tribe's powwow season opened with the first powwow ever celebrated on the site of the Manistique Community Center on June 16-17. Master of ceremonies for the event was Stan Spruce and the arena director was Fred Shelfoe. Dale Anderson was the head veteran dancer; T.J. Derwin, head male dancer; and Melissa McGeshik was the head female dancer. Bawating Singers performed as the host drum, along with co-host drum Four Thunders from the Baraga and Watersmeet areas.

The Sault Tribe Manistique Area Powwow also featured the participation of uniformed

representatives of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) veterans who arrived in a specially marked van. The dark blue van featured the emblems of all five U.S. military branches flanked with feathers, likenesses of the U.S. flag, heraldry devices of the KBIC veterans on the front doors and "KBIC Veterans" written in red running along the top of the windshield.

A handful of vendors were also on hand to peddle their wares meet with others.

In spite of the heat and humidity, it appears everyone enjoyed the event.



Raven Commanda, a grade 6 student at JKL Bahweting PSA, began work on this painting in January after his art teacher, Bill Morrison, gave him the large canvas. He took four months to finish his painting completely on his own. A representation of the Anishinabe legend of how Nanabush created the world, it may be seen at the JKL Bahweting library.



The Four Sacred Medicines

By CH'GUIGOOKUA

Semaa (tobacco): Semaa is one of the four sacred plants, representing the eastern direction. Semah is used in the offering of prayer to the Creator, acting as a medium for communication. It is either offered to the sacred fire, so the smoke can lift the prayers to the Creator, or it is set on the ground in a nice, clean place. This is done on a daily basis as each new day is greeted with prayers of thankfulness. The elders say to hold it in your prayers of thankfulness. It is used as an offering when seeking knowledge or advice from an elder or when a pipe is present.

Shkodawabuk (sage): Shkodawabuk is used in much the same ways as keezhik. It is burned as a purifier, but when compared to the piney scent of cedar, sage has a spicy air. Shkodawabuk represents the western direction.

Keezhik (cedar): Keezhik represents the southern direction. The leaves are cleaned from the stems and separated into small pieces, which are used in many ways. When



Photo by Melissa Causley

Jordan Heath from Cheboygan picked weengush (sweetgrass) with the Cultural Camp on Sugar Island June 20.

burned, keezhik acts as a purifier, cleansing the area in which it is burned and emitting a pleasant scent. Elders say to put some in your shoes and only goodness will come your way.

Weengush (sweetgrass): Weengush is known for its beautifully sweet aromatic scent, which is enhanced by the rain or when it is burned. Weengush, too, is a purifier.

Many things are made with weengush, such as coiled baskets. It is often braided and

thus signifies the hair of Kash-naki (our mother, the earth). Each of the three sections that go into the braid have a specific meaning — mind, body and spirit.

Those wanting to learn more about Anishinaabe spirituality may seek guidance from both elders and teaching lodges. From time immemorial, knowledge has passed down from generation to generation in the oral tradition. This is a practice that should not be lost.



Daniella and Pablo Belajaro (L-R) from Ishpeming.

Photos by Nat...

Animal symbols of the tribal flag

The turtle, mikinaak, represents the earth mother we stand on, sustaining us with constancy and generosity. Mikinaak is the emissary between beings of another world and time, thought given and thought received, and representing clarity of communication.

Crane — Ajijaak

Ajijaak represents eloquence of leadership and direction. The crane's voice is unique and infrequent. When a crane speaks, all listen. Ajijaak is the spokesman for the clans.

Rabbit — Waabooz

Waabooz represents Nanabozho, a messenger from Gichi Manidoo, an intermediary on earth among different species of beings and an advocate for the Anishinaabeg, to whom he imparted the gift of knowledge.

Eagle — Migizi

Migizi received from Gichi Manidoo the gifts of strong wings, keen sight and proud bearing. Eagle symbolizes courage and pre-knowledge.



Deer — Waawaashkeshi

Waawaashkeshi received from Gichi Manidoo the gift of grace. Waawaashkeshi symbolizes love. The deer people are known as the gentle people.

Bear — Mukwa

Mukwa received from Gichi Manidoo the gifts of courage and strength. Mukwa is representative of all medicinal powers in creation and passes on knowledge through dreams and visions.

The four directions

The color panels on the tribal flag represent the four direction and the circle of life.

The eastern direction is known as waaban; yellow, rising

sun, spring, the time of youth. The southern direction is known as zhaawan; red, mid-day, summer, the time of young adulthood. The western direction is known as bangishimog (or ebangishimog); black, setting sun, autumn, the time of middle age. The northern direction is known as giwedini (or kewadin); white, midnight, winter, the time of old age.



Firekeeper Jerry Bochs was on fire in the dance arena.

Understanding our powwows

The powwow, or jingtamok, has historical, social and spiritual value to American Indian people.

During the powwows, wisdom passes from elders to children. The young, who are just beginning their journeys, share a closeness to the Creator. To those who have newly arrived and to those who will soon leave it, the world is especially beautiful.

GRAND ENTRY

All the dancers enter the dance circle arena from the eastern direction in a single file, signifying this is where everything begins. The dancers at the head of the line have a place of honor, respect and responsibility. As the dancers fill the arena, they will begin to create a circle on the outer perimeter of the dance arena, representing the sacred circle.

POWOW PROTOCOL

During the grand entry, flag songs and honor songs, please stand. Men will please remove their hats. It is not disrespectful for elders to remain seated.

When an eagle feather is being retrieved from the dance circle, please refrain from taking photographs.

Always ask permission before taking a picture of dancers when they are outside the dance circle. Also ask permission before taking a picture of the drummers and their drum.

THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES (EMCEE)

At today's powwow, the emcee is your guide. He will let everyone know what is happening at the powwow. Listen to his directions, and if you need some guidance, don't be afraid to ask the emcee.

Powwows are fun events, but they are also sacred events. The emcee will let everyone know that grand entry is about to begin and ask everyone to rise. He will give everyone instructions and tell

us about the songs and tell us all what we should do during that time.

As the powwow ensues, the emcee will make announcements about what songs will be performed and let people know when they can dance and when they cannot dance.

Before taking any photos or recordings of ceremonies, it is necessary to ask permission from the person or group you are recording. The emcee will also know when it is okay to take photos or video. Don't be afraid to ask.

RESPECTFUL POWWOW BEHAVIOR

At a powwow, it is important to respect others, with special attention to the elders, drummers, singers, and dancers. Beyond common courtesy, there are a few specific behaviors some visitors may not be aware of unless they are informed:

Drug free — Powwows are drug and alcohol-free events. Do not bring alcohol or drugs to a powwow or come to the powwow while intoxicated.

Dogs — Dogs are not allowed around the powwow area. This is because dogs are the descendants of wolves, and since the Creator once separated Anishinaabe and wolves to go their separate ways, the Anishinaabeg keep their dogs away from their ceremony and ask others to do the same.

Children — People should take good care of their children at powwows. Do not hold children while dancing in the dance area. The child may be construed as a gift to the Creator.

Seating — Bleachers are provided at the powwow, but many bring their own chairs and visitors are welcome to do so as well. Since these are all privately-owned chairs, no one else should use them unless they have permission.



Collin and Joe Jauakuri (L-R) during an intertribal dance.



Jingle dress dancer Melissa McGeshick, head female dancer, and Raymond Cadotte (L-R) in men's traditional regalia.

Head male dancer TJ Derwin and Paul Halvorson (L-R) during the men's traditional dance.



Tribal elder has green thumb



What makes a garden grow? Long hard hours and a good old fashioned garden hoe. Norma Castro, above, can be seen most days when the sun is shining taking care of the elder's garden on Ice Circle in the Sault.

Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe member leads band to Greektown Casino



BY ARTHUR MILLER

CHICAGO — Backyard is a six-piece band in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, Ill. The band was started in 1998 and they play the Chicago area as well as out of state venues.

In February, Backyard played at the Greektown Casino in Detroit where they had great response from the crowd.

The band members are Hanan Hall, lead vocals; Frank Sanzi, drums; Ray Burakowski, keyboards; Jay Leonteos, lead guitar and vocals; Eddie Matthews, lead guitar and vocals; and Sault Tribe member Art Miller, bass guitarist and song writer.

Their CD, "American Dream," recorded at Wuli Records in Chicago, has been getting recent air play at WPIQ in Manistique, WYXX in Escanaba, and WMQT in Marquette.

Backyard hopes to play at special events and other tribal casinos including Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

The CD should be available later this summer.

Check out their Web site at www.newbackyard.net

newbackyard.net for song samples and additional information including a link to their MySpace profile.

Arthur Miller is the son of Martha Miller of Cooks, Mich.

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Girls into missionaries: Cairns and Sorenson learn to minister to the poor



Left: Jenna Cairns and Kori Sorenson

SUBMITTED BY WILMA CAIRNS

In September 2006 Sault Tribe members, Jenna Cairns, 19, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Kori Sorenson, 18, of St. Ignace, left for Tyler, Texas, to attend Youth with a Mission (YWAM), a missions training school that trains and sends missionaries all over the world.

Cairns and Sorenson completed discipleship training school, which requires three months of intense training and coursework and two months of outreach. In January they and 24 other students left to complete outreach in the U.S. and Africa. They spent three weeks traveling across the United States to work, speak and perform dramas and dances at schools and churches. They spent a week in Washington, D.C., demonstrating to support the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act under review in the U.S. Supreme Court.

They left the U.S. for Burlington, South Africa, to spend a month helping to build an orphanage and working in the poverty stricken village to help the children.

Burlington was the hardest part emotionally for the girls, seeing the malnourished children and babies with little clothing and no parents, and homes made of sticks and mud. But Burlington was also the best part of the trip, playing with the children and holding them to show them the love they never received.

Cairns and Sorenson headed back to Texas in April to attend the School of Evangelism for another three months of training and coursework and another two months of outreach. In July, they will travel to Haiti with eight classmates.

Cairns is a 2006 graduate of Sault Area High School and a graduate of the U.P. North School of Cosmetology. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kim Cairns of Sault Ste. Marie and the granddaughter of Wilma Cairns, and Marna and Clayton McGahey, all of the Sault.

Sorenson, a 2006 graduate of LaSalle High School, is the daughter of Tamara Sorenson of Tucson, Ariz., and Donny Sorenson of St. Ignace, granddaughter of Duane and Dorothy Sorenson of Springfield, Mo.

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Spencley graduates summa cum laude

On June 3, Sault Tribe member Sasha Spencley graduated summa cum laude from Charlevoix High School with a grade point average of 3.90. She received the Honor Cord, National Honor Society Cord, NHS Department of Education Presidential Excellence Award, academic pin and the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Award. Spencley has received an academic pin for each of her four years of high school.

Spencley has also excelled in sports throughout high school, playing basketball for four years, receiving most valuable player in her freshman year and defensive player award as a sophomore and senior. She was selected to the all-conference team and to the Lake Michigan conference dream team in basketball in her senior year.



Spencley also played volleyball and softball for four years. As a sophomore, she received honorable mention and

all-conference during her sophomore and junior years in softball. She was voted most valuable player last year in the Sutton Bay volleyball invitational and was selected to the all-conference team.

Spencley plans to attend Michigan State University this fall to study nursing.

She is the daughter of Dean and Patti Spencley of Charlevoix, granddaughter of Sharlene and Gary Spencley, and great-granddaughter of Judd and William Kerridge.

Sault Young Champions headed for nationals after taking state

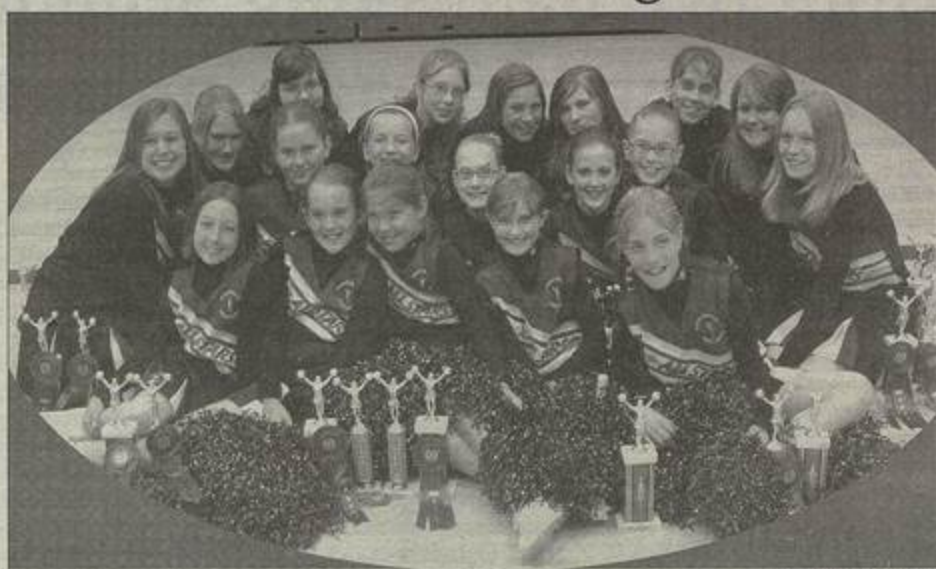


Photo by Rick Smith

Most of the Sault Young Champions competition cheerleading team are shown here in the gym of Sault Area High School at an organization function.

By RICK SMITH

After going through state competitions, the Sault Young Champions competition cheerleading team is headed to Madison, Wis., to participate in national competition on Aug. 4.

The team is part of a national organization called Young Champions of America. The organization has programs geared for children aged 4-15 to help promote and instill positive traits in them. Competition cheerleading is one of those programs.

Cheerleading originated as an all-male activity that evolved from crowd chants at collegiate sporting events in the 1880s into organized cheering squads in the 1890s. Females began participating in the 1920s and incorporated the tumbling and gymnastics. By the 1940s, cheerleading was dominated by females and, by the 1950s, most high schools had cheerleading squads.

Another Young America cheer-

leader program started June 1 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Fran Weber, Young Champions human resources manager in Wyoming, Mich., said the Young Champions organization is impressed with the Sault team. "At level four, there were approximately 30 teams that placed in regional competitions and competed in the state competition. The Sault team is a fairly new team but they beat out older, more experienced teams. They were quite impressive," she said.

Sault Tribe members on

Povey earns 2007 Principal's Award

Adam Povey, son of Robert and Valerie Povey and Lisa Moran, received the 2007 Principal's Award this year. He intends to attend Lake Superior State University of Michigan Tech to go into the engineering field. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.



Way to go!

the team are Chelsie Hillock, Alexis Macarthur, Kelsie McGahey, Katie Thompson, Jacquelyn Komarnizki, Cassandra Komarnizki, Emily McKerchie, Billie Sams, Cecilia Atkinson and Charlene Shannon.

Sault Tribe aided the team with transportation and funding.

Stork Report...



Lucy Mae Lester

Proud parents Steven and Tracy Lester of Delton, Mich., would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Mae Lester, on May 23, 2007. She was born at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 19.75 inches in length. Lucy joins her big sister, Lillian Carol.

Grandparents are Merle and Carol Preseau of Cheboygan, Mich., and Waneta and the late William Lester of Delton.

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Principal Nick Oshelski retires from JKL Bahweting School, Susan Palmer hired as administrator

By BRENDA AUSTIN

After 10 years as the principal of JKL Bahweting School, Nick Oshelski said his last good-byes to the kids as they left for summer break. "I really don't have any plans for retirement," he said. "I may look at some educational consulting but for now I have a list of projects to accomplish around the house. I am taking the month of July off to relax and regroup and see what's out there."

Oshelski began his teaching career in 1969 and moved to the Sault in 1971 to teach sixth grade at Lincoln Elementary School. From there he went to Jefferson where he taught fourth and fifth graders before being appointed the principal at Washington Elementary School where he stayed for eight years.

Thirty-seven years after beginning his teaching career, he has made the leap into semi-retirement. "When I first came to JKL Bahweting School I had made up my mind that I would give it three years, and here I am finishing up my tenth year," he said. "It's been a good 10 years. When I first started I think the enrollment was about 175 students; next fall we will be well over 400 students. We have grown considerably and



Nick Oshelski

are now one of the top 20 charter schools in the state. We have a good staff and I feel comfortable in leaving the school in the hands of the administrative team that I put together over the past couple of years. The new superintendent, Susan Palmer, has some good experiences to draw from.

"The last day of school was difficult knowing I was saying good-bye to the children for the last time. I will probably stop in periodically next year to visit the kids and volunteer in the office or kitchen," Oshelski said. "I will have more time now to spend with my three grandsons, Tyler, 16, Ryan, 13, and Carter, 2."

Oshelski said he enjoyed the family atmosphere of the school and helping to create a warm and caring environment for the students. "We must be doing a good job because we still have students on our waiting list and parents still wanting to bring their children here. Where we started and where we have been able to go in the last ten years is a remarkable accomplishment. I couldn't have done it without the staff and the support of parents and the school board."

Newly hired superintendent Susan Palmer, is from Fruitport, Mich., and comes to JKL Bahweting with prior administrative experience. Her most recent position was as assistant superintendent for instructional services at Fruitport Community Schools, a suburban school district with 3,200 students, 200 teachers, 34 support staff, 22 administrative staff and five school buildings with an operating budget of \$28.2 million.

Palmer's educational background includes her current studies as a specialist in educational leadership at Eastern Michigan University. She also holds an M.A. in special education: learn-

ing disabilities from Eastern Michigan University, graduating December 1977. She earned her B.A. in elementary education and special education from Michigan State University in June 1973.

Palmer said, "I am excited to be moving to Sault Ste. Marie. In our visits to the Sault, everyone has been so helpful and friendly. My husband and I love the outdoors, the woods, the trees and the water. We are looking forward to exploring the UP."

"I am very excited to be a part of JKL Bahweting School. I am looking forward to working with staff, students and families to continue the great work that is currently taking place at the school. School communities are an important part of our educational systems and Bahweting already has a strong community piece built in. The saying, 'it takes a village to raise a child' is so true. We need to do our best with the most current research and understandings to make our learners (students) strong, knowledgeable and successful individuals."

"Moving to Sault Ste. Marie and working at Bahweting is going to be a wonderful adventure," Palmer said.

Head Start more than school readiness



LITTLE SPROUTS — Early Head Start students proudly display their bean sprouts, part of a Spring 2007 Early Head Start Science Project. Pictured are (Back row, L-R) Austin Gervais, Jaelyn Azevedo, Jaycee Reil, Tommy Vasser, (Front Row: L-R) Adeleigh Dowd, Sophia Goetz, Avery Calder and Alyssa Malloy. The Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start programs have been providing these kind of services to children and families since 1991.

The programs have centers located both in Chippewa and Mackinac counties. The programs offer both center-based and home-based services, as well as services available to pregnant women. To be eligible to join the program, children must be a member of a federally recognized tribe and families must meet income guidelines. Head Start children must be 3 years old by December 1, 2007. Applications may be picked up at 2076 Shunk Road or call 906-635-7722.

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Students will receive an award of \$25 for each marking period in which all As 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 As, 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 July 13, 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 As or perfect attendance; and, a copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card. If the student has previously been in the program it is not necessary to send a copy of the membership card, since we will have a copy on file. Students may send a photograph if they want it to be published in the Sault Tribe's newspaper but it is not necessary.

The information can be mailed to: The Young Scholars Program, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. All information must be received by July 13, 2007.

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

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More sponsors are needed for the 110 pre-schoolers still on the waiting list to receive a one high quality age appropriate book each month until their fifth birthday.

Under the program, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation provides approximately two-thirds of the actual cost of participation, and the local project provides one third. That means each participating child needs a sponsor who is willing to contribute \$30 per year.

Participation in the Imagination library is free for all families, regardless of family income. This is not a social service program, but a gift to all pre-schoolers living in Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce counties. Families cannot be charged for participation, but can choose to sponsor their own children. Many grandparents sponsor their grandchildren's participation.

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District and the Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Services began this project in March.

If a child enrolls in the Imagination Library project when they are born, they will accumulate a personal library of 60 books before they enter kindergarten.

Sponsors are St. Ignace Area Education Foundation, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, Engadine Friends of the Library, Newberry Education Foundation, The Community Voice, Old Mission Bank, the Elks 552, Rudyard Lions, Antique Tractor Association, JKL Parent Council and many individuals.

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St. Ignace Show Room: Kewadin Casino's new St. Ignace facility features a 30,000 square foot entertainment space which opened in July 2006. In this short time, the facility has seen great performers such as Merle Haggard, Train and George Jones.

Rapids Lounge in Sault Ste. Marie: Need a relaxing evening out? Then come on in to our Rapids Lounge, adjacent to our Huron gaming room at Kewadin Sault! This newly renovated lounge is host to today's up and

coming artists showcasing a variety of musical categories including jazz, reggae, country, classic rock and much more. Get up close and personal with bands which are featured every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The Northern Pines Lounge in St. Ignace: While visiting Kewadin St. Ignace, don't forget to stop by our Northern Pines Lounge. Located in the center of the casino, this pub features the local bands and comedians.

Team Spirits Bar in Manistique: Looking for some laughs? Then stop into our Team Spirits Bar at Kewadin Manistique! Enjoy comedy night every Friday along with local entertainment on the last Fridays and Saturdays of every month.

Stop in any night of the week to watch the hottest sport games on our big-screen televisions. Enjoy drink specials and be sure to bring your appetite because this sports bar is now serving up tasty treats for all to enjoy!

Coming attractions:
June 30: Night Ranger and Survivor outdoor performance in St. Ignace beginning at 8 p.m.

Ticket price is \$10.

July 6: Rick Springfield performing at DreamMaker's Theater. Ticket price is \$35.

July 11: Engelbert Humperdinck performing at the St. Ignace casino. Ticket price is \$42.50

July 20: KISS outdoor perfor-

mance in Sault Ste. Marie at 9 p.m. Ticket price is \$100 reserved and \$75 general.

Aug. 10: Travis Tritt performing at DreamMaker's Theater. Ticket price is \$34

Aug. 18: Alice Cooper performing in the DreamMaker's

Theater. Ticket price and sales dates coming soon.

Aug. 25: Tanya Tucker performing at the St. Ignace casino. Ticket price is \$35.

Sept. 3: Scorpions performing at DreamMaker's Theater. Ticket price is \$35.

Hessel Kewadin adds table games

Customers visiting the Hessel Kewadin Casino can now try their hand playing a casino favorite, blackjack. Until today, this casino only offered slot games for customers. "We have not had blackjack tables available in Hessel for a few years," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "We have had many requests from our customers to bring back the game, so we did."

In April, the casino finalized a renovation plan which included an enlarged gaming space featuring over 30 new slot machines, relocation of casino amenities and revamped office space.

The development was put in place in order to give more gaming options to casino patrons in

the Hessel area and to improve the overall casino. In addition, the renovation plan included moving the casino's Northern Rewards Club to a more available location for customers, renovated office space for team members and other small interior improvements.

The Hessel casino offers nearly 150 slot machines, two blackjack tables, a Northern Rewards Club and the Northern Nook Bar and Grille.

Additional work at the casino in the future could include a complete revamp of the interior design to mirror the décor seen throughout the other Kewadin properties with an emphasis on the northern theme.

Hours for the table games

will be Thursdays and Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. "The team members here are excited to offer the game of blackjack at our site," said Tel Fox, casino manager. "We pride ourselves in offering a Kewadin friendly gaming facility and look forward to seeing our table game customers return."

Kewadin Casino Hessel is three miles from the beautiful Les Cheneaux Islands on Lake Huron. It is the smallest of Kewadin's five Upper Peninsula casinos and offers a deli and Northern Rewards Club.

For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN (539-2646) or visit Kewadin.com.

Kewadin Casinos paid out \$300 million in 2006 jackpots

Customers of Kewadin Casinos won \$285 million in slot jackpots and credits and \$5.8 million in payouts from promotional token machines in 2006. "Many customers do not realize how many jackpots we have each day," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "Our machines pay out well and we have a lot of happy customers on a regular basis."

All slot machines at any casino operate the same way. When a player drops a coin or token into the slot machine, one to three or more reels are activated. These reels spin randomly displaying various symbols that show the player if they have won anything.

Each machine has a random number generator approved by the State of Michigan and tested by the Sault Tribe Gaming Commission. This generator determines whether or not the player will win or lose. Every spin is in no way related to the last spin or the next spin. Every time the reel is set spinning, a new random number is generated. It is this reason that two big winning combinations could occur back to back. When a slot machine is not



LADY FORTUNE — Sarah Mae Boik of Leslie, Mich., took home \$976,786.02 from the Kewadin Casino in Manistique last July.

being played, this computer chip is still generating random numbers.

"It's really about luck," said Goetz.

Of the total jackpots won at Kewadin, 6,472 ranged from \$1,200 to \$1 million and 114 were from promotional or tournament events.

Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel, Mich., offers Vegas style gaming with outdoor recreation. All facilities feature attractive dining choices and two on-site hotel properties in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

Kewadin earns five "Bests"

Readers of *Midwest Gaming & Travel Magazine* gave Kewadin Casinos five distinguishable awards for the Dream Catchers Restaurant, players club and Entertainment Departments. The results of the annual Readers Choice Awards Survey of Native American Casinos will be published in the magazine's July issue.

Readers voted Kewadin Casinos their choice in Michigan in the following categories:

- Best players club, all properties
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 - Best cash back, all properties
 - Favorite casino buffet, Dream Catchers Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie
 - Best concert venue, DreamMaker's Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.
- Midwest Gaming & Travel* is a monthly publication with an editori-

al coverage area that extends across the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin and to cities in neighboring states that enjoy a close proximity to riverboat, Native American, racetrack and land based casinos.

The magazine's casino gaming feature stories, written by nationally known gaming experts, explain games, provide advice and answer questions about all aspects of table games and slot play. Their columnists, most of whom are authors of best-selling gaming books, provide reader-friendly commentaries, easy-to-understand strategies, money management techniques and information aimed at making each casino visit a pleasurable one. The publication provides readers with timely listings of casino events, promotions, entertainment and tournaments.

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There's plenty of help to cover screening costs

BY AMANDA LEONARD
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When it comes to screening costs for breast and cervical cancer, lack of health insurance is of great concern for many women. The good news is there are many resources available to reduce the financial burden of paying for breast and cervical cancer screenings.

One way to reduce costs for tribal members, spouses and employees, is by using the Sault Tribal health facilities within the seven-county service area for screening needs. Unlike many tribal facilities, Sault Tribe Health Center is fortunate to have not only mammography equipment but skilled and experienced mammographers.

No Sault Tribe woman should go without a mammogram for fear of cost. Make an appointment today by calling the nearest Sault Tribal Health Center. Members of a federally recognized tribe (Sault Tribe or other tribe) living outside of the seven-county service area can also seek out care for screenings at any Indian Health Service clinic or tribal clinics throughout the United States.

Another resource available to

women is the National Program for Women's Health. In Michigan this program is called Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), developed to cover screening costs for breast and cervical cancer. In Michigan, a woman is eligible if she is between the ages of 40 and 64, has no insurance or limited screenings insurance, and meets income guidelines based on family size.

Sault Tribe health services participates in the program. Enrollment in this program is easy and takes only a few minutes during an annual woman's health check-up. Those with any questions or who would like more information about the program should speak with their Sault Tribe clinic nurse.

Another method women can use to cover the cost of screening for breast and cervical cancer is government-paid insurance programs, Medicare and Medicaid.

With so many options available to cover screening costs, every woman regardless of age should be able to obtain an annual breast and cervical cancer screening.

The American Cancer Society recommends clinical breast exams for women beginning at age 20,

and annual mammograms for woman who are not at high risk beginning at age 40. Pap tests and pelvic exams for cervical cancer should begin about three years

after beginning sexual activity (but no later than age 21), and be done every 1-2 years. After age 30, women with three normal Pap tests in a row may get screened

less often at their doctor's discretion.

If you are in need of screenings, don't wait, make an appointment, it could save your life!

Generics comparable to brand names in all except cost

(NAPS)—An estimated half of all prescriptions in the United States are filled with generic drugs. These products carry all the medicinal qualities (and side effects) of their brand-name counterparts, but generics tend to have one additional benefit: lower cost.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a generic drug is a copy that is identical to a brand-name drug in dosage, safety, strength, how it is taken, quality, performance and intended use. New drugs, like other new products, are developed under patent protection. The patent protects the investment—including research, development, marketing and promotion—by giving the company the sole right to sell the drug while the patent is in effect.

When patents or other periods of exclusivity on brand-name drugs are near expiration, manu-



facturers can apply to the FDA to sell generic versions. As those manufacturers don't have the same development costs, they can sell their product at substantial discounts. Also, there is greater competition and less advertising, which keeps the price down. For example, in the 1950s, when the analgesic acetaminophen was developed, it was only available under its brand name—Tylenol. Today, acetaminophen can be found in many other pain relief products, including generic and store-brand versions.

"FDA-approved generic drugs are bioequivalent and therapeuti-

cally equivalent to their brand name counterparts," says Gary Buehler, director of FDA's Office of Generic Drugs. "People can use them with total confidence."

Both brand-name and generic drug facilities must meet standards of good manufacturing processes. The FDA conducts about 3,500 inspections each year to ensure standards are met.

Generic firms have facilities comparable to those of brand-name firms. In fact, brand-name firms account for an estimated 50 percent of generic drug production. They frequently make copies of their own or other brand-name drugs but sell them without the brand name.

To learn more about generic drugs, contact your physician, pharmacist or insurance company. Or visit the FDA Web site at www.fda.gov/cder/ogd.

13,000 sisters still needed to help find breast cancer cause

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences needs 13,000 more women to join the Sister Study, the nation's largest research effort to find the causes of breast cancer.

Researchers still don't know what causes the disease. The institute hopes to enroll a total of 50,000 women whose sisters had breast cancer. The Sister Study must meet its enrollment goal by the end of 2007.

Since its national launch in October 2004, The Sister Study has successfully recruited more than 37,000 participants, women whose sisters were diagnosed with breast cancer. Recruitment is far from over.

"Many women have heard about the Sister Study, but they haven't signed up yet and we really need them now," said Dale Sandler, Ph.D., chief of the epidemiology branch at the institute and principal investigator of the

Sister Study. "Doctors know very little about how the environment may affect breast cancer, that is why the Sister Study is so important. We hope women will make that call today," she added.

The Sister Study requires very little time from its volunteers. The 10-year observational study begins with participants answering questions about diet, jobs, hobbies and things they've been exposed to throughout their lives to determine what may influence breast cancer risk. Later, at a convenient time and location for the participant, a female health technician collects small samples of blood, urine, toenail clippings and house dust, which will help give researchers a better picture of the woman's environment and genes.

Women in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, ages 35 to 74, may be eligible to join the Sister Study if their sisters (living or deceased) had breast cancer. Women who

join the Sister Study must never have been diagnosed with breast cancer themselves. Breast cancer affects women from every walk of life, so the Sister Study is seeking women of all backgrounds, occupations, ages and ethnic groups.

The Sister Study follows sound, ethical research practices and keeps all personal data safe, private and confidential. Women who join are not asked to take any medicine, visit a medical center or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life.

To volunteer or learn more about the Sister Study, visit www.sisterstudy.org, or for a Spanish version of the site, visit the site www.estudiodehermanas.org. A toll free number is also available

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Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition conducts a healthy eating assessment

The Chippewa County Building a Healthier Community Coalition (BHCC) has completed the Nutrition Environment Assessment Tool (NEAT). This assessment looks at the community's environment and policies related to promoting and supporting healthy eating. The tool also assesses access to healthy foods within the workplace, community and school settings.

Building a Healthier Community Coalition members believe that people cannot eat healthfully unless their social and physical environment supports healthy eating. There must be opportunities to select healthy foods in the school, workplace and community; to eat in pleasant and comfortable surroundings; and to have access to healthy foods, like fresh fruits and vegetables, in many places in the community. A healthy nutrition environment also provides positive messages that help community members develop healthy eating habits.

This assessment was completed by a sub-committee who researched menu options in family-style restaurants and fast food restaurants, options offered in grocery stores and convenience stores, worksite and school policies and environments, media coverage, medical care practices, community education and programs, and availability of other sources of fruits and vegetables.

This sub-committee then took the completed assessment to the coalition for review and to develop an action plan to improve the environment for healthy eating in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities. After reviewing the completed NEAT, the BHCC discussed important things our community

is doing to create an environment for healthy eating in Sault Ste. Marie. These things include:

- The Farmer's Market is providing fresh produce from local vendors;

- There is an EUP Agricultural Coalition working to strengthen local produce growers and promote sustainable agriculture;

- Many health agencies provide a variety of community education programs to promote healthy eating;

- The local media including *The Evening News*, Radio Soo, and TV9&10 provide routine coverage about health information and health promotion events in our community to provide education and inspiration to promote healthy eating;

- The schools have developed local wellness policies which have helped to bring about many

improvements in the schools' environment for healthy eating; and

- Most important, we have the Building a Healthier Community Coalition — a group of dedicated community members committed to improving the health of Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding areas.

Coalition members then brainstormed on approaches we could take to make our community's environment healthier in the next year. Members decided that we would like to promote healthy food choices at grocery stores. One way is to implement a campaign to create awareness of the importance of "shopping the perimeter" of grocery stores in order to purchase healthier choices and fill your cart with fresh fruits, vegetables and lean meats. The healthiest foods such as produce, unprocessed meats

and dairy products tend to be placed around the perimeter of the store. The unhealthy processed, junk and sugary foods are usually in the middle aisles. Look at your shopping patterns the next time you go to the store. Do you spend more time on the outside or going up and down the middle aisles? If you decrease time in the middle aisles you will find that you buy healthier choices and they are cheaper.

The coalition will also promote the Sault Ste. Marie Farmer's Market. Why should you buy locally? Food is fresher, tastier and more nutritious, it didn't travel hundreds of miles, and you get to meet the people who grow your food.

For more information about healthful eating or the coalition, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Participants in the Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge gain health benefits

How many miles have you walked this week? Participants in the Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge know exactly how many miles of physical activity they log each week. Many participants have reached the 100 mile point to earn a Let's Get Moving Kewadin T-shirt. Others have won prizes in the weekly drawings for turning in miles. But most importantly, all participants have gained the important health benefits of regular physical activity and healthy eating.

As of week five of the challenge, 160 Kewadin casino team members have logged 7,861 miles of physical activity. Participants from Sault Tribe Health Center, Manistique Tribal Health Center, Munising Tribal Health Center, and Chi Mukwa have logged 3,481 miles. All participants are on their way to better health.

There are many ways to incorporate daily physical activity into your life. These are a few suggestions:

- Don't take your health for granted. Often we don't appreciate our health until something happens to limit our ability to enjoy everyday activities.

- Try to add some activity every day. Even if it is a quick walk around the building during lunch hour you will feel much better.

- Find your play! Pick something you like to do — ride your bike or take a canoe trip.

- Write it down! Keeping an activity log or journal is the best way to make yourself accountable and stick to your activity program.

- Don't overdo. Be sensible about your body and limit activities that pound the joints.

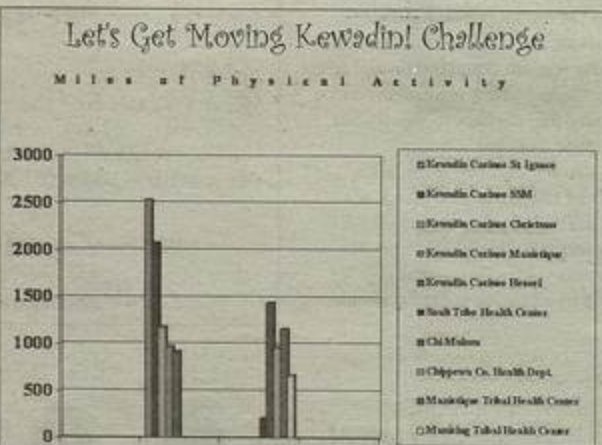
- Variety is the spice of life.

Vary your activities to prevent boredom and injuries related to overdoing one kind of activity.

- Remember that 43 minutes is only three percent of your day. Surely your health is worth that small investment of time.

- Share the joy of active living with others. Healthy lifestyles are contagious. A small committed group of individuals may serve as role models and inspire others to be more active.

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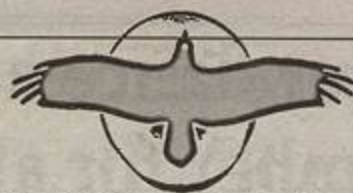
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HARRY L. KILLIPS SR.

Harry L. Killips Sr. passed away Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital. He was born July 17, 1931, to Edward and Thelma (Bernier) Killips in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Harry graduated from Sault High and served in the US Coast Guard. He retired from the Corps of Engineers in 1988. He married Annette Benoit on July 13, 1957, at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage and friendship.

Harry is survived by his wife, Annette; his children Harry and Jonelle Killips, Anne and Alan Suggitt, Katherine Avery, Steve Avery, Michael and Jenny Killips, Frederick and Melissa Killips; his grandchildren Patrick and Jackie Killips, Mindy and Mark Kavanaugh, Thomas and Elizabeth Suggitt, Michael and Kelly Avery, Kimberly Suggitt, Dana Avery, Laura Reese, his best buddy Hunter Killips and his great-granddaughter Gabrielle Irene Killips; his brothers Donald (Joan) Killips, Albert (Richard) (Mary Lou) Killips, Joseph (Marilyn) Killips, Frank Killips and Paul Killips; his sisters Mary (Bill) Conrad, Nancy (Cecil) Jones, and Margaret (Tom) Balgenorth; sisters-in-law, Beverly (Richard) Blair, Mary Lou (Bob) Rose, Rose Killips, Rosemary Quinn, Sally Benoit and Peggy Marble; brothers-in-law Frederick (Linda) Benoit, Merlin Benoit, William (Lucy) Benoit; and his lifelong friend, John Jorgensen Sr.

Harry was predeceased by his parents; a daughter, Joanne Marie; a son, Anthony James; a son-in-law, Daniel Avery; his brothers, John Killips and Edward Killips; a sister, Patricia Hazen; and brothers-in-law John Marble and Richard Benoit.

Harry was a devoted family man who enjoyed hunting, fishing, hockey and baseball. He followed all of his grandchildren as they participated in many dif-

ferent sports and activities.

Visitation and a Funeral Mass were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Pawel Mecwel as Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Chippewa County. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

MARY LOU CODY GRACE

Mary Lou Cody Grace, 77, of North Fond du Lac, Wisc., died April 16, 2007, at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac.

She was born Dec. 17, 1929, in St. Ignace to Edward and Evelyn Rice Cody.

On Aug. 4, 1951, she married Robert Louis Grace.

Survivors include a son, Robert L. Grace, Jr. (Becky); daughters, Kathleen J. Fowle, Janine M. Lamb (Donald); grandchildren, Matt Grace, Gina O'Neil (Pat), Mathan Grace, Emily Grace, Kaleigh Schmitz; brother, William Cody, and sister, Delores (Mario) Calcaterra, both of St. Ignace; brother-in-law, Frances Nakles of Milwaukee, Wisc.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986; a son, Kenneth, in 2001; her parents; five brothers, Leonard, Kenneth, Glen, Raymond and Harold; four sisters, Dorothy, Gladys, Faye Nakles and Shirley Schmid.

A private service for immediate family took place. Uecker Witt Funeral Home of Fond du Lac assisted the family.

SHARON MARIE MAXWELL

Sharon Marie Maxwell passed away in her home in Kincheloe, Mich., on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the age of 51. Sharon was born in Sault Ste. Marie on January 9, 1956, to George John Piippo and Mary Ellen (Obeshaw) Piippo.

Sharon attended Bay Mills Community College and earned

an Associate Degree in Business. She went on to work as an accountant for the Bay Mills Tribe, the Piippo Brothers, and finally the Sault Tribe.

Sharon loved life and lived it to its fullest. She enjoyed going camping and bowling, working on sewing projects, and playing almost any game, especially Euchre. One of her favorite activities was talking; as a result Sharon leaves behind many close family and friends.

Sharon is survived by her parents George and Minnie of Rudyard; her daughters Leah and Dana Pomranky of Kincheloe; her dear friend Marty Nayback of Rudyard; her sister, Shirley Frederick of Utah; her two brothers, George Leonard Piippo of Arizona and Richard Scott Piippo of Big Rapids; and Dana's boyfriend Joe Pavlat of Kincheloe.

A Life Celebration was held for Sharon at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Memorials may be left to the Cancer

Treatment Research Foundation at 1336 Basswood Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173.

MARIANNA "NAN" PAQUIN

Marianna "Nan" Paquin, 75 of St. Ignace died May 22 at Northern Michigan Hospital. She was born in St. Ignace Oct. 8, 1931. Her parents were James B. and Mary (Durkalic) Massaway Sr.

She graduated from LaSalle High School and worked in the family business of restaurants several years. The last restaurant she worked in was the Flame, which her father built. She retired from LaSalle Schools after over 20 years as a teacher aide in 1997.

On April 16, 1953 she married Frederick E. Paquin at St. Ignace Church, and he died Nov. 20, 1981. She was a member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, St. Ignace Church and the Altar Society.

She is survived by a son, Fred J. Paquin, St. Ignace; daughters, Linda (Bruce) Bigger, St. Ig-

nace; Mary Paquin, St. Ignace; and Cathy Edwards (Jim Hettel), St. Ignace; sisters, Lois (Jerry) Boring, and Ruth Massaway, Pittsburg, Pa.; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Massaway, St. Ignace; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, also a daughter-in-law, Wanda Paquin, St. Ignace.

She was preceded in death, besides her husband and parents, brothers, James Jr. and Wally Massaway; sister, Pat Caskey and sister in law, Nan Massaway. Also a great grandson, Jonathon Gugin.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was May 25 at St. Ignace Church with Fr. Norbert Landreville and Deacon Don Olmstead officiating. Burial was in St. Ignace Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Paquin, Bruce Bigger, David Bigger, John Gugin, Adam Gugin, Steven Davenport, and Rich Cullen. Sault Tribe Police Department and Michigan State Police served as honor guard.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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approval of this amendment by our members," said Gravelle. "This is just one reform of many that are needed. We also need to adopt the new Constitution the membership is currently working on, to further address other governmental reforms that are desperately needed, which includes a detailed bill of rights, a separation of powers providing for a true check and balance, an independent judiciary, and broader representation for our members."

Approximately 86 percent

of Sault Tribe members casting votes in the Secretarial Election approved eliminating a board member's right to serve as both an elected official and tribal employee at the same time.

Amendment I of the Sault Tribe's Constitution shall read, "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."

At least one tribe member who has contested the election has indicated they will appeal the results of their challenge.

Dredging of St. Marys River's Tannery Bay resumes

CHICAGO — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with Phelps Dodge and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, will resume dredging contaminated sediment in the St. Marys River at Tannery Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in early June, according to a June 5 press release.

The bay is being cleaned up

under the Great Lakes Legacy Act, signed into law in 2002 to address the problem of contaminated sediment in American areas of concern on the Great Lakes.

The \$8 million cleanup began last July, according to the release. Dredging was halted during winter months. The goal is to remove about 40,000 cubic yards of contaminated sedi-

ment from the bay and a nearby wetland including half a million pounds of chromium and 25 pounds of mercury. The pollution is mainly byproducts from the former Northwestern Leather Co. tannery that operated during the first half of the 20th century.

Interested persons can view the dredging operation by following an access path to a deck overlooking the bay.

Northern Michigan rivers to get summer lampricide treatments

MARQUETTE — According to a United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) press release, the USFWS personnel will continue its sea lamprey control program this summer by surveying for lampreys in accordance with the following timeframe:

June 26 - July 5, 2007

Ford River, Ogontz River, Rapid River, Tacoosh River, and Whitefish River (Delta County), East Twin River and Manitowoc River (Manitowoc County), Sheboygan River (Sheboygan County), Furnace Creek and Five Mile Creek (Alger County), Harlow Creek and Dead River (Marquette County), Menominee River (Menominee County)

These applications are expected to conclude in approximately two to three days.

July 10 - July 19, 2007

Waika River and Galloway Creek (Chippewa County). These applications are expected

to conclude in approximately six to seven days.

Although most surveys are conducted by electrofishing, deep waters require the use of Bayluscide 3.2 percent Granular Sea Lamprey Larvicide or Lampricide, according to the release. Although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that these lampricides do not pose an unreasonable risk to the general public or the environment, it is best to minimize unnecessary exposure. Lampricides, while formulated to be toxic specifically to sea lampreys may have some effect on a few other fish, insects and broadleaf plants. Anyone utilizing stream water to confine bait fish or other organisms should use an alternative water source. Also, stream water should not be used for agricultural irrigation for 24 hours during and following treatment.

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Father-daughter dance a night to remember for all

RACHEL MANDELSTAMM
SAULT STE. MARIE, UNIT 1

Proud dads escorted their little girls to the father-daughter dance on June 15 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in the Sault.

It was a night to remember for those who participated. Well over 50 well-dressed young ladies and father figures attended the dance.

A volleyball court was turned into a whole new world when the young ladies and gentlemen walked through the streamers that hung down in front of the doorway. Purple and white balloons decorated were all over the walls and floor of the court. Music was up-beat and made interaction easy and fun. Mike Libertoski and his father, Mike, were the disc jockeys for the event.

Planning was done in honor of Father's Day and Men's Health Month. The dance provided a healthy way for dads to enjoy spending time with their daughters. When the fathers and daughters were tired from dancing the night away and needed



Joleen Sweet and John Carter

a break, they were able to enjoy healthy snacks and drinks.

Music was provided by a donation from Sault Tribe Housing. Sault Tribe Community Health donated the refreshments. Sault Tribe Head Start contributed all

the paper products and Youth Education and Activities provided the decorations and rental for the volleyball court. Also, the ACFS Fundraising Committee did a great job collecting funds and helping at the dance.

The Sault Tribe Public Awareness Committee organized a planning committee with the following Sault Tribe programs and members: Dana Patrick, Housing; Kristi Cleary, Big Bear Fitness; Michelle Willis, Community Health Education; Julie Menard, ACFS; Mary Green, Sault Tribe Head Start; Rachel Mandelstamm and Laura Porterfield, Youth Education and Activities; and YEA summer interns Becky Marquardt, Drew Paquin, and Joe McPherson.

The event was a huge success! Thanks for all the help and support from all the different departments who made this event possible. And a special thanks to the people who attended the dance, I hope to see everyone again next year!

YEA offers summer fun for kids

BY RACHEL MANDELSTAMM
SAULT STE. MARIE, YEA UNIT 1

Ssssszzzz! That's the YEA summer programs starting up for another fun filled summer in the sun. There are many different programs going on this summer on-site and off such as the Circle of Life program, Little Learners program, Summer Enrichment program, plus computer/homework lab, tutoring and field trips.

The Circle of Life program is run by Rachel Mandelstamm. It is a five-week program combining a unique blend of fun, culture and education. We will visit the culture museum, make fossils, go to two powwows and camp, learn about the medicine wheel, make ribbon shirts and shawls, and even cook traditional foods. It starts July 6 and runs through Aug. 5.

for children in grades five through eight.

The program consists of two weekend camping excursions and three weeks of Tuesday-Thursday field trips and on-site activities.

The Little Learners program is run by Merran Behling and Laura Porterfield and runs July 16-Aug. 15 every Monday-Wednesday. Little Learners is for children in grades one through five. The program will give kids more insight into their culture learning language, medicine wheel teachings, storytelling and so much more. The program is fun, free and educational. Both programs run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and transportation is provided.

The Summer Enrichment program is sponsored by Sault Area

Public Schools Title VII Native American Parent Committee and Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities. During four weeks they focus more on powwows, creative writing, Anishinaabemowin, games, math, science and fieldtrips. The head teacher is Mr. Houghton with assistance from a YEA intern, Drew Paquin.

The computer and homework lab is open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. Tutors are always on hand and ready to help kids. They can come in and play a board game, play on the computers, draw, use the Internet responsibly, paint, do crafts and just be creative. This is not the room for parents; it's a kids' room in which they can use their imagination to their fullest.

Escanaba area has fun activities planned

BY KELLY CONSTANTINO

ESCANABA — What a great month we had in the Escanaba area. We continued with some of our days filled at the Hang Out Zone. The Hang Out Zone has tutoring, homework and computer labs, culture and crafts, educational games, outdoor activities, swimming, day trips and so much more. Youth from five through 12 are welcome.

We took a day trip to the Nahma Indian Point Cemetery along with Jack and Betty Majestic along with the Manistique Youth Education and Activities program. We had the pleasure of raking and cleaning the cemetery. All worked so hard but we also enjoyed the time we spent together. What a blessing to take care of the grounds of our tribal members who have walked on. Many thanks to all who helped. Also thanks to all who helped to set up the pizza party for the children and elders who helped with the cleaning.



The Manistique Youth Education and Activities Program, along with Jack and Betty Majestic, raked and cleaned the Mahma Indian Point Cemetery recently.

As for the rest of this month of June, we will be on day trips to the beach, nature walks, culture teachings and so much more.

Don't forget to get signed up for the Circle of Life Program, the program starts July 6 and runs through Aug. 7, sign up now.

space is limited. For information please call me, Kelly Constantino, Unit IV Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities coordinator in Escanaba at (906) 789-0976 or (906) 322-0832, or e-mail kconstantino@saulttribe.net.

Hessel holds student, volunteer ceremony



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

FEASTED AND FETED — Surrounding the Mukkwa Giizhig Community Drum after a fine feast, recognitions and drumming are (Back row, L-R) Lisa Burnside, Cal Burnside, John Causley, Jr., Shelly Price, Katelyn Williams, Hollie Currie, Erin Currie, Tanya Graham, Eric Cardwell (Les Cheneaux Community Schools Title VII Indian Education LEA and elementary principal), Madison Cardwell, Eric Burnside, Terrie Milligan, (Front row, L-R) Pat Causley, Gene Biron, Gregory Currie, Scott Morrow, Blake Leapley, Morgan McQuiston, Kim Leapley and tribal elder Margaret Vassar.

HESSEL, Mich. — Students and volunteers were recognized at a special dinner held in their honor at the Hessel Tribal Center May 24. After a fine feast, Lisa Burnside and Dee Eggert handed out certificates. Then, Burnside had something special to say about every volunteer and what made each of them unique. But the tables were turned when volunteers spoke about the great contributions and dedication she has made to the Hessel youth over the years.

The Mukkwa Giizhig Community Drum was in attendance, with youth singers.

Volunteers recognized were Margaret Vassar, Gene Biron, Jan Biron, Lana Causley, Dorothy Currie, John Causley, Jr., Dorothy Royer, Dorothy Huffman, Roy Dutcher, Helen Beacom, Candy Currie, Greg Currie, Patricia Causley, Eric Cardwell, Randy Schaedig, Susie Rutledge, Renee Hamel, Mona Gugin, Terrie Milligan, Ashlee Meilke, Nicole Huffman, Tanya Graham, Hollie Currie, Keely Gough, Terry LaTour, Kelly Whitefeather and Cal Burnside.

The following lists students who received academic or social awards.

Kindergarten: Allison West, Curtis Payment, Blake Leapley-Wiser, Zachary Bruce, Isabella Cason, Deserray Pegg, Colby Harmon, Trenton Briggs, Morgan McLeod.

First grade: Julia Chard, Cheyenne Lewis, Austin Lewis, Wyatt Landreville, Mary Smith, Johnathon Horn, Alyson Sayles, Dakota Fairchild.

Second grade: Gregory Currie, Jayden Smith, Elissa Griffin, James Huffman, Jaden Lee, Scott Morrow, Destiny Reppenhagen.

Third grade: Colton Bucht, Michael Currie, Christopher Dana-her, Mathew Landreville, Michael Swain.

Fourth grade: Joey Duncan, Serena Currie, Molly Fagan, Joshua Lee, Tanner Reppenhagen, River Causley Brown.

Fifth grade: Maddisen Cardwell, Kara Hakola, Madelynee Klapp, Sarah Landreville, Maxwell Madigan, Kayla Merchberger, Tessa Reppenhagen.

Sixth grade: Courtney Albert, Tanya Graham, Keith Bouschor Jr., Keely Gough, Derek Griffin, Nicole Huffman, Alice Landreville, Ashlee Mielke, Heather Mongene, Mikayla Reppenhagen, Tara Smith, Jordan Thompson, Jason West.

Seventh grade: Dillion Currie, Jenna Graham, Krishell Harmon, Daniel Landreville, Tara Massey, Stacy Moss, Martin Payment, Katelyn Williams, Erin Currie.

Eighth grade: Kati Dunaher, Kody Gough, Caleb Grove, Chelsea Grove, Nathaniel Landreville, Savannah Madigan, Shanda McCord, Connor McLeod, Chelsey Payment, Justin Pollard, Jodie Lynn Price.

Ninth grade: Cody Grove, Tiffany Landreville, Brittany Lee, Robert Sayles, Tyler Smith.

Tenth grade: Michael Causley, Charice Graham, Brett LaLonde, Jessica Duncan, Casey Hakola, Jordan Huff, Brittney Kelley, Alicia Landreville, Ashley McGruther, Mallorie McLeod, James Mitchell, Christopher Paquin, Kacie Simpson, Brandon Warner, Lindsey West.

Eleventh grade: Jason Duncan, Jordan Duncan, Brian Fisher, Karen Landreville, Hollie Currie, Amber Mongene, Ryan Pollard.

Graduating seniors: Peter Treleven, Michael Pollard, Elizabeth Patrick, Alex Paquin, Justin Moss, Lindsay McLeod, Olivia Huffman, Leigh Ann Hamel, Kara Griffin, Joseph Currie, Charlene Brissette, Rebecca Bickham, Rhianna Milligan, Keith Foster.

YEA needs You!

The Youth Education and Activities Department needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee. The committee is instrumental in developing programming for our Anishinaabek children throughout the seven-county service area. They also help create policy and represent their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial in providing services to the greatest number of students. They meet once monthly on the third Wednesday. We encourage anyone close to a child attending school to join us. All meetings are open to the public. Call (906) 635-7010.

Billy Mills returns to Sault Ste. Marie for the 17th annual Billy Mills Fun Run/Walk

SUBMITTED BY HEATHER SMITH

Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills is returning to the Sault area for the 17th annual Billy Mills Fun Run. For years, Mills' name has been associated with honor in the heritage of Native Americans and for the people of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. This pride is felt not only because of Mills' amazing athletic achievements, but also due to his decision to use that success in a positive way. His interest in our community and the many programs he has helped to implement show his dedication to improving the lives of American Indian people around the country.

Mills, a Lakota Sioux, was born in South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He had to endure a difficult childhood, as both of his parents had passed away by the time he was 12. Ignorance and prejudice were frequent obstacles Billy dealt with throughout his young life and into adulthood. His perseverance and fierce determination enabled Billy



to become one of the best distance runners of his time.

At the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, in a stunning come-from-behind victory, Mills became the first, and is still the only, American ever to win the 10,000 meter run. He also set a world record in the six-mile run that same year. Since then, he has been elected into four halls of fame. These successful achievements are what many people associate the name Billy Mills

with, but his accomplishments do not stop with the acquisition of an Olympic gold medal.

Today, along with being a community leader, entrepreneur and family man, Mills also serves as the spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth. This organization has helped to sponsor Mills' return to the Sault Ste. Marie area in past years.

Their mission is to help American Indian people meet their immediate survival needs while initiating and giving support to programs intended to create opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-esteem, particularly for youth. Their goal is to build the strength of individuals, communities and grassroots Indian organizations to use their capacity to solve problems.

Mills plays an integral role in all of the youth programs which were designed to build a new generation of Indian leaders who demonstrate healthy life-styles and take pride in their rich heri-

tage. The outset of these youth programs into the community were put into action by Mills with the establishment of the Chippewa Running Club. Members of this club have placed well in past years at the annual Fun Run.

This year, the Billy Mills race schedule begins on Saturday, July 28 at 8 a.m. with the youth one-mile and tot trot. Following at 9 a.m. sharp are both the 5K run and walk and the 10K competition.

This year's race will include a flat and winding 5K run/walk course through the reservation housing complex, while the 10K will continue after that beyond Shunk Road. The one-mile youth run for ages 12 and under will consist of an out and back course that runs from the facility past the powwow grounds, and the tot trot for youth five and under will take place on the east side of the building. Free T-shirts will be available for the first 150 registrants.

Awards will be presented to the top male and female in the

5K and 10K runs and additional awards will be presented in each age division.

All youth participants completing the one-mile run will be entered into a drawing for a bike, compliments of Arfstrom Pharmacy and Pro Sports. All tot trot participants will receive a certificate and medal. Plaques will also be given to the male and female winners in the master's category (runners over age 40).

Entry fees for the 5K run/walk and the 10K run are \$10 before July 20, and \$15 thereafter. Registration for the youth one-mile is \$5 and the tot trot is \$2.

Registration tables will open at 7 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. for the youth races and until 8 a.m. for the 5K and 10K events.

For more information, call Tammy Graham at (906) 635-4758 or participants may e-mail tgraham@saulttribe.net. Entry forms should be mailed to Billy Mills Fun Run/Walk, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Attn: Tammy Graham.

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12-1:20 p.m.
\$2

Women's Drop-In Hockey (16 and over)

THURSDAYS
7:30-8:20 p.m.
\$5 / Goalies FREE

Drop-In Hockey (16 and over)

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Camp Grizzly participants gearing up for the first day of the Summer Recreation Program at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

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- * Registration Fees
- * Team T-shirt
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Please Contact:

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center

Attn: Rex Marchinski

2 Ice Circle Drive

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rmarchinski@saulttribe.net

Tribal Youth Development Fund Criteria

Tribal youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal programming, including: Sport fees (registration, equipment, shoes); music, dance and theatre lessons; instrument purchases and rental; language lessons; camps (sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees; educational, cultural and class trips; testing fees; driver's education; senior pictures; school supplies and book deposits (school clothes not included); regalia and youth drum.

Applicants must be a Sault Tribe members newborn to grade 12 living within the seven-county service area (service area is Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties).

Applicants may receive funding, up to \$150 once per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31).

Qualifying categories for funding are based on the tribal directions of the medicine wheel academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual.

Applicants must submit a current copy of tribal membership cards with applications.

Applicants must submit a copy of invoice, registration, brochure/literature with organization's name and costs or receipt of payment with applications. (Check will be made payable to the organization, unless receipt of payment is provided.)

Applicants must submit proof of household income (recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.).

Income guidelines are based on 300 percent of the 2007 HHS poverty guidelines.

Applications available at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or by calling Jessica Dumbuck at (800) 588-7465 or (906) 635-7770.

Safe surfing for kids: Internet guidelines for parents to share

Over the years there has been an explosion of good and helpful information available to many people on the Internet. There are also many things to which you would not want elementary, middle grade or secondary students to have access.

Social networking sites, such as MySpace, have reportedly discovered thousands of sex offenders on their sites, posing a risk to children who are among the sites' most avid users.

To keep your children safe, it helps to think of the Internet as a global community where there are both appropriate and inappropriate places for children to visit and wonderful and not-so-wonderful people for them to meet. The following children's guidelines, as referenced on the Web site todayteacher.com, can help you and your children establish safe and secure routines when visiting the global neighborhood:

1. Trust your instincts. If

anyone uses nasty language or mentions things that make you uncomfortable, don't respond.

2. Be aware people may not be who they appear to be online. Never post your photo anywhere online or give your name, address or telephone number to anyone. If someone asks for this information (or for your password), don't respond.

3. Never, under any circumstances, agree to meet with someone whom you've communicated with on the Internet.

4. There are places on the Internet which are for adults only. If you find yourself in an "adults-



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only" place, or anywhere you think you shouldn't be, leave! There are plenty of good "kid places" on the 'Net.

As a parent, when your chil-

dren begin surfing the 'Net, spend time with them and help them find interesting and kid-friendly sites you can bookmark so that they can easily return to them. Set limits on the amount of time per day spent online. If your children surf the 'Net by themselves, check up on them once in a while to see where they're going and tell them to let you know if they see anything that frightens or puzzles them. Remember that the Internet is similar to the rest of the world and you should use the same common sense there as you would on the street or in the mall.

2008 BIA Home Improvement Program applications sought

ACFS is currently accepting BIA Home Improvement Program applications for our 2007 work plan.

If you or someone you know may be income eligible for serious repairs to your home. Please call our office to request an application. Eligible applications identified on the 2007 work plan are submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. These MAY be funded in fiscal year 2008 — the tribe normally learns in July if the work plan is funded.

Repairs are intended for low income homes to bring up the condition of the home to standard conditions. The goal is to eliminate substandard housing for members.

Homeowners meeting the following guidelines are encouraged to apply, use 2006 1040 income tax forms to determine eligibility listed below.

Family income guidelines:

One person - \$12,250 or less;
two people - \$16,500 or less;
three people - \$20,750 or less;
and four people - \$24,750 or less.
For each additional person, add

\$4,250.

Additional guidelines:

— Applicants must live in the seven-county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Schoolcraft, Mackinac, or Marquette).

— Home must be in substantial condition.

— Must be your year-round residence.

— Must possess a record of deed.

— Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member.

— Must provide a copy of your Social Security card

— Points are necessary, based on factors such as number of children, age and disabilities.

In addition to the Home Improvement Program, there are other services such as weatherization and sanitation for home improvements which have other guidelines.

To receive information, contact any ACFS office or ACFS in the Sault at 2864 Ashmun, third floor, or call (800) 726-0093 or (906) 632-5250.

SEXUAL ASSAULT: What it is and what you can do about it

Sexual assault is being forced, tricked or pressured into any sexual contact. It can happen to anyone and most sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

Preventing sexual assault is not always possible, but there are some actions a person can take to prevent it. When in a relationship, discuss with your partner how you feel about sexual relations and your limits, insist on being treated with respect and having those limits accepted. When out in public avoid secluded places, stay visible. Another action to take is to avoid over-consuming alcohol and drugs. This will allow you to keep a clear head and

able you to watch for suspicious behavior.

Sexual assault is a violent crime and many victims may feel powerless and scared. Afterwards, a victim will go through myriad feelings such as, but not limited to, shock, disbelief, guilt, shame, sadness and often anger. It is very important for the victim to remember the sexual assault is not the victim's fault.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, you should seek a safe place to go where you can be with friends or family to get support. Go to a hospital for a medical exam, where they can collect and save evidence and check for and treat

any injuries or sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). However much a victim wants to, it is important not to bathe, shower or change your clothes before seeking medical help. The local law enforcement agency needs this evidence to pursue a suspect.

Speak to a law enforcement agency or victim advocate to decide whether to file a report. A victim of sexual assault should seek counseling to help them deal with the issues surrounding this type of crime.

To receive assistance in the matter of a crime, please call the Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 632-1808 or (906) 635-7705, or 1 (877) 639-7820

Cleaning out your closets? Donate now to ACFS winter wear giveaway

Anishnabek Community and Family Services would like to remind you that we are in the early stages of planning for our eighth annual winter wear giveaway tentatively scheduled for late fall.

If you have been cleaning out your closets and wondering what to do with any of the winter jackets, coats or boots your children have outgrown, please consider donating them to this worthy

cause. This event benefits many families who have difficulty purchasing outdoor clothing for their children and we expect this year it will be as popular as ever.

You are welcome to drop off any of these items at ACFS, on the third floor at 2864 Ashmun. Those who work at any Sault Tribe offices in the Sault can call Roberta at extension 23350 to arrange for

pickup. You can also choose to wait and drop them off at any of the designated locations during our normal collection period to be scheduled later this fall.

Your consideration and generosity is appreciated not only by us, but by the many children who will leave this event with a coat or boots to help keep them warm this winter.



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August 24, 2007, at Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie



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- July 16 - 31: Three (3) clues
- August 1 - 15: Two (2) clues
- August 16 - 23: One (1) clue



Tribal council site hosts will cast their vote to select the best "survivor" team!

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Weatherization service helps families with energy needs

Weatherization services are available through ACFS. Case managers are available at ACFS to process applications and provide low income residents weatherization materials that will reduce the loss of heat from the home and reduce the dependence on energy assistance programs.

Since the October fiscal year, ACFS has helped six tribal families receive services. This program is suitable for a variety of energy efficiency projects where the home's condition is deteriorating or sub-standard. Funding is provided by two sources, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Services are permitted by eligibility and availability of funds.

The income guidelines are: \$14,700 for a household of one, \$19,800 for a household of two,

\$24,900 for a household of three, and \$30,000 for a household of four.

A completed application and copies of the following documentation are necessary to process applications: Tribal cards for enrolled household members, Social Security cards for all household members, proof of household income for the past 12 months (W-2 for last year) and a copy of a heating or electrical statement with account number and address. (Send award letters for SS,SSI, SSD, veterans pensions, retirement and so forth.)

Christine McPherson, the director of ACFS, welcomes tribal members to inquire with her staff about the weatherization services and other ACFS programs and services. Contact the ACFS nearest you or call (800) 726-0093 for assistance.

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

July 1-Dec. 18: Anishinaabemowin language class, Tuesdays, Kinross Recreation Center, 43 Woodlake Road. Bring a dish to pass, 6-7 p.m. Language class, 7-8 p.m. Information: Nancy Debassige at 635-6050 ext. 26143.

July 1-Aug. 30: Women's drop-in hockey, Thursday, 7:30-8:20 p.m. Information: 635-RINK.

June 1-July 13: Applications available for lots for lease on tribal trust land, Odenaang Community Development, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: Angela Spencer at 635-7702 or (800) 794-4072.

July 1-Aug. 31: The Friends of Anishnaabe Youth/Teen Drop in Center Summer hours: Mon. - Wed. and Fri., 11-6:30 p.m., Thurs., 11-5:30 p.m. and Sat., 11 to 7 p.m., Shedawin building, 2154 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: Angeline Matson at 635-7729.

July 2 & 16: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee monthly meetings, 4 p.m., Comfort Inn on the first and third Monday of every month. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 3: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Mackinac Island at 6 p.m. Open community hour, 5-6 p.m. Information: Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

July 5: The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 6 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 5-8: Sault Tribe Summer Gathering and Powwow, powwow grounds, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Information: Bud Biron, Josh Homminga or Melissa Causley at 635-6050.

July 6: Rick Springfield in concert, 7 p.m., DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 6-Aug. 5: Circle of Life summer program. Free summer program for members between fifth and eighth grade. Limited transportation is available. Information: Rachel Mandelstamm at 635-7010.

July 7: Manistique and Christmas Kewadin Casino Must-Have Mustang Car Giveaway. Earn Entries from June 1-July 7. Drawing is July 7 at 9 p.m. Information: 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 10 & 12: Act in time to heart attack signs - know your risk, honoring the gift of heart health, July 10, 1-3 p.m. and July 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5210.

July 10: JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. Information: 635-5055.

July 11: ACFS Fundraising Committee Breakfast, 7:45-9:30, Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5250.

July 11: The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the

Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Rd. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 11: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 11: Unit IV monthly chair meeting at the Heirman Center, Bay de Noc College, Room 961, Escanaba, Mich., 5 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 11: Engelbert Humperdinck in concert in St. Ignace Kewadin Casino Showroom. Information: 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 12: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee monthly meetings at the Terrace Motor Inn on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 13: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. Information: Linda or Mike Wilkins at 643-7710.

July 14: Unit V monthly chair meeting, NMU University Center, Explorer Room, Marquette, Mich., 11 a.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 15: Tri-county Detroit area monthly chair meeting, Greektown Casino, Olive Room, Detroit, Mich., 12 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 16: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 16: Tribal chairperson open office hours held one Monday a month. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours. These meetings are by appointment only. For appointments, call Sue Stiver-Paulsen at 635-6050 ext. 26640.

July 16: Unit I monthly chair meeting, Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island, Mich., 6 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 16-Aug. 15: Little Learners Summer Program is a FREE summer program for members of the Sault Tribe between first and fourth grade. Information: 635-7010.

July 17-Aug. 9: Body Recall is a safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10 a.m. Suggested contribution: \$2. Information: 635-4935.

July 18: Unit II monthly chair meeting, Pavilion, Naubinway, Mich., 5 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 20: KISS performing outdoors at Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 20-22: Video Poker Pizzazz at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. Information: Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 21: Unit V monthly chair meeting held at the NMU University Center, Marquette, Mich., 11 a.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 21-22: Unit II Hessel elders rummage sale and flea market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hessel Tribal Community Center. Refreshments available. Information: 484-2727.

July 22: Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting at the Nokomis Native American Cultural Learning Center, Okemos, Mich., 12 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

July 23: The Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 24: Escanaba Area Diabetic Support Group, Escanaba Health Center, 10-11 a.m. Information: 786-9211.

July 25: ACFS Fundraising Committee ice cream social, Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5250.

July 24 & 26: High blood pressure - food choices and medications, honoring the gift of heart health, July 24, 1-3 p.m. and July 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5210.

July 25: Unit III monthly chair meeting held at the McCann School, St. Ignace, Mich., 6 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

July 25: The Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of every month, Naubinway Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Information: Elder Services Division, 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 25: Unit III Board of Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. Information: Lona Stewart at 635-6050.

July 27: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal, Newberry Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division, 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 27-29: Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. Information: DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 28: 17th annual Billy Mills Fun Run will start off with the youth one mile run and tot trot at 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. the 5K Run, 10K Run and 5K walk. Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. All participants are required to register. Information: Tammy Graham at 635-7465.

July 31: Healthy Heart Project, Grand Island Chippewa Center, Munising Tribal Health, 10 a.m. 12 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. Information: 387-4721.

July 31 & Aug. 2: HDL, LDL - What's it all about? Honoring the gift of heart health, July 31, 1-3 p.m. and Aug. 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5210.

Aug. 1: The Unit I Sault Ste.

Marie Elderly Committee meeting after the noon meal, Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 1: Unit IV monthly chair meeting, Manistique Tribal Center, Manistique, Mich., 5 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

Aug. 2: The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Walstroms Restaurant. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 3-5: Roll em' high craps tournament at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. Information: Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 4: Youth Empowerment Powwow, Rexton, Mich. Information: Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Aug. 6 & 20: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meeting, 4 p.m., Comfort Inn. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 7: Open house, Munising Tribal Center, 622 W. Superior, Munising, MI, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Public tours start at 8:30 a.m. Official ceremony, 11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served. Information: Chris Marinoff at 387-4721.

Aug. 8: ACFS Fundraising Committee breakfast, 7:45-9:30, Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: (906) 632-5250.

Aug. 8: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal, Manistique Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 8: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Conservation Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center. Information: Joanne Carr at 635-6050.

Aug. 9: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meeting, Terrace Motor Inn, 5:30 p.m. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 10: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meeting, after the noon meal at the McCann School. Information: Linda or Mike Wilkins at 643-7710.

Aug. 10-12: Blackjack blowout tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. Information: DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 10: Travis Tritt in concert, 7 p.m., DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 10-12: Spin to win at Kewadin Casinos Manistique. Information: Becky at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 29040 or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 11: Unit V monthly chair meeting, Munising Tribal Center, Munising, Mich., 11 a.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

Aug. 14: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Munising at 6 p.m. Open community hour, 5-6 p.m. Information: Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Aug. 15: ACFS Fundraising Committee ice cream social, Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5250.

Aug. 15-16: Drop off yard sale days, Sault Tribe Health

Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5250.

Aug. 17: ACFS Fundraising Committee Yard Sale, 8:30-4 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5250.

Aug. 17-19: 15th annual Hessel Powwow "Honoring Mother Earth", Three Mile Road, Hessel. Head veteran: Gene Reid, head male dancer: Dale Anderson, head female dancer: Lana Causley, head youth dancers: TBA, arena director: Calvin Burnside, MC: Stanley Spruce, host drum: Black Bear and co-host: Bahweting Singers. Grand entry: 1 and 7 p.m. Feast (dish to pass) Saturday. Information: Lana Causley at 484-2954, Lisa Burnside at 484-2298 or John Causley, Jr. at 484-2965.

Aug. 20: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meeting after the noon meal, Hessel Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 20: Tribal chairperson open office hours. These meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Sue Stiver-Paulsen at 635-6050 ext. 26640.

Aug. 20: Unit I monthly chair meeting, Kinross Recreation Center, Kincheloe, Mich., 6 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

Aug. 21 & 23: Healthy eating on a budget, honoring the gift of heart health, Aug. 21, 1-3 p.m. and Aug. 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie. Information: 632-5210.

Aug. 21: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Newberry, 6 p.m. Open community hour, 5-6 p.m. Information: Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Aug. 22: Healthy Heart Project, Grand Island Chippewa Center, Munising Tribal Health, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. Information: 387-4721.

Aug. 22: Unit III board members meeting, 6 p.m. at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. Information: Lona Stewart at 635-6050.

Aug. 24: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meeting after the noon meal, Newberry Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 24: Survivor themed fifth annual Scavenger Challenge, Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets: 632-1808, 635-7705 or ACFS at 632-5250. All proceeds to benefit the Advocacy Resource Center.

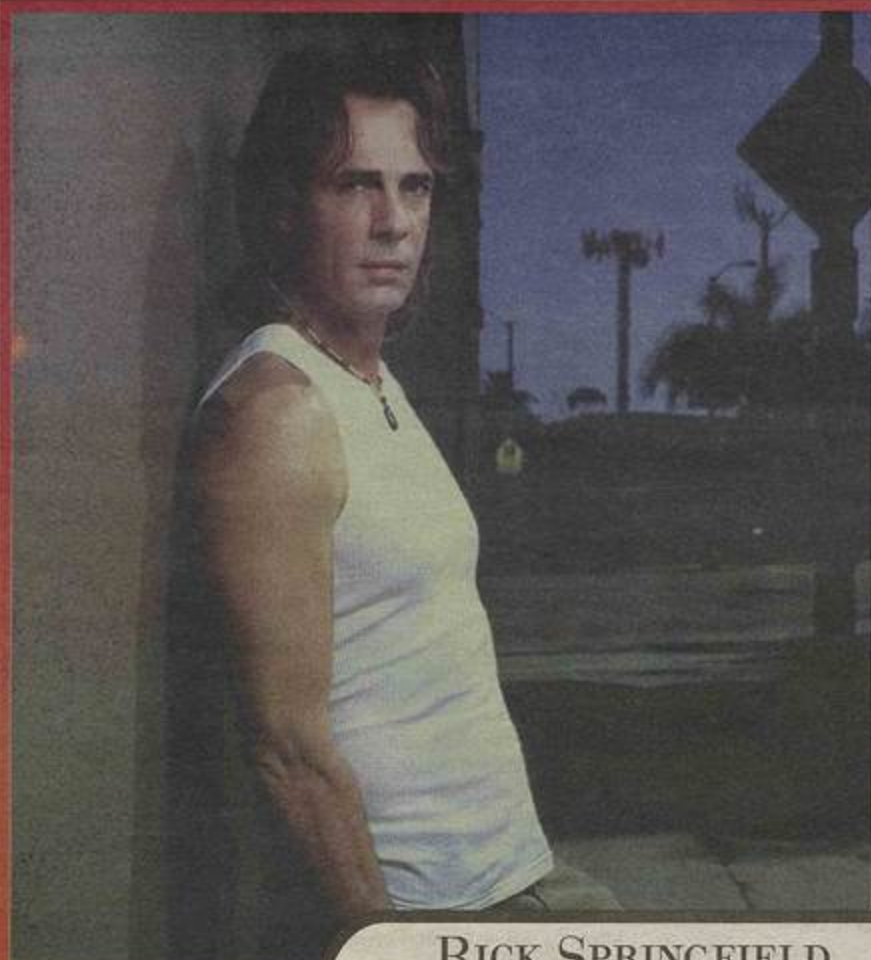
Aug. 24-26: Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. Information: Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 24-26: Keno Tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. Information: DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 25-26: St. Ignace Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. Information: Darryl Brown at 632-6398.

Aug. 26: Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting, Grand Rapids, Days Inn, 310 Pearl Street NW/1-196, 12 p.m. Information: (888) 94-AARON.

Aug. 27: The Elderly Advisory Board, 12:30 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center. Information: Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.



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