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## Bigger, better Bahweting readies for school year

**10 New classrooms make more services available**

By Jennifer Dale-Burton

SAULT STE. MARIE — On the first day of school at JKL Bahweting PSA, on Marquette Avenue in Sault Ste. Marie, students and their parents will see a new building just east of the school. The 10,472 square-foot expansion adds an additional 10 classrooms. The building was erected in the first week of August and will house the school's third, fourth and fifth grades.

According to School Superintendent Su Palmer, the new building will allow a reflow of space throughout the campus, providing needed breathing room for both students and teachers.



**Su Palmer, JKL Bahweting PSA superintendent**

The important thing, said Palmer, is to continue to improve our space for student learning. "Space is tight in the building and the expansion will help," she said. "The expansion will house three third grade classrooms, a special education classroom, an academic services room, two fourth grade classrooms, two fifth grade classrooms and a teachers' workroom."

Because the third through fifth



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

**Financed by Sault Tribe, expansion to the JKL Bahweting PSA began in late spring, overseen by Sault Tribe Construction, and is on schedule for the the first day of school on Sept. 4. Above, the second of ten units is hoisted into place.**

grades were moved into this new wing, the kindergarten classes were moved back into the main building. In the main building, the cultural staff will have room for activities and the teachers' workroom in the new classroom building allows teachers additional working space.

The expansion was necessary. Families enjoy having their students at the school, and there is low turnover in the student body.

Based on numbers collected during enrollment, school administration and staff knew they would need more space, which was already at a premium.

Sault Tribe financed the project, and the school's rent will increase accordingly to offset these costs, according to Becky Aldrich, the school's business manager. The expansion is expected to come in at its projected budget of \$1.3 million, according to Sault

Tribe's controller, Bill Connolly.

"Without the great working relationship between the PSA board of directors and the tribal board of directors, this expansion would not have happened," stressed Isaac McKechnie, school board president.

The expansion project started in late spring and when Palmer came through the doors near its completion, she was more than up for the challenge. "Coming in at

the end of a big project like this is a little different than coming in at the beginning," she said. "Every day, I ask my husband, am I supposed to be having so much fun? The energy people have here is incredible. We're having a great time preparing for school to start this fall."

With the new building set on its footings practically overnight, the race is on to finish off the project — everyone involved is working hard to be ready for students on the first day of class on Sept. 4, said Palmer.

McKechnie added that he would like to thank the construction team, subcontractors and school staff "for an outstanding commitment to complete this project on time." According to its manager, Lenny Adams, Sault Tribe Construction led the project with the help of local subcontractors Roy Electric, D&B Mechanical, Island Masonry (IMC), and R&R Auto Glass. Local utility companies and the City of Sault Ste. Marie were "very easy to work with" regarding water and sewer, Adams added, and "Edison Sault Electric was great."

A final walk-through is scheduled for Aug. 28, and the school will move in Aug. 29. Palmer said the new classrooms will be ready for the students to start using. As far as Palmer is concerned, the bottom line is that the expansion is good for the students.

"The expansion is for kids and learning," said Palmer. "We want a positive learning environment for our students."

## Kewadin donates two trucks of bottled water to firefighters in Newberry

SAULT STE. MARIE — Six hundred and thirty cases of bot-

tled water were delivered to the American Red Cross command

center in Newberry on Aug. 14 to help the 239 firefighters combating the Sleeper Lake fire.

"It will take two trucks and about five personnel, but we will deliver it all," said Bob Henderson, motor pool manager, who coordinated the delivery of the bottled water that was donated by Kewadin Casinos.

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in keeping the firefighting team healthy and hydrated.

The wildfire, which has taken more than 18,256 acres (almost 29-square-miles) of Lake Superior Forest in Luce County, is only six miles north of Newberry. It has been burning since Aug. 2, when it probably began as a result of lightning strikes.

Almost \$2 million has been spent trying to control the fire. Cooperating agencies include the Michigan DNR, Michigan Department of Transportation, Minnesota DNR, Wisconsin DNR, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Ontario

Ministry of Natural Resources, Michigan National Guard, Air Guard, Michigan State Police, Luce County Sheriff's Department, National Weather Service, the Nature Conservancy, numerous volunteer fire departments, the Salvation Army, American Red Cross and keymen firefighters working for Michigan DNR, as well as five helicopters from the National Guard in Camp Grayling.

The fire was 67 percent contained at press time. Agencies hope for better weather and predict containment by mid-September.



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**Bob Henderson, of Kewadin Casinos, and Red Cross representatives unload bottled water donated by Kewadin Casino, to firefighters battling the Sleeper Lake fire.**

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Fires Confederacy. This confederacy is made up of the Ojibway (Chippewa), Ottawa and Potawatomi Nations and collectively they are known as the Anishinaabek people. Many centuries ago, no one knows for sure, all three groups settled in the Great Lakes area after migrating from the distant east coast area and because they spoke similar dialects of the

Algonquin language, they also shared many cultural ideologies.

The Ojibway and Ottawa lived mainly, but not exclusively, in the northern regions of the Great Lakes and were very migratory. They relied on hunting, fishing and gathering for their main source of sustenance but they also grew some food in small gardens where the soil was favorable for planting. The Potawatomi mainly inhabited the southern regions of the Great Lakes area where soils and climates were much more conducive to food crops. Thus, they moved less and had large fields of squash, corn and beans but they also would hunt and fish for their meat products.

It is also very interesting to note on how the Three Fires referred to each other. They conveyed their association to one another by using terms related to family bonds. Therefore, the Ojibway were known as the oldest brother, the Ottawa were the middle brother and the Potawatomi the youngest brother and "keepers of the fire."

Also, it cannot be overstated

that the Three Fires Confederacy was essential for securing the control of the Great Lakes area. The lush, bountiful region was assuredly prized by many tribes in the Midwest and the cooperation and alliance of the confederacy allowed them to restrain any intruder intent on taking control of the Great Lakes. Two such groups were the powerful Iroquois people from current day New York and Ontario and the mighty Lakota Sioux people from Minnesota and the Great Plains.

In closing, it should be noted that the Three Fires Confederacy is not a thing of the past. There are currently 12 federally recognized tribes in the state of Michigan and they consist of groups of Ojibway, Ottawa and Potawatomi who still maintain an identity to the Three Fires and gatherings of the confederacy still occur. These assemblies give the groups a chance to relay ideas and set goals that will provide for the perpetuation and prosperity of the Three Fires.

*Respectfully, Clarence Hudak*

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# Referendum on inland treaty rights pending

By Cory Wilson

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors voted by a 7-5 margin on Aug. 14 to conduct a referendum to decide whether the Sault Tribe should enter into a permanent agreement with the state and federal governments regarding tribal members' treaty rights related to inland fishing, hunting and gathering. The decision to hold a referendum was approved after several resolutions were presented and considered at three separate meetings of the board.

Tribal officials have been working to create an "Inland Consent Decree," an agreement between the tribes, the State of Michigan and the federal government that defines and details the specific treaty rights of tribal members. Last summer, all parties

signed an "Agreement in Principle" (AIP), which committed all those involved to work together to formulate an agreement or settlement. The new consent decree is near completion and is being presented to each tribe's respective governing bodies for ratification prior to court submission.

The Sault Tribe is currently engaged in the lawsuit *United States v. Michigan*, which includes five northern Michigan tribes that already regulate treaty fishing on the Great Lakes in the 1836 Treaty ceded area. The Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, along with the Sault Tribe, are in the process of negotiating a settlement regarding our inland treaty rights

that are being challenged by the State of Michigan in conjunction with Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Bay De Noc Great Lakes Sports Fisherman Inc., U.P. Whitetails Inc., Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources, Stuart Cheney, Robert Andrus and Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy.

The Sault Tribe's Board of Directors originally voted in favor of conducting a referendum by a 6-4 vote at a special meeting held on July 31. However, a positive-majority of seven board members was required to support the act of conducting a referendum, therefore, the legislation failed. A second meeting on the topic was held on Aug. 7 with no action taken.

During the meetings, the board of directors was advised by the tribe's Legal Department that the

board or the tribal members must formally approve some version of the agreement by Sept. 17 to meet the tribe's commitment to settle the case. If board action is not taken in a timely manner, there is a possibility the judge presiding over the case could order the Sault Tribe and its members to follow the rules and regulations outlined in the Inland Consent Decree.

Although a confidentiality agreement regarding the Inland Consent Decree is in place, it has been determined a direct mailing of the document to tribal members could be allowed. Outright public release of the consent decree could complicate the negotiations and is prohibited.

The mailing of referendum ballots is scheduled to occur 10 days after the document is completed.

Once the decree is completely finished, it will be mailed to tribal members along with other supporting documents, and, likely, the referendum ballot for tribal members to review prior to voting. The ballot language will likely be finalized during an upcoming meeting of the board of directors. The referendum will likely ask members if they approve of the new Inland Consent Decree or if they approve of the board of directors adopting the new Inland Consent Decree.

The consent decree completion date, and therefore the ballot mailings date, is yet to be determined. The final step is for the Sault Tribe's Board of Directors to ratify the final agreement or have the tribal membership approve the agreement by referendum.

# Gonzalez meets with Michigan tribes, media

By Rick Smith

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez met with officials from Michigan's 12 sovereign Indian nations under heavy security precautions on Aug. 14 at the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Government Center near Harbor Springs, Mich., for informal discussions and announcements regarding justice in Indian Country.

The building was barricaded by state and tribal police, allowing only authorized officials on to the premises and to go through further security measures. Gonzalez and his entourage arrived at the meeting in a Secret Service motorcade about 2 p.m.

Kellie LaVictor, Sault Tribe court administrator and magistrate, said Gonzalez met privately with representative groups from the individual tribes just before a roundtable discussion of matters was conducted with all present.

Among the topics raised by Sault Tribe officials were the elimination of tribal set-asides in grant competitions, lengthy delays in action on federal indictments by U.S. attorneys and the federal sex offender registry under the Adam Walsh Act. LaVictor said



U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez

other matters were also discussed.

Other Sault Tribe officials at the event were Judge Charles Palmer, attorney Courtney Kachur and Lori Jump of the Advocacy Resource Center.

According to a Department of Justice press release, the discussions focused on law enforcement challenges facing each tribe, their successes and identification of ways the Justice Department can improve its assistance to tribes in enforcing laws.

The discussions ended about 4:30 p.m.

Gonzalez met with members of the Michigan tribal press immediately after the discussions to announce new Department of

Justice awards of over \$3 million to Michigan tribes.

The bulk of those funds, more than \$2 million in grants, will come from the Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women with the goal of decreasing violent crimes against Indian women, providing legal and housing assistance to female Indian victims of crime, enhancing tribal capacity to respond to violence against Indian women and to ensure perpetrators of such crimes are held accountable for their criminal behavior.

The grants from the Office of Violence Against women will be distributed to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe Women's Advisory Committee, Hannahville Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Saginaw Chippewa Indians.

Most of the remaining grant funds were from the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the Office of Justice Programs. Grants from those offices were awarded to the



Photos by Rick Smith

Attending the Aug. 14 roundtable discussion between U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez and Michigan's 12 federally recognized tribes were Sault Tribe officials (L to R) Judge Charles Palmer, Lori Jump of the Advocacy Resource Center, Court Administrator and Magistrate Kellie LaVictor and attorney Courtney Kachur.

Bay Mills Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa, Hannahville Indian Community and the Little

River Band of Ottawa Indians.

While speaking with reporters, Gonzalez noted, "The level of violence against women in Indian Country cannot be tolerated. To the extent that we can do more, I want to do more."



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The following gas stations in Sault Tribe's service area — Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Newberry, Marquette, Manistique, Escanaba and Kincheloe — offer gas or tobacco discounts to Sault Tribe members.

Tribe-owned gas stations offering gas and cigarette discounts are:

— MidJim Convenience Store, 2205 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie; and  
— MidJim Convenience Store,

3045 Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace  
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— Newberry BP Express Mart, 13975 M-28, Newberry;  
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— Carnes BP, 2300 Ludington Street, Escanaba; and  
— Kinross BP Local Express, 4440 Tone Road, Kincheloe.

## USDA grants \$4 million for tribal colleges' improvements

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In an Aug. 7 news release, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced awarding nearly \$4 million in grants to 14 tribal colleges in seven states.

The funds are being provided through the USDA Rural Development Tribal College

Grant program.

The funding will help tribal colleges purchase equipment, build or renovate classrooms, make needed repairs and finance infrastructure improvements.

According to the release, Bay Mills Community College received \$223,000.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will be accepting sealed bids on behalf of the Sault Tribe Real Estate Department for the removal of:

- A four-bedroom, 1.5 bath home located in Naubinway, Mich.
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A walk-through of the home and garage is scheduled for Aug. 30, 1 to 3 p.m.

Minimum bids will start at:  
1) \$ 10,000 for the house.  
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A 10 percent deposit of proposed bid, a letter of credit from a financial institution and proof

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Successful bidders will be responsible for all costs associated with removing the building(s) from the land.

Deposits will be returned to the un-awarded bidders.

Sealed bids will be due no later than Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. **NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME.**

Sealed bids must be sent to: Sault Tribe Purchasing Department, Attn: Tamara Leask/home removal-Naubinway, 2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783. *Sault Tribe Purchasing reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.*

# NCAI encouraged passing bill to honor Native code talkers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Former President Ronald Reagan proclaimed Aug. 14 as National Code Talkers Day. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is proud to celebrate all our Native warriors who served their country as Code Talkers. According to the American Community Service Survey recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, Native veterans continue to represent a significant part of the Native male population with 19 percent serving or having served in the military.

Tribal leaders, veterans and the NCAI are hopeful that during this session, Congress will introduce legislation that would authorize congressional medals to American Indians in recognition of their service as Code Talkers during

foreign conflicts throughout the 20th Century.

"American Indians, staunch protectors of their homelands and the United States of America, provided their native language, which was used to relay strategic messages to and from the front lines during World War I and World War II," said NCAI President Joe Garcia. "These were services that only indigenous people of the United States could have provided in crucial times of war and it is time they are recognized appropriately by the government."

American Indian men and women have served in numbers exceeding the percentage of American Indians in the general population, even before American Indians were recognized as

citizens of the United States and the several individual states.

"American Indian veterans of both wars volunteered to fight in armies before they became citizens, before they could vote and before they could be treated with respect and dignity in many parts of this nation," said Garcia. "American Indian veterans will be the first to say that, when in combat, they didn't see a red man, black man or yellow man. They only saw their brothers and sisters as comrades in arms."

On National Code Talkers Day, the NCAI urged Congress to honor the valuable, unsung service of our Native heroes by introducing and passing a Code Talker Recognition Act during the legislative session.

# What military service personnel should know about Social Security disability benefits

BY ED DWYER, SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN ESCANABA

President Bush created the Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors to increase access to benefits and services for returning service members who have been wounded.

We at Social Security are doing all we can to make sure members of the military service, and their families, understand just how Social Security disability benefits can help wounded service personnel. In fact, Social Security disability benefits are expedited for injured military service personnel, regardless of where or how the injury occurred.

Like most civilian workers, current military personnel pay Social Security taxes and earn Social Security coverage. In fact, earnings for active duty military service or active duty training have been covered under Social Security since 1957. Also, service

personnel who had inactive duty service in the reserves (such as weekend drills) have had Social Security coverage since 1988.

The number of credits an individual needs to qualify for Social Security depends on his or her age. For example, if a person becomes disabled before age 28, then he or she would generally need only about one and a half years of recent work.

If the wounded service member has sufficient work, then Social Security must decide whether he or she meets Social Security's definition of disability. Basically, if the person cannot work because of a physical or mental condition that is expected to last at least one year, then he or she may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits.

Even if the wounded service member is still receiving pay while disabled, he or she can receive disability benefits. For example, if a wounded soldier is recovering in a hospital, and

is expected to be unable to work for at least a year, he or she may be eligible to receive disability benefits even though military pay continues.

It is important to understand that our disability rules are different from those of private plans and other government agencies. Social Security provides benefits for total disability, not partial disability. The fact that someone qualifies for disability from another agency — such as the Department of Veteran Affairs — does not mean that he or she will be automatically eligible for disability benefits from Social Security.

If you or someone you know is a wounded soldier, file for Social Security disability benefits as soon as possible. For more information about the Social Security disability program or to apply online, visit our Web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You can also call (800) 772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

## EPA launches new tribal portal Web site

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the first-of-its-kind portal Web site to help tribal communities, its supporters and the public find tribal environmental information and data through a single Web-based access point.

Announced at the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) meeting in Washington, D.C., the portal is part of EPA's commitment to strengthen its partnership with Indian tribes and governments to protect human health and the environment. Established in 1994, the NTOC comprises 19 tribal leaders and senior agency leaders, and meets once a year to discuss implementation of tribal environmental protection programs. Currently, there are approximately 560 separate,

federally-recognized tribal governments in the United States.

"For centuries, American Indians have been respected for their commitment to Mother Earth. At EPA, we share in the obligation to pass down a cleaner, healthier environment to future generations," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "This new Web site reflects EPA's ongoing efforts to reach out to tribal communities in order to accelerate human health and environmental protection in Indian Country."

The new cross-agency Web site allows EPA to consolidate and share environmental information reflecting a tribal community's perspective and needs into a central, easy-to-navigate structure. Various EPA programs, such as

enforcement, waste, underground storage tanks and water, are also consolidating their tribal information through this Web site.

The site integrates the tribal content and functionality of many existing agency programs and regional Web sites. These functions include:

- Central, easy-to-navigate structure;
- Reliable, comprehensive source;
- Functional tool for tribal environmental information and data.

The site will help users save time and resources by making it easier to locate tribal environmental information within EPA and other government agencies.

Visit the tribal portal online at [www.epa.gov/tribalportal](http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal).

The next deadline for submissions to Win Awenen Nisitotung is Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398 or email to: [saulttribenews@saulttribe.net](mailto:saulttribenews@saulttribe.net).

# A Volunteer Perspective: The Junior Police Academy

By Lona B. Stewart

I am writing about an experience that I feel so very blessed and fortunate in having been a part of. For a number of years now, Sault Tribe Chief of Police Fred Paquin has held a Junior Police Academy, now officially housed at Boedne Bay in Moran, for the children ages 12-17 in our communities, and while I have tried each year to get out there and volunteer at least one day of the week, this year I was lucky to be a part of it from the beginning almost through to the end. This was the most positive, wonderful experience I have witnessed and been a part of in a number of years.

Chief Paquin was very involved with the kids (39 in all), who all simply called him "chief." He talked with them, instructed them, laughed and had fun with them, respected them, and listened to them, all the while making sure that everything we did with the kids was done in a controlled and safe environment. I would encourage any of the parents who send their children out there to stop by next year and see what I am talking about. It would be awesome to see more of these types of camps scheduled, I am willing to volunteer again!

Chief Paquin, his office manager, Hope Collia, the officers and others who volunteered their time to make this camp the positive success that it was, should be commended and applauded by our communities and our leaders for their innovative methods of working with our children and making a positive difference in their lives. These include Sergeant Sam Gardner; officers Mike Povey, Tom Money, Rich Cullen, Bob Marchand, Dan Frechette, Shane Hill and Dan Grondin; dispatcher Alan TenEyck, (hope I didn't forget any of the officers!) as well as three of the kids who have gone through the camp in prior years acting as volunteer counselors (which, in my mind, tells us how successful and fun this camp is!), and Dale Bosley and a few other employees and community members who came out for a day.

State Police Trooper Jim Borderly, who runs the K-9 unit, also attended as an instructor. Some of the guys from the St. Ignace Fire Department gave a demonstration on how their fire truck works, with a grand finale of spraying the unfortunate counselors sitting under the pavilion with the fire hose (I was one of them and couldn't run fast enough to get away from it). The Gaylord Bomb Squad also showed the kids their role in the Michigan State Police.

I'm willing to bet that every child who attended this camp went home raving about the fun they had! I know I did! There were so many different things that our kids learned at camp, one important thing, in my eyes, is a respect for law enforcement and the difficult job they have at times. Every activity was one the police actually perform, in a "controlled" environment, and each was done in a way that ensured the kids had

fun and were safe.

Officer showed the kids how they carry out building entries. The kids did a dry run with "red guns," fake practice guns that have the look, weight and feel of a real weapon. Then the kids got to use paint pellets on the bad guys (officers) during the final entry. The officers and the kids all wore full face shields and Kevlar vests. The kids definitely learned how grueling and tense a real building entry could be for law enforcement when they believe there may be armed suspects inside! They were shown how to perform felony traffic stops, how to properly handle weapons, and Chief Paquin ensured there was time set aside every day to take the kids swimming as it was a pretty warm week. The kids even got to ride on jet skis with the officers. Chief Paquin and Hope were the cooks for the week, and I can't remember when I've ever eaten so well!

One day, the kids were able to wear what I call "beer goggles," but the technical term is "fatal vision goggles." The purpose of this exercise was to show our children the effects of alcohol on their ability — or rather inability — to act and react when under the influence of alcohol. Wearing the goggles, some kids could not even walk unassisted. They drove a mini obstacle course on golf carts so they could feel the effects of alcohol while driving. At all times, there was an officer with the kids while performing any of the activities.

The TASER was demonstrated on newly hired officer Shane Hill. Before they can carry a TASER as a tool in their jobs, officers have to experience the TASER themselves. Prior to officer Hill getting TASERed, Officer Cullen showed a technical video to the kids about what happens when someone is TASERed and what the effects are on the body. Right after that, we watched a video in which our officers, including Chief Paquin, were shown being TASERed. While the TASER is not a funny thing that anyone but law enforcement should be operating, that video is the funniest thing I have ever seen, maybe because I know all these guys and to see the expressions on their faces and some of the things that come out of their mouths — screeching like girls, calling for their mom, etc., I was probably laughing harder than the kids! Chief Paquin has told me before that it was the most excruciating five seconds of his life! I think they should sell copies of that video in their fundraising efforts; I would buy one for everyone on my Christmas list!

During the kids' free time, Chief Paquin and other volunteers built a volleyball court that the kids used often. There was talk this year that maybe they'll have a pool for next year! What a good idea for a fundraiser, and what a worthy cause that would be for us all to contribute to! Speaking of fundraisers, there are a number of people who are selling raffle tickets for a number of prizes to help raise money for Boedne Bay

improvements and activities. A few of the prizes are a four-person team for Wild Bluff Golf Course in Bay Mills and a camping package. There are more prizes. I am sure if you call our main law enforcement office in the Sault they would be able to tell you where you can buy tickets! What a good thing this camp is, for our chil-

dren, our volunteers and our communities. The kids were able to see that law enforcement is there for our protection and they are our friends, but they have a job to do: serve and protect. I encourage everyone to help in the fundraising efforts for this wonderful camp!

What an experience, and I am so thankful to Chief Fred Paquin,

Hope Collia and all the officers and other volunteers who made this the success it is! Chi miigwech and you have all earned my respect and admiration for all that you do for our children and our communities!

Keep up the great work everyone! Hope to see you next year!

## Munising tribal center now open

MUNISING — Victor Matson Sr. was on hand Aug. 7, along with tribal leaders, local officials, agencies and community residents, to celebrate the grand opening of the new tribal community center for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The building, located at 622 W. Superior in Munising, is named the Victor Matson, Sr., Community Center and is also known as the Grand Island Chippewa Center (Gchi-Miniss Ednakiiyaany Gamig). Originally built in 1915 as Lincoln School, the newly renovated facility houses a health clinic and a community center with meeting rooms and a kitchen. USDA Rural Development provided a \$2,480,000 loan in 2006 which was combined with \$668,755 in tribal funds to complete the needed improvements to the three-story, 21,000 square-foot building.

"It is a true pleasure for USDA to help restore this historic building while enhancing the quality of health care for area residents," Gene DeRossett, USDA Rural Development Director for Michigan, said. "We have a great partnership with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and this facility is a great demonstration of what we can accomplish by working together."



Various organizational representatives lend a hand as former Unit V Representative Vic Matson Sr., cuts the ribbon officially open Munising's new tribal center.



Above with family, Victor Matson Sr., retired from the tribe's board, dedicated his life to the tribe for decades.



Tribal health and community center staff at their new home.



The 92-year-old completely restored building, at 622 W. Superior, will fulfill the needs of area tribal members.

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# Tribal elder Ed Cook is inspiration behind monument to our men, women veterans

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Adjacent to the tribe's pow-wow grounds is the culture, or Neegonageezhik, building. On the outer edge of the parking lot is a monument made of marble, a some quarried and shipped from as far as India, dedicated to the men and women who lost their lives fighting in wars for their people and country.

The inspiration for the monument came from tribal elder Ed Cook. "I helped bring the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall here in 1999, and then again in 2005. After it left the first time I had a feeling that bringing the wall here was one of the most fulfilling things I had done in my life," Cook said.

Cook is a U.S. Army veteran who served two tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. His brother, James Cook, lost his life in Vietnam in April 1970. "That is why I stay



Photo by Brenda Austin

**Ed Cook anticipating the placement of the new stone on top of the existing memorial.**

involved, I don't want our men and women who gave their lives to be forgotten," Cook said.

Cook has been decorated with at least three bronze stars, one a V-device for valor.

The last piece of the monu-

ment was recently installed honoring women warriors and those who fought in the Vietnam War. "I hope the monument is finished now and we don't have to add any more to it, because that would mean there was another war and



Photo by Brenda Austin

**The finished memorial located in front of the tribe's ceremonial building.**

I don't want that to happen," he said.

Cook enlisted the help of Clint Mulder, from Mulder Funeral Home in the Sault, and together they decided on the inscriptions and stone. "The black marble was for the Vietnam veterans. I didn't put the words Vietnam War on the stone but instead put the colors, which say everything. I thought everybody would know the colors stood for the Vietnam war but I found out there are a lot of people who don't know. We were able to order the same black marble as on the base of the monument and had the years inscribed, 1959 to 1975 with the words Vietnam just

above the ribbon," Cook said.

Since they were ordering a new stone to add to the monument, Cook decided it would be good to do something for the women. "I came up with a couple of eagle feathers for a design and on the left is a Vietnam era nurse and on the right is a woman in combat gear honoring those fighting in Iraq. The Ojibwa translation on the monument reads, 'Honoring our warrior women.'"

A wish to honor our men and women in combat has, for Ed Cook, come true with the placement of the last piece of marble, surrounded by flags and lit at night for all to view.

## Senator Lisa Murkowski appointed vice-chair of U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) was confirmed July 19 as the new vice-chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, making her the first woman and first Alaskan to be appointed to the post. Alaska Natives make up 20 percent of the state's population.

"I am honored and humbled by my selection as the eleventh vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the first woman, as well as the first Alaskan to serve in that role," said Murkowski. "I look forward to working with the rest of the committee on issues important to American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Senator Murkowski recently spoke at the National Congress

of American Indians (NCAI) mid-year session in Anchorage, Alaska, reaffirming her support in protecting the rights of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"On behalf of NCAI, I congratulate Senator Murkowski on her appointment and look forward to our continued working relationship on behalf of Native people," said NCAI President Joe A.Garcia. "She has proven to be a good friend to Native people and will be an essential component to bi-partisan work on the committee."

Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), who was appointed to replace the late Senator Craig Thomas (R-Wyo.), has been named to the committee by Republican leader Senator Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.).

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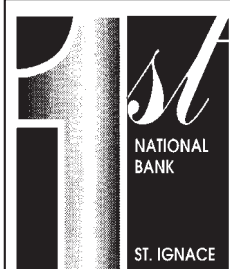
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# POLITICAL INFIGHTING THREATENS TRIBAL STABILITY



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA  
Tribal Chairperson  
Representing All Units  
& Members At Large**

Well, it seems that some on our Board continue to defy the will of the people in your selection of me as the Tribal Chairperson/CEO. It has been three years since you elected me Chairperson. Isn't it time to put differences aside, and strive past petty politics to focus on what is important — extending Membership services to those who currently do not benefit from their membership in their Tribe?

Several months ago, a minority faction on the Tribal Board introduced a resolution which would have the administrative staff report directly to the Tribal Board and not to the Chairperson/CEO of the Tribe. This would not only undermine the Authority you granted me when you elected me, it would clearly violate the Tribal Constitution as it reads:

*'The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors, perform all duties consistent with the office of chief executive officer of the tribe ...'*

**Bylaws, Article II, Section 1**

What is most troubling about this incessant attempt to undermine the authority of the Chairperson, is that these efforts completely take you — the voting citizens — entirely out of the equation. It is startling to me that a political faction of our Board feel that it is acceptable to constantly try to undo what the people put in place. The night following the meeting where Director Causley's resolution was introduced, her constituents in Newberry read her the riot act insisting that she pay attention to the will of the voters in Unit 2 and not that of Board members from other units who have their designs on the Chairperson job. However, following recent action at the August 10, 2007, meeting of the Greektown Management Board, it is apparent that some Board members are still unwilling to accept your choice for Chairperson/CEO and strip me of a level of authority without any known cause stated. The first motion was equally startling:

*Motioned by Fred Paquin Seconded by DJ Hoffman:*

*To Prohibit Members' use of Greektown facilities to hold Tribal Member meetings unless they pay for the use of the room first.*

This is startling because his justification was that the Members spoke out negatively about him and that the election is just around the corner. For three years now, I have held monthly meetings with the Members in all units in the U.P. and in locations like Detroit, East Lansing, Cheboygan, Mackinac City, Pellston, Petoskey, and Grand Rapids. This is not unlike monthly meetings Fred Paquin holds with Members in his unit. He does NOT pay for the room's use, nor should his constituents.

Why then should Members who live outside of his unit have to pay?!

Then, without cause or warning, DJ Hoffman made the motion to remove me as Chairman of the Greektown Management Board and appoint Fred Paquin. Clearly, a minority faction of the Tribal Board who serve on the Greektown Management Board had conspired ahead of time to take this action — again, without heeding any direction from you the voting members who elected me to serve as your executive. DJ Hoffman (Unit 1), Joe Eitrem (Unit 1), Cathy Abramson (Unit 1), Keith Massaway (Unit 3) and Lana Causley (Unit 2), all voted to strip me of this authority. It is my understanding that a minority faction of just five, cannot undo what the 4,129 Members put in place when YOU voted me as your Chair by the following margins:

- Unit 1 (just over 50%),**
- Unit 2 (52%),**
- Unit 3 (65%),**
- Unit 4 (70%),**
- Unit 5 (70%),**
- Members 'At Large' (80%).**

What is interesting is that even though Fred Paquin ran unopposed and endorsed the man who stole \$2.66 million on the way out the door, I still won his unit resoundingly despite Director Paquin's opposition. To date, as lead law enforcement officer — Fred Paquin has failed to investigate Bernard Bouschor for his criminal activity in conspiring to steal your money. Given he endorsed Bouschor and was in turn a part of his Unity Team campaign with mailers done with illegally obtained funds, it is not surprising that he does not care to investigate his former boss.

Following this action to remove me as the Chair of the GT Management Board, hundreds of members have called, or emailed (a sampling follows — please contact me for a complete set of comments) to voice their disdain for this action and to offer their support. As such, Director Todd Gravelle has drafted a resolution to re-instate me to the post you elected me to serve.

The language for this resolution follows:

**RESOLUTION HONORING MEMBERS' SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/CEO AS CHAIRMAN OF GT MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, our current Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians establishes that the Chairperson also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, in a General Tribal election held in 2004, the Members of the Tribe voted at an unprecedented level of 75% and selected our current Chairperson/CEO with a total of 4,129 votes which doubles any vote count of any other Member of the Tribal Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 12, 2003, the Tribal Board of Directors met in secret and in violation of the Tribal Constitution for not giving notice for said meeting, to remove then Vice-Chairperson Aaron Payment from serving as the Vice-Chairperson on the Greektown Management Board under false allegations by Chairperson Bouschor and other members of the Tribal Board that (then) Vice-Chairperson Payment had committed Tax Fraud and was a licensing threat for our Greektown Casino license; and

**WHEREAS**, current Board Members Cathy Abramson, and Fred Paquin voted to remove Vice-Chairperson Payment from the Management Board under false pretenses and instead, place Fred Paquin to serve

on the Greektown Management Board; and

**WHEREAS**, upon meeting with the Michigan Gaming Control Board on February 14, 2003, to determine if there indeed were any tax fraud concerns or any concerns whatsoever related to Vice-Chairperson Payment's Greektown Gaming license, the Gaming Control Board clarified there were no issues and the Tribal Board promptly voted (2-18-03) to re-instate Vice-Chairperson Payment to the Greektown Management Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been established that changes to the Greektown Management Board are approved in conjunction with the Michigan Gaming Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, at the recent Greektown Management Board meeting (8-10-07) — again in a closed session find without the benefit of the Members' will known, with a mere five votes, Directors Hoffman, Abramson, Causley, Massaway and Eitrem voted to replace Chairperson and CEO Payment as the Chair of the Greektown Management Board with Fred Paquin who currently does not even serve as an officer of the tribe; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the tribal Board of Directors hereby enacts this resolution to affirm the will of the people that the Chairperson/ CEO of the Tribe serves as the Chairperson of the Greektown Management Board of Directors.

**SAMPLING OF COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**

Aaron, I live in Waterford, close to Detroit. I have attended every meeting you have had at Greektown. NOW the board doesn't want to allow, unless paying for the facility, members in the Detroit area to have a place to meet. You have the use of my home, at no charge, to hold any meeting you wish, at any time you wish, that is for the good of any member regardless of where they live.

Aaron, This is so wrong!! I cannot believe the board members that attended the meeting on Thursday night sat there listening to the truth of what is at the Greektown employment level and still had the nerve to vote you out. I will do everything I can to get the word out in our areas about these board members. They will have to answer why they would support such a thing. It only goes to show they too support all the wrong doings happening to our main enterprise. I wonder how much they were paid to have done this to you. I guess they didn't give a darn that it was us members who brought these issues to you and you tried to support our interests by checking into these issues. God forbid you tried to supports the members of this tribe! I am so very sorry that this has happened.

Dear Aaron-What a nightmare! I and so many more are in support of you! This is Insane! How dare they? Please keep us posted as to how we might help. The fact that they are sabotaging our efforts to assemble as culture hungry tribal member is unjust, but NOTHING compared to having you removed. I will pray for you and have my family pray for you as well today.

So sickened after reading Aaron's email of his removal. Thank-you AGAIN for being there for us. If people are opposed to Aaron and not in support of our southern efforts, I DO NOT EVER WANT TO MEET WITH

THEM. It is a waste of our time. As we have all heard, 5 board members voted Aaron out as CEO of Greektown Executive Board and appointed Fred Paquin. This is yet another attempt to defeat our Chairperson of responsibilities. The Greektown Board Members voted to prohibit the Members use of Greektown facilities unless they pay first. This ended the three years of members meetings where member were mobilizing to garner representation from an at large board representative.



**Tribal Member Sarah Markert of Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina proudly displays the Tribal Crane emblem in a tattoo on her back. Sarah visited during the 2007 pow-wow weekend.**

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

**2007 MEMBER MEETINGS**

Unit 1	Time	Location
Sep 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Kewadin Casinos, Sault MI

Unit 2	Time	Location
Sep 19 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Newberry Tribal Center

Unit 3	Time	Location
Sep 26 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Mackinac Island Town Hall

Unit 4	Time	Location
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5pm	Escanaba: Location TBA

Unit 5	Time	Location
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Marquette: Location TBA

**Eastern At Large: Detroit**

Time	Location
Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Detroit, MI Greektown Casino, Olive Room

**Western At Large: East Lansing**

Time	Location
Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	12pm Nokomis Ctr.-Okemos MI

**Northern At Large: Petoskey**

Time	Location
Sep 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm Comfort Inn, Petoskey, MI

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# Directors responsible to tribe's members



**FRED PAQUIN**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III

I would like to commend the staff and cadets of the seventh annual Junior Police Academy. The camp had 40 young men and

women who worked very hard for a full week at Boedny Bay. I feel bad that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the tribal paper was unable to attend this camp and give recognition to the young men and women who attended.

The camp, run by the Sault Tribe Police Department, gives the same training law enforcement officers receive to show the cadets all areas of police work. Again, I would like to commend them for a week of hard work and discipline. Parents and family should be extremely proud.

On another note, as most members have heard by now, there had been a change on the Greektown Management Board. In several

emails and media releases it is stated that this was done illegally and improperly, which is a false statement. It also stated that when the tribal chairman was elected, he was also elected as chairman and CEO of Greektown, another false statement. One article stated that I orchestrated this to set the groundwork to run for tribal chairman, another false statement.

I refuse to get into negative political ploys. I am tired of hearing for the past three years that the past administration is to blame for all, that the tribal board of directors is corrupt and the false promises. I do not feel our tribe has moved ahead in the past three years and yes, I, too, am to blame, I sit on the board of

directors. It is very sad that board members are attacked by people sitting at the same table as them and cannot focus on matters that are important without the attacks.

The decision for the chairman at Greektown was not suggested by myself. Board members were concerned about the lack of participation, confidentiality issues and other issues. I was not interested in this position, partly because I knew there would be false statements, attacks and negative comments, but then I considered it due to the fact that I am elected by the membership and have a responsibility to the tribe.

A short time ago, it was suggested that I file a harassment complaint, which I do not want to

do, but I can no longer stand by and be subjected to attacks and false statements, nor do I feel that employees and members should be subjected to this manner of treatment.

I feel this organization has too many responsibilities to the membership and the negative games have got to stop. We must move forward in a positive direction.

I know that all members do not agree with me or support me, all I ask that is when you are sent correspondence by e-mail or other means, please attempt to find the whole story.

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

# Thinking with a fresh perspective



**CATHY ABRAMSON**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

There is so much controversy swirling around our tribal network, that I am having a hard time figuring out how to begin this unit report. Political issues have been created and raised and the misinformation that is sent out continuously leaves you, our constituents, confused about what is happening with your government. I will be dedicating part of my

reports to clarify these issues.

## Greektown Management Board

Right now, our tribal members are getting confused by the various e-mails and news releases that are being created by our tribal chairperson. Just recently, the Greektown Management Board voted to replace him as the chairman of the Greektown Management Board with another tribal board member, Fred Paquin. The Greektown Management Board reserves the right to change the chairman as they see fit. We have a lot of challenges with all the new Greektown Casino construction development and sometimes it's necessary to get a fresh perspective. The management board felt that we needed a change and we made one. It's not personal, it's just business. None of the chairman's Constitutional rights have been taken away from him. He remains a member of the Greektown Management Board with just as much input as he pre-

viously had.

## Job Descriptions for Tribal Board and Chairman/CEO

This is not a power struggle between the Greektown Management Board and the intentions of the people. This is just another example of what happens when we do not have clearly defined roles and responsibilities for the chairperson/CEO and the board. I have advocated for years that we need to have "job descriptions." A blueprint is needed of exactly what is expected of each and everyone of the board of directors, including the chairperson/CEO. The Constitution states that the tribal chairperson's authority is delegated by the board of directors. How can you measure how well we are performing without knowing exactly where our accountability lies? At our next meeting, I will be requesting that a subcommittee of the board be appointed to draft those job descriptions. They

would then be brought before the entire board for review and approval.

## Setting Schedules

Our chairperson and board of directors need to work together to plan our meeting schedules. We will take time at one of our workshops to do so accordingly. We have many things to work on which include our H.R. policies and procedures, our administrative code, our tribal Constitution, strategic planning of our programs and services, budgets and finances to name a few.

## Code of Ethics Subcommittee

Director Miller and I have formed a subcommittee to work on our Code of Ethics. The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all tribal officials. These meetings are open to all board members who are interested in giving any input. Once we complete a draft, it will be brought to our entire board for

review and approval.

## Powwows and Gatherings

The summer has been and continues to be busy with powwow gatherings. It was good to see many members who live away from Bahweting attend our annual Sault Tribe powwow in July. I attended the spiritual gathering and many of our members received their spirit names at this time. My sister, Sherri, and I attended the Hessel powwow and it was nice to visit with many of our friends and relatives. Next weekend, our tribe will be hosting one in St. Ignace with one to follow on Labor Day on Sugar Island and again on Sept. 15 in Newberry. I hope to see you at these special gatherings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on my cell phone (906) 322-3823 or home phone (906) 635-3054. My e-mail address is cabramson@saulttribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Terms of surrender exposed



**TODD K. GRAVELLE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

On Aug. 14, 2007, the board of directors agreed to conduct a referendum on settlement of our inland hunting and treaty rights case. This settlement is the culmination of years of negotiation and is perhaps the most important issue facing our tribe outside of the new constitution. The final settlement is called the consent decree where, if approved by the tribal citizens, presents our final agreement on how and where we will exercise our inland treaty rights under the Treaty of 1836.

The final approval of the consent decree is mired in controversy. The consent decree is based on the Agreement in Principle (AIP) which forms the basis for the consent decree. The AIP's approval was done behind closed doors and represents yet another example why governmental reform is needed and is worth repeating as I wrote about in my unit report back in 2006. I submit this report to you again for review:

"On May 16, 2006, in Manistique, the tribal board played a shell-game with the tribe's Open Meeting's Act. The board did this by passing a resolution in open session to continue meetings with the membership and further consultation with the Inland Hunting and Fishing Committee before voting on the final settlement with the State of Michigan on our Inland Hunting and Fishing Rights. Later, in closed session, the board, led by Rob Lambert, reversed the open session resolution and approved the settlement.

The deception perpetrated by the board on the membership is corruption. The members need

an opportunity to review the final Agreement in Principle (AIP) before it is finalized by the court. Now, this might not happen due to the board's actions.

This vote was designed to be hidden from our tribal members. I'm now compelled to bring this issue out into the open for all to see. Quite simply, the board denied tribal members their constitutional rights, and as a result, tribal citizens' precious hunting and fishing rights are now in jeopardy.

Previously, the board had specifically authorized certain board members to negotiate terms of a final settlement to define our tribal hunting and fishing rights with the state of Michigan. Although specific negotiations and terms were strictly confidential, tribal members have a right to know the proposed final agreement before being bound to an agreement that will define their rights forever.

Pretending to recognize tribal members' right to review the final settlement terms, and conduct more meetings to discuss this matter with the membership, the board passed a resolution in open

session to conduct more meetings and do more just that. I soon found-out that this was merely lip service.

In closed session, the board secretly passed two motions. First, Director Rob Lambert, made a motion to reverse the open session resolution and it passed. Shockingly, Director Lambert then led the charge to pass a second motion to accept the agreement with the state as written, with a few conditions. This motion passed with Director's Lambert, Causley, Eitrem, Miller and LaPoint voting to approve the AIP as written with no further tribal member involvement.

In closed session, I was shocked that the other board members would so casually dismiss the concerns of the membership expressed during this and other open meetings with the membership. I pleaded with the board that it was just plain wrong to do this in closed session. After all, the membership has to live forever with this agreement and they should have an opportunity to review this final agreement before

we settle this case. I also argued that the membership should have an opportunity to challenge the board's decision to settle this case by referendum, as is their right under our Constitution. My pleas for fairness were largely ignored and voted down. Sadly, it then appeared clear to me what was really being done behind closed doors.

Tribal members need to know the truth! The board says one thing in open session and does the exact opposite behind closed doors. The board's tactic of moving the issue to closed session was specifically for the purpose of denying tribal member's knowledge of what the board was up to. The board hid behind closed doors so tribal members would not know that although the board pretended to recognize tribal members rights in front of the camera, its secret plan was to deprive them of this very right.

The board knew exactly what they were about to do. The board acted purposely by motion instead of resolution to deny a challenge to this corrupt action by tribal

See "Gravelle," page 9



# Turmoil within the tribe



**DENNIS MCKELVIE**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The title of this unit report may seem familiar to some of you reading it. It was recently plastered on the front page of the *Evening News* compliments of our Chairperson Aaron Payment. We as a tribe are at a crossroads. We are attempting to move forward with Greektown, and be fiscally responsible as a tribe as whole. I have no problem with board members, including the chairperson, speaking out at meetings or in their respective unit reports. However, I do have a problem when an individual uses the local paper and radio to spread his propaganda.

In the chairperson's news article, he cites an instance that occurred over five years ago at a tribal meeting. I asked him to stay in the meeting but he insistently walked out. He further continues to speak about the top two positions within Greektown casino. These individuals have been

working for us for years and have been doing the job. It is only now that the chairperson chooses to bring up these positions for purely political reasons. Lets take a look at a few of the decisions Chairman Payment made without board or management board approval:

- > HIRED A NON-TRIBAL MEMBER TO OVERSEE CONSTRUCTION OF GREEKTOWN CASINO WITH NO CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE;
- > PAID THIS INDIVIDUAL 280,000 PER YEAR;
- > PAID FOR APARTMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL;
- > PAID FOR FURNITURE FOR INDIVIDUAL'S APARTMENT;
- > JOB WAS NOT POSTED;
- > INDIVIDUAL MISSED 25 MILLION IN EXPENSES OF GREEKTOWN CONSTRUCTION COSTS;
- > PUSHED FOR HIRE OF TRIBAL GENERAL COUNSEL;
- > GENERAL COUNSEL SALARY OF 360,000 PER YEAR;
- > PLACED GENERAL COUNSEL WITH OVERSIGHT OF GREEKTOWN LEGAL;
- > LEGAL BILLS IN GREEKTOWN ESCALATED FROM \$1 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO NEARLY THREE MILLION ANNUALLY;
- > HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE LAST CEO, BERNARD BOUSCHOR;
- > SUB PAR EVALUATION

WOULD'VE ENDED HIS CONTRACT;

> AARON WALKED OUT OF EVALUATION AND ALLOWED MARVIN BEATTY (MINORITY PARTNER) TO DO THE SOLE EVALUATION AND CONTINUE HIS CONTRACT.

Business must take precedence at the Greektown Management Board level. There is no room for political agendas within the operating structure of Greektown Casino. It is our future, and we cannot afford to risk that future for the whims of anyone's political agenda.

Greektown Casino gets its oversight from a management board that is made up of 11 individuals. Ten of those individuals are members of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, one is a minority partner in the project. The day to day operations are handled by the casino management.

Recently the Greektown Management Board decided to change the chairperson position within the management structure of Greektown. We have gone through this process before.

Business must take precedence at the Greektown Management Board level. There is no room for political agendas within the operating structure of Greektown Casino. It is our future, and we cannot afford to risk that future for the whims of anyone's political agenda.

Our chairman is introducing a resolution at the tribal board level

to make himself CEO and chairman of Greektown Casino. This is not the first time that legislation has been drafted at the the tribal board level to affect Greektown. In fact, over three years ago, the board of directors voted to stop paying then management board members (minority investors) over \$600,000 per year in board fees. The management board, including Chairman Payment, did nothing to stop these payments at the Greektown level. EVEN THOUGH THE TRIBAL BOARD VOTED TO STOP THE PAY.

The last time the chairman of the tribe was CEO of Greektown Casino they made an exorbitant salary of over \$850,000 per year. Is this what Chairman Payment wants as well?

During the last chairperson's election the membership voted to stop the "One man Show." The old board allowed the last chair to run rampant and do whatever he wanted. The membership wanted this to stop. Are we going to continue to allow a "One man Show," or are THE DAYS OF THE "ONE HORSE SHOW" OVER?

In addition to the politicization of Greektown Casino operations, treaty rights are also being dragged in the political fray. Over three years ago the tribal board selected three representatives to negotiate the AIP (Agreement In Principle) for Inland Hunting and Fishing Rights. The individuals selected were Aaron Payment, Fred Paquin and Victor Matson,

Sr. Nearly 1.5 years ago the AIP was approved by the tribal board of directors.

Now the AIP and Consent Decree are going to be mailed to you for your approval or disapproval.

When I say that this is all political, Chairman Payment's news release also stated that this was Fred Paquin's announcement for running for chairman. This reaffirms my statements that this is all political. This is nothing but a mere political assumption, not facts released by the tribe.

The chairman is so worried about being re-elected and who is going to run against him that he hasn't been conducting tribal business for the last three years. Common sense should tell him that if you are doing the job you are supposed to be doing, increasing revenue and services — one should be a shoo-in... Makes one wonder why he is campaigning so hard when the election is six months away...

The Tribal Constitution states UNDER DUTIES OF THE BOARD:

"To manage any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the tribe and to engage in any business not contrary to federal law that will further the economic development of the tribe or its members, and to use the tribal funds or other tribal resources for such purposes;"

Now that the board is standing  
*See "McKelvie," Page 10*

## FROM "GRAVELLE," PAGE 8

members by referendum. Tribal members have a Constitutional right to challenge all resolutions passed by the board through a referendum. But, this right to referendum does not include motions passed by the board. This could have only been done because it was known that tribal members wanted their voices heard and the board refused to listen. The board members who voted for this action behind closed doors cannot now plead ignorance.

I challenged the other board members in closed session by asking them directly if it was in fact their intention of approving this AIP by motion rather than by resolution to avoid giving the members an opportunity to challenge the board's decision by referendum as our Constitution allows. The board members then shockingly admitted that it was in fact their intention to deny the membership their Constitutional rights by not affording them an opportunity to have a referendum vote by the membership on the AIP. I was appalled and you should be too!

The board, by choosing these tactics, violated the Constitution, the Open Meeting's Act and most importantly, the sacred public trust given to us by the membership. Once trust is gone you have nothing left. One reason given by the board for not allowing a referendum vote on AIP was that it was just too complicated and

the membership would not understand it. In other words, the board justified its action by claiming that tribal members are "too stupid" to understand. Haven't we all heard that excuse before? The sad thing now is that our own tribal leaders are saying this to their members. I was deeply saddened to hear this.

The board is now serving itself and not its people. The board members who approved the AIP in closed session may honestly believe that it is in the best interests of the membership. These board members miss the point in all of this madness. The Tribe is governed by laws and the ends do not justify the means no matter how well-intentioned. The board gets its power from the people and under our Constitution they have the right to challenge the actions of the board. Ask yourself this question? If this settlement is so good for our people why won't they let you see it before it becomes law?

Sovereignty is about protecting the rights of the membership and concerned tribal members must send a message to this board now. Now that you know the truth about what happened behind doors I ask that you join me in demanding the board reverse this decision and allow the members to either approve or reject this AIP by referendum.

To add to this tragedy, Chairperson Payment, and Director's

McKelvie and Causley asked that the tape of the Manistique meeting not be released or broadcast on television. The reasons given for this decision were very weak at best. They argued that we should not release the tape because we do not want the state to see that we are divided on this issue. In other words, according to them, we should suppress this tape because we are not unanimous in our decision to approve the AIP. I was again shocked at what the board was about to do!

The decision to withhold the tape from public viewing is not justifiable based on the reasons given by these board members. A lawyer representing the tribe on this matter even reviewed the tape and stated to the board that there was nothing on the tape that was confidential to justify withholding it from the membership. In other words, there is no legal reason to not release it for broadcast to the public. I argued that we should always release our public meetings for broadcast to the public especially since there is no legal reason to justify not releasing the tape. I lost again!

The board did say that tribal members do have a right to see the tape but how do members see it? Do they request a copy? Is there going to be a public showing for members only? The truth is that they effectively suppressed the tape from you because for all practical purposes they know that

you will not take the time to exercise your rights to view it due to the hassle and hardship that this imposes on the general membership to actually view the tape.

The decision to reverse the open session resolution behind closed doors and making the viewing of the public tape of this open meeting are very disturbing trends in our tribe. The members must hold the board accountable for its actions. To do nothing would be to condone the secret actions of the board which can only lead to more violations of your Constitutional rights."

The above unit report was written by me back in June 2006. The sad truth is that we should have conducted a referendum on the AIP back in 2006. Some board members seem to conveniently forget that a petition bearing the signatures of nearly 300 tribal members was submitted back in 2006 within the 30 day time period of approval of the AIP in Newberry, Mich., to conduct a referendum on the AIP but was ignored by the board. So despite any claims to the contrary, the opportunity to rectify this situation occurred within a month of the approval of the AIP and despite my pleas to allow the membership to see this document and vote on this important issue was again cast aside and ignored.

In the wake of the outrage on how the AIP was approved behind closed doors, I drafted a resolu-

tion shortly after the approval of the AIP banning any future votes or official action by the board of directors behind closed doors. This resolution was passed overwhelmingly by the board of directors and possibly represents the collective guilt of the board of passing such a major issue behind closed doors. But as a warning call to all of our members this resolution too could be reversed in a closed session and other issues could be voted on in closed session at any time which again demonstrates why we need constitutional reform. In point of fact, the new constitution requires all such issues related to our treaty rights to be approved by the voters of this tribe. The committee inserted this clause in the new constitution largely in the wake of the debacle surrounding the approval of the AIP.

At my request, the board of directors has also instructed our attorneys to notify the federal judge handling this case of the method and manner of how the AIP was approved. The judge needs to be aware of the circumstances surrounding this debacle. Maybe, and just maybe, he will throw-out the approval of the AIP since it was done with such callous disregard to our membership. If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me at: Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 322-3822.

# Our tribal youth and families need our help



**LANA CAUSELY**  
**DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

I will begin by making an apology for not submitting a report in the last two issues. Many things have been happening in my family life and hard times have been here for us. During this time family and friends have truly showed how much they care. Miigwetch, all of you know who you are and for you I am so grateful.

In the last few months our communities have been hit with many youth tragedies which include crime, drug abuse and teen suicides. Our communities as well as our brothers Bay Mills Community have been affected with this very sad reality. After speaking with many members of the commity as well as officials who can help, we are in the infant stages of creating a program/foundation to assist our youth. Our goal is to assure them and their families that we are aware of the troubles that they have and we are here to assist them with the problems they face. We as grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins all know at least one child who is having trouble and in desperate need of us being aware and able to help. This foundation/committee has gained a name, which is the L.I.F.T. program, which stands for the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens. This was an incredible young man who had many friends in our community and his passing and the passing of the others has created such a sorrow here that the youth are in desperate need to help and make us as adults aware of the problems. We currently have at least five youth who are to be involved and we are getting calls as the word is spreading. This foundation will be unique to no other around as it will address the problems that teens face, the resources to get them assistance (tribal resources and non tribal resources)

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up and fulfilling their constitutional duties, the chairman will state we have a cookie cutter constitution. But when the chairman wants to follow the Constitution it is fine for his purposes. Which is it? Right or wrong, the chairman needs to grow up!!

Like I have stated before, I believe that the chairman is trying to divide the tribe. We will not have to worry about the state and federal government trying to destroy the tribe. The chairman is doing that work for them.

On a positive note, Greektown Casino construction is on

right away and services that will support the many issues they have to overcome once in trouble, have depression or substance abuse problems and feel there is no relief or help. In the creation of the name, the thought is that we assist to LIFT these youth out of the despair and desperation they feel about committing crimes, abusing alcohol and preventing any more suicides with our young people. Six young people have been taken from us in the last year! This is a wake up call that they need us, they need direction and assurance that we are here. All the youth that we have lost in troubled times should be mentioned here but I don't want to bring those painful thoughts back to them. Please say prayers for those families who are in hard times. Recently we were called upon by our traditional healers to offer tobacco to them in the action that they were going to take for a ceremony to help heal our communities and offer prayers for our struggling teens. This was done for us as well as the Bay Mills community. Our traditional healer and staff saw what had to be done and took action to take care of us and our people. For that we should all be very thankful. I have spoken with families who are frustrated with the system as to when our kids are considered adults. Our youth are able to quit school at will when they are 16 and move out when they are 17. This law is devastating to families as we fail the kids by allowing them to make a decision at too young of an age. They are on their own with no tools to survive, without, at the very least, a high school diploma. These kids are doomed to fail as soon as they leave or are allowed to leave without parent's direction. After speaking with many frustrated and sad families, I plan to lead a campaign to prevent kids from being able to drop out of school and leave home at such a young age, we need to be able to raise our kids so they are equipped with at least one tool to survive in this world. Parents hands are tied when it comes to the law as we are prevented from keeping them in school and keeping them home until they have at least graduated. We can lead a campaign that would prevent kids from being able to drop out and leave. It will not be easy, but with the high school drop out rate increasing, youth crime increasing,

schedule. We are proceeding rapidly towards the opening of our new parking garage in early November. The sooner this project is complete, the sooner the tax roll back on our property will begin, which will enable us to draw funds up north to fund services for the membership.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,  
Dennis McKelvie  
Unit I Director  
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youth drug abuse increasing as well as teen deaths, we sure have a good enough argument that allowing them to leave is not the answer for our youth. I do recognize the successful youth we have and there are many but the part broken in our system is what needs to be looked at and dealt with. I would like to thank the many community members (tribal and non-tribal) as well as officials who have stepped up to be part of this committee.

The Naubinway Elders (Land of the Echos) have been working very hard on a successful venture and that is the Naubinway Snowmobile Museum. The tribe has approved the Naubinway land in trust (about one acre) to be a future site for this museum. At the present time, the museum is housed in the laundromat in Naubinway, until funding can be secured for the permanent structure on the Naubinway parcel. In the unique venture with our support for leasing the land, the Museum Committee has implemented opportunities for the business owners in the area, promoting our casinos due to giving out packages for visitors, house a community building for our elders to gather for dinners or meeting as well as office space for tribal representatives to hold meeting with the community members. Charlie Vallier, Bill King, Arnie and Carl Frazier and the entire elders group and community need to be thanked for either introducing the idea or then working hard to make it happen. In the future at the permanent site on the trust land, the elders will have a place or their own to hold dinners, have recreational time and have meetings. The facility will also house a brand new kitchen that will be available to our community to use.

I am also very happy to announce that the board of directors has approved a resolution to purchase the Maples Campground in Hessel. This site is located across from the Hessel reservation and near the casino. It has 44 sites to camp and an office/home on the land. With the purchase of this property, we can promote our casino, use the land for our youth education participants to camp and hold recreational events and,

## July, August board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on July 3 on Mackinac Island, Mich. Board member Robert LaPoint was absent.

Approved resolutions: Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.

The board approved tribal participation as a registration jurisdiction in the National Sex Offender Registry system. Intent was declared to seek funds from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program for implementation.

A committee recommendation was approved to accept proposals from Elizabeth Church and Julie Beck as contract indigent defense counselors, not to exceed \$40,000

in the future, we can hopefully develop to include a small Midjim for this community. Our reservation near the casino has grown in the past years and making this area unique to camp and bring in customers is another opportunity to increase revenue at our casino. I held a special community meeting with the Hessel community to give input and ideas about the development and plans for our area. Thank you to all who attended and we are very excited about the ideas.

Please remember that the first annual Newberry tribal community powwow will be held on Sept. 15. The powwow will be held right at the tribal center lawn and will be a one-day event. This community had described that they were interested in having more cultural awareness and activities there. The elders really have made this a goal for the community, most from the elders committee are now on the powwow committee and are doing a great job for the first powwow to be organized but they need the entire community's support. If you would like to become involved or volunteer for this, please contact Lois Bryant or Shirley Kowalke at the tribal center, these two have been very instrumental in planning as well. We are very excited about this powwow so please bring your lawn chairs and support our elders in their first powwow for the Newberry area. We will be holding a meeting on Aug. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center.

At the board of directors meeting on Aug. 14 the board of directors passed a resolution to send out a referendum vote on the consent decree, in part to the agreement in principal that was signed by us as well as the Grand Traverse, Little River, Bay Mills and Little Traverse Bay (U.S. vs. Mich.) regarding our inland hunting and fishing and gathering rights. This will give the membership an opportunity to review the agreement before we officially enter into the consent decree. This was a hard decision for the board of directors to make as after putting in place three primary negotiators and an ad hoc committee to meet, we have opted to place

the final outcome to a vote of the membership. Although it may get negatively publicized, the board members who voted no in sending it out to the members was not to keep the membership out of the process or keep you uninformed, I have spoken to each and every one of them. This agreement had to be negotiated by court order and in the end it may be a very expensive endeavor to send the entire document to all members and it may be very hard to understand the document that you receive but we will also have a consolidated fact sheet so that you can easily read that.

Although I voted and supported sending this out for a referendum vote I also want to acknowledge the board that did not support that. Those board members had made their concerns known, as stated it will be hard to understand and expensive and, in the end, we again have been court ordered to do this, but in no way did they ever want to keep the membership out of the decision. Hopefully this will not be another issue that is used to negatively attack board members.

DeTour held their second mini school powwow and the involvement from the community was great. The youth involved were happy that this had taken place and our kids loved being part of this day. I seen many parents and grandparents there and next year we could possibly turn it into an outside event for the entire community. We also held the fourth annual youth empowered powwow in Rexton last weekend. This event has grown through the last four years and was so fun; the kids made us do many special dances! Could hardly walk the next day! To see the drums, elders, youth, community and YEA program work so hard together to put this event on is truly our goal and that day it was well accomplished. Miigwetch to all of you.

I will be holding office hours in Naubinway on Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the snowmobile museum. Office hours in Hessel will be on Aug. 20. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 484-2954 or lcausley@saulttribe.net. Baamaapii.

per year, for the Sault Chippewa Tribal Court.

A fiscal year 2007 budget modification was approved for position changes in Health Education. Board members DJ Hoffman and Dennis McKelvie opposed the measure.

A fiscal year 2008 budget modification was approved for re-allocation of staff in Native Employment Works.

The Communications Department was directed to review for approval any "all users" addressed e-mail and that no elected official's e-mail addressed to "all users" shall be sent through the tribe's internal mail system without first being subject to approval by the board. The tribal CEO can use the internal network mail

system within the normal course of business.

Another board meeting was held on Aug. 14 with all members present.

Approved resolutions: An application was approved for a fiscal year 2008 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services community service block grant.

Amendments to tribal commercial treaty fishing rules and regulations were approved. Tribal Code Chapter 20, section 102 was amended as follows: Subsection (2)(b) amended by striking ". . . and approved by the board of directors" and shall thereafter be left to read "A member, the ages of sixteen and seventeen, shall be eligible for a helper's license only

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# Smoke and Mirrors



**DJ HOFFMAN**  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

I have chosen to utilize the above-mentioned title for my unit report this month. Its significance is that these very words were uttered by the tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment at the last board meeting in Manistique regarding the consent decree.

## CONSENT DECREE

The issue of the consent decree has been recently vaulted into the political spectrum. The consent decree is a document of mutual understanding between the State of Michigan and the Sault Tribe, as well as other tribes in Michigan, related to our inland hunting and fishing rights. There are those who would have you believe that this is a recent occurrence, when it is in fact the result of three years of negotiations. In early 2006, the board passed an Agreement in Principle to bypass litigation and enter into a formal agreement (Consent Decree) with the tribe. This resolution was passed prior to my election as a member of the board of directors, nonetheless, I have an obligation

to abide by the agreement made by our tribes governing body.

Recently, legislation was introduced to submit the Consent Decree to the membership for referendum. The board was lobbied politically and privately to send the consent decree out to the membership by board initiated referendum. The resolution introduced was sliced and diced into legislation that makes no apparent sense at all. It states that a referendum will take place whenever the consent decree is completed (yes — it is not done) and that the language for the referendum will be submitted at a later date.

Why proceed with legislation when it is clearly not completed? Just because it looks good in the press?

**WE WERE ELECTED TO DO A JOB, NOT CONSISTENLTLY ATTEMPT TO GET RE-ELECTED!!!!!!**

Unfortunately, this has been the mode of operation for the past few months. In fact, during the expansion of the Bahweting School, a similar occurrence happened. I support the expansion of the school, however, I could not vote to do such since the funding source for the actual construction was not secured prior to the legislation to expand the school. I will not place a liability of \$1.465 million dollars in construction on the tribe without a funding source in place. Two weeks after legislation to expand the school was in place, a lease agreement with the school was adopted to provide the funding for the project. The horse and the cart seem to be getting mixed up. We have to do things appropriately and efficiently, not impulsively.

Confusion, chaos and insanity are all words that could be utilized to describe the blatant politicking of these and many other processes. If a document is not completed, wouldn't it make sense to wait until it was to referendum it, pass it or decline it? I will not vote on legislation that fails to follow the appropriate processes or is not completed.

## GREEKTOWN

Greektown Casino is a tribal owned business that is operated off reservation land. It is comprised of a management board of 11 members. Ten of the members of the management board are tribal board members; one is a minority investor in Greektown Casino. The role of the management board chairperson is to run the Greektown meetings. That is the only role of the Greektown Management Board chairperson.

**IF A PERSON FAILS TO ATTEND GREEKTOWN MEETINGS, THEN HOW CAN THAT INDIVIDUAL HOPE TO RUN THOSE MEETINGS?**

*I have spoken in past reports about the importance of Greektown. As I have stated, every current board member and chair has referred to it as the future. Unfortunately, there are those who tend to dwell on the past, instead of concentrating on this future. We must learn from our mistakes or "be doomed to repeat them."*

## AREA MEETINGS

I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you from outside the service area in the past few months. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to hear your concerns and express my views on various topics. I urge

you to keep informed and ask for more than one view on an issue. While many have their own opinions on issues, it is important that you have all of the information necessary to form your own.

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

With the right political spin, allegations can be very convincing. However, responsible representation asks questions. I will continue to seek the answers to the questions that constituents pose.

## THEY WERE CHOSEN

*It shall be a privilege to serve our people an honor*

*to be given the power to strengthen and uphold our traditional ways To have the foresight to seek unity of other members for the "good" of the whole*

*and not for purpose of self claim nor recognition and not to tear the base of the foundation but to build a stronger base by protecting the old ways and extending open arms embrace the ideas of our youth*

*For then our children will continue to learn from their leaders the power of unity through positive reinforcement*

*to allow them to flourish to be brave to be proud and learn to lead*

*Our leaders were chosen for their insights to our future their wisdom to learn from our past Help us to help them follow the right path Keep them strong to conquer only our enemies and not our right to sovereignty*

Looking at the quote above, I am reminded of the responsibility of a director. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the membership of this tribe.

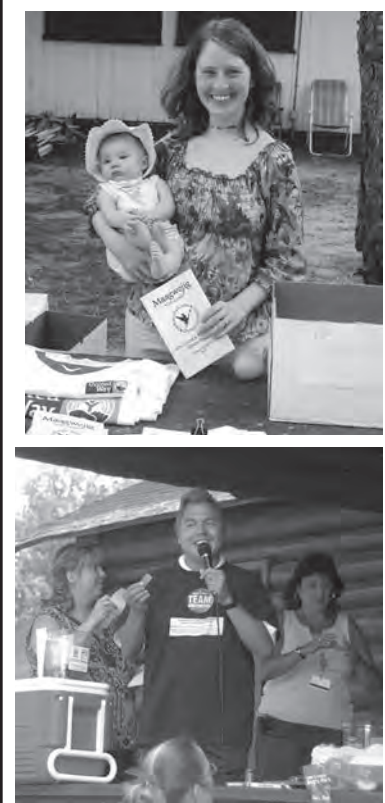
*I will continue to push forward with members of the board who wish to be progressive.*

*We will work to ensure the protection of services for the membership of the tribe. Make no mistake when I say WE. NO ONE DOES ANYTHING ALONE TO MAKE THIS TRIBE MOVE FORWARD, it takes a majority of the board as well as the membership. But make no mistake, one person can make a difference, whether on the board or not!*

Sincerely,  
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## Team members have blast at picnic

Team members of the Sault Tribe organization attended a company picnic hosted by their employer at Sherman Park on July 30, a beautiful day at Sherman Park pavillion in the Sault. The tribe provided grilled meats and team members brought dishes to pass, and there were door prizes galore.



Photos by Cory Wilson

From top left, Sonnett Quinn hands out information, Chairperson Aaron Payment calls out doorprizes and the chow line at the Sherman Park pavaillion.

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with the written consent of a parent or guardian."

Subsection (5)(b) amended by striking "... and approved by the board of directors" and shall thereafter be left to read "A member, the ages of sixteen and seventeen, shall be eligible for a license only with the written consent of a parent or guardian."

Subsection (5)(c) amended by striking "... and approved by the board of directors" and shall thereafter be left to read "A member under the age of sixteen may fish with an immediate family member who is a licensed fisherman with the written consent of a parent or guardian." The minor can only fish during non-school hours.

An allocation of \$70,000 was approved to conduct a referendum on the final version of the Inland Consent Decree when it is completed. The question on the referendum shall be determined when the decree is a complete document. Board members Cathy Abramson, Joe Eitrem, Keith Massaway, Fred Paquin, Hoffman and McKelvie opposed the measure.

A checking account and a trust account were approved for the JKL Bahweting PSA Fiduciary Committee at the National City Bank of Michigan

and Illinois. The accounts will require the signature of two of the following individuals for all transactions: Aaron Payment, Thomas G. Miller, Dennis McKelvie, Victor Matson, Jr., Cathy Abramson and William P. Connolly.

An application was approved for a 2007-09 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address water pollution control on reservation and trust lands.

Delegates and alternate delegates to NCAI were designated. Aaron Payment was named delegate while Kenneth Ermatinger, Cathy Abramson, Todd Gravelle, Lana Causley, Keith Massaway, and Tom Miller were named as alternates.

Two requests to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior were approved to put about 360 acres of land in Bruce Township into trust along with another parcel of land in Clark Township.

A fiscal year 2007 budget modification was approved for a total decrease in tribal support in the amount of \$19,165.51 and a 2008 budget modification was approved for a total decrease in tribal support in the amount of \$12,266.

The board usually meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

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**ROBERT LAPOINT,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT 2**

Denial and avoidance is not the way our tribal government should be operating right now. Our tribe is a big family. Just like all families, we are going to have disagreements, what is important is what we learn from our disagreements. Perhaps the greatest gift anyone can have is learning how to listen. I hope I have learned how to listen to the members, my constituents. Being elected to serve on the board didn't give me extra intelligence. I don't think I am smarter than my children or my grandchildren, maybe older and wiser because of experience but I am not more intelligent. Expectations of how our government is operating are at a very high level. Our members are more engaged then ever and they are very intelligent.

I think now is the time for extreme transparency, this should replace the closed doors and inner workings of our board. The latest disagreement over the Inland Hunting and Fishing agreement hasn't been over the content of the agreement; it has been over keeping the members out of the process. Now we have a mess. To suggest otherwise is denial. It's easy to dismiss the feedback as complaining. I think the members have every right to complain. As a small tribal government, we don't have the benefit of scientific data but I would guess only half of our members trust the way our board is operating.

We cannot ignore the members. This is the worst kind of avoidance. We cannot have good government until we have good business. We are stymied right now. We are plagued with horrible debt from the previous administration. Many of us sitting on this board are responsible for letting this happen. Much of it happened in secrecy and behind closed doors. I think we are at critical times and we need to listen to the members. It might be time for an opinion page in the newspaper where selected letters could be printed. Some letters might be annoying because they will point out our flaws. It is critical however that we listen and not argue with our members.

We need to learn to trust every day and our members need to see the decision making process so they can decide on the motivations for our actions.

Right now I am focused on some business corruption. Not the kind of business corruption where laws have been broken but where there has been serious neglect and lack of creativity in our casino marketing.

Putting the issues on the Internet is not debate. We have the means and the power to work together and the moment when this comes about is going to really solve a lot of problems. Our success is not pre-ordained. We are going to have to work at it.

I am talking about our billboards. We need to take this one problem and fix it.

In my last unit report I mentioned the problems we are having with our signs. This is a "management" problem. I am not happy right now. This problem has been going on for several years. I gave my report to the board, the chairman and to the casino management. The problem is so bad I am almost ready to suggest we conduct an investigation. I traveled over a thousand miles and took photos of almost all of our billboards to show the board. I discovered at least four or five billboards we have been paying for that don't even exist. How

long has this been going on?

Over 40 percent of our billboards have visibility problems and almost all of the rest have a poorly designed message because they lack the name branding of our logo identity.

Maybe if it was one or two signs we could ignore the problem. I think we can find a flaw in almost everyone of them. The way we are going right now we might just as well get rid of them for all the good they are doing. We know who is the blame for this, the question is, what are we going to do about it. We need to have the right people in the right jobs focused on the right priorities. I think our marketing and advertising is only mediocre. This does not give us a sustainable competitive advantage. Throwing our advertising dollars away is a form of business corruption and marketing needs to be held accountable. Our high priced ad agency is mostly to blame but we have some responsibility here as well.

Securing our financial future is the only way we are going to secure our sovereignty and right to self-determination. That is why I say it takes good business in order to create good government.

I believe the board is working to achieve economic independence and social justice but there is too much politics going on in

the process. I think we are exercising our independence of mind and spirit to defend our lands and treaty rights. I also think we are at a turning point, a moment of truth.

Giving all our members the time and space to talk is helping to provide us with a whole new perspective. We need to move beyond the Upper Peninsula. Our government needs to learn how to fit into a new time and place. If we truly are a tribe and family, then we can afford to have open debate. This is how we will find the solutions.

Members should not have to bring their grievances to the board, that's why we need an independent judiciary; we need to democratically share our power with the members. The Constitution is a piece of paper, a set of rules. The members can change the Constitution, which is their right; we should have nothing to fear.

And finally, I think we need to use the new Constitution to petition the federal government to give the descendants of the Mackinac Band all their annuities and lands claims. The Sault Tribe stands to gain when we defend the treaty rights of over 16,000 of our members.

If you have questions contact Bob LaPoint. (906)495-5311

# Heroes are all around us in all shapes and sizes



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY  
DIRECTOR, UNIT 5**

Dear Friends:

Here I am again — there are so many heavy things going on in our tribe at this time. The new Constitution is still being presented to the board and also to members. We will wait for the final draft before the board votes on this document. All of you can read this document on the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians official Web site online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

I have to tell you that discussions at the constitutional meetings can get very heated and lively. But that's good.

I do want to share a short story about a hero of mine. Heroes are all around us, good honest people, who come in all shapes and sizes.

This hero was born on Easter Sunday one year, came home from the hospital on Father's Day and was at the Fourth of July festivities the same year with all of us.

The Fourth of July was his actual expected date to be born. Jimmy Richardson was definitely a premie! He overcame a lot of problems and now his cerebral

palsy only affects his legs. His spirit and his determination are something to behold.

This year on the morning of July Fourth and on his eleventh birthday (his supposed-to-be birthday) he ran a 3.5 mile race from the Munising City Dock down past Brown's Addition and back to the dock. As he passed his grandma Gail's house she asked if he wanted to get a ride the rest of the way — he said NO — he wanted to keep going.

At the finish line everyone started chanting "Jimmy, Jimmy." His cousin Joe Paquette and Chase Nebel and several others had already finished, but they ran back and came in to the finish line with Jimmy, encouraging him all the way.

He has a thing about getting his hair cut, so I call him "Cousin Itt." Maybe I should call him Samson — his strength just might be in his hair. Jimmy, by the way, is a descendant of Chief Nahbenayash.

His legs really ached that night but I think he would have done it all over again if he had to.

It sure is a long, hot summer — makes me know why I like winter so much.

The powwows are going on big time now. Newberry is coming up in a month (Sept. 15), then Munising (Sept. 22).

The elder's picnics are coming also; they are always well attended.

The board will be revisiting the inland fishing, hunting and gathering treaty rights. Hopefully, this meeting will let us put it in the final stage.

For all of the dear people in

Newberry who have to contend with the big fire: I hope it rains soon (I'm praying along with you) and that your nerves and your properties are all in great shape soon.

The gas station in Wetmore is still up in the air. Speaking of air, our people in tribal housing have it hard put to get any "fresh stuff." They need combination storm and screen doors — only windows are being done this year. They should have been done last year!

It's been said that the houses were only built to give a hand up and not intended as a lifetime residence.

Well, why don't we tell people up front, you've got so much time (maybe two years) and then out you go!

My feelings are the rent we charge is way too high for the service they get from us and for the money they make.

Well, that's one woman's opinion for this month.

Capture your blessings and even give some away.

Remember — fight nice.

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**SHIRLEY'S HERO  
— At right is Jimmy  
Richardson running  
a 3.5 mile race in  
Munising this summer.**



# Kewadin partners with area hotels and motels

Kewadin is partnering with area hotel and motel owners in the St. Ignace, Mackinac City, Mackinaw Island, Manistique, Hessel and Christmas areas to offer a special casino token package to guests staying in local hotel and motel properties. This new partnership program is geared towards drawing more visitors to the eastern Upper Peninsula.

"As a community, we all need to work together to bring visitors to our area," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer. "We see this now more than ever with the state of our economy, gas prices and the effect this has on tourism in our area."

Meetings were held throughout

the area this week to discuss and register hotel and motel owners into the new program. "We live in small communities and we all benefit from one another," said Cheri Tannehill, casino manager. "This is a great program that I hope all area businesses will benefit from."

The new promotion gives qualified area hotel or motel guests a free roll of Kewadin Casino gold tokens with the opportunity to earn an additional roll of tokens.

Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel, Michigan offers Vegas style gaming together with outdoor recreation. All facilities feature attractive din-

ing choices and two on-site hotel properties in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace.

For more information on the hotel promotion, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit Kewadin.com.

**Right, Brenda Walther of the Alger Falls Motel in Munising registers for Kewadin Casinos new hotel package promotion. Looking on is casino manager Cheri Tannehill (standing) and Bob Stein of the tourist bureau. The promotion gives guests of participating hotels special token packages for staying locally.**



## Vallier named assistant casino manager Kewadin Manistique

Geoffrey Vallier has been selected as the new assistant manager at Kewadin Casinos, Manistique. Vallier has worked at the Manistique casino for over eight years in a variety of gaming positions. "I am very proud to be chosen for this position," he said. "I have a lot to learn and look forward to the experience."

As assistant manager of the facility, Vallier will be responsible for the oversight of approximately 140 team members. He will be working with Tanya MacDonald, Manistique casino manager and departmental managers to ensure the casino is operating in an effective manner. He will also work to better the facility for customer satisfaction.



**Geoffrey Vallier**

"We are extremely excited to have Geoffrey in this position," said MacDonald. "The gaming experience he has from working as a pit boss and a shift manager will come in great use. His personality,

experience and attitude are exactly what we need."

Kewadin Manistique offers slot and table games including poker, blackjack, and three-card poker along with a 60-seat restaurant and lounge. Vallier, 30, lives in Manistique with his wife and two children.

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## St. Ignace native returns as hotel manager

Steven McPhee, a St. Ignace native, has been selected as hotel manager for the St. Ignace Kewadin Casinos hotel. McPhee moved out of the area in 1981 to pursue a college degree at Ferris State University and most recently worked as the director of events and snow sports marketing director at Boyne USA Resorts.

McPhee started with the hotel on Monday, July 23. "The people here are wonderful and the staff is great," said McPhee. "I like the hospitality industry and hope that I can bring my experience to help the Kewadin properties. My goal is to create a team atmosphere and create positive team work."

The Kewadin Casino St. Ignace hotel opened in July 2006 and has 81-hotel rooms with approximately 30 team members.



**Steven McPhee**

"We are glad to have Steve join us in St. Ignace," said general manager, Darcy Chase. "He has many new ideas we are excited to work on that will not only promote the casino and hotel, but the area as well."

## Kewadin Sault team member picnic – the best yet!

Team members and their families enjoyed an incredible day of family activity, great food and tons of prizes at the annual Kewadin Sault team member picnic on Aug. 8. Sixty two percent of the casino, or 431 team members, attended the party with a grand total of 665 attendees, including family members. Everyone stayed and played during the carnival style picnic which included a moon walk, bungee jump and obstacle course, football toss, ring toss and much more.

"This was our best picnic yet in the Sault," said Steve Sprecker, general manager. "A special thanks to the planning committee who really took the time to make this an incredible event."

The committee includes Tammy Schroeder, Rachel McKechnie, Teresa Patten, Dave Norton, Allison Vallier, Robert Captain, Prinny McKechnie and Vicki Puidokas. In addition to the committee, department managers and supervisors assisted in hosting the games and serving food. A special thank you to everyone who took part.

Similar picnics were scheduled Aug. 15 at Kewadin St. Ignace and Hessel; on Aug. 16 at Kewadin Manistique and on Aug. 21 at Kewadin Christmas.

Kewadin sends a special thanks to the following local organiza-

tions for their donations to the Kewadin Sault picnic: MidJim Store, Sault High Athletic Booster Club, Holiday Inn Express, The Palace, Hallers Hallmark, WSOO 1230/Rock101/Oldies 93, JC Pennys, Lockview Restaurant, Sault Country Club and Parker's Hardware.

**ON DAD'S SHOULDERS – This little one can't get enough of the carnival while dad, Robert Pelley of the gaming department, tries his hand at blackjack. The winner of each round of the table game won \$20.**



**IT'S IN THE HOLE – These five golfing experts patiently wait to see if their putt went in the hole! Prizes, including candy bars, pop and toys, were given to all children participating in the carnival games.**



**BINGO BEAR – Brian Willis, maintenance supervisor, shows off his bear that he won playing bingo.**



**KID AT HEART – Marketing staff member, Dan Owaski, jumps around in the moon walk.**

# Get the goodies at farmers markets

BY RICK SMITH

Farmers markets have been building momentum across the nation for years, and they keep getting bigger and better.

There are 14 farmers markets active in the Upper Peninsula and most operate from about mid-June to as late as October. The U.S. Department of Agriculture lists about 158 farmers markets across the state of Michigan and nearly 5,000 across the country.

The Farmer's Market in Sault Ste. Marie has been around since 2004 and sets up on Wednesdays from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on the corner of Ashmun and Maple. On Saturdays, look for a few to set up in the empty lot next to Cup of the Day on Ashmun from about 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There you will find a wide variety of healthful foods grown, caught or processed by local folks along with crafts and sundry items originating in the area.

And, if you have any questions about any of the offerings, the

person offering the wares is the same person who grew, processed or made it.

One can get fresh fruits and vegetables harvested just hours before being sold, select fish that were swimming earlier in the morning or buy bread with the taste and heft that can bring back memories. You could get the freshest eggs available without having your own chickens, or how about some genuine maple syrup? Perhaps some flowers ready to brighten a room or a yard?

These markets are especially beneficial to women, children and elders living on low-incomes who are eligible for state and federal nutrition programs.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children — better known as the WIC Program promotes the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age five who are at risk of suffering from poor nutrition.



Here a family gives a final check on their stand as the Farmers Market opens. Photos by Rick Smith



Maurits Vermeylen, a vendor, restocks one of the many types of his home-grown lettuce awaiting buyers. He also sells many varieties of tomatoes, potatoes, onions and beans.

Most farmers markets, such as the one in the Sault, participate in a program associated with the WIC Program called the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). The program, established by Congress in 1992, provides fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables to WIC participants.

Eligible WIC participants are issued FMNP coupons in addition to their regular WIC benefits. The coupons are used to buy the fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers, farmers markets and roadside stands that have been approved by the state.

Similarly, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is a

program in which grants are awarded to states, U.S. territories and tribal governments to provide coupons to low-income seniors that can be used to buy eligible foods at farmers markets, roadside stands or community supported agriculture programs.

More information about either program can be found at [www.fns.usda.gov/wic](http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic).

The farmers benefit from the markets by getting better prices for their crops than they would by selling to a wholesaler while customers reap much fresher, higher quality foods for prices comparable to regular markets.

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service supports farmers markets of eligible entities through grants and supervision of projects that promote and expand direct marketing of agricultural goods directly from farmers to consumers.

Those entities eligible for such support are agricultural cooperatives, local governments, non-profit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers market authorities and tribal governments.

Those wishing to set up a stand at a farmers market must meet certain standards said Jim Lucas, who oversees the Sault Farmers Market. "Essentially, we have a three-prong rule, you have to be resident of the tri-county area, that's Chippewa, Mackinac or Luce counties; your product must be something you raised or made and all processed products like bread, smoked fish, chickens and jams, must be made under state or tribal regulations."

If interested in selling at the Sault Farmers Market, call Jim Lucas at (906) 635-5657.

Below is a roster from the U.S. Department of Agriculture of some of the farmers markets in the tribe's service area. Listings detail market sites, contacts, months open, days scheduled and hours of business. Sites participating in the federal and state women, children and elders nutrition programs are indicated by WIC and SFMP noted at the bottom of their listings.

Sault Ste. Marie Farmers Market behind courthouse annex at Maple and Ashmun Streets, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2139. Contact Jim Lucas at (906) 635-6368. Open June – Sept./Oct. on Wednesdays, 5:15-7:15 p.m. and Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Located in empty lot south of Cup of the Day. WIC SFMP.

Escanaba Farmers Market Corner of 1st Ave. N and 9th St., Escanaba, MI 49829 Contact DDA or Barb Gorzinski at (906) 474-6908. Open June – Oct. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7-11 a.m. or until sellout. WIC SFMP

Engadine Farmers Market M117 Mill Pond Pavillion behind town hall in Engadine, MI 49827. Contact Dale and Tammy Moore at (906) 437-3047. Open Aug. – Oct. on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. WIC SFMP

Gladstone Farmers Market Pavillion by Gladstone Park, Gladstone, MI 49878. Contact Barb Gorzinski at (906) 497-5584. Open June – Oct. on Mondays, from 3-5 p.m. or until sellout. WIC SFMP

Gwinn Farmers Market across from Nordeen Park on M-35, Gwinn, MI 49841. Contact Donald and Judy Charles at (906) 384-6801. Open from June – Nov. on Fridays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. WIC SFMP

Downtown Marquette Association Farmers Market, Corner of Fourth and Washington Streets and corner of Third and Washington Streets in Marquette, MI 49855. Contact Kathy Weber at (906) 228-6213 or [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org) Open June – Sept. on Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pickford Farmers Market in village parking lot behind town hall, Pickford, MI 49774. Contact Kristin Taylor at (906) 647-3251. Open July – Oct. on Saturdays, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. WIC SFMP

St. Ignace Farmers Market at the St. Ignace Marina in St. Ignace, MI 49781. Contact Michelle Walk at (906) 643-7307. Open June – Sept./Oct. on Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-noon. WIC

Nationwide, farmers markets near you can be found by visiting [www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets](http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets) or [www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org).

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# Tribal member goes on mercy mission to Guatemala

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**  
 SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.  
 — Pat Pyle no longer owns more than two pairs of shoes and is thankful each day for what most of us take for granted. After having dirty, underfed children swarm around her waiting for a free pair of shoes to wear on their bare, callused feet and watching families carry contaminated water supplies for miles and sleep on dirt floors, she is grateful for even the most mundane things.

Twelve people, including three Sault Tribe members, raised enough funds to fly to Guatemala City through the local Wesleyan Church this past spring for 10 days. The group held pinworm clinics for school students and bought cement blocks, smaller than those used in the U.S., and mortar and built a small one-room house for a young Guatemalan family at Lake Atitlan. "The young family had many relatives who they would be sharing the home with, they mostly just sleep there. The babies are put in hammocks hung from the ceiling beams, the adults and older children sleep on pallets on the floor," Pyle said. "We had enough concrete left over from the house that we were able to put in a concrete floor, instead of the normal dirt floor. We also added a window, which is unusual. The window was an uncovered opening in the wall. We did all the construction ourselves and funded the home, which came to about \$1,200. No water and no power."

Pyle said the health team members stayed in a hotel in San Pedro with water they could bathe in but were told not to drink or cook with. "We had to keep our mouths and eyes closed when we showered because the water was contaminated. They cook outside and the water they drink and cook with is hauled from the local lake and is the same water they bathe in," Pyle said.

The team visited schools in Santa Cruz and San Marcos and gave school children a small medicine cup filled with a de-wormer to drink. Pyle said, "There was no parental consent, we just went in and they took the medicine. Even the youngest students didn't question us; somehow they knew it was good for them to take the medicine. The schools that we went to had no water and in one of the kindergarten rooms the kids were eating a piece of bread without washing their hands first."

According to Pyle, pinworms are generally passed from a dog to a person. Guatemala is so overrun with stray dogs the government has set aside a few days a year to cull the strays, similar to our local Canadian goose hunts in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. "Most of the kids were going to be re-infected almost immediately because of their living conditions," Pyle said.

Their first day in Guatemala City they toured the pediatric hospital. "The families there are expected to do all the care, the hospital just provides the



Pat Pyle works to help build a local family a new home.



Photos Courtesy Pat Pyle

A young boy taking some medicine.

medicines. The mothers are expected to bring and cook the food, change diapers and do any other care for their child until it is released. The fathers and other family members camp outside while their children and wives are in the hospital," Pyle said. "You never knew how old the kids really were. They were telling me they were eight or nine, but they

looked like they were four or five. I wanted to do something to help but there was nothing we could do."

Before the group left on their trip, they asked for and received donations of shoes from our local community to take to the children in Guatemala. "We did what we called 'Happy Feet,' and gave the donated shoes to the children,"

Pyle said. "Their little feet look like cowboy hats from going barefoot so much. The kids were almost mobbing us they wanted shoes so badly. When I got back home I looked around my room, and at my shoes and decided that I didn't need as many as I had. I am now down to two pairs of shoes; it's a humbling experience."

The sewage system that runs through villages consists of ditches that workers scrape out to maintain the downward flow. "No toilet paper is allowed in the sewer, so it is put in barrels and burned," Pyle said. "There were guards with guns at hotels, restaurants and some of the shops to keep the looters away."

"It was hard to come back to work and treat people for a common cold virus when we have everything here and they have nothing," she said. "Some of the kids begged us to take them home with us; it was heartbreaking."

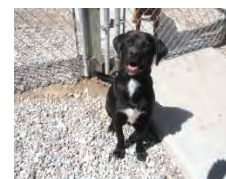
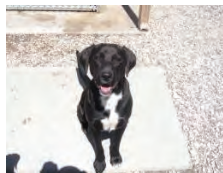
Pyle said the terrain reminded her of Utah. "It is a very pretty country, the flowers are very vibrant and have big blooms. The coffee beans laying out drying had an unusual odor that took some getting used to. Most food was purchased in open-air marketplaces where black beans took the place of most meats," she said.

"The poverty was just terrible. I went over there to fix these people and the realizations that I didn't fix any of them was sad."

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# Michigan Rehabilitation Services works to find meaningful careers for disabled clients

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Persons with disabilities have a friend at Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS). If you or someone you know has a disability that is creating a barrier to employment, Sandee Raappana can help.

Raappana is a rehabilitation counselor for Michigan Rehabilitation Services, a program of the State of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth.

Each year, MRS assists over 7,000 Michigan citizens with disabilities find employment. The MRS office in Sault Ste. Marie serves residents of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties, with about 25 percent of its current caseload being Sault Tribe members.

The most common disabilities of people seeking help from MRS are back injuries and bi-polar disorder. However, MRS works with people who have a wide range of disabilities, including: amputations, kidney disease, learning disabilities, brain injury, mental illness, cancer, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy, paraplegia, hearing loss, quadriplegia, heart disease and substance abuse.

"Everything we provide our clients is very individualized," said Raappana. "We create a plan for employment that identifies the services that individual would need. It might be tuition



Sandee Raappana and Annie Hubbard

assistance for books, training or work supplies. Sometimes people who are eligible for services due to their disability come to me already having a job but they can't afford to go out and buy the carpenter's belt and the tools their employer is requiring. Other people can no longer do what they did and don't know where to go from there. So we start a process of vocational counseling to help them find where their interests are. Or, in the case of high school students, help them find a path that would be a good match with their talents."

According to Raappana, if a client is on Social Security or Social Security Disability Insurance, she encourages them to meet with benefits specialist Jack Anderson. "He explains in direct and easy to understand terms how

they can work and still keep their benefits."

Clients can self-refer to MRS, while other referral sources include local doctors, the Department of Human Services, employment services through MichiganWorks!, schools, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the Sault Tribe.

Some success stories include a past client whose disability was substance abuse. He attended Lake Superior State University (LSSU) and now has a master's degree in social work and lives and works in Detroit.

Another success story is about a woman discharged from prison with a mental health disorder. She received a lot of support from MRS and was able to successfully find employment and housing. She is still doing great today.

"One of the blessings of Michigan Rehab is the flexibility we have. We have policies that are very firm, but once you get into the service area we do have flexibility that some other service agencies do not," Raappana said. "The average cost per case in FY2007 has been \$2,656."

Native Outreach Worker Annie Hubbard is funded by a Social Security grant administered by the Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) which covers the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Hubbard works closely with Raappana.

"My job is to be there for people in the Native American community, basically the same people

that qualify for Sandee's program. I offer encouragement and support," Hubbard said.

Hubbard also attends local powwows and has a booth with information from different agencies explaining the services they offer and program qualifications.

"The gift we give is hope. Hope that there is a solution to the problem. The name of an agency or contact, or sometimes hope takes the form of an 'Ah ha!' moment, when someone realizes they can no longer do construction but can do something else and like it. Hope that their tomorrows are going to be better than their yesterdays, and maybe their today," Raappana said.

Raappana says she hopes to work with the tribal representatives to set up a cash match agreement between the tribe and MRS. "MRS would put up about 75 percent of the funds and the partner, in this case the tribe, puts up about 25 percent. Then those funds become targeted funds, meaning that only tribal members could have access to that money for services. Currently there is a

cash match agreement with the Intermediate School District (ISD) and Hiawatha Behavioral Health (HBH). Students have access to the ISD match funds and HBH clients have access to that match money," she said.

MRS also has a general fund if clients don't qualify for one of the targeted funds.

"At this point there are no tribal funds in the services we provide. It would really be a winning situation for MRS and the tribe," she said. "But, if the cash match agreement is never established, the services are still provided to tribal members and anyone else who is eligible."

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"We don't have magic wands, and things don't happen as quickly sometimes as any of us would like, but there is help available," said Raappana.

## From radiology clerk to social caseworker, Roy helps people

SAULT STE. MARIE —

Although she's been with the Sault Tribe for nine years, Stacy Roy was hired as Anishinabek Community and Family Services' (ACFS) new caseworkers on June 24. Going to school while employed with the tribe enabled Roy to work her way up in the health field.

"I've always been interested in health and people," said the 30-year-old tribal member.

Before attaining her degree in sociology in 2003, she worked as a radiology clerk. After graduation she became a HIV health educator, and now she has moved into the realm of social work, a good fit for someone who enjoys helping people.



Stacey Roy

"I'm excited and happy to be accepted into this position and looking forward to working with our community."

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# The role of elders in our community *Tribe's elders seek to re-establish traditional role*

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT S. MENARD, ELDERLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Seven generations ago and even more recently, tribal elders held most, if not all, of the leadership positions in the tribal community. Traditionally, those positions included that of the chief, council members, spiritual leaders, healers and other positions vital to the survival and welfare of the tribe. Leadership was vested in the elders because of their wisdom gained through experience and passed down from prior generations.

Today, governance of our tribe is vested in a republican form of government consisting of a chairperson and a board of directors. However, elders continue to play an active role in the politics of the tribal community albeit a more subtle, indirect role. Our elders operate in a formal advisory capacity by way of a two-tiered representative structure.

At the local level, in the seven-county service area, there are currently nine elder subcommittees. The subcommittees, which meet monthly, are governed by a common set of bylaws, and are

granted an annual budget allocation and each has a seven-person board.

The Elderly Advisory Committee, the parent elder group, is responsible for the oversight of each area subcommittee. The committee currently meets once a month, eight months of the year, at the Newberry Tribal Center. Like the area subcommittees, this committee operates under a set of bylaws and has a board comprised of 11 voting representatives and 11 alternates from the area subcommittees. Because of the number of elders

in Unit I in the Sault, and Unit III in St. Ignace, they have two voting representatives. Each of the other area subcommittees, Newberry, Hessel, Naubinway, Manistique, Escanaba, Munising and Marquette, has one voting representative.

The Elderly Advisory Committee serves the tribal elderly population as well as the entire tribal community by acting in an advisory capacity to the board of directors on all matters that come before the committee. However, the Elderly Advisory Committee and the area subcommittees refrain from any direct involvement or intervention in the tribal election process. Any

need or concern that originates at the area subcommittee level is channeled to the Elderly Advisory Committee where the matter will be reviewed and a position taken that may result in a recommendation to the board of directors.

The Elderly Advisory Committee has adopted the following three goals for 2007:

Goal 1: Re-establish the elder community to its traditional role in the tribe, within the framework of the present form of government. Specifically, to act in an advisory capacity to the board of directors regarding all matters that come before the committee, excepting any involvement in the tribal election process.

Goal 2: Seek a set-aside area in the tribal newspaper *Win Awenen Nisitotung* specifically for elder-related information, name that section and, as a minimum, submit a synopsis of the monthly Elderly Advisory Committee meetings. Develop a set of guidelines for the use of this section of the newspaper.

Goal 3: Support interaction with our youth.

Along with matters of interest generated by activities of the elder community and in keeping with goal number two mentioned above, a summary of minutes from each Elderly Advisory Committee meeting will be posted in this section of the paper.

## Elders take trip to Branson, Missouri



Escanaba elders, their driver Walt Dancingberg of Kewadin Travel, and Sharon Fosmo, tour escort from Passageways Travel, complete the last leg of their June 17-22, tour to Branson, Mo. (By Sault Tribe Elder Betty Majestic)

## SUMMARY OF JULY 23, 2007, ELDERLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT S. MENARD, ELDERLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Dolores LeVeque offered a prayer to set the tone for the meeting.

A quorum was present. Seven regular voting members and two alternates participated. Holly Kibble, Elder Services director was the only staff member present.

Each unit subcommittee reported on the agenda item, "What's going on in your unit?"

Nancy Allard, Unit I, Sault Ste. Marie, reported they continue to have fundraisers and are planning a trip to Greektown during Sept. 4-9.

Fannie Aslin, Unit II, Newberry, said they are planning a powwow for Sept. 15 and their trip to Dollywood was great.

Rosann Brown, Unit II, Hessel, reported they will be taking a Lake Superior Circle Tour from Oct. 2-6 and are planning a bake

sale and rummage sale.

Arnold Frazier, Unit II, Naubinway, reported they are finalizing a trip to Branson, Mo., and are having a bake sale and a fish fry as fundraisers.

Ilene Moses, Unit III, St. Ignace, reported they are planning a trip to Dollywood and a one-day trip to Pictured Rocks. They will feed the board of directors in October when the board meets in St. Ignace and are holding fundraisers.

Jerome Peterson, Unit IV, Manistique, reported they plan a one-day trip to Grand Island on Aug. 23 and a trip to Hannahville to see the Marie Osmond show on Dec. 14.

Jerry Miller, Unit IV, Escanaba, reported they are planning an overnight trip for those who couldn't make the recent Branson trip and plan to combine their unit meeting and a family picnic at Rapid River on Aug. 9.

Dolores LeVeque, Unit V,

Munising, reported they are still preparing for their powwow on Sept. 22 and are working to supply their kitchen at the new Lincoln School facility with utensils and so forth. She reminded everyone of the grand opening of the new facility on Aug. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Gary Carr, Unit V, Marquette, reported they combined their monthly Unit IV meeting with a barbecue at the Gathering Place on K.I. Sawyer and they plan a trip to Las Vegas later in the year.

There were no board members present to provide board members' comment at this place in the agenda.

Elder Services Director Holly Kibble reminded members of the two coming elder picnics hosted by the tribe — Aug. 15 at the Manistique Tribal Center and Aug. 22 at Sherman Park in Sault Ste. Marie. She also discussed budgets for several of the 10 programs she administers.

Three items were discussed under old business:

First, the matter of amending the bylaws to make them consistent with those of the unit subcommittees' and the recently adopted goal number one, which is aimed at re-establishing the traditional role of elders in tribal matters, was tabled until the next meeting since tribal attorney, Courtney Kachur, was not available to assist in that process.

Second, the matter of the establishment and utilization of a new section in the tribal newspaper titled *Elder News Advisory* was discussed. This is consistent with recently adopted goal number two, which is to inform the tribal community of the activities of their elders.

Third, members who were in attendance at the recent Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting in Watersmeet, Mich., commented on the meeting. All

considered it to have been a good experience — enjoyable and informative.

Two items were discussed under new business:

First, a report was given on the status of the proposed new Constitution. It was pointed out that the tribal chairman, Aaron Payment, accompanied in most cases by some board members, was traveling to various locations holding "town meetings" to review the final draft of the new document.

Second, notice was made of the change in date for the open house scheduled for the Grand Island Chippewa Center in Munising. What had been published as Aug. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon has been changed to Aug. 14 at the same time.

The next meeting of the Elderly Advisory Committee is scheduled for Aug. 27, 2007.

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# Community summer events full of fun: From school days to concert nights



Left: Trey Azevedo, 9, grandmother, Bernadette Azevedo, and Jared Azevedo, 6, at the annual Sault Tribe powwow.



Far right: Marcus Biron tries to pop balloons with darts he purchased with his tickets.



Alex Allard, 7, holds up a prize she won playing a game at the kids carnival during the annual Sault Tribe powwow. Grandmother Nancy Allard of Lapeer, Mich., and Amber But-ton from Westland, Mich., look on.



Sharon Downs (L) and Annie Hubbard (R) share a tent that Downs set up during the powwow to sell her crafts.



Wabano listener — Sault Tribe member Tressa Holat of Sycamore, Ill., listens at the entrance as an elder passes on his lessons from life to a crowd of listeners seated inside.



Cherokee vendor Ron Running Waters from Tennessee nears completion of his booth for the Sault powwow where he offered handcrafted items made with fur and feathers.



Left: Aaron Quinlan, Kayley Lasley, Lara Cook, Rachael McCoy, Marielle Calcaterra and Summers Captain prepare ritual cedar sprigs for the powwow ceremonies in the Sault.

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City Commissioner Ray Bauer presented the key to Sault Ste. Marie to the members of KISS.



There were approximately 10,000 KISS fans at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie to see their live performance.



Overall male winner of the 10K Billy Mills Fun Run and Walk was Dave Ernsberger, 24, from Harbor Springs, Mich., with a time of 32:05:04.



Overall female winner of the 10K Billy Mills Fun Run and Walk was Danna Sanderson, 41, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., at 55:05:01.



Joanne Carr took part in a black ash basket making class offered at the tribe's ceremonial building.



Photo by Patti Curran  
Tribal elder Dorothy Leach geared up for the Kiss concert.



Local band Clown Sack was one of the opening acts for Kiss performing nine original songs.



Far Left: Persistence pays off as Joey Harvey hits a ball after many tries during Family Fun Day at JKL Bahweting School.



Left: A student's little brother tosses his ring and tries to make it land on top of the bottles of water to win a prize at Family Fun Day.

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**JOHNNY BROWN**

Johnny Mac Brown, 46, of Kincheloe, passed away Aug. 1, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on Oct. 20, 1960, to the late Benjamin and Marion (McKelvie) Brown.

He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed camping, working on cars, and painting houses. He always loved to help others.

Johnny is survived by his wife JoAnn, whom he married on May 2, 2002, in Sault Ste. Marie; a daughter, Cheryl White, and a son, John White, both of Elk Rapids, Mich.; a step-son, James "Chi" Miller of Sault Ste. Marie; six sisters, Sandy (Art) Welch of California, Sharon Brown of California, Diane Brown of Nevada, Nancy Brown of California, Patricia Brown of California, and Debbie Brown of Traverse City; four brothers, Frank Brown of Kinross, Francis (Ellen) Brown of Germany, Joseph Brown of Kincheloe, and Edward Brown.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Marion; one brother, Benjamin Brown; his step-son, Steven Brown; and his step-daughter, Barbara Miller.

Visitation was held August 3, 2007, at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building. Traditional funeral services were held Aug. 4, 2007. Final resting place is Kinross Lakeview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the family of Johnny Brown to help with funerals.

al expenses. Condolences may also be left online by visiting at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com). Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

**MIKE JAMES KANGAS**

It is with great sadness that the family of Mike James Kangas announces that he passed away on July 4, 2007, at the age of 33, in Caledonia, Wisc. Mike was born on Oct. 8, 1973, in Ishpeming, Mich.

Beloved husband and loving father, Mike is survived by his wife, Chasity Kangas of Oak Creek, Wisc.; and his daughters, Mikala Marie, 8, and Alyssa Rose, 5. Mike is also survived by his father, Reuben Martin Kangas of Kincheloe, Mich.; his mother, Donna Jane Thompson of St. Ignace, Mich.; and his brother, Eric Martin Kangas of Rudyard, Mich.

Michael loved being outdoors, bow hunting, target practicing, and riding his four-wheeler. He loved music, and had an appreciation for customizing classic vehicles. He was a structural steel iron worker for Local 25 in Detroit.

A memorial service was held July 13, 2007, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home, following a memorial gathering prior to the service.

A memorial fund has been set up for his daughters and dona-



tions can be sent to: Mikala and Alyssa Kangas, c/o Krista Miller, P.O. Box 41, Alma, MI 48801.

**HAROLD "BILL" LEWIS**

Harold William "Bill" Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie passed away at his home on July 1, 2007. Bill was born on Oct. 4, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie to Alfred and Shirley (Robbins) Lewis. Bill was employed by the Corp of Engineers as a lock and dam operator. He was a member of the Sault Tribe, and a United States Navy veteran. One of his greatest joys in life was operating his own small saw mill. He married the former Laurie Lynne TenEyck, who survives. Also surviving are his son Charles (Marissa) TenEyck and granddaughter Grace Lynne of Manistique; his mother Shirley Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie; brother Jim (Rose) Lewis, Marty (Sofia) Lewis, Alfred Lewis, Steve Lewis, Jon (Tel) Lewis, and Jeff (Rita) Lewis; sisters, Marge Kinney, Lavina Goodrich, Geri (Mark) Steele, and Betty Lewis; mother-in-law Marilyn TenEyck; sister-in-law Deborah (Ronald) Huyck; and brother-in-law Jonathan (Jaclyn) TenEyck; two special nephews Jeffery Wilson and Dane TenEyck; and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his father Alfred Lewis, Sr.; and one sister Pam Cryderman; brothers-in-law Dave Kinney, Pastor Al Goodrich, and Forrest Cryderman; and father-in-law John TenEyck.

Funeral services were held at the Hovie Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be

made to the American Cancer Society or to the Northern Michigan Hospitality House.

**LEE C. MARSHALL**

Lee C. Marshall, 93, of Pellston died on June 8, 2007 at Hospice House in Cheboygan. Lee was born in 1914 in Bliss, Mich., to Floyd and Lena (Kerridge) Marshall. Lee served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Operating Engineers Union for 65 years, and was employed by L.W. Edison Construction Company for 30 years, retiring in 1976. For the next seven years he worked as a farm manager for Adrian Summers in Comstock Park, Mich.

On Feb. 22, 1936, Lee married Ruby Mallory and they made their home in Bliss. She preceded him in death on July 30, 1983. He later married Fay Hawkins in November of 1984 and they were together for 13 years. On Nov. 5, 1998, he married Barbara Hoig and she survives.

Lee was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed working in the woods, gardening and socializing with family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful storyteller.

Also surviving Lee are his eight children, Doug (Carol) Marshall of Flat Rock, Mich., Lee Nelson (Sandy) Marshall of Sparta, Mich., Kenton (Ina) Marshall of Montague, Mich., Connie Marshall and Valorie (Pat) Dickson of Petoskey, Clark (Kay) Marshall, Mary Ellen Marshall

and Lorelee (David) Dankert of Bliss, son-in-law John Borowski of Harbor Springs; 20 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; three sisters, Irene Johnston of Bliss, Betty (Art) Rohrlack of New Port Richey, Fla., Shirley (Don) Hartung of Mobile, Ala., special friend Fay Hawkins; many nieces and nephews; and three step-children, Tammy (Scott) Mallory, of Cheboygan, Rick (Lisa) Hoig, of Pellston and Judy Stivers of Pontiac.

An infant daughter, Robin; two brothers, Stanley and Norman Marshall; and two sisters, Esther Gokey, and Lucille Byard, preceded Lee in death.

The family would like to thank the staff at Cheboygan Hospice House for their expert loving care during their father's last month.

The funeral service was held at the Bliss Missionary Church with Pastor David Forrester officiating. Bliss Cemetery is the final resting place.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of one's choice.

**AUDREY M. MILES**

On Feb. 11, 2007, Audrey M. (McKerchie) Miles passed away in Phoenix, Ariz. Born Aug. 6, 1926, she graduated from Highland Park High School in June 1971. She retired from General Motors and moved to Phoenix in 1994 after her husband passed on. She is survived by Fred Miles Jr., Shirley Mendis, Christine Byrnes, Patricia Bures, and Denise Miles.

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Aug. 22 - Bryan Cork & Brian Aldridge  
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Aug. 24 & 25 - Uncle Ugly

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Aug. 24 - Bryan Cork & Brian Aldridge  
Live Entertainment Friday & Saturday  
August 31 & September 1 - DeTour

She had seven grandchildren.

She has donated her body to science, so her final resting place will occur at a later date. Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony can contact Christine Byrnes at Clicky600@aol.com for further information.

#### ROLAND VALENTINO MCPHERSON

Roland "Mac" McPherson, 83, passed away on June 23, 2007, at the Manitowoc Health Care Center in Manitowoc, Wisc. Roland was born on Feb. 14, 1924, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late Archie and Rose (LaLonde) McPherson. He was enlisted with the United States Army and served overseas in the Philippines during World War II. He went on to work for the Soo Line Railroad, beginning his career as a coach cleaner and eventually becoming an engineer. He retired from the Soo Line Railroad in 1981. He was a member of the Two Rivers Senior Center, the VFW Otto-Oas Post 659 and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Roland is survived by his wife, Dona of Manitowoc, Wisc.; his daughters, Mary Rose McPherson of Sault Ste. Marie, Diana (Patrick) Compton of Woodstock, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Connie McPherson of Sault Ste. Marie; two sons, Danny (Doozer) McPherson and Joseph Roland McPherson, both of the Sault; two step-sons, Gregory (Judy) Goodchild of Two Rivers, Wisc. and Jeffrey (Lenore) Goodchild of Virginia Beach, Va. Also surviving Roland are two brothers, Don McPherson of Pontiac, Mich. and Gugin Flowers of Washington State; one sister, Jane (Moris) Campbell of Metora, Mich.; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; many nieces nephews cousins and longtime friends from Michigan and Wisconsin.

Roland was preceded in death by two sons, Gerald (Billy) McPherson and Archie Raymond McPherson; two grandsons, Patrick Seamus Compton and Charles Raymond McPherson; a great-grandson, Gerald James Bond; two brothers, Archie and Bart McPherson; and two sisters, Rose Marie Bumstead and Jolene Onan.

It was Ronald's wish that his remains be cremated and that funeral services be held. Please remember him in your memories and prayers.

Obituaries of tribal members, employees and their families should be sent to Win Awenen Nisitotung as soon as possible. A photo, or a favorite psalm, is welcome. The obituary notices can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

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#### CLYDE C. SAVARD

Clyde C. Savard, 85, of St. Ignace, died June 18, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey following a lingering illness. He was born in St. Ignace on Dec. 25, 1921. His parents were Albert and Cecelia (Chenier) Savard. He was a veteran of WWII, and was a medic, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for bravery and injuries during the war. He served from Oct. 1942 to Nov. 8, 1945 and was a surgical technician. He was wounded on Dec. 7, 1944, near Schmidt, Germany. He served in Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and central Europe. After the war he worked for the A&P Company driving truck, spent winters plowing snow for Mackinac County and retired as a truck driver for McGregor Oil Co. in St. Ignace. He also drove truck for T.A. Taylor Company. He was a member of St. Ignatius Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by three sons, David (Kathie) Savard, Sault Ste. Marie; Jeff Savard, St. Ignace; Richard (Shelly) Savard, Milwaukee; daughters, AnnMarie (John) Bjornjeld, Sugarland, Texas; Mary Jo Coveyou, St. Ignace; one sister, Addie Wilde, St. Ignace; a brother, Lloyd Savard, Bridgeport; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by 11 siblings and two grandchildren, Stephanie Savard and Molly Coveyou. Mass of Christian burial was held Friday, June 22 at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran with Fr. Norbert Landreville officiating. Burial was in St. Ignatius Cemetery, St. Ignace. Pallbearers were grandsons and granddaughters. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

#### PHYLLIS L. SCHMIDT

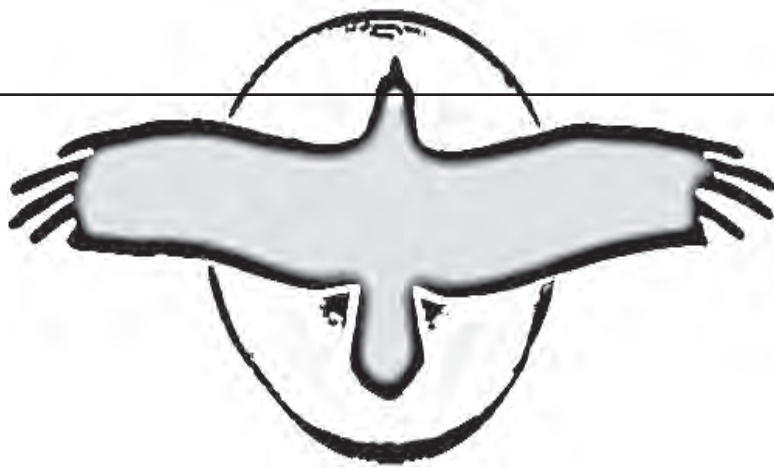
Phyllis Lee Schmidt, age 62 of Cheboygan, passed away June 19, 2007, at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. Phyllis was a wonderful wife, a caring mother and a loving grandma.

She was born July 31, 1944, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Alexander and Charlotte Cassibo. Phyllis was a resident of Mackinac Island for the majority of her childhood and was a graduate of the William T. Ferry Indian School.

On Nov. 26, 1966, Phyllis married Philip Schmidt in a Christian civil ceremony in August Fisher's home on Mackinac Island. The ceremony was officiated by Jackie Welcher, the justice of peace.

Phyllis was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Cheboygan and an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved lilacs, rubies, the outdoors, collecting angels, camping, shopping, craft shows, "going to town," gardening and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Philip, of Cheboygan; children, Dawn Clayton of Madison Heights, Mich., Corri (Ed) Huffman of Traverse City, Mich., Fred (Amy) Schmidt of Cheboygan, and Kate (Bo) Smith of Staten Island, N.Y.; grandchildren Melissa, Patrick, Bennett, Maddison, Marissa, Gabrielle, Griffin, Lauren, and Brooklyn; sisters, Gloria Jean Feller of St. Ignace, Barbara (Rick) Curtis of Port Huron, Mich., Doris LaPine of Cheboygan, Judy Hill of



Alanson, and Nancy Pfeiffelman of Mackinac Island; brothers, John Steven "Reno" Bazinaw of Wrighttown, Wisc., James Richard "Dickie" Bazinaw, Kenneth Bazinaw, Clayton Bazinaw, David Bazinaw, and Dennis Bazinaw, all of St. Ignace; sister-in-law Joan (Guy) Marella; nieces and nephews, Heidi, Jimmy, Rory, Alex, Kenny, Jenny and Mike; and cousins, Nancy Ryba, Rose (DeWitt) Roberts, Lois (Mike) Maki, Pauline (Ron) Halberg, Mary Baugh, Janet Sutter, Jeff Cadotte, Christine Johnson, Gerald (Joyce) St. Onge, Raymond (Jan) LaTour, Doris LaTour and Carol Bunker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Charlotte Cassibo.

The visitation, funeral service and luncheon were conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cheboygan on June 22, Revs. Keith Schneider and John Kromer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions were in Phyllis' name to the St. John's Early Childhood Program, 8759 N. Straits Highway, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

#### DAVID L. STEWART

David Lynn Stewart, 47, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away August 8, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on August 13, 1959, to the late Fred and Helen (Sharpe) Stewart.

David was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, working on cars, and taking rides in the country. He especially loved spending time with his daughter.

He is survived by his daughter, Helen Stewart, and her mother, Laurie Stewart, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; three brothers, Clifford Stewart of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., William Stewart of Bowling Green, Ky., and Tony (Connie) Stewart of Auburn, Ky.; six sisters, Diana Bare of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Lona Taylor of Adairville, Ky., Terry Hernandez of San Antonio, Texas, Paula (Bart) Kaplan of Adairville, Ky., Pam (Larry) Leask of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Kim (Jim) Shea of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Helen (Sharpe) Stewart, and a sister, Patricia, of Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

A memorial service was held Aug. 10, 2007, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

#### TOMMY ALLEN MENDOSKIN

Tommy Allen Mendoskin of Bluewater Dr. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died on June 30, 2007. He was born April 4, 1956 in Perry, Mich., to parents Leo and Carrie Mendoskin. Tommy loved his children very much. He loved working on cars and Nascar. He

enjoyed playing the guitar and loved music and is our rockstar. He always wanted to be biker and always wanted to drive a Harley Davidson. Tommy was the best daddy in the world and the best papa to everyone.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Terri Mendoskin, three daughters, Shannon Marie, Sheila Ann and Janet Nolan. He is also survived by three sisters, Cora Gravelle, Bonnie Rice and Virginia Gurnoe, and one brother, Raymond Mendoskin. Also surviving are grandchildren; his main little man Thomas "Little Tommy" Vassar. He was very excited about Sheila's new grandbaby girl-to-be. His best friends were Haeli Povey, Kloeey Povey and Gi Gi Povey and his extra special friends were Patty Shannon, Mark Nolan, Jocque Nolan, Tim Luoma. He was loved by all family and friends.

He was predeceased by parents Leo and Carrie Mendoskin; brothers Richard, Joey, and Billy Mendoski; and baby sister Sally Mendoskin. Visitation was July 2, 2007, at the Niiganagishick Ceremonial Building with the funeral Mass following with clergy Brother John Hascall. Final resting place is Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island.

#### LAWRENCE A. O'NEIL

Lawrence A. O'Neil, 88, of Tucson, Ariz., formerly of the Gould City-Engadine area, died peacefully at his home on July 22, 2007.

Born and raised in the U.P., Lawrence served in the U.S. Army in

both WWII and Korean conflict. He remained in the service of his country until his retirement as First Sgt. in 1965. He then moved to Tucson, became a business owner and barber. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Engadine VFW Post. Lawrence was a kind and generous man, loving the outdoors and had developed a wonderful sense of humor. Lawrence is preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 17 years, Naomi, of Tucson, Ariz.; sons, Lawrence D. (Marla) and Michael J.; daughter, Peggy (Andy) Schneider; step-children, Sharon Anderson and Dale Bessler; grandchildren, Eric and Jill Schneider.

A memorial graveside interment with military honors was held at the Engadine Cemetery on Aug. 8, 2007, with Pastor LaVonne Stephenson of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry officiating. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Gould City Town Hall following interment. The family suggests memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

#### DONALD A. KOTARSKI

Donald (Donnie) Kotarski of Millington, 49, died Aug. 4, 2007, at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital, Tawas, Mich. Donald was born Aug. 26, 1957, in Flint, Mich., to Stanley and Helen (Duffiney) Kotarski.

He married Sandy Worsley on Oct. 28, 2000, in Mt. Morris, Mich.

Donald was self-employed as a cement contractor for many years. He loved hunting, snowmobiling, concrete creations and racing cars.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; daughters, Mandy Lynn Coughlin, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Olivia Ann Kotarski of Flint; sisters, Ann (Floyd) Frank of Burton, Catherine Harmon, Diane Kotarski, and Cheryl (John) Hendrix, all of Burton; brothers, Dick and Kenny (Bev) of Davison and Bill (Kay) Kotarski of Burton; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Lorraine Worsley of Davison; one granddaughter, Justice Dulaney.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at the Mayville United Methodist Church in Mayville, Mich., with Father Gary McInnis officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery, Flint. Memorials may be made to the family fund. Friends may share an online condolence online at the site www.avramfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Avram Funeral Home.

He entered his new world with an eagle feather.

#### SONYA LYNN SAYLES

Sonya Lynn Sales, 36, of St. Ignace, died Aug. 16 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She was born Dec. 21, 1970, on Mackinac Island to Allen and Pauline (Cadotte) Green.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She worked at the casino, and was the bartender for the Marina Pub in St. Ignace. She also worked for the Straits State Park during the summers. She fought a courageous battle with cancer for several months. Her baby boy, Kollin, was born a short time before she died.

She married David Sayles on Feb. 14, 1992, in St. Ignace, and he survives. Also surviving are three sons, James, David Jr., and her newborn, Kollin; her parents, Pauline and Ron Halberg of St. Ignace; her sisters, Christine (Chris) Sutter of Drummond Island, Lois (Al) Green of Goetsville; brothers, Allen (Lindy) Green of Moran, Sam Green of Moran, Dan (Tracy) Green of Watersmeet, Ray (Carol) Halberg of St. Ignace; special aunt, Stella Currie; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Allen Green of Mackinac Island.

She loved her animals, her dogs, Snoop Dog and Slim Jim, and her old cat, Sleeper. At her request, cremation has taken place.

A memorial will be held later and her ashes returned home. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



## BIRTHS

**CONNOR JOSEPH EVAN KING**

Connor Joseph Evan King was born on April 18, 2007, on Easter Sunday, at War Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 7.7 ounces and was 20.25 inches in length. Proud parents are Melissa Evans and Frank King, both of Sault Ste. Marie. Grandparents are Muriel Evans of the Sault and Alcide Baker Jr. of St. Ignace and Frank and Jackie King of the Sault. Great-grandparents are Ronald J. Lane (and the late Muriel M. Lane) of the Sault, Grace Baker (and the late Alcide Baker, Sr.) of Grand Rapids, Mary King (and the late Bill King) of the Sault. Aunts and uncles are Dennis and Leigh-Ann Woodhall, Daniel Woodhall, Steve and Jessica King, Jamie, Joey and Jill King all of the Sault, little A.J. and Eric Baker of St. Ignace.

**ZACHARY SPENCER RUPP**

Jonathan and Jan (Benton) Rupp of Levering, Mich., would like to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Spencer Rupp. Zachary was born June 5, 2007, at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan, Mich. At birth, he was nine pounds, 6.5 ounces and was 23 inches in length. Zachary joins brother Tyler, 6, at home. Grandparents are Jerry and Judith (Adams) Benton of Cheboygan, Michael and Janet (Hastie) Herman of Bay City, Randy and Susan (Welby) Welby-Tally of Pontiac, and Edson and Laurie Rupp of Troy. Great-grandparents are Betty Rupp of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Georgia Adams of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**KENNA LEIGH WEAKLEY**

Charlie, Andrea and Madison Weakley of Linden, Va., are proud to announce the birth of Kenna Leigh, on July 23, 2007, in Prince William Hospital, Manassas, Va. Kenna weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inch in length. Maternal grandparents are Joan and the late Kenny Lewis, Manassas, Va. Paternal grandparents are Steve and the late Linda Weakley of Madison, Va. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Lawrence and Peggy Lewis, Sault Ste Marie, Mich. Also Mattie and the late Clyde Burkhart, Sr., Front Royal, Va. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Thomas and Hazel Helbert and the late Wilson and Lucy Weakley, Madison, Va.

**BRAYDEN ALEXANDER SABATINE**

Tribal members Patrick Ryan and Carole Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie are the parents of a son, Brayden Alexander Sabatine, born July 28, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital. At birth, he weighed eight pounds, three ounces and measured 20.75 inches in length. Grandparents are Amy and Mark Kerckaert of Kincheloe, and Louise and Gary Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie. Great-grandparents are Karen Sabatine of Sault Ste. Marie and Jane Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie. Great-great-grandmother is Luella Mitchell of Rochester, N.Y.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

**Tuckers celebrate 50<sup>th</sup>**

Tribal member Frances Tucker and husband Tommy of Ocilla, Ga., celebrated 50 years of marriage on Aug. 17, 2007. The couple have three children, Tony Tucker of Ocilla, Sheri Rhodes of Ocilla and Mindy Cevera of St. Augustine, Fla. They have six grandchildren.



## WEDDINGS

**Houghton, Masters united in marriage**

July 28, 2007, was the day April R. Houghton and Kristopher J. Masters chose for their wedding day. The 2:30 p.m. garden wedding was performed by Magistrate Linda Livermore at the home of the bride's parents, Mike and Sally Houghton in Engadine. The bride's cousin, Brigette Guilmette, sang at the service.

Parents of the groom are Daniel and Shari Masters, and Steve and Toni Johnston, all of Sault Ste. Marie. Ellis Hood of Rexton and Daniel and Rose Masters of the Sault are the couple's grandparents.

The bride's cousin, Ashley Frazier of Naubinway, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the groom's cousin, Sandee LaLievre of Sault Ste. Marie; friend, Nikki Sayles of Kincheloe, the bride's cousins Kristy Smith of Rudyard, and Kayla Houghton of Wisconsin.

The groom's cousin, Tony LeLievre, of Sault Ste. Marie, was best man. Groomsman were the bride's brothers Michael and Andres Houghton of Engadine; Randy Johnston, the groom's brother, of the Sault, and the bride's cousin, Blake Loebach, of North Carolina.

Flower girl was Elena Masters and ring bearer was the couple's son, Trevor Masters.

The bride's aunt, Judy Ann Lund, of Manistique, made the bridal flower bouquets.

The reception was held at the Garfield Township Hall in Engadine. The wedding cake was made by a friend, Heather Moore, of Engadine.

The groom is employed by the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace and the bride works part time for the postal service in Naubinway.

**Gravelle and Frazier wed**

July 7, 2007, was the day Ian J. Frazier and Ashley Gravelle exchanged wedding vows. The noon service was performed by Magistrate Linda Livermore. The bride's uncle, Daryl Houghton, read an Indian poem and offered an Indian blessing for the couple.

The wedding and reception was held at the home of the groom's father, Walt Frazier, in Naubinway.

The groom's mother, Sandy Peters, of Naubinway, attended as did the bride's parents, Marvin and Yevonne Gravelle, of the Sault, and her mother, Marcella Gravelle, of New Mexico.

The groom's sister, Lara Peters of Naubinway, was maid of honor and the bride's brother, Robert Dukes of Gould City, was best man.

The groom is employed by Sanel Productions in Epoufette and Ashley works for the Skyline Motel in Epoufette. They will live in Garnet.

**Newlywed couple stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska**

Tamarreo and Veronica Spear, married December 2006, both work in human resources and are stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, in the National Guard. Veronica is a Sault Tribe member, her parents are Christopher and Melodie Ann DeBlicke, of Rapid City, S.D. Grandfather is Isaac Peaine of Newberry, Mich.



# Member sings at Carnegie Hall in New York

BY MARY BETH SKUPIEN, PH.D.

Sault Tribe member Vicki Sue (nee Belonga) Jersin, daughter of Yvonne Belonga and the late Leonard Belonga, sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Monday, June 18.

Jersin is the third daughter of the Belonga girls and sang under the direction of conductor and composer John Rutter of London, England.

They performed the complex final masterpiece of Wolfgang

**Left: Penny Myers (Ohio); Roberta Schaedel (MI); Vicki Sue Jersin (CA); and Mary Beth Skupien (MD).**

Amadeus Mozart, Requiem in D Minor, with the New England Symphonic Orchestra.

Carnegie Hall is a national registered historic landmark and has three separate concert halls inside it. Jersin sang in its largest hall, which seats 2,804 persons on five levels.

Jersin successfully auditioned for this difficult masterpiece and practiced hard for the last nine months near her current home in Los Angeles, Calif., along with 43 other choir members. The choir totalled about 240 singers from different groups all over the country. Their performance was the final recital that evening and

received three standing ovations.

Three of the other Belonga daughters came across the country to watch and hear the group perform: Penny Myers of Ohio, Mary Beth Skupien of Maryland and Roberta Schaedel of Michigan. Jersin's daughter, Stacy Brownell from Wisconsin, also made the trip to New York to hear the performance. Jersin had 10 family members and friends come to see this memorable night.

"It was worth all the hard work and tireless hours of practice during the past nine months," said Jersin. "We were well prepared and it was a night to remember for the rest of my life."



## Verdone graduates with honors, serves in Navy Reserve

Joseph A. Verdone, pictured at right, has successfully completed Equipment Operator A School at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri. Joseph graduated with honors on June 1, 2007. Proud parents are Jeffrey and Roberta Verdone. Grandson to Joseph and Edesse Verdone of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and the late

Joseph and Marian LaLonde of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Joseph has two brothers, George Wheatley of Battle Creek and Jay Wheatley of Petoskey.

Currently in the Navy Reserve, Joseph is employed at Walloon Lake Golf Course in Petoskey, Michigan.



## Spc. Adam Matthew's serving in Iraq

Spc. Adam Matthew, a member of the 46<sup>th</sup> National Guard Military Police Co. out of Kingsford, Mich., has been serving in Iraq since July 2006. He graduated from Bark River-Harris High School in 2005. He is the son of Theresa Adams of Escanaba, Mich., and Dan Adams of Bark River, Mich. His grandparents are Merrill and Joan Gravelle, Sr., of Escanaba, Mich., and the grandson of Louis Williams (deceased) of Gladstone, Mich.



## Four generations get together in Naubinway

On July 4, Joyce Merriam's five children and their families visited her home in Naubinway. They held a belated birthday celebration for their mother, who turned 80 on Feb. 15.

Above, Joyce and her daughter, Barbara Woody, granddaughter, Amanda Doll and great-granddaughter, Kylee Doll, of Illinois, pose for a four-generation photo.

Joyce's families came from Indiana, North Carolina, Michigan and Illinois for the visit. Also visiting were Joyce's brother-in-law, Glen Merriam, from Alabama, and cousin, Betty Hassan, and her family from Freeland, Mich.



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# Brimley student accepted into World Leadership Forum

Jayson Aikens, a student in Brimley, Mich., has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. Aikens will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., March 31-April 6, 2008, to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Aikens will examine the

characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Aikens was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential. He is a member of the Sault Tribe. His parents are Jackie and Patrick Kellerman

of Brimley and James Aikens of Detroit. Grandparents are Dorothy Bertram of Brimley, Sara Aikens of Sault Ste. Marie, Bernard Aikens of Sault Ste. Marie and Dottie and Pete Kellerman of Kincheloe.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Leader Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information visit [www.wlfladers.org](http://www.wlfladers.org).

## Johnson earns doctorate

Megan Coveyou Johnson, of Madison, Wisc., received her veterinary doctorate in May, after earning a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Wisconsin. She is employed at Wisconsin Equine Clinic in Oconomowoc, Wisc.

Dr. Johnson is married to Christopher Johnson of Madison. She is the daughter of Tracy and Kathy Coveyou of Marinette, Wisc., and the granddaughter of Peggy and the late Norbert Coveyou of St. Ignace. She is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

## Goudreau on board at ACFS

A Sault Tribe member with longevity in working for Anishinabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) recently accepted a position as a caseworker, continuing her service there.

Shirley Goudreau of St. Ignace has been serving families of our tribe for 25 years.

Goudreau began her career as a community health technician before joining ACFS as a caseworker. She managed the direct services programs in St. Ignace



for eight years. She also worked as a project specialist for seven years where she helped apply for grants, write reports, develop databases, design application forms along with carrying out other administrative tasks.

She returns to helping members of our tribe bringing years of previous experience coupled with other experiences related to her new field.

"I missed the interaction with members. You don't get to see many people when you're sitting in an office doing paperwork," said Goudreau. "I'm looking forward to it." Goudreau will be based in Kincheloe where she will begin foster home licensing and adoptive home studies.

## Osborn sisters receive academic honors



Left: Rachel Osborn and (right) sister Kelly Osborn.

Congratulations to Rachel Lois Sarah Elizabeth Osborn for making the dean's list at Northern Michigan University, both semesters! Rachel also made the national book of *Who's Who of College Students* who have made the dean's list. Rachel was also named in "Who's Who" twice during high school. She is a 2006 Brimley High School graduate and plans to be a photography major.

Congratulations to Kelly Marie Osborn for being inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars, along with Brimley's National Honor Society. Kelly has made the national book of *Who's Who of High School Students* for the past three years. Kelly also took a first place ribbon in the M.I.T.E.S. competition for making a beautiful media stand/shelf. She is a junior at Brimley High School, and plans on attending Michigan State in the fall of 2008, where she plans to study law.

Congratulations to Morgan Osborn for taking second place in the Reading Rainbow Young



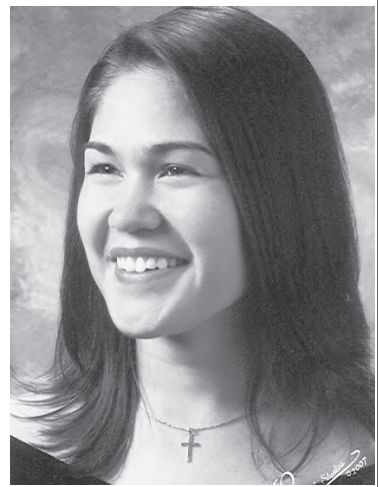
Authors and Illustrators contest in May 2007. All entries were submitted to NMU Public TV13 in Marquette, Mich. Morgan aspires to become an author and illustrator after college. Her story is called *The Golden Rose*, and is about a good samaritan pixie who helps heal a sick princess.

Morgan also won first place in the Brimley Science Fair for the third grade, and took second place at Lake Superior States Regional Science Fair in her third grade. Congratulations, Morgan, for being the Student of the Month of May at Brimley Elementary School. Sault Tribe members, the sisters are the daughters of Jerry and Kristine LaPine, Jr., and granddaughter of Ralph and Shirley Wilcox, Jerry LaPine, Sr., and Marilyn Marshall, Diane Horst and Gerald Izzard. Morgan and her family would also like to congratulate Rebecca Brood of Rudyard on taking first place in her age group.

Way to go girls! We are so very proud of you all. Keep up the great work! Love you, Mom and Dad.

## Bieber graduates with honors

Christy Bieber graduated from Frederick High School, in Frederick, Md., with highest honors, achieving above a 4.0 GPA. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Maryland Scholar Award. Bieber has been accepted at University of Michigan and plans to attend in the fall. She has received the Michigan Scholar Award, a four-year, \$60,000 merit scholarship to attend the university. Bieber plans to become a physician and study molecular biology. She is the daughter of Larry and Doreen Fish Bieber, granddaughter of the late Isadore Peltier and the late Mary Fish. She is also



the niece of Frank and Molly LaCoy and great-great niece to Florence St. Peter.

## Congratulations Calvin Hartwig

Congratulations go to Calvin Hartwig for completing his first year of college at Michigan Tech University in Houghton Mich.

Calvin also made the dean's list and was nominated for orientation team leader mentor.

From his grandmother, Sharon Jones, family and friends.



## Way to go Calvin!

## Callie Donnay honored with 2007 Outstanding Student of the Year Award

Callie Victoria Donnay, 14, is the recipient of the 2006-07 Pinckney Pathfinder School Outstanding Student of the Year Award, presented at the eighth grade awards ceremony held June 5, 2007, at Pinckney High School. Donnay was recognized for maintaining straight A grades in every class during the 2006-2007 academic school year, being an outstanding school athlete and being on the honor roll for the last two years.

In addition to her school commitments, Donnay is involved in AAU basketball, plays on a premier league travel soccer team, and recently played in tournaments with the high school varsity volleyball team members.

Donnay was also recognized at the South East Michigan Middle Level Administrators Association (SEMMLAA) Academic Excellence Awards Banquet, held at Chelsea High School on May 8, 2007. This ceremony



recognized the top academic achieving students from local area middle schools from Adrian, Chelsea, Dexter, Lincoln, Milan, Pinckney, Saline, Stockbridge and Tecumseh. Donnay looks forward to the coming challenges of high school. She is the daughter of Annette and Bob Donnay of Howell, Mich., and has two older sisters, Chelsea and Jenna.

## Lasley graduates from Ferris State

Sault Tribe YEA intern Kayley Lasley graduated from Ferris State University in May with a major in criminal justice and minor in sociology. At FSU, she was a three-year board member of AZD Sorority, Order of Omega Honor Society and granted her honor cords for graduation.

She is the daughter of William and Donna LaLonde, sister of Mallory and Lydia, and granddaughter of Larry and Sharron Lasley, all of St. Ignace.



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Local Sault Tribe member, nine-year old Morgan Osborn, recently got to meet her favorite band, Montgomery Gentry, when they were here on tour at DreamMakers Theatre on June 1. She even got to go on stage for a minute to get an autograph, a hat, and a guitar pick from Troy Gentry. She would love to see how many people have a picture of her "five minutes of fame." You can e-mail her a picture if you have one of her on stage at [ozzydog303@hotmail.com](mailto:ozzydog303@hotmail.com). Let's help her scrapbook grow.

**Passages, an adult grief support group**, will begin Sept. 4, and run through Oct. 9. They meet for six consecutive Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Superior Room at the Chippewa County Health Department, 508 Ashmun St. in Sault Ste. Marie. Use the back entrance. The group is open to all adult members of the community free of charge.

Please call the Hospice office at (906) 253-3151 to register for the group. Hospice of Chippewa County is a United Way Agency.

# Kelly Whitefeather volunteers her time to help youth despite physical handicaps

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Suffering from Type 1 diabetes since she was 27, living with poor eyesight since second grade, becoming legally blind, and having her leg amputated just below the knee hasn't slowed Kelly Smith-Whitefeather down at all.

For the past 18 years she has been volunteering to help tribal kids involved in the Youth Education and Activities Program (YEA) in the Munising/Manistique and Hessel areas.

"Kelly is a beautiful person who is always willing to help out. I don't think I've ever heard her complain," said Hessel YEA Coordinator Lisa Burnside. "She has helped cook for the youth powwow and is always available to lend a hand wherever needed. I know she can barely see and is legally blind, yet her craftwork is just fantastic, especially her dreamcatchers. She had her leg amputated and has a prosthetic and is still in the circle dancing."

Whitefeather also spends many hours volunteering with Manistique YEA Coordinator Patty Teeple during sleepovers and other coordinated activities as a chaperone.

Whitefeather, a brittle diabetic, checks her blood sugar seven or eight times a day and takes insulin. She has 2 percent vision left in one eye and none in the other. She has had two surgeries, one to remove part of her foot, and then later to remove the same leg just below the knee.

"The Creator gives something back each time He takes something. My leg may be gone but I have prosthesis and I get along better with it now than I did with my infected leg; I almost died twice from septic shock. It's the same with my eyes, I may have lost my vision but I get books on tape that I would have never picked up and read before I lost my sight and I get such enjoyment from them. A lot of the things I have been given make up for what I have lost," she said.

The Commission for the Blind has provided Whitefeather with health care aids such as a talking



glucometer and an enlarger for filling her syringe with insulin. "The syringe fits into the enlarger and the numbers on the syringe are magnified so I can read them," she said. "I have disabilities but I don't let them hold me back. You just pick up your bags and go on with whatever you can," she said.

Working with the kids and making dreamcatchers is something Whitefeather really enjoys doing. Whitefeather said, "I have a little trouble sometimes with the beads if I can't find ones with big enough holes but I love doing it and being with the kids. It gives you a feeling of being a part of the community, a lot of disabled people feel that they no longer have anything to give. That is not true, people with disabilities have a lot to give."

Whitefeather enjoys crocheting but because of her poor eyesight uses bigger hooks to work with. She said her grandmother taught her how to crochet and make dreamcatchers. "One day she was turning the collars and cuffs on my uncle's shirt (to make them last longer) and had pulled the thread out of the collar. I had been having a fit because I was having some bad dreams and was complaining of them as she worked. She did a lot of herbal healing and used grape vine for different things. She was low on Red Willow at the time and didn't want to use it up for a dreamcatcher. She reached up where there were herbs and plants

hanging from the top of the cabin where she tied them in bundles to dry, and pulled down a piece of grape vine. She tied it in a circle with the thread from my uncle's shirt and then started weaving the web. She took a cap from an acorn and punched a hole through it and that is what she put in the middle of my dream catcher. I still have it today."

Prior to her leg being amputated she had been confined to a wheelchair for six years. "I was so excited after my surgery and prosthesis about getting out of that wheelchair. The great thing was that even being in a wheel chair YEA Coordinator Patty Teeple always made room in the van to take me with her and the kids on different activities. We even went camping at Big Nob just outside of Manistique and I went out and sat in the middle of the lake until my wheel chair started sinking too far into the sand," she said.

"Michelle Roberts, Patty's student service assistant, and I received a lot of funny looks because every time we would see a dead porcupine on the side of the road we pulled over for the quills. A lot of people came to an almost dead stop to see what we were doing and I sometimes yelled, 'Supper, we're getting supper,' and Michelle would be standing there telling me to 'just be quiet.' We had a lot of fun." Whitefeather is still able to do quillwork with the kids and has an enlarger at home, almost the size of a computer screen, which allows her to continue with her craftwork.

"Somewhere along the path there is always a reason why things happen. I try to follow the path and live by the grandfathers. Because of my illnesses I have met people that I would not have met otherwise, I have all these other gifts He (the Creator) has

given me and I have three healthy kids. I can't think of a better place to live than where I have been for the past 23 years. I appreciate the things the tribe has provided for us; a home on the reservation, a safe place to raise my children and the comfort it has provided us all." After 23 years on the reservation in Manistique, Whitefeather holds the honor of living there the longest.

Knowing her vision is almost gone, Whitefeather hopes to attend a school for the blind in Kalamazoo to learn basic living skills. "You can tell when your water is boiling or when your bacon is done cooking by listening because they sound different," she said. She has learned to read some Braille but is not fluent in it. "I have the basics down such as restroom, information, elevators and numbers. I don't worry about it too much because if I am someplace where there are people all I have to do is ask for a little bit of help."

Whitefeather said that being a part of my community keeps her going. "I get to enjoy the kids and the activities that maybe some of the other parents can't attend because they have to work. If I can do it I am going to. I have been wanting to bungee jump from the Mackinac Bridge for years. Now I wonder if my prostheses will stay on if I jump. Even though sometimes you may be handed things in life that seem at the time like it will be the end of the world, nothing is ever the end of the world. There is always someplace you can go, there is always someone that can use your help and there is always someone who will help you," she said.

Whitefeather is engaged to Eugene Espinoza and plans a spring or summer ceremony. Her great-grandparents are the late Alma and Edward Generau.

## Human Resource Team Member of the Quarter

**BRENDA BRIGMAN**, Human Resource information specialist, was awarded the Human Resource Team Member of the Quarter award on Friday, July 13, 2007. Brenda's co-workers nominated her for this honor. Human Resource department managers make the final decision after reviewing and discussing all of the nominations.

Brigman's coworkers gave many wonderful reasons why Brigman is worthy of this award. Some of the words used to describe Brigman, in her nominations, were "hardworking," "dedicated," "professional" and "enthusiastic." Her coworkers feel that "she goes above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to customer service, both internal and external."

Brigman has also been hard at work on the Human Resource flower garden this year. (The Human Resource department participates in the annual flower garden challenge at the Kewadin Casino.) All of the staff wanted to ensure that she received proper recognition and appreciation for her "green thumb in the garden."

Amazingly, this is the third time that Brigman has received this award. As the award winner Brigman received a framed certificate signed by Cheryl Bernier, Human Resource Director, dinner for two from any Kewadin restaurant, two show tickets from the Kewadin Box Office, and Kewadin gold token vouchers. This award is given four times per year, in addition to the annual Human Resource Team Member of the Year award.



## Meatballs to rave for

FROM THE KITCHEN OF BOB FLOWERS

Over the years, I've received valuable cooking tips for making various foods. One of those tips helped me make the best batch of meatballs I've ever eaten.

To avoid my sometimes long-winded explanations, I was asked to make a spaghetti and meatball supper. One of the guests raved about the meatballs from one of our local restaurants. Of course, I had to, at the very least, match the quality of those meatballs. So I looked into my bag of tricks and did a bit of experimentation. The result is the following recipe. I know that you are going to love these little beauties.

Ingredients:

1 lb. sweet or hot Italian sausage

as you prefer  
1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 large egg  
4 cloves of garlic, minced, or 2 tsp. granulated garlic powder  
1/2 onion, finely minced, or 1 tbs. granulated onion powder  
1 tbs. dried oregano  
1 tbs. dried sweet basil  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup Italian bread crumbs  
1/2 cup milk

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Shape meatballs into 1-inch balls. Place in a heavy frying pan with 4 tbs. water. Cover and steam until the meatballs are cooked through, about 10 minutes. Remove the cover and drain. Brown lightly and serve with your favorite marinara sauce and spaghetti.

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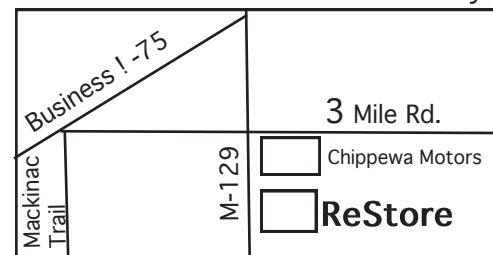


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# Be on the lookout for signs of the emerald ash borer

FROM MSU EXTENSION OF  
CHIPPEWA COUNTY

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges everyone living or visiting Michigan's Upper Peninsula to know the signs of the emerald ash borer (EAB), an exotic pest that attacks and kills ash trees.

Although the borer has not become established in the Upper Peninsula, the pest poses a devastating threat to the ash resources. It has killed more than 25 million ash trees in lower Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Maryland since it was discovered in 2002. The borer was most like-

## UNWANTED! EMERALD ASH BORER



ly present in Michigan for at least 10 years before its discovery. And just recently, it was discovered in Pennsylvania.

MDA established a wood inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge in an effort to stop the pest from becoming established in the Upper Peninsula. This inspection station helps support the state's emerald ash borer interior quarantine by inspecting and restricting movement of regulated articles into the Upper Peninsula.

"The Mackinac Bridge continues to be a critical pinch point for preventing the spread of the borer into the Upper Peninsula," said Ken Rauscher, Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division director. "The more knowledgeable people are about the emerald

ash borer, the more able we are to respond rapidly and get rid of any isolated infestations."

This year, the MDA set a total of 3,354 ash detection trees along road right-of-way in every county of the Upper Peninsula to identify the presence of borers. This fall, the ash trees will be felled and the bark peeled to look for evidence of the insect.

Know these signs and symptoms of an emerald ash borer infestation in ash trees:

- Distinct D-shaped exit holes in the bark;
- S-shaped trails, or galleries, found underneath the bark;

• Canopy thinning and branch dieback;

- Wild leafy shoots growing from the lower trunk;
- Vertical splits in the bark;
- Increased woodpecker activity.

Most importantly, to protect the state's 700 million ash trees, do not transport any hardwood firewood regardless of species — buy your firewood locally.

For more information, please visit [www.michigan.gov/eab](http://www.michigan.gov/eab) or [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). Please call the EAB toll-free number at (866) 325-0023 to report any potential EAB sites.

# Think about the water you drink: tips for good use

BY BOB FLOWERS AND  
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Our bodies are primarily composed of water and we need to replenish it daily to promote health and well-being. Fortunately, in our country, water is abundant in drinking fountains, faucets and office coolers. But we are often away from such supplies and buy water in plastic bottles. By doing so we contribute waste to already stressed landfills; we pay a price for a natural resource, and waste a lot of fuel to make bottles and to move water from origin to our location. It's needless.

According to Food and Water Watch, U.S. plastic bottle production requires more than 1.5

million barrels of oil per year, enough to fuel 100,000 cars but, unfortunately, about 86 percent of those bottles end up in landfills.

When you use a commercially bottled beverage, recycle the container. Look for places to recycle in your community. Two new locations in the Sault for recycling plastic bottles are Chi Mukwa and the Sault Tribal Health Center. The environmental awareness group of the Public Awareness Committee challenges staff in all tribal buildings to decrease the plastic in landfills by setting up an easy to use system for recycling plastic bottles. Take it a step further while traveling by carrying your containers until you find a location that recycles.

We can save money, and have

a readily available water supply with us by getting in the habit of carrying refillable containers and filling them before we move away from a water source. By using tap water we decrease the market for wasteful and expensive bottled water and ease pressure on our pocketbooks and landfills. So do yourself a favor, save money and resources by filling your own water bottle or thermos.

Are you concerned about the safety of water from the faucet? Many people believe it is safer to drink bottled water than it is to drink water from their own tap — this is a myth. Bottled water is not regulated as strictly as our public water supply and, according to government and industry estimates, about 25 percent (maybe

even as high as 40 percent) of bottled water is from the tap of a municipal water supply.

Choosing and caring for your refillable water container is also important. The best plastic bottle choices are those made with high-density polyethylene and labeled #2 HDPE. Many people are currently using a transparent #7 (miscellaneous — includes polycarbonate) bottle which may release a hormone-disrupter called bisphenol A when it becomes stressed by heat or age.

• When you buy bottled water choose glass containers if possible. Plastic #1 or #2 bottles are your next best choice — stay away from 3 bottles.

- Do not reuse #1 PET bottles;
- Do not leave water in any

plastic bottle in the sun or heat;

- Do not fill plastic bottles with hot liquids;
- Hand wash your reusable bottles gently — no dishwasher for the bottle;
- Recycle your water bottles when they become old, stained, or worn;
- Fill your clean reusable water bottle with tap water, filtered if necessary;
- Replace your #7 bottle at least annually — more often if worn;
- Consider replacing your #7 bottle with a #2 or stainless steel water bottle.

For more information regarding bottled water and use of plastics visit [www.thegreenguide.com](http://www.thegreenguide.com) or [www.foodandwaterwatch.org](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org).

# Simple steps you can take to fight global warming

BY CHARLA GORDON,  
NUTRITIONIST,  
PUBLIC AWARENESS COMMITTEE

How you move your body and what you choose to eat can have an impact on our Mother Earth and your own health. Read on and explore ways you can walk lighter on the planet. Perhaps you are already doing many of these things, but maybe you will find at least one little change you could make to be more earth-friendly and healthier, too.

Park the car — give your lungs a breather, walking, riding a bike, and taking public transportation are all better than driving a car. Walking or biking to work or to do your errands, is a great way to work in that physical activity your

body has been craving.

When you drive your car, plan your errands and do everything in a single trip rather than making many trips. Remember to slow down, driving 60 mph rather than 70 mph saves gas; brake easy and accelerate gradually to get the best fuel economy. If you are going on a road trip or a large group is traveling to the same location, try and fit everyone into as few cars as possible.

Mowing the lawn — use a human-powered reel or push mower. One hour of running a power mower puts out the same amount of pollution as a car traveling 50 miles. Pushing a reel mower burns up to 350 calories an hour — that is like doing aero-

bic dancing for a whole hour.

When you shop, look for foods grown locally, choose something produced nearby over something that had to be trucked in or shipped across the ocean.

Plant a garden; this is another great way to decrease fuel used in transporting produce or food items long distances. Gardening is also a great way to connect with the earth, get some exercise and grow great tasting, fresh foods.

Get out in nature and pick some wild foods to serve on your table.

Think about where you eat when you eat away from home. Fast food meals have wasteful packaging and plastic utensils; sit down restaurants wash and reuse

plates and utensils — some even wash napkins!

Consider keeping your portions moderate and try eating smaller servings of meat. People in the United States use far more resources than any other people on earth. Growing grains, fruits and vegetables uses less than five percent as much raw materials as does meat production — so eat more plant foods. The bottom line is that overeating over fuels our bodies and contributes to extra body weight.

Compost your kitchen scraps with your yard waste; this will reduce about three-fourths of your garbage if you let scraps naturally decompose in your backyard and also keeps the local landfill

smaller. If you ate out, bring home your leftovers in a doggy bag for the next day or give them to your special pet. Recycle any packaging materials that you can. After a meal or snack, wash and dry your dishes in the sink; turn on some music and put some real movement into it. If you choose to run the dishwasher, run it only when there is a full load. Use the energy-saving setting to dry the dishes — do not use heat when drying.

There are many things you can do to take care of your part of the earth. Work at being part of the solution and less of the problem — it is a healthier way for both you and for our mother.

## EPA launches new tribal portal Web site

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched the first-of-its-kind portal Web site to help tribal communities, its supporters and the public find tribal environmental information and data through a single Web-based access point.

Announced at the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) meeting in Washington, D.C., the portal is part of EPA's commitment to strengthen its partnership with Indian tribes and governments to protect human health and the environment. Established in 1994, the NTOC comprises 19 tribal leaders and senior agency leaders, and meets once a year to discuss implementation of tribal environmental protection programs. Currently,

there are approximately 560 separate, federally-recognized tribal governments in the United States.

"For centuries, American Indians have been respected for their commitment to Mother Earth. At EPA, we share in the obligation to pass down a cleaner, healthier environment to future generations," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "This new website reflects EPA's ongoing efforts to reach out to tribal communities in order to accelerate human health and environmental protection in Indian Country."

The new cross-agency Web site allows EPA to consolidate and share environmental information reflecting a tribal com-

munity's perspective and needs into a central, easy-to-navigate structure. Various EPA programs are also consolidating their tribal information through this Web site.

The site integrates tribal content and functionality of many existing agency programs and regional Web sites. These functions include:

- Central, easy-to-navigate structure;
- Reliable, comprehensive source;
- Functional tool for tribal environmental information and data.

The site will help users save time and resources.

Visit the site at [www.epa.gov/tribalportal](http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal).

## Manistique River receives lampricide treatment

MARQUETTE — In July, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada personnel applied lampricides to upper sections of the Manistique River to kill sea lamprey larvae burrowed in the stream bottom in, according to a USFWS news release. The treatments were confined to the extreme upper parts of the Manistique River, upstream of M-28.

The treatment crews will return Sept. 18 through Sept. 27, according to the release, to apply lampricides to the remainder of the Manistique river system. Failure to kill the sea lamprey larvae in streams would result in significant

damage to the Great Lakes fishery.

Lampricides are selectively toxic to sea lampreys, but a few fish and broadleaf plants are sensitive. The USFWS advises persons confining bait fish or other organisms in the stream water to use an alternative water source because lampricides may cause mortality among aquatic organisms stressed by crowding and handling. Agricultural irrigation must be suspended for 24 hours, during and following the treatment, according to the release.

For more information call (231) 845-6205 in the U.S. and (800) 553-9091 in Canada.

# Bahweting Drum visited Virginia for American Indian Intertribal Cultural Festival

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Representing our tribe and showcasing its rich cultural history, a Kewadin Casinos bus departed Sault Ste. Marie mid-July with the Bahweting Drum, singers and dancers bound for Washington, D.C., to honor war veterans and attend the American Indian Intertribal Cultural Festival in Hampton, Va.

The festival was hosted by the Virginia Indian nations to honor their relationships with English speaking colonists that began 400 years ago, in 1607. Kenah from the Virginia Indian nations, said, "We welcome the visiting tribes from the south, north, east and west and hope the relationships formed at this time will expand into great opportunities in the future."

Nine tribes from Virginia attended the festival along with seven invited tribes.

On their way to the festival, the Bahweting Drum stopped in Washington, D.C., where they gave a morning exhibition at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian and sang honor songs that evening at the Vietnam Memorial Wall and



The group getting ready to leave for Washington D.C. and then on to Virginia.

the Korean veterans memorial. "We have a couple of veterans on our drum who have never been to the memorials," said Josh Homminga, culture camp outreach coordinator. "Veterans Ed Cook and Nick VanAlstine went with us, and our other veteran on the drum, Richard Lee, was unable to attend. I wrote a song for our veterans when the memorial envisioned by Ed Cook was put up in front of the cultural building in the Sault. We sang that in Washington, it was a good

experience." After spending the night in D.C., the group headed east to Hampton, Va., to participate in the festival. The Intertribal Cultural Festival is part of an 18-month commemoration marking the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown. The festival has been visited by dignitaries who include President Bush, Vice-President Cheney and Queen Elizabeth II of England. The tribes demonstrated danc-

ing, regalia, story telling, music and crafts. "Our first demonstration Saturday was the jingle dress story from the Ojibwa Nation. Cathy DeVoy was the story teller while the dancers reenacted it. We also showcased the rest of our dance styles and regalia. On Sunday we showcased veteran songs and did some intertribal dancing followed by social dancing and the two-step. Rita DeVoy showcased her talents with the hoop dance. Cathy DeVoy and Cecil Pavlat led the two-step,

everybody had a lot of fun," said Elaine Wright, cultural trainer. The official drum of the Sault Tribe, the Bahweting Singers Drum was formed in 1996 as a way to help tribal youth. The drum volunteers its time for traditional funeral services, weddings, naming ceremonies, graduations and healing ceremonies. The drum also participates in powwows in Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada. Youth Education and Activities (YEA) coordinator Rachel Mandelstamm, said, "I tried to take in as much information about the different tribes to take home and share with the YEA kids as I could. It was also a great bonding experience for everyone who went and brought the different departments throughout the tribe closer. I really enjoyed sharing our dance styles and culture with the other tribes who attended." About 18,000 people attended the festival the weekend the Bahweting Drum was there. "Being asked to participate at an event of this magnitude was a great honor for the Bahweting Drum and singers," said drum keeper Bud Biron.

# American Indian dresses blend tradition and innovation

EXHIBIT TRACES HISTORY OF DRESSMAKING BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OVER 200 YEARS

BY LAUREN MONSEN  
USINFO STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The prominent roles of women in American Indian societies are mirrored in the evolving designs of the ceremonial dresses and accessories they have created over the past 200 years, said Emil Her Many Horses, an expert on Northern and Southern Plains cultures at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI).

Her Many Horses, a member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) nation of South Dakota, is co-curator of the NMAI exhibit "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses." The exhibit traces the history of American Indian dressmaking from the 19th century to the present, with examples of richly ornamented deer hide and cloth dresses representing a variety of North American tribal and regional styles.

The dresses, shown with moccasins, leggings and other handmade items, illuminate the vibrant artistic traditions of American Indian communities. "In our cultures, artistic ability is considered a spiritual gift," Her Many Horses told USINFO. "Women who excelled at dressmaking always were held in high regard" for contributing to their families' wellbeing, and their creations enhanced the status of their families within the tribal framework.

Designs "sometimes originated from dreams and visions," she said, but societal changes also played a part in design trends. As North America's indigenous societies came into contact with white settlers in the 19th century, new materials such as glass beads, wool, cotton, ribbons and silver



L to R: Cheyenne and Sioux dresses. Photos courtesy of USINFO

buttons were acquired through trading and quickly found their way into Indian dressmaking designs. Traditional methods of embellishment — such as stitching elk teeth onto a deer hide surface, adorning a war bonnet with eagle feathers or painting symbolic motifs — remained popular, but were combined with intricate beadwork patterns.

American Indian women had to learn how to circumvent heavy-handed restrictions on their customs and ceremonies. In the late 19th century, U.S. government authorities pressured tribes to assimilate into white culture and tried to eradicate tribal languages by enrolling American Indian children in English-only schools. Paiute tribal elders responded by establishing the ghost dance, a ceremony that called for a revival of the traditional Indian way of life. It soon took hold among tribes throughout the American West. The federal government

— fearing tribal insurrections — banned the ghost dance in 1890 and insisted that traditional ceremonies be replaced by patriotic displays on official holidays such as Independence Day, celebrated annually on July 4.

Indigenous societies outwardly complied with this demand by staging Fourth of July celebrations with elaborately costumed dancers. But those dancers — wearing fringed and beaded outfits designed by resourceful Native dressmakers — were sending coded messages to their communities, signaling tribal solidarity in the face of government repression. They performed traditional dance steps and their costumes — adorned with beaded representations of the U.S. flag — used conventional patriotic imagery to honor their own warrior ancestors.

Today's American Indian dressmakers still bead their costumes with red, white and blue

flag motifs to pay tribute to U.S. war veterans within tribal families. In fact, the Kiowa tribe now dedicates its age-old war dance ceremony to its soldiers serving in Iraq and elsewhere. The finely crafted buckskin dresses worn by Kiowa dancers are an integral part of this custom, said Her Many Horses.

She also pointed to the fancy dance and shawl dance practitioners, who take part in dance competitions at contemporary social gatherings. The dancers wear extravagantly decorated costumes with long fringe that sways with every movement or dance step. Thus, the dressmaking skills of American Indian women continue to perpetuate their tribal heritage.

Although the traditional elements of costume design are passed down through generations, today's innovators ensure that dressmaking techniques also look to the future. The "Identity by Design" exhibit opens with a video of dancers in modern-day ceremonial garb, followed by a panoramic display of dresses, leggings, moccasins and cradleboards from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The exhibit also includes heirloom-quality garments from award-winning American Indian dressmakers of the 21st century.

At the exhibit's conclusion, dressmakers and dancers appear in a film montage, offering commentary on the larger meaning of ceremonial American Indian clothing. Georgianna Old Elk, an Assiniboine, explains that the dress she wears in dance competitions was a gift from her extended family. "When I dance, I am never alone," she says. "Even though they are gone now, they are still with me, and I feel them

with me." In the film, dancer and designer Keri Jhane Myers, a Comanche, says she ventures into New York City's fashion district to hunt for unusual dressmaking materials whenever she travels to East Coast dance competitions. "You look at the things available, and how you could incorporate them while keeping to a type of tradition," she says.

The NMAI exhibit has generated "a very positive response" from viewers who are "dazzled by the phenomenal artistry" of indigenous craftswomen, said Her Many Horses, but its main purpose is "to highlight the traditions and roles of American Indian women dressmakers in their societies, then and now. In Native societies, women are really the keepers of tradition and knowledge. They keep the culture alive."

The exhibit has been on display at NMAI since March and will remain open until September 2008. The exhibit also may be viewed on the Smithsonian's Web site.

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# Movie trailer premiers in Sault Ste. Marie

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY RICK SMITH

A movie about a Grand Island ancestor of some Sault Tribe members may someday be in a theater near you.

Producers of independent films premiered a trailer to a capacity crowd for a potential project called *A Face In The Rock*, based on a novel of the same name written by Loren Graham, who was on hand for the July 19 event.

The premiere was at the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Also attending the premiere was Delores LeVeque, great-great-granddaughter of Powers of the Air, the protagonist of the story.

The event began with a hand drum honor song by the Healing Lodge Singers of Ontario, followed by a song from the Bay Mills drum, Pride.

Art Leighton, Sault Tribe historian, briefly touched on regional history before introducing Graham, the novelist. Graham told those present how he came to write *A Face In The Rock* and about his decades of research into the story. Two of the producers reflected on experiences with the project prior to the premier, relating their trials endured during film shoots around Grand Island last summer, and gave their impressions of the Upper Peninsula and its people.

After the premier, the producers conducted a question-and-answer session before inviting the audience to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and mingle with the novelist and filmmakers.

Graham signed copies of the novel available to all who attended the event.

Film trailers are short promotional movie previews of films used to hint at the basic story and generate interest. Most folks see trailers when they view movies at theaters and, these days, they're easily found on the Internet.

In this case, though, the trailer will be used to attract investors, professionals and studios into producing the project.

The trailer was created by a



**Cheyton Villaluz is seen in the movie trailer as Young Duck, Powers of the Air as a boy.**



**James Ludwig addresses the audience.**



**Author Loren Graham (seated) takes a break from auto-graphing copies of his novel *A Face In The Rock*. Producers Mary Katherine Flynt, Matthew Fabiano and James Ludwig along with Sault Tribe member Delores LeVeque, great-great-granddaughter of Powers of the Air (L-R).**

collaboration of four producers associated with Back 40 Films and Road 27 Pictures, two film production companies based in New York City.

The Independent Feature Project, also based in New York City, sponsored the creation of the trailer. The non-profit entity supports independent filmmaking to reflect the diversity of American culture.

James Ludwig, of Back 40 Films, said how soon and under what terms *A Face In The Rock* movie might go into production depends on the amount of interest the trailer generates and what kind of deals can be struck.

Filming for the trailer was done last summer on and around Grand Island, just north of Munising, Mich., on the southern shore of Lake Superior. The area is the setting for most of the actual events revisited in the novel.

Ludwig said the Upper Peninsula area is abundant with locations for stirring scenic backdrops. He suggested there could be a possibility of the region becoming very popular with Hollywood film studios.

The producer said, if all goes well, about 30 percent of the dialogue in the *A Face In The Rock* movie will be in Ojibwe and will feature many of the same regional Indian cast members who appeared in the trailer.

*A Face In The Rock* is a dramatization surrounding observations by an Anishinaabe teenager recruited with others of his hither-



## Paquin offers classes on Anishinaabek crafts



Photo by Rick Smith

**Paquin (standing) oversees students working on porcupine quill necklaces during a recent class at his home in Sault Ste. Marie.**

Sault Tribe member Ron Paquin, a long-time, award winning master practitioner of Anishinaabek crafts, is offering classes in some of the traditional arts in Sault Ste. Marie this summer. Those interested in any classes may call (906) 635-8158 or send an e-mail to him at [ramp@lighthouse](mailto:ramp@lighthouse) for information.



Photo by Rick Smith

**Selden Collins of Pickford, Mich., and Nancy Slater of Youngstown, N.Y., look on as Paquin inspects the progress of Jeanne Koski of Atlanta, Mich. All are obviously enjoying themselves as they learn how to make pocupine quill necklaces at a recent class at Paquin's home in the Sault.**

# Soo Boatworks opens on Portage Street in the Sault



Rick and Suzette Plummer had the grand opening of their new pleasure boat sales and service venture, Soo Boat Works, in the Sault last June.

A Sault Tribe member and her husband had the grand opening of their new pleasure boat sales and service venture in the Sault on June 8-9. Suzette and Rick Plummer, partners of Soo Boat Works at 1160 East Portage Avenue (just west of the National Guard armory), celebrated with a radio remote broadcast from

the site, a free outboard boat drawing, an open house, building christening, Coast Guard Auxiliary boat inspections, a car wash to benefit pom pom activities and refreshments. Soo Boat Works features Crownline inboard models and Yamaha outboards.

*Photos and  
text by  
Rick Smith*



A new boat undergoes an inspection courtesy of a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary inspector.



During their grand opening customers were offered the opportunity to win the pictured boat.

## Anatomy of a Scholarship:

BY RICK SMITH

Gentle readers, you shall see presented here clear and irrefutable evidence of an indirect connection between a classic story in American literature and film to a scholarship for law students in Michigan and Wisconsin with certifiable American Indian ancestry.

After you have been presented with the facts and behold them beyond a reasonable doubt, you will be compelled to render a verdict and act on this information as befitting Anishinaabe custom.

One John D. Voelker was born and raised in Ishpeming, Mich., in 1903, the same year Orville and Wilbur Wright finally became airborne. Voelker developed a love of fly-fishing for trout at an early age as well as an affinity for fairness and justice.

Voelker graduated from the University of Michigan law school in 1928 and, after a stint in Chicago, Ill., returned to Ishpeming where he hung his shingle for a private practice. He was elected to the office of prosecutor for Marquette County and, in 1957, was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Along with practicing law and fly-fishing, the cordial Voelker also dabbled in writing fiction and essays in settings with which he was most familiar. He wrote using the nom de plume of Robert Traver. The novel *Danny and the Boys* was published in 1951, a collection of short stories and essays, *Small Town D.A.*, came out in 1954 and, in 1958, *Anatomy of a Murder* hit number one on best-seller lists across the country.

Folks in Hollywood, Calif., were so impressed with the revenue generating possibilities of

Anatomy that the movie studios wasted no time in wooing who ever it took to get a major movie released into distribution as soon as possible.

Columbia Pictures beat all the other big Hollywood studios in getting it all together to make the movie. Big names in the entertainment field of the era were brought onboard for the project; Otto Preminger as director and producer, Jimmy Stewart in the starring role, co-stars included George C. Scott, Ben Gazzara and Lee Remick.

Jazzman Duke Ellington was hired to compose the musical score, which was also released as an award-winning, best-selling album.

The movie, with the same title as the novel, came out in 1959 and was lauded by critics and reaped a huge number of award nominations, wins and box office figures.

Good times for Voelker. He retired from his primary profession so he could devote himself to writing full-time.

A collection of short stories, a novel and a non-fiction piece followed. In 1965, Voelker finished *Laughing Whitefish*, a novel based on real-life facts about a Chippewa woman's struggle for justice in the 1800s.

According to an exhibit from the Michigan Bar Association, although Voelker said it made him feel "a wee bit embalmed" to have a foundation named after him, in 1989, he helped establish the John D. Voelker Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support for legal services and education to Michigan citizens, especially American Indians. He personally set its immediate

goal of providing scholarships to American Indians wishing to attend law school. He was in the midst of assisting the foundation with fundraising activities when he died on March 18, 1991. The foundation also sponsors the annual Traver writing award competition.

The exhibit noted that when it was mentioned to Voelker that the board was puzzled why the foundation should be especially beneficial to American Indian students, Voelker is simple replied, "Let 'em read *Laughing Whitefish*."

Among Voelker's legions of admirers was CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. When informed of Voelker's death, Kuralt spoke fondly of his friend, who he described as "the nearest thing to a great man I've ever known."

One Sault Tribe member,

## Voelker Foundation offers help for Michigan and Wisconsin American Indian students

George Hyde III, was awarded a Voelker scholarship. Hyde now practices law in Marquette and he is a member of the Voelker Foundation Board of Directors.

Applicants for the scholarship must have a sincere interest in studying law and using a legal education to benefit American Indians, membership in a federally recognized Michigan or Wisconsin tribe, academic potential to succeed as evidenced by past academic success or admission to an accredited law school and willingness to provide an annual report to the foundation on the progress of his or her studies. Applicants with the greatest financial need will be given preference.

According to instructions on the foundation's Web site, [www.voelkerfdn.org](http://www.voelkerfdn.org), a simple letter from the applicant addressing each of the eligibility criteria

applicable to the applicant will be sufficient. Letters of reference from teachers or employers, transcripts, and documentation confirming tribal membership are encouraged. The board may invite applicants to submit additional information to assist in the selection process.

Those wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund or join the foundation receive tax advantages in doing so and may receive a limited edition copy of *Laughing Whitefish* signed by the author. If interested, call Richard Vander Veen III, president of the Voelker Foundation, at (616) 897-1304, write John D. Voelker Foundation, P.O. Box 15222, Lansing, MI 48901-5222 or visit [www.voelkerfdn.org](http://www.voelkerfdn.org).

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# Boxing returns to the Sault, needs your help

Torque Boxing Club held its first annual Fight Night at the Dream Maker's Theatre in Kewadin Casino on May 26. Under the excellent coaching of Shawn Menard and Randy McRorie, Torque ended the night with a 4/4 record overall.

Outstanding fighters from the Sault Ste. Marie, Hannahville, Port Huron, Bay City, Escanaba, and Pickford, Mich., and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, fought their way through one of the best Amateur Olympic Style Boxing exhibitions in the area. Torque had three boxers — Kayla McRorie, Mike Kymes and Tim Stark — enter the ring for the first time and all three walked away with a victory. McRorie ended the fight with a TKO early in the second round, claiming a well-deserved win.

McRorie is Torque's only female fighter. She has been training with Menard and Randy McRorie, her dad, for almost one year. Sparring is her her favorite element, although she would "like to see more girls in the club so she can quit beating up all the boys."

McRorie thinks being coached by her dad is "cool, because we can come when no one else is here, stay late, and practice more when everyone else leaves." Her dedication to the sport and skills honed by her father were apparent in her recent win. But McRorie is no stranger to the sport. Her dad, Torque's own Randy McRorie, was an amateur boxer for eight years and is currently a 2-year pro-boxer.

Randy McRorie has been a head coach, alongside Menard since Torque's inception in 2001. Along with his daughter, his sons Brendan and Rob are members of Torque. Rob McRorie was



**Left: Coach Shawn Menard, General Manager Terry Menard and Coach Randy McRorie.**

expected to fare well and did just that Saturday night. After the referee issued several standing eight counts to his opponent, he fought his way to a TKO in the third round, earning him the trophy and a record of 2-2. He has been involved in mixed martial arts since 1999 and began fighting for Torque in 2005.

Although losing by decision, Torque member Nathan Cremeans fought his way through one of the best fights of the night, setting the pace for the second half of the show.

Torques winners included Kayla McRorie 1-0, Mike Kymes 1-0, Rob McRorie 2-2 and Tim Stark 1-0. Although Anthony Laaksonen 1-1, Nathan Cremeans 0-4 and TJ Maleport 0-1 lost by decision, all fought tenaciously and represented the club with great determination and guts. Even Travis Gardner 0-3, who was knocked out early in the third round, displayed great sportsmanship and is anxious to get back in the ring. A newcomer to the sport, Mark Lamb from Pickford drew quite a crowd with his "no holds barred" style of boxing. Torque Boxing would like to thank all its

sponsors, volunteers, judges, refs, announcers and the beautiful ring girls for helping to bring together local athletes for a great amateur boxing show.

Torque Boxing Club is asking for help. Just prior to the fight, Menard was informed the club would no longer be able to use the basement room of the Soo Armory due to new government restrictions. Torque has been allowed to use this room for practice four hours a week and house all of their equipment there, except the ring. The kids have been allowed to practice at the Armory for the last year, and although crowded, they have all made room for each other and worked through the cramped quarters.

Even with limited space and virtually no training time, Menard and McRorie have continued to work with what they have and amazingly train these athletes to many first time victories. Losing

the armory is a very grave and immediate threat to the future of Torque Boxing Club.

As a result they are turning to the public for help. The club is interested in a building, an old warehouse or barn that would have the room to house the ring and all of the training equipment. Because of limited funds, the club is unable to afford to pay rent at this time, so space would have to be donated. Torque is a 501(c)(3) organization (non-profit) so any donations made are tax deductible, and the building would be fully insured through USA Boxing.

They are hoping to find someone to donate the space or rent for a year, in lieu of a tax write-off. If anyone has an empty space they think Torque could use, please contact Randy McRorie at (906) 322-3578.

Randy McRorie, along with Terry Menard, Torque's general manager, would be happy to look at any building and explain what they have in mind. Both McRorie and Menard have worked very hard to get the club where it is today. They are asking everyone to please get involved in the search for a building. Torque is also looking for donations and athlete sponsors. Donation forms are available at Torque's sponsors throughout town or obtained by emailing torque\_boxing@yahoo.com.

Many thanks to the Michigan National Guard for donating the use of the room as long as it was able. Without the Michigan National Guard's generosity, Torque would not be where it is today.

Disk videos of their recent fight are available for \$25. Contact Randy McRorie at (906) 322-3578 for more information.



**Although losing by decision, Torque member Nathan Cremeans fought his way through one of the best fights of the night.**

# Lacrosse players hit the field at JKL Bahweting



**CROSSING STICKS** — A friendly little game between Bahweting and Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills was the perfect way to end the Family Fun Day at Bahweting on the last day of summer school. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of the Boys and Girls Club that day. The game showed a good match up for more games in the future.



# Families involved with child protective services gain more programming

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) has recently engaged in a collaboration that will mesh program services to our tribal families in our community. Where the development fund program provides child care assistance to families involved in child protective services and quality activities to their providers, the CAC program provides more intensive services that hone in on all of the families needs.

The Child Advocacy Center in Sault Ste. Marie will acquire a new playground and fencing. The playground will be available to children involved in the program and to children of tribally licensed providers, upon appointment.

An open house will be offered to all programs within the tribe to allow them to become familiar with the services we offer. In addition, child care providers will be invited to see how they will benefit from the new collaboration between CAC and the development fund program.

The new collaboration will be an approach to ensure that children involved in CAC services will receive child care assistance so their parents or foster parents may avoid the high costs of child care by accessing the CCDF for assistance. Parents and foster parents may also access the CCDF program to receive respite time.

In return, the CAC program will offer resources to assist with training for child care providers to attend and coordinate the use of the facility by allowing provid-

## Winter wear giveaway in the works

ACFS and Sault Tribe Shipping and Receiving staff have started working on the winter wear giveaway for children. If you are 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. Mittens, hats and scarves are also good donations. This event benefits many families who may have difficulty buying outdoor clothing for their children and we expect this year it will be as popular as ever. Keep this in mind if you enjoy going to yard sales or thrift shops. You might be able to pick up a few inexpensive items to donate.

This year, the event will be expanded to areas outside Sault Ste. Marie. You will find donation boxes in Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribe Administration Building, 523 Ashmun Street; the Sault Tribe Child Care at 2218 Shunk Road; Sault Tribe Head Start, 2076 Shunk Road; Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle and Tribal Health and Human Services at 2864 Ashmun Street.

Donation boxes will also



Top: The Dawn M. Eavou Child Advocacy Center in Sault Ste. Marie, and (bottom) its sign.

ers to bring children to the playground, hold the annual Provider Appreciation Day and Public Hearing at the CAC.

If you would like more infor-

mation about the CCDF program, please call (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093. For more information about the CAC program, please call (906) 632-4001.

be found at the ACFS Child Placement Office, 60 Kincheloe; the Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W US-2; and the Grand Island Chippewa Community Center, 622 W. Superior in Munising.

Donations for children of all ages will be accepted during the last week of August until Friday, Oct. 5.

On Oct. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be winter wear giveaways at Chi Mukwa in Sault Ste. Marie and at each of the outlying sites listed above.

If you have questions, call a representative nearest you: Sault Ste. Marie — (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093, Julie Menard or Roberta Fisher; Kincheloe — (906) 495-1232, Brenda Brownlee; Manistique — (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137, Denise Chase or Sharon Hutchinson; Munising — (906) 387-3906, Heidi Cotey.

Tribe member, Ginger Kolodica from Corunna Mich., has been busy all winter knitting hats for tribal youth. Ginger donated hats last year

## General Assistance available for Sault tribe members

General Assistance is a federally funded program designed to provide temporary financial assistance payments to eligible American Indians for their essential needs.

Shelter, food, clothing and utilities are considered essential needs. To be eligible, an applicant must be a member of an American Indian tribe, have insufficient resources to meet essential needs, reside in the service area and meet additional eligibility criteria such as income, resources and employability.

The goal of the General Assistance program is to increase the self-sufficiency of the applicant. This can be met in many ways such as finding employment; receiving Social Security, unemployment compensation, workman's compensation or temporary assistance for needy families (TANF).

Services provided to the client are developed around improving the client's self-sufficiency. The clients develop individual self-sufficiency plans with their caseworkers to be followed while receiving assistance. Their plans will be centered around the situation the client is in. For example,

some clients are able to work, but just haven't found employment. Others have a medical condition that does not allow them to work. This medical condition is verified by their physician. Some of the services offered to clients considered employable are developing a resume, learning job skills, applying for jobs and registering at local employment agencies.

Some of the services for clients who are unemployable due to medical conditions are setting goals to improve or recover from the condition, applying for Social Security, unemployment compensation, workman's compensation, TANF, food stamps, USDA food commodities program, Medicaid, Contract Health and Housing.

To apply for General Assistance, contact the direct service case manager in your area: Schoolcraft and Delta counties, Viola Neadow at (800) 347-7137; Alger and Marquette counties, Heidi Cotey at (800) 236-4705; Mackinac County, Melissa Matson at (877) 444-5608; Luce and Chippewa counties, Sheila Kibble for last names beginning with A-L and Megan Smith for last names beginning with M-Z at (800) 726-0093.

## Third annual Youth Promise Dance slated for September

The third annual Promise Dance is scheduled for Sept. 21 at the Chi-Mukwa Community Recreation Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The dance is held during September's National Substance Abuse Recovery Month. Since prevention beats recovery, Sault Tribe plans the dance as a drug prevention event for youth. The dance is open to members and the general public. Youth attend the dance and sign the "Promise Tree" as a promise to live drug free.

Additional substance abuse prevention features have been arranged for the evening. Aagii Clement is an area presenter who relates well with youth. She will continuously repeat a short prevention presentation for the youth. Another area will have a video with drunk driving crashes and statistics. The planning committee is trying to arrange to have the police impairment goggles in this area too. Youth who sign the "Promise Tree," attend the presentation and view the video will be eligible for prizes.

The planning committee for 2007 had to plan to correct problems that occurred at last year's Promise Dance. One of the problems last year was the volleyball

court was too small of an area for all the youth who attended. There were over 250 youth in 2006. So this year, the planning committee reserved the basketball court for the dance.

Chaperons will be from the planning committee, United Way's LSSU volunteer program and the Sault Tribe/United Way Maagwejjig volunteer program. This means volunteers will have completed a background clearance check and will have ID badges.

To avoid other problems, the planning committee is requiring a permission slip this year. The permission slips provide information on rules, health emergencies, liability and an agreement to provide the youth's transportation.

After the dance last year, it was not clear who was going to give some of the youth a ride home. Flyers will be distributed in the area schools for students in grades five through seven and permission slips will be printed on the back of the flyers. Permission slips are also available by calling American Indian Substance Abuse at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

Encourage youth to attend; refreshments will be served and there is no charge.

## ACFS Direct Assistance Kincheloe office hours

An ACFS Direct Assistance team member will be holding regular office hours at 60 Kincheloe each Wednesday.

To schedule an appointment, please call ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

The mission of the Anishnabek Community and Family Services Direct

Assistance component is to restore, improve, enhance, develop and maintain the lifestyle, functioning and abilities of tribal members.

The Direct Assistance component Anishnabek Community and Family Services offers limited financial assistance to Sault Tribe members and families.



# Full-ride veterinary technician program offered

BY RICK SMITH

A young, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the folks of Indian Country is offering a cost-free chance for American Indian high school graduates to earn associate degrees in veterinary technology.

A minimum grade point average upon graduating from high school is not required for acceptance, but applicants must be high school graduates with American Indian ancestry experienced in caring for animals in some capacity.

Connie Ashworth, the apprenticeship program manager for 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Community Services Corporation, explained that while the program is in Titusville, Fla., travel costs to take advantage of

the two-year program are included in the scholarship as are education and living expenses.

Students will study veterinary technology at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla., in a fully accredited associate in science veterinary technology program.

The program courses are sequential and require full-time study.

A veterinarian on the board of 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Community Services provides part-time, paid employment with his practice for students to satisfy college supervised apprenticeship requirements.

Ashworth said this is the first year of the program and began accepting applications last May

encouraging students to submit them by June 30, but the simple applications are available on the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Web site and may be accepted "if they hurry." The program starts in January.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the scholarship amounts to about a \$50,000 value.

High school students with American Indian ancestry may want to keep abreast of offerings from 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Community Services. "We hope to be adding many more apprenticeship opportunities soon," said Ashworth.

Charlotte Hicks, executive director of 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Community Services, said, "This was our first attempt this year. We started with that one because we

had the opportunity with Brevard Community College. We want to expand next year into other certification programs in the fields of medical assistant, dental assistant, phlebotomy, medical information coding and billing, nursing, so that we can offer several vocational certificates."

Hicks explained some of the certification programs may not yield degrees, but they will give students opportunities in fields where there is high demand for their training. "Eventually, what we would like to do is form partnerships with other colleges and technical vocation schools all over the country so that students wouldn't have to leave their home states. "We want to be able to help students throughout Indian

Country," she said.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation organization was established in 2003, according to Ashworth, with the aim of working with American Indian tribes to improve economies and communities. The organization offers services and programs in education, training and business consulting to meet its goal. It operates a training academy, schools, conferences and other events.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Web site is at [www.7thgeneration.org](http://www.7thgeneration.org).

Titusville is on the central east coast of Florida, about 10 miles northwest of the NASA John F. Kennedy Space Center. According to the 2000 U.S. census, Titusville has a population of about 40,670 people.

# Education director updates membership on services

BY ANGELINE MATSON

**Early education programs** — It is so wonderful to have Anne Suggitt on board as our early childhood programs manager! She returned to our division in June and is overseeing the Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care Center programs. We are busy with recruitment for these programs for the coming school year.

**Youth Education and Activities** — The Circle of Life Program kicked off with a camping trip at the Sault Tribe powwow. The program ran four weeks and concluded with the Youth Empowerment Powwow in Rexton on Aug. 4.

**Workforce Investment Act (WIA)** — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors generously approved of tribal funding to hire all 176 youth who applied for the summer employment program. Tribal youth are employed in every unit. Most are employed in tribal

departments or enterprises, but a few are employed by non-tribal business owners when there were no opportunities within the tribe.

**Teen Drop-in Center** — The teen center recently hosted its annual picnic. Sault Tribe intern Randy Constantino is serving as the coordinator this summer and is doing a great job getting to know the teens. Teens can drop in, eat a meal, play basketball, foosball or videogames. The center is open Monday through Saturday in the afternoons and early evenings.

**Summer Internship Program** — Nineteen Sault Tribe members were hired as summer interns. All are juniors or seniors in college and have been placed in programs related to their field of study. The internship runs through early August and provides valuable on the job experience. This year, an "Apprentice"-type component was added. The interns are divided

into three teams and they compete in challenges. Their first challenge was to design a promotional campaign for the Sault Tribe Human Resources Recruitment Program. Their second challenge involved fundraising for the Community Foundation.

**Higher Education Program** — The Higher Education Committee is determining who will receive the honorary/tributary scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded in early August. In other Higher Education news, the funding for the self-sufficiency awards has been exhausted. If you did not submit your grades by mid-June, it is unlikely you will receive the \$500 award. Remember, these funds are on a first-come, first-served basis and the monies do go quickly. Now is the time to submit applications for 2007-2008 Higher Education assistance. Call 1-800-793-0660 for an application or go online.

**Vocational Training Program** — The need-based grant program (maximum funding amount \$3,000 per year) is depleted. These funds are available on a first-come first-served basis and funding is limited. If you are not on the waiting list, it is unlikely you will be served this year. However, the general assistance program (maximum funding amount \$500 per year) still has a small amount of funding remaining. This program is available to any Sault Tribe member and helps pay for license or testing fees required for employment.

**On-site college classes for employees** — Sault Tribe employees will have an opportunity to take college classes through Bay Mills Community College onsite at a convenient location. We are offering four classes for the fall 2007 semester. The cost will be minimal for the employee—there is a \$30 registra-

tion fee plus \$10 per credit hour fee. With tuition at other schools at \$300+ per credit hour, this is a bargain for our employees. It is offered in Sault Ste. Marie only but will be available at other locations in the future.

Classes to be scheduled are: College composition (four credit hours). Class meets twice per week. Student fee: \$40

Intro to computers (four credit hours). class meets four times per week. Student fee: \$40

Fitness and wellness I (two credit hours). Class meets one time per week. Student fee: \$20

Native American awareness (one credit hour). Class meets one time per week. Student fee: \$10

For more information about any of our programs or services, contact Education Director Angeline Matson at (906) 635-4944 or online at [amatson@sault-tribe.net](mailto:amatson@sault-tribe.net).

# White awarded 2007 Outstanding Graduating Student at Lake Superior State University



**RUSSELL WHITE** was awarded the 2007 Outstanding Native American Graduating Student Award at Lake Superior State University. Although Russell was born in Green Bay, Wisc., his family was from Sault Ste. Marie. They moved home when Russell was in third grade, and he gradu-

ated from Sault Area High School in 2000.

During the two years between high school and college, Russell worked on the lake freighters, starting out as a deckhand and working his way up to wheelsman. Russell earned his bachelor's of science degree in 2007, majoring in geology. Russell served as president of the LSSU Geology Club last year and was a member for three more years. He was also a member of the President's Council and served on the Finance Committee.

Russell enjoys riding his mountain bike, snowboarding, cross-country skiing and ice fishing.

For his future education, Russell will attend the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology to earn a master's degree in geology in Socorro, N.M. Upon graduation, Russell will either go into the oil industry or continue on to earn his Ph.D. and teach.

Russell wishes to thank his family, his geology professors, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for making his educational experience a great one.

Russell's words of wisdom are "Do not take no for answer — if you think you can do it, you can." — *From LSSU Native American Center and Campus Diversity*

# Fund helps over a thousand students to date

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — Last school year, Sault Tribe's Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program awarded a total of \$724,008 to 1,033 students across 40 states and Canada, according to Janice Lewton, Higher Education Programs program administrator. All available monies were used for the school year, serving 954 undergrads, 76 graduate students, six doctoral candi-

dates and another 17 studying for the dental, law, medical and veterinary professions.

Popularly known as incentive awards, Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program will begin again for the 2007 fall semester, and incentive awards will begin in January. Applications for the 2007-08 school year are still being accepted. Those who are new to

the program need to complete a W-9 form. Further, anyone who has changed their mailing address or last name needs to complete new W-9 form (available online at [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org)).

Those with questions or concerns should call the Higher Education Department at (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660, or email Janice Lewton at [jl Lewton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jl Lewton@saulttribe.net).

# Thanks to the Sault Tribe Education Department

Education Department,

Thank you for assisting me in my endeavors in pursuing a higher education. The college fair put on in February 2007 I found very helpful and convenient. I would also like to thank you for donating and giving away a laptop. It has saved me a lot of money that is now being put towards my college tuition.

My sincere thanks,  
Brittany Gervais

To Janice Lewton and the Sault Tribe,

I appreciate all of your interest and generosity towards my education and future. It makes me proud to be a part of such an amazing tribe. You truly have made an impact in my life and shaped the way for me to have a life of success. I look forward to my future as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Thank you,  
Blair Still  
Saline, Mich.

Dear Sault Tribe,

I'm writing to thank you so much for all your help from the "Higher Education Fund." I graduated in May with my associate of applied science in diagnostic medical sonography. With your financial help, I was able to study harder than I would have if I didn't have the help and I was hired by an ultrasound company in my junior year of college. I have now been with the same company for one year and four months and I am employed full-time with great pay and benefits!

Thank you so much for your financial support! I would also like to give a special "Thank You" to all the people working in the department who took care of all my paperwork. Your encouragement was very helpful. I could not have done it without all of you!

Sincerely,  
Janelle Dunklee

# National "Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe" meeting boasts Sault Tribe attendance

The annual STEPS meeting this year was attended by over 50 individuals from eight Michigan tribes and one Oklahoma tribe. Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe (STEPS) is a unique program that works with the eight tribes across the state to find innovative, locally-based projects to promote healthier behavior. The meeting was honored to have five representatives from Sault Tribe in attendance, including Tribal Council members Shirley Petosky and Cathy Abramson as well as the Health Division Director, Bonnie Culfa.

Grand Traverse Chairman, Robert Keywaygoshkum, started the day off by welcoming all the participants. He shared with the group how health-promotion has become an issue of personal and professional importance to him as the tribe's chairman. Next, Michigan Public Health Institute presented the results of the last tribal-specific Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance Survey, a telephone survey on health behavior that included many Sault Tribe members.

STEPS programs across the state presented the results of their local health-promotion projects targeting obesity, exercise, nutrition, asthma and diabetes. Sault Tribe STEPS Coordinator, Donna Norkoli, presented the Casino Wellness Healthy Menu Choice Program, where local casinos

agreed to offer weekly specials on low-fat options. Cathy Edgerly, the meeting coordinator said, "I am so pleased that we have been able to reach so far and do so much with this program. This could not have been done without the eight STEPS coordinators within each tribe. Their passion and excitement for helping people within their communities has been vital to the success of the program."

Later, each tribe broke off separately to discuss and plan one health-promotion policy of local importance. The Sault Tribe group discussed a youth health promotion policy targeting youth smoking, alcohol use and drug abuse.

The meeting was hosted by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in collaboration with the national YMCA, who are pleased with its outcome. "The Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program can only go so far without the buy-in and participation from tribal leadership. This combined meeting with the state YMCA and the ITCM Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program was just the means to invite tribal leaders to the table. The resulting collaboration and discussion was a great success and will certainly help to promote improved health policies for the STEPS tribes." Miigwech to all for their attendance and support!

**Women's health and tobacco**



Participants at the annual Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe meeting included individuals from eight Michigan tribes, one Oklahoma tribe, staff from the Inter-tribal Council of Michigan, and evaluation staff from the Michigan Public Health Institute.

## coalition meetings successful

The Native Women's Health Awareness and Michigan Native American Tobacco Coalition meetings this year were very successful. Members of eight Michigan tribes attended to share their experiences in cancer awareness and women's health promotion. The meeting was honored to have five individuals from Sault Tribe in attendance, including tribal council members Cathy Abramson and Shirley Petosky, as well as Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa. Five members of the Oklahoma Cherokee Tribe also attended to learn about

administering the Adult Tobacco Survey, something that Saginaw Chippewa and Keweenaw Bay communities did last year.

Sydney Martin, Lorraine Shananaquet and Carly Shananaquet offered an opening prayer and presented spirit of the water and women's health teachings. These amazing women represent three generations for the Center Fire Water Bundle Carriers for the Three Fires Midewin Society. Next, Gerry Rainingbird from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board presented on tobacco policy development

in Indian-country. Noel Pingatore and Lisa Kerfoot from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan finished off the day, speaking about breast and colorectal cancer awareness projects going on around the state.

The meeting was hosted by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in collaboration with the national YMCA. The meeting coordinators were very pleased with the results of the meeting, saying, "We really enjoy the traditional teachings and it's also great to have time to share and learn from each other." Miigwech to all for their attendance and support!

## By the colors: Plant nutrients an important part of good health

SUBMITTED BY CHARLA GORDON, RD, HEALTHY HEART PROJECT

Fruits and vegetables are rich in color and flavor and full of a special group of nutrients called "phytonutrients" or to put it simply, plant nutrients. Research over the years has shown over and over again that if you eat a mix of colorful vegetables and fruits you can reduce the risk of heart disease, memory loss, blindness, cancer and boost your immune system.

Nutritionists like to divide the fruits and vegetables into five color groups and encourage you to "eat from the rainbow." Here are the groups and some suggestions for you to add to your plate each day

**Red** – get a variety of red by eating red apples, cherries, red grapes, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries, red beets, red peppers, radishes, tomatoes and red potatoes.

**Yellow/orange** – every day include cantaloupe, grapefruit, nectarines, oranges, peaches, pineapples, tangerines, butternut squash, rutabagas, corn and sweet potatoes.

**White/tan/brown** – get the health benefits by eating bananas, dates, cauliflower, garlic, ginger, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, potatoes and turnips.

**Green** – go green every day by enjoying green apples, green grapes, honeydew, kiwifruit, limes, pears, asparagus, broccoli,

Brussels sprouts, green beans, green cabbage, celery, cucumbers, leafy greens, green onions, okra, peas, green peppers, snow peas, spinach and zucchini

**Blue/purple** – the many benefits of this group can be enjoyed by eating blackberries, blueberries, dried and fresh plums, purple grapes, raisins, purple cabbage, and eggplant.

It is fun, tasty and definitely nutritious to add these foods to make your plate a rainbow! Color your plate and boost your health now, this very day. Enjoy the bounty of this growing season and be sure and call your local nutritionist with questions about working these foods into your daily eating plan.



Left: Kim Sakis, Community Health education supervisor; Bonnie Culfa, Health Division director; Shirley Petosky, Tribal Council member; Cathy Abramson, Tribal Council member; and Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe STEPS Coordinator.

## Give us your input and you may be a lucky winner

Have you tried or have you quit smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco through the Sault Tribe Tobacco Cessation Program in 2005 or 2006? If you have, you will be receiving a short questionnaire from us in the U.S. postal mail very soon. The information you provide on this questionnaire is very important to help us evaluate the success of the Tobacco Cessation Program.

To show our appreciation for your input, we will draw 15 names from those questionnaires returned by the stated deadline. Five lucky winners will receive Walmart gift cards valued at \$50 each! Ten more will win

Walmart gift cards valued at \$25.00 each to spend as you please. There are 15 chances to win!

Whether you were successful with quitting (smoking or chewing) or not, please know that your time answering and returning this short questionnaire is greatly appreciated. It should only take a few minutes and a return envelope will be provided. Evaluation results will be announced in the near future. If you have questions, please contact Community Health Services, at (906) 632-5210.

Thank you for your immediate attention and return of the questionnaire.

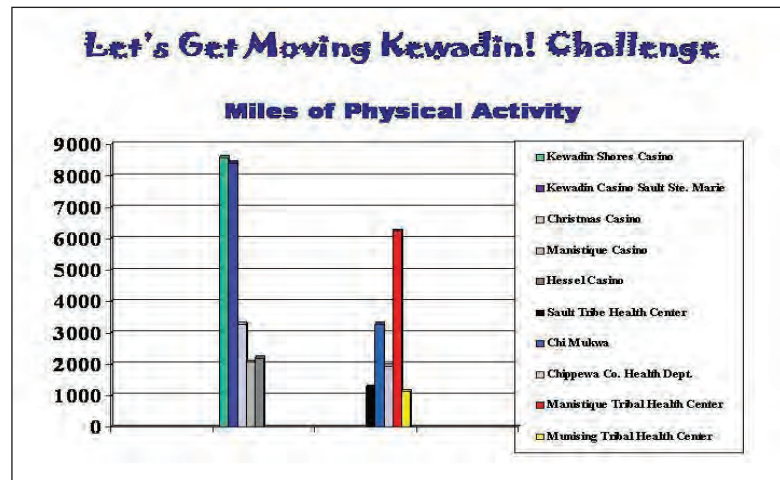
## Let's get moving Kewadin! logs 24,556 miles

During the Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge, Kewadin Casinos team members have logged 24,556 miles of physical activity. The circumference of the Earth is 25,000 miles so participants have virtually walked around the world. Participants from Sault Tribe Health Center, Manistique Tribal Health Center, Munising Tribal Health Center, and Chi Mukwa have collectively logged a total of 13,839 miles. This group has virtually walked from Sault Ste. Marie to Beijing, China, and back!

Let's Get Moving participants received weekly prizes and many have earned the 100-mile T-shirts to proudly wear in recognition of their fitness efforts. But more

importantly, many have achieved health benefits such as more energy, lower cholesterol and blood pressure measurements, better diabetes management, stress relief

and best of all – social support. Many participants report finding new friends or improving relationships through being active together and having fun.





# Youth put in over 400 hours of volunteer service

BY SONNET QUINN

Sault Ste. Marie is the first Native American community to operate a volunteer center. Giving through voluntary service has been a fundamental part of this community for generations. Maagwejjig, meaning "gift-givers," began utilizing our tribe's volunteers this year and the impacts are already becoming apparent. One of the ways that Maagwejjig serves the tribe is by connecting service organizations and individuals with volunteer opportunities within the tribal community.

Youthworks! is one such organization, and has been coming to Sault Ste. Marie to serve for several years. Youthworks! has always been interested in volunteering for our tribe and this summer we have finally utilized these

youth as Maagwejjig matched up Youthworks! with volunteer opportunities. Between June 18 and Aug. 7, Youthworks! put in over 400 hours of volunteer service that benefited our tribe.

Youthworks! brought in groups of junior and senior high school youth to Sault Ste. Marie to help meet the needs of area residents. They lead their own ministry projects and provided support and volunteers to already existing social service organizations.

"We have a nature trail at Big Bear Recreation Center and have been wanting to get it cleaned up, cleared of brush, etc., for a couple of years now and just haven't had any staff or time to work on it," was Recreation Facility Manager Jessica Dumback's response to news of available volunteer service. The nature trail was

Youthworks! final project in conjunction with the tribe. Children from the Little Learners program stopped by and got some early volunteer experience by helping spread wood chips; the youth couldn't keep the wheelbarrows coming fast enough for these kids. Check out their work at the nature trail by Chi Mukwa.

Youthworks! has accomplished a lot for our tribe this summer.

Youth cleaned miles of ditches on the reservation, folded hundreds of elder newsletters, restored the elders' totem pole, helped elders pack for moving, set up for the powwow, helped with yard work and repainted sheds at the Mary Murray Culture Camp. One Youthworks! staff member relayed that the kids were really encouraged by those they served alongside.

It has been a very positive and successful experience.

Have a project that could use volunteers? Interested in getting involved? Contact the Maagwejjig volunteer center at (906) 635-6050, volunteer@saulttribe.net, or search volunteer opportunities at [www.1800volunteer.org](http://www.1800volunteer.org) (use "Maagwejjig" as a keyword).

Sonnet Quinn is a local United Way VISTA worker.



A Little Learner volunteer receives a well-earned lift.



Youthworks! couldn't keep the wood chips coming fast enough for these kids.

# American Legion seeks Anishinaabe veterans

BY RICK SMITH

"The first full-blooded Indian to serve as commander of an American Legion post is A.A. Bonno of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan," wrote none other than Chase and Stellanova Osborn in a forward to their compilation, "Hiawatha" With Its Original Indian Legends, published in 1944.

On a wood and bronze roster of past commanders posted in the hall of the Ira D. MacLachlan American Legion Post in Sault Ste. Marie, also called Michigan Post 3, Antoine Bonno is listed as commander of the post in 1940.

The information is not conclusive, but it does strongly suggest that the MacLachlan Post may have the distinction of being the first American Legion post in the world to have a full-blooded American Indian commander.

It seems fitting then, that a Sault Tribe member is trying to recruit more Indians into the membership of the post.

Jim McCall, commander of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) at the post, said Sault Tribe members presently account for an undetermined percentage of the post membership, but new members are always welcome.

Veterans Administration figures show that American Indians consistently have one of the highest enlistment percentage rates of all ethnicities, especially in times of war. McCall asserts that percentage should be reflected in the post's membership.



Photo by Rick Smith

**Ed Cook and Bud Biron perform a song to begin the blessing of motorcycles last July 14 at the annual motorcycle rally in Sault Ste. Marie sponsored by the Legion Riders of the MacLachlan American Legion Post. Behind Cook and Biron are legionnaires, left to right, Dan Inglis, post commander; Hal Woodgate, Legion Riders director; Jim McCall, Sons of the American Legion commander; and Ted Snider, Sault Tribe member and Legion Rider.**

The American Legion is a service organization that supports veterans, patriotism, operates youth programs and protects veterans' rights in Washington, D.C.

Posts usually have three membership components: Regular members (veterans), SAL (male relatives of regular members)

and auxiliary (female relatives of regular members).

"What we want to do is to get anyone who is qualified to join, especially veterans," said McCall. "We want them to feel that they're not outcasts. I think if they come down here and see how nice it is they'll see that they can have a great time by getting

involved."

Legion members with motorcycles of 350cc and larger have the option of joining the post's chapter of the American Legion Riders. Most, but not all, of the post's Legion Riders own Harleys or bikes with at least 1000cc engines. Legion Riders are easily recognizable by their black

leather riding gear and club colors on their backs, especially during official functions. Their numbers are growing and they are a very visible element of the American Legion organization.

The Riders raise funds and are active in many programs supporting the doctrine of the American Legion and assisting on many levels and in many ways.

One Legion Riders chapter in Kansas initiated the Patriot Guard mission to protect the dignity and sanctity of funerals of fallen Iraq veterans from protests staged by radical religious zealots. The group began showing up at the funerals to cast aspersions about the veterans, the country and the cause in Iraq.

Many American Legion Riders rally in Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day for the annual event known as Rolling Thunder in honor of American service members who remain missing or held as prisoners since serving in combat.

Legion Riders also support shelters for battered women and children along with holiday provisions for needy people.

The Riders are a very dedicated and enthusiastic component of the post and welcome anyone who is qualified and interested in joining them.

Inquiries about joining the American Legion can be directed to any member or post. Those interested in joining in the Sault may call the post at 632-2881.

**April 17-Dec. 18:** Anishinaabemowin Language Class Tuesdays at the Kinross Recreation Center, 43 Woodlake Rd. Bring a dish to pass from 6 to 7 p.m. Class, 7-8 p.m. For more information, call Nancy Debassige at (906) 635 6050 ext. 26143.

**Aug. 21-27:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Tribal Health Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments, call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

**Aug. 24-26:** \$15,000 Spin to Win Tournament, Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. The Friday of the tournament weekend registration packets will be available between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. during a registration reception banquet in the Tahquamenon Room. For more information, call Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Aug. 24-26:** \$17,000 Keno Tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. Player registration packets will be available on Friday between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. during a registration welcome. For more information, call DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Aug. 25:** Tanya Tucker in concert, 7 p.m., Kewadin Shores Showroom at St. Ignace Kewadin Casino. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

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

**Aug. 26:** Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting, Grand Rapids at the Days Inn 310 Pearl Street NW/I-196 at 12 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information, call (888) 94 AARON.

**Aug. 27:** The Elderly Advisory Board will meet the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Aug. 28:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours at the Traditional Medicine Clinic in St. Ignace, Lambert Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For appointments, call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

**Aug. 28:** Escanaba Area Diabetic Support Group, Escanaba Health Center conference room from 10-11 a.m. For questions, call (906) 786-9211.

**Aug. 29:** Healthy Heart Project, Grand Island Chippewa Center, Munising Tribal Health, 10 a.m. 12 p.m., and 6-8 p.m. For more information, call (906) 387-4721.

**Aug. 29:** HDL, LDL what's it all about? Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 10 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m., Munising Tribal Health Center. Classes are open to everyone. No pre-registration required, but encouraged. For questions, call Cassie Britten or Becky Sadler at (906) 387-4721.

**Aug. 29:** The Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the last Wednesday of every month at the Naubinway Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

For questions, call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Aug. 31:** Would you like to learn how to pick Sage? We are going to Munising for the day from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Lunch provided. Permission slips are required. Limited space, call and sign up. For more information, call (906) 632-7494.

**Aug. 31:** Hammer Out Some Cash at all five Kewadin Casino sites. Over \$35,000 in cash prizes, 5-10 p.m. Random draw every 15 minutes for cash off slots and tables. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 1-2:** 11th Annual Sugar Island Powwow will be held. Grand entry will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Cecil Pavlat at (906) 632-4719.

**Sept. 3 & 17:** The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at the Munising Tribal Center (Lincoln School) at 4:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. On the third Monday of the month the dinner is at 6 p.m. Entrance to the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28) across from the Legion. Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 4:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne or Tara at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793 0660.

**Sept. 4:** Scorpions in concert, 7 p.m. in the DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

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

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

**Sept. 7-9:** \$18,000 Poker Blast Tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. Player registration packets will be available on the Friday between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. during a registration welcome. For more information, call DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 7-9:** \$8,000 Video Poker Pizzazz at Kewadin Casinos Manistique. Player registration packets will be available on Friday between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. at a registration table in front of the Northern Rewards Booth. For more information, call Becky at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 29040 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 9:** Tri County Detroit Area monthly chair meeting,

Greektown Casino, Olive Room, Detroit, Mich., 12 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94 AARON.

**Sept. 9-11:** \$8,000 Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos Hessel. On Sunday of the tournament registration packets will be available between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, call Linda or Tel at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 28024 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 10-11:** The Sault Tribe Planning Department transportation planning meeting, Sept. 10, Delta County, 1 p.m., Bay de Noc Community College, Room JHUC 963 and Sept. 11, Marquette County, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Marquette. The purpose of these meetings is to gather information regarding transportation needs and future planning. We will identify safety concerns, future road maintenance and bridge repairs, and road construction projects to be included in the transportation plan and inventory. City engineers and managers, county engineers, township supervisors, representatives from MDOT, and unit representatives from Sault Tribe are encouraged to attend this meeting. Contact Brenda Cooper at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26012 for more information.

**Sept. 11 & 13:** Move More – Feel Better, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Sept. 11, 1-3 p.m. and Sept. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. Have you ever wondered, “What is a healthy body weight and how do I get there?” or thought, “I workout everyday and I never lose a pound...” Physical activity is an important ingredient in the recipe for “good health”. It has the power to shape your insides and outsides. We will share many ideas for keeping active and keeping a healthy weight. For questions or to register, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

**Sept. 11:** ACFS Fund raising Committee Breakfast Sault Tribe Health Center, 7:45-9:30. To volunteer for Anishnabek Community and Family Services fund raising activities or for more details, call (906) 632-5250.

**Sept. 12:** Healthy Eating on a Budget, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 10 to noon and 6-8 p.m., Munising Tribal Health Center. Classes are open to everyone. No pre-registration required, but encouraged. For questions, call Cassie Britten or Becky Sadler at (906) 387 4721.

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

**Sept. 12:** Sault Tribe Conservation Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Little Bear East, St. Ignace. For further information, contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050.

**Sept. 13:** The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold the monthly meeting at the Terrace Motor Inn the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For questions, call the Elder

Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 13-16:** Women's Wellness Gathering, Dagwaagi, Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island. Learn about stress reduction, women's health, nutrition, cultural teachings, sharing circles, personal wellness, positive messages, exercise, native crafts and so much more. Due to limited space and resources, we can only accept 30 women to attend this gathering. We must receive your application by Aug. 23. If accepted, you will receive a letter of acceptance by Sept. 6.

For more information, or to get an application, please contact Karen Alexander or Selina McLean, at American Indian Substance Abuse at 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie. Phone: (906) 635-6075, or toll free at (800) 726-9105 Fax: (906) 635-6549, email: kalexander@saulttribe.net, or smclean@saulttribe.net.

**Sept. 14:** The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For questions, call Linda or Mike Wilkins at (906) 643-7710.

**Sept. 14:** Sault Tribe Health Center will be holding its next American Red Cross Blood Drive and National Bone Marrow Registry from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. You must be 18 years old to register for the bone marrow program or to donate blood with photo ID. For more information, call Janice Pittman at (906) 632-5283.

**Sept. 15:** “Honoring the Waters” Powwow to be held at the Newberry Tribal Community Center 4935 Zeez ba tik. Grand entries at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call (906) 293-8181.

**Sept. 15:** Customer Appreciation Day, free cookout with crawdads and good ol’ Cajun cookin’, 2-6 p.m. (or while supplies last) at Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace. One free entry at the Northern Rewards Club starting at 8 a.m. Be our guest for food and fun and some Dixieland Jazz! For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 17:** The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 17:** Tribal chairperson open office hours are held one Monday a month. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours. These meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

**Sept. 17:** Unit I monthly chair meeting, 6 p.m., Ontario I, Kewadin Casinos, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

**Sept. 18:** Fruit and Veggie Delight, samples on the first floor, Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, 11 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m. Feel the crunch, hear the snap, and enjoy the burst of rich flavor. You will have a great time tasting an

old favorite or trying a new plant food and your body will love the boost of nutrients. Visitors to the health center will enjoy these taste treats! For more information, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

**Sept. 18 & 20:** Enjoy Living Smoke-Free – Yes, You Can! Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. and Sept. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Tobacco is a powerful medicine. Just like any medicine, if used properly it has the power to heal. Open to the public. For questions or to register, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

**Sept. 18:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Manistique at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

**Sept. 19:** ACFS Fundraising Committee Spaghetti Luncheon, 11-1:30. To volunteer for Anishnabek Community and Family Services fundraising activities or for more details call (906) 632-5250.

**Sept. 19:** The Basics of Diabetes and Living a Full Life, group education class, 4-8 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, lots of time to ask questions, and a tasty meal. For questions or to register, call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

**Sept. 19:** Unit II Monthly Chair meeting held at the Newberry Tribal Center, Newberry, Mich., 5 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

**Sept. 21:** Youth Promise Dance at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Participants must have a permission slip. Contact Karen Alexander at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

**Sept. 21-23:** \$15,000 Video Poker Pizzazz at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. On the Friday of the tournament registration packets will be available between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. during a registration reception in the Upper Tahquamenon Room. For information, call Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 21-23:** \$8,000 Black Jack Blowout at Kewadin Casinos Manistique. Player registration packets will be available on Friday 5-8 p.m. at a registration table in front of the Northern Rewards Booth. For information, call Becky at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 29040 or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 22:** Sault Tribe Munising Area Powwow, Munising. For more information, call (906) 632-7494.

**Sept 23:** Northern lower Michigan monthly chair meeting, Petoskey, Mich., location TBA, 6 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

**Sept. 24:** Elderly Advisory Board will meet the fourth Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. Questions, call (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.



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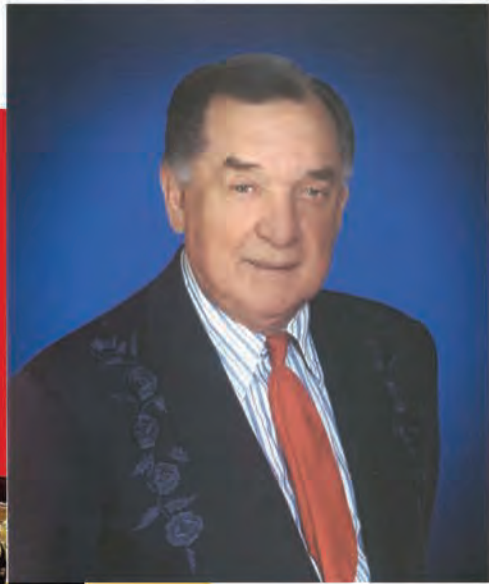
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