

Ring of honor

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GREENVILLE, Mich. —

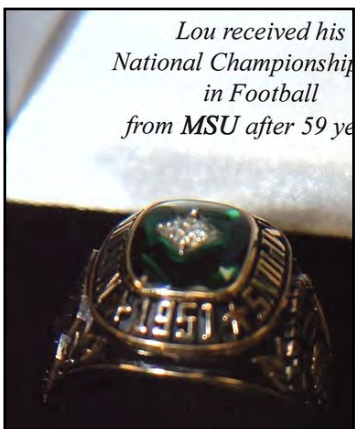
When Louis Smith leaves his home in Huntington Beach, Calif., next summer to come to Greenville for his 60th high school reunion, the former area resident will have something to show his former classmates. He'll be wearing a national collegiate football championship ring.

The 1948 Greenville High School graduate and former yellow jacket football player received a letter earlier this year from Michigan State University, which was trying to catch up on memories of the Spartans 1951 football team that had not yet received rings for winning a national title.

"I graduated from high school with a 4.0 grade-point average and played varsity football, basketball, baseball and track," Smith said. "I was all-state in football during my senior year. I received academic and athletic scholarships from Michigan State for four years of college. Sadly, all of my high school and college coaches have since passed away and are unable to share in the acknowledgment of the 1951 championship Michigan State University football team."

When Smith comes to Greenville next year, he said it will be his first trip back to the Greenville area since 1984. Smith got out of the U.S. Air Force in 1953 and went to work for Douglas Aircraft as an engineer. He's lived in Huntington Beach ever since leaving the service. "I got into a hobby shop for 23 years," Smith said. "I retired from that two years ago."

He played left halfback for Greenville's football team for



Lou received his National Championship in Football from MSU after 59 ye

four years and was all-state during his senior campaign with the Jackets. Smith also was a left halfback for Michigan State. "We had some tremendous teams back then," he said, adding that he had fond memories of playing football at Black Field in a Greenville uniform.

Smith is now 78 while his sister, Hazel Hansen, is 84 and still living in Greenville. She recalls that her brother was a member of an avid sports family.

Louis Smith played for Michigan State's 1951 national championship football team. "He was an all-around athlete and also played basketball and baseball," Hansen said. "Football was his favorite."

She said she and her brother had a half-brother, George Gould, who was also a multi-sport athlete. "I was in sports too," Hansen said. "I played basketball, track and what we called baseball back then but it was actually softball."

She said she's looking forward to seeing her brother's National Championship Ring. "He's very proud of that ring," said Hansen.

Alfred L. "Louis" Smith is a Sault Tribe member. Reprinted by permission of The Greenville Daily News.

Walking On ...

WHITNEY-JO DeVAUGHN
ANDERSON

On April 19, 2008, the Lord called our precious angel Whitney's name and she answered his call. Her passing was quick and peaceful at home surrounded by her family and loved ones.



Whitney-Jo DeVaughn Anderson, age 9, lived in Sault Ste. Marie and attended the third grade at JKL Bahweting Elementary School. Whitney-Jo was born June 26, 1998, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She came into our hearts and family on March 16, 2000. Whitney was the second youngest of six children. Her colorful attitude and the love she showed made an everlasting imprint on our entire family. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and learned her passion and flare for ballet dancing in the Academy of Performing

Arts studio under the caring direction of Luanna Luxton-Armstrong.

Whitney-Jo was a blessing and a gift to our family, and she will live forever in our hearts. Anyone who met Whitney-Jo quickly fell in love with her strong personality and attitude on life. She made a lasting impression on everyone who came to know her. Whitney-Jo was our princess and loved to play the role to its fullest by always dressing up and having tea parties. Not a day would go by without a dress, tiara, or wings appearing for dinner or just going to the store. Whitney's greatest passion was to dance. She enjoyed reading and loved going to JKL Bahweting Elementary with all of her friends. Whitney-Jo loved life, although she had battled a heart condition and cancer for much of her life. She always had a positive attitude on life despite the many medical hurdles that she had to overcome. She was well known for her sassy fight, and used it to succeed in life. (The U-M doctors nicknamed her "none of your business" because that was

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Elect

Steven J. Cannello

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 91st DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

As a practicing attorney with 28 years of experience, Steven J. Cannello will bring a wide variety of knowledge and professional experience to the Chippewa County District Court Judge's office.



He has been a Criminal Prosecutor for the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and an Arbitrator and Hearings referee for the State of Michigan which has given him valuable experience preparing him to be the Chippewa County District Court Judge.

Born, raised and educated in Chippewa County:

Attended Lake Superior State University
Michigan State University B.S. Degree Computer Science Engineering with Honors
Wayne State University Law Degree with Honors
Nationally Board Certified Attorney by the National Board of Trial Advocacy
Inducted to Tau Beta Pi -The National Engineering Honor Society
Licensed to practice law in Michigan, Tribal, and Federal Courts

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT;

- * Community Health Access Coalition, providing health care to the uninsured of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac, current Incorporator and President 2000 to present.
- * Chippewa County Senior Citizen TRIAD Annual Speaker
- * Christopher Columbus Italian-American Society - Financial Secretary -1983 to present
- * Eastern Upper Peninsula Chapter Ducks Unlimited - Past Chairman 1984 to 1996
- * Soo Area Sportsman Club
- * Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club
- * Chippewa County Shooting Association
- * LeSault de Sainte Marie Historical sites, Inc.- Past Director and President 1984 to 1992
- * Old Mission Bank - current Incorporator and Director 1999 to present
- * City of Sault Ste. Marie Post Employment Health Plan Board of Directors
- * City of Sault Ste. Marie Recreational Building Authority Past Chairman

IF I AM ELECTED JUDGE I WILL SUPPORT:

- * **Reducing the expenses of the court.**
- * **Improving Jury accommodation and selection process.**
- * **Adding programs to decrease the number of youth offenders.**
- * **Development of a "Scared Straight Program" to bring the court to our schools.**
- * **Creating Special Purpose Courts for:
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Domestic Violence**
- * **Strengthening the victim restitution program.**
- * **Public access 24/7 through a court internet site**
- * **Transparency in Court Expenses:
All court contracts, and other spending should be available to the public through the court web site.**

VOTE FOR COMMON SENSE JUSTICE

STEVEN J.
CANNELLO

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 91ST DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Paid for by Citizens to Elect Steven J. Cannello Judge

Oberle accepts offer from Indiana University

KINROSS—Kinross Charter Township supervisor and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians member, Jason Oberle, announces he has accepted a generous financial offer from Indiana University, and he will attend the School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

"This is an outstanding opportunity" said Oberle. "The School of Public and Environmental Affairs is ranked second overall nationally in public affairs, according to U.S. News and World Report, only behind Syracuse University and sharing second with the J.F.K. School of Government at

Harvard University."

Oberle is not yet certain of the area of expertise he will pursue, but he is interested in public financial administration and economic development. "I will use this opportunity to gain technical skills that I can bring home and use immediately to improve our community" said Oberle.

Oberle was voted "Best Politician" in 2006 and 2007 in Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties by the readers of the Sault Evening News. The township supervisor sits on a number of boards including Chippewa County Economic

Development Corporation, the Chippewa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Michigan Townships Association boards. He has also been credited with the creation of the annual battle for blood between the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Township of Kinross.

During his tenure as supervisor of Kinross, Oberle maintained relatively consistent media attention on the community. In 2005, the community was in the spotlight for a state-wide award given to the community for excellence in constituent communications, which

included an award for the best local government Web site from the Michigan Association of Governmental Computer Users. During 2007, Oberle gained more print and television coverage when he attempted to convert an action of the Michigan Legislature—reducing the taxes on movies—into movie production in the region.

The most tangible accomplishments under Oberle's leadership were the demolition of two heavily deteriorated buildings left behind by the U.S. Air Force, improvements to the golf course clubhouse, improvements to the fitness room and

expansion of hours at the recreation center, a new police cruiser, a new ambulance, and the opening of new businesses.

Oberle said the accomplishments were made possible with help from "Clerk Besteman, Trustee DeWitt and Treasurer Ulrich. Their experiences have been a priceless asset to me and the community," he said.

Oberle added that "a fair investment of time and money is being committed to the planning and production of a master plan for the community." He hopes it will be adapted by the end of his term.

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quite often her answer to their questions.)

Whitney-Jo is survived by her parents Carl and Joy (Cobb) Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie; her sister, Shon'tora Anderson; brothers Ethan, Ray'shon, Ray'nell and Walter Anderson; grandparents Tom and Sue Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mary (Grandma Rooster) Cobb of Dafter; great grandparents Elvira Carlson of Gladstone and Ruby E. Cobb of Rutherfordton, N.C.; aunts and uncles include Wendy (Scott) Perdue of Milwaukee, Wis., Paul (Erica) Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Gary (Tracy) Ordiway of Ishpeming, Renee' Ordiway of Sault Ste. Marie, Duane Ordiway of Thailand,

Lynn (Caren Elliott) Ordiway of Sault Ste. Marie, Terri (Donna) Cobb of Rutherfordton, N.C., Connie (Bill) Morris of North Carolina, Patty (John) Elevevici of Shingleton, Tiger Ordiway of Sault Ste. Marie, Tina (Ryan) Kitzmiller of Dafter, and several loving great-aunts and uncles, cousins and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Walter Cobb, great-grandparents, Thomas and Ester Anderson, great-grandpa, Carl Carlson, and great-grandparents, Ursula and Russell Cryderman.

Whitney-Jo is also survived by several other loving family members including Mother Janice Marsh, Brother Michael Marsh and other members of

the Marsh family, Don'shay Culpepper and Grandma Dorothy Culpepper. Some of her special friends include godparents, Craig and Marsha Kelso, her teacher Jackie Sellick, and her school nurse, Lisa Corbiere.

Visitation and prayers were held April 23 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass took place April 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau, with Brother John Hascall as Celebrant. Burial was at Holy Family Catholic Church Cemetery.

CLARENCE P. MAUDRIE JR.

Lifelong Naubinway resident, Clarence P. "Bullo" Maudrie Jr., 80, died April 3, 2008, at the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility in Manistique.

Born Feb. 2, 1928, in Naubinway, son of the late Clarence Sr. and Christine (nee Wachter) Maudrie, Bullo was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Army until his honorable discharge on April 29, 1947. On May 8, 1948, he married the former Norma J. Smith and made Naubinway their home.

Bullo sailed the Great Lakes with his father, Clarence Sr., on the W. E. Fitzgerald and later was employed as a stonemason for 26 years. Following his father's death he continued employment as a commercial fisherman on Lake Michigan until his retirement.

Bullo was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, V.F.W. Post 8372 of Engadine and the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers. His hobbies and interests included hunting, fishing, reading and jigsaw puzzles.

Besides his parents, Bullo was preceded in death by his sons Paul and Eddie, and siblings, Earl, Richard, Larry and Jackie.

Survivors include his loving wife of over 59 years, Norma J. of Naubinway; children, Diane (Cliff) Walmsley of Curtis, Luanne Keinonen of St. Ignace and Bonnie (Howard) Tetrault of Melbourne, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; siblings Joyce Merriam of Naubinway, Hubert of Interlochen, Fla., Maryann Kelly of Houston, Texas, Marcella (Brent) Schultz of

Flint, Lida Moffat of Ypsilanti, Phyllis Widmayer of Dexter, Loretta Ryum of Dalton, Ga., and Donna Falls of Tombul, Texas.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated April 6, 2008, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway with Father Tim Hruska officiating. Committal services with military rites took place at the Naubinway Cemetery.

Those who wish, may contribute to the American Lung Association or the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Clarence P. "Bullo" Maudrie Jr.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisted the family.

KARI ELIZABETH STROM-JONES

Kari Elizabeth Strom-Jones, Oct. 18, 1970, - March 1, 2008, former wife of Mark Jones; proud mother of Brandon and Melanie Jones of Walled Lake, Mich., cherished daughter of Suzanne Strom (the late Gary Strom) of West Bloomfield, Mich.; granddaughter of Gladys Strom of West Plam Beach, Fla., and the late Richard M. and Betty Willis of Sault Ste. Marie and Neebish Island, Mich.; loving sister Kimberly (Brian) Summerhill of Commerce Township, Mich., and Pam Dehrke of Kalamazoo, Mich.; dear cousin aunt of Allison, Andrew and Adrienne Summerhill, Taylor Dehnuke and Ryan, Allison and Lauren Maton of Fenton, Mich. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Funeral service and visitation was at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, Highland, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be greatly appreciated to the family. Please share a memory at www.mem.com.

Kari was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved the fall season, especially Halloween, taking walks on natural trails with her children watching for birds, deer, squirrels, raccoons, etc. She also enjoyed decorating her house and roasting marshmallows over a fire with her children, family and friends.

Kari's grandfather, the late Richard Willis, called her Dink.

She always waddled like a duck when she was little and in diapers. So her nickname was "Dinker Dunk." She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, our precious "Dinker Duck."

PATRICIA TRUMBLEY

Patricia Trumbley of Dafter, Mich., died April 8, 2008, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born Feb. 18, 1950, in Detroit, Mich.

She enjoyed camping, boating, spending time with her family and friends, going for drives in the country and scrap booking.

Her son, Darin Trumbley and his fiancé, Alisha Bailey, and her grandson, Tyler Trumbley, survive her.

Her parents, Earl and Florence McCoy, predeceased her.

Visitation and prayers were April 10 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian burial was held April 11, 2008, at St. Mary's ProCathedral Church with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant.

Final resting place is Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN LAPOINT KLINGENMITH *First Robin of Spring*

BY HELEN KLINGENSMITH
Today I saw a robin; he stopped to say "Hello." I asked him, would he stay awhile? But he had many miles to go.

He was headed for the northern states, land of snow and ice. I thought I'd help my friend along by giving him some advice.

"Before you head for Michigan, there is something you should know. It isn't springtime up there yet; they still have lots of snow."

He shook his tail and spread his wings and headed for the sky. He circled once as if to say, "This has to be 'good-bye.'"

I watched him go his merry way; I even shed a tear. But maybe I'll be lucky and see my friend again next year.

—From your godchild, Norma LaPoint Case. May God bless you and keep you in his care.

Love always,
Norma

Household Hazardous Waste

RECYCLING

Chippewa County Recycling Collection Dates For 2008

MAY 17

JULY 19

SEPT 20

Reminder Household Hazardous Waste will only be collected on site on the above dates

PLEASE CALL
632-0525

To Schedule Your Pick Up (appointment required)

VOTE WRIGHT

Nathan Wright, Candidate for Unit I
Sault Tribe Board of Directors
www.wright.net

Let's take back our tribe!

Vote Wright for honesty, stability, security and long term planning for our tribe.

Thank you for your support in the last election. I was honored to have you help me make it through the primaries and into the general election. I am asking again for your support. With your vote, we can work together to take back our tribe and fulfill the wishes of past generations for future generations.

It appears our tribe has flaws that prevent us from operating the way we should as Indian people. Regardless of blood quantum, we all feel the spirit of our ancestors guiding us. It's time for each of us to act upon their wisdom for a better tomorrow. Join me in "Wrighting" our present wrongs.

— Our Platform —

Elders:

Our elders are sacred keepers and teachers of knowledge. We need to treat them with respect and care for them. I will do everything possible to make sure the money borrowed from the elder fund is paid back. I will protect elder money from being used in inappropriate ways in the future. When elected, I will work to ensure it reaches the hands of our elders each year.

Education and Culture:

Little emphasis has been placed on higher education and cultural restoration. I understand the importance of both to the survival of our people and traditional ways. When elected I will work to improve access and funds to these areas.

Sault Tribe is Powered by Rumors:

As a tribal member and employee, I have witnessed the negative effect and power of rumors. We can't begin to believe in lies just because our political opinions are different. I am committed to knowing "all sides of a story" and will take time to seek out facts for the betterment of this tribe.

Unifying Board:

There has been much division and conflict amongst the board. The board needs to put differences aside and work for the good of all tribal members. The dissension amongst board members causes the lack of meaningful legislation, which is probably the main reason why we are currently in a 15

We are being tested as Indian people:

This is a time when we are being tested as Indian people. Tested to see if we can come together. Tested to see if we will respect all Indian people. We must all work together and get along or risk losing everything. I believe I can help bring the tribe together through my optimism and good intentions for all members.

million dollar deficit. I am a person that believes in working together for the common good and will work to unify the board when you elect me as your Unit I Representative.

Independent Thought:

Some board members appear to make decisions based on face value with little or no research. As an independent and creative thinker, when elected I will push this tribe to the forefront of Indian Country with innovative and thoughtful solutions.

Fundamental Fairness:

Disparity exists between services available to inner and outlying tribal members. Regardless of location, we are all members of the Sault Tribe and deserve equal consideration and access to services when possible.

Communication = Better Decisions by/for All Members:

We are behind in our technology, which makes us behind in our communications. Communications is essential for the education of all members so they are aware of the issues (which includes elections) to decide accordingly. As a technology expert, when elected I will make recommendations for the Sault Tribe's Communications and Management Information Systems departments to increase flow of information and implement ideas to increase revenue and cover any additional costs to the tribe.

Economic Development:

The Economic Development Commission was disbanded. When elected I will work to reinstate Economic Development as a separate arm of the board so economic diversification, vitality and stability returns to our tribe.

Team Members:

The hiring and disciplinary process for team members who work for the tribe is unfair. When elected I will push for policies ensuring all tribal employment vacancies are posted at all times so qualified members are considered for positions. I will work to implement clear procedures so human resources grievance issues are handled fairly and not one sided.

Checks and Balances:

Many times when legislation is passed there is no follow through. When elected I will work to ensure checks and balances are in place so legislation is implemented as written. Our pending new constitution will help in this area.

New Constitution:

The new Constitution has been worked on by the Constitution Committee since February 2006. The committee sent the new Constitution for board review. The new Constitution is now sitting at the desks of the board with no action due to internal conflicts. When elected one of my first actions is to ensure the board addresses this issue.



Vote Nathan Wright for Unit 1. Three board seats are open.



My father, Mike Wright, (seated left) Native American Activist working in Sault Tribe's Fred Hatch building in the early 70's. He helped our tribe obtain federal recognition.



My mother Mary Wright. She lives in Texas.



My beautiful daughter Autumn!



My sister Delia, myself and my brother Mike at an early 1970's Sault Tribe powwow on Rotary Island in Sault Ste. Marie.

LET'S TAKE BACK OUR TRIBE - VOTE WRIGHT!

I respectfully ask for you and your families support. Let's take back our tribe and give it to the people. **Please vote Wright!** Nathan Wright, candidate for Unit I Sault Tribe Board of Directors. To show your support, ask questions, help or make a donation (credit cards accepted) please call (906) 322-2675. **Three board seats are open for Unit I.** This ad is endorsed by Nathan Wright.

Kewadin Sault team members receive awards

SAULT STE. MARIE — Congratulations to Christina McKerchie, Kewadin Sault's team member of the month. McKerchie works in group sales and has been with the casino since 1999.

She was born in Thessalon, Ont., and was raised in Bruce Mines before moving to Michigan. She is married to Michael McKerchie and has two children, Myah and Ella. Way to go, Christina.

Special congratulations to Kewadin Sault team members Jennifer McRorie, cage; Julie Goursch, convention banquets; and Barb Gorman, housekeeping, for earning their five-year perfect attendance awards.

The winners received flowers, a one-night stay for two at any Kewadin hotel, dinner for two at any Kewadin restaurant, show tickets for two and a day off with pay.



Above left, Christina McKerchie, center, is team member of the month. Above center, Kent Artley (left) cage director and Barb Wilson (right) vault cashier, presented Jennifer McRorie with her award in a surprise presentation. Above right, Julie Goursch (center) was presented with her perfect attendance award by her supervisor, David Norton, and casino manager, Steve Sprecker, after a convention banquet meeting. Right, Barb Gorman (center) was presented with her award by supervisor, John Cleary (front left), her housekeeping co-workers and Carol Eavou (far right), VP hotel operations.



Photos and stories by Michelle Bouschor

Kewadin supports area fishing tournaments

Kewadin donated \$3,000 to area clubs this April, to support local fishing tournaments.

The Soo Sportsman Club received \$2,500 to support the Labor Day Salmon Slam and the Sugar Island Lion's Club received \$500 to support its annual walleye tournament slated for June 1.

In 2007, Kewadin donated over \$140,000 to area groups and organizations to support events like these two tournaments.



SALMON SLAM — Above (L-R) Soo Sportsman Club board member Marvin Willis and President Tom Ball, Kewadin Casinos VP of Marketing and Sales Alan Bouschor, Salmon Slam Chair Jan Bailey and Salmon Slam Vice-Chair Chuck Norris.



WALLEYE TOURNAMENT This event is a fund-raiser for the group. Lions Club member Marvin Willis (right) and Kewadin Casinos VP of Marketing and Sales Alan Bouschor (left) accepting the donation.

Respecting our Traditions

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FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

I have been an active member of the Tribal Community my entire life, born and raised within Hessel (Unit 2). The last four years have been my privilege to serve the Membership as a representative of Unit 2. We have been through many trying times, but we have much to look forward to.

I would be honored, and humbled with the opportunity to continue representing the interests of the Membership, and my constituents in Unit 2.

I look forward to working on your behalf, and focusing on the future of our Tribe...

Sincerely,

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UNIT 2
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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www.lanacausley.com

What is a sweat lodge and what is it used for?

Aaniin. Since I had to head over to the aunties' house anyway; having to wash the six inches of caked on mud off of their four-wheel drive truck (mud bogging), I figured I could ask them your question at that time. Those old women can really tear it up on the two tracks and they were just as gung-ho about your question. Here's what they had to say.

In this area, the aunties call the sweat lodge a doodooswaan. It has been said that a type of early sweat lodge existed as far back as the fifth century B.C., when Scythians were known to have used pole and woolen cloth lodges for medicinal purposes.

In Anishinaabe territory, a doodooswaan is a ceremonial lodge that has a low dome-like frame, built from saplings of willow, poplar or cedar.

Depending on what type of lodge you are constructing — turtle, bear or others — determines exactly how the saplings are placed and put together. There are many different ways in which a lodge can be put

together, however, a few things remain constant, being respectful at all times and having good intentions being at the top of the list. Those constructing the lodge should also be drug and alcohol free and have good thoughts while constructing it.

There are several legends out there regarding how the lodge came to the Anishinaabek and for what specific purposes. The aunties are not comfortable sharing those teachings with me at this time since it is springtime and legends are only shared in the winter months. But they did tell me that it came from the Creator for the main purpose of healing, purification and preparation for other ceremonies.

The doodooswaan is a place of spiritual refuge, of mental and physical healing and a place to get answers and guidance by asking the Creator, ancestors, helpers and Mother Earth for the needed wisdom and ability to overcome whatever challenges lie in your path.

Often before a person goes on a fast, picks up a pawaagon

Ask the Aunties



(pipe) or before they do other ceremonies, they sweat. The same is true of a person who goes on a long journey or accepts a name or an eagle feather. Mainly though, the aunties tell us that people are drawn to the lodge for healing, all types of healing: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.

The aunties explain that while the sweat lodge itself is rather simple to describe, it is impossible to convey the ultimate culmination of the spiritual and physical expression of the ceremony. You have to

experience it to fully understand its fullness and depth.

One of the aunties told me, "They always ask if it is like a sauna. I just nod and say, 'sorta.' Then I giggle to myself. They come out of there beet red and full of wonderment, like a baby. They always tell me that it ain't like any sauna they have ever been in. Then I just laugh hard and say, 'Yeah, I know.'"

Going into a lodge has been compared to going back into the womb of our mother. There we crawl back inside, humbly, on our hands and knees. Rocks (referred to as grandfathers) are heated up in a sacred fire outside the lodge and then brought inside. Medicine water is slowly and respectfully placed on the grandfathers and steam rises up to help the people. Once the doorway is shut it is dark inside and those participating find a deep connection back into their past.

As with all ceremonies, there are protocols to follow, and like all ceremonies, those can vary. If you are thinking of attending a lodge, bring some asemaa (tobacco) with you to the Cultural Division and sit and chat with someone there beforehand. The aunties wanted me to

let you know that you can also attend a lodge without going inside. You can sit around the fire and pray for those inside.

Overall there is no right or wrong way to engage in a sweat lodge ceremony other than to enter the lodge with an open mind and heart and to prepare yourself for whatever Creator and creation has to offer you.

"Ceremony done without integrity serves fear and the ego. If done with integrity and honor it serves love, creation, the people and the spirit."

— Elena Narkiya

Disclaimer:

The opinions and views of the Aunties may not reflect the opinions of this newspaper, 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.

Do you have a question for the aunties? Send your question in care of the newspaper. Please see page 2 for newspaper contacts.

New traditional healer comes to Sault Tribe

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Todd Smith has been learning from a young age about traditional medicines and their uses.

His mentor, Adam Lussier, from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, taught him an important lesson as a youth, to smell and taste any medicines he picked. "He told me that if I did that I would never forget what it was," said Smith. "When I first met Adam Lussier at the age of 12, he had me helping with sweat lodges, picking medicines and whatever physical labor needed done. From doing these things you learn. We spent about 80 percent of our time together in the bush."

Today at 38, Smith is a traditional healer hired full time as a practitioner for Sault Tribe's Traditional Medicine Program and spends his time traveling between Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, Escanaba and Munising keeping appointments with tribal members seeking his services.



Todd Smith

"There are some people who are predestined to be or do certain things. When a child reaches puberty and has completed their right of passage, they are identified for their calling. Mine was traditional medicine; I am still learning every day," Smith said.

Smith began working for the tribe in January and has treated those seeking him out for different health issues including diabetes, while others seek spiritual guidance or have questions

about life issues. "Each person is different and has different needs," he said. "Sometimes we refer clients to the tribe's health centers. There are some people who believe you should only use either western medicine or traditional medicine, but not both. But Adam (Lussier) used to tell us to take the best from both worlds."

Smith said he has been welcomed with open arms within the Sault Tribe communities. "I have been taken in and accepted here by a very welcoming community. I think what it really boils down to in the end is that it doesn't matter which traditional healer you chose to see if you have faith in that person. You will get out of it what you put into it," he said. "For tribal members in Manistique and Escanaba, the Traditional Medicine Program is working on resuming sweat lodges in the near future."

To make an appointment with a traditional healer contact the Traditional Medicine Program at (906) 632-0236.

Big Brother Big Sister Texas hold 'em winners

SAULT STE. MARIE

— The top three winners of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Texas hold 'em fundraiser tournament at the Elks Lodge on the afternoon of April 13 are Dane Kuuninen, third place; Ed Wall, second place (and first place winner in the last tournament in January); and Jimmy-Bobby Hunt, first place, pose with event organizer Nick Oshelski.

The event raised funds for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Sault Ste. Marie which serves all of Chippewa County.



Photo Courtesy Rick Smith

(L-R) Tournament winners Dane Kunninin, Ed Wall, Jimmy-Bobby Hunt pose with Nick Oselski of the local Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Sault Tribe Head Start & Early Head Start Now Accepting Applications For The 2008-09 School Year



Head Start

Full Day, Full Year (Sault)
Part Day, Part Year (Sault & St Ignace)

Eligibility:

Children need to be 3 years old by December 1st
Members of a Federally Recognized Tribe
Income Eligibility Requirements

Early Head Start

Center Based Full Day, Full Year (Sault)
Home Based
(Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce Counties)
Home based services available for pregnant women

Eligibility

Children from birth to 3 years old
Members of a Federally Recognized Tribe
Income Eligibility Requirements

Children with Disabilities are welcome

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WHO HAS ACCESSED YOUR CONFIDENTIAL MEMBER DATA?



AARON A.
PAYMENT

TRIBAL
CHAIRPERSON
REPRESENTING
ALL MEMBERS
EVERYWHERE

As I sit to write this report, I am in complete and utter disbelief at the flagrant disregard by some in this election cycle for the rule of law. I will focus on the substance of various election violations and pose the question: **Why is nothing being done to address the members' concerns and or complaints?**

Many of you will recall that in January, members received telephone calls from an election polling firm asking who you were going to vote for: Joe McCoy, DJ Hoffman, Fred Paquin, Bernard Bouschor, etc. These calls were made illegally. Per our laws, to make such calls, you must identify which candidate is calling, and you must give a call back number. Per our laws, you must not use "unlisted" telephone numbers taken from members' enrollment files; to do so is a violation of our Membership Ordinance. This is illegal. Yet a second round of calls were made by a chairperson candidate to members including those with unlisted numbers. This is illegal.

Next, in the last edition of this paper, an incumbent candidate listed out who her opposition was in the last election and attempted to pander through her unit report for their votes and presumably those who voted for her opposition in 2004. She also

printed the tribe's crane logo on her campaign business card magnets. These acts are illegal. Yesterday, my office was inundated with over 100 complaints from casino and tribal employees that a tribal chairperson candidate accessed the tribe's internal work e-mail to e-mail a campaign message throughout our tribal network. This is an illegal act per our laws that prohibit use of tribal property (our e-mail network) for sending out campaign material including a link to that individual's Web page.

The most serious is the latest round of smut mail from Bernard Bouschor's nephew — a former pornography Web page administrator. This is not the first time. Recall that in 2006, he sent out a campaign newsletter, failed to file as a "non-candidate" registrant, failed to list his name on print material (required by our election statute) and solicited funds in violation of our laws. In the document, he also advertised for adult sex materials! It puzzles me that this kind of tactic is still being used as both Bernard Bouschor's "Pink Post Card" and "Michael Jackson Mailers" were met with such disdain in the 2004 Election cycle.

Do some have no shame or common sense? Don't these jokers realize tribal members are sick of such tactics? I look forward to the day when we get past the negative of our tribe. Sadly, for now, we'll just have to endure.

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

TRIBAL TOWN MEETINGS				
Unit 1	LOCATION	Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
Sault Ste. Marie, MI	Kewadin Casino Convention Center	Monday 6-7:30 pm	5/26	6/23
Sugar Island, MI	Sugar Island Township Hall	Monday 6-7:30 pm	5/19	6/16
Kincheloe, MI	Kinross Recreation Center	Monday 6-7:30 pm	5/12	6/9
Unit 2		Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
Newberry, MI	Newberry Tribal Center	Wednesday 5-6:30pm	5/21	6/18
Naubinway, MI	Naubinway Pavilion	Wednesday 5-6:30pm	5/29	6/26
Hessel, MI	Hessel Tribal Center	Wednesday 5-6:30pm	5/14	6/11
Unit 3		Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
St. Ignace, MI	Kewadin Shores Casino	Wednesday 7-8pm	5/7	6/4
Mackinac Island, MI	Mackinac Island Town Hall	Wednesday 5-6pm	5/7	6/4
Unit 4		Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
Manistique, MI	Manistique Tribal Center	Friday 4:30-5:30 pm	5/16	6/20
Escanaba	Escanaba Tribal/ Health Center 3500 Ludington, Suite 210	Friday 7-8 pm	5/16	6/20
Unit 5		Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
Marquette, MI	Northern Michigan University Center	Saturday 10-11 am	5/17	6/21
Munising, MI	Munising Tribal Center	Saturday 1-2 pm	5/17	6/21
At Large		Day/ Time	MAY	JUNE
Detroit, MI	Greektown Academy 1001 Brush St (corner of Brush & Lafayette)	Thursday 6-7:30 pm	5/8	6/12
Okemos, MI	Nokomis Learning Center 5153 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI	Friday 5-6:30 pm	5/9	6/13
Grand Rapids, MI	Ramada Inn Plaza, 3333 28th St SE	Saturday 10-11:30 am	5/10	6/14
Cheboygan, MI	Inverness Township Hall, 734 VFW Rd	Saturday 4-5:30 pm	5/10	6/14
Mackinac City, MI	Mackinac City High, 609 West Central	Saturday 6:30-8 pm	5/10	6/14

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call toll free at:

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Budget crisis – reallocation of resources



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT II

The tribe is facing a large deficit this year. The board of directors and all team members are working very hard to reduce operational spending as we face this crisis. It has not been an easy task to make decisions that will affect services or employment. But that is the sad reality, if we were able to assert ourselves asking questions about our financial day-to-day operations of the tribe and receiving monthly CEO reports, I believe we would have been pro-active instead of reactive in the situation with the budget.

I will personally work with the CEO, board and all team members to help solve these budget issues. At the last board meeting, a resolution for the year end reconciliation's was proposed. It has been claimed that there have been a savings

within our budget spending but the sad fact is we had requested \$1.7 million reconciliation for the 2007 budget (remember, we already depleted our business reserve fund to balance \$5 million deficit months ago in 2007). The board of directors did NOT approve this reconciliation and I can only speak for myself and I opposed because it is unacceptable to have this overspending in the budgets.

I used my report in the last two months to talk about our deficit and that is because this IS my MAIN priority to our tribe. I will take responsibility for it and take every measure possible to assist in eliminating it, even the hard decisions. Hard decisions necessitate changes; not all change is bad.

As a tribe we have to ensure that our resources are utilized in the most efficient manner. We currently have assets and resources that remain untapped for their economic and service generating potential. In St. Ignace, we have the former shores casino which sits vacant; I propose we seek a viable economical or service generating use for this building. Consider the prospects of partnering with Bay Mills Community College in a collaborative partnership to offer college courses at a satellite campus in St. Ignace.

Within that very same structure lays cash registers, shelving, coolers, miscellaneous

racks and supplies. In fact, the tribe has quite an inventory of unused items. With a creative reallocation of resources we could develop a Midjim convenience store within the currently vacant campground building in Hessel. Now this would not create an incredible economic boom, however this simple reallocation of unused resources would provide jobs and services

Board meeting briefs: April 15

SAULT STE. MARIE, MI—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15 on Sugar Island in Sault Ste. Marie.

The following resolutions were passed: 2008 Head Start/ Early Head Start Continuation Application—Head Start Bureau—American Indians Alaskan Native Programs Branch, IMLS—Library Enhancement Grant (Application), Grant Application Approval (for) Competition Grant: US EPA Region 5 Indoor Environmental Asthma Triggers Education and Exposure Reduction, Authorization for Live Scan Agency Agreement, Tribal Land Lease—Housing Authority, Amending Chapter 21: Trapping Season, Amending Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing, Amending Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses, Amending Chapter 76: Partial Waiver of Conviction for Gaming License Purposes,

to the membership.

My last two reports have discussed the current financial status of the tribe. It is the main issue facing us. As an elected tribal representative it is my fiduciary responsibility to eliminate this deficit and find realistic solutions for maintaining and enhancing services and job opportunities. With innovative approaches we can ensure

Fiscal Year 2008 ACFS Budget Modification, and Fiscal Year 2008 Child Care (state) Budget Modification.

The following resolution was tabled: Calling for Independent Investigation of Appellate Court.

The following motion was passed: A motion to allow the Appellate Court to utilize funds from the Juvenile Detention Center indigent defense budget to cover Appellate Court defense costs directly related to indigent defense for juveniles was approved.

The following resolutions failed: Eliminating funding for Rosetta Stone (Died for lack of support).

The following resolutions were removed from the agenda: Fiscal Year 2007 Year End Reconciliation, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Doc 001, and IRR Roads/Transit Building (14 versions).

that this occurs, and I will take every measure possible to assist in rectifying our current financial state, which includes making the hard decisions.

Sincerely,
Lana Causley
Unit 2 Board of Director
(966) 484-2954
lanacausley.com

New business: Under new business the board of directors approved all committee appointments. A request by the Conservation Committee to utilize the fisherman's fund to purchase new batteries for water craft GPS safety devices utilized by tribal fisherman up to a total of \$20,000 was approved. Beginning in 2009, fisherman's fees will be utilized to purchase water craft GPS safety devices and replacement batteries. The chair's harassment of employees and chair's use of tribal funds issues were removed from the agenda.

Legislative summary: The board of directors approved an extension of the trapping season because this year's ice out is anticipated to be later than usual and, as a consequence, the trapping of beaver and otter will be negatively impacted. The Conservation Committee
See "April 15 Report," page 27

An untapped tribal resource – our membership



DJ HOFFMAN,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

Currently we are faced with a financial crisis looming over the tribe; it is correctable. It will take hard work on the part of the board, management, staff and the membership to make the changes necessary to steer this tribe towards a more fiscally responsible environment. While I have NEVER cast a vote to approve a fiscal budget within the tribe (all NO votes stating each time that unless we restructured

and streamline to make the tribe more efficient) I AM JUST AS RESPONSIBLE AS EACH AND EVERY BOARD MEMBER, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN. I am a member of the board of directors and as a part of that role I take that responsibility of blame and the charge to ensure that it is corrected and never happens again.

In my last unit report, I discussed the importance and necessity of economic diversification (www.saulttribeeduc.com). It is an essential ingredient of our long term success as a tribe, and essential to our goal of self sufficiency. I am advocating once again that you contact your tribal leaders and prospective new leaders and ask them to push this issue. We can thrive if we diversify.

After my article, I received a call from a tribal member in Alaska and had a great conversation on economic development and government 8(a) contracting possibilities for tribes, specifically ours. I will

be contacting this tribal member soon to use one of the tribe's most valuable resources that often gets overlooked to move us forward as a tribe, the membership.

It is amazing to think of all of the resources we as a tribe truly have when you take into account the abilities, as well as ideas and concepts, generated by our membership. In fact, I recently spent several hours searching through Google online with the inquiry "is a member of Sault Tribe." It is amazing what you can find on the Internet: satellite maps, e-mails, phone numbers, pictures of board members with bags on their heads, etc. The most amazing part of the search was within the results themselves. Did you know that the following are the credentials, background, experience, and talents of just a tiny fraction of the tribal membership as a whole?

- COUNTLESS COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND LEVELS OF

EDUCATION

- RENOWNED AUTHORS AND NOVELISTS
- BUSINESS OWNERS AND CONSULTANTS
- ARTISANS INCLUDING SCULPTORS AND MUSICIANS
- COLLEGE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND FACULTY WITH PhDs IN BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, HISTORY
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTISTS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON AQUATIC ECOLOGY
- A STATE REPRESENTATIVE FROM VERMONT
- HEAD COACH OF GYMNASTICS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
- PULITZER PRIZE WINNING NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES
- THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Below you will see a map of

the United States generated by the tribe's MIS department in November 2007.

I realize that many have been constantly bombarded with the portrayal that 64 percent of the membership lives in lower Michigan, and that the facts reflected by the MIS-generated map are quite different. In fact, 38.48 percent of the membership resides within the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, 35.6 percent live in lower Michigan, and 25.92 percent live outside Michigan. The importance of this information is that it shows that our membership as a tribe lives in a variety of different places. Our membership is the largest and most important resource that we have. Just as depicted earlier — this resource, as a whole, has remained untapped which is where we can begin to grow as a tribe.

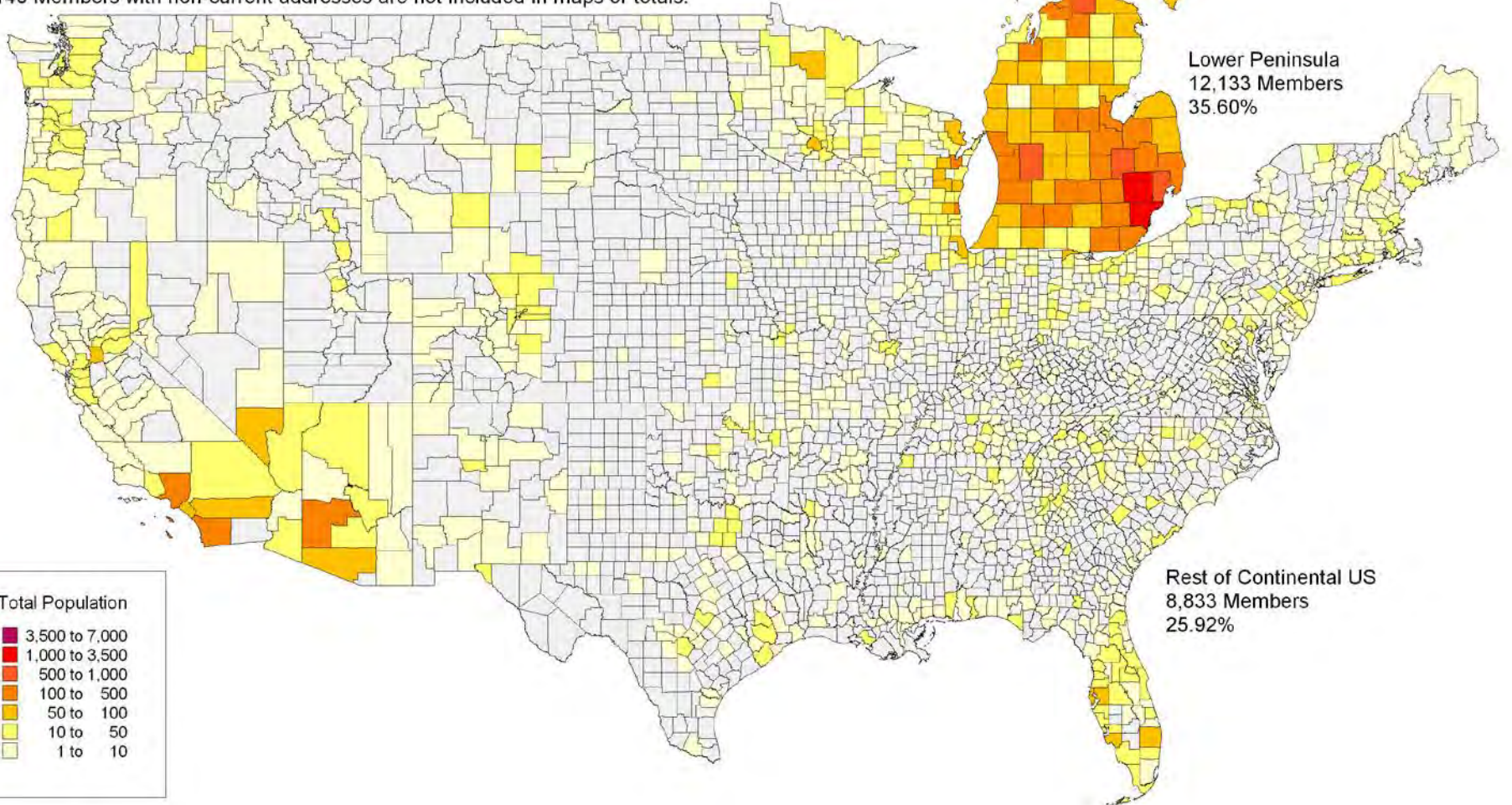
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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Total Population as of 10/22/2007

Separated by County

*34080 Members Shown

*690 Addresses unable to be mapped(outside of continental US or invalid)
*3140 Members with non-current addresses are not included in maps or totals.



Board of directors meeting summary: April 29

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 29 in Sault Ste. Marie.

The following resolutions were added to the agenda: Delta County Community Foundation Funding

Application for Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program.

The following resolution was removed from the agenda: Calling for Independent Investigation of Allegations of Corruption (and) Undue Influence of

an Appellate Decision and Judicial Misconduct Related to the Recent Appellate Court Decision to Qualify Bernard Bouschor to Run for Elective Office,

The following resolutions were passed: Class III Gaming Request for Additional Games,

Fiscal Year 2008 Governmental Cost Savings, and Delta County Community Foundation Funding Application for Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program.

Legislative summary: Under new business, the board of directors requested that the

Communications Department develop an efficiency analysis of the design center. The topic of law enforcement previously listed under new business was not discussed. The board of directors unanimously approved \$2,562,375 in governmental cost savings.

Experiment fails: board runs tribe into ground



TODD K. GRAVELLE,
DIRECTOR, UNIT I

The tribe is experiencing severe economic hardship with a \$15 million debt. The board identified \$4.5 million in savings, which means we still need another \$10 million to get out of this hole.

The tribe has achieved enormous economic success over the years by relying heavily on gaming to expand our economic base. Recently, however, we have been hit by a perfect storm. A variety of factors conspired against us. A poor national economy, hard-nosed gaming competition in Detroit and an incompetent board that refuses to work together to resolve problems.

There are too many chiefs on the board. Too many board members let their jealousies cloud their judgment. We need leaders who can rise above

petty jealousies and build a sound government that we can lean on rather than cut jobs and services.

The chairman began his term of office with high hopes of creating a more inclusive board to achieve his positive agenda. However, the more he gave, the less cooperation he received. We have seen constant attempts to undermine his authority from both within the administration and by power hungry board members. Well, in their pursuit of power and glory these people forgot they were elected to gather their collective wisdom to solve issues, not create them.

These board members also work with the *Sault Tribe Times*, a Web site and newsletter owned and operated by Bill and Bernard Bouschor. They spread misinformation and propaganda and will do anything to undermine the current chairman and myself. Bill Bouschor is an individual who also has a history of spreading pornography over the Internet. They have no credibility whatsoever.

Our Greektown Casino has been in trouble for years; most board members did nothing. The blame for this debacle is going to fall squarely where it belongs—on this dysfunctional board of directors. This is what happens when you try to run a tribe by committee where no one is in charge and no one

cooperates—the entire tribe is crippled by organizational paralysis.

It is clear to me — the board's selfish attempt to run this tribe by committee has run the tribe into the ground. A U.S. Navy captain recently sent me an e-mail. He is a concerned tribal member who said the following: "There can only be one

person in charge of any organization that is fully functional, productive and efficient. That person, however, must seek the counsel and opinions of his immediate subordinates, weigh them, and then act accordingly to achieve the desired objective. Subordinates must then fully support the decision made, whether or not they agree with

it." I can assure you that this tribe is not run according to this principle and you see the results.

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

Munising bustling with activity; powwow grows



SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR,
UNIT V

I just came from the graduation dinner, Thursday, May 1, for our Native American seniors in Munising. What a beautiful get together.

The seniors shared their plans for the future.

Jessie Bronson is going to college for auto mechanics, Joshua Semasky is going into the military in July, Rachel Ryan is going to college to become a teacher and Katie Matson is going to college to become a dentist. She knows that this is eight years of hard work. She wants to work for the tribal community.

These kids are so mature and sure of their path that I am in awe.

I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up — except tall!

Kim Swanberg and Cindy Blank do a terrific job with these students — they are proud, and rightfully so, that the percentage of graduates in our local Native American community is exceptionally high.

Cupie Gage, who has been

on the Parent Committee since the beginning, had made many hand crafted gifts to give to all in attendance.

I was given a framed gift, a keepsake that I will always treasure.

Munising elders will be hosting their second annual powwow in September. Last year was so beyond our expectations that we are aiming high again this year.

For those who don't have their name and colors, now would be a good time to plan for that.

Our committees are set up and plans are well under way.

Right now, elections are on everyone's mind. They are coming up fast. Election signs are popping up and the phone calls are coming in. I don't know

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Who would
like to walk
a cat



Greektown is worth the fight



**KEITH MASSAWAY,
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

We are still walking a thin line with our Greektown Casino. It has been an uphill climb but we are coming to the top of the mountain. The next two months are make or break. The board has worked extremely hard and has even come close to losing the casino to a sale in the recent past. We struggle with lenders and construction along with an economic downturn that has affected business. I would like to try and explain to you why we are trying so hard to keep Greektown. In 2007, we had an EBITDA (earnings to debt ratio) of \$60 million, with an estimated value of \$480 million and a debt of \$515 million, leaving a net loss of \$35 million. In 2008 we have an EBITDA of \$80 million with a value of \$640 million and a debt of \$600 million with a net value of \$40 million. That means if we sold today the best we could hope for would be \$40 million but reality would indicate we would actually see

no profit. In 2009, when our construction is done and we are up and running our EBITDA will be \$121 million with a value of \$968 million and a debt of \$566 million with a net value of \$402 million. In 2016, we will be a \$1 billion dollar business with no debt and over a \$60 million dollar profit each year. These projections are not ours but the lending corporation Merrill Lynch. This is why we are fighting so hard to keep Greektown. I have, along with our board, made Greektown a "top priority." Most of the happenings of Greektown are confidential and are covered under the proprietary provisions of our corporate by laws but we must do our best to explain what is happening there to our members without breaking the rules.

In a separate matter, I was totally dismayed that this issue of the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* is coming out several days after the primary ballots have been mailed. This issue has the candidate profiles and possibly many political ads. Historically 95 percent of the ballots are filled out and returned in the first week. That means that the people will have already voted and have not had an opportunity to research the candidates. I do not know how the paper allowed this injustice to the candidates to happen. It will be looked into and I will make sure that it never happens again. Thank you for your phone calls and e-mails. Keith Massaway, kmassaway@msn.com, (906) 643-6981.

From "Petoskey reports" pg. 26

about you, but I find the whole process exciting, although I am always happy when the votes are counted and the dealing's done.

Many heavy things are going on in our tribe. Rumors that layoffs and shorter hours have been ordered by the board

are not true. We are working hard to make sure that doesn't become a reality.

Think spring. Fight nice and be a blessing to someone.

Shirl

Unit V Rep.

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See "April 15 Report," page 24

desires to extend this year's beaver and otter trapping season from May 1 to May 15 in the Upper Peninsula and from April 15 to May 1 in the lower Peninsula. Another amendment to Chapter 21 was approved. One of the major changes clarified that medicine, handicraft materials and food may be gathered under a tribal ID. Sap, firewood, conifer boughs, black ash, basswood, ironwood and birch bark may only be gathered under an individual permit, not

under a harvest license as originally intended. This is because designated areas and levels of use must still be negotiated with the state. Tribal members still have the option of gathering on national forest land under the Memorandum of Understanding. For specific details, tribal members are encouraged to review the latest version of Chapter 21 on the tribe's official Web site. An ACFS budget modification was also approved saving the tribe \$84,000 in funding.

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The Choice Is Clear

**Government Reform and a new Constitution or
An incumbent board that is holding the door open
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**I will work
for YOU
in Unit 2**

**The Choice
Is Clear
Elect
Catherine
Hollowell
Unit 2
Director**



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UNIT 2

Catherine Hollowell

**Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Board of Directors**

Dear Unit 2 Tribal Members

First I would like to thank Unit 2 members for your outpouring of support and encouragement. Thank you for your hospitality, for the hot coffee and even a cribbage game or two! Our community is made up of wise generous, good hearted people and you deserve a government that reflects the same moral values that we all hold dear.

You are hearing a lot about politics as we head into a significant election year. I want to focus your attention on the UNIT 2 election race where I am seeking to unseat the incumbent, Lana Causley. This election is about better government. This requires good people to make good decisions.

As your UNIT 2 Tribal representative, I will be your voice for government that represents all the people. I have the leadership and experience to govern in the best interest of UNIT 2 and the Tribe as a whole. It is our responsibility to bring about the change that is so desperately needed. I ask for your help to help me unseat the incumbent in the upcoming Primary Election (May 22nd) The clear choice for better government is a vote for Catherine Hollowell, UNIT 2 Tribal Board of Directors.

Who we are and what we are trying to accomplish as a Tribe comes down to family, yours, mine and ours. I want to convey to you my commitment, to reconnecting our large extended families, so that we are able to share our values, traditions, our history and make our Tribal family stronger as we face the future together.



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My Promise

To govern in accordance with our teachings

To seek out and listen to your interests and concerns

To find common ground

To move the new Constitution to a vote of the people

To work in a spirit of cooperation, so that we may be a strong and proud Tribal nation, able to cultivate prosperity for ourselves and our grandchildren.

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Firefighters-LSSU hold hands on fire training

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

On March 15, 25 Lake Superior State University Fire Science students learned what it was to be responsible for a house afire. They handled operations, crawled through smoke, forced down doors, climbed through windows and saved the victims, all the time wearing a 100-pound pack.

It was only a training but what a training it was. They all want to come back and do it again.

Bay Mills Township Fire-Rescue and LSSU Fire Science held the joint training course. Bay Mills Community College provided a two-story hotel scheduled for demolition at the former Iroquois Lodge.

According to Ray Baker, captain of the Fire-Rescue unit and a Sault Tribe member, 14 people gave up their Saturday to help train the students and hone their own skills. Among them were Sault Tribe members Ralph, Dan and Jeff Wilcox. LSSU Fire Science instructors were Terry Heyns, Jim Schafer and Roger Land. According to Baker, Bay Mills Fire-Rescue has had a relationship with the LSSU program for the last three or four years.

"Heyns even joined the fire-



ACCOMPLISHED — Tired but happy, LSSU fire science students and instructors and Bay Mills Township firefighters completed a rough day of hands on training.

Photo by Jennifer Dale-Burton

rescue last year. To have people with that kind of knowledge is incredible," Baker said.

The captain added that all his firefighters are volunteers. "We train for the community safety and our own. We have same certifications, code and guidelines as full-time firefight-

ers. It takes a lot of time and commitment, but they want the training so they can do a good job and not get hurt."

The re-enactment called for trainees to be in full firefighting gear with a 100-pound pack. There were five stations for that day's training: interior, search and rescue; forcible entry; ladders, hoses and tools; fire scene lighting; and small engines and the pump. Additional training included classroom studies, fire scene size-up, ropes and knots, and arson scene preservation.

The trainings were pretty realistic. "One of the exercises

was to find your way out of a smoke-filled room," said Baker. "You couldn't even see your hand in front of your face. It's FX smoke, not harmful to the environment. We have to be careful with these exercises to comply with the DEQ and for safety."

LSSU has a smokehouse for practice, and a live burning set for practice in a controlled environment but they were glad to train someplace new. "It's uncommon to get a building like this to use and the hands-on practice is invaluable," said Baker. "This is a much

larger steel building and it's a fresh scenario for practice. After awhile, students can get to know the buildings used at LSSU. They brought three smoke machines to use in the practice."

Baker said they'd like to do more training at the site. "Before it's demolished completely, we'd like to come out again, maybe have training on breaking glass," he said.

Others pitching in that day were Bay Mills Township residents and LSSU students, Office of Emergency Services (Chippewa County 911), Bay Mills Emergency Connection and local law enforcement agencies.

"The Bay Mills tribe is very good to us," said Baker. "They gave us the use of this building no questions asked. The township and the tribe are very good. It's all part of our community, no lines here — the tribes, the township, the county — it's all one community. We look out for each other."

Baker added that in the movies you see heroes and action and incredible stunts. In reality, there is really so much behind the department needed to maintain it and build it.

The firefighters help each other and go beyond township boundaries. Last year they had 42 runs and helped for three days each at Sleeper Lake and RACO fires.

To join, call the town hall at (906) 437-5437 and leave a message that you are interested and where you can be reached.

Annual fleamarket returns in the Sault

Saturday, June 7, will see the return of the fleamarket — the 26th annual War Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Fleamarket at Kaine's Rink on East Easterday in Sault Ste. Marie is back for another year.

The ever popular event is chaired by auxiliary members Wanda Mohr and Ione Barber. They and all their volunteers work hard to provide the annual hunt for fun stuff by local residents. Categories of goods for sale are household items; books, toys and games; clothing, shoes and luggage; holiday goods; miscellaneous nick-nacks and craft stuff; the Garden Shoppe of indoor and outdoor plants, vases and planters; the Boutique of collectibles, antiques and oddities; and of course, the usual foods, unusually tasty.


Anyone who would like to donate items for the fleamarket is doing it in a good cause. All proceeds go to purchasing needed equipment for War Memorial Hospital.

To donate items for the sale, drop them off at Kaine's Rink from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning May 27. The volunteers will pick up large items prior to the sale day. For the Sault area only, call 635-4381. For the Sault and beyond, call 647-9011 or 635-0154.

Please note that the fleamarket can't take refrigerators, freezers or windows.

Then, there is the annual raffle. This year, there are three chances to win with a prize of \$1,000, \$500 or \$250. Get your

tickets at the hospital gift shop or from any of our hospital aux-



ELECT
Robert Horn
Unit 2 Director

18 Years Public Servant Volunteerism

POSITIVE Search and Rescue Team



18 Years Volunteer Fireman (past ten in unit 2)

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Please Feel Free To Contact Me With Your Questions (906)440-4202 unit2rep@hotmail.com

Elect **Robert Horn**

Unit 2 Board of Directors

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Let's Not Have Four More Years Of The Same

This campaign has revealed the deep dissatisfaction with our current board, it is OK to disagree without becoming disagreeable. I believe that it is time for a change. Unit 2 needs a director that does not have a personal political agenda and will work for the majority.

My opponent has continually voted yes on issues that were contrary to the wishes of the majority in Unit 2. She has ignored the advice of Unit 2 elders and is out of touch with the members at large. She will actually tell you one thing and then do just the opposite.

Personal politics is causing animosity and this: Needs To Change

My goal, if elected, is to fight to insure that our services will be there in the future and expanded from where they are now. I am willing to listen to all the members and your concerns, I will work with the whole board and not just a small political faction.

I would like to be part of the positive change our Tribe so desperately needs right now. I hear your concerns and I will strive for better communication.

We need to learn to live with a balanced budget and we can not continue to spend more money then we take in.

It is time that we support our relatives who live outside of the service area by establishing at large districts.

YOUR VOTE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE IS APPRECIATED

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Sault student places at state wrestling finals

By Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe member Joe Harper, 13, is a seventh grader at Sault Area Middle School and a member of the school's wrestling team.

Of four students from the Middle School who wrestled in the state finals at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., Harper is the only one who walked away a winner taking fifth place in his weight and age category. Over 2,800 wrestlers participated in the state finals.

"Throughout the wrestling season he brought home mostly first place wins," said his mother, Tammy Kinnear. Harper placed second in the regional competition held in Munising.

Wrestling since age 7, Harper practices an hour a day, seven days a week, sometimes against his 20-year-old brother, Louie. "We had a few people who really



Joe Harper with his mom, Tammy Kinnear.

made a difference and helped him out a lot," Kinnear said. "His uncle Larry Harper came to most of his

meets along with his cousin Matthew, and also acted as one of his coaches in addition to helping fund his trips to the regional meet and state finals."

In addition to his uncle Larry Harper, Gerald Cartwright, owner of D&G Auto on the corner of Seven Mile Road and Mackinac Trail, also sponsored him.

During the wrestling season, most weekends were taken up with meets usually held on Saturdays. "We traveled to Petoskey, Gaylord, Cheboygan and just below the bridge in northern lower Michigan," Kinnear said. "His cousin Matthew is the one who got him interested in wrestling during elementary school."

Also showing their support by attending meets are his family, dad, Joe Harper, Jr., grandparents, Donald and Joe Harper and Marilyn Haynes, his aunt Missy Harper and coach and friend Dan Ellis.

12,000 works read for 'Lost in Par-read-dise'

Brimley Elementary School and a few of our prize winners would like to graciously thank all of our sponsors for this year's nine-week reading incentive program, "Lost in Par-read-dise."

It was a huge success thanks to you, our teachers and all the great students who read more than 12,000 books and chapters. We want to especially thank the following:

Boyne Mountain Resorts (Avalanche Bay/Clock Tower Inn), Bay Mart, Bay Mills Indian Community, Bay Mills Community College, Bell

Tourist and the Haunted Depot, Chi-Mukwa Recreation Center, Boys and Girls Club of Bay Mills and Brimley, Brimley School's PTO, Deb Connolly, Dondee Lanes, Frances Robbins, Furlong Company, Groove's Music, Holiday Inn Express, Lake Superior State University hockey team, Little Caesar's Pizza, Northern Wings and Repair, Pizza Hut, Quizno's, Ramada Inn Express, Stuff's Gift Shop and Thunder Fall's Family Water Park.

G'chi miigwech (Big thank you)!



Brimley Elementary students say G'chi-miigwech for the books.

U.P. Connection offers girls b-ball

BY RICK SMITH

You've seen the SUVs and minivans with the U.P. Connection logos stuck on the rear side windows, most also display words like Bandits, Shockers or Fire along with numbers. So, what is it? An Internet service? Something more sinister? Nah, sinister types wouldn't have displays on minivans, or would they?

Those SUVs and minivans sporting those logos belong to families who have girls in the U.P. Connection Basketball Club. Many are Sault Tribe members.

According to Barry Butler, U.P. Connection administrator, the club offers opportunities for girls, from fourth grade to high school seniors, to try out for intramural teams that compete statewide. The goal is to give young female athletes the chance to work on their games, play opponents at higher levels of competition and always just to have fun playing the game they love.

The teams participate around the state in events sponsored by the Amateur Athletic Union, the United States Specialty Sports Association and the American Youth Basketball Tour.

"These organizations give girls the opportunity to play at a level they cannot experience at the local school level," said Butler. "You can see the difference in game play of schools that have girls from our program and those that don't. At our local middle school conference, it is very evident the difference the program makes. We

believe that we are here to support our local schools by giving them a higher caliber player with the experience they gain through our program."

Butler said the U.P. Connection type of program is nationally proven to be the springboard for college opportunities for college opportunities for smaller communities.

"Our girls compete wherever we take them," explained Butler. "They play all sports to include volleyball, track, softball, soccer and so on. The school honor rolls are full of the names of our club members. This is a great program for young ladies to excel. With our fourth grade program being total fundamentals with no games and playoffs the girls get the chance they can't get anywhere else. There is no educated argument against the program as it is a club of the girls for the girls."

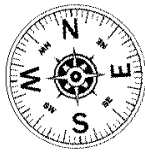
Butler added, "Those who have experience in these programs, as well as all higher-level coaches will tell you how vital these programs are to the success of our local school teams. We receive great support from the Lady Lakers at LSSU, as well as local school coaches who have experience with our organization. These girls have traveled around the state gaining experience against, and now beating, the bigger communities in the state."

Last year, upwards of 170 were involved with the program, Butler noted.

More information waits at www.upconnectionbasketball.com.



James M. DeKeyser
Businessman
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Community Leader



WE NEED TO GET POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

It is very obvious to most members that we need to change course, and that we are heading in the wrong direction. Elections are about ideas and issues. We need to put an end to the fighting and bickering. New members on the board will help solve this problem and that is why I am running. I will need your vote and support in the primary and again in the general election.

Because of my business experience, I will be ready on day one to look at the hard issues facing our Tribe. We can turn our financial situation around but we need to be honest with ourselves. Who got us into this mess?

The delay in the completion of the St. Ignace casino is one good example of poor planning. We can do better. I will work hard to get us moving in a positive direction, thank you for considering me. Your Vote is appreciated.

Let me introduce myself and some of my business experience

I was born in 1958 in St. Ignace, Michigan. I have been married for 30 years to Sheryl Marshall and we have two children, Nichole and Brent. I am Catholic. I graduated from LaSalle High School in 1977. I have been the owner and manager of the 61-unit Super 8 Motel for the past 11 years and previous to that I was the manager and owner of the Million Dollar View Motel for 10 years. I understand the Construction trades as well as marketing for tourism. I am the President of the St. Ignace Snowmobile Club, Active with the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau and also serve on the St. Ignace Special Events Committee. Last year I was one of the sponsors for the Rendezvous Powwow and I will work hard to help bring good ideas to the board to help promote our North Shore casino.

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James M. DeKeyser

Sault Tribe Unit 3 Board Of Directors

As a successful business owner I will use my knowledge and experience to ensure that the Tribal businesses are run in a profitable and economical manner. I will work to unify the Tribal Board of Directors so that we will operate more efficiently and professionally. I will safeguard the health and education of all Tribal members and safeguard the elders and employee benefits. I will address any concern that comes before me in a timely manner.

Family Celebration going strong in 10th year

SAULT STE. MARIE — Families flocked to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie on the evening of April 10 to enjoy the 10th annual Family Celebration event.

Local organizations and businesses came to promote offerings and mingle with the families.

A jumping castle was stationed for all to enjoy and free tasty comestibles were available for the hungry. Some lucky folks even won door prizes. Skating was an option, too, dur-

ing the celebration.

The 2008 Family Celebration was sponsored by Anishinabek

Community and Family Services, EUP Intermediate School District, Chippewa

County Council for Youth and Families, Sault Tribe Head Start, nutrition and housing

services, Youth Education and Activities and Kewadin Casinos.



Photo by Rick Smith

Celebrants in queue to enter the jumping castle at the Family Celebration, now in its tenth year.



Photo by Rick Smith

Local business and organizations at demonstration tables showed off their wares.

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Free Laker camps for Sault Tribe youth

Free Laker camps are being offered to Sault Tribe youth this summer. To register, call Jessica at 635-7770, starting Monday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Registrations are on a first served basis. No early registrations will be accepted.

Camps are limited to the first 50 registrants. Lunch fees may apply.

Camp schedules:

Boys individual basketball camps, June 23-26, grades four and up, Monday-Wednesday,

9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Girls individual basketball camps, July 21-24, grades five and up, Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon.



A big thank you to Family Celebration 2008 contributors

On behalf of everyone involved in the April 10 Family Celebration, we would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their generous donations to our event. Without their support our event would not have been such a success.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services, EUP Intermediate School District, Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families, Sault Tribe Head Start, Sault Tribe Community Health Nutrition Program, Sault Tribe Housing Authority, Youth Education and Activities, Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, Kewadin Casino, Hallmark, Jilbert Dairy, Quiznos, McDonald's, Country Kitchen, Dondee Lanes, Curves, Penny's kitchen, A Cut Above, Family Video, Pizza Hut, Cup of the day, Franks Place, The Palace Saloon, Guido's, Karl's Cuisine,

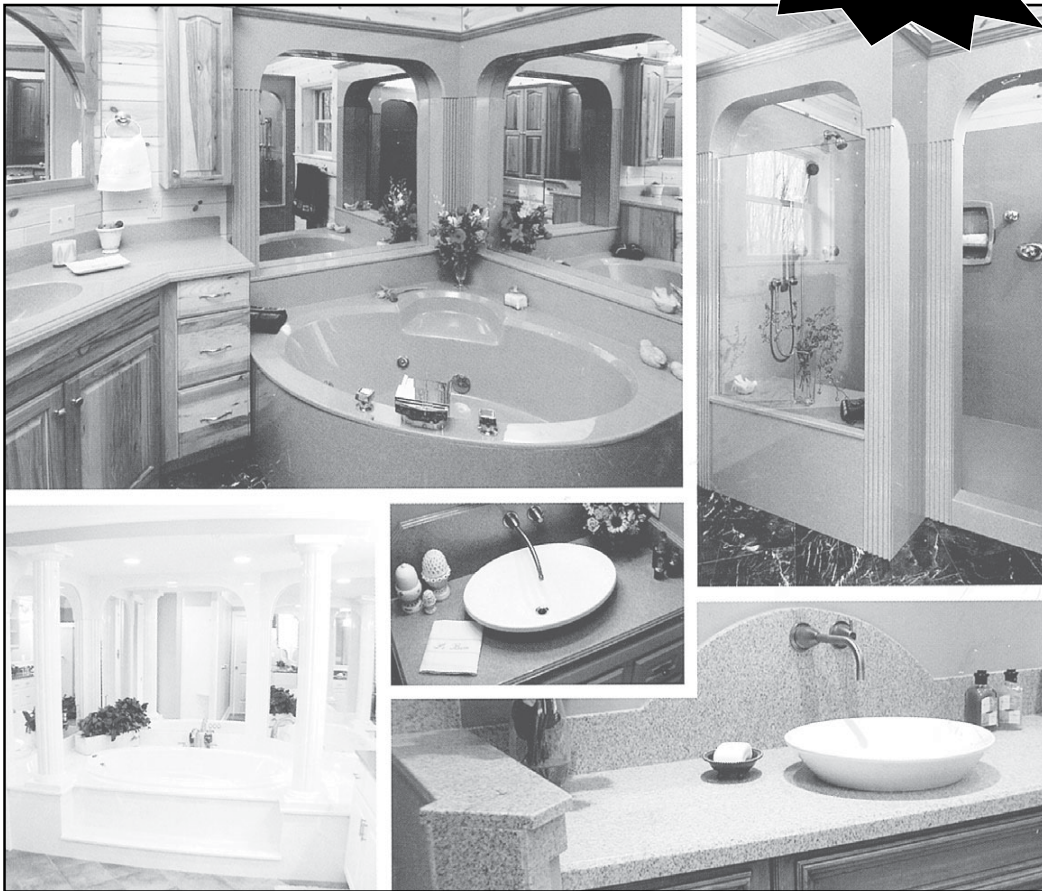
Zorba's, Caffeine Express, Co-ed Flowers, Personal Touch and Midjim.

Special thanks to Sam and Tina Gardner and Rick and Suzette (Sam's sister) Plummer from Soo Boat Works who donated bikes in memory of their father Fred Gardner.

This is the third year the Gardner Family has donated bikes.

Thanks, too, to those on the planning committee in providing fun activities for the children and information for the caregivers: Tribal Youth Council, Girl Scouts, Sault Tribe Cultural Division, Animal Kingdom, MSU Breastfeeding Peer Counseling, MSU 4-H, MSU Ground Water, EUP Dispute Resolution Center, USDA Forest Service, Bayliss Library, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Diane Peppler Resource Center and EUPISD Great Start Parent Coalition.

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Tribal youth council students fight tobacco use

Young people from the Sault Area High School tribal youth council, Chippewa County Teens Against Tobacco Use, and Sault High Working on Wellness joined thousands of kids across the country who took part in Kick Butts Day, a nationwide initiative that makes kids leaders in the effort to stop youth tobacco use.

As part of the celebration, the three groups of students worked together in running a “numbers campaign” at Sault High and in the community during the week of April 14-18 to educate students and the public about our state’s “fatal figures” as a result of commercial tobacco use. The purpose of the campaign was to inform students and community members that 45 people die each day in Michigan from



Sault Tribal Youth Council students presented skits at JKL Bahweting School to educate students about the dangers of commercial tobacco use.

smoking-related illnesses.

During the campaign, students spent Monday through Thursday blasting the school

and community with the number 45 by means of posters, stickers and announcements but kept the meaning a secret. On

Friday, the students announced the meaning of the number 45 to the audiences through more posters, announcements and a radio interview on Radio Soo. The campaign was a success in educating people about the great impact of commercial tobacco in our state.

In addition to running the numbers campaign, Sault High School’s tribal youth council developed skits to present to younger kids about the dangers of commercial tobacco use. The group then presented the skits to a gymnasium full of 4-8 graders at JKL Bahweting School on April 8.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people every year. Every day, more than 4,000 kids



try their first cigarettes. Another 1,000 kids become addicted smokers, one-third of whom will die prematurely as a result. The efforts put forth by local youth during this year’s Kick Butts Day events will have a lasting impact on the health of our community.

For more information on prevention of youth tobacco abuse or for tobacco cessation information, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at 632-5210 or your local tribal health center.

Local students join the world’s largest exercise class

Local students are eager to help Michigan retain its record as the state with the most participation in the world’s largest exercise class.

On May 7 at 10 a.m., students from all 50 states and 50 countries participated in All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES), a one-day youth exercise program intended to highlight the importance and need for youth fitness.

Michigan schools have joined together in large numbers to show their commitment to health. Last year, over 1,000 schools and almost 450,000 students participated.

ACES was founded by New

Jersey physical educator Len Saunders in 1989. “Children need motivational and fun tools to enjoy exercise,” Saunders said.

ACES is just that — a fun way to exercise. Children get excited to exercise because they know kids all over the world will be exercising along with them. Now in its twentieth year, the program reaches millions worldwide.

Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and first gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern are co-chairing ACES this year. “Dan and I have always stressed the importance of physical activity and sport in our lives and the lives of our children — we’d

like to encourage all Michigan families to step up and get moving in 2008,” Granholm said.

This year, project ACES was promoted by Sault Tribe Community Health, the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District and 99.5 YES FM.

Local schools celebrated ACES by tuning into 99.5 YES FM and listening as DJ Timmy E. played a 15 minute series of move-it songs designed to give classrooms the opportunity to walk, jump, dance, twist, stretch and have fun.

The names of schools participating in ACES were announced over the radio.

For more information on the ACES project, visit www.michiganfitness.org or contact

Lauren Eveleigh, Sault Tribe Community Health educator at 632-5210.

Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program promotes healthy lifestyles

SUBMITTED BY DONNA NORKOLI, STEPS COORDINATOR

The Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program provided fun activities and information to promote physical activity, tobacco-free lifestyles and healthy eating at the Family Celebration on April 10 at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Families and caregivers can work together to make a home where it is easy to eat healthfully, be physically active and to avoid tobacco use or smoke-

filled environments.

Parents can help their children learn healthful habits by modeling healthful behaviors. Parents can also involve children in making health promoting living decisions such as helping with the dinner menu or reading labels in the grocery store or deciding to walk to a smoke-free restaurant.

Some important ways for families to be healthier are to eat dinner together and to limit screentime—whether it is TV, computer or video games—to less than two hours per day.



Community Health educator Lauren Eveleigh provides tobacco prevention education to families using the tobacco trivia wheel.

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Read about the elder’s new scholarship and essay opportunities on page 17.

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ACFS advocacy honor breakfast, honoring those who seek to protect all children



Marty Snyder received the Advocate of the Year Award for services she has provided to tribal children over the years.

Marty Snyder, Advocate of the Year, was nominated by ACFS employees Sharon Hutchinson, Jeanne McHugh, Viola Neadow, Jeanne King, Sharon Skjolaas, Denise Chase and Linda Ryerse.

This is what they had to say, "We feel the time to honor Marty Snyder for her years of dedication is long overdue. We can't think of a person more deserving to be recognized for all her years of service to not only the good of our children but also to the parents and families of these children.

Marty has been there since the beginning of Binogii, giving of herself wholeheartedly and unselfishly for the better of our

tribal families. She herself has been a foster parent to many children over the years and she continues to stay active even though she has retired.

Marty is a member of the Child Welfare Committee and also volunteers her time to attend court hearings as a expert witness when needed.

Marty has put many years of hard work into our agency, has ventured out into some terrible weather, endured long hours and even when she was battling cancer she continued to work just as hard.

Marty is/was well liked and respected by her supervisors, employees she supervised, clients and agencies. She was

always firm but fair in all matters she was involved in.

Marty's unique personality, her knowledge and her ability to stand up against any person she perceived as being unjust or wrong made her a "legend" to all who knew her or knew of her. People were not able to fool her or con her into something she did not believe in."

The following are excerpts from a 1992 Wisconsin Supreme Court case in which Snyder was involved:

*Certified as a social worker by the state of Michigan and had been involved in the field of social work since 1974.

*She was involved in implementing one of the first Indian

child placement agencies in the United States-the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency-and was chairman of the board of that agency for three years.

*She helped develop tribe's Indian outreach program which started in her dining room.

*She was one of the drafters of the Indian Child Welfare Act at the federal level.

James Bias presented the award to Snyder and had this to say, "Some of our current caseworkers with ACFS weren't even born yet, and Marty was there, fighting the fights this Tribe so desperately needed to win.

And since that time, she has continued to fight for our

children, both as a worker for ACFS, as a member of the Child Welfare Committee, and as probably the most experienced ICWA expert witness in the State of Michigan.

She is a fine example to all of us of working hard towards what we think can be, and she is the embodiment of all the good that Tribe has to offer.

Marty, thank you for your years of advocacy."



Aime Lawson, right, is awarded her certificate for being a nominee from Sault Tribe attorney James Bias, left.



Faith McGruther was presented a certificate for being a nominee. Other nominees were Lori Jump and James Bias.

ACFS holds recognition for foster parents



Anishnaabek Community and Family Services held a recognition luncheon on April 17 for foster parents. Foster parents throughout the seven-county service area attended

Left: ACFS Interim Director Juanita Bye awards Amber Visnaw a Certificate of Appreciation. An ACFS Secretary, Visnaw helped with the arrangements for the luncheon and training. Visnaw and her husband, Arnie, a tribal member, are adoptive and foster parents living in Rudyard.

the luncheon which was held at the Elks Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie. Foster parents provide a valuable service to area children who for various reasons are unable to live at home. Their role and significance is often overlooked. Their only reward is persona — a love of children. Few people stop to consider the many responsibilities these families are willing to take on, without praise or admiration. They do it because they are by nature caregivers and they are deserving of a day of acknowledgement. ACFS is always seeking more families like

them.

The luncheon included a day of training on child welfare issues. Foster parents are required to have training hours, and it is also an opportunity for them to meet other families providing the same care to children as they do and with similar challenges. ACFS wishes to recognize these families and hopes if you know them you can show them your support as well. For information about foster parenting, contact Shirley Goudeau at 495-1232 in Kincheloe or Jeanne McHugh at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

ACFS hosts April elders justice workshop

Trainers for the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse were in Sault Ste. Marie April 18 for a one-day workshop. This workshop was part of a grant received by ACFS and supported by several tribal programs. The goal is to improve outcomes for elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; including issues for all at-risk adult protective services.

The workshop demonstrated a uniting of tribal departments

with community professionals and area agencies involved with seniors. The support is strong. The tribe was represented by ACFS Child Placement Agency and Advocacy Resource Center, Elder Services, Law Enforcement, Tribal Court, Legal Department, Community Health, Behavioral Health, Housing Authority, and the Geriatric Team. The list of community participants was equally impressive. The trainers were

knowledgeable and able to provide tools for building the collaboration and developing visions for effective services.

The group developed its vision statement at the workshop: "A unified community that respects and values the empowerment and safety of at-risk adults." It's mission is "to honor the dignity and rights of at-risk adults by identifying and responding to abuse, neglect and exploitation through col-

laboration, education, advocacy, intervention and prevention."

Monthly meetings will continue to work toward its goal. Additional workshops will be offered and subcommittees such as public awareness will be formed.

Any elder or community member who is interested in becoming a part of this collaboration for justice may contact ACFS at 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Child Placement supervisor Melissa VanLuven and case-worker Jami Moran attended the Michigan State Department of Human Services' adult protective service training April 21-23 at the Detroit Cadillac Center.

This training was made possible by grant funding. Once the Tribal Adult Protective Service Code is approved, it prepares ACFS to provide human service investigations on trust lands in cases of at-risk adults.

Dental program update: two dentists needed

SUBMITTED BY **BRUCE A. ANDERSON, DDS, MAGD, SAULT TRIBE DENTAL PROGRAM MANAGER**

The dental program is seeking two dentists to fill the vacancies (one each) at the Manistique Tribal Center and the Lambert Center in St. Ignace. When in full production, the dental program, with a total of five dentists and three clinics, is only able to meet about 60 percent of the total need of tribal members. With the vacancy rate of two out of five dentists (40 percent), the

program is greatly understaffed. The vacancy rate in the Indian Health Service (IHS) is currently over 30 percent. The IHS has sites in areas like metro Phoenix and rural Alaska.

As a whole in the United States, rural areas like ours are considered underserved in both medicine and dentistry. We are no exception as our sites have been assigned that designation by the state. In fact, Indian Health Service has given the Sault dental clinic "isolated hardship status." This means that a U.S. Public Health

Service officer stationed here earns a special medal just for serving here.

We are challenged in all three locations — Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique and St. Ignace — by the fact that most health professionals choose to live in more populated areas where the arts, sports and educational opportunities are readily available. If we were located in the greater Detroit area, for example, we would have a much greater chance of filling our positions. We are using the national IHS dental recruiter as

well as a national search firm based in Florida to help fill these positions.

We are encouraging those patients whose routine dentistry has been delayed to continue to use the dental clinics in Manistique and St. Ignace once dentists have been hired for those positions. A temporary dentist, Dr. Schilling, is visiting both sites to help out as much as possible.

In the case of emergency need, please contact the closest dental clinic to check if there is a dentist there. If not, the Sault

Dental Clinic sees emergency patients from 8 to 9 a.m. every day the clinic is open. Again, only members of federally recognized tribes are seen.



LSSU Native American Student Organization recognizes outstanding graduating students



Left: Stephanie Sabatine, director of LSSU's Native American Center, presents Jeff Gaus with a plaque honoring him as the 2008 Outstanding Native American Graduating Student of the Year. Criteria by which a student is chosen for the yearly award include involvement in community, GPA, letters of recommendation and tribal affiliation.

Right: Ronda Mastaw received recognition for being nominated for the Outstanding Native American Graduating Student of the Year.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Services provided by your Sault Tribe HR recruiter

SUBMITTED BY **BARB SMUTEK, HR RECRUITER**

What does a recruiter in the Employment Department do? Let's begin with the most obvious — she recruits people to apply for casino, governmental and enterprise employment openings with Sault Tribe.

Our main focus is recruiting professional applicants to apply for hard-to-fill positions. We are currently assisting the health center staff with finding qualified applicants for openings in the healthcare field: dentists, registered nurses and a clinical social worker. We are also recruiting for an inland fishing and wildlife biologist. If you work in any of these fields or know someone who does, please call us at (888) 635-7032 or e-mail to stemployment@saulttribe.net.

We recruit applicants in many different ways.

The recruiter attends job fairs sponsored by Michigan universities and MichiganWorks! When needed, Kewadin Casinos also hosts job fairs to replenish regular and seasonal staff. Job fair season is usually January-May and September-November.

We post new jobs and

updates nearly every day. The recruiter updates our job list on the Internet daily. Please visit our Web site www.saulttribe.com. You can apply online.

We contact current applicants who may be interested in our professional positions and we work in conjunction with our local MichiganWorks! office to find qualified applicants.

Positions are posted at local universities and advertised in various places like our local newspapers.

Now that you have that information, here is some more information you may not have known before today.

The recruiter is available to present career materials and presentations at local schools. We want to encourage our young Sault Tribe members to continue with their education and return to work for our tribe after college. Last year, our recruiter presented to Upward Bound students and we participated in a MichiganWorks! Career Showcase for middle school students.

Do you have questions about our tribal WIA or Higher Education programs and internships? We receive questions

regarding these programs daily and we are always happy to assist you in finding the right people to answer your questions. We work closely with the Education Department to provide the best services to you.

We are also branching out to the training department. Did you know that our tribe offers daily classes in everything from customer service to Microsoft Word? That's right, our recruiter is currently helping to teach some computer classes added to an already full training calendar.

Classes are available to Sault Tribe employees and members. If you would like more information on coming classes, please call Nick VanAlstine, training manager, at 635-4937.

Do you need some on-the-job experience? Many departments within the tribe are available to provide job shadow services. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering your time to gain some field experience. This is a unique opportunity we are able to provide and it will look great on your resume.

Talking about resumes, we are also able to assist you with building or revising your

resume or application. If you are not getting the job you want, then it may be time to update your interviewing skills.

We are here to work with you to make sure you have the best interview possible. We are available to meet individually or possibly in groups, if we have enough interested candidates.

Another option you may not know about is we are available to all Sault Tribe members looking for work, even if it is not with the tribe.

At times, there are members looking for employment outside our service area or in a field we do not offer, such as engineering or manufacturing.

If we do not have an opening for you, then we are here

to help you find the right position in your field. Our recruiter meets with many different employers at the job fairs she attends every year. We collect their information to pass along to you!

This is a summary of the majority of services we provide for you across our seven-county service area.

If you are interested in receiving any of these services or have any questions, please contact us. We are only a phone call or e-mail away.

We can be reached by phone at 635-4937 or toll free at (866) 635-7032.

If you prefer to use e-mail, our address is stemployment@saulttribe.net.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

June 1, 2008, is the deadline for all Sault Tribe scholarships. For information, see the April 11, 2008 issue of the Sault Tribe's newspaper (online at www.saulttribe.com) or contact higher Education program Administrator Janice Lewton.

2008-09 School year higher education applications will be sent to over 1,400 students who have 2007-08 applications on file. New students can request applications from Lewton.

For questions or concerns, please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or by e-mail at jl Lewton@saulttribe.net or stop by the office in the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Anishinaabe Bimaadizwin

"Some people don't walk this way, but speak the truth to them anyway."
— Phyllis Thomas, spring ceremonies, Sault, Mich., 2007

Da bimaadziimgad gda nWenninaa *(The way we sound will keep on living)*

SUBMITTED BY AAGII CLEMENT

The Sault Tribe Cultural Department employs two language instructors, Nancy Debassige and Leonard Kimewon. Both Nancy and Leonard are originally from Manitoulin Island, Canada, and Anishinaabemowin is the first language of both instructors. Nancy became employed by our tribe in 2002 and Leonard since 2006. Both are hard working individuals dedicated to keeping Anishinaabemowin alive.

Anishinaabe means "the good being."

Anishinaabemowin is the language the good beings speak. It is a language that has been around for thousands of years. Its structure, grammar and meaning is dramatically different than that of European languages.

The English language consists of a framework of objects such as nouns and pronouns, where Anishinaabemowin (the language) consists of mostly verbs. This gives movement, life and animation to our language. So, it isn't just about communication, but rather Anishinaabemowin holds within its words the very essence of our beings, our way of life.

Debassige describes it this way, "It is the essence of who we are, a connection to the natural world around us, to our past, present and future." She believes we, as Anishinaabe, can not be separated from our

language, just as we cannot be separated from the natural world around us.

An example Debassige gives is the English word "brown" which, by itself, describes nothing. It just sits there, brown. What does brown describe about the world around us? We would have to add an object to "brown" in order to give more dimension to the word itself. However, in Anishinaabemowin, "brown" means earth's color. So, we understand that *kiiwaande* (brown) means the color of the earth.

We need no other explanation or description than that. It can stand alone and paints a mental image from the world around us. It is descriptive.

Debassige says English is more like labeling, where Anishinaabemowin describes something which often produces a feeling or a connection.

Hence, our language helps to form how we think, and how we think dictates a standard of living. Our language then becomes a teacher of how we should conduct ourselves not only individually, but communally, tribally and globally. So it can be fair to say then that within the language exists our Anishinaabe philosophy. This philosophy is expressed through teachings, stories and our intricate relationship with creation. These teachings not only influence personality, society, spirituality, action and

ethics; they also set out the proper context for a person to live in. Teachings give life meaning. Our language gives our lives meaning.

Anishinaabemowin connects us to the original Grandfather teachings in a meaningful way. Debassige explains Anishinaabemowin is humble. It teaches humility by always placing other people, places and things first before ourselves. Again, this denotes a code of etiquette, a way of thinking, a unique cultural identity.

For instance, in English a person might say, "I saw Mary." The emphasis is on the fact that *you* saw Mary. But, in Anishinaabemowin we would say, "Mary I saw." *Mary* then becomes the most important subject in the sentence, not "I."

We recently asked some of Debassige's students why they thought learning the language was important. This is what they had to share.

"To me, language is important because we are not complete as Anishinaabe without it," said Carol Eavou. "People learn differently, and the more ways we can offer, the better it is for everyone who wants to learn. Nancy teaches in the way we learned as babies, through listening and watching. Her focus isn't on nouns or verbs, but rather in everyday situations that happen, that we can all relate to. Humor is always a big part of what

Nancy teaches. Her teachings are in the stories themselves, how it was done a long time ago, and that connects us to our past, our heritage, and we should never lose that (connection)."

"Our language is the main part perpetuating our culture and people," Floyd Perry observed.

"We need our language to keep our heritage going," remarked Basil Willis.

"Listening to the language being spoken brings back to mind when I was young. Without our language, we will lose our culture."

"Language is the basis of our culture," Clarence Cadreau noted. "Without language we have nothing. Culture stands on our language."

"I heard my language spoken by many voices and from quiet whispers and murmurs to boisterous happy shouts," Sue Askwith testified. There's simply no substitute for hearing people converse in an animated flow. Something calls me to this, just like music calls to me. I cannot say why, I only hear and respond as I can. One of the coolest things that happens to me is that sometimes I find myself thinking in the language and occasionally I see some item and call it by its Ojibwe name."

"I get a kick out of speaking the language," said the other instructor, Leonard Kimewon. "It makes me really happy to

hear others speaking it, too."

Recently, one of Debassige's students, D.J. Malloy, said she was very excited and wanted to share her discovery with us. While studying the language, Malloy became aware that "ode" meant heart and "min" meant berry. Hence the word "odemim" meant heartberry or "strawberry" as it is known today. However, what really made Malloy happy was when she realized that ode (heart) kept showing up in the center of many Anishinaabemowin words, again bringing to light that feelings and emotions are an intricate part of our language.

Debassige shared that she is so happy to be able to speak Anishinaabemowin to anyone willing to listen. In describing how speaking the language makes her feel, she had these thoughts to share, "It brings me to tears when I think of the language and how it effects me, how I feel inside. I want my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be able to hear their language spoken. I am so filled-up inside thinking about how Creator has given me this gift to share with the people."

We all hope she continues to share her gift of Anishinaabemowin with as many people as possible for many years to come.

The instructors and their students are keeping Anishinaabemowin alive.

Language classes schedule

Sault Tribe Ojibwe language instructors Nancy Debassige and Leonard Kimewon speak Anishinaabemowin to benefit others on the following schedule: Mondays in Hessel from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays in St. Ignace from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays in Sault Ste. Marie from noon to 1 p.m. and Manistique from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursdays in Sault Ste. Marie from 6 to 8 p.m.

Noon hour classes on Wednesdays in the Sault are conducted at the tribal administration building in the offices

occupying the old Woolworth's spaces. This is referred to as the lunch bunch class as several individuals bring lunches to enjoy an informal time of listening, visiting and questioning.

Evening classes on Thursdays in Sault Ste. Marie are at the Niigaanagiiizhik Building have a usual crowd of about 40 people ranging from children to elders who gather for listening, learning, visiting, laughing and eating potluck offerings. If you have any questions, call 632-7494.

Coming events and contact information

Cultural training, What Was Never Told series, Wednesdays in Sault Ste. Marie, 9 a.m. to noon, Fridays in St. Ignace, 9 a.m. to noon, Elaine Young, 632-7494.

Making regalia, Niigaanagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie, June 7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Cindy Thomas, 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

Culture Committee meeting, Niigaanagiiizhik Building, May 8 at 6 p.m. and June 4 at 6 p.m., Jackie Minton, president. Bahweting Drum, Niigaanag-

iizhik Building, May 12, 19 and 26; June 2 and 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., Bud Biron, 632-7494.

Mary Murray Culture Camp, ground breaking for new trail, May 14, Bud Biron.

Mid-May (date unknown), rebuilding the waabinoo on Sugar Island. Watch for coming fliers for details.

Women's gathering, Mary Murray Cultrue Camp, May 15-18, Cindy Thomas, 635-6075.

Artists exhibit and sales, Bawating Art Gallery, second Thursdays-Saturdays of month, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aagii Clement, 632-7494.

For more details on these and other events, the Sault Tribe Cultural Department phone number is 632-7494, offices are at 531 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in the space formerly occupied by the old Woolworth's cafeteria. The offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anishinaabemowin Corner

Minookming ezhiwebag	Signs of spring
Bgoji waaskonesan bi-maajjignoon.	Wildflowers are coming up.
Gchi gimwan.	It rains a lot.
Giigoonsag biindigewag.	The smelt are running.
Wiinjiishkogaa.	It's muddy.
Pichi gii bskaabii.	The robin is back.

Pronunciation Guide

a	i	o	
aa	ii	oo	e
Long Vowels:		Short Vowels:	
'a' sounds like the 'u' in 'but.'		'aa' sounds like 'saw.'	
'i' sounds like 'bit.'		'ii' sounds like 'knee.'	
		'a' sounds like the 'u' in 'but.'	
'o' sounds like 'wolf.'		'e' sounds like 'led.'	

Cultural Division Mission Statement

To be a resource of traditional cultural teachings and knowledge for members and communities to preserve and perpetuate our Anishinaabe bimaadziwin.

Classes

Jan. 2-Dec. 17: Anishinaabemowin classes, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. No sign up necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch. For more information, contact Nancy Debassige, language instructor at 632-6050 ext. 26143.

Jan. 3-Dec. 18: Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Niigaanagiiizhik Building, in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes are taught through immersion in the Ojibwe language. Classes begin with a potluck feast with our elder advisory members so bring your favorite dish. Nancy Debassige will demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story. It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy living our culture. Call the Cultural Division at 632-7494 for more information.

April 2-Dec. 17: Manistique language classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Manistique Health Center. For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

Jan. 7-Dec. 29: Dewege (drumming), 7-9 p.m., every Monday at the Niigaanagiiizhik Building. Sharing about life, songs and the styles of singing. Great family time for singing, dancing or listening. For more information, call Bud at 632-7494.

April 7-June 27: Spring 2008 fitness classes at the All In One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include early birds, muscle fun, Pi/Yo mix, midday muscle, stretch and relax, step to the beat, Bosu circuit, low impact sampler, Pilates tone and stretch and box and pump. All classes are in the aerobic room, first floor. For more information, call 635-4935.

April 7-Dec. 29: Hessel language classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center. For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

April 8-Dec. 30: St. Ignace language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace. For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

April 14-June 13: Body recall I Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-9:50 a.m., Body recall II, 10-10:50 a.m., Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. A safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people. Suggested contribution is \$2 for each class. Call 635-4935 extension 51003 for more information, demonstrations or cost concerns.

May 19: Basics of diabetes and living a full life, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center in the Sault.

Elders' meetings

May 14: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

May 15: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meeting and potluck at 5:30 p.m. at the Escanaba Tribal Community Center, 3500 Ludington Street Suite 200. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

May 19: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

May 23: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets at 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn in Newberry. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

May 26: Elderly Advisory Board meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 2 & 16: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at 6 p.m. Entrance to the building is off M-28 across from American Legion. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 4: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 5: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meets at 6 p.m. at Walstrom's Restaurant. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 11: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 13: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 19: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Escanaba Tribal Community Center, 3500 Ludington Street, Suite 200. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 23: Elderly Advisory Board meeting at 12:30 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 25: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee meets, location to be announced. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 27: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets at 11 a.m., Zellar's Village Inn in Newberry. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Meetings

May 20: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Manistique at 6 p.m. Open community from 5-6 p.m. For more information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

May 14: Hessel tribal town meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. at the tribal center. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 17: Tribal town meetings, Manistique Tribal Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Escanaba, location TBA, 12:30-2 p.m. Northern Michigan University, 3:30-5 p.m. Munising Tribal Center, 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 19: Sugar Island tribal town meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., township hall. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 21: Newberry tribal town meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. at the tribal center. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 26: Sault tribal town meeting, 6-7:30 p.m., Kewadin Casino Convention Center. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 28: Naubinway tribal town meeting, 5-6:30 p.m., at the pavilion. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

May 28: Unit III Board of Directors Representatives Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway invite you to a 6 p.m. meeting at the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, in St. Ignace. Call 635-6050 and ask for Lona Stewart for any questions.

June 3: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Escanaba at 6 p.m. Open community hour 5-6 p.m. For more information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

June 4: Tribal town meetings, Mackinac Island Town Hall, time: TBA. Kewadin Shores Casino, 5-6:30 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

June 4: Culture Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Niigaanaagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Jackie Minton at 322-4975, cell, or 495-5165.

June 12: Unit V membership meeting at 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center. Please use the M-28 entrance of the building. For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101

June 17: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Marquette at 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5 to 6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

June 18: Newberry tribal town meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. at the tribal center. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Special events

May 15-18: Women's wellness gathering, Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. For more information, call Cindy Thomas or Selina McLean at 635-6075, (800) 726-9105, or e-mail sssharrow@saulttribe.net or smclean@saulttribe.net.

May 16-18: Teaching Our Traditions Powwow, Fowlerville Fairgrounds, Fowlerville, Mich. Opening concert, Friday at 7 p.m., Joe Reilly and Tree Company. May 16: Grand entries, 1p.m. and 6 p.m. and May 17: Grand entries at noon. All drums and dancers welcome. For more information, call Wayne Hardwick at (810) 229-8977.

May 21: Spaghetti ACFS benefit lunch, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., at the Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie to enhance ACFS activities. Call 632-5250 for more information.

June 7: Regalia Sewing Day, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building. For more information or to register, call 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

June 14-15: Second annual Sault Tribe Gathering of the Clans Powwow. Behind the Manistique Tribal Community Center (next to the Kewadin Casino) 5698W Highway US2, Manistique, Mich. Call Viola, Sharon or Denise for further information at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

June 18: ACFS fundraising breakfast, 9 to 10 p.m., Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Call for more details at 632-5250.

June 20-June 22: Teen wellness gathering, June 20, 6 p.m., to noon on June 22 at the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp, 266 Homestead Road on Sugar Island. For more information or to sign up, call 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

July 2-July 6: 27th annual Sault Tribe powwow and summer gathering. Contest powwow, \$30,000 in prize money. This year we've changed. Join us for exciting dance and drum competition.

Competition starts July 5. Competitors must be registered, fee paid in full, in full regalia and wearing numbers and all drums must be registered and seated by grand entry at 1 p.m. Rules will be provided at time of registration.

The weekend will be filled with many opportunities for inter-tribal dancing.

For more information, call Josh Homminga at (906) 632-7494, or call (906) 635-6050 and ask for Debra-Ann Pine at extension 26397, Cecil Pavlat at extension 26140 or cell 440-7849. Vendors, please call Heather at (906) 495-1450.

Public is welcome to all events. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs or politics allowed.

Announcements

May 20 & May 22: Learn about healthy eating on a budget, 1-3 p.m. on May 20 and 5:30-7:30 p.m. on May 22, at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center in the Sault.

Wondering if it's possible to feed a family and eat healthy on a tight food budget? Confused about heart healthy foods when you see all the variety on the shelves in the grocery store? What questions do you have about preparing meals and snacks to promote good heart health? Ever examined how advertising influences your food choices? We will answer these questions in this session, please join us.

Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This new six-session series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong.

Come to any or all sessions. Open to the public.

For questions or registration, call 632-5210.

Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

May 21: Senior health screenings, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Chippewa County Health Dept. Call 635-3572 to make an appointment. Limited appointments based on income.

May 22: Learn about the smoke around you and how it hurts your heart, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Munising Tribal Community Center.

Could eating in a smoky restaurant be dangerous to a non-smoker? Growing evidence shows that even short-term exposure to second hand smoke can pose substantial harmful effects on the heart, blood and blood vessels. To end the session we will review the basics of keeping your heart healthy with a fun and informative bingo game.

Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong.

Come to any or all sessions. Open to the public.

For questions or to register, call 387-4721. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

June 3 & June 5: Learn to move more and feel better, June 3 from 1-3 p.m. and June 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

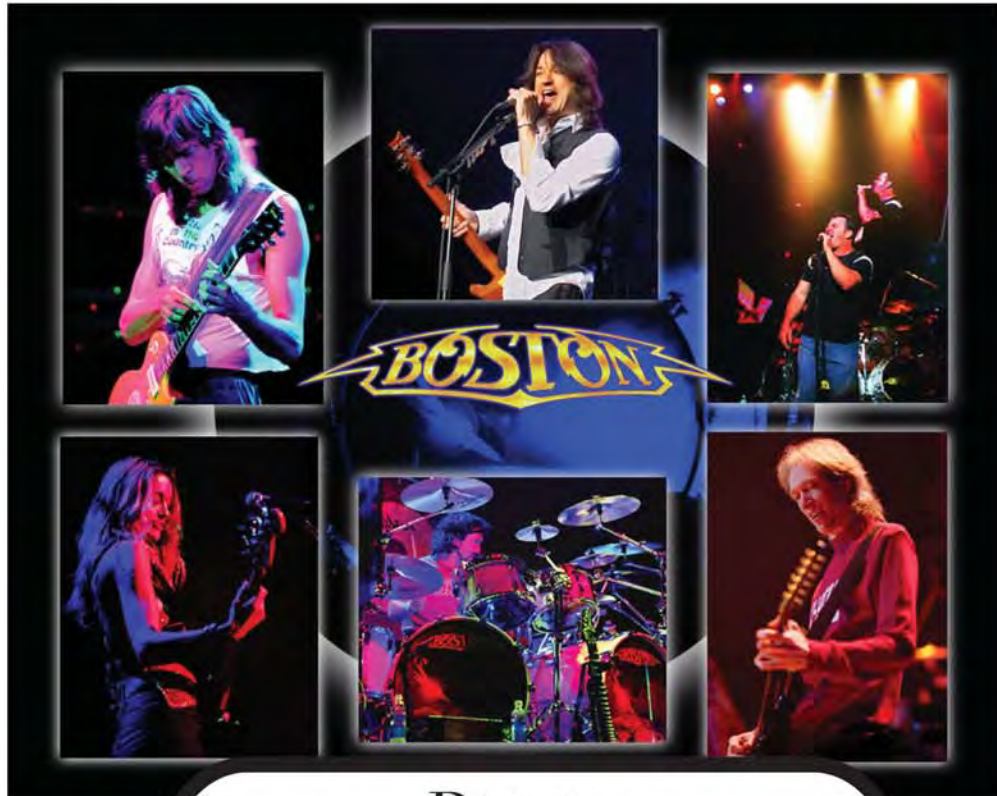
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