

# THE SAULT TRIBE NEWS



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## New promotions for tribal elders

*New elder's day and free concert tickets now available*

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Sault Tribe elders can now receive two new services at Kewadin Casinos including a special promotional day and complimentary entertainment tickets. The promotions began earlier this year with the goal of showing appreciation to the tribe's elders. "It is something new that we are now offering to our elders," tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment said.

The first service is the "Sault Tribe elder's day promotion" which is offered at all Kewadin Casino locations every Monday. To participate, elders simply present a valid tribal ID card and a Northern Rewards Club card at a Northern Rewards booth at any Kewadin casino location to receive \$5 in Kewadin Casino gold tokens. Tribal elders must be at least 50 years old. Valid tribal identification must be shown in order to participate in the promotion.

In addition, elders can enjoy a top notch entertainment show in the DreamMaker's Theater compliments of Kewadin Casinos.

"For each show, a limited number of tickets are earmarked for tribal elders," Payment continued. The number of tickets available is based on each of the tribal units.

In order to reserve a ticket, a Sault Tribe elder must be 55 years of age, show proof of tribal membership when picking up tickets and must sign for their tickets when receiving them. Elders may receive an additional ticket for an escort driver for a handicap or disabled elder or a non-tribal spouse (depending on each unit's elder committee policy regarding this matter). Elder tickets are non transferable.

Payment continued saying that this is considered a special service to our elders. "We would like to think of these promotions as another service we are able to offer our elders and hope that they enjoy these benefits."

For more detailed information on the promotions, please see the policy and procedures listed on page 2 or contact your unit elderly advisory committee.

## The tribe in Baghdad



Baghdad, Iraq — 1st Lt. Robert LaPoint, on the left, wanted to let everyone know of his membership in the Sault Tribe, so his father, Unit II Representative and Vice Chairman Robert LaPoint, worked with Kewadin Casino General Manager Steve Specker and had some Sault Tribe decals sent over to the Lt. who is serving in Iraq with the 1st Battalion of the 182nd MLRS 119th Field Artillery. Lapoint immediately attached them to his Humvee and patrolled the streets of Baghdad with the decals. Shown with Lt. Lapoint are Spc. John Goodfellow from Bay City and StaffSgt. James Cook from Indian River, Mich., who is a member of the Little Traverse Band.

## Tribe to take part in Soo Locks 150-year celebration

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Soo Locks sesquicentennial event planning committees are preparing to bring you a summer of exciting themed weekend events beginning June 25. This historic and entertaining community celebration being planned by the twin Sault's is in honor of the 150-year anniversary of the Soo Locks.

The celebration kicks off with two events, Anishinaabe Days and the International Bridge walk from Sault, Mich., to Sault, Ont.

Anishinaabe Days will be a sharing of Anishinaabe culture, crafts and traditions organized by Art Leighton, Sault Tribe Culture Department, and Jeff Holt, Sault Tribe administration. The Anishinaabe Days display will be located inside the Soo Locks park and will include traditional dance demonstrations, Native lodges as they were built 150 years ago, birch bark canoe building by Ron Paquin and talks about local Native history including powwow



traditions. Tribal youth will be participating in the event with a history survey to find out how knowledgeable people are of Native American culture and tribal elders will entertain and educate with traditional storytelling.

Pleased to be part of the celebration on its opening weekend,

Art Leighton said, "The Army Corps of Engineers have really opened up their arms for this event. It is truly unique for them to open the locks up for our display. This will be the first time in over 150 years that an Anishinaabe lodge will sit on the spot our villages used to be before the

locks were built. It is almost like we have come full circle."

An opening ceremony and grand entry are planned for Friday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m. inside the Soo Locks park which will include an opening speech by Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment and veterans bringing in the color guard and eagle staff. "We need volunteers and welcome crowd participation. Dancers are welcome to wear their regalia and dance except during scheduled dance demonstrations which the emcee will announce," Bud Biron said.

Food vendors will be available and tribal artisans will also have displays. Artisans with traditional and hand crafted wares wishing to participate must fill out an application and submit it to the committee. A limited number of artisans and vendors will be chosen due to space limitations.

Applications will be available in April and can be picked up at the tribe's administration building

at 523 Ashmun St. in the Sault, or by calling Jeff Holt at 635-6050 or toll free 1-800-793-0660, or e-mail [jholt@saulttribe.net](mailto:jholt@saulttribe.net).

Other activities throughout the summer include a Voyageur Days celebration July 22 to 24; Recollections from 1855, 1905 and 1955 will be held Aug. 5 to 7; Maritime Days which includes the Gathering of Ships and on-board deck tours are scheduled for Aug. 12 to 14. The sesquicentennial celebration grand finale and closing ceremonies will be held Sept. 2 with an open house at the Soo Locks and an anniversary ball whose invited guests include Great Lakes governors and the president.

For more information call the celebration hotline at (906) 632-6361 or for information about Anishinaabe Days contact Jeff Holt.

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# January and February police reports

## January

### Disorderly persons

Jan. 1, male, posted \$100 bond.  
Jan. 9, female, lodged Mackinac County jail.  
Jan. 28, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Probation violations

Jan. 6, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 31, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 31, male, taken to 92nd District Court.

### Driving on revoked/restricted license

Jan. 16, male, lodged Mackinac County jail.

### Possession of marijuana

Jan. 6, male, posted \$550 bond.  
Jan. 15, male, posted bond.  
Jan. 20, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 29, male, 19.

### Warrants

Jan. 1, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 5, male, felony, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 6, male, failure to appear, lodged Mackinac County jail.  
Jan. 6, male, contempt of court,

lodge Mackinac County jail.  
Jan. 10, male, theft, posted \$350 bond.  
Jan. 10, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Jan. 11, male, DWLS, lodged Chippewa County jail, bond \$300.  
Jan. 15, male, lodged Schoolcraft County jail.  
Jan. 15, male, lodged Schoolcraft County jail.  
Jan. 24, male, lodged Mackinac County jail.  
Jan. 29, female.  
Jan. 30, male, posted bond.  
Jan. 30, female, posted \$430 bond.  
Jan. 30, male, conservation failure to comply, posted \$130 bond.  
Jan. 30, male, posted \$135 bond.  
Jan. 31, male, traffic, posted \$77 bond.  
Jan. 31, male, traffic, posted \$175 bond.  
Jan. 31, female, lodged Chippewa County jail, bond \$1,209.

## February

### Disorderly person

Feb. 16, male lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Breaking and entering, obstruction of justice

Feb. 13, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Child abuse, third degree

Feb. 3, male, lodged Chippewa County jail, bond \$15,000.

### Driving while license suspended

Feb. 26, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Minor in possession

Feb. 19, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Resisting arrest

Feb. 16, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

### Warrants

Feb. 2, male, posted bond.  
Feb. 3, male conservation, contempt of court, posted bond.  
Feb. 7, male, lodged Chippewa County jail, bond \$5,000.  
Feb. 12, male, conservation, failure to comply, posted \$45 bond.  
Feb. 8, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Feb. 9, male, lodged Schoolcraft County jail.  
Feb. 10, female, child abuse, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Feb. 12, male, conservation, failure to comply, posted \$115 bond.  
Feb. 13, female, obstruction of justice, lodged Chippewa County jail.

Feb. 16, female, failure to appear, posted \$100 bond.  
Feb. 20, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Feb. 25, female, posted \$275 bond.  
Feb. 26, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.  
Feb. 26, male, conservation, failure to comply, posted \$55 bond.  
Feb. 26, male, domestic abuse, arraigned state court.  
Feb. 28, male, 27, conservation failure to comply, posted bond.  
Feb. 28, male, lodged Schoolcraft County jail.

# Little Bear East Fitness Center hours of operation

### Open hours

Mondays and Wednesdays  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Fridays  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturdays  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sundays  
Closed

Tribe members receive a 50 percent discount on daily and membership rates!

Please contact the Little Bear East at 643-8676 for more information.

The deadline for the next edition of *The Sault Tribe News* is Monday, March 28, at 5:00 p.m.

Look for the next edition of *The Sault Tribe News* in your mailbox about Thursday, April 7, if you receive it in the Sault, later for others.

Questions?  
(906) 632-6398

## ATTENTION SAULT TRIBE ELDERS!

*Kewadin Casinos is proud to serve our Sault Tribe Elders by offering the following specials!*

### Sault Tribe Elder's Day Promotion

Join Kewadin Casinos every Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Receive \$5 in Kewadin Gold Tokens!

All you need to do is present a valid Tribal ID card and a Northern Reward Club Card at the Northern Reward booth at any Kewadin casino location. \* Tribal Elders must be at least 50 years old.

### Complimentary Entertainment Tickets

Enjoy a top notch entertainment show in the DreamMakers Theater compliments of Kewadin Casinos!

A limited number of tickets to each entertainment show will be earmarked for Tribal Elders by unit.

Elders must follow the procedures to the right in order to receive the tickets. To reserve your tickets, please call your Unit Elderly Committee leader.

*Kewadin Casinos Hotel & Convention Center ~ proud to serve our Tribal Elders.*



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### Entertainment Policy & Procedures: Sault Tribe Elder Tickets

New 10-17-04 (Revised 1/28/01, 8/11/99)

The following is an approved policy and procedure of the Entertainment Department. The procedure sets guidelines box office staff are required to follow when issuing Sault Tribe Elder entertainment tickets. Any changes to this policy and procedures must be authorized by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

#### Eligibility to receive complimentary entertainment tickets:

- Must be a Sault Tribe Elder;
- Must be at least 55 years of age;
- Must have proof of Tribal membership when picking up tickets;
- Must sign for their tickets when they pick them up;
- Tribal Elders may receive an additional ticket for:
  - a) Escort/Driver for a handicap of disabled elder - or
  - b) Non-Tribal spouse depending on each Unit Elder Committee's policy regarding this matter.

\*\*\* ELDER TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE. \*\*\*

- All tickets will be stamped "Elder" in red ink;
- For ticket redemption, Tribal Elders must show their Tribal ID to the ticket taker and sign the back of the ticket;
- The ticket taker will match the ticket number to the reserved sheet;
- Attempts to redeem Elder tickets for the benefit of someone other than the Elder for which the ticket is issued may result in the loss of this privilege for a period of up to one year;

#### How it works:

A maximum of 375 show tickets are allotted to Sault Tribe Elders per entertainer per show.

- The following number of tickets (based on a proportion of the elders in each unit times the total number of tickets) will be reserved to each of the following areas:

Unit 1 (150) Unit 2 (66) Unit 3 (74) Unit 4 (54) Unit 5 (31)

These tickets will be reserved for Elders in each unit and held for that unit until 10 days before each show (for the first eleven days, each unit has exclusive rights to the tickets reserved for that unit). Ten days prior to each show, unused Elder tickets will be pooled and made available to any Tribal Elder who will then have five days to secure these tickets before they go on sale to the general public. Elders who are denied show tickets because the show is sold out will be given priority for the next show.

21 Days Before Each Show: General Tickets go on sale. Tickets are reserved for Elders for each unit;  
10 Days Before Each Show: Unused reserved Elder tickets are made available to any Elder;  
5 Days Before Each Show: Unused tickets reserved for Elders go on sale for the public

- Under no circumstances will anyone including Tribal Elders be permitted to reserve tickets for future shows.
- The box office staff will log all reservations.
- Tickets will be issued for the first show only, when an entertainer is scheduled to play for more than one show.
- Seating will be assigned on a random basis.

Approved By Tribal Board of Directors: 10-19-04

Cathy Abramson 10/19/04  
Cathy Abramson Tribal Board Secretary Date

\*No exceptions to this rule. All promotions subject to cancellation at Management's discretion. Promotions cannot be changed without prior review and approval by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Gaming Commission.

# Elder care services now a tribal division

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Good news for Sault Tribe elders. On Dec. 3, 2004, elder services were consolidated into their own tribal division located at the Nokomis Mishomis Place on Shunk Road in the Sault.

Reducing duplication of services offered to tribal elders, all elder's programming is now overseen by acting division Director Holly Kibble.

Three types of programming are offered to tribal elders in the seven county service area: access, community and in-home services.

Access programming consists of a non-emergency medical transportation program to help get elders to doctor appointments, an elder's newsletter called *The Elder Times* and an AmeriCorps VISTA worker who will join the



Holly Kibble

elder care staff for a year in May.

Community based programming is directed at elders' congregate meal programs and home delivered meals for those who are

homebound.

In home services offered include personal care, respite care and homemaker aides.

New to the elders' services division, formerly under the management of contract health, is the elders' health self-sufficiency fund through which elders can receive dentures, eye glasses and durable medical equipment and supplies. Ilene Moses and Carrie Gordon help elders receive services through the fund. Moses has recently moved from the Lambert Center in St. Ignace to the elders' meal site at the McCann School building.

Elders' service providers are based throughout the service area with a staff of about 30 employees.

In addition to the Sault,

elders services have locations at the new tribal center in Manistique, at the McCann School Building in St. Ignace and the Hessel Tribal Center.

"Elders programming is grouped around meal sites so the elder is the focal point with all services and programs right there," Kibble said.

In the future, elders services hopes to offer such programming as a hospitality house for affordable accommodations for out-of-town patients, an elders volunteer bureau and an elders hotline. Also under consideration is an adult day program.

The Sault Tribe Elder Care Program is a model program for the Indian Health Service and has been recognized on a national level by other professional and

organizations.

"We have come a long way in providing services to elders over the years. One of the things I enjoy the most about serving the elders is this opportunity to bring the services all together. The elders are the focal point of everything we do in this division. Now they can have one-stop shopping for services, which is convenient for them, and brings a great sense of cohesiveness to the programs," Kibble said.

Holly Kibble can be reached at (906) 635-4971 or toll free at 1-888-711-7356. The elders services division's main office is located at 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

# U.S. Supreme Court declines anti-casino appeal

By **RICK SMITH**

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal last Feb. 22 from Taxpayers of Michigan Against Casinos (TOMAC) challenging some Michigan tribal compacts with four Michigan Indian bands.

The anti-casino group was appealing a 2004 Michigan Supreme Court decision that the compacts, signed by former Governor John Engler, did not violate Michigan's Constitution.

The compacts were made with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Indians in New Buffalo, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs, Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians in Battle Creek and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee.

The decision allows two of the bands, Little Traverse Bay and Little River, to continue operating casinos in Petoskey and Manistee, opened in 1999, and makes it easier for the Pokagon and Huron Bands to develop casinos. "It's one less issue that they have to worry about," Tom Shields, a

spokesman for the bands, told the *Detroit Free Press*. "And it certainly clears the way for casino development, it really puts the whole issue of whether or not the compacts were approved legally to rest."

Robert Jonker, an attorney for TOMAC, said, "We're obviously disappointed, but we're realistic enough to know that the Supreme Court has an awful lot of demands on its time and a limited ability to consider every issue."

The Huron Band plans to develop a casino near Battle

Creek, while the Pokagon Band intends to open a casino in New Buffalo in the southwestern corner of Michigan. Currently, Michigan has 17 tribal casinos.

TOMAC continues to fight on another issue, whether a governor can amend a compact without legislative approval. Governor Jennifer Granholm amended a compact with the Little Traverse Bay Band to allow them to open a second casino in Mackinaw City. The determination will be made by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band, told the *Traverse City Record-Eagle* plans for a casino in Mackinaw City are in abeyance until a final decision is rendered. He also noted the economy and local support have to be considered. "It will not happen unless it is determined by the City of Mackinaw City that they would welcome it," he said.

# Native veterans returning from Iraq ask: Who will help us rebuild Indian Country

As a U.S. serviceman, Julius Tulley risked his life to clear mine fields and build infrastructure in Iraq. Now that's he's back home in his Navajo reservation community, he finds his days less tense but the housing crisis every bit as loud, crying out in the quiet of the vast southwest.

In his realm, there are only 2,000 miles of roads in 25,000 square miles of space. Housing is in short supply; in some cases, 10 people live in a one-bedroom home. Some live in buses. Some 85 percent lack utilities. About the same percentage still cook on wood fire stoves with cedar, leading to a high rate of asthma and other respiratory problems. They could use ventilators but that is problematic because there is no electricity.

To go grocery shopping, they have to travel 40 miles. They haul water in 50-gallon drums that end up costing them \$55 per drum, when you figure in transportation and gas, according to the Navajo Director of Communications.

Tulley helped the people of Iraq rise above such squalor. Now he's telling his story on Capitol Hill, asking why the United States can't give at least the same attention and support to people who've been historically mistreated within its own borders as it does to people on the other side of the world.

"We no longer want to accept these conditions in silence, especially since we see a great deal of

money being spent to rebuild Iraq," Tulley said at a news conference in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing room recently. "The U.S. has been restoring electricity to Baghdad and other Iraqi towns, yet in Blue Gap, where my mother and aunts live now, only 15 percent of the people have utilities-I mean water and electricity."

His story is far from unique. Family members have been fighting the nation's wars since World War II. And Native Americans have the highest per-capita military service of any ethnic group in the U.S., yet most come home to similarly squalid conditions. It's not the kind of payback Gerald Dupris had in mind when he signed up for active duty in the Army and served in Iraq.

"I wanted to get a better life," said Dupris, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. "My grandfather told me: The better we do, the more the government will help-but Native Americans have not gotten such help." Dupris also spoke at the Capitol Hill news conference about the unfairness of living conditions for his people.

Poverty in Indian Country continues to hover around 26 percent, more than double that of the general U.S. population. Nearly 15 percent live in overcrowded housing conditions on reservations as opposed to less than 6 percent nationwide. And

economic opportunities are largely non-existent on remote Indian lands. On Dupris's Cheyenne River Reservation, for example, unemployment is running at 78 percent.

Yet funding for Indian housing has been taking a hit in recent years, along with domestic programs in general, losing out to foreign campaigns such as Iraq. The Native American Housing Block Grant, the main source of housing funding for Indian tribes, was flatlined starting in FY 2002 at around \$650 million (figuring for a net loss when factoring in inflation), was cut to \$622 for FY 2005, and the President's recent budget request for FY 2006 has it at \$583 million, which will be considered by Congress in the coming months.

The National American Indian Housing Council maintains that the NAHBG should be increased to at least \$1.1 billion per year in order to adequately attack housing ills in Indian Country and provide seed money for leveraging economic growth. An increase to \$723 million would at least keep pace with inflation, NAIHC says.

Chester Carl, NAIHC's Chairman, is making the Indians' case to Congress, thinking about all tribal members but particularly, in these warring times, those who've served in the military, like Tulley and Dupris, and those who are still putting themselves in harm's way.

"I ask you: Is it fair to the families they have left behind? That the President has proposed to cut from Indian housing programs that will directly affect those families," Carl testified to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. "This funding helps provide basic infrastructure and housing to some of the most remote and isolated areas of our nation. We are deeply concerned for our warriors returning home from Iraq to housing conditions that are as bad as or worse than what they left in Iraq."

Congress should make sure Native American veterans have decent housing and employment opportunities to come home to, Carl said. He requested that Congress authorize and fund an initiative for that purpose in the FY 2006 budget. He proposed a \$150 million set-aside to be distributed by an allocation formula. "NAIHC sees this as a small price to pay to honor the sacrifice of these brave men and women," said Carl.

It would be a welcome development for veterans such as Tulley. Now working as a Navajo Culture Specialist, Tulley wonders how he'll manage the costs of education for his five children: one of them in law school, another in a trade school, and the remaining three approaching secondary or post-secondary levels. Most of all, he's wondering about the country he fought for.

## Anti-trash law urged

LANSING — Citing a state Department of Environmental Quality report on trash, State Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) and other House Democrats renewed their call to toughen Michigan's laws against the growing surge of out-of-state and Canadian garbage.

In particular, McDowell, whose Upper Peninsula district lies on the Sault Ste. Marie route for trucks entering Michigan from Canada, pointed to the numbers for the Dafter landfill in his district. Last year, approximately 285 trash trucks dumped nearly 10,000 tons of Canadian garbage into the Dafter landfill, which began accepting Canadian trash in 2004.

Michigan took in more than six million tons of trash from other states and Canada in 2004, an increase of more than 870,000 tons from 2003 to 2004, the DEQ report said. In 2004, imported trash increased 17 percent and made up 28 percent of all waste entering Michigan landfills.

"We need to hit the waste industry in their wallets by making it cost prohibitive to dump their foreign trash in Michigan," McDowell said. "Residents on both sides of the bridge understand the need to stand up to the waste industry and protect our way of life from those who profit from the trashing of Michigan."

# The truth on enrollment, services and legal activities



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA**  
Chairperson,  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

## Enrollment update

As you may know by now, last fall, the tribal board of directors voted to open enrollment for special cases. Though the board has not set a deadline by which the rolls will close again, it is possible that with the large volume of new applicants, open enrollment in special cases, may only be temporary.

For now, members who have special circumstances may be eligible for enrollment. Though not a guarantee, those who have immediate family who are registered members of the Sault Tribe, are eligible to apply. The tribal registrar and her staff will screen applications and make a determination of whether or not all of the necessary documents are submitted. If they are, and if an immediate family member is enrolled, the individual is likely to be recommended for enrollment first by a vote of the special needs and enrollment committee then with a final vote of the board of directors.

Just since Jan. 3, we have received over 3,144 applications. Of this number, 465 reside within the service area and 361 of the applicants are elders, aged 60 years of age or older. For planning purposes, if all the elder applicants are eligible, we will need to budget an additional \$577,600 (361 x \$1,600) for the annual elder dividend program. Though there has been some protest votes by a select few tribal board members, it is highly probable that we will have unanimous consent to authorize an additional appropriation for this purpose.

To those newly registered members, let me be the first to say, welcome back to the tribe.

## Fiscal accountability?

As chairperson, I have instituted a monthly budget review process to identify areas of savings, to make sure those responsible for the budgets, in their division are managing their budgets according to their projected costs, and to ensure accountability in the

entire process. When we hold these meetings, the board of directors is invited to attend. As I have reported before, they have full access to all financial information including the ability to go "live-on-line" to see for themselves any and all expenditures including those made by the office of the chairperson.

No conspiracies here. Though some continue to argue we are "keeping secrets in secret meetings" the board knows this is not true because they have full access to all information. Nonetheless, some board members continue to spread rumors to the contrary and some propose unnecessary legislation aimed at facilitating the view that something improper is occurring.

Additionally, as the board meets weekly, I routinely bring to their attention any proposed expenditures. Though I have complete authority over these expenditures, I have made great strides to work cooperatively with the board by gaining their consent through a show of hands before we spend the tribe's funds.

It is, therefore, surprising that some board members feel the need to micromanage this process by requiring an additional level of bureaucracy through requiring a report to be drafted to show this. This information is already completely available during monthly financial reviews and on the accounting database for which the board has full access. Demanding a new and extra reporting line, demonstrates a lack of understanding of the information already supplied to the board, as well as an overly simplistic and naive view of the volume of times per week signature authority is exercised by the executive administration.

## Reporting on cuts in services is dishonest and irresponsible

Director Abramson suggests in her report last month that, "Expanding services and facilities when budgets and services are being reduced in other areas is fiscally irresponsible."

To the contrary, what is irresponsible is to decry that services are being cut when this is just not true.

A more elaborate presentation of the savings my administrative staff and I have achieved in the second half of 2004 will be presented in the next edition of *The Sault Tribe News*. For now, I am happy to report that though we appropriated a 2004 fiscal year tribal support budget of \$34,627,686, we constrained spending without adversely affecting services. This resulted in a total tribal support actual expenditure of \$30,677,389 or a savings of \$3,950,287 which amounts to about 11.4%. Unfortunately, the

damper on these savings is the cost of the \$2,660,134 paid out to just seven people which reduced our 2004 savings in tribal support to \$1,290,161.83 or about 33% of the total savings.

So, yes, we made budget reductions but we did not cut services as Director Abramson suggests. Upon inheriting a budget mess with the payouts of the seven individuals who resigned their jobs on election night, I tightened up our operations. Through the budget constrictions, my executive team, division directors, program managers and I proved that we could operate more efficiently, provide the same level of services and save nearly \$4 million in the process. Not bad for our first seven months.

## Payment vs. Bouschor

I wanted to inform tribe members of the reason I have filed a lawsuit against the former Chairperson Bernard Bouschor. My lawsuit deals with Bouschor terminating me from my previous employment as deputy executive director for the tribe.

For some time, I wrestled with the prospect of suing to have my previous employment contract honored. The value of the contract, after all, is \$432,000.

Ultimately, I did not file suit against the tribe, because I just couldn't bring myself to sue my own tribe. Instead, I filed a personal lawsuit against Bernard Bouschor for his extortionist-like threat that if I did not vote for his \$850,000 annual compensation, he'd, "Make your lives hell for the next two years!" If I win my lawsuit, Bouschor will be responsible for this liability — likely \$432,000 (\$332,640 after legal fees).

To clearly demonstrate to the members that I am not at all interested in benefiting financially from filing suit, but that my goal is to be vindicated and to hold Bouschor responsible for his actions, I am pledging any award (less legal fees) to the 7 + 1 litigation fund to help fund the lawsuit against the seven "key employees" who resigned on election night and took \$2.66 million with them along with their computers.

When we prevail and the legal costs are borne out by those we are suing, I will donate my entire anticipated award (after legal fees) of \$332,640 to the following: \$222,640 or about \$44,528 will go to each of the following: Joseph K. Lumsden Scholarship, George K. Nolan Judicial Scholarship, Fred Hatch Legal Scholarship, Pamela Gershon Cable Scholarship, and the Rosemary Gaskin Scholarship.

All of these scholarships are awarded annually to Sault Tribe members so the benefit of this donation will be 100% to Sault

Tribe members.

Additionally, I will donate a total of \$60,000 at \$10,000 for each of the five existing tribal units, plus \$10,000 to the developing Unit VI to buy computers for community access. This amounts to about eight to 10 computers per site. Finally, I will donate the balance of \$50,000 to the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac County Community Action Board to create an additional one year fund to help Sault Tribe members with weatherization and energy assistance.

## Marta Diaz vs. Sault Tribe

One of the innocent bystanders of the original threat of retribution (against Lumsden and me for not voting to grant the former chairperson a \$850,000 salary) was Marta Diaz. Marta Diaz came to the tribe in 1992 as an intern who was attending the University of Michigan in a master's in business administration program. She already possessed a bachelor's degree in mathematics from MIT. She then returned a year later with her MBA to become the tribe's first woman team member to hold a graduate degree. Her contributions in the area of finance were great.

Her work was characterized as meticulous, and no-nonsense. At many junctures, as various business proposals were entertained by the former chair, she did not mince words and advised against nearly all of our former business investments that ultimately cost the tribe an annual loss of about \$4 million a year for up to five years.

Immediately after firing Michael Lumsden in August 2002, he informed the board that he had also fired Marta Diaz. Marta was uninvolved in any of the conflict between Lumsden and Bouschor or Bouschor and me. Her only fault seemed to be that she was Michael Lumsden's fiancée.

So why is this news today? Really, it shouldn't be an issue but recently, a member of the board questioned whether or not all of the applicable information was supplied to the board in making the decision to honor her contract. In the end, the board accepted a circuit court panel recommendation to honor Marta Diaz's contract by paying her what she was due. The panel, convened by a circuit court judge, acknowledged that Marta Diaz was indeed fired, and that she was entitled to the severance payout contemplated in the contract. No one on the board or within the tribal administration had any effect on who the panel judges were and to this day — I do not know their names.

In the afternoon after a single board member questioned the integrity of those who made the

decision (ultimately the board based on information supplied by the tribal legal department) the Internet was aflutter with accusations that the board made a corrupt decision based on faulty information and that there was some conspiracy involved. This information was cited in a new Web site that attacks the tribe. The domain name of the website is registered under the name of a B. Bouschor, imagine that.

The board was fully apprised of all factors including the declination of a federal judge to hear the case at the federal level given the contracts are enforceable at the state level in circuit court. No conspiracy here. A legal summary is available on the tribe's Web page, [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org).

These continued attacks by members of the board against other board members on how they voted on this and other issues, has no value other than to embarrass members of the board. In short, it seems that some board members seem to be saying that, if you vote differently from me, I will do whatever I can to embarrass you on how you voted. The goal appears to be to force other board members to vote in a voting block or fear being exposed though political attacks orchestrated by members of the board.

## Majority vote to sue to regain \$2,660,135 taken on election night

In the last edition of *The Sault Tribe News*, Director Abramson suggested that the members do not want to hear anymore about the litigation to recover the money taken by those who resigned their positions on election night. The masses of tribe members I speak to disagree. In fact, they want more information including who got paid and how much. This information follows:

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Daniel Green   | \$608,479 |
| Daniel Weaver  | \$519,426 |
| Jim Jannetta   | \$452,643 |
| Jolene Nertoli | \$419,325 |
| David Scott    | \$398,460 |
| Paul Shagen    | \$202,707 |
| Joe Paczkowski | \$ 59,091 |

Director Abramson voted against the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million taken from the tribe on election night. Could her opposition to discussing the issue be attributed to this? In the spirit of full disclosure, a full copy of the lawsuit (alleging conspiracy, fraud, and legal malpractice will be posted on the tribal web page, [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org)

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me by e-mail through my e-mail address, [apayment@saulttribe.net](mailto:apayment@saulttribe.net), or call (906) 635-6050 or toll free (888) 94-AARON.

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# Senator steamed over proposed BIA budget

By RICK SMITH

Sen. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) is outraged over President George W. Bush's proposed budget for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) saying they are outrageously under funding programs for those who need them the most.

Most BIA programs were cut while others remained steady and a couple were increased, but remained under-funded.

"Despite the federal treaty and trust responsibilities, the president proposes that Indian people make enormous sacrifices to help provide funding for the tax breaks the president is so passionately committed to for the wealthiest Americans," said Johnson. "I am profoundly disappointed in the president's priority . . . We need to recognize the treaty and trust responsibility. We need to understand that the government-to-government relationship ought to be in good faith."

He added, "This is inadequate to meet the need for schools that are literally falling apart in South Dakota and around the country. I've been to many of these schools in South Dakota and we can't afford to put these projects off any longer without further endangering our youth and undermining education throughout

Indian country."

Tribal college funding remains at the same level as last year, but Johnson said it's time to increase opportunities for students to enter higher education and become professionals.

The BIA proposed budget was \$110 million from last year's appropriation.

In addition, Johnson said funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) should be significantly increased. The IHS budget was increased by \$64 million over last year, but is still inadequate. He noted that though the overall budget was increased, the \$3 million budget for construction of new facilities practically eliminates any new building projects. The construction budget was \$85 million last year.

Johnson pointed out the annual per capita expense for American Indian health care is \$1,000 while it is \$5,500 for the general public and \$3,800 for prisoners. "Federal prisoners have better health care than the Indian population," he said.

"It is long overdue that we turn the corner and begin to put money in an adequate level that will truly reflect our treaty and trust responsibilities," said Johnson. "This is not just a matter of legal responsibility, this is a moral issue."

## Members' Q & A

Q: I haven't heard any word on my application for the special open enrollment. When will I know something?

A: There have been close to 3,200 applications for special enrollment. It will be very time consuming to get a response out to all applicants but enrollment department staff are working very hard and they should be able to start getting responses out in late March. The applications must then be processed with the board of directors. The whole process could take up to six to eight months, so we ask that you please be patient during this time consuming process.

Q: Whom do I notify in our tribe about my change of address?

A: Write our enrollment department at 2864 Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., zip code 49783, or you can call them at 1-800-251-6597.

Q: How do I apply for the

higher education program?

A: Contact Janice Lewton at the education department at (906) 635-6050, extension 26138, or toll free at 1-888-942-2766.

The members' Q & A section is a new feature of *The Sault Tribe News*.

This question and answer forum was developed to answer frequently asked questions submitted by Sault Tribe members. The questions and answers are provided by membership liaisons' D.J. Malloy and Clarence Hudak.

The membership liaison's goal is to find answers to questions submitted by members, provide an information resource for members, monitor customer service and provide public relations to ensure adequate communication with our members.

To submit questions, you can call Malloy or Hudak at (906) 635-6050 or 1-888-942-2766, e-mail [dmalloy@saulttribe.net](mailto:dmalloy@saulttribe.net) or [chudak@sault-tribe.net](mailto:chudak@sault-tribe.net).

## Two percent recreational agreements

Open swim at the LSSU Norris Center pool Jan. 21 to April 15. Free for tribal members, Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Sundays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Elders water exercise at the Norris Center pool, now until April 14, \$1 fee, Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00 to 6:50 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

For More information regarding the different recreation agreements throughout the Upper Peninsula, please contact Jessica Dumback, e-mail: [jdumback@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdumback@saulttribe.net) or phone (906) 635-7770.

# Family business burns



Billowing smoke prompted calls for emergency services during noon hour on Mar 10 in Sault Ste. Marie. An electrical problem in a stairwell at the back of The Bird, a nightclub owned by the family of Sault Tribe member Nicole Golanka, started a fire that consumed the roofing and doorway structure over the stairwell. Fortunately, concrete block walls separated the stairwell from adjacent buildings and firefighters contained and extinguished the fire in the stairwell. The Bird sustained minor smoke and water damage as well as a battered door, but was able to safely open for business on the following day after an inspection of the incident by a fire marshal was completed.

Photo by Rick Smith

## Notice to tribal fishermen

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) is the authorized entity by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, to administer Sault Tribe commercial captains and helpers licenses. This is a service CORA does for the Sault Tribe under its subcontract for administrative services with Sault Tribe.

CORA does not make any decisions on the licenses issued other than the procedure for issuing the licenses.

CORA is comprised of five member tribes: Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and it performs many other duties other than issuing Sault Tribe licenses.

CORA asks that the fishermen (captains, co-captains and helpers) call the office to schedule an appointment to ensure that: 1) The CORA offices are open (8:00-5:00, Mon-Fri) and the staff who issue applications and cards are in their offices the day you wish to get your license. Our office is usually closed only for holidays, but also closes for extreme weather conditions, meetings away from the office or funerals.

2) The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office is open 8:00-4:30, Mon-Fri. This is the second step in the license process as the BIA has the final signature authority before a license is approved. Their office is usually closed for holidays only, but if Jolynda Brown is not in the office, your license most likely will not be approved as she is responsible for licenses at that office. She is the one who takes your picture, if needed, and obtains the signature from the superintendent of the BIA.

3) The Sault Tribe enrollment office is open 8:00-5:00, Mon-Fri. This is for first time helpers or, perhaps captains, as they need to copy documents from your enrollment file to give to the BIA for eligibility review. They also close for funerals or extreme weather conditions. First time helpers needing this information should call the enrollment office to confirm it is open before traveling to the Sault.

The busiest times of the year for renewal of licenses are the ends of December, January, March and April. Some captains come in with their full crews, five to eight at once, and every hour is blocked with fishers.

As previously stated, our function is not only to license Sault Tribe fishers, we could be

near a meeting deadline and trying to get packets out or away at meetings. We may not be able to fit in an appointment. We try our best and apologize for any inconvenience, you rely on the weather to get on the lake and get your licenses, but sometimes it just doesn't work.

It is important to call our office and schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are not accepted. Appointments can be made by calling CORA at (906) 632-0043. Appointment are scheduled for Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First time helpers should also contact the Sault Tribe enrollment office to make an appointment to get copies of their files for the BIA portion of the application process. This is a one-time process, you don't need to have your file copied every year. Call the enrollment office at (906) 632-5220.

It's also important to remember license fees must be paid before licenses are issued. Checks or money orders made payable to Sault Tribe must be given at the CORA office when you come in for your license. Please contact our office for fee charges.

## Missing out on state-tribe tax agreement?

The state-tribe tax agreement became effective on April 1, 2003.

Since then, over 4,200 tribe members have received multiple tax exemption benefits.

Unfortunately, there are still over 2,000 members who reside within the designated area, but have not taken the advantage of this great achievement for our tribe and its members.

A tribe member must be registered with the tribal tax office prior to receiving the many benefits of the tax agreement. If you have not registered, the state will not recognize you as a resident of the tax agreement area.

If you are not sure if you reside within a designated area, please call the tribal tax office for verification.

The tribal tax office is at

523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., zip code 49783, or dial 632-6281 for local calls and 1-866-632-6281 for toll free calls. You can also contact the office by fax at (906) 632-6857.

Candace Blocher will be glad to answer any questions you may have regarding the state-tribe tax agreement benefits and how it works.

# Tribal employee drug testing coming June 1

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie on March 1, 2005. Board member Robert Lambert, Sr., was absent.

**Presentation:** Representatives from the J.K.L. Bawating Public School Academy donated two new computers to Unit II for use by our tribe's youth in Hessel.

**Resolutions:** *Voting is not noted on actions taken unanimously.*

The board implemented an

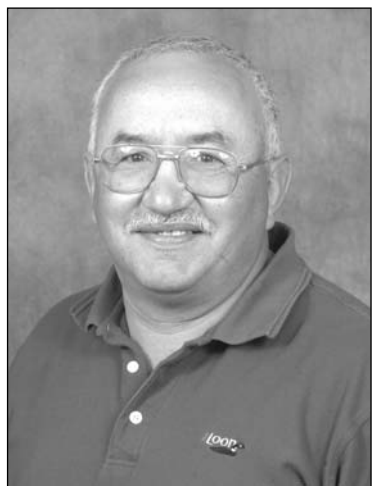
employee drug testing policy effective June 1 with pre-employment testing for all job applicants.

Reasonable suspicion testing is currently effective for all hands and, commencing Sept. 1, testing of all employees due for follow-up starts along with random testing for those in positions with heightened safety concerns. Testing will also be required on employees returning to duty in those safety sensitive positions after a three month absence. Board member Denise Chase opposed the measure. (See related story on this page for more details).

The board agreed to join the Sovereign Tribes of Michigan to aid in the advocacy and identification of Michigan Indian legislative, executive and judicial issues. A first year appropriation of \$50,000 was made to a joint checking account managed by the organization with one vote delegated to our tribe. The funds shall not be used directly to compensate lobbyists.

The board meets for general meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and members of our tribe are invited to attend, call 635-6050 for locations.

# Policy and oversight are board responsibilities



**Tom Miller**  
Unit IV Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The winter is half over and we can see warmer weather in the future. The board of directors has been meeting and working diligently on policy development and oversight of the overall tribal operations. Legal items are taking a fairly large share of our time as we meet in our workshops. This is usually the reason a session is required to be closed so as not to compromise the legal process. Not quite as exciting as the reasons given by some in the rumor mill. After reading a few of the board articles in the last few newspaper issues, I felt I should respond. Please remember that articles are opinions only and each board member is entitled to their own view. My view of the use of our time is that the new chairman has made the board more involved and more a part of the operational process.

Although I agree wholeheartedly with this method of operating, one of the down sides of this is it requires the board to spend more time in a learning mode (workshops) and this can sometimes lead to some board members feeling that they are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. employees of the tribe along with a program manager mentally.

Policy and oversight are the board responsibilities along with providing a conduit for the unit members with which they can have their concerns addressed and also as an avenue to express their opinions.

The district representatives in Unit IV, have five hours of driving time to the Sault every time a meeting is called, which detracts from the amount of time we have to interact with the Unit IV community. Committee responsibilities have increased and all board members are doing their best to address this. I will continue to work as effectively, efficiently and as positively as I can, while doing the best job I can for tribe members. I will list some of the major items that have occurred within the last 45 days.

Greektown — Aaron Payment and Marvin Beatty were replaced in their co-chief executive officer (CEO) roles with Craig Gelhfi now as acting CEO. This was not done due to any wrong doing or lack of performance and does not change the daily operations of Greektown or lessen the need for

our tribe to get a qualified, experienced CEO to oversee the Casino who will look out for the best interests of the tribe on a full time daily basis. I was out of state and did not take part in this meeting or any of its actions.

A drug testing policy was passed by the board at the 3/01/05 meeting and will be partially implemented on 7/01/05 (covered employees), with the remainder of the policy (all other employees) being fully implemented on 9/01/05. The tribe has had a drug free work place policy in place for about eight years, but this is the first time the testing portion is in effect. The policy in a snapshot; covered employees (truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, law enforcement, etc.) will be randomly tested, all other employees will be tested only upon reasonable suspicion. It is hoped that this policy will lead to less use of prohibited drugs by the work force and thereby, increased productivity.

At the recent United Tribes summit, held in Petoskey, a movement has begun to bring the 12 federally recognized tribes together in a more unified voice. I believe if there has been one down side to the gaming explosion, it is that it has separated the tribes in the quest for money. Hopefully, we have gotten past this point and are back in a unified tribes mode. If there are any questions, please contact myself (644-3334) or Denise Chase.

# Applications available for Bollin Scholarship

Lake Superior State University is taking applications for a scholarship earmarked for students overcoming the challenges of epilepsy.

Incoming freshmen who have been accepted by April 1, as well as currently enrolled LSSU students, have until May 2 to apply for the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award.

Bollin, a former LSSU student and member of Alpha Kappa Chi sorority, was killed in an automobile accident in August 2001. Her parents, William and Sharon Bollin of Farmington Hills, chose

to memorialize their daughter in 2002 by starting the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award, an endowment to benefit an LSSU student who has epilepsy or a similar disorder.

Bollin dealt with epilepsy, a neurological condition resulting in seizures, but her parents said she never let it hold her back. By means of the award, the Bollin family hopes to enable up to four students to continue their education and move on with their lives in spite of a debilitating physical condition.

Applications may be obtained

at the LSSU financial aid office, foundation office or counseling center. Each applicant should complete a questionnaire and provide the university with three letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy, counselors or leaders of the community.

Financial need is a consideration, yet all interested students are encouraged to apply. Candidates must carry a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students with other seizure disorders will be considered. For more information call the LSSU Foundation Office at 906-635-2665.

# Details of new testing policy

By RICK SMITH

According to information provided by Cheryl Tadgeon, our tribe's director of human resources, The new employee drug testing policy was implemented to enforce current work force drug prohibition policies.

All employees are prohibited from unlawfully manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or being under the influence of any prohibited drug while functioning in their jobs at any tribal work site

The policy also prohibits team members from reporting to work with detectable levels of prohibited drugs or prohibited concentrations of alcohol.

The goal is to maintain a safe and efficient workplace and strike a balance between the privacy of employees and our tribe's need to protect assets by ensuring the integrity of tribal operations. By increasing the credibility of the work force and creating a safe environment for customers, this will provide more dollars for tribal services, according to the human resources information.

Prohibited drugs include, but are not limited to marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, phencyclidine, synthetic drugs, designer drugs, prescription drugs

# Kewadin donates over \$16,000 to scholarship funds

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Scholarship programs sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will receive a shot in the arm this month as Kewadin Casinos donates \$16,721.92 to the educational fund. The donation is part of the Michigan Magic wide area progressive (WAP) slot machine program which donates 0.5 percent of the total coins played on the slot machine back to the casino and the tribe.

"The program we are involved with through Michigan Magic and Atronic Americas, LLC is a great way for us and for Atronic to donate back to the Sault Tribe. It enables us to boost funding for various programs, such as this one, showing our support for the education of tribal members," General Manager Steve Sprecker said. Since the program began, a total of \$35,532.96 has been given to tribal scholarship funds.

"The Sault Tribe scholarship fund supports many students each year," tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment said. "Finding ways that will increase the amount of funds available for our students will ultimately increase the amount and number of scholarships we can award. The tribe and casino are very appreciative of the initiative Atronic has shown with this type of partner-

obtained without a valid script or misuse of prescription drugs.

The information listed five drug testing categories: pre-employment, reasonable suspicion, follow-up, return to duty and random. Pre-employment testing includes all new hires and goes into effect June 1.

Reasonable suspicion testing is already in place and includes all employees. A drug test under this process occurs when a supervisor of an employee has reason to believe, by direct observation, a staff member has violated the drug-free workplace policy or the substance abuse policy.

Follow-up testing goes into effect Sept. 1 and anyone who engages in prohibited conduct is subject to unannounced tests for a period of two years.

People who operate, dispatch or maintain any vehicle or equipment capable of causing injury, carry any weapon for security purposes or performs any other function which impacts the safety of others are subject to return to duty and random testing after Sept. 1.

Return to duty testing occurs before people in those positions listed return to work after being absent for a period of three months.

ship program that helps casinos and tribes throughout the nation." The check presentation will take place at an annual fundraising golf event this summer.

Michigan Magic is the latest of the successful tribal MAGIC WAP links by Atronic, featuring a unique multi-level progressive, must-have games, and jackpots designed to hit frequently. Atronic's MAGIC WAPs are distinguished by their multilevel awards, comprised of the national Magic Jackpot, starting at \$100,000 and the statewide Jackpot, starting at \$50,000. The nickel link additionally features exciting, Towerline games such as Sphinx Magic and Cool Catch. Players can find the Magic at Soaring Eagle, Little River and the Kewadin Casinos in Michigan and in casinos throughout Arizona, California, New Mexico and Wisconsin.

Kewadin Casinos, with five casino locations throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula, offers a variety of gaming and non-gaming entertainment including slots, blackjack, craps, roulette, live poker, live keno and bingo. The casinos recently paid out two multi-million dollar jackpots in February 2005 of \$1.1 million and \$3.9 million to casino guests playing on WAP slot machines.

# We must operate within a balanced budget



**Bob LaPoint**  
Unit II Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

There are two unifying issues that strongly influence our tribe's competitive strength and vitality.

The first is to be able to compete successfully in the economic market of gaming and to invest in our future to assure adequate services at large for our diverse membership. Right now I would have to say, the fish are no longer jumping into the boat, the competitive edge that we held in

Michigan gaming for the past two decades is beginning to disappear.

There needs to be a willingness upon the members and the administration to begin learning how to operate within a balanced budget. We need to begin to pay down our debt, that is the only safe and reliable way to achieve a healthy tribal economy and secure our sovereign society. There is a conviction within our board and this administration that we can increase our market share in business but by having to pay for past mistakes this is going to be very difficult. I am optimistic so far.

This current administration is for more sensitive to the members needs and for more talented than the past chairman. The second unifying issue, which is closely related to the first, that is, the entire process of governance is in need of repair and modernization. On many key issues, it currently does not seem possible to form coalitions to develop the consensus necessary to produce positive political decisions. We are facing up to the long term debt and here are some numbers from our

accounting department for you. In simple numbers, our northern tribal operations cost \$23,982,575, our northern casinos cost \$20 million and other northern operations cost \$6,646,802. Our total operating cost is \$50,646,657 dollars. Another debt that we are wrestling with is the \$216,683,605 buy out of the Greek partners. The interest on all this debt is like a real heavy tax burden.

There are pros and cons about belt tightening by managing and cost containment and selective investment for future economic growth. The current notes from the Greentown Casino is \$181,456,346 to the City of Detroit is another \$49,927,978. This gives us a total debt of \$497,714,586. Getting these figures from the past chairman was nearly impossible and led to a great deal of misleading information and rumor.

These numbers here are correct. Throughout my two terms in office I have championed the call for financial accountability, these numbers should set the record

straight. There are many proposals for reform that will make our economic structure more efficient, more equitable and less complex.

Important to our discussions is how to increase our business, one is to move forward on the construction of the St. Ignace casino. This could be our "real" jewel of the north. Delays in construction is costing us more than the cost of building, it is costing us lost revenue. Director Paquin and myself are trying to move things along as swiftly as we can. The success of the St. Ignace casino grows in importance more every day. Two other items that should be mentioned about our long term debt is the Greentown settlement with the Lac Vieux Desert case for \$39,500,000 due over 20 years once the case is settled. And Greentown is also still committed to building a permanent casino at a cost of \$200 to \$300 million. Coming to terms with our long term debt must be brought to the fore front of our tribal discussions.

There is broad agreement that we can do better. Increasing

emphasis on more cost effective advertising and public relations is becoming a high priority.

There is steady progress being made in this direction, transitional problems are still a bit of a stumbling block and it is going to take more creative effort to improve our bottom line profit. The days of "us versus them" should be put behind us. The future is for all of us.

One final note, our son Robert J. LaPoint, who is a 1st Lt. in the Michigan National Guard was recently injured in Iraq. He is going to be O.K. and I want to thank the members for all your prayers. My wife, Pat, and I send our prayers out to all the parents with children serving in the military. We are very proud of our son and all the people in the military who are defending this great country.

If you have any questions or need further information, please write or call. Bob LaPoint, vice chairman and Unit II representative. (906) 493-5311.

# I can not turn another cheek toward attacks



**Dennis McKelvie**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

This unit report is somewhat difficult to write mainly because I want to respond to the chairman's attacks against me in his meetings and e-mails. But, I am not going to respond to his attacks, or use names to get my point across. Leaders must understand that they are going to be attacked, whether justified or not. The old adage says to "turn the other cheek," well, I have no more cheeks to turn when it comes to being

attacked. It just makes me wonder why this chairman is attacking me the same way the old chairman used to attack me.

1. Am I attacked because I honestly tell the people like it is?

2. I wouldn't take a job with the tribe, I wouldn't take a job no matter how much money was offered to me.

3. Is it because I follow up with tribe members when they call me on all the issues?

4. Is it because I won't allow anyone to control me?

5. Is it because I vote against the chairman or other board members on certain issues?

6. Is it because of an appearance of weakness due to my illness?

I believe that a board member must be honest and have an open mind. I vote independently and for what is best for the tribe and not just my unit. The last question has to do with when I was ill and recovering. First, I lost over 45 pounds because of my loss of appetite caused from my treatments. Somedays I drove nearly 400 miles in a day for treatments

and then to board functions. I didn't miss any meetings, I may have been late for a couple workshops but I made it to all of them to do the work for the members. Being ill did not make my principles weak. When it comes to doing the right thing, I am getting stronger.

Board members are elected to have their own minds and opinions. If the chairman or other board members disagree with, that is their right. You can disagree but is doesn't give anyone the right to downgrade a person, to try and cut them down or even insult them. These types of actions will not cause me to change my mind and I will not be intimidated. My job is to serve the membership of the tribe. I will not be pushed into anything that I don't agree with and I think the membership understands this.

I know the biggest problem the chairman has with me is because he can not control me. He is not the first to try, nor will he be the last. I have a free mind and will always express my views in the best interest of the tribe. If I could be told when to speak and how,

then you don't need me. If we have a yes board or even a puppet/bobble head board, then we don't need a board. We could have just one person run the tribe and save the tribe close to a million dollars in board pay. Having a yes board would be like not having a board at all. If this is what the members want, then we can vote on it and move forward.

Speaking of moving forward, it is time for us to move forward on one of the most important issues affecting all of us, the Constitution. Let me say, we do not need to wait for a Constitutional convention to make changes. Many things can be changed now. The board has to stop differentiating on the interpretations of the Constitution. Opinions on the Constitution should be handled by the judicial branch, our chief judge and appellate court, not our legal branch.

The real danger right now with the board interpreting the constitution is that at anytime we can violate the constitution and then determine that we didn't do it by self interpretation. There needs to

be more vital checks and balances for the board of directors. I don't think the board can ban or bar a tribe member without due process or an appeal or judicial review of the situation.

There are many challenges ahead for the tribe. Many issues need our attention. There are many problems that need to be fixed and I see them as challenges that we can overcome. We can fix things and work things out, but not by attacking each other. And, we can't fix things if we don't know what all the problems are. With many issues, we don't get all the information we need to weigh all the options. If we are going to make decisions in the best interest of the tribe, we need to know all the information before we vote or we could vote in a way without full knowledge of the consequences. This is the way the old chairman operated and I don't want to see this board go down that road. Thank you for your time.

If you have questions, please call. Dennis McKelvie, Unit I director (906) 632-7267.

# Newberry Library presents the "Untold Story" of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

CHICAGO, Ill. — Known for its world-renowned collections and ground-breaking scholarship in American Indian history and the American West, the Newberry Library will present the only Chicago-area exhibition commemorating the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's epic journey across Indian Country.

From Sept. 28, 2005, through Jan. 14, 2006, the Newberry will present Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country exhibit. The exhibit builds on what many visitors already know about the expedition — three years, 33 explorers, 4,000 miles of uncharted ter-

ritory, and a presidential mandate from Thomas Jefferson to find a northwest trade passage. It then broadens the traditional narrative to tell the other half of the story — the American Indian story.

"What often gets lost in the story is that Lewis and Clark did not explore a wilderness; they traveled through an inhabited homeland," said Frederick E. Hoxie, exhibit curator and Swanlund professor of history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "This expedition is also part of the history of the native peoples the explorers met, and the bicentennial offers

us an opportunity to understand an Indian perspective on our shared American past."

Drawing on the Newberry's rich collections, together with the voices of contemporary Native Americans, Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country examines initial encounters between the explorers and the Indians and reveals the legacy of the expedition for modern Americans and Native American communities.

The exhibit features approximately 120 items, including books, manuscripts, maps, artwork, and photography from the Newberry Library's collections,

as well as artifacts on loan from peer institutions, cultural organizations along the expedition route, and private collections. Highlights of the exhibit include: a hand-written expedition diary by Private Joseph Whitehouse, six sketches by George Catlin, rare editions of tribal folklore, and interactive media kiosks.

The Sara Lee Foundation is the lead corporate sponsor for Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country. The exhibit has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities. Major support

for the exhibit has been provided by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the National Park Service.

The Newberry Library is an independent humanities library that is free and open to the public.

The Newberry offers exhibits, lectures, classes and concerts related to its collections.

# Constitutional convention meetings will be scheduled and posted



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

The board of directors will soon be mailed a copy of my rough draft of a tribal freedom of information ordinance to review, offer suggestions, and to make changes. This ordinance will also be posted on the tribe's Web site for comment by interested and concerned tribe members. The board will then schedule community workshops on the ordinance to allow membership comment before it will be considered for adoption.

More importantly, however, I am happy to report that we are also in the process of scheduling community meetings to begin the process of proposing amendments and other changes to our tribal Constitution.

Our legal department is now in the process of selecting and engaging consultants to assist our tribe in completing a schedule of events leading to a vote on changes to our Constitution. This is a huge project and it requires experience and expertise to make sure that it is done right the first time. For instance, this huge pro-

ject will require the detailed scheduling of community meetings, workshops and all of the logistics that comes with organizing something this big and significant. The board will then approve the schedule and, hopefully, will take an active part in attending these events as we debate each proposed change to our Constitution. As we approach spring, I find it a really exciting time as we plan community meetings within our tribe's service area as well as other counties in the state that currently have significant numbers of tribe members to get their input as well. My hope is to have a preliminary schedule of events posted and detailed in our next tribal newspaper. In addition, I also want to do an article in the paper that introduces the membership to the experienced consultants that we have retained to assist us in this process.

When you think about what we are about to do, it really makes you feel humble. It is a huge and momentous task. For instance, each proposed change to our Constitution will require individual community meetings in each of our units to get member input. This will automatically require our board to at least double our currently scheduled meetings to ensure all members in our units and beyond are given their say on the changes. Any changes to our Constitution must also be approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It can be a long and frustrating process. My estimate is it will at least take two years before we can consider voting on any proposed changes.

Some members may want the

process to proceed much quicker. My response to this is that it should never be an easy thing to change a Constitution. Changes to a Constitution must be carefully considered. It is no secret that the state and federal Constitutions are very difficult to amend, as they should be, and our constitution is no different. We must remember that if we want a member-driven Constitutional convention, we must make a genuine and real effort to allow as many tribe members input on these proposed changes. This requires us to schedule and post meetings in all of our units to ensure we can truly state that all members were given an opportunity to be heard and participate. But as with anything worthwhile, we must make sure we do it right and make sure all members who have an interest in the changes are given every opportunity to propose and draft changes to our Constitution.

This is a member-driven Constitutional convention and members must take an active interest for it to be successful. In the end, we need membership involvement to draft the changes because, as it should be, the membership must approve the changes before they can be adopted and ultimately approved by the federal government. Our Constitution requires that a certain percentage of tribe members must participate in the vote before the changes are approved. The bureau's regulations are strict and we must follow them to the letter to make sure they are approved by the bureau. One suggestion I have heard is that we first set-up special elections to elect community leaders to serve as delegates

to our Constitutional convention. With elected delegates, we could then organize a grand assembly of elected delegates that convenes at one central location to immediately start the process of drafting and voting on proposed changes. Under this system, the membership would elect unit delegates to represent each unit and elect at-large delegates who would represent those who currently do not reside in our election units. This reasonable proposal is one of the many ideas that are currently being considered to begin the process. Whatever process we choose our goal is to make sure as many members participate as possible.

I look forward to beginning this process and working with my fellow board members in scheduling community meetings. Changes to our structure of government will make our tribe a more democratic and accountable government. This is a worthy goal and my hope is that we can set aside our differences for the greater good of our tribe by working together to make these changes for the best interest of our membership. The ultimate goal is a better governmental system that will help restore confidence in our government and its elected leaders and to heal some of the acrimony that has prevented positive changes in our community.

On a personal note, I have learned a lot in my short time as a member of our tribe's board of directors. What I have learned is that both I and my fellow board members generally want the same thing; and that is, for our Tribe to succeed and prosper. Each board

member has their own ideas on how to make our tribe a better tribe. The key for me is to find common ground with the other elected representatives that we can all agree upon to solve our problems and to move our tribe forward. We should all try harder to focus on our common interests rather than trying to tear each other apart. One common ground I have found is that we all agree that a Constitutional convention is needed to seriously discuss what I have described as the fundamental flaws in our current governmental structure.

If anything, these meetings will allow all of us to come together as a community to discuss ways of making our government better and to heal old wounds. It is time we seriously discuss one positive thing that we can all do together as a people rather than focusing on what tears us apart. This convention will force all of us to sit together as a community to solve what I believe is our biggest problem: A governmental structure that has no checks and balances or separation of powers. This is the root cause of a lot of our internal problems. I sincerely look forward to working with my fellow tribal members to make real and meaningful changes to our constitution to improve our government.

For more information I can be contacted at Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call (906) 635-5740. E-mail tkgravelle@msn.com.



## Human Resources Team Member of the Year

The team of the human resources department selected Bawating Anishinaabekwe Rita Vassar as the 2004 Sault Tribe Human Resources Team Member of the Year. She was presented with a plaque at a ceremony on March 8.

Vassar was cited for having a positive attitude, major accomplishments, customer service skills, dedication and longevity. She is a personal assistant for the department and has been working for our tribe for 23 years.

Her great sense of humor, kindness, family values, dedication and willingness are among other attributes that were mentioned.

Vassar's son, Gene Vassar, attended the presentation ceremony along with her aunt Anne Causley and granddaughter, Maeci Vassar, shown here giving Rita a congratulatory hug.

## Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe board meetings:

Marquette and Alger Counties,  
Channel 8, 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., Fridays

Sault Ste. Marie, Channel 2,  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays

St. Ignace, Channel 12, 9:00 a.m., Mondays

Escanaba and Manistique, Channel 8,  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays

**The next  
deadline for  
submissions of  
articles to *The  
Sault Tribe  
News* is March  
28.**



# J.K.L. Bahweting Public School Academy approaches 10th year as a charter school

By CORY J. WILSON

The Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Public School Academy administration gave an informative presentation to parents, teachers, and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors in early February.

The presentation was given by Curriculum and Special Programs Director Carolyn Dale and focused on the school's curriculum, teaching requirements, specialty programs and classes, student achievements, community involvement, school awards and integrating culture in the classroom.

The academy is a kindergarten to eighth grade school chartered through Northern Michigan University. The school was named after the first chairman of the Sault Tribe who wanted to establish a quality educational environment that promoted the positive aspects of Native American history and culture. The school is approaching the tenth year of its charter.

During the 2003-04 school year, the school continued to grow in facilities expansion and experienced a 25 percent increase in enrollment bringing the student body up to 270. Last year, construction was completed on an eight-classroom modular building to house the Middle School and two specialty area classrooms. This expansion also allowed for additional sections for elementary grades to accommodate increased enrollment.

The school's high standards and teaching requirements were outlined in the curriculum overview which pointed out that all the teachers at the academy are required to follow the state regulated benchmarks and grade level content expectations. All teachers have to teach 80 benchmarks per subject on average, which equates to approximately 320 benchmarks per year. In an effort to monitor student achievements, the school then enter these benchmarks into a student tracking system which assists teachers with curriculum goals and serves as a remedial indicator for student performance.

The school also provides a variety of specialized academic services to assist all students trying to meet challenging standards and benchmarks. Last year, the school provided services through remedial education teachers, a reading specialist, resource room, special education, speech therapy, occupational therapy, gifted and talented instruction and school social work services.

The school received several accolades in the past few years, which include the Golden Apple Award from the Michigan Department of Education in 2000, Title I Distinguished Schools Award in 2002-03 and the No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon Award in 2003. The school was one out of just 213 schools in the nation to receive Blue Ribbon Award from the United States Department of Education. The school's most recent honor was the 4 C's Award, which was presented to the school by the National Indian School Board



Above, Kaitlyn Goodman, 5, watches as her father, Dean, gets her started on a pumpkin during a family fun night pumpkin carving at J.K.L. Bahweting PSA. Last year, the school documented 1,450 parent-student activities through the school's "I Care" program which encourages parent and student activities in an effort to enhance school achievement. Below, second grader Natalie Dale, 8, works with her dad, Steve, on a necklace at the family fun day at JKL.

Association in 2004.

The school has also been assigned a composite grade of B+ (89.2%) in the State's "Education YES!" accreditation system. This system combines student achievement results with eleven measures of school performance, which is then used to rank schools from grades A through D.

Academically, the school's students have excelled beyond the state average in testing by the Michigan Educational Assessment Program in most areas of study. In 2003-04, the school exceeded state averages in the following areas: fourth grade math, fourth grade reading, fourth grade language arts, fifth grade science, fifth grade social studies, eighth grade science, eighth grade social studies, seventh grade reading, seventh grade writing, seventh grade language arts, and eighth grade math.

The school's administration has taken a team approach to improving the quality of education by organizing a steering committee and school improvement team, in addition to serving on Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District committees in the area of social studies, science, language, arts, and mathematics. The school is always looking for input from teachers and has provided curriculum binders to help identify at risk students, exceptional students, possible grant opportunities and scheduling or curriculum concerns.

The school also prides itself in providing a safe learning environment for children through a zero tolerance discipline policy and a no-bullying program, which is driven by the Seven Grandfather teachings of Anishinaabe culture that promotes respect, truth, love, humility, bravery, honesty and wisdom.

The charter school is unique because it also integrates culture in the classroom. They have used the Anishinaabek language and the medicine wheel as teaching



tools and embraced tribal culture through arts and crafts.

The school has always been very involved in the community and has given financial support to the Bahweting Singers, provided daily transportation services for the Chi Mukwa after school program, provided rent-free space for the tribal adult education program, sponsored the youth media program coordinated by the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program and provide internet access in addition to donating computers to the tribal centers in the Upper Peninsula for education and elderly programs.

The presentation concluded with a synopsis from Parent Advisory Council President Regina Rolstone, who gave a speech explaining the goals and purpose of the school's Parent Advisory Council.

The council was developed to recognize and promote the importance of parental involvement in all aspects of the school's operations and ensure all children receive the highest advantage and potential for growth in physical, mental, social and cultural education. The council holds meetings on the first Monday of each month to obtain parental views

regarding school policies, special events, routine procedures and holds social, cultural and recreational activities throughout the school year.

One of the main goals of the council is to create an environment where parental views are expected, invited, and incorporated, while also recognizing and encouraging parental involvement. The council also provides parental skill building and offers educational sessions. One of the most popular events the council is involved with is organizing family fun nights, which have included activities such as pumpkin carving, cultural teachings, snow tubing and school carnivals.

In addition to the various special committee volunteers and parents, the council also consists of five officers including Vice President Amy Goetz, Treasurer Cheyenne Dowd, Secretary Kim Swales and Lori Jodoin, who is the school representative and serves as the parent involvement coordinator.

"Our council meetings have anywhere from 60 to 120 parents, students and teachers who attend the meetings," said Jodoin. "Our family fun nights have anywhere from 100 to 350 parents and chil-

dren in attendance. We have a large number of parents who want to be involved in their children's education and provide numerous hours of volunteer time to ensure that all monthly council meetings and family fun nights are successful. I would also like to recognize the school administration and school board members who take great pride in providing the best education possible for our children! Our school administration, which includes Nancie Hatch, Nick Oshelski and Carolyn Dale, are great leaders and role models to students, staff and parents."

Last year, the school documented 1,450 parent-student activities through the school's "I Care" program which promotes parent and student activities in an effort to enhance school achievement. It should also be noted that the parent-teacher conference participation rate continues to be above 90 percent.

"I think it would be hard to find a parent organization as involved as ours. They have done an outstanding job," said Hatch.

Rolstone added, "We would like to acknowledge the commitment of the teachers and parents and the time they put into this, they work tirelessly volunteering for the council."

The council has also been very helpful in collecting valuable information regarding the opinions of both students and parents in regard to the school.

When parents were asked what they like about the school, they responded:

- High standards of teachers and staff
- Smaller class sizes
- Two teachers per class
- Extra assistance given to children with difficulties
- Teachers and staff genuinely care for students
- High academic standards for students
- Truly take the No Child Left Behind Act credo very seriously
- Organized classrooms
- Diverse curriculum — music, art, culture, orchestra
- Teachers are active in helping students succeed

Students also responded by stating:

"I like the school because we have culture. I like that we have we have drum dance socials. I like the after school programs. We have a nice library," said one first grade student.

"What I like most about my school is that the teachers give us lots of examples and confidence in doing what we can to have good grades and stay on track," responded a fifth grader. "And letting us have a chance to make a great difference about ourselves and what we do. I think that they do a great job of teaching us students."

For more information regarding the J.K.L. Bahweting Public School Academy, contact Carolyn Dale at 635-5055 or via e-mail at [cdale@jkl.school.org](mailto:cdale@jkl.school.org).

The presentation can be seen on Channel 2, Charter Communications in Sault Ste. Marie, Monday, March 21, and Thursday, March 24, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Native American Center at Lake Superior State University is a great asset for students

BY LINDSAY STOKES

Leona Christine Spencer, called Chris by her friends, is a student at Lake Superior State University and a member of the Sault Tribe. Chris came to Sault Ste. Marie and LSSU from Phoenix, Ariz., to study the Ojibwe language. She is working toward a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. Chris says she is also contemplating enrolling in the master's of education program at LSSU.

Chris first learned of the Native American Center and its support services to students by attending Lakerpalooza, an informational fair held on the LSSU campus, at the beginning of this academic year (2004-2005). She stopped by the Native American Center table to speak with Stephanie Sabatine about the center. Stephanie invited her to take a



Leona Christine Spencer

tour of the center and to speak with her about the services and resources offered to students. Resources are not limited to the campus. Chris reports that Stephanie helped her locate housing. She said, "Without that help, my experience would have been very, very difficult."

Chris describes her experiences at the Native American Center as

a "home away from home." She uses the center before and after business hours. The LSSU security office opens the center for students who arrange to use it beyond the normal hours of operation, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For Chris, the center is a great resource for students, describing it as part of the campus community where students don't feel like a number.

The students who use the center are another reason Chris feels a sense of belonging. This is a great place to meet people and share stories, experiences and advice. She can walk into a classroom and be almost certain that there will be another student in the class she met at the center.

"Many of my fellow students are very supportive and encouraging. We have formed study

groups and I think it has helped me to become a better learner." She added, "The center is a very relaxed place to study and the location is very convenient."

She noted there are many resources and support available such as the kitchen, study areas, computer lab with broadband Internet connections, the use of the fax and copy machines and the student telephone.

Chris said she considers these resources vital to non-traditional and traditional students alike in helping them to achieve their educational goals while enhancing their experience on campus.

Chris also expressed her appreciation for Stephanie Sabatine, who functions as the center's director. "Stephanie is very helpful. She gives us direction and good advice for our studies. She is more than just a director - she is more of a friend or colleague.

She never discourages students even when they feel discouraged," she said. "Stephanie has a wealth of knowledge and background and provides a sense of belonging for students. She makes people feel like they belong here and that you are not on your own. Her attitude is contagious and it shows throughout the people who use the center."

When asked about her advice to students, Chris said, "Because of my positive experience, I would suggest to anyone to come here and be part of the community. It is a great place to meet people and the resources are always helpful. This is a place where I'm really honored for my value as a human being. I wouldn't keep coming back if it didn't. Some places make you feel small, that you have no self-worth. Here, I feel like I make a difference and I have a value."

## Higher education programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

2005-06 School year applications were mailed out to 1,391 current students. If you have not received an application, please contact our office and we'll mail one to you.

It's only necessary to complete one application per school year and it's good for both of our programs.

Higher Education Self-sufficiency Fund, also called the incentive award program: As of Feb. 28, we received 1,391 applications and awarded 904 students with \$390,583.30 for the 2004 fall session.

This program is on a first-come, first-served basis, which means as grades come in, we send awards until funds run out.

If you have not yet submitted your Fall 2004 grades, you can still do so, send them to Sault Tribe Higher Education, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

We realize a lot of schools are no longer sending grades to the student's mailing address and the student has to retrieve them from the Internet. Before sending in the Internet grades, please make sure that the identifying information includes, your name, school, and the session. If anything is handwritten on it, we cannot accept it.

Please make sure that you have a 2004-05 Higher Education Assistance Application on file before turning in your grades or you won't be eligible for the incentive award. If you do not, you can file one online at If you

already have an application on file for the 2004-05 school year, please do not send us another one, it's one application per school year.

Please keep in mind that it is the student's responsibility to report their award(s) to the appropriate agencies which may include the financial aid office, IRS, and etc.

The Sault Tribe Accounting Department will be issuing 1099 forms after each calendar year for income tax purposes.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at (906) 632-6098 or 1-800-793-0660 (ask for higher education) or email at [jl Lewton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jl Lewton@saulttribe.net).

## Bay de Noc gardening conference date set

A conference for gardeners will be offered on Saturday, April 16. The all day event will be held in the J.L. Heirman University Center on the campus of Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba. Sixteen classes will be offered. Participants will be able to choose to attend four of these classes.

The cost of the program is \$30 per person. This includes morning refreshments, lunch and four

classes. Registration deadline is April 6, 2005. Only pre-paid registrations will be accepted.

For a registration brochure and more information contact MSU Extension in Delta County at 906-786-3032 or in Alger County at 906-387-2530. The program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening. The program also qualifies for master gardener educational credit.

## Michigan Indian Elders Assn. scholarship notice

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will make available two \$500 scholarships and one \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to three qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary.

Each student must be currently enroll in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

The student:

- Must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands, this must be verified by the constituent tribal enrollment department.

- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a GED certifi-

cate, or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average, or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have and accumulated grade point average of 3.00.

- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.

- Must complete the application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and be received by the coordinator not later than June 13, 2005. Incomplete or late application will not be considered.

An application form can be obtained from the tribal education department of each of the constituent tribes or bands.

Applications can be picked up at the Sault Tribe administration building at 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call the Sault Tribe Education Department at 906-632-6098 or 1-800-793-0660.

## U.S. DOE opportunities for American Indian college students at Sandia Labs

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is offering paid summer intern positions through their tribal energy program. The program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency, economic development and employment on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

The interns will receive a salary commensurate with number of hours completed by the end of the fall semester of the previous school year in an appropriate technical major, relocation expenses and assistance in finding housing.

According to the DOE, eligible students are U.S. citizens who are current college upperclassmen and graduate students specifically interested in renewable energy and familiar with American Indian culture and tribal issues. Student interns are needed to assist a cross-discipli-

nary team to perform specific tasks working with staff of the Sandia National Laboratories, tribes interested in renewable systems and Sandia's American Indian outreach committee.

Applications for this summer must be postmarked by April 1. An application must include a personal resume including GPA, all relevant work experience, outside activities, official copies of all college transcripts, phone number and e-mail address. The application must also include a completed, short questionnaire included on the Web announcement which can be seen at [eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/other](http://eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/other), scroll down to student internships and click on the PDF.

Applications or questions should be directed to Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories, P.O. Box 5800, M/S 0708, Albuquerque, N.M. 87185-0708. She can also

be reached by phone at (505) 844-5418, fax at (505) 844-6541 or e-mail [skbegay@sandia.gov](mailto:skbegay@sandia.gov).

Tribes nationwide are exploring forms of ecologically safe, renewable energy as an added step towards self-sufficiency. Newspaper accounts suggest emerging wind power generating stations may be the next big boon for America's power needs in the face of rising costs, pollution and dwindling resources.

At this time, Sault Tribe is conducting a feasibility study on harnessing wind power as a renewable energy source.

According to Jeff Holt, a member of the team conducting the study, results of the two-year project will be reported in late spring or early summer.

The study sites are in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Newberry, Christmas and Manistique.

**Jody Reno**, a Sault Tribe member, recently graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies, applications, and resource development. She is the daughter of Jerry and Edie Reno of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Congratulations Jody!



# Negaunee fourth graders create their own Native American "why tales" projects

SUBMITTED BY PEG DERWIN, TITLE VII TUTOR, NEGAUNEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mrs. Beacco's fourth grade class created stories based on American Indian "why tales."

The following are stories written by tribe members C.J. Hersha, Kelly St. Germain and Chelsey Laitinen.



Left to Right, C.J. Hersha, Kelly St. Germain and Chelsey Laitinen are shown with their stories.

## Why Native Americans Came to Earth

BY CHESTER (C.J.) HERSHA

One night the Native Americans were trying to sleep. They lived on the moon. It was stinky, covered by wolves, there wasn't enough food, no water, very cold - minus 600 degrees fahrenheit daily. There were no supplies, no Spring, Summer or Fall and it was always night. Native Americans could hear the wolves from 50 miles away. But they still tried to sleep.

But, the wolves woke up. "We need to get out of here," said Narro to his tribe. "But how?" asked Bogy. "I don't know what planet to go to, but I know not here. It's dirty, not enough food, cold, those wolves always bug us and there are no supplies!" yelled Jargo. "How are we going to get out of here?" asked Deago. "I don't know, Deago, I don't know," Jargo said.

Jargo thought and thought and finally thought of something. "Come on everybody, I have a plan. When it turns night on Earth we're going to jump from the Moon to Earth in North America

in Michigan," said Jargo.

"We have got to land on each other. But we've done it before two years ago when the wolves came and beat us up. Four hours from now is the time when the moon goes to Earth."

Four hours later it was time to go to Earth. The moon moved then everyone jumped down and landed without a scratch. Then Jargo said, "We need to get supplies."

Everyone grabbed supplies, built homes, got water from a stream, made bows and arrows. Jargo shot seven animals; six beavers and one wolf. "That'll teach those wolves not to mess with us," said Narro. "We finally made a home on Earth," said Deago. "Now let's go to bed," said Jargo.

And that is how Native Americans came to Earth.

## Why Fish Live Under Water

BY KELLY ST. GERMAIN

Fish was sitting in the grassy meadow on what is now Lake Michigan surrounded by all his friends: Beaver, Raccoon, Deer and the three Bear Cubs. Some of his friends were out in the Grand Canyon because they went to see their relatives in the dry area with no water. Bear, Bug, Squirrel, Chippy and Mouse were in the Grand Canyon and Fish was alone.

For days it rained. Soon the rain was over Fish's head. But it still rained. Soon Fish had to stand on top of a tree in the meadow. Then Fish swam to the Creator and said, "Great Creator, the rain has flooded my home. What shall I do?" and the Creator said, "Fear not, I'll fix that."

He grabbed his magical wand and Fish wondered what he was going to do next.

Wham kabam, the Great Creator swung his wand round, round and round until it could move no more. Then, "WHAM" went the wand and Fish received gills. "KABAM" went the wand that gave Fish powers to breath in water. Then the wand was silent. Fish looked at Creator and asked "Did it work?"

Moments later Fish jumped into the air and yelled, "I need water!" And fish needed water badly. So he opened the door, ran and jumped into the lake. And that is why fish live in water.

## Why Horse Has Hooves

BY CHELSEY LAITINEN

Horse was standing in the wind. Wind was blowing at him. He felt how cold the wind was. It was peaceful until his friends came. His friends are Mouse, Mare, Fox, Bear, Deer and Snake. They were noisy. "You ruined my peace," he said. "We had to come here because Wolf was chasing us," said Mare. "Really, yeah," said Mouse. "Is wolf really chasing you?" asked Horse. "No, it was just a joke," Bear said.

Horse looked with pride. He said, "What a beautiful day." "What's that," said Fox? "I'll go and look," said Bear. "Don't go over there, don't go over there," said Mare.

Lurking in the shadows was Wolf, the meanest animal on

Earth. Wolf said, "Step aside!" "Why do we have to?" said Snake.

"Ah....ah...because I'm looking for the bubbling brook," said Wolf. "No," said Horse. "You have to have strong feet like mine," said Horse. "And brains," said Mare. "Everybody come," said Wolf. So they all went. When they got there it was so scary because the bubbling brook was bigger than a lake. Dead fish were floating because it was so hot.

"Who can get us out from across this brook?" asked Wolf. "How about Mare and Horse?" asked Snake. "You guys are the strongest," said Mouse. "Well, I don't know," said Horse. "Come on, we have to go please," said Fox. "OK," they said.

Every animal got on Mare and Horse's back. When they got in the water horses paw was melting and so was Mare's. Mare was in pain, and Horse was the strongest. So Mare got on Horse's back and the animals got on hers. Fox was on Mare's head and Fox fell off into the water! Bear and Deer lifted him out. They reached land. "Are you OK?" asked Mouse.

"Yes," said Fox. His feet and arms were black! Deer said, "Horse, your paw is melted and Mare's too." Horse said, "That's OK, as long as we are alive and we are OK."

So that's how Horse got hooves.

## Scholarships available for minorities online

Though there are a number of companies and organizations that have donated money for scholarship use to minorities, a great deal of the money is being returned because of a lack of interest. The following are links to different Web sites with information on scholarships.

- 1) Bell Labs fellowships for under represented minorities [www.bell-labs.com/fellowships](http://www.bell-labs.com/fellowships)
- 2) Student inventors scholarships [invent.org/collegiate/](http://invent.org/collegiate/)
- 3) Student video scholarships [christophers.org](http://christophers.org)
- 4) Coca-Cola two-year college scholarships [cocalascholars.org/programs](http://cocalascholars.org/programs)
- 5) Holocaust remembrance scholarships [holocaust.hklaw](http://holocaust.hklaw)
- 6) Ayn Rand essay scholarships [aynrand.org/contests](http://aynrand.org/contests)
- 7) Brand essay competition [instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules](http://instituteforbrandleadership.org/IBLEssayContest-2002Rules)
- 8) Gates millennium scholarships (major) [gmsp.org/nominationmaterials](http://gmsp.org/nominationmaterials)
- 9) Xerox scholarships at [2.xerox.com/go/xrx/about\\_xerox/about\\_xerox\\_detail.jsp](http://2.xerox.com/go/xrx/about_xerox/about_xerox_detail.jsp)
- 10) Sports scholarships and internships [ncaa.org/about](http://ncaa.org/about)
- 11) National Assoc. of Black Journalists scholarships [nabj.org/html/studentsvcs](http://nabj.org/html/studentsvcs)
- 12) Saul T. Wilson

- Scholarships (Veterinary) [aphis.usda.gov/mb/mrphr/jobs/stw](http://aphis.usda.gov/mb/mrphr/jobs/stw)
- 13) Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund [thurgoodmarshallfund.org](http://thurgoodmarshallfund.org)
- 14) FinAid: The Smart Students Guide to Financial Aid scholarships [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)
- 15) Presidential freedom scholarships [nationalservice.org/scholarships](http://nationalservice.org/scholarships)
- 16) Microsoft Scholarship Program [microsoft.com/college/-scholarships/minority](http://microsoft.com/college/-scholarships/minority)
- 17) WiredScholar free scholarship search [wiredscholar.com/-paying/scholarship](http://wiredscholar.com/-paying/scholarship)
- 18) Hope scholarships and lifetime credits [ed.gov/inits/hope](http://ed.gov/inits/hope)
- 19) William Randolph Hearst endowed scholarship for minority students [apsanet.org](http://apsanet.org)
- 20) List of minority scholarships [gehon.ir.miami.edu/financialassistance/Scholarship](http://gehon.ir.miami.edu/financialassistance/Scholarship)
- 21) Guaranteed scholarships

- [guaranteed-scholarships.com](http://guaranteed-scholarships.com)
- 22) BOEING scholarships [boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships](http://boeing.com/companyoffices/educationrelations/scholarships)
- 23) Easley national scholarship program [naas.org/senior.htm](http://naas.org/senior.htm)
- 24) Maryland artists scholarships [maef.org](http://maef.org)
- 26) Jacki Tuckfield Memorial Graduate Business Scholarship (for AA students in south Florida) [jackituckfield.org](http://jackituckfield.org)
- 27) Historically black college and university scholarships [iesabroad.org/info/hbcu](http://iesabroad.org/info/hbcu)
- 28) Actuarial scholarships for minority students [beanactuary.org](http://beanactuary.org)
- 29) International students scholarships and aid help [ief.a.org](http://ief.a.org)
- 30) College board scholarship search [cbweb10p.collegeboard.org](http://cbweb10p.collegeboard.org)
- 31) Burger King scholarship program [bkscholars.csfa.org](http://bkscholars.csfa.org)
- 32) Siemens Westinghouse [siemens-foundation.org](http://siemens-foundation.org).

## Michigan school districts to use e-learning tool

To help ensure all of their students are taught by highly qualified teachers, Michigan school districts can now accept the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind teacher-to-teacher e-learning courses as credit toward the state's teacher recertification and training requirements, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced recently. Michigan joins a growing list of states accepting the e-learning tool to help teachers obtain the skills and knowledge to boost student achievement.

Launched in October as part of its continuing effort to support classroom teachers, the department's e-learning program offers teachers on-demand professional development training to meet a variety of educational needs and improve student achievement.

"Michigan teachers can now take advantage of the department's high-quality e-learning courses to earn professional development credit to maintain their teaching credentials," said Secretary Spellings. "Approval of the courses — offered free and online — is especially important for teachers who may find it difficult to participate in traditional classroom instruction because of the competing demands of work and family. School children have the most to gain by having the best trained teachers possible."

The e-learning program is part of the department's teacher-to-teacher initiative, which is designed to help educators share best practices for putting research to work in the classroom to help students meet high standards. The teacher-to-teacher initiative includes continuing regional workshops, a national summit, the American stars of teaching recognition program, roundtable discussions with teachers about the support they need to meet the academic needs of their students, a teacher toolkit, and electronic "e-byte" updates to provide useful information to teachers.

In addition to accepting the e-learning courses for credit, Michigan school districts may now also give teachers credit for participating in the initiative's workshops.

The 2001 No Child Left Behind Act is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap among groups of students, offering more flexibility to states, giving parents more options and teaching students based on what works.

More information about the teacher-to-teacher initiative, workshops, and No Child Left Behind is available at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

## Feds offer meth training

With methamphetamine use on the rise on reservations across the U.S., the National American Indian Housing Council is offering free training to Regional Indian Housing Association members at quarterly and annual meetings.

"We are beginning to see meth use and production as growing problems in Indian country," said NAIHC Executive Director Gary Gordon. "The dangers of meth use are more well-known, but the hazards associated with meth production are also significant and pose the potential for extreme danger."

# Sandy Reining retires from Sault Tribe Community Health Service after 21 years

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

After 21 years of service as a community health nurse with the Sault Tribe, Sandy Reining, RN, retired March 2.

In 1983 when Reining began her employment with the tribe, the community health program employed two people, herself and her supervisor, Tony Abramson. "The program at that time was getting a good start. We did a lot of case finding, mainly helping tribal members enroll in services and informing them what services were available to them," Reining said.

"Community health has always been focused on disease prevention and health promotion. As a community health nurse, our home visits included physical assessments, medication management, education, disease monitoring and home safety. When I first began working in community health, we did group projects that embraced a variety of situations and we all worked together towards the same goals. Today, this team spirit is still evident in the staff we have now, which has increased many times over," she



L to R, Marilyn Hillman, CHN supervisor, presents Sandy Reining with a plaque for her years of service with the tribe.

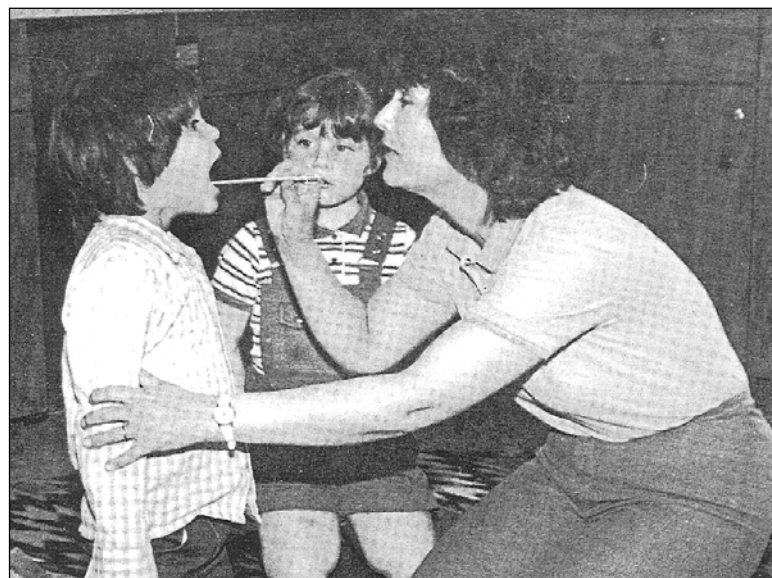
added.

The community health program has grown to include nutrition, cardiovascular disease prevention, diabetes education, physical assessments, H.I.V. education and testing as well as many other programs.

"It has been a wonderful job, the tribe has been a wonderful employer. There was never a dull

moment, I have always had good supervisors and coworkers and the opportunity to attend trainings and conferences if I needed to," Reining said. "I enjoyed visiting tribal families in their homes, it has been an honor and privilege to serve our members."

Reining has seen community health grow from a staff of two to about 23 today.



Sandy Reining caring for children at the beginning of her career with the Sault Tribe.

"I have a lot of projects at home that I want to work on now, things that I started but never finished. That will keep me busy for a while," she said.

"I would like to thank all who attended my retirement party for their good wishes and gifts. Also, the drummers, the community health program and health center

staff who sponsored the event and provided the good food and wonderful atmosphere," Reining said.

Sandy is the daughter of the late Mary (nee Hatch) and William Murray.

Sandy and Edward Reining recently celebrated their 39th anniversary and have two children and eight grandchildren.

## Dolls celebrate 60 years



Bernard Thomas Doll (tribal elder) and Elizabeth Donna Ploegstra were married Feb. 10, 1945, at St. Mary's ProCathedral Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie in a 9:00 a.m. high mass celebrated by Father Guertin. Best man was Bernard Toland and maid of honor was Kathleen Dozel. Their union is celebrated by seven children: Nancy Elizabeth Carter, (Phyllis) Kathryn Russell, (Bernard) Edward Doll, Teresa Ann Bodine, Patricia Doll Harris, Connie Doll Harris and Mary Kay Doll. They have 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

### Reno and Bond announce engagement

Lansing, Mich. — **Jody L. Reno** of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and **Brandon J. Bond** of St. Joseph, Mich., announce their engagement. Jody is a recent graduate from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies, applications and resource management. She currently resides and works in Lansing. Brandon is currently finishing his undergraduate degree in history at Michigan State University. He, too, resides in Lansing, Mich. Jody is the daughter of Jerry and Edythe Reno of Sault Ste. Marie. Brandon is the son of Jeff and Jill Bond of St. Joseph. An August wedding is planned.

### First birthday celebrated

Happy first birthday  
Yvonne Rose!  
Love, Dad and Mom  
(Doug and Dana Pine)  
March 2, 2005



## The stork report

Charlie and Andrea Weakly of Linden, Va. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Madison Jo-Ann** on Jan. 27 2005, Prince William Hospital, Manassas, Va.

Madison weighed nine pounds and was twenty one inches long. Maternal grandparents are Kenny and Joan Lewis of Manassas. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Linda Weakley of Madison, Va.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Lawrence and Peggy Lewis of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Mattie and Clyde Burkhart, Sr., Front Royal, Va. Paternal great grandparents are the late Thomas and Hazel Helbert and Wilson and Lucy Weakley of Madison.

**Lily Raine McGovern** is the new daughter of Joshua McGovern and Lynda St. Amour of Wolverine, Mich. She shot into this world at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord on Jan. 20, 2005, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Lily joins her two sisters, Devon Rose McGovern, 6, and Sydney Shea McGovern, 4. Her grandparents are Duane and Jerri St. Amour of Wolverine, Kathy (MiMi) McGovern of Indian River, Duane and Elka (Opa and Omi) McGovern of Cheboygan. Her great-grandmother is Norma Chalker of Indian River. Lily also has a PaPa Doug and NaNa Sherry Northrop of Afton.

**Melaina Rose Martin** was born Feb. 11, at 5:11 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She was born at Williamsburg Community Hospital, in Williamsburg, Va. Dad is Jeff

Martin. He is currently serving with the U.S. Coast Guard in Yorktown. Mom is the former Carrie Hall. Melaina is at home with mom, dad and big brother, Joshua, age 11. They live in Gloucester, Va. Grandparents are Bob and Debbie Martin of Newport News, Va, and Fran Hall of Kincheloe and Junior Hall of Mobile Ala.

Ken and Susan Jewell of McMillan are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter,

**Anna Rae Jewell**. She was delivered at Marquette General Hospital on Feb. 3, 2005, at 10:26 p.m. She weighed, eight pounds three ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Marilyn Jewell of McMillan. Paternal great grandparents are the late Donald Jewell and Kathy and Lyle Barber of Bay City, Mich., and Hazel and the late Stanley Inman of Midland.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Mary Archambeau of Newberry. Maternal great-grandparents are Raymond and Julia Archambeau of Engadine, and the late Lawrence and Arbutus Downing, formerly of Newberry.



# Welcome, baby Austen



Above, Austen Blaisdell, seven pounds, 11 ounces at birth. Right, L to R, Aunt Susan Roote, Tammie Blaisdell holding baby Austen and Angel Coffman.



Tammie and Keven Blaisdell of Kalkaska, Mich., proudly announce the birth of their son Austen. Grandparents are Linda Bennett-Payment, John Bennett, Sharon Blaisdell and Leo Blaisdell of Kalkaska.

## First Moby reunion summer 2006

Seeking descendants and relatives of Joseph and Susan (Kazan) or (Shif-aw-zaw) Sands, Moby and their children.

1. James and Lucy Aish-tawawsung (Ostie) Moby and their children: Mitchell Moby, Mary Ann Carrier, Nancy Moby, Emma Moby Koon and Samuel Koon (Coon), Frank Moby, Andrew Moby, Eunice Moby and Henry Moby.

2. Andrew and Polly Sands and their children: Lizzie Sands, Walter Sands, Silas Sands, Peter and Lydia Sands Riley and their children Nora and Lila Riley, Daisy Greenbird and Walker Sands.

Not much is known about this family as they were Susan Moby's

by her first husband, name unknown.

3. Joseph Jr. and Mary Lahay (Lake) Moby and their children: Al and Rosie Moby Ray, John and Lizzie Moby Bonner, David and Eliza Webb Moby, Frank and Mary Moby Husted and Mose and Catherine Diverney.

4. Eddie and Mary Moby Hall (first wife) and their son Joe Hall.

5. Foster and Angeline Moby Crampton and their children: Lydia Crampton, James Crampton, Louis Crampton, Lizzie Crampton, Tom Crampton and Martha Crampton.

6. Smith and Elizabeth Moby Hinman and their children: Martha Hinman, Elizabeth Hinman, Gus and Mary Antoine

Hinman, Alex and Lucy Hinman Parow and Wallace and Alice Hinman James.

Please send your names, addresses, e-mail addresses, ideas and phone numbers if possible to Cathy Philo, 8865 U.S. 31 Road South, Grawn, Mich., 49637, or call 231-276-0048, e-mail cphilo504@hotmail.com or mobyreunion2006@yahoo.com; or to Susan Thull, 7170 Cattail Drive, Bryon Center, Mich., 49315 or call 616-583-0276.

Any stepchildren, half brothers and sisters, adopted, second or third families are all welcomed. Let's make this a fun family event.

## Working late can boost Social Security retirement income

BY ED DWYER  
SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN ESCANABA

Are you nearing retirement and wishing that you had saved a little more or that your Social Security check could be just a little bit larger?

I often talk with folks who have spent that last couple of decades focused on making mortgage and car payments, paying off orthodontist bills, putting the kids through college and trying to squeeze in an occasional vacation. I also know other folks who have had to deal with unexpected job setbacks or medical bills.

For whatever reason, many people can find themselves just a few years from retirement age without having done a lot of retirement planning or saving. One option folks in this situation can consider is delaying retirement for a couple of years.

Financial advisors would point out that the effect of delaying retirement on your finances could be substantial. And I would add

that the same is true with Social Security. Waiting to retire for a year or two can increase your Social Security benefit in two ways.

First, your extra income usually will increase your average earnings, and the higher your average earnings, the higher your Social Security benefit will be.

Second, people who delay retirement receive a special "delayed retirement credit." This is a percentage increase that is added to your Social Security benefit. The percentage varies depending on your date of birth.

For example, if you were born after 1943, you would earn an 8 percent credit for each year that you delay retiring beyond your normal retirement age.

What does this mean? Well, let's look at an example of an imaginary worker whom I'll call Jake. He was born in 1944 and is 61 years old this year.

Jake's full retirement age is 66, but he could retire anytime after reaching age 62.

But, if Jake retired at 62 he would only get 75 percent of the full retirement benefit that he would be due at age 66. If he worked until age 68, he would get 116 percent of his full benefit payment. In dollars and cents, this means that if Jake were due a \$1,000 a month retirement check if he worked until age 66, he would get \$750 at age 62, but \$1,160 at age 68.

It's something to think about, especially with folks living longer lives. But here's an important point to remember: If you decide to delay your retirement, be sure to sign up for Medicare at age 65. In some circumstances, medical insurance costs more if you delay applying for it.

You can find out more about delayed retirement credits by visiting Social Security's website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## McDowell begins weekly e-newsletter

LANSING - State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) will begin a weekly newsletter to keep district residents informed about House of Representatives activities. McDowell represents the 107th District, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac and Emmet counties and Tuscarora and

Koehler townships in Cheboygan County.

The e-newsletter will provide information on bills passed in the House of Representatives, Rep. McDowell's legislative work, as well as useful contacts, websites and information related to state government and programs.

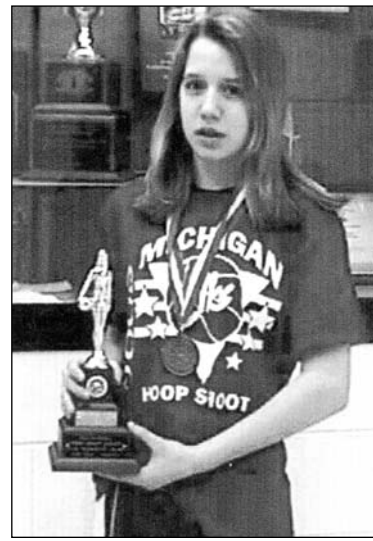
Computer users can sign up

for the e-newsletter by sending their e-mail address to Rep. McDowell at [garymcdowell@house.mi.gov](mailto:garymcdowell@house.mi.gov). For residents without Internet access, the newsletter can also be faxed. Contact Rep. McDowell toll-free at 1-888-REP-GARY (1-888-737-4279) for more information.

## Duncan second in hoop shoot state finals

Jessica Duncan, daughter of Sonja and David Duncan of Cedarville, finished second in the 33rd annual Michigan Elks Association's state hoop shoot finals Saturday, Jan. 29, at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester.

The junior-high student finished first in the pre-districts at Sault Ste. Marie Nov. 13, and placed first in the district finals at Ispeming Dec. 8 in a double shootout, sinking four for five and five for five. In the state finals, she made 20 of 25 free throws in regulation and placed second after connecting five for five in the shootout. Jessica is a Sault Tribe member and an eighth grade student at Les



Cheneaux Middle School in Cedarville, Mich.

## Cathy Nertoli-Devoy wins local promotion

The Downtown Business Association and Downtown Development Authority would like to congratulate Cathy Nertoli-Devoy, the winner of the Downtown Sault Ste. Marie Valentines Promotion "A Night Out in Downtown Soo." Cathy won this prize by registering at a participating business in Downtown Soo Valentine's Giveaway. Cathy's name was drawn from Penny's Kitchen.

The Valentines promotion took place Feb. 7 to 14. Cathy

will receive \$600 dollars in downtown gift certificates from over 20 downtown businesses. Cathy also received a hotel stay at the Ojibway hotel, two massages from Day Maker's Day Spa, a bouquet of roses from Co-Ed Flowers, and breakfast and dinner for two at any downtown restaurant.

The Downtown Business Association would like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the open house!

## Someone waits for me

BY MARION KOMENDERA

Oh mysterious moon  
Eternal beacon of light  
Lures me out  
Into the night  
To find my mate  
Gentle breezes caress  
My face and hair  
Why do I search  
How do I dare  
Walk alone  
In the dark

The powerful pull  
Of my desire  
Like an animal  
In the forest  
No fear  
Perception of  
Overpowering  
Joy  
Somewhere  
Someone is  
Waiting for me.

## Some Social Security benefits are taxable

BY ED DWYER  
SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN ESCANABA

With tax season upon us, it is important to remember that some people who receive Social Security benefits will have to pay income taxes on them.

At the end of each year, Social Security mails each beneficiary a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) showing the amount of benefits received. This statement can be used when completing the federal income tax return.

50 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax for individuals with a combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000. Note, "combined income" means adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable

interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits.

Up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax for individuals with a combined income above \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income above \$44,000.

Only about 25 percent of current Social Security beneficiaries have incomes that exceed the thresholds, requiring them to pay taxes on a portion of their Social Security benefits. For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the IRS's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-829-3676, to ask for publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans*. The publication is also available from the IRS Web site, [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

The Escanaba Elders will hold potluck dinners at the Escanaba Civic Center, which is on 225 North 23rd St. They meet on the second Saturday of each month. They will meet here until further notice.

Thank you,  
Secretary Betty Majestic



This is the first display of the permanent exhibit in the Zibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways. It depicts work on and translation of a petroglyph found in Cass City, Mich. Cass City is on the thumb area of the lower peninsula.



Part of a large diorama depicts Anishinaabekwe doing chores such as making syrup, smoking fish and picking berries. Note the wigwam on the far right. Many of the artifacts exhibited at the Zibiwing Center were made by Bawating Anishinaabe traditional craftsman Ron Paquin.



Depicted here is a returning Anishinaabe hunter. Note the deer on the ground behind him. At left is a portion of the wigwam shown in the upper, middle photograph. Some of the weapons and tools hunters used are displayed in the case partially seen in the lower, right corner.



A nearly life-sized photographic display of Anishinaabe students of the infamous Mt. Pleasant Indian School. The school was closed down and used for other purposes. The buildings still stand and can be seen as Mt. Pleasant is entered from the north on highway 127. Note that no one in the photograph is smiling.

## Zibiwing Center opens new exhibit

A new temporary exhibit called "Wow! I Didn't Know That: Anishinaabek Gifts to the World!" opened Jan. 22 and will run through Sept. 24 at the Zibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways, a museum and cultural center in Mount Pleasant, Mich., which operates under the auspices of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The exhibit features many historical and modern objects that represent contributions American Indians have made in such fields as transportation, medicine, astronomy, agriculture, governmental structure, shelter, tools and games.

"The exhibit has a lot of interesting and surprising facts. I think visitors will be amazed by

what they will learn," said Bonnie Ekdahl, director of the Zibiwing Center.

One display is of a modern day medicine cabinet full of well known over-the-counter medicines used to treat common ills such as indigestion, colds, cuts, scrapes and many others. The display links the modern drugs with the names and properties of their sources, which are plants used by Indians in treating the same illnesses for thousands of years.

The main feature housed in the Zibiwing Center is the Diba Jimooyung (Telling our story) permanent exhibit. Using an interactive, multi-media format along a convoluted trail, some of the history and lore of the Anishinaabek is brought to life for the edifica-

tion of all. The experience is almost like walking from the days of antiquity to present with the Anishinaabek.

The Zibiwing Center exhibits are free to all tribe members with a valid tribal identification card, certified teachers and children under four years of age. General admission for all others ranges from \$6.50 for adults to \$3.75 for those between five and 17 years of age. The center also offers special group rates ranging from \$5.25 per adult to \$2.00 per person in groups of 10 or more.

Shops in the Zibiwing Center offer mementos and snacks for sale. Operating hours of the center are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

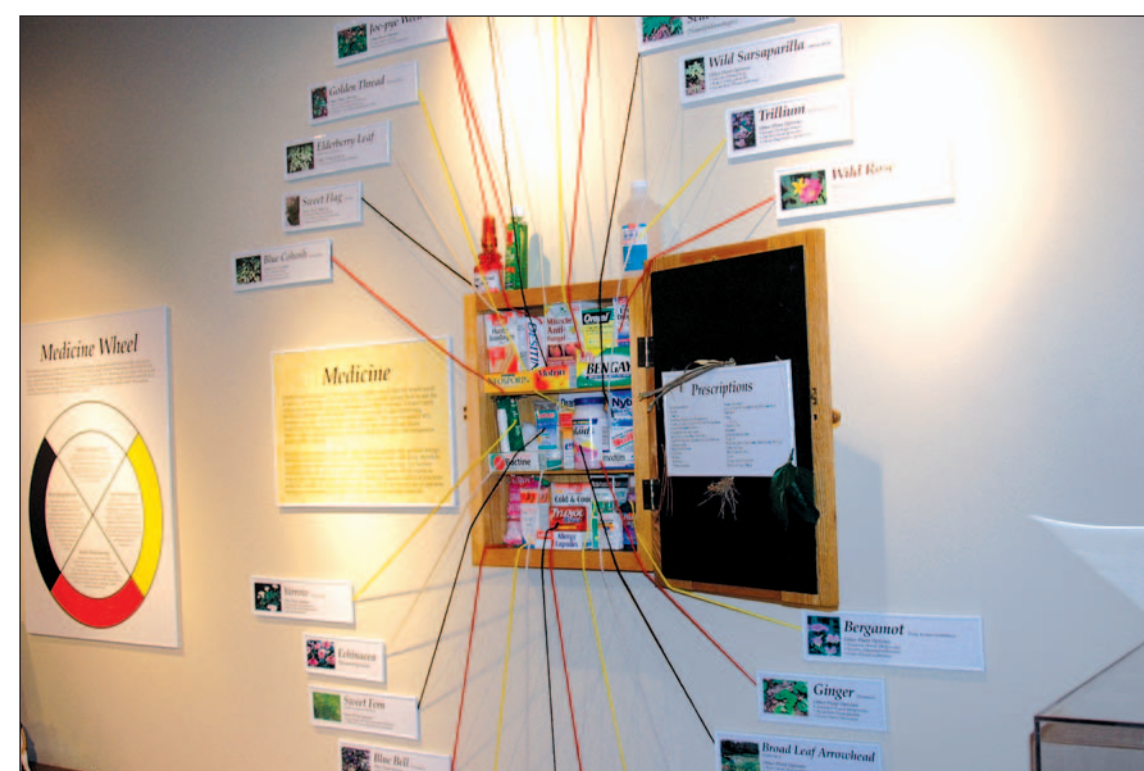


In the temporary exhibit, a northwest coast dug-out canoe is on the bottom, a birch bark canoe is in the middle and a modern fiberglass canoe is on top. A section of a toboggan is seen in the upper right corner. Anishinaabek contributions to modern transportation also displays snowshoes and cradleboards.

### Photos and text by Rick Smith



The Anishinaabe contributions to modern astronomy are shown in a display of the temporary exhibit. Nearby, another display illustrates how most modern highways in the Americas follow old Indian trails.



The temporary exhibit featured what is probably the best known Anishinaabe contribution to the modern world, medicinal ingredients. This display shows the natural ingredients in some common, well-known medicines that can be found in many medicine cabinets.



Another display in the temporary exhibit shows some of the modern foods derived from the staple victuals of the ancient Anishinaabe.

# Sault Tribe clinics offer advanced program for to help smokers and chewers to quit

SUBMITTED BY KIM SAKIS, BS  
HEALTH EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Quitting smoking or chewing is very difficult. In fact, it may take as many as 4-7 times trying to quit to be successful. In fact, some say it is more difficult to quit tobacco than illicit drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

Sault Tribe has a 47 percent adult smoking rate within our service area. Knowing that many people would like to quit, the Sault Tribe health services has developed a complete program to help smokers and chewers quit.

The reason tobacco dependence is so difficult to quit is because the smoker actually has three things to deal with when trying to quit, physical withdrawal from nicotine, dealing with stress or emotions and the "habits" around smoking.

With physical withdrawal,

nicotine is the substance that is addicting in tobacco. Although nicotine does not cause lung cancer, heart disease, or other diseases associated with smoking, there are over 60 cancer causing agents and about 4,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke that do cause these chronic illnesses. A smaller, but still deadly amount is contained in chewing and other smokeless tobacco products. If you are addicted to nicotine, your body will tell you when the nicotine in your blood stream is low by having physical withdrawal symptoms. The most common withdrawal symptoms include high anxiety, severe cravings and depression. Some of these symptoms may seem unbearable and make it almost impossible to quit.

Stress and emotions is noted because having a cigarette or chew is the number one reaction

to stress or difficult emotions for the user. In fact, it becomes automatic. This is because nicotine interacts with a part of the brain called the dopamine system. This will give the user a calming or relaxing effect. Unfortunately, getting this kind of relaxation is deadly. If you add the difficulty of physical withdrawal to having intense emotions or stress without a smoking, it can seem impossible to quit. If you are trying to quit smoking or chewing, you may need to re-learn how to manage your emotions and stress without smoking.

The habits around smoking are certain everyday things in your daily routine acting as "triggers" where you want to use tobacco and make it seem like a habit. These triggers may include drinking coffee, talking on the phone, driving a car, ending a meal or

being around other smokers or chewers. When quitting, you will need to identify your personal triggers and come up with "other things to do" rather than smoke or chew.

At Sault Tribe clinics, we offer medications, problem solving for triggers and stress, and support — a winning combination for quitting tobacco dependence. Medications are important to help with the physical withdrawal from the nicotine itself. Sault Tribe health centers offer Zyban, the nicotine patch, nicotine gum, and the nicotine lozenge to help personalize the best combination of medications for each person. We take this one step further and match the amount of nicotine you get from smoking or chewing, with the amount of nicotine replacement you will need to be comfortable. This makes with-

drawal from nicotine very manageable and will help you while changing other behaviors associated with triggers and emotions. We also provide three or more telephone or face-to-face consultations to help further problem solve and then top it off with added support in helping you quit for good.

The tobacco cessation program, including medications, is free for tribe members and dependents who use services of Sault Tribal health clinics. If you, or someone you know, would like to quit smoking or chewing tobacco, or if you would like to simply talk to someone regarding our tobacco cessation program, please contact health education services in Sault Ste. Marie, 906-632-5210, or contact your tribal doctor or your local tribal health center.

## Waabanangikwe's Journey

BY MARY ANN STOTT, BSN

Waabanangikwe was invited to the winter women's gathering at the culture camp on Sugar Island. This gathering is a time for women to work on the four parts of being human, the spiritual, the mental, the emotional and the physical. It's a time to visit other women and relax. During her time at the gathering, Waabanangikwe met a strong, beautiful woman named Jennifer Anziano.

Jennifer is a special being with such positive energy that people, especially children, just want to be with her. Waabanangikwe felt that pull to spend time with Jennifer and knew there was something to be learned by listen-



Jennifer Anziano

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Diabetes and heart disease are killing Native people and Jennifer feels education of our children

can change that. The foods we eat and inactivity are the major causes of these two diseases. Getting back to a more active lifestyles and growing and processing healthy foods will change the health of our future generations. Jennifer wants our children to know that diabetes and heart disease do not have to be part of their futures.

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The women's gathering ended after three event filled days and Waabanangikwe had to say goodbye to her new friend.

Waabanangikwe promised Jennifer to bring her message to the people and hoped to meet her again at the next gathering.

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## The power of breath, keeping it in mind

BY OPHELIA TANG, MSW

The breath plays an extremely important role in meditation and in healing. Our breathing has the virtue of being a very convenient process to support ongoing awareness in our daily lives. Some people have trouble breathing when they become anxious. They start to breathe faster and faster and more and more shallowly and wind up hyperventilating (i.e., not getting enough oxygen and blowing off too much carbon dioxide). This brings on feelings of lightheadedness and often accompanied by a feeling of pressure in the chest. They also feel like they are not getting enough air with an overwhelming wave of fear or panic, resembling an impending heart attack. Practicing deep breathing exercises and abdominal breathing at that moment will effectively reduce symptoms of hyperventilation, induce a deep state of calming and relaxation.

When we start meditating, breathing is no longer just breathing. The breath reminds us to tune in to our body and to see the rest of our experience with mindfulness, in this moment. When we are mindful of our breathing, it helps us to calm the body and the mind. Then we are able to be aware of our thoughts and feelings with a greater degree of calmness and with a more dis-

cerning eye. In stressful situations, we are able to see things more clearly, with a larger perspective, all because we are a little more awake, a little more aware, feeling more room to move, of being free to choose effective and appropriate responses. In addition, we will discover that it is possible to direct our breath with great precision to various parts of our bodies in such a way that it will penetrate and soothe the regions that are injured or in pain.

The easiest and most effective way to begin practicing mindfulness as a formal meditative practice is to simply focus our attention on our breathing and see what happens as we attempt to keep it there. We feel the air as it flows in and out past the nostrils, we feel the movement of the chest muscles with the breathing and we feel the belly as it moves in and out. Paying attention to our breathing just means paying attention, nothing more. Do not try to push or force our breathing, or make it deeper or change its rhythm. In being mindful of the breathing is simply to be aware of the feeling of inhaling and exhaling.

Focusing the feelings of the breath at the belly tends to be particularly relaxing and calming in the early stages of practicing medi-

tation. When we focus on our breathing down in the belly, we are tuning to a region of the body that is below the agitations of our thinking mind. In meditation, the breath functions as an anchor for our attention. Tuning to it anywhere we feel it in the body allows us to drop below the surface agitations of the mind into relaxation, calmness and stability. Then we can see things more clearly and even, from an inner balance rather than being tossed about by the agitations of our thoughts.

Mindfulness of breathing is central to all aspects of meditation practice. If we keep at it, the day will soon come when we will look upon our breathing as an old familiar friend and a powerful ally in the healing process.

Try this during the day, tune into your breathing at different times during the day, keep your attention on the breath for the full duration of the inhalation and the full duration of the exhalation as best you can, abandoning all ideas of getting somewhere or having anything happen.

When you notice that your mind has wandered and is no longer on your breathing, just bring it back, stringing moments of mindfulness together, breath by breath.

Become aware of your thoughts

and feelings at this moment, just observing them without judging them or yourself.

Notice any changes in the way you are seeing things and feeling about yourself.

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**March 19-20:** "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Pow Wow. The Northern Michigan University & Native American Student Association invites the public to the 13th annual at the Vandament Arena in Marquette 1 - 7 p.m. on Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday. Pow Wow Feast-Saturday at 5 p.m. Vendors must register in advance. Absolutely no drugs or alcohol. For details contact Peggie Shelifoe or April Lindala (906) 227-1397.

**March 21-22:** What was never told. Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Tuesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Class is primarily at Niigaanagiizhik Bldg with the Chi-Mukwa as our alternative site. For details call Elaine Wright at 632-7494.

**March 22 & 29:** Drumming every Tuesday 7-9 pm at Niigaanagiizhik Bldg in the Sault. The drum is the heartbeat of our people the Anishinaabe. It's a great time for the family to come down and participate by singing, dancing, or just listening to our Bahweting Singers. For more details call Bud Biron at 632-7494

**March 22 & 29:** Language lessons with Ted Holappa are taught by using basic grammar structure. Lessons are based on life themes. It's a good time to practice and build your vocabulary. Classes meet every Tuesday at the Sault Health Center 8:30-9:30 am

**March 22 & 29:** Women's Circle meet Tuesday 6 p.m-8 p.m. at S.T. Cultural Division A gathering of Anishinaabe women who share teachings on our way of life, lessons from childhood to adulthood, and roles on being a daughter, mother, auntie or grandmother. For details call Elaine Wright at 632-7494.

**March 22:** Getting to Know You Family Fun Night at Newberry Tribal Center, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Activities include dinner, ring toss, shell game, door prizes bingo, and more. For more information contact the Unit 2 Youth Education & Activities Program Lisa Burnside at 484-2298

**March 22:** Committee Meeting on the Vietnam Memorial Wall from 2 p.m.- 4 p. m. at the Cultural Building at 206 Greenough Street. For more information contact Art Leighton at 906-635-6050.

**March 23:** Brown Bag Lunch Presentation at Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium 12 -1 p.m. with speaker Dr. Bob Devers hosted by March is Parenting Awareness Committee. For details call Stacey at 632-5250.

**March 24 & 31:** Anishnaabemowin (Ojibwe Language Class) every Thursday 6-8 pm Niigaanagiizhik Bldg, Sault. Taught through full immersion style. Class begins with a potluck feast with our Elder Advisory members so bring your favorite dish. Nancy Debassige and Rhonda Hopkins demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story. Everyone is welcome it's a great time to eat, visit, and enjoy living our culture. Call Nancy or Ronda for details at 632-7494.

**March 25:** Youth Hockey Spring League at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Registration is due. Contact Tammy Graham at 906-635-4758 or 1-800-588-7465.

**March 25-26:** Indians Jr. A Hockey vs. Youngstown (7pm) at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For tickets call 906-635-4956.

**March 26:** Easter Public Skate at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. 2:30-4:20 p.m. \$1 admission, free skate rentals, Tribal members are free.

**March 26:** International Fighting Championships at Sault Kewadin Casino. For tickets call 906-635-4917.

**March 30 - April 3:** 11th annual language conference at Sault Kewadin Casino. For more information contact the Cultural Department at 906-632-7494.

**March 31:** Brown Bag Lunch Presentation Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium 12 -1 p.m. with topic Bullying hosted by March is Parenting Awareness Committee. For details call Stacey at 632-5250.

**March 31:** Youth Fun Night at Hessel Tribal Center for ages 2-11, 5 p.m.- 7 p.m., Activities include: cakewalk ring toss, fishpond, relay race, dance, & karaoke. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. For more information Contact Leona Brown at 484-5026.

**April 5:** Free Popcorn & Movie Night at LSSU Planetarium 6 p.m.

**April 5:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors Meeting on Sugar Island at 6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at 635-6050 Ext. 26337.

**April 6:** Uncle Kracker Concert at Sault Kewadin Casino. For tickets call 906-635-4917.

**April 9:** Soo Theater Project Fundraiser at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call 906-635-RINK.

**April 11-May 19:** Youth Spring Hockey League Starts at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call 906-635-RINK.

**April 11:** Teen Lock-In Registration at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call 906-635-RINK.

**April 15:** Deanna Carter Concert at Sault Kewadin Casino. For tickets call 906-635-4917.

## YOUTH FUN NIGHT

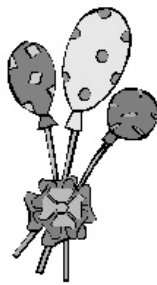
**MARCH 31, 2005**

**HESSEL TRIBAL CENTER  
YOUTH AGES 2-11**

**5:P.M. - 7:P.M.**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- CAKE WALK
- RING TOSS
- FISH POND
- KARAOKE
- RELAY RACE



**YOUTH AGES 2 -11 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED  
BY AN ADULT**

**YOUTH AGES 12 & UP  
8:00 - 11:00P.M.**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

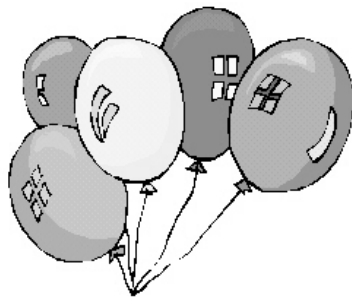
- KARAOKE
- DANCE

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# Walking On



**Frank "Chet" Conguy**, 48, of St. Ignace died unexpectedly Feb. 28, 2005, at his home. He was born May 3, 1956 in St. Ignace.

His parents were Carl and Joann (nee LaVake) Conguy. He was a commercial fisherman. He graduated from high school and attended Alpena Community College. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church. He was an expert at tying and making nets.

He is survive by a daughter, Ruby Jennett of Manitou Beach, Mich.; a grandson, Vladislav; sisters, Carlene, Carol, Toni and Terri (Kenn Peralla) Conguy, all of St. Ignace; aunt, Ilene Moses; uncles, David (Rita) LaVake and Ray (Arvilla) McCall all of St. Ignace; nephews: Jason Sheber, Thomas Conguy; great niece, Emelyn Chester; also special nieces and nephew, Eddie and Lindsay Andrews, Annie, Angela and Jessie Hadley, many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents; grandparents, Frank and Marie LaVake and John and Maude Conguy; and several aunts and uncles.

Friends called at Dodson Funeral Home on March 3. A memorial service was held on March 4 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with lay leader Robert Belonga officiating. Burial will be in Bishop Baraga Cemetery in the spring.

Honorary pallbearers will be "Hummer" Hough, Sonny Paquin, Mike McNeely, Ron Belonga, Bo Andrews, Mike and Dale Woodford, Kevin MacNamara and John Moses.

**Donald R. Derusha**, 67, of Rexton and former owner of Don Derusha Inc., Excavating and Carpentry and the Cut River Inn, died unexpectedly at Marquette General Hospital Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.

Known by many as Papa Don, he was born June 16, 1937, in Newberry to Leon "Riley" and Leatha (nee Shoemaker) Derusha.

He was graduated from Engadine High School in 1955.

Mr. Derusha married Pat Houck Oct. 20, 1956, in Caseville.

He was a journeyman lineman for 22 years, and was in business for 32 years as Don Derusha Inc., Excavating and Carpentry. He and his wife owned the Cut River Inn for three and a half years.

He retired in May 2004. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a member of the Moose Lodge 999 in St. Ignace.

He loved to snowmobile, deer hunt and had a special love for cars, specifically Cadillacs and his Ford trucks. Family members said he was known among fellow car enthusiasts for his cars, trucks and his excavating equipment.

Family was very important to him, friends said, and his grandchildren were his pride and joy.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Gary Derusha of Rexton; four daughters and their families, Glenda Derusha, Donna Derusha Karen and Bill Massey, all of Rexton, and Susan Bazen of Grand Rapids; two brothers and

their families, Harold and Dovie Derusha, Raymond and Ruth Derusha both of Rexton; three sisters and their families, Jean and Dick Bently of St. Ignace, Jan and Wally Clark of Gladstone, and Arlene Pechta of Arizona; 10 grandchildren, Lance Kerridge, Whitney Kerridge, Derick Derusha, David Derusha, Desirae Derusha, Devon Derusha, Brandi Bazen, Mark Bazen, Taylor Bazen and Will Massey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father in 1990 and his mother in 2003, and his stepfather, John McCullough, in 2003. A granddaughter, Alice Marie Derusha, died at birth Oct. 25, 1983.

A mass of Christian burial was held Feb. 16, at at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Naubinway, with Father Tim Hruska officiating. Pastor Tim Miller read the eulogy at the service. Pallbearers were Lance Kerridge, Will Massey, Derick Derusha, David Derusha, Devon Derusha and Mark Baxen.

Burial will be in the spring at Maplewood Cemetery, near Rexton.

**Frances Ann Gregg**, 72, of Burton, Mich., formerly of Hessel, Mich. joined the Great Spirit on Feb. 17, 2005, at her home.

Frances Ann was born to this world to Michael and Grace Baker on May 2, 1932 in Hessel and there joined hands in marriage to Richard Gregg on Dec. 15, 1956. She was a part of the parish family of the Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Frances is survived by her beloved husband, Richard of Burton; loving children, Gail White and Robert McCallister of Burton, Jeanne (Raul) Tamez of Grand Blanc, Mich., Billie Jo (Russ) Cook of Burton and Heather Gregg of Grand Blanc; grandchildren, Stacy (James), Sara, Tristin, Lindsey, Travis, Skylar, Cree and Sage; great-grandchildren, Whitney, Kelsey, Keith, Jade, Star and Laci; a brother, Conrad (Ellen) Baker of Mt. Morris, Mich.; a sister, Jeanne (Frank) Bachula of Bridgeport, Mich.; nephew, Hank (Virginia) Stevenson of Mount Clemens, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Frances was preceded in everlasting life by her parents, Michael and Grace Baker, and granddaughters, Angel and Faith Eagle Bear. Traditional American Indian ceremonies were held at the Hessel Tribal Community Center Feb. 20.

A traditional sunrise ceremony was held on Feb. 21 at the tribal center with a mass of Christian burial following at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Brother John Hascall was mass celebrant.

Her final resting place will be in Father Marquette Cemetery in Cedarville, Mich., in the spring. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Gregg family.

Ross Funeral Home of Pickford, Mich., assisted the family with arrangements.

**John "Jack" LaCoy** passed away Jan. 14, 2005, at his home in Overland Park, Kans. Jack was born in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 2, 1936, to Laura LaCoy Poupard.

Jack entered the U.S. Marines at an early age and served eight years. After one year, he entered the U.S. Army and returned after a total of 21 years of military service. Upon retirement from the Army he joined the U.S. Postal Service retiring from there after 22 years of service.

Jack was an avid bowler for many years having achieved a 299 game in 2004 and another in 2005 shortly before his death. Jack was a highly decorated military man with five purple hearts, a bronze star, a cross with palm and a Vietnam unit citation. He served three tours in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966, 1968 and 1970.

Jack was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and felt so honored to have participated in a powwow opening ceremony on Sugar Island a few years ago. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and The Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife Mary Kay Martin; his children, John LaCoy, Jr., Jason LaCoy, Jeffrey LaCoy and Jennifer DeLarenzo; eight grand children; his brothers, Robert Hewitt and Floyd Perry.

Visitation was held at The American Legion Post 375 on Jan. 18, 2005. Burial was at Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. May he rest in peace.

**Robert G. Parish**, 65, of Harbor Beach passed away Jan. 22, 2005, unexpectedly at the Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

Born in Newberry on July 4, 1939, he was the son of the late Dan and Irene (nee Frisk) Parish.

On Nov. 4, 1962, Bob and Ilene Winkel were united in marriage in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Helena, Mich., Ilene preceded him in death on Jan. 1, 2004.

He was a former employee of the Braden Marathon Station in Harbor Beach and was a Huron Daily Tribune paper carrier for over 15 years, retiring in June 2004.

Bob was a parishioner of Our Lady of Lake Huron Church in Harbor Beach and enjoyed wood working, traveling, riding his motorcycle, playing cards with his grandsons and the time he spent with friends and family last summer. Bob was a Sault Tribe member.

He is survived by two daughters, Darlene Kucharczyk and her husband, James, of Harbor Beach and Terri Lynn Sengstock of Port Huron; four grandchildren, Daryl L. Sengstock, Chad, Shane and Chase Kucharczyk; a brother, Ron Parish and his wife, Jean, of Harbor Beach; two sisters, Bette Burton and her husband, Tim, of

Harbor Beach, and Heanne Ziegler of Harbor Beach.

Ron was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Parish, in 1986 and a brother, James Parish, in 1999.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005, in Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach with Fr. T.J. Fleming officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

A parish vigil service and visitation was held at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach.

**Alan Dale Coullard**, age 56, of Kelden, Mich., died Feb. 17, 2005, at his home. He was born Jan. 17, 1949, in Detroit to Ernest E. and Helen Irene (nee Schwiderson) Coullard.

Dale grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and Kelden, graduating from Pickford High School in 1967. He served in the United States Navy for four years from 1968 to 1972. On April 12, 1969, he married Janet Faye Libby at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau. He worked for the United States Postal Service from 1973 until 2000, when ill health forced him to retire. He was a letter carrier and then worked in building maintenance for many years in the Sault Ste. Marie post office.

Dale was an active member of the Holy Family Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the St. Mary's River Sportsman's Club. Dale was a past president of the Sault Ste. Marie branch and Area 11 director of the Michigan Postal Workers Union.

Dale loved living in the Upper Peninsula. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cutting and piling firewood, working in his garage, watching football and helping with the activities at church. Dale is survived by his wife, Janet; three sons, Anthony Dale (Rhonda) Coullard of Barbeau, and Leo Alan Coullard and Louis Phillip Coullard, both of Kelden; and four grandchildren, Jessica, Phillip, David and Jonathan Coullard. Also surviving are his mother, Helen Coullard of Kelden; and his brother, Donald (Shelly) Coullard of Dafer. He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest.

Visitation was held Feb. 22 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Barbeau. A memorial mass was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church, with Father John Hascall as celebrant.

Interment will be in the Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Barbeau.

Memorial contributions may be left to the Holy Family Catholic Church, P.O. Box 39, Barbeau, MI 49710 or the Hospice of Chippewa County, 508 Ashmun Street, Suite 120, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Mich. is serving the family.

**Todd M. Holt**, 44, of Sault Ste. Marie died unexpectedly on March 8, 2005, on a trip to Phoenix with his nephew.

Todd was born on May 18, 1960, in Manistique to Donald and Sally (nee Cartwright) Holt. Todd was a kind and generous person who loved to do things for his family and friends. He treasured them all.

While Todd had no children of his own, his life centered around his nieces and nephews. Todd liked to travel, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards with those dear to him. He was a very active member of St. Mary's Church and the Perpetual Adoration Society. He was also a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Todd is survived by his parents; his grandfather, Donald Cartwright of St. Ignace; sisters Angela Holt Rodney and Michelle (Ernest) Maas, both of the Sault; and his brother Christopher (Danielle Tivy) of St. Clair. He is also survived by his nieces Jillian Rodney, Amanda Maas and Shelly Holt; and his nephews Ryan and Adam Maas, Jacob and Benjamin Holt, and Nicholas Smith. All will miss him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, George and Marcella Holt; and his maternal grandmother, Marjory Cartwright.

Todd received a bachelor of science in accounting from Lake Superior State University and was a former employee of LSSU and First of America Bank. A memorial service was held on March 13 at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Todd's name to St. Mary's School.

**Margaret Clare Osburn** 79, of Royal Oak passed from this life on Feb. 3, 2005, at Beaumont Hospital Hospice, Royal Oak.

She was born July 16, 1925, in Detroit, her parents were Charlotte Catherine (nee Hudson) Logan, of Cheboygan, also a member of this tribe and listed on the Durant roll from the Mackinac band, and a member of the McNeil of Barra clan of Scotland.

She was a resident of Eastpointe and Macomb County for over 50 years but had recently moved to live with one of her son's and his family and was being cared for by her daughter-in-law Jan Osburn.

Mrs. Osburn was retired from the tank automotive command in Warren. She collected music boxes and enjoyed travel and genealogy research. During WWII she met and married Lester Lee Osburn, a sailor stationed in Detroit. She then followed him from port to port across the country taking jobs cleaning and repairing ships, in fish canneries and other jobs to help support the war effort.

She is survived by her children, Hattie Lee (Gerry) Ritchie, Barbara (Richard) Nowak, Kathleen (Barrie) Sobczak, Bill (Kathy) Osburn, and Dave (Jan) Osburn; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Lester Osburn; parents Adam J. and Charlotte Logan; brother Robert Logan; sister, Mary Catherine; and granddaughter Leslie Osburn.

A Funeral service was held at Kaul Funeral Home in Clinton Township, Mich. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

# Committees and BOD contact information

*Below you will find a listing of your Sault Tribe Board of Directors, their contact information, and a listing of the committees they sit on. This information is being provided to facilitate your input in Unit representation.*

*You may contact your Unit Representative via the U.S. Mail, telephone, or e-mail. Please clip and save this information for your future use.*

— DJ Malloy

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- Bid Policy Committee
- Constitutional Convention
- Enterprise - Chippewa Services
- Enterprise - Retail Sub-Committee
- Forensic Audit Committee
- Gaming Commission
- HR - Performance

- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- HR - Policies & Procedures Committee (1 wk. BOD session)
- Insurance - Health Insurance Committee
- Odenaang Advisory Group
- Sault Tribe Census Survey Committee
- Sault Tribe Communications Sub-Committee
- Sault Tribe Public Awareness Campaign Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Development Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Shores Construction Development

## Unit 1 Representative

### Cathy Abramson

- Cultural Committee
- Cultural Screening Committee
- Enterprise - Retail Sub-Committee
- Head Start/EHS Policy Council
- Higher Education Committee
- HR - Policies & Procedures Committee (1 wk. BOD session)
- Legislative Committee
- NCAI
- Sault Tribe Communications Sub-Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Development Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Planning Steering Committee

- Soo Locks 150 year Anniversary Celebration Committee
- TLM Committee
- Youth Council: Bahweting Anishnabek Tribal Youth Council (Sault)

## Unit 1 Representative

### Joseph Eitrem

- Audit Committee
- Bid Policy Committee
- Building Authority
- Disabilities Task Force
- Drug Court Team
- Enterprise - Retail Sub-Committee
- Forensic Audit Committee
- Gaming Commission
- HR - Grievance Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- HR - Policies & Procedures Committee (1 wk. BOD session)
- Investment Review Board
- Sault Tribe Census Survey Committee
- Shores Construction Development
- Tax Commission
- Community Care Clinic

## Unit 1 Representative

### Todd K. Gravelle

- 401K Committee
- Audit Committee
- Bid Policy Committee
- Constitutional Convention
- Forensic Audit Committee
- HR - Appeals Committee
- Investment Review Board
- Sault Tribe Census Survey Committee
- Tax Commission

## Unit 1 Representative

### Dennis McKelvie

- 401K Committee
- Bid Policy Committee
- Enterprise - Retail Sub-Committee
- HR - Grievance Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- HS/EHS Disability Committee
- MACPRA
- (Michigan NAGPRA Committee)
- Shores Construction Development

## Unit 1 Representative

### Paul Shagen

- HR - Grievance Committee
- Tax Commission
- Constitutional Convention

## Unit 2 Representative

### Lana Causley

- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - DeTour/Drummond
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee -

- Hessel
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Newberry
- Conservation Committee
- Cultural Committee
- Disabilities Task Force
- Forensic Audit Committee
- Gaming Commission
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- Kids Health Fair (Newberry)
- Michigan Anishnabemowin Committee
- Powwow Committee - Hessel
- Sault Tribe Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Special Needs Enrollment Committee

## Unit 2 Representative

### Bob LaPoint

- Audit Committee
- Bid Policy Committee
- Enterprise - Chippewa Services
- Enterprise - Retail Sub-Committee
- Forensic Audit Committee
- Gaming Commission
- HR - Appeals Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- Insurance - Risk Management Appeals Committee
- Land Use
- Odenaang Advisory Group
- Sault Tribe Communications Sub-Committee
- Shores Construction Development

## Unit 3 Representative

### Fred Paquin

- Bid Policy Committee
- Building Authority
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - St. Ignace
- Constitutional Convention
- Drug Court Team
- Gaming Commission
- HR - Grievance Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- Insurance - Health Insurance Committee
- Insurance - Risk Management Appeals Committee
- Odenaang Advisory Group
- Shores Construction Development

## Unit 4 Representative

### Denise Chase

- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Escanaba
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Manistique
- Cultural Screening Committee
- Elderly Unit 4: Escanaba Elders Advisory Sub-Committee
- Elderly Unit 4: Kewadin Tribal Elders Manistique Advisory Sub-Committee

- Health Committee
- HR - Grievance Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- HR - Policies & Procedures Committee (1 wk. BOD session)
- HS/EHS Disability Committee
- Insurance - Health Insurance Committee
- Powwow Committee - Manistique
- Powwow Committee - Rapid River
- Sault Tribe Census Survey Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Development Committee
- Sault Tribe Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- Special Needs Enrollment Committee
- Western Community Development Committee
- Western End Empowerment Committee (ACFS)

## Unit 4 Representative

### Tom Miller

- 401K Committee
- Bahweting School Liaison
- Bid Policy Committee
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Escanaba
- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Manistique
- Constitutional Convention
- Elderly Unit 4: Escanaba Elders Advisory Sub-Committee
- Elderly Unit 4: Kewadin Tribal Elders Manistique Advisory Sub-Committee
- Gaming Commission
- Higher Education Committee
- Housing Authority
- HR - Grievance Committee
- HR - Performance
- Evaluation/Compensation Committee
- Insurance - Health Insurance Committee
- Insurance - Risk Management Appeals Committee
- Utility Authority
- Western Community Development Committee

## Unit 5 Representative

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- Childrens' Christmas Party Committee - Munising
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- Elderly Unit 5: Nishnabe Moccasin
- Biiyaabkos Telegraph Elders Advisory
- Sub-Committee Munising Area
- Forensic Audit Committee
- Housing Authority
- HR - Grievance Committee
- NCAI Repatriation

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# HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING LOTTERY APPLICATION

To apply for a hunting/inland fishing permit, you must have a current enrollment card and be 18 years of age.

The game is only to be used to feed your family and not be sold or traded. Anyone caught selling subsistence game will be fined and will not be eligible to receive a hunting/inland-fishing permit in the future.

If you are selected for a permit, the fee for a hunting/inland-fishing permit is \$10 per year. This department will accept checks or money orders. **CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

You must make an appointment to come in and pick up your permit. You must have a valid driver's license and a current enrollment card to submit at this time.

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APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a permit holder you **MUST** submit a monthly catch report. Tribal Code Chapter 21 requires all permit holders to file a monthly report, even when there is no activity. Failure to submit an inland fishing and hunting report will result in a citation from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

If you are issued a permit, you may be subjected to prosecution by the state courts. The tribe will not provide any defense counsel. The tribe will not be responsible for any fines and costs incurred.

Permits must be picked up at the Sault Ste. Marie office or at one of the designated tribal locations. You are required to pick up your own permit or contact the Sault Tribe Police Department for mailing. There is a \$4 shipping and handling fee.

This application must be returned to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department at 2715 Shunk Road, Post Office Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or by fax (906) 632-0691 no later than 5:00 p.m., April 22, 2005.

- If application is not completely filled out, it will not be processed. Make sure all application information is completed upon submission.

Please designate the type of permit you are requesting by checking one of the following:

Hunting only  Inland fishing only  Both hunting and inland fishing

## Traditional medicine program expands services

Beginning in April, the traditional medicine program will be increasing the number of hours traditional practitioners will be available. In addition, the service area will be expanded to include Marquette, Newberry and Kinross.

To make an appointment to see a traditional practitioner, call the following health centers.

**Sault Tribal Health Center**  
(906) 632-5210, (877) 256-0009

**Lambert Health Center  
St. Ignace**  
(906) 643-8689, (877) 256-0135

**Manistique Health Center**  
(906) 341-8469, (866) 401-0043

**Munising Health Center**  
(906) 387-4614, (800) 236-4705

**Hessel Health Office**  
(906) 484-2727

**Newberry Community Clinic**  
(906) 293-8181

**Kinross Community Clinic**  
(906) 495-5745

### Marquette

Appointments are made by calling the Munising Health Center (906) 387-4614, (800) 236-4705



**Traditional medicine  
program intern**

William L. Whiting is serving a four-week internship with the traditional medicine program and the Sault Tribe Health Division. His internship was coordinated with the Center For American Indian and Minority Health, University of Minnesota, Duluth School of Medicine. He is the second intern to serve the community in the past year.

His internship has included working with each of the traditional practitioners as well as working with the medical staff at the Sault and St. Ignace health centers.

He is originally from Green Bay, Wisc., and his anticipated graduation from the Des Moines University Medical School is June, 2005.

## Spring job fair circuit begins

SUBMITTED BY SAULT TRIBE  
EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Central Michigan University kicked off the summer job fairs on Feb. 16. This was the first time that the Sault Tribe was represented at this venue. Students numbering around 250 were all very eager and enthusiastic to learn about the opportunities with the Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos.

The next scheduled job fair is March 22 at Lake Superior State University for their spring job fair at the Cislser Center from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie. This, too, always has a great turnout, not only from the students but the community at large.

Next, we're off to Escanaba to the Bay de Noc Collegiate Job Fair which is March 23 from Noon to 4 :00 p.m. at the Joseph Heirman University Center on the south end of campus. This will be our first venture to this site so we're eager to make a lasting impression.

On March 24, we are back to NMU making our presence known for the health fields from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m at the University Center Rotunda. The general communities surrounding our universities have little idea of our involvement in the health field and the careers available. Most students and local communities actually don't have any knowledge of the tribe's 10 health centers though-out the Upper Peninsula and that we serve 12,000 tribal members living in seven counties. We currently

employ approximately 270 team members though-out the health division.

Then we have a bit of reprieve until April 14 when we attend the mid-Michigan job fair in Midland from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Valley Plaza Great Hall at 5221 Bay City Road in Midland. This event is co-sponsored by Michigan Works!, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Bureau of Workforce Programs, Michigan Rehabilitation Services and American Legion Department of Michigan.

Closer to the Kewadin Shores site will be the Cheboygan Michigan Works! job fair co-sponsored with The Sault Tribe on April 19 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Michigan Works! building.

Then to wind up we have a grande finale on April 20 at St. Ignace Little Bear East from noon to 5:00 p.m. This job fair draws from south of the border to the Kinross, Cedarville areas for those looking for summer jobs. Casino management is always in attendance for this one so they can do on-site interviews for upcoming positions. The food has been great at this event and the prizes that the Shores managers give out are always fun ones for the applicants to try and score on!

Be sure to clip the job fair schedule out and keep nearby and plan to attend one or all for we bring cool people to cool places for cool jobs!

Call 1-866-635-7032 for more information.

## Anishinaabemowin Word Search

By Randy Gordon

### DESCRIPTIVE WORDS

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|-----------|----------|
| BAAKSHI   | SWOLLEN  |
| BEKAA     | WAIT     |
| BGASHKNAT | ROTTEN   |
| BIINSAA   | BLAND    |
| DEBNAAK   | CARELESS |
| DEBSE     | ENOUGH   |
| GEGO      | DON'T    |
| GESKANA   | SUDDENLY |
| GIISHPIN  | IF       |
| GMAAMNIK  | SOME     |
| GWEK      | STRAIGHT |
| GZHIDE    | HOT      |
| KAA       | NO       |
| KAAWIHKAA | NEVER    |
| MAANDAA   | AMAZING  |
| MIINWAA   | AGAIN    |
| PANE      | ALWAYS   |
| SHKWAACH  | LAST     |
| SKAABKIDE | SCORCHED |
| TKAA      | COLD     |
| WAASA     | FAR      |
| WIHKAA    | LATE     |

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March 22: LSSU, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Cislser Center

March 23: Bay de Noc, noon-4:00 p.m. at the Joseph Heirman University Center (on campus) Escanaba

March 24: NMU 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the University Center Rotunda (Health Field)

Apr 14: Valley Plaza Great Hall, Noon-3:30 p.m.at 5221 Bay City Rd. Midland

April 19: Michigan Works! Building 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cheboygan, MI 49721

April 20: Little Bear East, noon-5:00 p.m. St. Ignace, MI 49781

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

## Doc's corner

BY DR. LEIF LALONE  
CLINICAL SUPERVISOR

Over time, experts have debated whether Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), is a real disorder. However, in 1998, the National Institute of Mental Health decided that ADHD is a legitimate condition with symptomology that falls

Dr. Lalone

into two broad categories — inattention and hyperactivity. In general, children are said to have ADHD if they show six or more symptoms from each category for at least six months before seven years of age. These symptoms must significantly affect a child's ability to function in at least two areas of life — typically at home and at school. This helps ensure that the problem isn't with a particular teacher or only with parents. Children who have problems in school but get along well at home are not considered to have ADHD. The same is true of children who are hyperactive or inattentive but whose schoolwork and friendships aren't affected by their behavior.

Most children exhibit many of the behaviors that have been associated with ADHD at one time or another. For instance, parents may suspect ADHD when their preschooler can't listen to a story from beginning to end or finish a drawing. However, preschoolers normally have a short attention span and aren't able to stick with one activity for long. Even in older children and adolescents, attention span often depends on the amount of interest they have in an activity. For example, most teenagers can participate in social activities for hours but may be a lot less focused when it comes to homework.

The same is true of hyperactivity. Children naturally display a high level of energy that may be annoying or seem abnormal to adults, and they may become even more active when they're tired, hungry, anxious or in a new environment. In addition, some children just naturally have a higher activity level than others. Every child is unique, and they should never be classified as having ADHD just because they're different from their friends or siblings.

Most children with ADHD don't have all the signs and symptoms of the disorder.

Furthermore, symptoms may be different in boys and girls. Boys are more likely to be hyperactive, and girls tend to be inattentive. At the same time, children diagnosed with ADHD may have some things in common. They tend to be easily excitable, and they can quickly get out of control, and sometimes may become aggressive or even physically or verbally abusive. Children with the inattentive form of ADHD may seem to become detached from the world around them.

For questions or additional information please contact Dr. LaLone at ACFS or send e-mail to llalone@saulttribe.net.

Since the outcomes for child abuse and neglect are private, people may fear reporting. They don't know what will happen. Here are some of the most common outcomes from reports of child abuse and neglect:

1. The investigation demonstrated the report is an isolated incident and the child is safe.
2. The family receives suggestions and referrals for resources to strengthen the family and the child remains at home.
3. The family may be assisted for of a period of time with in-home services.
4. The home or family may be determined unsafe for the child and placement with a relative is investigated or, if necessary, the child is introduced to a foster family with a plan developed outlining what needs to happen for the child to return home.

**The safety of the child is the first priority and strengthening the family is the goal.**

The theme for the 2005 National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April is "Safe

Children and Healthy Families is a Shared Responsibility." Here are suggestions for what you can do:

**Mentoring** - anything you do to support kids and parents can help reduce the stress that may lead to abuse and neglect.

**Reporting** - the Sault Tribe child welfare code states every tribe member shall report child abuse and neglect. By reporting neglect and abuse you can help ensure a child's safety and the family becomes stronger.

**Foster Parenting** - The Sault Tribe needs caring tribal families and relatives for children who can not return home right now and may need new homes.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services would welcome inquiries about foster parenting and adoption. ACFS has group or individual training tapes with a handbook available for mandated child abuse and neglect reporter training. For more details on the topics above contact the ACFS office in Kincheloe at 495-1232.

The committee for April is Child Abuse Prevention Month will promote community awareness with the following activities.

April 1 - Child abuse awareness flag raising ceremony - 8:30 a.m. Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center.

April 5 - Family movie and popcorn night, 6:30 p.m. LSSU planetarium.

April 8 - Child advocate's honor breakfast, 8:30 a.m. by invitation at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center.

Sault Tribe Head Start literacy night, date and time to be announced.

April 16 - Children's celebration, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Chi-Mukwa arena.

April 18 - Brown bag lunch presentation, 12:00-1:00 p.m., shaken baby syndrome, Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center.

April 29 - Brown Bag lunch presentation, Dr. Bob Devers, Sault Tribe health center.

For more information, watch for child abuse prevention table displays at Sault Tribe health centre, and Sault Tribe administration building or call Stacey or Julie at 632-5250.

### REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PHONE NUMBERS TO CLIP AND SAVE

#### Chippewa County

|                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| State Protective Services (PS)        | 632-4545 (24 hrs)        |
| Sault Tribe ACFS                      | 632-5250 or 800-726-0093 |
| Bay Mills Indian Community            | 248-3204                 |
| <b>Mackinaw County State PS</b>       | 643-9694                 |
| Sault Tribe ACFS                      | 495-1232 or 877-444-5608 |
| <b>Luce County State PS</b>           | 293-5144                 |
| <b>Alger County State PS</b>          | 387-4440                 |
| <b>Delta County State PS</b>          | 786-5394                 |
| <b>Schoolcraft County State PS</b>    | 341-2114                 |
| <b>Marquette County State PS</b>      | 228-9691                 |
| Sault Tribe ACFS for Luce - Marquette | 341-6993 or 800-347-7137 |

#### Hotlines

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Michigan toll free hotline          | 800-942-4357 |
| Native American child abuse hotline | 800-633-5155 |

The tribe has jurisdiction over Native American children on tribal land and right to intervene when tribal children are removed from their homes. Sault Tribe has a contract with the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency to respond to tribal cases after 5:00 p.m. and when tribal workers are not available.

## ACFS receives community awareness project funding

SUBMITTED BY  
STACEY TADGERSON  
SAFE KIDS - SAFE STREETS,  
PROJECT COORDINATOR

Anishnabek Community and Family Services' Advocacy Resource Center, Child Welfare, and "Safe Kids, Safe Streets" programs received funding from the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, to promote community awareness and crime victim outreach activities in conjunction with the 2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The week of April 10-16, marks the 25th observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a commemoration designed to increase public awareness of and knowledge among crime victims and survivors about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for this year's observance is "Justice Isn't

Served Until Crime Victims Are."

Through its sponsorship of a resource guide to help thousands of victim assistance and allied professional organizations promote the week and the provision of funding for community awareness projects, OVC seeks to promote greater understanding of crime victims' rights and concerns and educate victims about resources available to help them.

OVC's community awareness project funding encourages communities to collaborate on victim and public awareness activities and develop creative approaches to victim outreach and public education during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year. ACFS was one of the 66 projects selected for funding by OVC for 2005 from the almost 240 applications that were submitted.

According to John W. Gillis, director of OVC, the community awareness project has a powerful impact on public awareness of

crime victims' rights and needs.

"Often, victims of crime don't know that they have rights and don't know where to turn for help," Gillis explained. "By supporting the public awareness efforts on the national level and within local jurisdictions, OVC hopes every individual will know where to turn, or will know where to lead a loved one in the event that they are impacted by crime or violence. We hope this funding will help all victims of crime find healing and justice."

Lori Jump, Advocacy Resource Center grants manager, described the community awareness project that will be sponsored in the service area and shared with all Michigan tribes.

"We are grateful to the Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice for their support of our 2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities," Jump said. "With their help, we have planned a 5K Walk for Justice on April 16 at Big

Bear Arena; disseminating a Native specific 'Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are' poster to all the Michigan tribes; and will produce a 'Crime Victims/Justice' public service announcement that will be aired in our service area on Charter Cable."

Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice through service to crime victims by joining our 2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs throughout the year. For additional information about 2005 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities planned for the week of April 10 or about victims' rights and services in our community, please contact Lori Jump at (906) 632-5250, or visit our website, www.saulttribe.com.

### Hardwood log scaling, grading, sawing training offered

A training program including 'hardwood log scaling and grading' and 'sawing hardwood for grade' is being offered at the MTU Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Mich.

The five-day training, organized by Michigan State University Extension, is being offered on April 11-15, 2005. Participants may register for either or both training segments. Class size is limited. This training will be valuable for loggers, small and large sawmills and for any level of experience.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is supporting part of the program costs, resulting in very affordable registration fees. Full registration for those staying at the center is \$230 and includes training, lodging and meals. Full registration for commuters is \$90 and includes training, lunches and breaks. The registration brochure includes additional options for those wishing to take only one part of the training. Lodging is in a dormitory setting with all meals in the center's cafeteria.

Scaling and grading training will be conducted by Ralph Duffek and Jim Dougovito. Michael Long, hardwood consultant, will conduct the sawing for grade training.

Contact Jim Isleib at the Alger County MSU Extension Office for a registration brochure at 906-387-2530 or jisleib@msu.edu.

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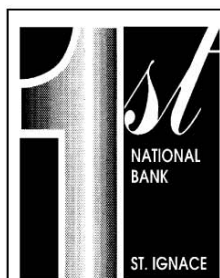
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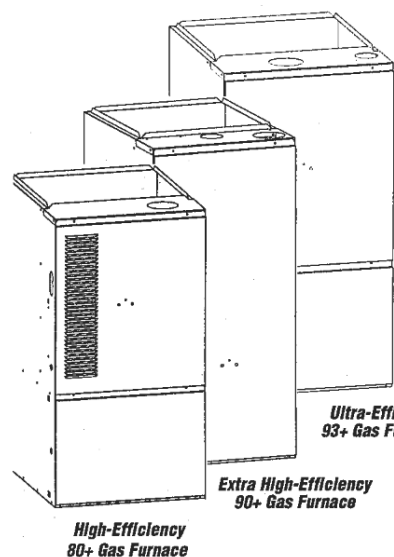
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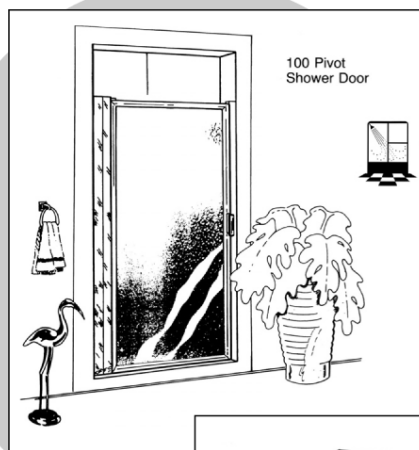
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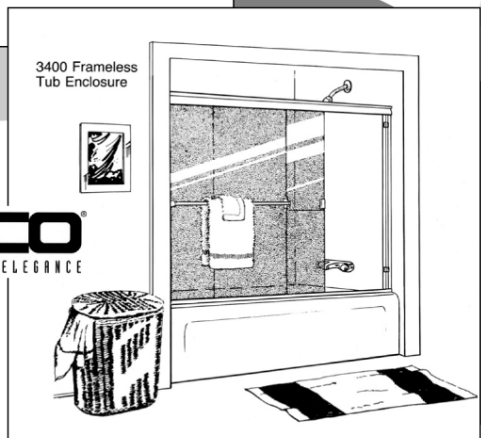
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