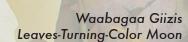


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Shores gaming floor opens to Labor Day crowd

ST. IGNACE, Mich.—On Tuesday, Aug. 28, U.S. District Court Judge R. Allan Edgar issued a preliminary injunction allowing immediate gaming on the main casino floor of the Sault Tribe's new Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace. By Friday, Aug. 31, the gaming floor was 90 percent operational and ready to receive guests for the long Labor Day weekend.

With everyone pitching in, over 600 slot machines and 26 table games were moved into the original casino gaming floor, ready for casino customers visiting the St. Ignace area for the unofficial end of the busy summer season.

"We have worked diligently to pursue all available remedies to resolve the issue of our inability to operate gaming as it was intended in our new \$41 million casino in St. Ignace," said tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment upon hearing the news. "After all of our hard work, this is a major victory for our tribe."

"One such remedy was federal legislation, which was sponsored by our Congressman Bart Stupak. This legislation has cleared the U.S. House of Representatives and is slated for approval in the Senate this fall. The other remedy was to file a federal lawsuit. Today, we received word that the federal judge has issued an injunction to allow us to immediately operate gaming at the main venue," Payment added.

U.S. District Court Judge R. Allan Edgar, of the Western District of Michigan, issued the preliminary injunction restraining the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) and the Department of the Interior from taking any action "which would



Photo by Michelle Bouschor

Pictured above (L-R) are casino patrons with casino management and tribal board members: Joseph and Mary Meyers of Houghton Lake, Unit III Director Keith Massaway, Unit I Director Todd Gravelle, Casino Manager Darcy Chase, Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment, Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz, and Joseph Paszkowski, Joseph and Dorothy Siwicki also of Houghton Lake.

interfere with and prevent the (tribe's) operation of (its) new gambling casino" in St. Ignace, Mich.

The case arose because the tribe built a replacement casino on tribal trust lands immediately adjacent to lands occupied by the tribe's old casino. The tribe's previous casino had operated on the adjacent land for almost 20 years and was rapidly deteriorating, and needed to be replaced.

After construction, just prior to the tribe's grand opening in

June 2006, the NIGC issued an order preventing the tribe from operating in the new casino. The NIGC contended that the adjacent land was not eligible for gaming under federal law. As a result of the NIGC's action, the tribe filed a lawsuit

against the Interior Department and the NIGC, contending their actions were arbitrary and inconsistent with federal law.

The Kewadin Shores Casino has been unable to operate as intended and has been forced to house its slots and table games in a separate structure.

On May 24, 2007, the tribe moved for a preliminary injunction, claiming that it would suffer immediate and irreparable harm if the courts did not permit gaming at the new casino. For the better part of several months, the tribe attempted to reach an interim agreement with the federal government that would have allowed the tribe to operate in the new facility while the lawsuit was pending.

Finally, the tribe asked the federal court to enjoin the federal defendants from preventing the tribe from operating in the new casino, while the lawsuit makes its way through the court system. Federal Judge Allan Edgar granted that injunction on Aug. 28.

A special celebratory promotion was held on Labor Day weekend with over \$30,000 in cash prizes awarded to casino patrons.

Referendum update on inland consent decree

SAULT STE. MARIE — On September 17, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved the ballot language for the upcoming referendum pertaining to treaty rights and the Inland Consent Decree.

On August 14, the board approved to conduct a referendum to decide whether or not the Sault Tribe should enter into a permanent agreement with the state and federal govern-

ment regarding tribal members' treaty rights related to inland fishing, hunting, and gathering. The decision to conduct the referendum was contingent upon the completion of the consent decree and creation of the ballot language. The referendum will ask members, "Do you approve or disapprove of resolution: Authorization to Ratify the Inland Consent Decree?"

Tribal officials have been

working to create an "Inland Consent Decree," which is an agreement between five northern Michigan tribes, the state of Michigan, and the federal government that defines and details the specific treaty rights of tribal members. An "Agreement in Principal" was signed by all parties last summer, which committed all those involved to work together to formulate an agreement or settlement.

The referendum ballot is currently being printed and prepared for mailing. Members should expect to receive their referendum packets in the mail

The Inland Consent Decree, Agreement in Principal, and an inland fishing, hunting and gathering rights summary will be provided to tribal members along with the referendum ballot

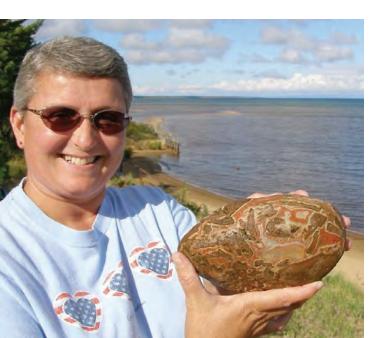


Photo by Ben Musielak

Debbie Musielak of Shelldrake is holding the 3.84 pound agate she found west of Vermilion on Sept. 8. This is one of the largest agates ever found on the shores of Lake Superior.

New state tax exemption policy in effect Paperwork prior to purchase saves paying up front

Effective Sept. 1, 2007, all enrolled Sault Tribe members residing in the tax agreement area, and thus eligible to receive tax refunds under the state-tribe tax agreement, must now request a "tax exemption certificate" prior to initiating a significant transaction or purchase that would entitle a tribal

member to a Michigan sales tax refund or exemption.

The tax "refund" policy has changed to an exemption, which has resulted in the replacement of tax form 3996 with tax "exemption" form 3998. The refund system required tribal members to pay taxes up front, submit a tax form, and then

wait several months to receive a refund on the sales tax. Under the new exemption policy, tribal members will no longer be required to pay for Michigan sales taxes on tax exempt items at the time of purchase.

This new policy specifically applies to the sales and use tax See new tax exemption, pg. 20

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Explaining Article Six of the 1836 Treaty

Could you please give • me some information on the sixth article of the treaty of March 28, 1836?

A • I do not have space to • quote the whole article but the opening sentence describes its purpose. It states as follows, "The said Indians being desirous of making provisions for their half-breed relatives, and the president having determined that individual reservations shall not be granted, it is agreed, that in lieu thereof, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be set apart as a fund for the said half-

Now, I know that the term "half-breed" is offensive, and not politically correct in our modern world but it was used quite commonly in the 17th century. The term really meant mixed-blood as the then Department of War, Office of Indian Affairs, was beginning to come up with the idea of blood quantum to determine who was or was not an Indian.

On July 8, 1836, a correspondence was dispatched to John W. Edmonds by acting Commissioner C.A. Harris that gave instructions on how to distribute the fund to those mixed-



MEMBERSHIP Q&A

blood relatives. Harris' instructions were to call a council at Michilimackinac whereby a census would be produced from those who produced claims for themselves or for others. He was assisted in these efforts by signatory chiefs, H.R. Schoolcraft and others who had lived among the Indians for many

years. The census was to include the names, ages (as close as possible) and places where they

Classes of payment were also developed as there were those who were "held in the highest consideration by the Indians." This meant that more money would be given to those who the chiefs felt were more deserving of higher payment. Thus, three classes were established with those in class one receiving \$1,872.50, those in class two \$305.89 and those in class three \$95.14. These amounts went directly to those who were over 21 unless they were married, in which case they went to the husband or father of the claimant. If the father was not with the family the children's payments were made to the mother and if a child was orphaned the

orphanage held the money.

There are 584 names on the 1836 census but some were denied payment for various reasons. Of those who did receive payment, about 40 were of the first class, 158 in the second class and 255 in the third class. Many of these names are familiar today. They are the direct descendants of the European newcomers and the original peoples of the Great Lakes area and I think it is a wonderful testament to the care and giving nature of our ancestors. As the opening of the sixth article makes clear, they wanted their children cared for even if they had the blood of both cultures.

Respectfully, Clarence Hudak See www.1836cora.org for all the Michigan treaties, court

cases, and documents.

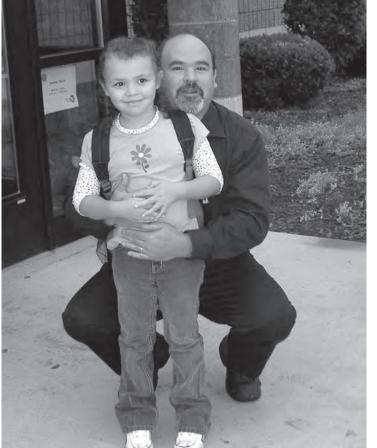


Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton VIRGINIA'S FIRST DAY — First grader Virginia Pringle is escorted on her first day of school at JKL Bahweting

PSA by her dad, Brad Pringle.

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Tribe's operational budget on track with savings

the fourth year in a row, Sault Tribe is on track to balance its budget. So far in 2007, the tribe is operating at a savings while increasing services and planning annual elder checks. Through the end of June, the tribe is under budget at a savings of over \$3 million with an increase in services and no reductions in regular employment.

Next year's budget is expected to balance out "despite a slight dip in our revenue attributed to higher gas prices, a slowed economy and our challenges at Kewadin Shores," said tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment, who added that competitive raises are planned and no layoffs are in view.

Due to varying fiscal cycles from federal and state funding, the tribe appropriates budgets according to three schedules: A, B and C. The approved budgets in FY 2008 Schedule

"A" spending and the proposed budgets programs in FY 2008 Schedule "B" spending are on track to stay within the tribal support spending level of the \$28,376,855 set by the board of directors. Schedule "A" approved 18 program budgets with \$105,632 in tribal suppport. Title VI Elderly, an ACFS program, received \$55,632, while COPS TRGP 2006, a governmental prpogram, received \$50,000 in matching funds. Schedule B's 98 programs requested a total of \$16,380,272 in tribal support. These budgets are scheduled to be approved by the tribal board this month. Schedule C's approximately 100 programs will get \$11,866,951 in FY 2008 tribal support funds.

These budgets are planned to be presented to the board of directors for review in late September 2007. Because all budgets are within spending levels, a 2008 balanced budget is anticipated.

"Our operational management successes have been significant since we have under spent our budgets over the last several years without any reduction in services," said Payment

Table 1 shows 2004-2006 budget savings of \$8.3 million. Added to this year's \$3 million savings during the first two quarters, the tribe has saved \$12 million since 2004.

See Table 1

"All budgets have incorporated the increased amount of tribal support dollars, while increasing services each year, with no employment reductions and most importantly none are planned by the tribal administration," said Payment. "It is important to note that though we have seen savings, the savings cannot be spent on other services without approval from the tribal board of directors."

Revenue projections for next year are conservative due to an overall slowing economy due and financial pressures such as gasoline prices. At the same time, Payment anticipates that returns from Greektown are on the way. "In order to ensure constant increases in programs and services, we are continuing to make operational improvements where possible while ensuring that our valued team members continue to have the security of knowing their jobs will be preserved," said Payment. "Our five year cash flow projections show relief with the long awaited return on our investment from our Greektown Casino."

See Table 2 and 3

"For years, tribal members everywhere have waited patiently for the return on our investment from the Greektown Casino. By reviewing the figures through 2011, you can see that along with our combined revenue from all sources, in just two years we should have a robust annual budget with the ability - for the first time in our history— to begin long term planning for how all members will benefit from their membership in the tribe. After all, that should be our collective goal as a governing board and as a tribe," concluded Payment.

TABLE 1 SAULT TRIBE ANNUAL REPORT BUDGET SAVINGS

	Budgeted	Spent	Savings
2004	\$34.6 million	\$30.7 million	\$3.9 million
2005	\$35.1 million	\$32.4 million	\$2.7 million
2006	\$33.1 million	\$31.4 million	\$1.7 million

TABLE 2 PROJECTED REVENUE 2007 THRU 2011

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Kewadin	\$26,222,535	\$28,383,783	\$24,859,976	\$24,317,119	\$13,774,261
Greektown	\$ 4,850,000	\$ 4,850,000	\$20,692,907	\$14,189,499	\$31,237,762
Enterprises	\$ 725,455	\$ 957,005	\$ 1,176,146	\$ 995,667	\$ 1,007,795
Total	\$31,797,990	\$34,190,788	\$46,729,029	\$39,502,285	\$46,019,818
% Increase		8%	37%	-16%	17%

PROJECTED NET REVENUE TABLE 3

(After Debt, Enhancement, Elder Checks)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Revenues	\$31,797,990	\$34,190,788	\$46,729,029	\$39,502,285	\$46,019,818
Debt Service	\$ 1,021,538	\$ 241,564	\$ 2,928,050	\$ -	\$ -
Enhancement	\$ 2,080,000	\$ 2,043,326	\$ 8,961,125	\$ 1,032,434	\$ 3,936,648
Elder Checks	\$ 2,513,120	\$ 2,635,776	\$ 3,034,144	\$ 3,780,618	\$ 3,973,735
Available for Services	\$26,183,332	\$29,270,222	\$31,805,710	\$34,689,233	\$38,109,435
% Increase		11.8%	8.7%	9.1%	9.9%

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



Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

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Youth Program Group Assistant Until Filled Youth Program Group Leader (2) Until Filled

Network Manager 10/01/07

Events Coordinator Until Filled

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Sault Kewadin Casino

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Guest Room Attendant Until Filled

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NO OPENINGS

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NO OPENINGS

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Tribe's Health Division awarded AAAHC

highest accreditation

By Jennifer Dale-Burton

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc. (AAAHC) awarded the Sault Tribe Health Division a full, three-year accreditation in July 2007, following an April survey. The accreditation signifies the Health Division's commitment to high quality, patient-centered health care.

"The dedication and effort necessary for an organization to be accredited is substantial, and your organization is commended for this accomplishment," wrote the AAAHC in its award letter.

Health Division Director Bonnie Culfa in turn commended her staff for their dedication and commitment to the provision of high quality healthcare to the tribal communities. "You all did a fantastic job in preparation, readiness and continually striving for excellence," she said. "I am so proud of all of you and very humbled to work with such



Jessica M. Paquette, D.O., examines a patient.



Martin Story completes a blood work up in the Health Center lab.



Diagnostic radiology supervisor Janet Labron lines up a patient for a chest xray.

dedicated team members who work so well, who collectively impressed the survey team. Thank you all, and a special thanks to Joel (Lumsden) for his tireless work in heading up the process to keep us always in readiness for accreditation."

The survey included all 10 of the tribe's Health Division sites located within its seven-county service area in the eastern Upper Peninsula. The surveyors physically visited eight of the 10 Health Division sites to look at the facilities and talk with staff about various organizational topics such as policies and procedures, safety, risk management, infection control and quality improvement. At the end of the survey, the team met with key employees of the organization to discuss their findings and presented them to the AAAHC accreditation board. Based on the findings, the board recommended AAAHC's highest level of accreditation, a full three-year accreditation, with only a minor plan of correction for several standard areas.

"The results of this survey are fantastic," said Culfa. "We achieved scores of substantial compliance in all but three minor areas where we received a partial compliance. We had no areas of noncompliance."

AAAHC is a private, non-profit organization formed in 1979 and today accredits over 3,000 ambulatory care facilities. AAAHC is the preeminent leader in developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research.

Accreditation is a voluntary process that is a way to look at the level of health care quality that is provided within the organization. "The ultimate goal is



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Sault Tribe Pharmacist Tom Meehan demonstrates an insect sting allergy kit in consultation with a patient.

to provide high quality health care that will lead to improved patient clinical results for the tribal community," said Joel Lumsden, manager of operations.

According to Lumsden, receiving AAAHC accreditation not only improves patient care, it also maximizes the collection of third party insurance revenues, which help maintain the operational cost of the entire Health Division.

Gaining accreditation is a lengthy self-assessment and application process that requires arduous preparation and a high level of commitment from organizational leadership and staff. "To be successful, an organization needs to 'live' the accreditation process; it's not something that can stop and start," added Lumsden. "Instead, it's a way of life in the organization."

Following the self-assessment and

application process, the organization is then visited by, usually, two surveyors who are qualified to assess the quality of the services provided. The survey team measures the organization against more than 200 nationally recognized accredita tion standards. According to AAAHC in its award letter, granting accreditation reflects confidence, based on evidence from this recent survey that Sault Tribe Health Division "meets, and will continue to demonstrate throughout the accreditation term, the attributes of an accreditable organization as reflected in the standards found in the Accreditation Handbook for Ambulatory Health Care. The compliance with those standards implies a commitment to continual self-evaluation and continuous improve-

Lots available for lease at tribe's newest housing community

By Brenda Austin

Are you ready to build that home you always dreamed of? Or, are you ready to purchase your favorite modular home but don't have land yet to put it on? Now you have an opportunity to lease a lot at the tribe's newest housing community, Odenaang.

There are currently 26 lots left for tribal members to choose from. The lots are approximately one acre each and have water, sewer, propane and cable readily accessible. The lease signer would be responsible for hiring a contractor to bring the utilities up from the road to their new construction.

With many different options available for financing and programs available to help qualifying families with the cost of connecting their water and sewer services, this may be a way for you to put some money back into your own pocket.

Once an application is complete and turned into the Housing Authority, it takes about six weeks to process. From there you grab your spouse, kids and dog, put on some walking shoes, and choose a lot for your single family home. Only one lot per family is available with a renewable 50-year lease.

After you pick your lot there is a

reservation fee of \$250 and when the paperwork is complete and your lease signed you must pay the final lot fee of \$250. One year from the time the

Twenty-six 1-acre lots at Odenaang

lease is signed construction must have begun; the lot cannot be used to build a shed, campsite or for storage. Three years, or 36 months, from when the lease was signed the new construction must be complete.

"There are minor restrictions that apply such as the land use ordinance in the Tribal Code," said Housing Deputy Director Joni Talentino. "There is also a minimum number of square feet that applies to new construction and modular homes. Families must also receive approval for their new construction from the tribe's Housing Commission and apply for all building permits from Chippewa County. The goal is to give tribal members the opportunity to construct a new home in a subdivision where property values will be maintained. Therefore, construction restrictions will be followed to protect the financial investment members make in a new home. Once a home is built on one of the lots, the only restrictions would be land use and Tribal Codes, such as the pet code."

There are some fees, in addition to the ones mentioned above, that the

lease signer will be responsible for. Those include a \$50 application fee, property taxes of about \$100 a year on a \$100,000 home, maintenance fee of about \$26 a month and a special assessment fee for families who are not income-eligible to receive services provided through NAHASDA funds of just over \$30 a month. If the family is income-eligible to receive NAHASDA services then the special assessment fee would be waived. For those having to pay the special assessment fee their taxes each year on the lot would range from \$800 to \$900 a year. For those not having to pay the special assessment their taxes should be between \$400 and \$500 a year.

Anotehr advantage is that the trust land is within the tax agreement area. Tribal members who are tribal employeed living on trust land don't pay state income taxes; and, sales tax on modular homes and some taxes on construction costs are reimbursable to tribal members by the state under the tax agreement.

Since the homes are built on trust land, only tribal members are eligible to sign a land lease, which means only tribal members can purchase the homes should they be offered for sale.

For an application or additional information, contact Homebuyer Advocate Angie Spencer at (906) 635-7702 or (800) 794-4072.

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Win a plasma television by pledging to the United Way

Sept. 11 was the kick-off of the Sault Tribe employee campaign for the United Way. Our employee goal is \$20,000 with 100 percent participation. The overall campaign goal is for \$365,000.

As an incentive, Sault Tribe employees pledging at least \$50 to the United Way will receive a chance to win a plasma television. Those pledging \$50 will receive one entry and \$100 will receive two entries. An entry will be added for each addition-

al \$100 that an employee pledges. The second place prize will be two certificates for dinners at the Dream Catchers Restaurant.

The winner of the 42-inch plasma television, donated by Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, will be drawn at the Dec. 4 Sault Tribe Board of Director's meeting. For further information or to request a pledge card, please contact Heather Smith at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, extension 56510, as soon as possible.

Attention community members

The Sault Tribe Planning Department has rescheduled the following transportation planning meetings for Delta County and Marquette County. Please note the new dates:

Delta County, Monday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m., Bay de Noc Community College, room JHUC 963.

Marquette County, Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m., Holiday Inn, arquette.

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.

THE MAAGWEJIG VOLUNTEER CENTER

SPECIAL EVENTS

Oct. 23—Fifth annual community flu vaccination clinic, medical and non-medical volunteers needed for successful flu clinics in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross and DeTour.

Oct. 27—Make A Difference Day, participate in this national day of service by volunteering for one of multiple service projects; families

are welcome to serve together!

Oct. 31—Nightmare on Bear Street, be a judge, ghoulish character or operate a game booth and distribute prizes to help make this a fun and memorable event for families.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Fruits and Vegetable Program worker, prepare fruits and vegetables on Monday mornings and possibly another three hours mid-week at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

Elders activities aide, help coordinate recreational activities and plan special events for the Elder Services Division

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Sept. 25 — 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 — 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 — 6 to 7:30 p.m. To get involved, call the Maagwejig Volunteer Center at 635-6050 or send us a line at

MAAGWEJIG: "GIFT-GIVERS"

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This program includes coaches teaching participants basic hockey skills, including learning how to skate. All participants will be required to have full hockey equipment to participate.

MITE PROGRAM

This program is for five to eight-year olds and includes lessons on basic hockey skills and game play. Knowing how to skate is required.

Hockey equipment is also available. This includes helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, shin pads, pants, gloves and bag for a \$120 deposit; \$100 will be refunded once returned at the end of the season.

For more information on the Hockey Initiation Program or hockey equipment, please call Angela Brown at (906) 635-5130 or Isaac McKechnie at (906) 440-6661.

Crime Stoppers golf scramble slated for Sept. 28

Crime Stoppers is holding its 14th annual golf scramble to raise money for the Crime Stoppers Program. This year, the event will be held at the Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course in Sault Ste. Marie on Friday, Sept. 28. There will be a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The price per golfer is \$55 (U.S. funds), which includes 18 holes of golf on a cart, dinner and prizes.

To register, contact Glenn Nelson at (906) 632-9352 or Joe Shier at 632-2217.

Chili cook off kicks off campaign



Photo by Cory Wilso

The annual United Way Chili Cook Off, held this year in the Pullar Stadium on Sept. 11, is the beginning of the organization's annual fund-raiser drive, and always loads of fun. Above Sault Tribe member Del Shagen (right) tries some of Sault Tribe member Bob Flowers' (left) hot chili while Shagen's twin grandsons, Sam and Jake Hopper, try Bob's mild recipe.

Racinos resurface in Michigan Legislature

Three proposed racinos near Greektown Casino

LANSING — Efforts to open seven or more new horse racetrack casinos — or "racinos" — in communities across the state have been launched in the Legislature and in metro Detroit.

In Lansing, lobbyists for Michigan's horse racetracks have asked the Legislature to pass a bill that could result in new racinos opening at tracks in Muskegon, Mt. Pleasant, Swartz Creek (west of Flint), Northville, Hazel Park, Jackson and Saginaw.

Under the racino proposal, the tracks would install a total of 8,000 "video lottery terminals (VLTs)" — another name for slot machines. Voters in each of the local communities where the racinos would be located would have to approve the gambling halls before they could open. As part of their proposal, the horse tracks would also ask Michigan voters to pass a constitutional amendment that would declare that VLTs are not, in fact, slot machines.

The controversial legislation is currently stalled because of intense opposition from various groups, but supporters have vowed to continue to press on.

New tracks are planned near Greektown Casino in western Wayne County in Detroit. A high-ranking bank official and long-time horse stable owner said he intends to open a new thoroughbred horse race track.

Jerry Campbell, chairman of Citizens Republic Bancorp in Ann Arbor and owner of one of the state's largest horse stables, said the \$70 million to \$80 million track would employ 2,000 to 3,000 people. Campbell told *Crain's Detroit Business* that adding slot machines to the track would help generate revenues to keep the track open. But the Crain's story said he could "break even" without slots.

The racinos proposed for Northville and Hazel Park are also in suburban Detroit, only miles from Greektown Casinos.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors and Greektown Casino Management Board continue to monitor the racino developments and will provide updates to tribal members as new information becomes available.





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Sault Quiznos Sub owned, operated by tribal members

By Brenda Austin

Bruce and Terri LaPointe had some life changing decisions to make for themselves and their four children after Bruce was laid off his previous job three years ago.

With his two youngest children having special needs, he and his wife, Terri, wondered if they should relocate to a new community or stay in the Sault and create their own livelihood. Within 60 days of his lay off, LaPointe found himself flying to the four corners of the U.S. as a subcontractor and in his quest for employment. One such trip over the west coast made him realize how difficult a move to a new community and culture would be for his two youngest children. The decision was made to remain in the Sault and look for local opportunities.

"I always told myself, if I ever left my employment with the tribe I would do something I really loved. I had this idea that I would like to own a sub franchise, I always loved to eat at Togo's Sandwiches. Every time I travel I always look for a good sub place," LaPointe said. "My father and his four brothers were all chefs so I grew up around food."

After an acquaintance mentioned the Quiznos franchise at a Christmas party he attended, he decided to look into it. "I researched it on the Internet and talked to Terri. We decided we'd give it a try. It took 14 months from the time we signed the franchise papers until our



Bruce LaPointe, above, opened a Quiznos Sub with his wife, Terri, a Sault Tribe member, at 2237 Ashmun St. in the Sault.

front doors opened for the first customer," LaPointe said.

Terri LaPointe is a Sault Tribe member and Bruce LaPointe is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, Mich.

LaPointe had a 40 segment online course he had to complete with 100 percent accuracy or he was required to repeat segments until that goal was reached. "After you complete the online coursework, they send you to the Quiznos headquarters in Denver for a week. They have a full-sized Quiznos inside their auditorium and we trained there. After that, I went to a training store in Wisconsin for three weeks. I learned a lot about the financial side of the business and how businesses

operate," he said.

According to LaPointe, Quiznos should not, in all fairness, be compared to other competing sub shops. "Each of Quiznos' sandwiches are recipes. Quiznos' Colorado headquarters has three chefs, two of who are fivestar, and they invent and test every recipe that ends up on our menus. We will build our customers anything they want and it will be better than other sub franchises because our meats and cheeses are premium products; we don't have anything processed in the shop. But our recipe subs on the menu have been chef inspired and market tested."

The LaPointes' have provided jobs for 17 local residents. "We opened the business so we could afford to stay in the area and bring more business to the Sault," LaPointe said.

Their two older children,

Nathan Anderson, 20, and Matt LaPointe, 15, work part time at the shop; while Courtney, 9, and Bruce Jr., 10, enjoy visiting the shop and watching their big brothers and father behind the counter.

Terri LaPointe is an early childhood development teacher at Soo Township School in addition to keeping the store staffed with qualified individuals providing excellent service to every Ouiznos customer.

Quiznos is located at 2237 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie next to Pizza Hut. They can be contacted at (906) 253-9750.

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American Housing Act KILDEE FIGHTS FOR REAUTHORIZATION OF NAHASDA TO EXPAND DEVELOPMENT

House approves Native

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Sept. 6, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination (NAHASDA) Reauthorization Act of 2007.

"The House has shown its unequivocal commitment to address the dire housing needs of Indian Country," said Marty Shuravloff, Chairman of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

As chief sponsor for reauthorization, Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., spearheaded a bi-partisan effort to push for passage of this important Indian legislation, HR 2786.

Originally enacted in 1996, NAHASDA consolidated several federal housing programs into a single, formula-based block grant program. Built on the solid foundation of Indian self-determination law and policy, NAHASDA recognized tribal authority to provide housing and related infrastructure to their members in a way that maximizes tribal decision-making and flexibility in meeting

their housing goals.

"The amendment to expand housing and community development loan programs to include tribes is a welcome addition to NAHASDA," Shuravloff said. The economic development amendment was sponsored by Rep. Steve Pearce, R-New Mex.

Congressman Kildee shepherded the legislation through the Financial Services Committee, headed by Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., and was joined by co-sponsors, Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., also Chairwoman of the Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Opportunity, Rep. Dan Boren, D-Okla., Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., Rep. Steve Pearce, R-New Mex., and Rick Renzi, R-Ariz..

The NAIHC is composed of 265 members, representing 428 tribes, and is the only national Indian organization representing Native American housing interests. For more information on this hearing or other housing news, please visit the Web site

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Giago confronts Indian boarding schools

Tim Giago is as remarkable as his latest work. Giago is the author of the recently released non-fiction, first-person account Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools.

According to Clear Light Publishing of Santa Fe, N.M., Giago is a member of the Oglala Lakota who was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the southwest corner of South Dakota. He was inducted into the Holy Rosary Mission Indian boarding school operated by the Catholic Church, just a few miles from Wounded Knee. There, he endured 10 hellish years of brutal child abuse with other American Indian children as prefects, nuns and priests tried to wrest their Indian customs, spirituality and language away from them in order to become Anglicized.

With this book, Giago takes readers by the hand into the experience and readers will eventually find themselves questioning a few commonly accepted practices in modern American Indian life. Further, readers will gain insight into some commonly unaccepted practices in modern American Indian life.

Giago went on to become a big success in spite of his poor start in life. The Korean War veteran served seven years in the U.S. Navy before studying to become a journalist and he would later win a prestigious Nieman Fellowship to study journal-



Nationally acclaimed publisher, editor and journalist Tim Giago tackles a difficult subject from his own experiences as a boy.

ism at Harvard University. Along the way, he founded a newspaper called the Lakota Times, which would later be expanded and re-named Indian Country Today. In 1984, he founded and became first president of the Native American Journalists Association. He was the publisher and editor of Indian Country Today until he sold the paper in 1998. He later started another newspaper called the Lakota Journal and was its publisher and editor before he retired in 2004. Later on, the multiple award winning author and newspaper man retired as president of the Native American Journalists Association as well as closing his position as publisher and editor of the monthly Native American Review magazine.

With that resume, it is clear that not all children who survived an "education" at Holy Rosary Mission were left mentally and emotionally crippled but, as Giago points out, many were. And the damage continues into subsequent generations, even today.

Giago describes the Indian boarding schools as a 100-year experiment in assimilation that went horribly wrong in many ways at many of the schools. The book tells of the atrocities endured by children at the hands of Catholic officials long before the start of less severe scandals of pedophile depravity brought the Catholic Church into courts and huge out-ofcourt settlements in the 1990s.

Which raises the question: Why hasn't Indian Country ever filed a class-action lawsuit against the Catholic Church? Giago said the few lawsuits filed failed due to poor representation by lawyers unfamiliar with Indian law who seemed more interested in money than

However, all that may soon change. "There's a lawsuit in the works now against the St. Francis Indian School in South Dakota," Giago explained. "A hearing is scheduled for Oct. 1 in Deadwood. Indian Country is watching and, depending on the outcome, there could be an avalanche of lawsuits to follow."

On writing Children Left Behind, Giago said it was an ordeal he had to overcome, "It was pretty heart-wrenching to write and not entirely appreciated. I've received hate mail from Catholics, and elders started crying over the resurrection of their own memories. We, as Indian people, we are pretty quiet about such things, but it's time to put it all on the table and talk about it."

Giago makes no suggestions regarding current relations with the church. In the book, he seems to suggest American Indians move forward in their lives with whatever brings them peace, "There are those Native Americans who committed themselves totally to the religions they borrowed from the European settlers. It is their choice. There are also those who found their religion at the Indian mission boarding schools and that is also their choice.

"But there are many Lakota people who have turned their backs upon the religions that were forced upon them by Christian do-gooders who sought to 'kill the Indian to



save the child.' They believed they were doing this for our own good. Thankfully, many of our traditional ancestors took their beliefs underground and emerged when Indians were finally granted religious freedom by an Act of Congress in 1978.

"It's taken me nearly a lifetime to shake the indoctrination foisted upon me by the Catholic Church, but now I am fully recovered."

If not found in finer bookstores near you, Children Left Behind: The Dark Legacy of Indian Mission Boarding Schools is available through Clear Light Publishing by calling (505) 989-9590 or visit www.clearlightbooks.com.

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Writers research the life and times of Taffy Abel

LANSING - Two mid-Michigan writers, Sault Tribe member Bill Castanier from Lansing and Greg Parker of Chelsea, are researching the life of Olympic hockey player Taffy

The two writers are looking for those who may have personal reminiscences of Abel and especially know any details about his early amateur hockey days or his time working on a ship supplying Great Lakes lighthouses. They are also seeking mementos that can be examined and copied. Also they are interested in any details, photographs or written material about Indian life in Sault Ste.

Marie from about 1905-1924.

Castanier said there is very little in state records or archives about everyday life of Indians living in Sault Ste. Marie. He said they are interested in home life, customs, foodways and

Anyone who has information that they think may be appropriate can contact the writers at castanier@sbcglobal.net or by writing Bill Castanier, 1801 Tecumseh River Dr., Lansing MI 48906.

Castanier said any material they collect will be added to tribal historical records and to the state archives.

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New group aims to prevent youth suicides

By Paul Gingras

Spurred by the suicides of at least six young people from the eastern Upper Peninsula in the past year, including the June 23 death of Lucas Izzard of Cedarville, 22 citizens have formed the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT). The group wants to develop programs to help young people cope with psychological pain, drug and alcohol problems, and challenges presented by incarceration. Members hope to offer these young people a voice with their peers through school assemblies and they plan to provide prepaid telephone cards and a contact list of supporters to help alleviate despair among youth in jail, a special area of concern for the new group.

The volunteer organization includes 16 adults and six youths and will meet around the county. Lana Causley is LIFT's chairperson. The group's meetings are open to the public, and LIFT members say they want to work with police, social service agencies, tribal services, schools and hospitals.

Lucas Izzard's family described him as an active young man, a good athlete and a hard worker who surrounded himself with friends. The Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens will keep his memory alive as it strives to help area youth, members said.

Youth suicide and serious



Photograph courtesy of LIF1

Dave Price of The CBS Early Show poses with members of the Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT) Thursday, Aug. 23, on Mackinac Island. He spoke with the group after the show's taping. LIFT, designed to prevent teen despair, is named in memory of Lucas Izzard, a well-liked Cedarville youth who took his life June 23. Pictured (L-R) are Olivia Huffman of Hessel, Charlene Brissette of Hessel, Dave Price, Mark Izzard, Rosemary Hitchens of Cedarville, Lana Causley of Hessel, and Sara Archer of Sault Ste. Marie.

youth crimes are often associated by the public with dismal urban areas, said LIFT's vice chairman, John Causley, yet the recent suicides here reveal that

young people in the eastern U.P. can also face dangerous psychological hardships.

"We have a responsibility as parents and community leaders

to help," added Lana Causley.

Among projects to raise awareness, LIFT is creating T-shirts, wristbands and it sponsored a LIFT dance for teens Aug. 11 at the Community Center in Cedarville. The group plans to hold another dance, possibly around Halloween.

The Aug. 11 dance had an "amazing turnout," said LIFT member Rosemary Hitchens. It generated \$800, which will be used to fund the organization's projects.

LIFT plans to obtain nonprofit status and to get professional training to help members understand issues like suicide and substance abuse among youth. It will use such knowledge to plan prevention programs and work with social services agencies and the courts to help troubled youth.

Helping teens deal with depression and preventing suicides are among the group's main goals, said member Shirley Sorrels, and one of its tools is a contact list that members can provide to young people who need support.

Arranging for youth to share their stories of addiction and depression at school assemblies is another activity being eyed by the group, which believes such warnings from peers will reinforce the messages from mental health agencies like Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

LIFT plans to assist incarcerated youths by providing prepaid telephone cards, if needed, *See "Help troubled kids," p. 30*









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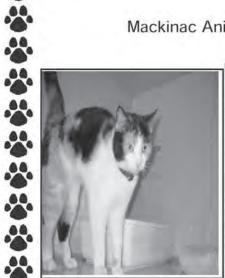
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Every single day, 13,000 children in America are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. This disease strikes children suddenly, makes them insulindependent for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

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**ENJOYING THE DAY — Casino manager Tanya** MacDonald and restaurant manager Brad Kohvakka at the Manistique team member picnic.



A DAY OUT FOR FAMILIES — Team member Beau Rochefort and his family enjoy the food and fun.



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WINNER — One of the highlights this year was the cake walk! Here, team member Bridget Robitailli's daughter is eager to go home and dig into her prize.

### **MEMBERS REJECT STRIPPING CHAIR OF AUTHORITY!**



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

Last month, I reported that a political coup occurred with select Tribal Board members voting to remove me as the Chairperson of the GT Management Board without any stated cause. Despite broad support, the Membership input appears to be lost on some Tribal Board members. Tribal Members continue to call and email their support. At the end of this article is some more Member

To date, the only justification given was by Cathy Abramson when she claimed in the local media, that my attendance was the cause for removing me as Chairperson of the Greektown Management Board. However, my attendance at these meetings was 93% while Director Abramson's was a mere 66%.

#### Chairperson Payment's Attendance

| Date       | Attend? | Date         | Attend? |
|------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| 7/20/2007  | N       | 12/9/2005    | Υ       |
| 7/13/2007  | Ν       | 10/21/2005   | Y       |
| 4/13/2007  | Y       | 9/16/2005    | Υ       |
| 3/9/2007   | Y       | 1/27/2005    | Y       |
| 2/9/2007   | Υ       | 5/19/2005    | Υ       |
| 1/12/207   | Υ       | 4/15/2005    | Υ       |
| 12/8/2006  | Y       | 3/18/2005    | Υ       |
| 11/9/2006  | Y       | 2/18/2005    | Y       |
| 10/13/2006 | Υ       | 1/21/2005    | Υ       |
| 9/8/2006   | Υ       | 12/17/2004   | Y       |
| 8/11/2006  | Y       | 10/15/2004   | Y       |
| 7/21/2006  | Y       | 9/17/2004    | Y       |
| 5/19/2006  | Y       | 8/20/2004    | Υ       |
| 3/7/2006   | Y       | 7/15/2004    | Υ       |
| 1/27/2006  | Y       | 7/7/2004     | Y       |
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#### Cathy Abramson's Attendance

| Date       | Attend? | Date         | Attend? |
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| 7/20/2007  | Y       | 12/9/2005    | N       |
| 7/13/2007  | Y       | 10/21/2005   | Ν       |
| 4/13/2007  | Y       | 9/16/2005    | N       |
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|            |         | total attend | 20 / 30 |

### ELDERS SHOW SUPPORT

At the first Tribal Board meeting following the political coup, a group of Unit 2 Elders from Newberry attended the August 21st Tribal Board meeting to voice their support for reinstating me to this post. One by one, elders stood up to make it clear to Unit 2 Board members they did not want their representative to be a party to this kind of assault. Of the many who spoke, one non-native spouse spoke on behalf of her husband. Rather than heed their advice, Director Causley (Unit 2) chose to marginalize the message by focusing on the fact

that the spouse was non-native. She fails to understand that at least a dozen Elders including the former Elder Chair for Unit 2 - Hessel traveled to show their support. Subsequently, both Unit 2 Elder Chairs (Hessel and Newberry) voiced their opposition to her actions and asked her to vote to reinstate me. Director Causley rejected their input.

Again, rather than focus on the content of the Member concerns, several Board Members have instead suggested I orchestrated their input. I find this offensive to the dozens of Elders who gave their own opinions. At the next Tribal Board meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie on August 28, a group of Tribal Elders from Unit 1 met the night before to organize their comments. They chose an individual to speak on their behalf and voice their very strong opposition to removing me as the Chair of the Greektown Management Board. They focused on the obstinance of select Board members and how we should be working together and focusing on services expansion and branching out into other areas to ensure economic diversification. As their representative put it:

"When we elected Aaron as Chairperson, we intended to give him the requisite authority as CEO. That includes Greektown,"

They questioned why someone who works for the Tribe as Police Chief, as well as, serving on the Tribal Board is still allowed to do so given an 86% vote to end this practice.

#### MORE MEMBER INPUT

I would like to invite Chairperson Aaron Payment, the members from the other new units south of the bridge to help our Detroit area members to get organized. We can't sit by and allow certain Board Members destroy this tribe. We need to

Lana Causley smiles in your face then turns around and votes our CEO off the Greektown Board. I am amazed that she has fallen into the corruption as a elected board member. She has so much potential but she would rather hurt our tribal members with her own agenda. The same goes for the other board members that voted for this!

We don't need the board to help us organize. They made it clear at our members meeting they don't want anything to do with members south of the bridge nor do they have any intentions to allow members to vote on the Constitution Draft. They will do everything they can to corrupt that too!

Hello Aaron. Sounds to me like we need to get the board members out that are causing all the problems. Like anything else when people are in office for too long they get the big head!!!

Aaron, I just recived an E-Mail which stated you were removed as CEO of Greektown and Fred Paquin was appointed. Is this True? Also that we cannot use the Greektown facility for meetings. Is this also true. I am just attempting to get the "facts" before I contact my family, 14 voters, to organize some type of facilitation for the members

Aaron, It is unfortunate that this removal

scheme occured. I had long believed that when you became Chair that Paquin was not to be trusted and he should have been replaced as Chief of Police. It was a combination of gut instinct along with having met him, watched his decision making, and making my own evaluation of him. When it was revealed that Fred knew of the 'after-the-election-day' payouts and theft of tribal computers he should have been relieved of his position for doing nothing about it. I will continue to support your cause and decisions.

They are as corrupt as Bouschor was and are still doing his bidding. They will do whatever is necessary to get you out of there. Paquin will do what they want and they will fight to make him leader. Will they argue against him being CEO if he gets elected as chairman? When Denny, Cathy and Fred all run for chair will they stab each other in the back to win? You bet. If that bunch stays on the board the whole tribe will go down. What they have tried to cover up will stay covered. You, Aaron, will be blamed for everything that is wrong.

What can we do now to help or is it completely out of anyone's hands to help?

Maybe the Sault Tribe members could take a lesson from the new Mackinac Band Board of Directors and remove the board from the board.

This is our tribe and a corrupt bunch of renegade directors can't take it away unless we let them. Who...do they think they are? Have the meeting on the property of the Sault Tribe members and it will be wherever we choose. This tribe and it's assets belong to the members not those bunch of idiots on the board. Kick them the...out!!!

Actually, I believe it was more than Denny. I believe Cathy Abramson, Joe Eitrem, and DJ also leaked information to anyone and everyone who they believed would twist and distort it make the Chairman look bad. They are so jealous they cannot see straight. Why are they jealous? Because Aaron is an honest person, he is not in the political arena to benefit himself. He has integrity and cares about the members. I believe the four stated above lack these qualities. My belief is based on their actions. To me, they have greed and power as their main interests.

Aaron, you have our support in mid michigan we will start calling the board! Sorry I missed you in East Lansing. I was on vacation w/ my family. Let me know if you need anything.

I do not have a reason for removing you as Chairperson. I could not believe this could be done. Best of luck.

Aanii Aaron. I am with you 100% and I'm sure that most of the Tribe is also -because of all the good things you have done and are trying to do for us. Keep up the good job you are doing.

Disagreement can, for the tribe, be a healthy thing on issues that effect us all. However, to disagree just to disagree does not fall into any of the attributes listed above. When Aaron says white, you say black. If he should say up, you will say down. He says right, you say left. You waste precious time. You waste my

In the recent removal of Aaron as Chair of the Management Committee is not only wrong, but plain mongering by Fred Paquin on a personal level. The membership spoke when Aaron was elected to the position of CEO. The people spoke then and I am speaking now. And hopefully, you are listening.

Reinstate Aaron. Period.

My vote [Board members] is in the balance not only on this issue, but depends on [their] mongering each and every day to the end of your term. I don't say never disagree, never vote against Aaron. I am saying vote for the good of the tribe. Do that and your own position will be taken care of.

I should mention you might not only have my vote, but also the vote of my 4 brothers, father, 2 sons and 2 nieces that have recently been made members. That's a total of 10. A candidate can win or lose by that number.

I've made some calls. DJ was mumbling political "lessons" to me over the phone. I told him I called for making a statement to him and didn't have time for his lesson in politics. I'm standing behind you with so many others.

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**INLAND HUNTING, FISHING & GATHERING RIGHTS** 

We need at least 30% turnout and 50%+ to Approve.

This is *forever* so please take the time to read the summary page. The catch limits exceed the State's. The seasons are longer than the State's.

#### **VOTE TO APPROVE**

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

### 2007 MEMBER MEETINGS

|      |                  |      | Location                     |
|------|------------------|------|------------------------------|
| Oct  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7pm  | Kewadin Casinos, Sault<br>MI |
| Unit | 2                | Time | Location                     |
| Oct  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 5pm  | Hessel Tribal Center         |

| Unit | 3                | Time | Location                    |
|------|------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| Oct  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6pm  | McCann School<br>St. Ignace |

| Unit | 4               | Time | Location             |
|------|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| Oct  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5pm  | Bay College, Rm. 963 |

|     |                  |      | Location              |
|-----|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Oct | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 11am | NMU-University Center |

|                           |  |      | Marquette Room |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|------|----------------|--|--|
| Eastern At Large: Detroit |  |      |                |  |  |
|                           |  | Time | Location       |  |  |

| Sep | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Detroit, MI Greektown<br>Casino, Olive Room |
|-----|------------------|---------------------------------------------|

| Western At Large: East Lansing |    |  |                    |  |  |
|--------------------------------|----|--|--------------------|--|--|
| ОСР                            | 21 |  | Casino, Olive Room |  |  |

|     |                  | Time | Location             |
|-----|------------------|------|----------------------|
| Oct | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 12pm | Nokomis CtrOkemos MI |

Northern At Large: Petoskey Time Location

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

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### Massaway reviews matters for membership



Keith Massaway, Director, Unit III

I hope everyone has enjoyed the warm weather we had all summer. Now it is getting cooler and it really allows us to be in the great outdoors and to appreciate all the wonders and gifts this great land has to offer.

I had the honor to be with all the interns on their last day in employment with the tribe. They had, as their last assignment, a job of putting together a presentation on how the internship program could be improved or changed to better teach and engage the students in a more meaningful way. I was greatly impressed at how our young leaders were able to grasp both the needs of the tribe and the needs of the interns and meld them together to form opinions on how to improve the program. They also took into consideration the budget, the amount of weeks and the need to incorporate more culture and traditions into the program. Angeline Matson ran the program this year and did a wonderful job. I only see this program helping and educating our youth so they can contribute to society and hopefully back to the tribe their time and expertise in their fields of study.

The inland hunting and fishing consent decree is being sent out for the members' approval. This is a lengthy document along with the Agreement in Principle, which is already agreed upon. Please understand this consent decree has been agreed with and approved by all parties including four tribes and

the state of Michigan. This consent decree formally recognizes our rights to hunt and fish and gives the Native people a much more gracious amounts on bag limits and length of seasons. I do agree with this document and would like to see the people of our tribe also vote to agree to the document.

You may hear I voted not to send this document out for popular vote. That is true but the reason I voted that way was that the process is not fair to our people. To receive both the 60-plus page documents in the mail at the same time as the ballot does not afford enough time for the members to adequately read and ask questions about it.

The board of directors has had months to review the documents and I don't feel it is fair for the people to have such a short time to review and make a decision.

I had the pleasure of attending the Jr. Police Academy that was held at Boedney Bay on Brevort Lake. The children participated in and learned about our officers jobs and duties. This activity gives our youth an understanding of law enforcement and not to be afraid to use and communicate with our officers. Fred Paquin and all his officers do a wonderful job with the children every year.

As always if you have any questions or comments, please call my home, (906) 643-6981.

### Focusing on Constitution and inland decree



Tom Miller, Director, Unit IV

This is the last report of the summer, or is it early fall. Anyway, I am sure that it is getting colder outside and the white stuff is not that far away. The board of directors has had an extremely busy July and August, with many special meetings called to address various concerns. The constitution draft has been our main focus over the last two months with many meetings taking place with the constitutional committee

to review the proposed document. We are approximately two-thirds of the way through the document with some very good questions raised. I believe these meetings have stimulated questions that otherwise may not of surfaced. We are trying to ensure that we have a workable product to present to the membership for approval. The next meeting of the board and the committee is scheduled for Oct. 6 in the Sault.

Another item of major concern to the membership is the consent decree, which is in the final stages with the state of Michigan and the other tribes, which are part of the process. The question of putting this to a referendum vote of the membership is also proceeding and will be addressed in a special meeting this month. The Sept. 18 board meeting in Manistique has been changed to Sept. 25, still in Manistique. This is due to board travel on tribal business that must be taken care of with the federal and state governments.

I am pleased to see that this board is gradually realizing that a portion of their role is the representation of the tribe in the government-to-government relationship with the federal government. There are many times throughout the year that the tribe must formally input its stance on legislation that affects the tribe. We are becoming proactive instead of reactive. We are affecting law to benefit our membership, not waiting to react to a law that does not. Our regular board meetings have been mainly dealing with our regular operational items. We are tightening our belt for our lean year and trying to keep services unaffected. If we do our job, the membership will not notice the change.

The Greektown casino expansion is coming along nicely and I believe it will be completed on schedule and on budget. I also believe that the regular attendance on site of some of our board members has

been key in bring the expansion process back into order. That is not to say the the use of video conferencing is not part of the answer also. A combination of both methods is probably the best answer to the distance and cost of Greektown meetings. Regular oversight and questioning never hurts any process.

The St. Ignace Casino is finally making good use of the gaming area, after an injunction was issued that allowed us to use the area while we finalize our case for a permanent decision on the land question. The tribe must continue its efforts to ensure that the decision is favorable for us.

The annual Units IV and V elders' picnic was held on Aug. 15 in Manistique and was well attended. That is always one of my favorite events for the year.

Denise and I continue our efforts to secure a regular meeting site in Escanaba for our tribal

Hang in there, we are in the final stretch. On Aug. 14, I

attended the grand opening of the Munising Tribal Center. The building has been beautifully renovated and it is a facility that the tribe can be very proud of. Sometimes it takes awhile for projects to be done, but in the end, it is well worth it. Now that our schedules will be getting back to normal, Denise and I will be able to start holding regular office hours again. We will publish this schedule soon. One note before I close, you may notice that a portion of the board has regressed on professional conduct at meetings. Rest assured that we are working on conducting ourselves in a proper manner, it just takes some a little longer than others. Hopefully, this report makes it into the paper, the last one couldn't be opened in time and didn't. Technology is great when it works. Enjoy what weather we have left and everyone stay healthy. If you have any questions, please contact me at home, (906) 644-3334, or my cell, (906) 322-3827.

### Team members at Shores, Greektown board



Lana Causley, Director, Unit II

As everyone knows we were notified that we were approved for a preliminary injunction to open our new gaming floor at the Shores Casino. This could not have come at a better time for our tribe. We were lacking

in revenue and the smoked-filled area for team members and customers was not sufficient for our operations.

This success of opening this gaming area came with hard work from Team Members. The staff at the Shores worked very hard in moving all the slots and gaming tables in only three days! They did a fantastic job not only just pitching in anywhere that they were needed but also team members dedicated many hours of overtime just to make sure it happened for the Labor Day weekend. Thank you so much for working so hard to get us ready. Your efforts did not go unnoticed as many people seen your dedication when we were in the process.

To ensure that we have met

every request, this past week Director Massaway, Director Paquin, Director Eitrem, Vic Matson (CFO) Mike McCoy (legislative director) and I all went to Washington D.C. to follow up. Other directors wanted to go — Director Abramson, Director Hoffman and Director McKelvie but stayed back to attend the board meeting. We spoke with individuals on the need for the issue of our status on the land to be finally resolved. The tribal board is dedicated and will continue to follow up and ensure all measures are taken to secure our future for the Shores Casino.

Casino.

The other focused issue at the time is the change in the Greektown Management Board chair. After many inaccurate

media releases, such as this position was the CEO, that this was a paid position, that we removed the current Chair. All inaccurate! The Greektown Management Board chair simply chairs the meeting and is vested with following up on requests made by the management board as a whole. There is no extra powers, no extra salary and this position is not the CEO. The CEO of Greektown is Mr. Craig Gelfi and he has been in that position since July 2004.

This decision came after many months of hearing that things were not being followed through on such as requested reports for the management board, current chairman's attendance and simply lack of communication. Since this change the management board has been involved in interviewing lobbying firms and also interviews to hire a general counsel for Greektown. Both those costs soar with contracting out services. This decision is good for our entire tribe, with Greektown being the tribe's greatest asset we cannot afford to let internal politics get involved. The management board can elect to change the chair each and every meeting. I requested that our legal representative come to the recent Newberry meeting to explain that fact. I am sorry for any inaccurate information that you may have received though emails releases or the media. Baamaapii,

Lana Causley (906) 484-2954 lcausley@saulttribe.net

### Clarifying tribal board's role in government



Joseph Eitrem, Director Unit I

Dear tribal members,

There seems to be some confusion and misunderstanding with some of the membership in regards to the role the board of directors play in our duties to the tribe. When I was elected in 2004, it was my impression while I was campaigning that the membership was not happy with what was discribed to me as a dictatorial type of government. My understanding was that the chairman (one man) had too much power and the board of directors, at that time, was not doing the job that they were elected to do.

The truth is that the past board of directors relinquished a lot of their duties and responsibilities under our Constitution to the chairman (one man). I am not saying that all of the board members relinquished their duties but a majority of them did. When this happens it is inevitable that the potential for corruption is staggering.

A few examples of what I am saying includes the Bates Garage in Detroit, negotiations in Vanderbilt regarding a casino, the Mississippi barge deal, negotiations with the Greeks on a huge \$265 million buy out of their interest in Greektown, just to name a few. Other things to consider are the 20-plus businesses that failed, costing the tribe millions of dollars.

In all likelihood, if the board of directors were doing the job required by our Constitution and due diligence, many of the past blunders could have been prevented. Our Constitution clearly states under Article IV that the governing body of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall consist of the board of directors.

#### **Under Article VII - Powers**

For the purposes of this report I am only including powers that are pertinent to this report. Section 1, the board of

directors shall exercise the following powers:

 A. Employ legal counsel B. To negotiate and consult

with the federal, state and local governments on behalf of the

D. To expend funds for public purposes of the tribe and to regulate the conduct of trade and the acquisition, use and disposition of property.

M. 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. It is important to note that the present board is functioning as it was intended by our constitution.

#### By Laws

Sec. I - the board of directors shall meet once each month at such place, time and date as is designated by the board at the meeting immediately preceeding. The place, time and date of the meeting shall be at the DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Note: The present chairman is performing this function at his own discretion — a throw back to the last chairman's dictatorial power.

#### **Article 11 Duties of officers**

Sec. I The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors, perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer (CEO) of the tribe and exercise any other lawful **AUTHORITY DELEGATED** THE CHAIRMAN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie.

The above Section I is very important to note for those members who think the chairperson's position is the supreme ruler of the tribe. As Section I states, the chairperson is deligated his authority from the board of directors. Herein is the key to separation of powers so that we do not have to live under a dictatorship.

Just recently we released the special investigation report on St. Ignace Casino from Randy J. Hackney from Hackney Groves Hoover and Bean. In that preliminary report on page 8 through 10, Mr. Hackney points out the entities involved which may be responsible for the illadvised decisions to move forward with the casino construction. The board of directors, according to Mr. Hackney has the FIDUCIARY DUTY FOR

ALL THE DECISIONS OF THE TRIBE. They must question the propriety of the information they are being given upon which they are relying to make judgements. They have the ultimate responsibility to do what is in the best interest of the tribe. The following people also concur with Mr. Hackney's opinion as to what responsibility the board of directors has to our tribe. Mr. John Parisch and Scott Romney of Honigman Miller, Schwartz and Cohn (our outside legal firm), Mr. Bruce Green of Green, Meyer and McElroy who is our long time expert on Indian affairs. Mr. James Mills of DCI America, one of the premier Native American training organizations in Indian Country.

Surely there can be no doubt in anyone's mind what role the board of directors has in our government. I believe our present board is diversified in their contributions that they bring to our tribe and most of all they care about the welfare of our members This group will not allow us to return to a ONE MAN SHOW.

Joseph Eitrem Unit 1 Board Representative (906) 632-8567 josepheitrem@yahoo.com

### Greektown corruption exposed



Todd K. Gravelle, Director Unit I

Members from outside the area may or may not know that Director Fred Paquin, and now suspended chief of police, has been appointed chairman of the Greektown Management Board. The Greektown Management Board consists of members of the tribe's board of directors. myself excluded as well as Director LaPoint. There was no cause and the only reason given was that our current chairman, Aaron Payment did not attend several meetings. The other board members are grasping at straws because when you look at his attendance record, it is nearly 97 percent so let's look at the real reason why he was replaced.

The real reason why Chairman Payment was replaced was that he was exposing corruption in Greektown. The Greektown Management Board was about to award over \$1 million in contracts to the chief operating officer of the facility as well as the chief financial officer. Chairman Payment insisted that these positions should be posted to allow tribal members and any other well-qualified candidates an opportunity to compete for these positions. Well, the other board members wanted nothing to do with that, they just wanted to award these contracts. Do these board members really believe that these are the best candidates to run the facility? If they are, why not open up the process for selection and these individuals would have been selected on their merits and awarded employment contracts in a fair and open process and not due to some smoke-filled back door deal. I thought that we had moved past these backdoor deals. To be honest it is just another example of cronyism at its best.

As yet another example of the corruption at the Greektown level, with their newly appointed chairman at the helm, their first official act was to ban tribal membership meetings at the Greektown facility. Tribal members from the area must now pay to use the facility, an act that can only be characterized as silencing the voices of these members who live in the area. Members in the Detroit area should be outraged at this corrupt action and hold these board members accountable. It should also be noted that the board members snubbed their nose at the membership who recently voted nearly 86 percent to end double-dipping by appointing a tribal employee to the position of chairman of the Greektown Management Board.

Prior to being suspended from his chief of police position, Director Paquin was paid a handsome salary of \$67,000 as a board member and \$115,000 as chief of police totaling over

\$182,000 in annual compensation. Now, these board members effectively gave him another title and responsibility to attend and chair these meetings. The Greektown Management Board meetings typically occur on Fridays, which basically means that for two days a week the chief of police is missing in action since he is traveling back and forth from Detroit and being paid with tribal dollars for not doing his job. It will be comical to see these board members explain how they try to justify this in the wake of the recent constitutional amendment which sought to end this corrupt prac-

Everyone should recall that on election night, we saw massive orchestrated firings of employees by the former chairman in which we are now in litigation to recover nearly \$3 million in money that left the tribe. However, most members are not aware that the former chairman also fired his girlfriend down in Greektown at the same time to guarantee her a payout of over \$210,000. We are now suing the law firm of Miller Canfield for malpractice since they helped orchestrate this corruption.

In yet another amazing turn of events the Greektown Management Board is now considering hiring back as Greektown general counsel, an attorney who works for Miller Canfield to be the new general counsel. This is no ordinary attorney since he now may be a witness in our litigation against the former chairman. The Greektown Management Board is actually doing this despite their knowledge of this attorney's involvement in the former chairman's

campaign for reelection, and

some other key issues related to the former chairman's orchestrated firing of this employee at Greektown.

This is absolutely amazing to me given the fact that the Greektown Management Board is aware of his involvement, and his law firm's involvement in these improper payouts. In point of fact, we may yet again have to sue Miller Canfield for malpractice again and depose this attorney as a key witness in the current lawsuit that the former chairman has against Greektown. Imagine that, we hire an attorney only to have to sue him and his law firm later for malpractice. It can only be characterized as surreal and it can only happen in the secretive and corrupt world otherwise known as the Greektown Management Board.

My last comment here is that the newly appointed chairman of Greektown Management Board has been suspended from his position as chief of police. There is currently an active criminal investigation being done on him by the Michigan State Police. The allegations leveled against him are serious and are outside of the jurisdiction of the tribe and are a state matter. Since there is an active criminal investigation on this matter, I will not comment further on this deplorable situation. However, I would like to make this point to the entire membership.

Less than 48 hours after the alleged criminal incident occurred resulting in the suspension of the chief of police, DJ Hoffman placed on the agenda an item to replace the Chairman as the chief of police's direct supervisor. Before the item was

discussed at the board meeting the chairman, Aaron Payment, suspended the chief of police pending the outcome of a criminal investigation by the state of Michigan. My question is what did he know about the criminal investigation against the chief of police and when did he know it? Did he work with the chief of police in an attempt to change his supervisor to prevent his suspension? After all, the alleged criminal activity resulting in the suspension occurred just two days before DJ placed the item on the agenda. Does he really expect us to believe that he was not working with the chief of police to change his supervi-

In my May 4, 2007, unit report, I called for an independent investigation of the chief of police. The board of directors ignored my request despite their knowledge of the nature of these past allegations and their similarity to the current allegations. D.J. Hoffman purposely left the meeting to break quorum so that this matter could not be fully addressed. It appears he is developing a pattern of conduct that can only be described as obstruction since he continues to thwart any legitimate attempt to get to the bottom of these allegations of misconduct by the chief of police. In a later report, I will expose in greater detail the extent of this cover-up and the board members who sought to prevent my request for an independent investigation from moving forward. 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.

## On constitutional rights, budgets and voting



Dennis McKelvie, Director, Unit I

First, I would like to thank the team members for all of their hard work in getting St. Ignace open. After we received our court injunction these men and women worked tirelessly to get the casino up and running in record time. Team members came from all five casino sites to get this done. Their team work and dedication to the tribe was phenomenal. Thank you all for a job well done.

Now for an update on the 7+2 litigation. The only thing

that has moved forward on this case is our cost. The attorney expenses are reaching \$900,000 to try and recoup \$2.6 million, and we haven't been to court yet. When we hired this attorney, without interviewing any other candidates, we were told that he was going to get us all of our money back plus attorney fees and damages. Now we are told the most we can get is the \$2.6 million. Our attorney costs will come out of our own pockets. I only hope that this attorney was hired for his expertise and not for the donations that he made to Aaron Payment's campaign. This is not a rumor, it is a fact that the attorney admittedly donated to Aaron's campaign. It was legal, but does raise the question of why he was hired?

Recently the chairman sent out an e-mail about Unit I board members trying to undermine him:

"Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:38:18 -0400

From: apayment@saulttribe. net

To: apayment@saulttribe.net Subject: Meeting with

Senator Stabenow

At the request of Senator Debbie Stabenow, the Tribal Board of Directors scheduled a meeting with her in Lansing set for 4 PM today. After the TBOD confirmed we would attend this meeting together, the Unit 1 Board Members Abramson, Eitrem and McKelvie scheduled a Unit 1 meeting for 6 PM this evening at the Elder Center in Sault Ste. Marie. This is in direct conflict with this very important and confirmed appointment with our U.S. Senator where the intent is discuss essential dealings that have to do with our Kewadin Shores Casino.

This occurred previously when Director Gravelle and I traveled to Washington DC to testify in front of Congress in support of our position on the Kewadin Shore issue. These directors scheduled meetings knowing full well I was unable to attend. While I and other responsible members of the Tribal Board of Directors are off representing the best interests of the Tribe, select Board Members are scheduling meetings to create conflict.

Aaron"

This is totally false. Our meeting was scheduled well before the meeting with Senator Stabenow. As for myself, I was at my wife's sister's funeral that day and had time to make the unit meeting. The meeting with Senator Stabenow was over already.

The board does many things and often we must go in different directions:

Just last week four board members went to Washington D.C. to meet with Senator Stabenow's staff and members of Congress to get things done for our tribe.

During our court date with the judge to help us rectify the St. Ignace casino issue, four of us showed up – but I'm betting you didn't receive an e-mail on that issue.

I was recently asked o attend a meeting in Albuquerque to testify on behalf of the tribe for grant dollars, but with the recent passing of my brother-inlaw, I will be unable to attend. However, another board member will be present.

Now I wonder how this will

be spun. The fact that I couldn't plan an unexpected death in my family and had to cancel out will somehow be spun into neglecting my duties as a member of the board. That unforeseen family losses have caused me to be absent from a meeting with a senator, or a testimony should not be used for another's political gain. Then again — look at the source of the allegation.

I am writing to set the record straight!

As I have briefly mentioned, on a very sad note, my wife and her family have had three of our family members pass on in the past month. We lost a brother, sister, and brother-in-law. All of them were tribal elders who were born on Sugar Island. We lost my wife's brother; Buck Lahti, my wife's sister; Happy Brendal and our brother-in-law, Russel Shannon. They will be missed dearly.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me:

Sincerely,

Dennis McKelvie Unit I Board Representative (906) 632-7267

### Housing needs regular maintenance and care



Shirley Petosky, Director, Unit V

Dear Friends:
I attended the Newberry
powwow, Saturday, September
15 and what a beautiful turn
out! It was windy, and when
the sun hid behind the clouds it
would get real chilly, but we all

stuck it out! The people — all of them were great to see. The food — over the hill. The work put into the gathering was extraordinary. The Munising group is working hard at getting our powwow together. We hope to have an over the top meeting of old and new best friends.

All of our people in housing are now being charged for water. Even the sites that are on well and septic. For those on fixed incomes this is certainly going to be a hardship. Especially now — heat and light bills will go up, because of longer and colder nights — and we certainly do nothing to help them winterize their homes.

The storm doors are not going to be put up because all homes originally had them and they will not be replaced.

How many years ago was that — how about the rest of

us — have we had to replace a door or two for various reasons? The wind — or it just plain wore out. If it was done through carelessness by kids or an adult, then that present tenant could have it charged to their rent over a period of time. If it was done by a previous tenant then the new tenant should not be responsible for replacing and/or repairing it.

I lived in HUD housing years ago and things were replaced as needed. Maintenance is what keeps these houses in good condition. Boarded up and empty houses do not look good in the tribal communities, nor do they bring in needed revenue. Neighborhoods need curb appeal and I'm happy to say the Wetmore housing has plenty of beautiful yards. However there are some that really could use a load of top soil or good black dirt and

they too could get their yards the way they would like them to look. Our people are proud people and good people — we ourselves are the ones that say they should be grateful for what they have.

Weren't we the ones grateful when HUD let us build these homes. We, us, they, everyone needs to be a good steward of these homes. We take care of the rental properties that we own (NOT HUD HOUSING) let's not do less with our tribal housing. Our people are certainly paying comparable rent to live in housing. Lets keep them as good renters. Proud renters!

When we treat each other as second class (I know what it was like before. I was often told I should be grateful for what I had), IT'S WRONG!

When we see new things being purchased, new people

hired, new renovations done on some buildings, but not enough monies for tribal health, doctors, dentists — no money for the in-betweens (not children and not seniors) we have to be in a life or limb state before outside medical care is paid for. It's WRONG!

Yes, some people abuse the system, but we can't take it out on the majority who are a blessing to our communities.

I can't tell you enough to help your fellow traveler in life. Like my dear friend, Nancy, and I tell each other all the time "reversals of fortune happen to everyone." We say this as we take turns treating one another over the years.

Be good and fight nice. Be a blessing to someone today.

Sincerely, Shirley Petosky, Unit V Rep., (906) 387-2101, shirleypetosky@yahoo.com.



BEST WRITER — Congratulations to Brenda Austin, who was recently lauded by the residents of Chippewa County as "Best Writer." Austin has been writing for Win Awenen Nisitotung for 10 years and specializes in one-on-one features. She is also a photographer.



Photo courtesy Tribal Court

Continuing its annual tradition, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court donated backpacks and school supplies to local youth. The items were distributed by the Tribal Court and the Shedawin Building. The purchase of these items was made possible by the Tribal Court's Juvenile Fund. Above, Tribal Court staff, Linda Oberle, Aaron Quinlan, Vicki Gardner and Ashley Payment (L-R), gather the backpacks.

### Jr. Police Academy creates rapport with youth



Fred Paquin, Director **Unit III** 

I would like to thank all of the individuals who generously purchased raffle tickets for the Junior Police Academy fundraiser and all of the individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to sell tickets for this program. The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department has

raised funds through grants, donations and fundraisers for the seven years the camp has been in existence.

It was a hard decision to cancel the raffle this year. There was a formal complaint filed, stating that the \$3 raffle tickets were sold off of trust land, which is in violation of the gaming rules. As soon as we were made aware of the error we cancelled the raffle. The gaming commission was then directed to suspend the gaming license, therefore inhibiting the law enforcement department to continue with this fund-raising

Originally the board supported the issue of gaming licenses so groups could raise funds without having to go to the board for monies. The law enforcement department will obtain a state license, pay the fee and continue to do fund-

Many have graciously donated the monies that were used for ticket purchases. We do thank you and greatly appreciate your continued support. We are still attempting to contact all persons who purchased raffle tickets to refund their monies. If you purchased a ticket and have not been contacted, please do not hesitate to call the tribal police department for details on your refund.

The Law Enforcement Department will continue to seek out other avenues to raise funds for this vital program. This program is for the youth in our communities and has been awarded national recognition from the Department of Justice COPS Office and has been the pilot for the National Bureau of Indian Affairs Junior Police Academy.

Juvenile crime rates continue to rise in Indian Country, while funding continues to decrease.

The program was created to give our tribal youth an inside look at the challenges law enforcement officers face day after day. It was designed to create a connection between the youth in our communities and the officers, a connection based on respect, trust and understanding. It was intended to ensure that the first interaction that our youth had with law enforcement was a positive interaction and show officers in a proactive role, not just responding to crime.

We will continue this program as long as possible. The program has been a huge success; it has deterred juvenile crime in our communities. There are numerous individual success stories of our tribal youth, going into law enforcement careers, serving in our great nation's military and pursuing other avenues in their lives, crime free. We are proud

of each and every one of our cadets.

On another note, recently there was a media release from the tribal chairperson, Aaron Payment, "The Payment Administration on Track to Balance Budget for Fourth Year in a Row." First of all I would like to recognize the program directors, managers and all tribal employees for a job well done. You should be commended. I did, however, find the article misleading.

Many board members strive to continue to support programs that enhance services to our communities. It does become oppressive when not only these board members, but the programs are brought into the political arena and are subjected to unfounded attacks.

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

### For all of the payments that we have made, we still have no plan



DJ Hoffman, Director, Unit I

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

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

In the past few issues, I have given updates on several issues. I would like to take this time to continue with their recent prog-

#### ST. IGNACE CASINO

The St. Ignace Casino is up and running the way it should have been all along. Yes, there is gambling on the main floor. While this is a temporary fix based upon a court injunction, we anticipate a legislative solution to this situation in the near future. Suffice it to say, so far

**SCHOOL** The JKL PSA school building is completed and awaiting final approval for occupancy. While this may seem like great news, school has already started. We need to ensure that projects such as this are completed in a timely manner, and according to the specifications approved by the board of directors. We have children who need to be in their respective classrooms and, as of today, we have no definitive move in date. Once again – we encounter an issue that needed proper planning and accountability.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Over the course of the past four months, I have been working on legislation to establish a short and long-term strategic plan that will be tied directly to our budgetary process. This legislation has been drafted for review by the tribal board on many occasions. I will be bringing this legislation forward at the next board meeting for consideration. I am hoping that by working together to address all issues related to this legislation we will finally require planning, forecasting, and fiscally responsible behavior.

Please contact your board

members and tell them that PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING AND FUTURE OF THE TRIBE. Ask them what our plan is, and where it is at! I am hoping that by working together to address all issues related to this legislation, we will finally require planning, forecasting and fiscally responsible behav-

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### COMMISSION

Economic diversity and development must be a part of the strategic plan. We must implement the "new" Economic Development Commission. We must learn from past mistakes, plan appropriately and incorporate the expertise of our membership to ensure success. Diversification is the key to our tribe's long-term success. Our tribe's existing businessess can, and will remain successful if we properly promote and develop their strengths while diminishing their respective weaknesses.

Please contact your board members and tell them that economic development diversification is essential to the well being and future of the tribe. Without your input I fear that the process of a new EDC is doomed to fail by the politics within this tribe.

"Too much light often blinds gentlemen of this sort. They cannot see the forest for the trees." Musarion [1768], Canto II.

#### **GOSSIP**

Many times articles in this paper reflect a negative connotation. Board members' behavior is questioned without an equal opportunity to defend themselves. For example, its is easy to say something derogatory about another for political gain, or to diminish another's

position on a topic. It's even easier to make that allegation in a paper that comes out monthly. By the time an individual has a chance to respond, some have already formed an opinion.

Too often, personal politics are engaged which inhibits progressive leadership. We need to work towards being successful in our governing and economic endeavors to move our tribe forward.

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, DJ Hoffman Unit I Director Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians

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### Tribal judge sworn in August 10

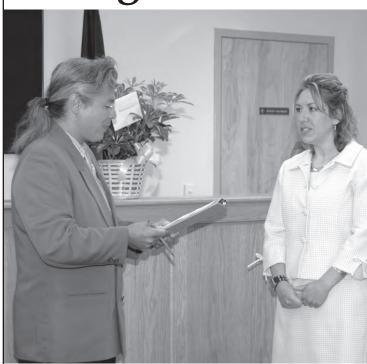


Photo by Brenda Austin

Tribal Court Administrator and Magistrate Kellie LaVictor (right) was sworn in by tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment (left) on Aug. 10 in front of the bench from which she shall preside.

### Inland fishing and hunting vote upcoming



Denise Chase, Director, Unit IV

On Sept. 17 there was a special board meeting held to approve the ballot language to send out the referendum on the Inland Hunting and Fishing Consent Decree. The language was approved and now you will receive a ballot in the mail along with the Agreement in Principal, Consent Decree and a summary. You, the membership, will now have the right to vote to approve or disapprove this document. This is your Inland Hunting and Fishing Treaty Rights — I suggest that you carefully review the documents before voting. Remember that this agreement is permanent and FOREVER and will affect our generation and the future generations to come. To be quite honest, the prior and current agreements between the state and tribe (Consent Decrees) that affected our commercial fisherman have not been that beneficial to us, or to some of the tribal fishermen — in fact our fishermen were locked out

of treaty fishing waters in the western end in those agreements. The state and the sports fisherman are the ones who made out. Please make sure that you read the Consent Decree before you vote!

The Sept. 11 special board meeting was cancelled because several board members were out of town on tribal business and were unable to attend.

The tribe received a preliminary injunction from the U.S. District Court that allowed us to start immediately to gamble on the St. Ignace Casino's main floor.

The board meeting scheduled for Sept. 18 in Manistique has been rescheduled to Sept. 25 at the Manistique Tribal Center – 5 p.m. is the tribal members issue session with the board meeting starting at 6 p.m.

Winter wear for kids/youth needed:

If you have winter wear that your children have outgrown please consider donating them to this project.

The Manistique Tribal
Center has donation boxes
available, as well as the following centers below. Winter jackets/coats and boots are needed.
Hats, mittens and scarves in
good condition are also being
collected. If you would want
to purchase and donate any of
the items needed it would be
greatly appreciated:

On Oct. 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a winter wear giveaway at the following locations:

Manistique Tribal Center: 5698W Highway US 2

Chi-Mukwa: Sault Ste.

ACFS: 60 Kincheloe Munising Tribal Center: 622

If you have any questions, please contact the following representatives at the location nearest you:

W Superior

Manistique: Viola Neadow, Sharon Hutchinson or Denise Chase, 341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137

Munising: Heidi Cotey, 387-1750

Sault: Julie Menard or Roberta Fischer, 632-5250 or 1-800-726-0093

Kincheloe: Brenda Brownlee, 495-1232

Well before you know it, the Christmas season will be right around the corner so we have started a volunteer list for the childrens Christmas party. If you would like to assist with shopping, wrapping gifts, making candy bags or helping out the day of the party please call the Manistique Tribal Center at 341-6993.

Language Classes have started up again and are being held at the Manistique Tribal Center on Tuesday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. — everyone is welcome.

New state tax exemption policy:

As of Sept. 1, 2007, all enrolled Sault Tribe members residing in the tax agreement area and who are eligible to receive tax refunds under the state-tribe tax agreement must now request a tax exemption certificate prior to initiating a significant transaction or purchase that would entitle a tribal member to a Michigan sales tax refund or exemption.

The prior refund system required tribal members to pay taxes up front, then submit a tax refund form to the state, also wait up to a few months to

receive a refund.

With the new system, tribal members will no longer have to pay Michigan sales tax up front and then wait for their refund. You will need to contact Candance Blocher at the Sault Tribe Administration Office at 635-6050 or 1-800-793-0660 to request a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax" (Form 3998) prior to making a tax exempt purchase.

Unit IV board representatives office hours:

Know that our schedule is getting back to some what normal. Tom Miller and I will be rescheduling our office hours again. They will be advertised in the local paper.

If you need to contact me please call 341-6783 or 1-888-667-3809.

Thank you, Denise Chase

### Tribal board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on August 21 in Newberry. All board members were present.

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

A promissory note to National City Bank for \$1.5 million was approved to finance a modular 10-classroom addition to JKL Bahweting Pubic School Academy.

A fiscal year 2007 budget modification was approved to

decrease tribal support in the amount of \$61,556.98 for the Sault Tribe Health Division. Board member Denise Chase opposed the measure.

A special board meeting was held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on August 28. Board member Shirley Petosky was absent.

Approved resolution: A fiscal year 2007 budget modification was approved to decrease tribal support in the amount of \$6,556.18 for the Sault Tribe Chippewa Court. Board member Joe Eitriem opposed the

eduction.

The board approved support for a grant application from the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians to the Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, on behalf of all Michigan tribes for sex offender sentencing, monitoring, apprehending, registering and tracking office support for an Adam Walsh Act implementation grant project.

The board usually meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Details are available at (906) 635-6050.

### Letters: from the community, to the community

### Fairness to all regarding turkey permits

At some point earlier this year, the Conservation Committee approved permits to tribal members to hunt wild turkeys in the seven-county service area and the law department began issuing the permits. Being an avid hunter, I would have liked to receive one of the permits myself. However, I heard nothing of any such permit availability. Nor did I see anything in print in the tribal newspaper.

My learning of the permit was in the tribal news that due to overwhelming applications the permit issuance was being cut off to any newer applicants. In short, the many that knew of the permit and got in early were lucky to secure one. Those in too late and members like myself wound my losers.

It had apparently been decided, by someone, that the turkey population could not sustain the unforeseen number of interested hunters. My curiosity is peaked by this person or persons and I request that they come forth and provide documentation as to their expertise in the field of turkey management or any animal,

fish or fowl management.

What about the permits that

were issued? Were they recalled? I don't know but I doubt it. Those hunters received legal permits. I would assume they went out in the field and legally took turkeys. But I didn't get to do that because I was never informed that I could get a permit! How is that fair to you or me?

In all fairness, I challenge the Conservation Committee to authorize the law department to issue permits to each hunter that requests one on a one-time only basis.

JIM HOLLINGSWORTH
WATERFORD, MICH.

#### Rabies Clinic 2007—A Letter of Thanks

On June 11, 12 and 19, we put on our free yearly rabies clinic in our seven county service area. We would like to thank the following people for taking their time to make this free clinic a success:

Dr. Chris Hall, and his staff from the Chippewa Animal Clinic, who's dedication to our tribe yearly is truly appreciated;

Tribal board of directors for recognizing the need for this service for our people;

Cheryl LaPlaunt, CHN, who incorporated the idea for a safer

rabies clinic;

Marilyn Hillman, Community Health supervisor, for overseeing the program;

CHTs Helen Beacom, Kelly LaKosky, Shirley Kowalke, Sally Burke, Diane Williams, Angie Gillmore, Ann Pollman, Nancy Beauchaine and Tom Sauro:

Joy Page from K.I. Sawyer, Gwinn; Dan Tadgerson, environmentalist; Holly Henderson, animal control officer; Debra Cox, volunteer from the Chippewa Animal Shelter; Renee Pilcher, who owns and operates Town and Country Pet Salon who was there clipping the pets' nails; Tammy Graham, Rex Matchinski and the crew from the Big Bear;

Cory Wilson for assisting with the advertisement; WSOO radio station; Kewadin Casino for donating monies for water and Gatorade.

We really appreciate the patience everyone had, it was a rainy day.

This year's rabies clinic at the Big Bear was a "drive-thru," which was new due to safety reasons. The Big Bear was and is our largest site for immunizations. We want to thank everyone who filled out the survey; this gives us ideas on how to better serve you. We will continue to strive to make the rabies clinic safer and more efficient in the future.

TOM SAURO, CHT, RABIES COORDINATOR, SAULT, MICH.

#### WIA worker appreciated

The Garden Peninsula
Historical Society would like
to thank, the Sault Tribe for the
opportunity to have a summer
worker under your WIA program. Having Amanda Weinert
work this summer brought many
advantages to our small community musuem. We were able to
keep it open longer hours, have
lawn work, general cleaning and
office work help due to the employment of Amanda provided
by the tribe.

Thank you, ever so much, for this opportunity.

President, CONNIE WILSON GARDEN, MICH.

### Summer intern expresses gratitude

(Editor's note: shared at the author's request.)

Dear Angline,

Just a brief note to express my very sincere appreciation to you and the tribe for affording me the opportunity of this summer internship. I have truly learned much from my supervisors and co-workers. Their assistance in clarifying and supporting my career direction for the future has been most meaningful. I am very grateful for the personal development that has been freely given to me

LARA C. COOK, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.

### Pre-med student appreciates scholarship

(Ed. Note: This letter is shared by permission of its author.)

Dear Ms. (Angeline) Matson,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you along with the Higher Education Committee, the tribal chairperson and the tribal board of directors for the \$1,000 scholarship I received yesterday. What a wonderful surprise! I begin my pre-med program at Mich. Tech. next week and this scholarship will really help.

Thanks again,
KATHRYN LERCHE
CLIO, MICH.

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### Rendezvous at the Straits



Becky Simmons, above, makes clay and copper jewelry. Shown below are a few of the pieces she made in honor of the rendezvous-powwow. She'd like the event to





Rendezvous photos by Michael Burton Chad Keiser, Anishinaabe, came from Mackinac City to visit the rendezvous. At right, Benjamin Kent makes hard maple war clubs and oars, and ash cross-sticks. He is quite adept, having grown up as a reenactor. Brant Knecht, above right, is also a child of reenactors — his first camp was at six months old. He has learned how to survive how they survived. "If I could, I'd do it for my whole life,"





### Commercial fishing and powows bring out the best in the eastern Upper Peninsula around the reservation's ball field, located Rendezvous at the Straits Pow Wow at the New France Discovery Center in St.

proved to be very popular events that will surely return next year, bringing out hundreds of curious and fun-loving visitors and residents. The Superior Whitefish Festival in Bay Mills ran from Aug. 24 to 26, and the first Rendezvous in the St. Ignace Father Marquette Park on Aug. 25 and 26, were cultural celebrations featuring what makes our region unique — the cultural intermingling of Anishinaabe and European settlers that has grown into our eastern Upper Peninsula heritage.

The fun began Friday evening on the shores of Lake Superior, at the Superior Whitefish Festival with a motorcycle rez run, pot luck, sock hop dance, drum social and a fishing derby that continued on Saturday. Also on Saturday was a kid's midway, farmer's market, traders and vendors, 5K/10K road race, quad run, car bingo, horseshoes, commercial fishing olympics, cribbage tourney and a whitefish cook-off. On Sunday, a pancake breakfast, canoe and kayak race, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney joined more of Saturday's events.

The well-attended festival centered

right on the shores of Waishkey Bay, with plenty of parking and amenities. The Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills

and the tribe's Recreation and Health Promotion Department organized the festival. Along with volunteers, they sold hitefish sandwiches and other goodies at the festival to raise funds for their club. Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission was also on hand with an information booth, and the Bay Mills Historical Department provided a photo gallery illustrating the fishing heritage of Bay Mills along with treaty fishing, fish marketing and health information.

For centuries, lake whitefish, Coregonus clupeaformis, has been the main catch of the Anishinaabeg. All along the upper Great Lakes, Anishinaabe fished the delicious atikameg, as it is called, meaning "caribou fish," from lakeside villages from Christ until white settlers came to the upper Great Lakes and times began to change. Creation of the whitefish is among the oldest Anishinaabe legends, and out of these deep cultural and histori-

cal roots comes today's love of catching

and eating whitefish.

Ignace, adjacent to the Father Marquette National Memorial and Museum in Straits State Park, was just like old times about 300 years ago. There were plenty of traders and vendors as at every powwow But this powwow had a twist — living history of the French Voyageurs as reenactors demonstrated the lives of the French fur trappers from the 1600s and 1700s, when the French fur trade was flourishing. French voyageur encampments included not only looking the part but also living the part, including every day cooking and crafting anything and everything from spoons to weapons.

Lead Historian for the event was Timothy Kent. His wife, Doree, and their sons Kevin and Ben, were on hand as living historians, along with Keith Knecht and his family as interpreters.

At the powwow were head veteran Paul Yarnel, head male dancer Richard Lewis, head female dancer Rita Boulley, eagle staff carrier Les Ailing and emcee Butch Elliot, host drum was Bahweting Drum and Singers and guest drum

Sturgeon Bay. On Sunday, pipecarrier Bucko Teeple attended and said a few words about the shared heritage of the French voyageurs and Anishinaabeg.

The intertwined event was deemed a success when an eagle glided overhead just before grand entry on Sunday. And, by the fact that over 400 people attended

The rendezvous powwow was the brainchild of Darryl Brown, who gathered together a plethora of sponsors to make the event a success: the St. Ignace Special Events Committee, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos, St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce, the Michilimackinac Historical Society, the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau and many individuals.

Brown, Sault Tribe member born and raised in St. Ignace, is a traditional man who also has a background in marketing and advertising. Being a longtime friend of Kent's, and being a powwow dancer himself, the idea of a rendezvous powwow seemed natural to Brown, who has heard nothing but positive feedback from the event he plans to hold again next year.



Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

This beauty was on display at the rendezvous-pow wow.



## Sugar Island Jiingtamok





### **Superior Whitefish Festival**



Above, Sara Tadgerson competes against Skip Parish Jr. to see who is the fastest filleter in commerical fisher olympics at the festival. Below, whitefish taco chef Cliff Sindles, of McNearney Lake, left, competes against blackened whitefish chef Greg Summers of Sault, Ont., (with his mom, Linda, at right) for the top chef title.





### Wright receives Purple Heart



Photo by Staff Sergeant Jon Cupp

HONORED — Lt. Col. Scott Efflandt, left, Commander 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment shakes the hand of Spc. Timothy Wright of Company D, 2nd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt. and a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., after presenting Wright with an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) with "V" device and the Purple Heart during an awards ceremony on Camp Taji, Iraq, Sept. 7. Wright and three other Co. D troopers received the ARCOM with, "V" for valor, for actions taken during an enemy attack at an outpost in Tarmiyah, Iraq, Feb. 22. Eleven of Wright's comrades also received the Purple Heart and one earned the Combat Medical Badge.

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

### Spc. Adams serving in Iraq



Adams, a member of the 46th 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. Grandparents are Merrill and Joan Gravelle, Sr., of Escanaba, Mich., and Louis Williams (deceased) of Gladstone, Mich.

### Tribal elder Olesek meets Wayne Newton



Photo by Sherrie Lucas Sault Tribe's eldest member, Jennylee Olesek, 101, with Wayne **Newton at** Kewadin Casinos in Sault, Mich., this past April.

### Thank you letters from members

The Unit I elders would like to thank all the people who participated in the Unit I elders raffle held at the powwow. Winners for the raffle were 50/50 Louella Mitchell, hand-crafted storage bin; Jenny Leighton, hand-crafted afghan; Frances Sylvester, women's tra ditional skirt and blouse; Russ McKerchie, men's ribbon shirt; Irene Hartwig, second prize of \$50 in cash for gas; and Mary Capriccioso, first prize of a one-night stay at Kewadin Casinos, White Wolf Man.

To the Communications Department,

I love receiving the newspaper and elders news, plus birthdays of relatives. It is very informative. Needless to say, the Christmas bonuses are very appreciated and received with much love. My husband Louis also enjoys all the information.

Sincerely, Mary Loree St. Amour Roger's City, Mich.

-More on page 19.



### SHORES ANNIVERSARY

ST. IGNACE, SEPT. 29TH **GRAND PRIZE - PONTIAC** CONVERTIBLE 96

Drawings 5 pm - 11 pm

### KEWADIN KLASSIFIEDS

### HESSELS FISHING FRENZY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Earn Entries for Fishing Boat Package from Soo Boat Works!

CASH DRAWS that day!

### Jeep Jackpot



GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS WILL TAKE PLACE:

- Sault Ste. Marie October 5th
   Christmas October 12th for a Jeep Rubicon
- St.Ignace October 6th for a Jeep Rubicon

for a Jeep Patriot Manistique - October 13th for a Jeep Patriot

CASH DRAWS during day of Drawings!

### **Upcoming Events**

**Hunters Dream** Grand Prize Pkg. ATV's, Trailer & Cash

**Begin Earning Entries** Oct. 24th



KK092107 Weekly Bar Specials

Signatures Lounge - Sault Ste. Marie

Sunday — Beer Mix: Tavern Mix appetizers & Bucket of Beer

Monday - Ladies Night: \$1.50 Margaritas / \$1.50 Bare Foot Wines

**Tuesday** — Monster College Night: Wings & Pitcher / Monster Bombs on Special Wednesday - Midweek Party:

Buck-a-Beer Night on Domestic Can. Thursday - Bucket of Blues

Nachos on special Bucket of Labatts Blue or Blue Lite

Friday — Karaoke Contest Saturday - Bare Foot Flight Night All large Entertainment Acts will be in Sault Ste. Marie



Promotions cannot be changed without prior approval by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewo Indians Gaming Commission. Promotions can be cancelled at Management's discretion.

Rapids Lounge Entertainment Sault Ste. Marie Comedy starts at 8pm – Thurs. Sept. 20 Gary Conrad Hypnotist Live Music start at 9pm Fri. & Sat. Sept. 21 & 22 Bad Side Sept. 28 & 29 Chord on Bluz

**Weekly Events** 

Nothern Pines Entertainment Wednesday Comedy Shows start at 9pm Sept. 19 Gary Conrad Hypnotist Live Music start at 9pm Fri. & Sat. Sept. 21 & 22 Milestone Sept. 28 & 29 Touch of Class

Manistique Comedy Night Every Friday Night
Sept. 21 Gary Conrad Hypnotist
Live Band Friday & Sat. Sept. 28 & 29 Uncle Ugly

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### Whitetail Sports Bar - St. Ignace

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Bucket of Labatts Blue or Blue Lite

Saturday - Bare Foot Flight Night

#### Frosty's Bar & Grille - Christmas SPORT CENTER SUNDAY

Tavern Mix appetizers & Bucket of Beer Bud or Bud light **MONDAY MADNESS** 

Wings & Pitcher / Bare Foot Wines

### TWISTED TUESDAY

Twisted Tea for \$2.00

### **MYSTERY WEDNESDAY**

Name our drink for prizes Mystery drink \$2.75

#### **FIESTÁ THURSDAY**

Margaritas for \$1.50 Chips & Cheese for \$1.00

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN NIGHT SATURDAY - Bare Foot Flight Night

### Team Spirits - Manistique SPORT CENTER SUNDAY

Tavern Mix appetizers &

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#### AUBRIE FAY PINE

Priscilla Pine and Bill McKelvie of the Sault are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrie Fay Pine.

Aubrie was born on Aug. 9, 2007. She weighed five pounds, 14 oz., and is currently getting ready to hit the powwow trail as a jingle dress dancer.

Grandparents of Aubrie are Jolene and Robert Graham of the Sault, Alex Pine of Alpena, Mich., Eleanor McKelvie and the late Emery McKelvie, Sr., of the Sault.

#### LOGAN RANDALL AYERS

Logan Randall Ayers was born July 26, 2007, to parents Nichole and Lloyd Ayers Jr., of Dorr, Mich. He was born



at Zeeland Hospital weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins big brother, Curtis Ayers, 3, at home. Maternal grandparents are Nancy Howard of Kincheloe, Mich., and Robert Sims of Dorr, Mich. Paternal grandparents are Cindy Ludholtz of Greenville, Mich., and Lloyd Ayers, Sr., of Reed City, Mich.

#### JOSIE MARIE RADLE

Tribal member Sara (Renaud/Derusha) Radle and Tommy Radle Jr. are the par-

ents of a girl, Josie Marie Radle, born Aug. 30, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Steweighed



eight pounds and measured 21 inches in length. Grandparents

are Dennis G. and Donna Renaud of Indian River and Tom and Irene Radle Sr. of Alanson. Great-grandparents are the late Dennis E. and Ellen (Derusha) Renaud of St. Ignace Township and Ecorse, Mich., Carl Merrill of Petoskey, and Martha Baumgartner of Boyne Falls. Josie has seven cousins who are tribal members.

### NICHOLAS ALLEN STOKEN

Nicholas Allen Stoken was born on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Marquette General

Hospital
Birthing
Center. He
weighed
eight pounds
and was
21.25 inches
in length.
The proud
parents of
Nicholas



are Sault Tribe member Craig A. Stoken and his wife, Suni S. Stoken, both of Escanaba, Mich. Siblings are Matthew D. Simmons and Ethan J.

### Births...

Simmons both of Escanaba. Paternal grandparents are Sault Tribe member Geraldine W. Stoken and Nicholas J. Stoken of Garden, Mich., and maternal grandparents are Georgette A. Jones of Escanaba, and David W. King of Escanaba. Paternal great-grandparents are Sault Tribe member Viola M. Neadow and the late Eugene J. Neadow of Cooks, Mich., and maternal great-grandparents are the late Barbara Jones and Myron Jones of Brampton, Mich. Aunts and uncles are Kent and Raquel King of Escanaba, Anthony King of Escanaba, Kyle King of Escanaba, and Sault Tribe members Ryan and Krissy Stoken of Manistique, Mich.

KYLA AVALYN ROLFE A daugh-

daughter, Kyla Avalyn Rolfe was born Feb. 10,

2007, in Cheboygan Memorial

Hospital to Kerri Harrington and Leland J. Rolfe. She weighed seven pounds, .75 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents Leland and Twila Rolfe live in Carp Lake, Mich., and Don Harrington resides in Cheboygan, Mich.

#### MILLER THOMAS WILLIAMS

Miller celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 13, 2007. Proud parents are Anna and Nicholas Williams of Orono,



Minn. Nicholas and big sister Maria are members of of the Sault Tribe. Miller is the greatgrandson of Dale and Helen Williams of Manitowoc, Wis.



### Jessie Maddix Recalls capsizing incident

By Brenda Austin

Eighty four year old Jessie Maddix of Puyallup, Wash., still gets teary eyed when telling the story of how U.S. Coast Guard Cutters Jackson and Bedloe, in one of the worst hurricanes at that time to hit the east coast in fifty years, capsized.

On Sept. 12, 1944, the

Jackson and Bedloe were called out to sea off the coast of Morehead City, N.C., to help an American Liberty ship, the George Ade, which was in distress from a torpedo hit from a German U-boat. An Army ocean going rescue tug, the ATR-6, accompanied the cutters to the Liberty ship and took it in tow, beginning the slow trip back to Norfolk, Virginia. World War II was coming to a close in the Atlantic but there was still trouble to be found offshore.

As the two rescue cutters escorted the Liberty ship, hurricane warnings were being sent out with increasing frequency. The hurricane's path was charted and it was determined the ships would be on it's outskirts about 6 a.m. on Sept. 14, two days after setting off on their rescue mission.

The 125-foot cutters were the Coast Guard's steel-hulled, diesel powered sea boats rated at 13 knots and weighing 220 tons.

As the boats greeted a gray gusty dawn the day of the storm, they were just north of Cape Hatteras, N.C. As the winds grew to 60 mph, the ship was rolling so much that its rails were under water as each wave tossed it from side to side. The towline connecting the tug to the Liberty ship snapped. "They attached another line and the seas, bigger yet, snapped it too," Maddix said. "The Liberty ship had to drop both its anchors to try and keep from being driven into the



beach about 20 miles distant while the tug headed into port. The Jackson turned around and started heading into the seas. "We were fighting the waves, which by now were sweeping over the top of the bridge, almost swamping the ship. We were knocked sideways into a 30 foot wave, got ourselves almost headed back into the waves when we were knocked sideways again by an even bigger wave. Then a monster of a wave hit us and the Jackson capsized." At the time the Jackson capsized, the winds were estimated to be blowing at 100 mph.

When the ship capsized Maddix was on the bridge. "If it hadn't been for the guy wires I wouldn't be here; guy wires are what hold the mast up," he said. "I climbed back up after the ship rolled over and opened the wheelhouse door to get the crew out."

Life rafts were ordered cast off but the port rafts were buried too deep under the water to get to, leaving four starboard rafts available. Because the ship was capsized the rafts had to be lifted from their racks before being tossed into the turbulent water below. "Everybody jumped off the ship into the water. I was one of the last to jump in. As far as I know there

was only one man who didn't make it off the sinking ship; he was in the sonar room and when the ship turned over all the equipment probably fell on top of him," Maddix said.

The three-foot by six-foot Balsa wood life rafts were being tossed around and rolled over by the storm. Some of the men had been unable to locate their life vests after the ship capsized and so had to jump into the rough water without their added safety. The men who made it to the life rafts had to hold on tight to the sides and, because the rafts were rolling so frequently, some of the men would let go in between waves and hope to find the raft again when it was done rolling side over side. "We started out with 12 men on the raft I was on," Maddix said. "The seas were catching the rafts and tossing them everywhere. The day of our rescue, there were four of us left on the raft. I had my arms around one of the men who was too exhausted to do anything to help himself. Somehow, I ended up going to sleep and when I woke up he was gone. We spent 58 hours out there until a plane spotted us and we were rescued. Of the 40 men on board the Jackson, there were only 19 who survived that terrible ordeal."

According to Maddix, the men from the USCG Cutters Jackson and Bedloe were taken to the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where they were treated and released 12 days later and given 30 days of leave.

During the 58 hours in the water, the survivors had to contend with dehydration and disorientation if they swallowed too much salt water; they had no food or fresh water available, they were plagued with distant sightings of sharks and exhaustion.

After his 30 days of survivor

leave spent in his hometown of Rexton, Mich., he went back to Norfolk where he was put on guard duty loading ammunition ships. "One day, while I was on guard duty a guy came by and handed me new orders. I was put on an AKA-18 in the South Pacific, the Cepheus, and made the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945," he said.

The Cepheus, with Maddix aboard, retired seaward for the night after the initial assault, and came under enemy air attack while returning to the island the next morning. The Cepheus aided in downing three Japanese aircraft and fired upon seven. Maddix and the rest of the crew remained off the island unloading and helping other ships to unload until April 16, when she went to Saipan to replenish supplies. After many other trips to foreign ports Maddix disembarked at Portland, Ore., in October 1945.

Seamen first class Maddix, who was enlisted from 1942 to 1945, was 21 years old when the Jackson capsized.

A Sault Tribe member,
Maddix comes home every few
years to attend local powwows
and visit family in Rexton and
the surrounding areas. Maddix
and his wife, a Cree Indian
from Georgia, have three children, four grandchildren and
four great-grandchildren.

Maddix was visited at his home in Oregon a few years ago by author Bryan Galecki who was working on his book — Rum Runners, U-Boats and Hurricanes — in which he details the separate discoveries of the Bedloe and the Jackson shipwrecks half a century later and includes firsthand accounts by survivors, including Maddix, unveiling the brutal aspects of their ordeal.

Today Maddix enjoys watching children dancing and having fun at powwows, listening to the drums and eating frybread.

### Miigwech

Lucille Visnaw and family would like to thank Anishnabek Community and Family Services and Sault Tribe Construction for the extensive remodeling project to her house in St. Ignace. Words cannot express our gratitude for the time and effort Kelly Smart took to make this project a reality. A special thanks to construction workers, Mike Hough, Richard Smart, Tony McKerchie, Jesse Smart, Dave Turner, Dave Landerville and subcontractors Mark and Sons Plumbing crew and LaJoice Electric crew for all their hard work in such a short time. The work done was beautiful and very much appreciated.

The family of Charles L.

Currie would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the people of Hessel and Cedarville communities, also to his friends from Duluth, Minn., Grand Portage, Mass., and Ontario, Canada, for your comfort, support, love, prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, food and donations. Special thanks to Dorothy Currie, Midge Gugin, Dorothy Royer and all the ladies for the nice luncheon; John Causley, Cal Burnside, Brother John, Cecil Pavlat, Bahweting Drum, for the services; Tom Bumstead for the cross; and Tassier Lumber, Devere Parker, Don Bowerman, Jim Bumstead and whoever was there to help with the grave; pall bearers, fire keepers, Reamer-Galer Funeral Home; and the Sault Tribe. Thanks to anyone we might have missed for being there with us at our time of

#### DAWN PEIL

Dawn Peil, Sault Tribe member, died Aug. 16, 2007, at home, at age 54. She was born May 8, 1953, in St. Clair, Mich., and had resided in this area for the last 10 years, coming from Alpena.

She is survived by her three children, Tina McGinty of Grand Rapids, Anna McGinty of Auburn and Jeff McGinty of Montrose; her mom, Donas Aikens of Mio; two step-children, Jess (Deb) and Paul (Tina) Peil; six step-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters: Aletha (Lloyd) Anderson of Grand Haven, Donna (Rodney) Johnston of Peck, Sandra (Joseph) Shay of Bay City, Kimberly Sakis of Brimley, Anthony (Jennifer) Aikens of Mio, Joseph Aikens of Mio, Betty (Todd) Powell of Mio; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husbands, Allan McGinty and Jim Peil; her father, Raymond

Funeral and committal services were held Aug. 20, 2007, at the Auburn Chapel of the Cunningham-Taylor Funeral Homes Inc., Rev. Lawson D. Crane officiating. Cremation followed at Sunset Valley Crematory, Bay City. Dawn's family would like to thank the Bay Regional Medical Center, Pardee Cancer Center and Bay Area Hospice for the love and care they gave Dawn.

Boursaw; and step-father Ben

Aikens. Her family will deeply

miss her.

### JOSEPH P. SUMMERS

Joseph P. Summers, 74, of Escanaba, passed away July 28, 2007, at St. Francis Hopsital. Joseph was born in Escanaba on March 1, 1933, the son of Joseph P. and Mary (Daley) Summers Sr. He attended Escanaba schools and was a lifelong resident of Escanaba. He served 10 years with the Michigan National Guard. He was employed with the Chicago and North Western Railroad as a track repairman, retiring in 1968 due to an automobile accident. He was a member of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish.

Joseph is survived by four sisters, Joan (Merrill) Gravelle of Escanaba, Eleanor Artley of Gladstone, Carole Summers and Patrick (John) Soper, also of Escanaba; three brothers, Wilfred (Maureen) Summers and Mike Summers of Escanaba, and Mark (Penny) of Puyallup, Wash.; special nephew, Nick Summers of

Escanaba; special friend, Jack Jungles of Escanaba; caregiver, Connie Visnaw of Escanaba; and several nieces and nephews, and friends.

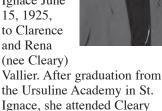
He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Martha Ann; and brother, John. Burial took place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery. The Crawford Funeral Home of Escanaba assisted the family with arrangements.

#### VELMA JUNE GUSTAFSON

Velma June Gustafson, 82, of St. Ignace passed away Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at

Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

She was born in St. Ignace June 15, 1925, to Clarence and Rena (nee Cleary)



and was graduated in 1945. She married Charles Gustafson April 15, 1948, at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. Together they reared seven children. Mrs. Gustafson was a loving mother and devoted homemaker, friends said. Her volunteer activities included serving the church, the food pantry, and St. Vincent DePaul.

Business College in Ypsilanti

Mrs. Gustafson was an avid bridge player and enjoyed reading, sewing and working crossword puzzles. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by six children and their families, David and Dena Gustafson, Linda and Chris Romero, Mary and Steve Fasel, Laurie Bott of Traverse City, Bonnie of Sarasota, Fla., and Betty of Glendale, Calif.; one sister and her family, Harriet and Harold Norgaarden of Burnsville, Minn.; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, one daughter, Carol Ankerson, and a sister, Rena Mae Vallier.

A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Norbert Landerville at the St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace Tuesday, August 21.

Memorial donations can be made to the St. Ignace Pantry on Ferry Lane in St. Ignace.

#### ROBERT LEE SMART SR.

Robert "Rob" Lee Smart Sr., former resident of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on Aug. 21, 2007. He was born August 15, 1962, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to Jesse and Theresa Smart-Willis.

Rob loved to spend time with his family and friends. He enjoyed camping, fishing, golfing and working on cars. As an avid NASCAR fan, Jeff Gordon was his number one pick. Rob especially loved to make his granddaughter smile and making sure that his grandchildren had everything they could want.

Surviving Rob are his wife Marie, his sons Jason (Heather) Smart and Robert Jr. (Jen) Smart of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Bradley and Brandon Smart of Clarkton, Mo., and his daughter, Bobbie Smart, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Also surviving are his brothers Dennis, Jesse, and Richard (Kelly) Smart of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and his sister Thereasa Louricas (Tim Flandrick) of Minneapolis, Minn. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Aalyiah, Jason Jr. "J.J.," and Evin Robert; and his extended family Joyce Lee, Jackie Lee, Timmy Lee and Minnie Lee of Clarkton, Mo. Many nieces and nephews also survive him. Visitation began at the Cultural Building on Aug. 26, 2007, and concluded Aug. 28 with funeral services. Burial was at Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island. Arrangements were provided by Hovie Funeral Home.

#### VIRGIL LAJOICE

Virgil A. LaJoice, 81, of Portage, Mich., passed away July 7, 2007, at his residence. Virgil was born Dec. 30, 1925, in Sault Ste. Marie, at the home of Antoine and Mabel (Fisher) LaJoice. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He retired in 1997 from National Waer Lift Co. he was a member of St. Monica Catholic Church. He was a third degree member of the K of C 1616 and a fourth degree member of Paw Paw K of C 0522.

Virgil was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathleen in 1995, and his sister, Bernice

Members of his family include his wife, Mary; seven children, Annette (John) Kemler of Bonita Springs, Fla., Michael (Evelyn) LaJoice of Portage, Dennis (Theresa) LaJoice of Allegan, Paulette

(Ken) Meyle of Three Rivers, Mich., Bernadette (Randy) Wagonmaker of Kalamazoo, Patrick LaJoice of Portage, and Kayette (David) Dudd of Portage; eight grandchildren, Christopher Kemler, Michael (Holli) LaJoice, Shelly (Clint) Hofacre, Marie (David) Brown, Joseph and Jillian LaJoice, Spencer, Amanda, and Lyndsay Dudd; three step-grandchildren, Charity Wagonmaker, Juli Peterson and Jon Meyle; four great-grandchildren, Alexus, Cadence, Madilyn, and Morgan; seven step-great-grandchildren, Kris, Haven, Price, Taylor, Jake, Andrew and Paisely; two sisters, Louise Benson and June (Frank) Porcaro of Sault Ste. Marie; two brothers, Ronald (Orzel) LaJoice of Trout Lake, and James (Martha) English of Caledonia, Mich.; two step-children, Joanne (Gary) Brown of Portage and Kathleen (Eric) VanGoeye of Plainwell; six step-grandchildren, Tyler, Stuart, Melina, Caleb, Cameron

A mass of Chistian burial was celebrated and internment took place at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

and Cole.



Elma J. "Happy" Brendel and her brother, Edward "Buck" Lahti, passed away a month to the day of each other.

#### ELMA J. BRENDEL

Elma J. "Happy" Brendel, 67, of Sugar Island, Mich., and Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, 2007, at her home on Sugar Island. She was born on Sugar Island on Jan. 6, 1940, to the late Ensio and Emily (Mendoskin) Lahti.

Elma was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She married Don Brendel on May 6, 1982 in Corpus Christi, Texas. She

worked hand in hand with her husband in their construction business in Texas for many years.

Elma is survived by her husband Don; four daughters, Pamela (Cox) Westbrook, Cheryl (Cox) Becker, and Roberta (Cox) Hargraves, all of Corpus Christi, and Dorsey (Cox) Rocco of Des Moine, Iowa; one son, Albert Cox Jr. of Corpus Christi; one step-son, Carl Brendel, also of Corpus Christi; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Esther (Franze) Shultz, Anne (Denny) McKelvie, and Dorothy (Russell) Shannon, all of Sugar Island; a brother, Skip (Anita) Lahti of Sugar Island; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Lahti of Alabama and Cathy Lahti of Sugar Island, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Buck Lahti and Emil Lahti; and a step-son, Stan Brendel.

Visitation was held on Sept. 12 at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagiizhik Building. Funeral services were held on Sept. 13 at the Cultural Center.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Condolences may also be left online at www.csmulder.com.

#### EDWARD LAHTI

Funeral services for Edward Charles "Buck" Lahti, 69, of Wilsonville, Ala, were held Aug. 11, 2007, at Bolton-Letlow Chapel. Burial followed at Columbiana City Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the services at the funeral home.

Mr. Lahti, who passed away on Aug. 9, 2007, at a local hospital, was born on March 20, 1938, on Sugar Island. He was owner of Lahti's Personal Care Home in Wilsonville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine Lahti; and a brother, Emil Lahti.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Lahti; daughter Brenda Maxwell; stepchildren Jay Stewart, Debbie Gentry, Deleah Holcombe, Dannell Mallory, Deanna Elliot; grandchildren, Christina Maxwell, Mason Maxwell; five step-grandchildren; brother, Ernest "Skip" Lahti; sisters, Elma Brendel, Esther Schultz, Anne McKelvie, Dorothy Shannon and other family and friends.

**Bolton-Letlow Funeral** Home assisted the family.

#### TION, PG. TAX EXEMP

for purchases of a vehicle, modular or mobile homes, building materials or home improvements, treaty commercial fishing expenses and taxes paid on tangible personal property acquired within tribal and trust lands for commercial use. All other provisions of the current tax agreement will remain in effect. Tribal members are still required to submit the 4013 tax form when filing their income taxes if they wish to obtain the

The new exemption policy now in effect requires tribal members to obtain and complete a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption for Sales and Use

annual sales and use tax refund.

Tax (Form 3998)" prior to a tax exempt purchase. Following the submission of a completed 3998 form, and as long as the tribal member is qualified to receive a tax exemption, a signed "letter of authorization or tax exemption certificate" will be issued. The original certificate must then be provided to the seller/ vendor prior to the purchase or at the time of purchase. A copy of the certificate

must also be retained by the buyer.

A signed "letter of authorization or tax exemption certificate" issued by the Sault Tribe waives a tribal member's obligation to provide payment

of state sales taxes during the time of the purchase. The tribal member must be eligible under the current tax agreement to lawfully receive a letter of authorization or tax exemption certificate.

The tribal member must provide the Sault Tribe Tax Office with the seller's contact information, the purchaser's contact information and specific details of the item to be purchased, all of which is required on the 3998 tax form. The only way to obtain a 3998 tax form is to contact Candace Blocher from the Sault Tribe Tax Office at

(906) 632-6281 or (906) 635-

Tax refunds under the old system are still being processed during this transition period; however, the processing of refunds via the 3996 form will most likely be discontinued and may occur without notice. To avoid any tax refund/exemption complications or delays, tribal members are instructed to begin using the new tax exemption process immediately by submitting a 3998 form prior to initiating a purchase that qualifies for a tax exemption.

"As long as tribal members call the tribal tax office, use the new form, and process their tax paperwork prior to making a major purchase; eligible tribal

members shouldn't encounter any problems," said Tax Office coordinator Candace Blocher. "According to the new procedure, tribal members must complete the tax paperwork and obtain a tax exemption certificate before paying for the tax exempt item," Blocher added.

For more information regarding the 3998 tax form, or to obtain specific information on tax exemptions related to tangible personal property to be affixed to real estate by a contractor (construction materials, for example) please visit the Sault Tribe's official Web site at www.saulttribe.com or visit www.michigan.gov/treasury.

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#### SUBMITTED BY ROBERT S. MENARD, CHAIRPERSON

Summary of Elderly Advisory Committee Meeting of Aug. 27, 2007:

Don Martin opened the meeting with a prayer.

A quorum was present. Eight regular voting members and three alternates participated.

Elder Services Director Holly Kibble, Education Director/Assistant Membership Services Director Angeline Matson, tribal attorney Courtney Kachur, YEA coordinators Rachel Mandelstamm, Francie Wyers, Patty Teeple and Kelly Constantino were the staff members present.

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

Nancy Allard of Unit 1 reported they will have a bake sale at their next monthly meeting as a fund raiser; are planning a trip to Greektown Sept. 4-6 and are planning a trip to Branson, Mo., Oct. 14-19.

Fannie Aslin, Unit II Newberry, said that they are getting ready for their powwow on September 15 and will be working on regalia Sept. 4-6.

There was no one in attenance to report for Unit II Hessel.

Arnold Frazier, Unit II Naubinway, reported they are planning for a trip to Branson, Mo., in September and are having a bake sale at the Naubinway Fall Fest on Sept. 8 and a fish fry on Sept. 15 in conjunction with local antique snowmobile swap, both as fund raisers.

Phyllis Colgrove and Bob St. Andrew, Unit III, reported they are planning a trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., (Dollywood) and a one-day trip to Pictured Rocks for those who can't go on the Dollywood trip; will feed the board of directors in October when the board meeting is held there; mentioned the Rendezvous of the Straits Powwow to be held in St. Ignace on Aug. 25-26 and will continue to have various fundraisers. They also said they are nearing completion of the application process to hold 50-50 raffles.

Jerome Peterson, Unit IV Manistique, reported they enjoyed their one-day trip to Grand Island on Aug. 23; are planning a trip to Hannahville to see the Marie Osmand show on Dec. 14 at the Island Resort and Casino and will have a prime rib dinner at the Manistique Tribal Center on Sept. 20.

Jerry Miller, Unit IV Escanaba, reported they are planning an overnight trip for those who couldn't make the Branson trip and, as of this writing, hadn't decided where they will go.

There was no one in attendance to report for Unit V Munising.

Gary Carr, Unit V Marquette, reported they are still considering a trip to Las Vegas later in the year, but are having problems with arrangements.

There were no tribal board of directors members in attendance to provide board members' comment at this place in the agenda.

Elder Services Director Holly Kibble reported the two elder picnics put on by the tribe went well with 160 participating at Manistique and 270 participating at the Sault; she requested news information for the *Elder Times* publication which is due soon; and she mentioned that budgets for several of the 10 programs she administers were being reviewed by the board today.

Three items were discussed under old business:

Attorney Courtney Kachur led a discussion on the role of elders in our tribal government. He indicated the board of directors is in agreement that tribal elders become more involved in the governance of the tribe through the Elderly Advisory Committee (EAC). He underscored the need to stay clear of the election process. He indicated the board expressed a willingness to include representatives of the EAC on the agenda for their meetings or workshops when requested to do so. The matter of how deeply involved the EAC should be in matters brought to unit subcommittees was discussed at great length. The consensus was that, when an issue is brought before a subcommittee by a tribal member from the area represented by that subcommittee, it should consider the matter and suggest a means for resolution. This may be as simple as suggesting that the matter be dealt with through existing channels, in other words, directing the complainant to the proper administrative person responsible for dealing with the type of issue. When the subcommittee considers a matter to have more far reaching ramifications, it should be brought to the Elderly Advisory Committee for consideration.

Attorney Kachur assisted the committee in amending the by-laws of the Elderly Advisory Committee, the parent organization, to make them consistent with those of the unit subcommittees and recently adopted 2007 goal number onje, which is aimed at re-establishing the traditional role of elders in tribal matters. The proposed language was adopted by the committee and is to be forwarded to the tribal board of directors for approval.

There was a brief discussion regarding the new section in the tribal newspaper titled *Elder Advisory Briefs*. The first two articles that had been submitted for inclusion in this section met with the approval of the group. Utilization of this asset is consistent with recently adopted 2007 goal number two, which is to inform the tribal community of the activities of their elders.

A telephone poll that had been taken by the chairperson to get authorization by committee members to include an introductory article in the first submission to the newspaper was verified according to the requirements set forth in the bylaws for such an action.

Three items were discussed under new business:

It was reported that progress in the review process of the proposed new Constitution is slow and that there is some concern in the community that the pace of the review could be an indication that there is reluctance by some members of the board of directors to bring the new document to a vote of the people. One comment was that there would be an "Indian war" if that occurred. The date of the next review meeting is uncertain at this time.

Education Director/Assistant Membership Services Director Angeline Matson and four Youth Education and Activities (YEA) coordinators presented on their programs and how they relate to the elders' goal to support interaction with our youth. They all indicated a willingness and desire to work with elders to accomplish good things for our young people. Chairperson Menard suggested each committee member go back to their subcommittee and see if there is support to donate \$100 toward a scholarship. It would be an Elders Scholarship in the amount of \$900. Also, a donation of \$25 from each subcommittee could be used as a prize for the best

essay from each subcommittee on *What a Tribal Elder Means to Me*. This contest could be directed to the younger children of our community. Either or both of these programs could be administered by Angeline Matson and her group. This matter will be an agenda item in September.

There was discussion on who was eligible to participate in subcommittee recreation trips. It was the consensus that each subcommittee has the discretion to establish their own rules governing this matter.

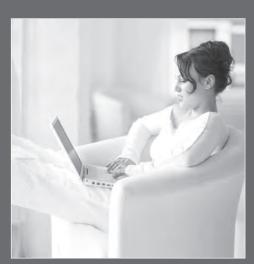
Comments were offered under the questions/comments from elderly audience section of the agenda on the availability to purchase the motel complex adjacent to the Christmas Casino and the matter of membership vote versus board of directors' vote on the Inland Hunting, Fishing and Gathering pact being negotiated with the state of Michigan.

The next meeting of the Elderly Advisory Committee is scheduled for Sept. 24, 2007.

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### d Consider being a foster parent Make a difference in the life of chil

Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) is in need of caring individuals who can provide a safe and nurturing home environment for children who have been placed out of their home due to abuse or neglect. Foster care is founded on the premise that all children have the right to physical care and educational and emotional nurturance. The family foster care program is designed to provide a substitute family life experience for a child in a household that has been approved and licensed. A relative may become licensed or may be unlicensed. ACFS makes every effort to place children with a relative if possible. The majority placements made for children removed from their parents care are with relatives; however, there is still a significant need for Native American homes in the Sault

Tribe's seven-county service

A lack of tribal foster homes results in placements with non-Native homes.

Children may need foster care for temporary or extended periods of time. The primary goal during foster care is to reunite children with their parents. The foster family plays an important role in the treatment plan for the child and family. Under the "team" approach, foster parents or relatives, together with the ACFS worker, attempt to provide the specific kind of help a child and his family need to reunite them.

When children cannot be reunited with their parents, the children are prepared for permanent placement, with relatives or non-related adoptive families. The majority of adoptions done by ACFS are with relatives or other Native



American families. During a 5-year span from 2002 to 2006, ACFS has completed 53 adoptions, and 47 of those adoptions were with relatives or other tribal families. The ACFS goal is 100 percent relative or tribal member adoptions. However,

because of the lack of approved homes, ACFS has placed six children in non-Native/non-relative homes. Under certain circumstances, foster families may adopt children in their care. When adoption is not possible, the goal is to prepare the youth for independent living.

Foster care is seen as a short term solution to an emergency situation. ACFS needs committed individuals who are:

Willing to work with the child's birth parents;

Supportive of efforts to return the child home;

Able to work with children who have significant emotional and behavioral needs; and

Able to encourage teens toward independent living.

Foster parents are not required to own their own home, be married or give up their jobs to stay home fulltime in order to care for foster children. They may be renting an apartment or they may be single. Those interested may apply for daycare payments for the time that they are working or continuing their education.

To become a foster care parent, applicants must:

Complete a licensing application;

Successfully complete background clearances for all adult household members;

Provide medical statements for all household members;

Pass an environmental inspection (when applicable);

Provide three acceptable ref-

Pass on-site visits to the home by the licensing worker; Attend training pertinent to foster care issues.

For more information about becoming a foster parent, call (906) 495-1232 or (800) 347-

### Scavenger Challenge 2007

The fifth annual Scavenger Challenge, based on the popular TV show Survival, took place Aug. 24 at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Over \$600 in proceeds were raised from the event to benefit the tribe's Advocacy Resource Center. First place winners were Newell and Tanya Vierra, second place was Sam Gurnoe and Lucy Pavlat, and in third was Maggie Carr and Frank Ortiz.





Teams had to grab a small fish from a child's swimming pool, pictured above, left, and place it in a bucket. Participants tossed a line with a weight attached into the St. Marys River where plastic rings were waiting to be hooked and reeled in, pictured above, right.



READY, SET, GO! — Once given the word, teams ran from inside the casino to see who would be the first to reach their cars to follow clues to destinations around town where they were required to perform different activities. The first three teams to finish received cash prizes along with raffles and door prizes.

### New legal secretary joins **Advocacy Resource Center**

SAULT STE. MARIE-Vanessa Owaski was hired as a legal secretary at Anishnabek Community and Family Service es (ACFS) Advocacy Resource Center. She will be working for Legal Aid.

Owaski started Aug. 27 and her work is clerical in nature, such as filing paperwork at various courts. "It's a very nice work environment with wonderful co-workers," she said, after a week on the job.

The 25-year old Sault Tribe member was born and raised in the Sault. She is a recent graduate of Lake Superior State University, where she earned her associate's in business administration. She also has experience in the tribal organization, having worked as a court reporter for Tribal Court before



Vanessa Owaski

obtaining her degree.

Owaski has found a job that is compatible with her degree, where she can pursue new challenges, and do something meaningful. "I took an interesting job," she said. "And and it's rewarding work."

### Talking with your teen: tips for parents Teenagers are no longer he or she talks, demonstrating

children, but they are not yet adults. While teenagers are developing more independent thoughts, feelings, and values, it is only natural for them to question their parents' rules, beliefs, and expectations. As teenagers are testing their new independent roles, it's not an easy time for parents. But if teens don't get love, security, and a feeling of safety from their family, they might look elsewhere, even toward friends who are a bad influence. Certain basic understandings are helpful for parents and other adult authority figures responsible for teenagers. The following tips are useful for adults who are working to develop healthy, stable relationships with teens:

Be attentive. Stop whatever you're doing and give your teen your full attention when

you truly care.

- Show respect. Don't talk down to your teen. Keep in mind he or she may have different opinions than you and that's okay. With mature discussion, he or she can understand your point of view, whether you are in agreement
- Work together. You still need rules for curfews, chores, homework, driving privileges, and so forth. Show your teen you care about and understand their feelings by working together to devise a set of rules. If these rules are broken, discuss what went wrong. Emphasize your feelings, not your teen's behavior.
- Be brief. Try not to lecture stop talking before your teen stops listening.
- Reinforce support. Remind your teen often that you are

available and willing to discuss problems. Don't force it, but be clear in offering to help make decisions or handle difficult situations.

For parents, seeing their children grow into adults with ideas, opinions and personalities all their own is one of the greatest rewards; clear communication can make a positive difference in your relationship. (Source: "Communicating With Your Teenager," Child Welfare League of America)



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# Special needs education scholarship announced

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved four \$1,000 scholarships to assist tribal members with a documented or acknowledged physical or mental disability.

Two scholarships are for members up to age 18. Two

scholarships are for members 18 and older.

The scholarships may be used for any purpose related to enhancing the tribal member's educational goals or learning abilities.

Scholarship applications are

available now and the deadline is Oct. 31, 2007. Contact Janice Lewton at (800) 793-0660, ext. 56537 or edujanic@saulttribe. net. Scholarship applications may also be downloaded from the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com.

### 2007 Special Needs Education Scholarship APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED OCTOBER 1-31

The purpose is to assist Sault Tribe Members with a (documented or acknowledged) physical or mental disability which hinders the pursuit of their educational goals. Maximum amount available is \$1000. Total of four (4) scholarships available per calendar year. Two (2) are for students younger than 18 and two (2) are for students ages 18 and older.

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Any questions? Contact Janice Lewton Toll-free at: (800) 793-0660, ext. 56537 Fax: (906) 635-7785

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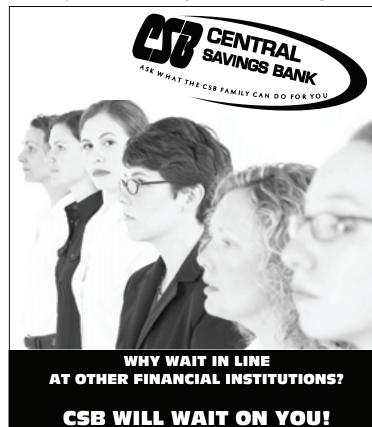
### Munising Schools host Anishinaabe Days



Photo by Jimmy Richardson

TIDBITS FROM MUNISING — Anishnaabe Days of Life of Lake Superior took place this year at Negaunee and Ishpeming. Kate Peterson and Peggy Derwin hosted this event for Munising Schools Native Education Program. Youth and adults were treated to the history of the iron ore industry and the part our Native people played in its discovery. We were guided in the footsteps of our people as we toured "old Negaunee" and the mining museum. Teal Lake Singers ended our tour with a drum and dance presentation.

Jimmy Richardson is a 6th grade student at Munising Schools.



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# Attention community members

### Free GED classes

Beginning September 10, 2007, Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center is offering free GED classes and testing at the JKL Bahweting School, 1301 Marquette Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, at the middle school building in back. Classes meet Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. and you do not need to be a tribal member or employee to attend.

For additional information contact George H. Snider, Consolidated Community Schools Services, (906) 632-6098.

## After School homework help for Munising students

After school homework help began Sept. 10 for all students in grades 3-5. Children will meet directly after school with sessions ending at 4:20 Monday – Thursday. This is a perfect time for students to finish their homework with assistance from tutors.

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### Final results of the Let's get **Moving Kewadin! Program**

The Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Program, a 15-week physical activity and healthy eating challenge, has drawn to a close. Ten teams participated this year, including all five of the Kewadin Casinos, the Sault Tribe Health Center. the Manistique Tribal Health Center, the Munising Tribal Health Center, Chi Mukwa and the Chippewa County Health Department.

The Kewadin Casinos team members logged a total of 28,175 miles with Manistique Casino taking the honors for the most miles logged per participant. Team members at the Manistique Casino averaged 497 miles per participant throughout the 15-week program. Grand prize winners of a \$50 gift certificate were Sandy Holt at the Sault Ste. Marie Casino, Peggy Noah at the St. Ignace Casino and Connie Huffman at the Hessel Casino.

Teams from the Sault Tribe community also enjoyed the challenge with Manistique

Tribal Health Center participants coming in first place by logging over 6,000 miles. The community teams together logged a grand total of 13,928 miles of physical activity. Grand prize winners for the community teams won \$20 gift certificates for Dunham's Sports. Sault Tribe elder Betty Knight won for the Sault Tribe Health Center. Other winners were Susan Hill from the Chippewa County Health Department, Lynn Heyrman-Edmunds, a clinic nurse at the Munising Tribal Health Center; Connie Leask from Chi Mukwa and Jill Richard from the Manistique Tribal Health Center.

Even though the Let's Get Moving challenge has ended, that does not mean you should not challenge yourself to getting adequate amounts of physical activity and fruits and veggies. September is National Eat Five to Nine for Better Health Month and you can find tips and recipes to help increase your fruit

and vegetable consumption at www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org. You can also access great tips to add activity and cut calories at the Web site www. americaonthemove.org.

We can all make changes in our environment that can help make it easier for us to make healthy choices. We are bombarded by unhealthy choices everywhere we go but we do not have to give in and give up. When you are watching TV, leave the room during the commercials and use the break to accomplish tasks that add movement like vacuuming or sweeping the floor. Pre-wash and cut up fruits and veggies to grab from the refrigerator rather than a handful of chips or a candy bar. Take the time to eat dinner at the table with family members. Conversation can help you avoid overeating before you feel full.

Let's keep moving and continue to add fruits and vegetables to our diet. This is the challenge!

### September is National **Cholesterol Education Month**

By MICHELLE WILLIS, COMMUNITY HEALTH **EDUCATOR** 

What is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke but has no warning signs? It is high blood pressure and cholesterol. Blood Pressure and cholesterol can be managed but it is important to know your numbers. Your health provider can offer quick easy tests to determine your levels. September is National Cholesterol Month and a good time to check your LDL (bad cholesterol), HDL (good cholesterol) and triglyc-

If your total cholesterol level falls below 200mg/dl, you have a lower risk of experiencing coronary heart disease as long as you also continue to eat smart, stay physically active, avoid tobacco smoke and chewing tobacco, and continue to monitor your numbers on a regular basis as you age.

If your total cholesterol levels are between 200-239mg/dl, you are borderline high and your health provider will probably want to find out your exact levels of LDL, HDL, and triglycerides. Your physician

may decide that medication and steps toward prevention may be right for you. On the bright side, it is possible to have normal LDL (bad cholesterol) levels and have high HDL (good cholesterol).

People with a total cholesterol level of 240mg/dl or higher have twice the risk of coronary heart disease than those whose cholesterol is 200mg/dl. What can you do to lower your cholesterol and blood pressure?

The American Heart Association offers these tips on their Web site, see more at www.americanheart.org:

• Eat a nutritious, well-bal-

- anced diet low in saturated fats and cholesterol that includes lots of fruits, vegetables and fat-free dairy products.
- Eat no more than six ounces per day of cooked meat, seafood or poultry.
- Choose lean cuts of meat, trim all visible fat and throw away the fat that cooks out of
- Use a minimal amount of fats and oils, usually no more than 5–8 teaspoons per day.
- Use less salt. Limit the amount of salty foods you eat.

### Celebrate Family Health and Fitness Day with a fall outing

On Sept. 29, families across the nation will be getting together to celebrate the eleventh annual Family Health and Fitness Day. "Our goals for Family Health and Fitness Day are to emphasize the importance and fun of regular physical activity and to encourage families of all ages to take advantage of the many health and fitness programs offered in their communities," said Pat Henze, project director.

Gather family and friends and find something everyone can enjoy. Getting enough

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physical activity in a day doesn't mean you have to head to the gym. Games are always a great choice. Ball games where you are kicking, throwing, or tossing can stretch and build fitness levels without feeling like work. Don't have any equipment? Look to nature to supply what you need. The leaves are changing color and many of the bugs have gone to sleep; it's a great time to take the family on a hike. Being out on the trails may inspire you to make your own games using sticks, rocks, acorns, or pine

The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone try to get at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity on most days of the week. Children often need at least an hour and a half every day. Moderate activity may include a brisk walk, playing with the kids, house cleaning, snow shoveling, washing windows, pushing a stroller, walking upstairs or raking leaves.

For more information go to www.fitnessday.com/family.

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Sulander, diabetes case manager at (906) 341-8442 or toll free at (866) 401-0043, or Munising — Becky Sadler

# When it comes to diabetes, denial can kill

Editor's note: After a long interruption, Diabetes Nurse Educator Mary Ann Stott is resuming her story of a young girl named Waabanangikwe who is on a journey to find out more about diabetes.

#### By Mary Ann Stott, BSN

The warmth of summer is leaving and Waabanangikwe knows it is time to continue her journey to learn more about diabetes and the impact it has on her people. When she tells her family, they encourage her to meet a tribal member who has a strong message to give. Her name is Bonnie McKerchie Spring (pictured below) and when Waabanangikwe goes to her home she is greeted with a soft voice of welcome and told to come in and to make herself comfortable.

Waabanangikwe notices that Bonnie has a young face, but she has trouble moving and seems short of breath. Without having to ask, Bonnie begins to share her story. Her voice becomes stronger with the passion she has for giving this message to her people.

When Bonnie was told she had diabetes she thought she knew enough about this disease, but now knows that there were a lot of things she didn't know. Everyone is different and if you don't take care of yourself and deal with diabetes you can lose your sight, have foot problems, have your limbs removed, damage your heart, have kidney disease, and be unable to take care of yourself anymore.

Bonnie turned her head toward Waabanangikwe with

eyes that could not see, and said, "I am living with limited sight, severe heart problems, kidneys that no longer work and the possibility that my life may end at anytime. Denial can kill you and hurts everyone in your life. Don't do what I did! Don't think it can't happen! Don't think it can't happen to you! This life is precious and family is important. You need to be with your family and celebrate this life."

Then Bonnie, with a mischievous smile, said, "Every day you wake up above the dirt is a good day." She tells Waabanangikwe that she is living life as fully as she can and is not afraid of the next journey when this life is over. Her family is her priority and she treasures anytime she gets to spend with the little ones.

Waabanangikwe sees the wisdom of this tribal member and promises to share her powerful message. The teaching is that you need to learn about your diabetes and how to take care of yourself. This teaching is a gift that if followed promises a better life for her people. Waabanangikwe thanked Bonnie for her teaching and left with the knowledge that each step of her journey will bring more understanding.

Contact for the Sault Tribe Diabetes Program are Sarah Willey, ANP, BC-ADM, CDE diabetes nurse specialist, (906) 632-5231; Mary Ann Stott, BSN, diabetes nurse educator, 632-5209; and Linda Cook, BSN, diabetes nurse educator, 632-5288.



## MSU Extension providing free child care training

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Licensed in-home or center providers, relative care providers, aides, foster parents, and parents are all welcome and encouraged to attend the Better Kid Care training sessions provided by Michigan State University Extension. Classes will be held at the Chippewa County Department of Human Services (formally called the Family Independence Agency) Conference room located at 463 East 3 Mile Road in Sault Ste.

The series starts Oct. 22 and concludes Dec. 12. All 12 sessions are from 6 to 9 p.m.

Those who register and complete the entire 12 sessions will receive their CPR training free of cost and receive 3.6 CEUs. Participants are encouraged to register for all the sessions or can pick and choose. Each session is worth three hours of personal development credit. A light meal will be provided at each session. Registration is required. Call the Chippewa County MSU Extension office at 635-6368 to register.

For additional information contact MSU Extension educator Tracie Abram at (906) 586-6001. To register call (906) 635-6368

# Team member benefits and incentives: Part 1

Editor's note: This is part 1 of a four-part series about the benefits of being employed by the tribe.

### SUBMITTED BY BARB GRAVELLE, HR RECRUITER

The Sault Tribe is a competitive employer that offers many great benefits to its team members. In fact, there are so many benefits that offering one comprehensive list for publication was impossible. Part 1 outlines

exactly what benefits and incentives are available for current team members.

Below is a list of the most commonplace benefits that are available.

Each of these benefits may require a team member to work a certain amount of time before they are eligible to receive it. If you have any questions, please call the Human Resource Department at (866) 635-7032.

Please check the next issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung* for Part 2, a list of team member recognition bonuses that are available.

If you know of anyone thinking about employment with the Sault Tribe, please share these great benefits with them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (906) 635-4937, toll free, (866) 635-7032, or bgravelle@saulttribe.net.

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| BENEFITS                                                                   | Casino                                                      | Governmental                                                | EDC                                                         | Construction                                                |  |
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| Life Insurance                                                             | 30 Hrs / WK<br>50,000 – 100,000                             |  |
| Vacation                                                                   | Part-Time<br>10-30 Days/Year                                | Part-Time<br>10-15 Days/Year                                | Part-Time<br>5-20 Days/Year                                 |                                                             |  |
| Sick                                                                       | Part-Time<br>4 Days                                         | Part-Time<br>12 Days                                        | Part-Time<br>5 Days                                         |                                                             |  |
| Personal Days                                                              | Part-Time<br>1- 2 Days                                      |                                                             |                                                             | Part-Time<br>5 Days                                         |  |
| Holidays                                                                   | Part-Time<br>Premium Pay – 2<br>Holidays                    | Part-Time<br>Paid - OFF                                     | Part-Time<br>Premium Pay – 7<br>Holidays (MidJim<br>Only)   |                                                             |  |
| Long Term<br>Disability                                                    | 30 Hrs / WK                                                 |  |
| OPTIONAL COVERAGE: AFLAC, Short Term Disability, Additional Life Insurance | 30 Hrs / WK                                                 |  |

### October is Breast Cancer

### **Awareness Month**

SUBMITTED BY AMANDA LEONARD

Breast cancer awareness workshops will be held at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center:

Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15, from 12 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All workshops will be fun with food, refreshments and prizes. PRIZES! Did someone say PRIZES? Yes, we sure did. Attend and you could be the next winner of one of these great prizes:

- One 16 x 20 wall portrait from North Pointe Imaging,
- One free hair cut from Total Outlook,
- Three 100-minute tanning coupons from Pure Raydiance Salon,
- One greeting card organizer

from Haller's Hallmark,

- One gift bag from Superior Impressions,
- One gift certificate from Das Gift Haus,
- One free massage from Looks Unlimited,

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Please RSVP by calling Amanda at 632-5237, or e-mail aleonard@saulttribe.net

Are you on the right track? Yes, you may eat right! Yes, ou may exercise! Yes, you may sel healthy, but have you taken

you may exercise! Yes, you may feel healthy, but have you taken the necessary steps for your breast health? Take this breast health quiz to see where you stand!

#### QUIZ

- 1. I do monthly breast self exams.
- A. Yes, every month! B. Every so often. C. No, but I should.
  - 2. I have had a clinical

breast exam done for this year.

- A. Yes! B. I have an appointment scheduled. C. NO, but I should schedule an appointment today!
- 3. My yearly mammogram has been completed (women 40 years old and over).
- A. Yes, it's done! B. Glad to say I have an appointment scheduled! C. Oops, I better get that done.

If you chose all "A" answers, then give yourself a pat on the back! You're taking great care of your body! If you answered all "B" responses, you're on the right track to complete breast health! If you've answered all "C" selections, now is the time to start taking care of yourself: Make breast self-exams a monthly routine and schedule you're appointment for your clinical breast exam and mammogram today.

### Contract Health applications

Everyone must update with Contract Health every year. Current copies 1040 tax form and insurance cards or other medical or presription coverage information is needed. To request an application, contact Carol Pages- Montie, CHS certifier, at (906) 632-5220 or (800) 922-0582. Please note that Contract Health is not an insurance. It is never a guaranteed coverage for your medical bills.

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### Whys and wherefores of spiritual gatherings

Editor's note: In this issue, a new column, called "Ask the Aunties," is introduced. The purpose of this new column is to answer questions from the membership about cultural activities and events, such as gatherings, powwows, feasts or naming ceremonies, just to name a few. If the Aunties can't asnwer your question, they will refer you to someone who can. To ask the Aunties a question, write to the newspaper office: Win Awenen Nisitotung, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or email your question to: communications@saulttribe.net.

Dear Aunties:

Can you tell me what a "Spiritual Gathering" is?

Boozhoo!

Let me get my tea and a piece of fry bread and I will gather the rest of the Aunties together. After much consideration, and several pieces of fry bread later, the Aunties had a few things to share.

A Spiritual Gathering is a coming together of the four races of humankind.

All colors are always welcome in the Anishinaabek circle, as our Medicine Wheel Teachings instruct us. Here, at this sacred place, there is a Grandfather Fire lit. You can put some Asemaa (Tobacco) in it with a prayer. Pipe carriers will be present, and you can offer Asemaa to their pipes as well. There will be songs shared, and the pipe carriers will speak for a while (usually with their Pipes or an Eagle Feather) and then the rest of the people will share as well. You



do not have to speak if you don't wish to. Simply say "Megwech" and pass the Feather on. Each person will have an opportunity to share what is in their hearts or on their minds. It is a place to feel comfortable, and to reconnect with our vibrant heritage. In the circle, we often hear stories, old teachings, and sometimes prophecies. Then again, you might hear a story about how the cat fell into the bucket of fish guts. There is just no telling what might happen at one of those Spiritual Gatherings. There is one thing for sure that the Aunties all agree on, however. When you're there...it feels like home, and there's always a hot meal waiting for you.

Megwech. Come on back and visit sometime.

(The opinions and views of the Aunties may not reflect the opinions of this newspaper, the Sault Tribe, or any of its employees or affiliates. Furthermore, although we are all Anishinaabek, we understand things from our own unique perspectives. Therefore, it is our intention that no one will regard the contents of this column as absolute.)

### What is your role as an Aniishinaabe? 👟



t attending the Three Fires

At left, above, Nathan Wright attending the Three Fires Confederacy, sitting with mentors.

#### By Nathan Wright

When I danced at the Garden River powwow in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario this past August, I was told by Creator to keep the faith. At this moment, I do not know what this means.

Almost all Aniishinaabek have been victims of some type of abuse or neglect growing up. I believe a lot of this was caused by loss of generational knowledge. Because of displacement and assimilation of Indian people by the U.S. government over the last few hundred years (relocation, boarding schools etc.); we have lost valuable teachings from our ancestors.

Our generational teachings make each of us stronger. For example, families pass down sayings, "you have two ears and one mouth." A teaching for a person to spend more time listening rather than talking. These sayings are valuable lessons; a person that lives with those teachings will have an easier time going through life. They have the right tools to use, a protocol to follow.

There are families in

America whose generational knowledge transfer has never been interrupted. They have the knowledge of their grandfathers and great, great grandfathers. This is powerful knowledge to have. Imagine having a lifetime of all of your ancestors passed down to you!

I believe most Anishinaabe have two or three generations of knowledge transfer. Lack of generational knowledge transfer is the reason why we as Indian people need to become more aware of who we are, and our role to our people. This includes education (college, cultural teachings, talking to our elders). We need to not only educate our minds but our hearts.

Unfortunately some of the generational teachings passed do us more harm than good. We carry the knowledge of substance abuse from the pain of the first generation of our ancestors whose cultural identity was stolen. As their world changed, they did not recover from the pain they were suffering, generation after generation this pain has been passed down to their children. "Hurt people, hurt people. Broken people, break people." We as a people should not allow this suffering to continue.

Recently I healed from some traumatic experiences I had in my life. When I let those things go, I was able to focus and accomplish my goals. These barriers are now behind me. Pain can hold us back from being who we really are. I encourage our people to explore these feelings for understanding. We need to forgive those who hurt us. In most cases, they were hurt too.

My father, Mike Wright passed away last year. His teachings put me on the red path I follow today. I learned at the Three Fires Confederacy Gathering (which to me is like the super bowl of culture for Aniishinaabe) held in August in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario,



Photo by Nathan Wright

Above, the largest longhouse built, for the Three Fires Confederacy in Garden River.

that my father's teachings were not as unique as I once believed. His teachings came from a larger cultural movement, they came from the Midewiwin people of the Three Fires Confederacy; a collective of Anishinaabe generational knowledge. This generational knowledge was retained by hundreds of Anishinaabe families and can be relearned.

I once said to a medicine man, we did not have a lot of medicine men in our community. He looked at me and said, "every community in Indian Country has enough medicine men, pipe carriers, regalia makers etc." He continued, "some of them may not have awakened yet to take their role."

If you went to the Three Fires Confederacy Gathering with me, you may have been guided closer to understanding what your role is as an Aniishinabe. You would know how powerful it is to realize you are a part of something larger than you ever imagined. You are Aniishinaabe my niiji (friend); you have a part in this great Aniishinaabe Nation. Don't deny who you are! Embrace and learn about what was lost. Learn what your heart is telling you to learn.

It is imperative that we as a tribe continue to teach culture to our people so they can awaken and be aware of their role. We need to rebuild this lost generational knowledge within our own tribe. By doing so, we are essentially repairing ourselves

and our future generations. All

of our children should become fluent in our language. I pray all Anishinaabe nations, bands, tribes place as a top priority. Without our language, we will have lost our greatest generational teaching.

I will leave you with this important message from one of our great cultural leaders from this area to think about: "We can go back again to what we left behind. We can love and unite together. It was the religion of the white man that caused our separation from one another. We, the Ojibway, are a big nation. We, here, are just a small part of it. We must work together. We got to stand firm and pray. We got to offer our tobacco to the Great Spirit. We must go back to that. He, the Great Spirit, will answer us." The late Dan Pine – Garden

Perhaps this article is what the Great Spirit wanted. Perhaps

I am now "keeping the faith." Faith in myself, faith in you, faith in we as Aniishinabek. Faith our Anishinabek culture will continue to grow and our teachings will help settle the conflicts within our tribe. Faith in the creator and faith that you will find your role as a Bahweting Anishinabe. Ne kan eh ga na (all my relations)

Related resources: http:// www.threefiresconfederacy.org/: Garden River Powwow & Three Fires Confederacy; Gathering photos here: http://www. wright.net; recommended upcoming Sault Tribe Cultural Division teachings: History Dept.: Contemporary Ojibwa Leadership, Culture Camps, Powwows; Training Dept.: What Was Never Told.

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### Three Fires Confederacy gathers on Garden River

By RICK SMITH

Indigenous nations of the Three Fires Confederacy from the United States and Canada gathered on the Garden River Reservation in Ontario for the first time in 15 years during the week of August 20-24.

Garden River is just east of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., on the north shore of the St. Mary's River where about 2,000 members of the band inhabit nearly 52,000 acres of land they call Ketegaunseebee, "The Creator's Garden."

The purpose of the gathering was to bring the people of the nations in the confederacy throughout the United States and Canada together in a traditional form to air important matters of their mutual past, present and future.

Traditional ceremonies and celebrations were observed at the gathering along with a pow-

Additionally, the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the Shingwauk Education Trust and adoption of a 2007 confederacy declaration were slated for action.

Most of the talks focused on threats to traditions and future generations due to failures of widespread present-day customs. Discussions also



Photo by Rick Smith

(Left to right) Chiefs of Ontario Grand Council Chief John Beaucage, Anishinaabek Nation, and Garden River First Nation Chief Lyle Sayers listen as Grand Chief Edward Benton-Benai, Three Fires Society, speaks at the plenary discussion on the Declaration of the Three Fires Confederation 2007 Gathering in Garden River, Ont., on Aug. 23. The discussion and passage of the declaration was one of the last items on the agenda for the five-day gathering on Aug. 20-24.

centered on what actions can and are being taken to resolve those threats. Some of the topics included the desecration of Mother Earth, government-togovernment issues, fisheries, culture, credibility, education,

family relationships, respect, responsibility, language and health.

The Shingwauk Education Trust is a First Nations institute fostering aboriginal student retention and graduate rates,

and community healing.

The 2007 Three Fires Confederacy Declaration addressed multiple, present-day indigenous concerns (see text of declaration on this page).

A spokeswoman for the

Sault Tribe historian

Art Leighton (right) was

recently surprised with a

Tribe Chairperson Aaron

**Payment and Associate** 

**Executive Director Kristi** 

Little in recognition of

Leighton having been

bestowed with an aca-

demic doctorate in his-

tory. Leighton received

**Purdue University in West** 

Lafayette, Ind., last Aug.

4. He was given a "Keep

My Fires Burning" blan-

ket from the Pendleton

Woolen Mills' Legendary

Collection series of blan-

kets. The design of the

blanket is a tribute to

his doctorate from

confederacy said about 2,000 participants in symposiums on governance and culture represented over 600 First Nations along with a large contingent from tribes in the United States.

Among the many dignitaries and officials attending were Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine, Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse, Chiefs of Ontario Grand Council Chief John Beaucage, Garden River First Nation Chief Lyle Sayers, Three Fires Society Grand Chief Edward Benton Benai, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, representatives of the Saginaw Chippewa Ziibiwing Cultural Center, the Walpole Island Heritage Centre, universities and student organizations from the U.S. and Canada.

The Three Fires Confederacy is an ancient alliance of the Anishinabek people of the three nations of the Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi tribes within Canada and the United States.

A Three Fires Confederacy gathering is anticipated for 2008 and reports indicate Anishinaabek communities in Manitoba and Michigan have expressed interest in hosting the event.

### **NSWI ISHKODAY KAWN** ANISHINAABEK O'DISH KODAY KAWN (Three Fires Gathering of the Anishinaabek)

We the chiefs, chairpersons, councilors, headmen, headwomen and citizens present of the Three Fires Confederacy and allied nations that emanate from the historical Algonkian confederacy, united by blood, clan, land and spirituality including the Odawa Nation, Pottawotomi Nation and the Ojibway Nation and those allied nations including, but not limited to, the Menomineee, Ho-Chunk, Miami, Kickapoo, Algonquian, Sauk, Fox and

In free and open assembly before G'zhemanidoo, creation and humanity, this August 23, 2007, in Ketegaunseebee Anishinaabe erritory at Baawaating the people of the Three Fires Confederacy and allied nations do hereby declare:

- We recognize and acknowledge that the Spirit has always been the centre and foundation of the ways of our ancestors. Furthermore, through our participation at this Three Fires Confederacy gathering, we have felt and been nurtured by the Spirit to move forward in our lives with hope and it is the same connection to the Spirit that is our hope for the future.
- We recognize that we have revived a sense of our Anishinaabe historical and spiritiual unity.

- Our children are living vessels and it is our responsibility to protect, nurture and cultivate the knowledge of our ancestors for our children's future.
- That in education, our children must have a way of learning that is based on our story and our original ways of knowings and teachings.
- That each and every Anishinaabe person shall continue to advance the spiritual, political and social well being of our nation.
- That each and every Anishinaabe person shall work to overcome the immoral shackles of colonialism that plague our nation, including overcoming the colonial boundaries that segregate us.
- That our ways in which we govern ourselves, our communities and our confederacy and how we relate to one another is rooted in the clan system.
- We direct that a clan system model be developed based on the priorities identified by this confederacy, namely: Anishinaabemowin language, governance, lands and resources, judiciary, cultural based education, citizenship and the economy. That any sovereign Anishinaabek community may share responsibilities identified in the clan system model.
- Alliances and treaties will continue amongst ourselves

and with other nations and must be in keeping with the original spirit and intent of our ways or relating with one another as nations.

- That the means for our health and well being must be based on our orginal ways of healing.
- That our relationship with Mother Earth and her land and environment and, most importantly, the water which is the source of all life, nourishing and sustaining all her children throughout the world, is the responsibility of Anishinaabek by virtue of our sacred covenant to look after the well being of our beautiful and sacred Mother.
- We look ahead to the re-kindling of the sacred confederacy flame, walking in the footsteps of Pontiac, Tecumseh and Shingwauk and all our Anishinaabek ances-
- It is our direction and commitment to gather as the Three Fires Confederacy and allied nations each and every year in perpetuity.
- In unity, we direct our leadership of all levels to work with us in ensuring the successful implementation of this declaration.

We hear the echo of our grandfather, Dan Pine, and affirm his words, "Now that we have found the confederacy, we can never lose it again."

### Historian honored



Photos by Rick Smith

gift presentation by Sault Arthur Leighton PhD August 4, 2007

storytellers and is made of 82 percent wool and 18 percent cotton wrap. Leighton's blanket also bears his name and date of his doctorate in embroidery (see inset). Leighton conducts scheduled lunch hour sessions of Sault Tribe historical interest for members and employees at the former American Café.

### Moving



Tribal members! Before you move to your new address, call tribal enrollment to let them know where you are headed! That way you won't miss one issue

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### FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

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| 01/26/08 Ohio State                                               | 02/21/08 Northland                      | Baptist (Men's only)                  |  |  |
| 02/01/08 Ferris State Mail                                        | application and copy of tribal card to: | Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center |  |  |
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| 11/23/07                                                                                   | Lake Superior State  | 01/20/08                           | Hillsdale                                         |  |
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### Free LSSU and NMU Athletic **Tickets for Sault** Tribe Members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA **DUMBACK, RECREATION** FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for Lake Superior State University and/or Northern Michigan University hockey and basketball tickets, Tribal members must fill out the Free Ticket Application(s) and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application(s), along with a copy of your tribal card, to the address indicated on each by Oct. 10, 2007. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining

Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications.



### **Fall Skating** Schedule

**Lunch Skate** Mondays 12:15-1:35 p.m. \$2 for everyone Tribal members free, 5 and under free **Public Skating** Saturdays & Sundays 2:30-4:20 p.m. \$3 Adults, \$2 Students/Seniors. Tribal members free, 5 and under free Toddler/Adult Skate (5 and under, 18 and over) Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:15-1:35 p.m. \$2 for everyone **Drop-In Hockey** (16 and over) Wednesday & Friday 12:15-1:05 p.m.

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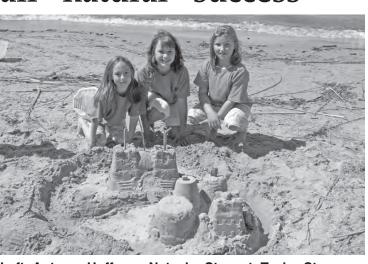
Call 635-RINK.

6:15-7:05 p.m. \$50 for two participants. Participants must be able to stand alone or with the assistance of a skate aid bar for duration of lesson. Free.

October 3-October 24

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## Bear Necessity Program all "natural" success



Left: Autumn Hoffman, Natasha Stewart, Taylor Storey. First place sand castle-building contest.

On Friday, July 13, A Bear Necessity Summer Recreation Program took a trip to Brimley State Park to conclude the week's theme "All About Nature." The children participated in a variety of activities while at the park and learned about trees, leaves and insects. Activities included a scavenger hunt, practice using fishing poles and plastic fish, compass education, and fish-themed arts and crafts. At the end of the day, a sand castle building con-

test was held.

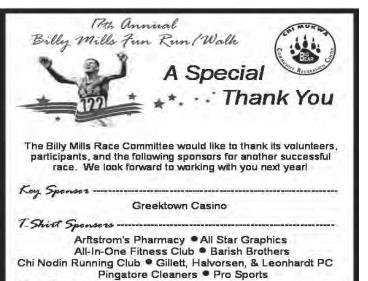
A theme is given to every week of the 10-week summer recreation program. So far, children have engaged in activities for sports week, technology week, American week, and nature week. On the 27 of July, the children will be taking a trip to the Garlyn Zoo in Naubinway to celebrate Animal Week. For more information regarding youth programs at Chi Mukwa, please contact Christina at (906) 635-4777.

### Red Hacker winners



Photo by Rex Matchinski

WINNERS — Pictured above is Matt Thibeault, Joe Rocco, Hayden Murray, and David Uren from one of the winning basketball teams at the Red Hacker Basketball tournament that took place on August 4 at Chi Mukwa.



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# From Copper Harbor to Sterling Heights; law enforcement officers run 750 miles for Special Olympics Michigan

By Brenda Austin

From Copper Harbor in Michigan's upper peninsula to Sterling Heights, a suburb of Detroit, law enforcement officers ran a total of 750 miles in the Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay in an effort to raise donations and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan.

This year's goal is to raise \$350,000. "The Torch Run itself will raise between \$50,000 and \$80,000," said Eric Morgan, corrections officer at the Chippewa Regional Facility in Kinross, Mich. "Our Polar Plunges raised about \$125,000 for the year. "The Polar Plunge is a hole cut in the ice and people in costumes make a donation or get pledges and then take a plunge in the ice-cold water. We also sponsor truck conveys during the truck show in St. Ignace, Jackson and Lansing to help with our fund-raising. The trucking companies donate money to the Special Olympics and decorate their trucks taking part in the convey for a contest. The tribe is also one of our sponsors; we greatly appreciate the Tribe's donation of \$5,000," he

Running through rain, wind, heat, at night and in the early morning cold, non-stop 24 hours a day, they all agreed it was worth the effort. The runners are in three teams of six officers each; one team from the Michigan Department of Corrections, one from the Fraternal Order of Police and the third from the Michigan State Police. Each team covers 30 miles at a time, with each team member running five of those miles every 10 hours. In order for the teams to stay on schedule they must maintain a pace of nine minutes a mile.

The Torch Run began at noon on Monday, Sept. 10, and ended Friday, Sept. 14. As their running shoes pounded away the 750 miles, Special Olympic



Photo by Brenda Austin

RUNNING FOR GOOD — From left, Craig Felix, Michigan State Police, Brighton, MI.; Eric Morgan, corrections officer, Chippewa Correctional Facility; Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe chairperson; Kendall Snow, probation agent, Ingham County; Laura Keiser, dental assistant from Jackson, Mich.; and Todd Williams, a Special Olympics Michigan runner from Petoskey, make it across the Mackinac Bridge.

athletes often greeted the law enforcement runners and sometimes run with them for a short distance. The route took the teams from Copper Harbor to Sault Ste. Marie, across the Mackinac Bridge, through Cheboygan, to Lansing then east to Detroit and south to Sterling Heights.

Special Olympic athlete Todd Williams, 27, joined the team on the north side of the Mackinac Bridge and ran with the officers over 30 miles to Indian River.

"I run 30 miles a day, five days a week," he said. Williams began participating in Special Olympics Michigan four years ago when he took first place in 100 and 800 meter runs and placed second in the 1,500 meter. "I run to test myself for endurance and speed. I once ran 68 miles in an endurance test before I couldn't go any more," Williams said.

As he runs he picks a target ahead of him and concentrates on reaching that goal before picking the next one. "I like to listen to nature as I run. I'm pumped up and ready to go," he said.

Todd's parents are Hank and Alvina Williams of Levering, Mich.

Detroit marathon runner David Katz, a Department of Corrections parole officer from Detroit, was excited about the idea of helping to make a difference on the lives of Michigan's special needs children and young adults.

Sault Tribe member Kevin Sweeney, with the Michigan State Police in Lansing, was tired after his morning run but ready to go again for the good of the cause by late afternoon. "The Special Olympic games are dependent on private donations, the money we raise goes a long ways in supporting these kids efforts," he said.

Having a family member with special needs made it easy for Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment to put on his running shoes and join the team for a run across the bridge and through Mackinac City for a total of seven miles. "It's a great cause. One of the greatest attractions for me was the opportunity to run across the Mackinac Bridge," he said. "This is my third year involved with the Torch Run. Sault Tribe member Eric Morgan, who is on the Torch Run Central Team and is a runner himself, asked me to participate. As kids we grew up in the same neighborhood and were good friends in High School. We have watched as gravel roads became paved and outhouses gave way to indoor plumbing. Our tribe has a lot to be thankful for and proud about, this is one way we can make a difference and give back to those who need our help," Payment said.

"When we go to ask for a donation we don't like to impose on people," said Morgan, "Whatever they can give we will make work."

The Torch Run has raised more than \$85 million for the Special Olympics since its inception 26 years ago.

To make a donation to the Special Olympics, or for more information about the Torch Run, call Special Olympics Michigan headquarters at (800) 644-6404

### HELPING TROUBLED KIDS, FROM PAGE 8

so they can remain in contact with their families, and to be liaisons with the outside world.

Young people in court and jails may need support and a positive outlook, Sorrels said. If their parents are not available, LIFT searches for other family members to help them.

LIFT cannot provide items directly to youths in jail, so the group is planning to work with Mackinac County Sheriff Scott Strait to create a bank account that incarcerated youths can draw from to pay for phone cards.

"I welcome any organization that can help kids, and prevent them from returning to jail," Sheriff Strait said.

LIFT will also incorporate Restorative Justice, a program used in the Unite States and Canada designed to help youths through the penal and court systems.

Mackinac County Prosecutor Fred Feleppa has agreed to refer certain cases to LIFT and serve as an advisor to the group.

"A lot of kids that will be referred to us will be first-time offenders," Sorrels said, and the goal will be to keep them from getting into trouble again.

Alternative sentencing for some could help meet that goal, she noted. Plans made by LIFT

to help each youth can suggest intervention by organization such as Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Diane Peppler Center or other agencies prior to sentencing, and sentences can include community service, meeting with victims, providing restitution and completing high school.

LIFT can also assist the court by monitoring some youth after they get out of jail.

Feleppa called Restorative Justice a new approach that will help both youths and the court system. Alternative sentences that call on community organizations to address problems in the lives of young offenders can enable the court to put some on probation, rather than jailing them.

LIFT must provide the court with a credible plan for helping each youth. An alternative sentence provided by LIFT must be reviewed by an offender's attorney, Feleppa and a judge.

The court system is not designed to address all of the needs faced by troubled youths. LIFT<sup>1</sup>s sentences may be a good way to address some of them, Feleppa said.

A given youth may be plagued with job, family or drug problems that require different forms of counseling, he said. While the court system is not equipped to monitor all of the organizations that may be able to help a young person, LIFT can monitor certain cases, making it a valuable program, he said.

Noting that 50 percent of the population of St. Ignace is Native American, Feleppa noted that alternative sentences may include intervention by spiritual healers and other traditional services.

As part of regular sentences, Feleppa said he has seen many letters of apology that appeared to be written hastily and without sincere emotion. Alternative sentences through Restorative Justice often require youth offenders to meet with the people they have harmed, a process Feleppa feels can be highly effective in helping offenders understand their crimes and to help victims heal.

"I support this project 100 percent," said Beth Gibson, 92nd District Court judge. "We are always looking for ways to handle issues that come before the court. Rehabilitation is a focus in sentencing. A program like this would give us another tool."

Support services for youths in the penal system have shrunk, owing to state funding reductions for mental health

and drug abuse agencies, Judge Gibson said. For example, as part of a regular sentence, the court may order an offender to receive professional counseling from a state mental health or substance abuse service.

In the past, state-backed services would help offenders for up to 60 days. Now, the average is down to 14 days, she said

State services help only those with the most severe mental and substance-abuse problems, Judge Gibson said, leaving others with les severe, but significant, problems behind.

Owing to its connections to a variety of community agencies, a group like LIFT could help pick up some of the slack, she said.

Amber Tuzinowski is a program coordinator for Strong Families, Safe Children, an organization that focuses on creating safe environments for children. She is also a housing specialist for Child and Family Services in Mackinac County.

"I think (the LIFT organization) is an amazing idea, and something to work for because of the rising suicide rates in the region," she said.

As a housing specialist, she works with homeless youths, most of whom are between 18

and 24 years old, and some are in a state of despair, she said. Tuzinowski is concerned that some may ponder suicide and she welcomes collaboration between her organization and

In her work with Strong Families, Safe Children, Tuzinowski said she may be able to provide individual or group support for families in which there is a troubled teen in a household. She believes a LIFT plan to have teens who have survived hardships speak at school assemblies is a good idea. "I would be more than willing to volunteer to do this," Tuzinowski said, adding, "It is a wonderful idea. Kids may be more willing to listen to other kids than adults."

LIFT received an unexpected bit of publicity Thursday, Aug. 23, when members spoke with Dave Price, weather anchor and feature reporter for The CBS Early Show. Price was filming a live broadcast on Mackinac Island and he placed several LIFT members holding signs and wearing LIFT T-shirts on camera, Ms. Causley said.

For more information about LIFT, contact Lana Causley at (906) 484-2954, John Causley at 484-2921, or Shirley Sorrels at 643-9161.



April 17-Dec. 18: Anishinaabemowin Language Class Tuesdays at the Kinross Recreation Center located at 43 Woodlake Road. Bring a dish to pass from 6 to 7 p.m. The language class will start at 7 and go until 8 p.m. For more information, call Nancy Debassige at (906) 632-7494.

Sept. 1-Oct. 19: Fishing Frenzy at Kewadin Casino Hessel. Win an incredible boat package this fall! Earn entries from the Hessel casino by playing slots or tables. The grand prize drawing will be held on Oct. 19 at 10 p.m. Be sure to be in attendance for your chance to win random cash drawings from 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

**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 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. For more information, contact Ina at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 53612.

Sept. 21-23: \$8,000 Black Jack Blowout at Kewadin Casinos Manistique. Player registration packets will be available on Friday between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Becky at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 29040.

Sept. 22: Kitchi Miniss

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wow at the Alger Centennial Arena, Corner of Varnum and Park Streets. Open to the public. Drug and alcohol free. Free admission. Doors open at 12 noon. Grand entry is at 1 p.m. Master of Ceremonies, Ted Holappa; opening prayer, Don Corp; host drum, Bahweting; co-host drum, Bay Mills P.R.I.D.E.; invited drum, Woodland Drummers; head veteran, Tony Davis; head female dancer, Rita Boulley; head male dancer, Richard Lewis; arena director, Cecil Pavlat; and eagle staff carrier, Les Ailing. Feast meal at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Native crafters only - no food vendors, please. Table space cost is \$25. Contact Anita at anelson1@jamadots.com.

Sept 23: Northern Lower Michigan monthly chair meeting, Petoskey, Mich., Comfort Inn, 6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

**Sept. 24:** 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 24: The Sault Tribe Planning Department has scheduled the following transportation planning meeting for Delta County, 1 p.m., Bay de Noc Community College, Room JHUC 963. The purpose of this meeting 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 635-6050 ext. 26012 for more information.

**Sept. 25:** Escanaba Area Diabetic Support Group, Escanaba Health Center conference room from 10-11 a.m. For questions, call the Escanaba Tribal Center at (906) 786-9211.

Sept. 25: The Sault Tribe Planning Department has scheduled the following transportation planning meeting for Marquette County, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Marquette. Contact Brenda Cooper at 635-6050 ext. 26012 for more information.

**Sept. 25:** What Was Never Told training, lesson 2, Collision of Worlds, 1-4 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiizhik Building. To register and for more information, contact Cultural Training Specialist, Elaine Young at 632-7494 ext. 26053.

Sept. 25: Inflammation: How the Heat Affects Your Health, group education class, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, conference room A, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Sept. 25: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Manistique at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, at ext. 26337 or 26338.

**Sept. 26:** What Was Never Told training, lesson 2, Collision of Worlds, 9-12 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiizhik Building. To register and for more information, contact Cultural Training Specialist, Elaine Young at 632-7494 ext. 26053.

Sept. 26: Move More - Feel Better, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 10-noon and 6-8 p.m., Munising Tribal Health Center. Classes are open to everyone. No pre-registration required, but encouraged. These classes are offered to help individuals, whether they have diabetes or are just interested in learning more about it and its effects on heart health. For questions, call Cassie Britten or Becky Sadler at 387-4721.

**Sept. 26:** 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 26:** Unit III monthly chair meeting, Mackinac Island, location TBA, 6 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Sept. 26: Unit III Board of Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace, MI. Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. For questions, call Lona

Stewart at 635-6050.

**Sept. 28:** The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 28:** Roseanne Barr performing at 7 p.m. at the Dream-Makers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

**Sept. 28-30:** \$8,000 Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos Christmas. On Friday, player registration packets will be available between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Vicki at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 32018.

**Sept. 29:** Munising Flute Making Camp, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Munising Central Elementary School. Everyone is welcome to attend, parents are encouraged to come and participate with their children. Space and supplies are limited so please sign up in advance. This camp is sponsored by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Mary Murray Cultural Camp. For more information, sign up and permission slips contact Kim Swanberg or Cindy Beauchamp at 387-3861 or Josh Homminga at 632-7494.

Sept. 29: Kewadin St. Ignace 19th Anniversary. Celebrate 19 great years with us in St. Ignace and you could win a Pontiac G6 Convertible! All customers will receive one free entry for the grand prize convertible. Be sure to play with your Northern Rewards Club card to be eligible for cash prizes held from 5-11 p.m. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, music and a chance to win great prizes! For more information, call 1-800-KEWA-DIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Oct. 1 & 15: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings 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. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 2: Know Your Risk, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 1-3 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

Open to the public. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Oct. 2: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Munising at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Oct. 3: The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 3: Unit IV monthly chair meeting held at the Heirman Center, Bay de Noc College, Room 963, Escanaba, Mich., 5 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Oct. 4: Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs – Know Your Risk, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

Open to the public. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Oct. 4: 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 5-7: \$15,000 Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie. On the Friday of the tournament weekend registration packets will be available between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ina at 1-800-KE-WADIN ext. 53612.

Oct. 5-7: \$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. For more information, contact DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027.

Oct. 9: ACFS Fundraising Committee Breakfast Sault Tribe Health Center 7:45-9:30 a.m. To volunteer for Anishnabek Community and Family Services fundraising activities call 632-5250.

Oct. 9: Neuropathy – It Can Affect More than Just Your Feet, group education class, 3-5 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Oct. 10: Enjoy Living Smoke-Free - Yes, You Can, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, 10 a.m.-noon and 6-8 p.m., Munising Tribal Health Center. Classes are open to everyone. For questions, call Cassie Britten or Becky Sadler at 387-4721.

Oct. 10: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meetings 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 10: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Conservation Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. Deadline is Oct. 5. For further information, contact Joanne Carr at 635-6050.

Oct. 11: Mediterranean Heart Health, 2-3:30 p.m. Join the Sault Tribe nutritionists at one of these sessions. Food items will be available for sampling during the slide presentations. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Oct. 11: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold their 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 12: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Mc-Cann School. For questions, call Linda or Mike Wilkins at 643-7710.

Oct. 12: Ray Price and Little Jimmy Dickens performing at 7 p.m. in the St. Ignace Casino. For information, call 1-800-KEWADIN.

Oct. 12-14: \$15,000 Video

Poker Tournament at Kewadin

Casinos St. Ignace. Player registration packets will be available on Friday between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, contact DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027.

Oct. 13: Unit V monthly chair meeting held at the NMU

Room, Marquette, Mich., 11 a.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON. Oct. 13-14: Smoked Fish Camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, 266 Homestead Road, Sugar Island. For more

information, sign up and per-

University Center, Marquette

mission slips call Bud Biron or Josh Homminga at 632-7494.

Oct. 15: 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 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 15: Tribal chairperson open office hours are held one Monday a month. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours. These meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at 635-6050.

Oct. 15: Unit I monthly chair meeting, Sault Kewadin Casinos. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Oct. 16 & 18: High Blood Pressure – Food Choices and Medications, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Oct. 16 from 1-3 p.m., and Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

Open to the public. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Oct. 16: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, St. Ignace at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For information, call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

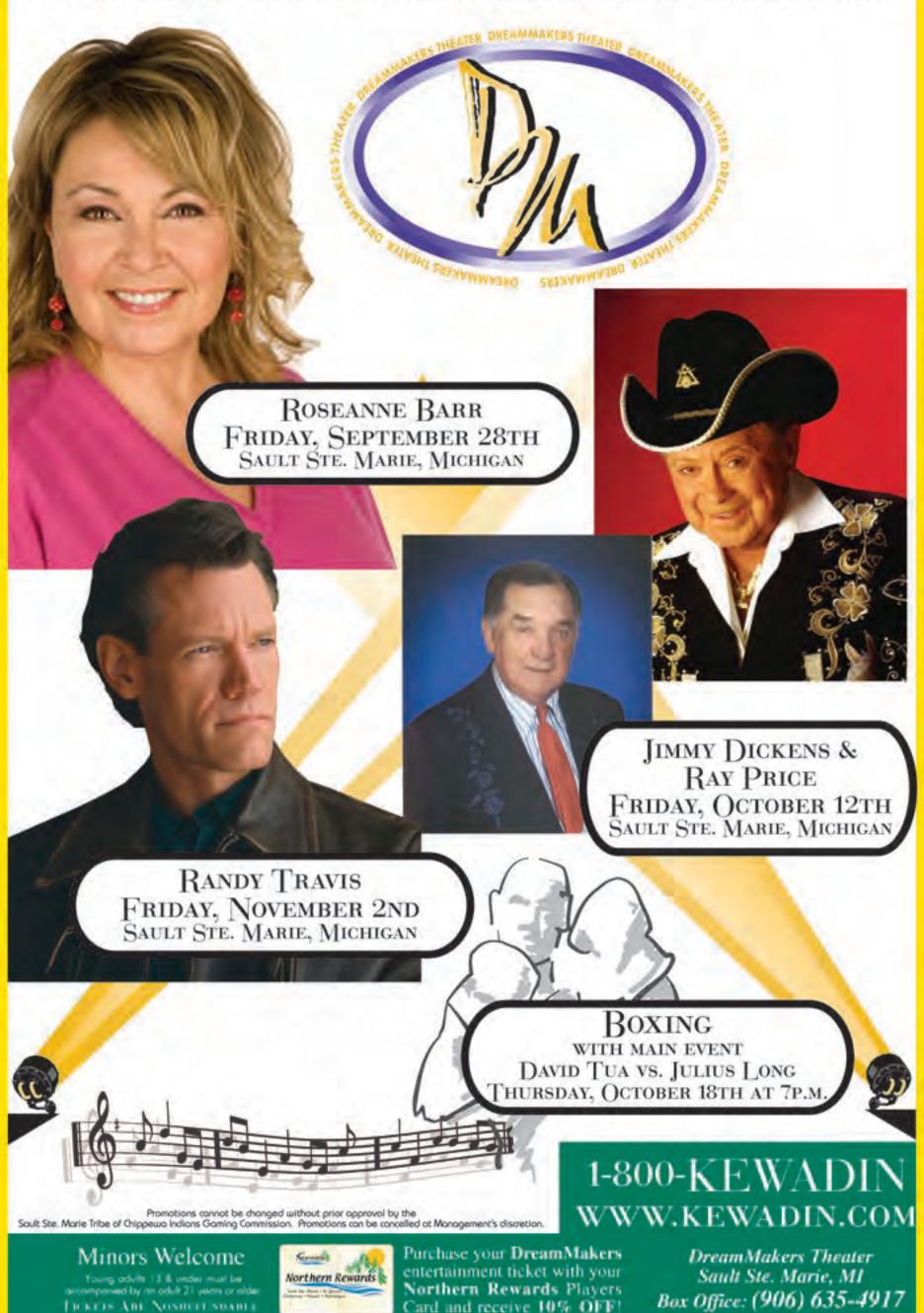
Oct. 17: Unit II Monthly Chair meeting held at the Hessel Tribal Center, Hessel, Mich., 5 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Oct. 19-20: Men's Gathering at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, 266 Homestead Road, Sugar Island. For more information or to sign up, call Bud Biron or Josh Homminga at 632-7494.

Oct. 19-21: \$30,000 Black-jack Blowout Tournament at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace. On Friday registration packets will be available from 5-8 p.m. For more information, contact DeAnn at 1-800-KEWADIN ext. 34027.

Oct. 21-23: \$8,000 Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casinos Hessel. For more information, call Linda or Tel at 1-800-KEWADIN.

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