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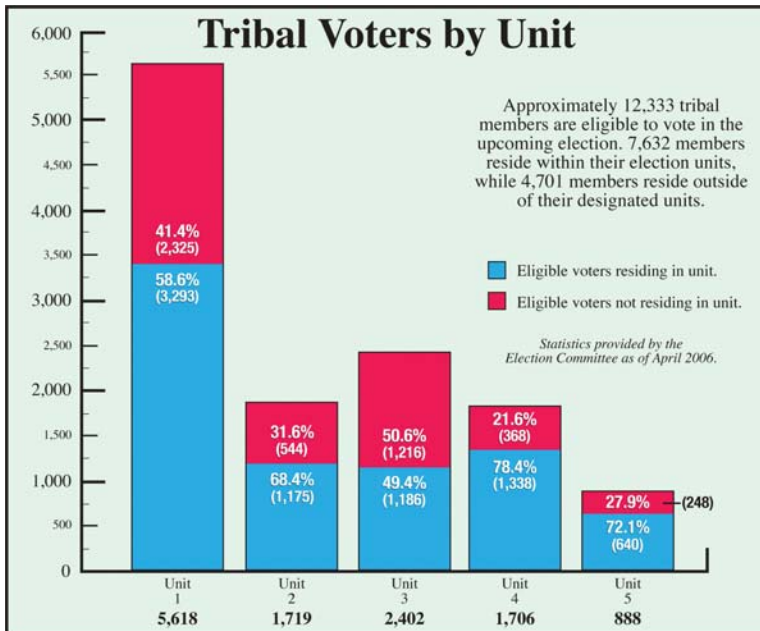
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## Primary election: First hurdle for candidates

By CORY WILSON

Campaigning for the Sault Tribe Board of Directors 2006 tribal election has been in full swing since early February and the primary election is just around the corner. A record number of candidates are running for office this term, with over 30 candidates campaigning for just six board seats. The board seats up for election include two seats in Unit I, one seat in Unit II, one seat in Unit III, one seat in Unit IV and one seat in Unit V. All of the units, except Unit IV, will be subjected to a primary election due to the number of candidates. Unit IV has only two candidates running for office, therefore both candidates will appear on the general election ballot.

According to the Election Code, a primary is required to reduce the candidate pool to twice the number of seats up for the election. Tribe members will get a voting choice of two candidates per open seat during the general election. Current board members up for re-election this term include Dennis McKelvie (Unit I), Robert LaPoint (Unit II), Robert Lambert (Unit III) and Denise Chase (Unit IV). There are also two vacated seats up for election, with the departure of Paul Shagen (Unit I) and the retirement of Victor Matson, Sr., (Unit V). The top two candidates garnering the most votes in the Unit II, III and V primaries will advance to the general election. The top four candidates collecting



the most votes in the Unit I primary will also advance to the general election.

Primary ballots will be mailed out on April 27 and will need to be returned to the Election Committee by May 18. All primary winners will appear on the general election ballot which is scheduled for distribution on June 1. The general election date is set

for June 22. Profiles of this year's candidates can be found starting on page 15. For questions relating to the upcoming election, please contact Joanne Carr or Mike McKercher at (906) 635-6050.

### Voting instructions

The Election Committee would like to remind members of the voting instructions:

— You must use either BLUE

or BLACK ink.

— Fill in the oval completely without marking outside the oval next to your selection.

— Unit I members can vote for two (2) candidates to move forward to the general election.

— Units II, III and V can vote for one (1) candidate to move forward to the general election.

— Unit IV will not have a pri-

mary election, both candidates move on to the general election.

— Do not write in the "unique validation number" area, your ballot is anonymous.

— Do not alter, cut, tear or destroy any portion of the ballot.

— Entire ballot must be returned or it will be disqualified.

Primary ballots will be mailed out on April 27 and will need to be returned to the Election Committee by May 18, 2006.

## Newspaper schedules change to accommodate election cycle

To report the results of the Sault Tribe's primary election in a timely manner, the Sault Tribe Communications Department has revised the distribution date and deadline date of the seventh issue of *The Sault Tribe News*.

The seventh issue of *The Sault Tribe News* was originally scheduled for distribution on May 19, with a deadline date of May 9. Due to the election cycle, we will delay the publication of this particular issue one week in order to report on the primary election which is scheduled for May 18. The new distribution date for this issue is June 1. The new deadline date is May 15.

## MEA drops lawsuit, Bahweting School moves forward

By CORY WILSON

In a letter dated March 15, the law firm representing the Michigan Education Association (MEA) notified Administrative Law Judge, David Peltz, they were dropping their lawsuit against the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishinaabe School. The law firm of White, Schneider, Young and Chiodini, PC, withdrew their unfair labor practice charges, thus avoiding the March 16 scheduled hearing. News of the letter and latest action from the MEA did not become public until just recently. Negotiations between the school and the teachers are scheduled to begin on May 1.

On March 21, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution officially authorizing the JKL Bahweting School Fiduciary Committee to enter into agreements between the Sault Tribe and the JKL Bahweting

School, which will allow the committee to administer Indian School Equalization Program funding and all other funding sources. The program is the primary formula used for distributing instructional funds to BIA schools.

The Committee is currently comprised of seven Sault Tribe board members, which, includes Cathy Abramson (Unit I), Dennis McKelvie (Unit I), Joe Eitrem (Unit I), Todd Gravelle (Unit I), Tom Miller (Unit IV), Lana Causley (Unit II) and Chairperson Aaron Payment. The JKL Fiduciary Committee was originally established on May 1, 2005. Tom Miller serves as the committee's chairman.

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## Amendments dangerous to Indian Country gaming

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

In November 2005, Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) introduced "The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Amendments of 2005." The legislation is considered dangerous by some lobbyists in Indian Country as it will have an impact on all tribal gaming properties, on the tribes' governmental status and tribal sovereignty.

Among other things, if passed, this legislation will most likely result in a tremendous loss of tribally-created jobs. It will take regulatory control of the tribal gaming operations from the tribe and put it under the control of the federal government. It will likely cause a severe decrease in tribal gaming revenues that are used to meet the needs of virtually all tribal government programs. It will devalue the role of tribal government, and implies that we are incapable of handling our own business contracts. The legislation is dangerous to our tribal

way of life and infringes on our sovereignty rights of the tribe.

**If passed, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will have the authority to regulate Class III gaming.**

By giving regulatory control to the NIGC, the government is taking away the powers that tribes, as a sovereign government, currently have to regulate gaming properties. It will give the NIGC complete power to create, interpret and enforce all gaming controls. A fundamental right of self-government is self-regulation, which will end if this legislation is passed. In addition, it will weaken the tribe's standing as a governmental body.

**If passed, this legislation would give the NIGC the power to review all gaming related contracts.**

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# MEA drops lawsuit

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The agreement was approved by the Sault Tribe's Fiduciary Committee and was presented to the school board on April 11 for review and further approval. The agreement will allow for the transfer of federal (tribal) funding in the amount of \$837,000 to the JKL Bahweting School to be expended for educational and related services for the American Indian students enrolled at the school. The proposed agreement is for one year, with the intent of being renewed annually as desired. Those funds not expended by the date the agreement ends, will be deposited into an investment account, which will be used for educational services for students and graduates of JKL Bahweting School. The board expressed their approval of the agreement at the April 11 meeting with the exception of one minor change and is now pending signature approval.

According to the agreement, the school will be required to continue to provide the following education services, which include Anishinaabe language and culture, instructional services, personnel services, counseling, gifted and talented services, language

development, special education and student activities. The school will also continue to provide the following administrative/support services, which include transportation, operation and maintenance, breakfast and lunch programs, property management, personnel management, fiscal management and records management. The school already provides all of these service plus additional services not identified in the agreement. Monthly reports indicating the number of students served and programs offered as well as monthly financial reports will also be provided to the Fiduciary Committee on a regular basis.

The JKL Bahweting School will continue to provide educational services that meet the requirements of the Tribally Controlled School Act, the No Child Left Behind Act and the Education with Disabilities Act.

The school's building lease was renewed effective February 15, 2006, and is good for a period of 17 months. The school currently operates as a charter school through Northern Michigan University, and will seek to renew their charter with NMU this May.

# Amendments dangerous to Indian gaming activities

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Contracts eligible for review by the NIGC under this legislation include real estate contracts, purchase orders for paper clips, vendor contracts, construction contracts and consulting contracts, etc. It will handicap the casino and tribe where business relationships are concerned. It will also put a hardship on us due to the time and delay this extra layer of red tape will present.

It implies that tribes are incapable of handling contracts without the federal government holding our hands.

**If passed, this legislation will limit off reservation gaming by amending section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.**

This section creates uncertainty regarding any potential off-reservation gaming sites and development contracts. The off reservation gaming issue is already being dealt with by the Department of the Interior, so this amendment is not needed.

"This is a very serious threat to

our Kewadin Casinos," said Ken Ermatinger, gaming commissioner for the Sault Tribe. "It is placing the tribe, which has always maintained a government to government relationship with city, state and federal offices, underneath them. It is making us jump through political hoops and attacks our tribal sovereignty."

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors is sending out a letter to all tribal households discussing this issue and urging them to write their Senator and Congressman about this issue. If you would like to send a letter opposing S.2078, contact: Senator Carl Levin, 269 Russell, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 or Senator Debbie Stabenow, 133 Hart, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

For more detailed information about this legislation and for a downloadable copy of the letter addressing your Senator and Congressman, visit our Web site, [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

# HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING PERMITS

The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement staff will be on the road issuing the inland hunting and fishing permits at the following locations and times:

**St. Ignace Tribal Law Enforcement Department, 1130 N State St., Monday, May 15, 2006, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Cheboygan Gold Dust Ballroom, 418 North Huron Street, Friday, June 2, 2006, from 2 - 5 p.m.

**Newberry Tribal Center, 4935 Zeez-Ba Tik Lane, Thursday, May 18, 2006, from 9 - 10:30 a.m.**

Munising Tribal Center, E10442 M28: Thursday, May 18, 2006, from Noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Escanaba Tribal Center, 524 Ludington, Thursday, May 18, 2006, from 3:30 - 5 p.m.**

Manistique Tribal Law Enforcement Department, 5698 W US Hwy. 2, Friday, May 19, 2006 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Or permits may be picked up at the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department main office in Sault Ste. Marie, 2175 Shunk Road, anytime after Monday, May 15, 2006, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You must have submitted an application before the April 28, 2006, deadline to be eligible to receive a permit. You must pick up your own permit. Others may not pick up your permit for you. You must present a valid tribal enrollment card before your permit will be issued.

If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements for mailing, please do not hesitate to contact us at (906) 635-6065.

# Free rabies vaccination clinics

By TOM SAURO

The Chippewa Animal Clinic and Dr. Hall have agreed to service all tribe members in the seven-county service area by providing their pets with a rabies vaccination at no cost to members.

As in the past, the Chippewa Animal Clinic will offer additional vaccines and these will be provided at a reduced rate and administered at the day of the clinic. Prices will be posted at the clinic sites. The following dates are listed below:

**LOCATIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN MAY 2006.**

June 6, 2006

Marquette - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Munising - 1 to 2 p.m.  
Newberry - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

June 13, 2006  
Escanaba - 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Manistique - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
St Ignace - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

June 20, 2006  
Hessel - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Kinross - 11 a.m. to noon.  
Sault Ste. Marie - 1:30 to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Tom Sauro or Ann Pollman at (906) 632-5210, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

# Constitutional Convention schedule

Date	Time	Unit	Meeting Location	10/6/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility
5/5/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Hessel	Community Center	10/7/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility
5/6/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Hessel	Community Center	10/20/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
5/19/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Cheboygan	Location TBA	10/21/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
5/20/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Cheboygan	Location TBA	11/3/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Petoskey	Location TBA
6/2/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit V/Marquette	Location TBA	11/4/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Petoskey	Location TBA
6/3/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Marquette	Location TBA	11/17/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
6/23/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/18/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
6/24/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/1/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
July	NO MEETINGS HELD IN MONTH OF JULY, 2006						
8/4/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/2/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
8/5/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/15/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/18/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA	12/16/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/19/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA				
9/8/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion				
9/9/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion				
9/22/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				
9/23/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				

Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

# Indians, University of Michigan sue U.S. over inadequate health care in Detroit

By RICK SMITH

A class action lawsuit prepared by the University of Michigan Clinical Law Program was filed on April 6 in U.S. District Court in Detroit on behalf of three American Indians, two of whom are Sault Tribe members. The suit claims the United States has neglected promises to provide American Indians in urban areas around Detroit with adequate health care.

According to the 2000 U.S. census, 10,047 people reported having American Indian ancestry in the metro Detroit area. According to Linda Smith, Sault Tribe registrar, 2,758 Sault Tribe members live in metro Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties).

Fay Givens, executive director of American Indian Services in Lincoln Park, said American Indians gave up 95 percent of their land in return for govern-

ment services, one such service is health care. The lawsuit alleges the government has failed to keep its promise and needs to provide more funding for Indian health care in the area. American Indian Services provides mental health assistance to Indians in the region.

The suit charges the U.S. Department of Health and its underlying agency, the Indian Health Service, are required by federal law and numerous treaties to provide health care for American Indians who live in urban areas, but has failed to do so. According to the suit, the only American Indian health care center that provides basic care in metro Detroit is the American Indian Health and Family Services. The suit claims it is poorly funded, understaffed and unable to provide many needed services.

The lawsuit even cites a 2004 report by the U.S. Commission on

Civil Rights that said a dire health care situation exists for American Indians.

"That's the interesting thing about this case," said David Santacroce, attorney for the plaintiffs in the case. "The government has, in one of their own reports, the 2004 Broken Promises study, acknowledged the horrendous state of American Indian health care both on and off reservations."

*If you are a member of a federally recognized tribe, live in the Detroit area and lack adequate health care, Fay Givens wants to hear from you. Call her at (313) 388-4100.*

The plaintiffs in the case are Detroiters Tonya Hammitte, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; David

Stone, a member of the White Earth Ojibwa Band of Minnesota; Joseph Stewart, another member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and American Indian Services, Inc., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated. All three individuals named as plaintiffs in the case have serious physical ailments.

Santacroce initiated the lawsuit after he was approached by Givens about the situation.

According to the filed court documents, "American Indians ceded or were forcibly removed from more than 400 million acres of land. As a result, the federal government assumed in perpetuity a trust obligation to ensure their survival and welfare. That this obligation includes providing health care was explicitly established as early as 1832. Since that time, this obligation has been repeatedly recognized, codified and reaffirmed by courts and by

Congress in, among other places, the Snyder Act of 1921 and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976."

The document goes on to read, "Two-thirds of all American Indians now live in urban areas. Significant migration began in large part with the federal government's relocation and assimilation programs in the 1950s and 1960s. Since the 1970s, there has been a steady increase in the number of American Indians living in urban areas and the urban Indian population is rising by two percent each year. Despite these well-known facts, defendants' health care policies have continued to focus almost exclusively on the minority of American Indians living on or near rural reservations."

Santacroce said he suspects the first action taken by government attorneys will be a move for dismissal of the suit, which he believes would most likely fail.

## History Channel offers preservation grants

By RICK SMITH

The History Channel offers grants to help preserve important history in communities through the Save Our History Grants Program. The program is a national history education and preservation initiative that raises awareness and support for preserving local heritage.

Since 2004, The History Channel has given \$500,000 in Save Our History grants to 55 history organizations to fund partnerships with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects.

According to the Save Our History Web site, [saveourhistory.com](http://saveourhistory.com), "There is important history in every community that is rarely incorporated into our children's education. It exists in our neighborhoods, buildings, schools, monuments, historic sites, cemeteries and documents and can be used to enliven the study of history and instill pride in our youth. Save Our History grants fund projects that

put these valuable resources to work.

"The key is collaboration. History organizations, including museums, historical societies, preservation organizations, archives, libraries and government agencies can partner on projects with a school district, a coalition of schools, one school or an organization that provides educational programming for children. Partnerships can include as many teachers and students as funding can accommodate. Broad participation is encouraged. Save Our History grants provide a platform for applicants interested in working with government officials, business leaders, the media, local cable affiliates and other local leaders.

"Our goal is to fund the most creative, compelling community preservation projects submitted." The deadline for submitting an application for the coming cycle is Friday, June 2, 2006.

Many more details can be found at [saveourhistory.com](http://saveourhistory.com).

## Bipartisan Act would boost funding for Great Lakes restoration efforts

By RICK SMITH

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a great show of bipartisanship cooperation, Democrat Senator Carl Levin of Detroit and House Republican Vern Ehlers of Grand Rapids introduced versions of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Implementation Act to provide necessary funding to restore the Great Lakes and rid the waters of invasive species. Key elements of the Act include authorizing \$150 millions per year under the Great Lakes Legacy Act to clean up contaminated sediment, provide \$20 billion in revolving loans to assist communities in improving sewage treatment facilities and prevent Asian carp from entering the lakes via Chicago.

The bills also call for the federal government to provide \$3.5 billion over the next five years to remove toxic waste, restore wildlife habitats and halt invasive species.

Additional bipartisan coopera-

tion was seen as Ohio Senator Mike DeWine, a republican, cosponsored the bill with Levin while an Illinois democrat, Representative Rahm Emanuel, helped Ehlers with his version.

"The condition of the lakes is not only crucial to health, it is critical to Michigan's revenue sources such as hunting, fishing, boating, diving and tourism. "If Congress does not act to keep pace with the needs of the lakes," said Levin. "The current problems — such as invasive species and contaminated sediment — will continue to build and we may start to undo some of the work that has been done."

In 2004, President George W. Bush mandated that a Great Lakes Regional Collaboration be formed by federal, state, tribal and local entities to formulate a plan to restore the Great Lakes. The collaboration was formed and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is one of the signatories of the agreement of

that collaboration.

While funding issues were not pursued at the time the collaboration was formed, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Implementation Act addresses those situations, effectively giving the collaboration the wherewithal to pursue their duties. Funding of about \$20 billion has been sought for the collaboration recently among legislators.

There was speculation the Act would not be approved this year because it must be passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and other committees in the house.

"I am greatly encouraged by the broad support that we have received for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Implementation Act," said Ehlers. "I look forward to working with the appropriate committees to make sure that the bill moves forward so that we can get to work on protecting the Great Lakes."

## TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON Open Office Hours Schedule

The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal Administration Building at 523 Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie.

Open office hours with the chairperson are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2 to 6 p.m.

Meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

- May 15, 2006
- May 29, 2006
- June 5, 2006
- June 19, 2006
- Aug. 7, 2006
- Aug. 14, 2006
- Sept. 4, 2006
- Sept. 18, 2006
- Oct. 2, 2006
- Oct. 16, 2006
- Nov. 6, 2006
- Nov. 20, 2006
- Dec. 4, 2006
- Dec. 11, 2006

## 25th annual powwow and gathering

The Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will hold its 25th annual summer gathering and traditional powwow. It will be held June 28 until July 2, 2006. The theme for this year's powwow will be "Healing Mother Earth." There is no cost for admission.

Head male dancer: TBA  
Head female dancer: Theresa Lewis  
Host drum: White Fish Bay Co-Host Drum: TBA  
Emcee: Butch Elliot  
Head veteran: George Martin  
Arena director: Dan Bissel  
Co-Emcee: Beedahsega Elliot.

**Wednesday, June 28**  
10:30 a.m. Blessing of the

powwow grounds, followed by a feast. Open to all community members!

**Thursday, June 29**  
6 a.m. Sunrise ceremony  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Summer spiritual gathering  
Lunch and dinner planned, (powwow grounds lodge)

**Friday, June 30**  
6 a.m. Sunrise ceremony  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Summer gathering  
5 – 6:30 p.m. Kids carnival (big tent, powwow grounds)  
4 – 7:00 p.m. Drum and dancers (registration booth, powwow grounds)  
7 p.m. Grand entry (powwow grounds)

**Saturday, July 1**  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Art show

(Niigaanagizhik Building)

For information call Art Leighton at (906) 632-7494  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dancers and drum registration (registration booth, powwow grounds)  
1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Grand entry (powwow grounds)  
5 p.m. Feast

(Niigaanagizhik Building)  
**Sunday, July 2**  
11 a.m. Sunday mass, by Brother John Hascall (Niigaanagizhik Building)  
1 p.m. Grand entry (powwow grounds)  
Alcohol and drug free.  
For more information please contact: Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

# News of other nations

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

## Reader's Digest names Jeff May as Hero of the Year

NEW YORK — *Reader's Digest* has named 17-year-old Jeff May as its Hero of the Year. On March 21, 2005, May was a student at Red Lake Senior High School on the Red Lake Ojibwe Reservation in Minnesota when another student, Jeff Weise, opened fire in the school. May tackled Weise and grappled with him for just enough time, witnesses estimate, to spare the lives of a dozen people. May was injured when Weise shot him. The bullet went through his cheek, fracture his jawbone, and lodged in his neck.

After the shooting stopped, May was airlifted to a Fargo, N.D., hospital. He suffered a stroke that immobilized his left side and required surgery to remove the bullet. Today, Jeff is back in school, but still sees physical and speech therapists.

May was selected by thousands of readers who voted for him online at [www.rd.com](http://www.rd.com). "Jeff is the quintessential hero," said *Reader's Digest* Editor-in-Chief Jackie Leo. "He saved the lives of his fellow students by risking his own." Jeff May will be honored at a special ceremony on April 7 at the New York Stock Exchange.

— *Reader's Digest*

## A delicious tradition: Five generations of frybread

NEW MEXICO — For five generations the women in Karen Chalan family have cooked frybread using the same recipe of flour, salt, baking powder, powdered milk and lard. "I started helping my mother make frybread when I was 12 or 13 years old," said Chalan, who is from Cochiti Pueblo. "Before that I had always watched her and my grandmother." The women would place frybread dough on their knees, then pull it outward to make the Frisbee-like dough disks. "Now the women use their hands and pull it out that way," said Chalan's mother, Connie Valdo.

Frybread became an Indian staple in the 1800s when American Indians were forced to live on reservations without their traditional foods of rabbit, buffalo, corn, squash and beans. Instead, the Indians were given rations of flour, salt and lard to live on, and Indian women created frybread as a staple food source.

Today, Chalan's family recipe has evolved to perfection — the dough is mixed for 15 to 20 minutes, then rises before being formed into a disk and fried in oil over a cedar fire. It's eaten with many types of American Indian food such as chili, chipole and beans. "When you cook beans, you have to have frybread to go with it," Valdo said. By itself, frybread is not exactly healthy — one piece of plate-sized frybread is said to contain at least 700 calories — plus 27 grams of fat. But the women in Chalan's family have learned to eat frybread as a treat, not a staple, and it shows through the family's longevity, Valdo's grandmother lived to be 105, and her mother is 93.

— *Santa Fe New Mexican*

## House Calls

ARIZONA — The village of Oraibi is the oldest, continuously inhabited village in North America. Oraibi has no electricity or running water, but it does have KUYI-FM, a Hopi-owned radio station serving the 12,000 Hopi living on the reservation's three mesas and 12 villages.

Through battery-operated radios, tribe members can stay connected. Especially popular is KUYI's *House Calls* which focuses on Hopi Elders.

Balancing the modern with age-old ways has not been easy for the Hopi elders, who carry the tribes cultural traditions and serve as wisdom-keepers. *House Calls* listens to elders' questions, provides answers and makes their concerns a priority. The program has also partnered with these elders to share messages about tribal health, traditions and obligations helping Hopi seniors to enhance their later years.

— [www.soundpartners.org](http://www.soundpartners.org)

## Short Bull garners First Peoples Fund honors

SOUTH DAKOTA — The First Peoples Fund has awarded the 2006 Cultural Capital fellowship to four American Indian artists.

- Arthur Short Bull, Oglala Lakota, is from the Pine Ridge Reservation. He will use the fellowship for a series of paintings of Sioux tribe members buried in the mass grave at Wounded Knee. Short Bull began his artistic career in 1983.

- Anna Brown Ehlers, Northern Tlingit, is from Juneau, Alaska. About 30 years ago, Anna began weaving yellow cedar bark and wool to create thousands of yards of yarn. She revived the chilkat tradition of weaving blankets.

- Pete Peterson Sr., Skokomish, is from Hoodspport, Wash. He revived steam-bent-box making that eventually led to carving traditional Salish masks.

- Nancy Johnson, Choctaw/Chickasaw, is from Oklahoma City. She is a traditional bead worker who has recreated traditional designs and colors for a variety of objects using rawhide and buckskin.

— *Rapid City Journal*

## Linguists work to rebuild Pequot language

CONNECTICUT — In 1638, The Treaty of Hartford made speaking the Pequot language illegal. Those who broke the law were punished by beatings, being sold into slavery or death. Now, 368 years later, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe is promoting its language and hopes its younger members can use it to pass on their culture.

"It's vitally important. Through our children, our language will live," said Charlene Jones, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council secretary. Tribe members began working on the language project 11 years ago. They knew only a few words, and there were no native speakers of the language. Today, more than 1,000 words have been reclaimed through research and help from linguists. "People didn't know we could do it," Jones said. "They thought it was virtually impossible." A language needs 50,000 words in order to be considered established.

— *Norwich Bulletin*

## Language is on the agenda

WYOMING — On many Indian reservations and other tribal lands, language immersion schools are being modeled after successful language programs by the Maori of New Zealand. "Culture and heritage is the backbone of all our communities," said Brian Patterson from New York's Oneida Indian Nation. The OIN made Oneida language revival a priority in 1995, despite the fact that fluent speakers were rare and many elders who knew the language were not teachers. Since an immersion school wasn't feasible then, the tribe assembled the laws and data on the Oneida language in one place.

Eventually, the tribe hired eight Oneida women to teach the language. "They can embrace our language with the love of a mother's heart," Patterson said. The teachers coin words and usages for the present, leading children to think Oneida in the mist of an English-speaking world. "It's in our Early Learning Center, in the songs, the thought process of Oneida, of being Oneida," Patterson said. The program is headed in the direction of immersion schooling, he said, though only a step at a time.

— *Indian Country Today*

## Rough Rock drama students invited to Scottish festival

ARIZONA — The Native American Theater Project (NATP) of Rough Rock High School will be among 50 schools invited to represent the U.S. in The Edinburgh Festival Fringe. "The Fringe," which takes place in Scotland this August, is the biggest arts festival in the world. Last year, around 1,800 individual shows were successfully produced.

Rough Rock, which is on the Navajo Reservation, is the first American Indian theater group ever invited to perform. The NATP will perform an original script entitled *Strong Native Women*. The troupe consists of Ojibwe writer and director David Shorey and Navajo actresses Kayla Haley, Violetta Sam and Andrea Woody.

— *Edinburgh Festival Fringe*

## Tribal college leader appeals for Indian education support

NORTH DAKOTA — There are 35 tribal colleges in the country. David Gipp, president of United Tribe Technical College, says the federal government is compromising their success in recruiting and educating American Indian students. "My message is simple — culturally appropriate higher education for Indian people works, and Indian people today want quality, culturally appropriate higher education as never before," Gipp told U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, vice-chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee.

Gipp, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux, pointed out that the American Indian community is very young, with over half the population under the age of 25. In addition to serving that segment, Gipp said education is "vital" necessary to allow tribal nations to rebuild their economies, long neglected by the United States. The skills learned in higher education help rebuild infrastructure and reestablish vital tribal government services, as well as improve local economies and business institutions. We remain concerned that the present administration does not

fully support the financial assistance and scholarship programs, such as Pell grants, that so many of our students need for their education," Gipp said.

Gipp outlined nine key areas Congress must understand regarding Indian education.

- Tribal colleges and universities need institutional stability. This includes consistent and adequate funding.
- Tribal colleges need the best technology possible.

Technology is a window to the future of Indian people.

- Tribal colleges need the best facilities possible.

Construction funds have lagged far behind student growth.

- The President's Executive Order on tribal colleges and universities needs to be carried out. Efforts to address this issue have been made to and have been ignored by Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

- Financial assistance and scholarship programs for Indian students have been drastically cut. The needs of Indian Country cannot take a back seat to the needs of foreign citizens.

- Give tribal elementary and secondary schools the tools they need so students can succeed in tribal and non-tribal postsecondary educational institutions.

- Make sure tribal citizens are successful in non-Indian institutions of higher instruction.

- Make sure that the Higher Education Act goes forward as quickly as possible and that the needs of Indian students are fully recognized and provided for in that Act.

- Set aside funds to help Indian people develop their own scholars and professionals, such as teachers, engineers, scientists and doctors, to help Indian communities grow and prosper.

— *Native Times*

## Harvard, Indian Health Service forge partnership

MASSACHUSETTS — Harvard University and the Indian Health Service are working together to improve the health and wellness of American Indian and Alaska Native people. "This is a great opportunity for synergy between Harvard's educational mission and IHS's mission to assist and collaborate in raising the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indian and Alaska Native people," said Dennis Norman, faculty chair of the Harvard University Native American Program.

Comparisons between Indian and the rest of the U.S. health status reveals that a 40 percent increase is needed for IHS funding. Complicating the situation are modern health problems confronting American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Death rates for tuberculosis, alcoholism, diabetes, accidents, suicide and homicide are significantly higher for Indians compared with the U.S. general population.

Additionally, American Indian and Alaska Native death rates from injuries and auto accidents are 200-300 percent higher than the national rates. Suicide and homicide rates are nearly 200 percent higher. Through its Native Health Program, Harvard will address these issues by supporting research, outreach, education, teaching and curriculum development in Indian health care and health policy.

— *American Indian Listserv*

## Urban Indian health clinics threatened by Bush

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In his 2007 budget, President Bush has proposed eliminating the \$33,000,000 that goes to 34 urban Indian health clinics. At least 17 will most likely have to close if the funding is eliminated.

In Michigan, the American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeast Michigan in Detroit is threatened. Other facilities are at risk in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

— *Washington Post*

## Litefoot organizes boycott of Gun video game

Cherokee rap artist/producer Litefoot is leading a boycott of *Gun*, a video game that depicts Indians as savages. Produced by Activision, *Gun* takes place in the late 1800s. The main character tries to avenge his father's death and must complete several tasks, including facing down some Apaches. In the end, the character finds out he is part Indian. Activision has apologized to players who have been offended. "Activision does not condone or advocate any of the atrocities that occurred in the American West during the 1800s. *Gun* was designed to reflect the harshness of life on the American frontier at that time," the company said.

For more information, read Litefoot's petition at [www.boycottgun.com](http://www.boycottgun.com).

# Team members honored for years of service



Peggy Clement, left, and Betty Smith are presented with roses, certificates and thank you checks for \$3,000 from Chairperson Aaron Payment for the 30 years of service they gave to our tribe. George Eicher who also has worked for the tribe for 30 years, was not at the luncheon.



Susan Henry, left, and Carmen Wagner were also presented with roses, certificates and \$500 checks for 25 years of service. Lloyd Bouschor, Sr., and Denise Chase also have 25 years of service and were not at the luncheon. Over 300 team members with five, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service were honored at the 2006 employee recognition luncheon.

## Relatives sought for directory installation and honors ceremony at Willwalk Cemetery



Mick Frechette, in photo, stands near the proposed site of a graves directory at the entrance of Willwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island.

By Rick Smith

On May 27, 2006, at 11 a.m., a ceremony will be conducted at the Willwalk Cemetery on Sugar

Photo by Rick Smith

Island to commemorate the installation of a graves directory and to honor those whose remains inhabit those grounds.

The directory will list names in numerical order and folks wanting to visit the graves of their predecessors can find the graves by using the numeral listed with a specific person.

Mick Frechette, a Sault Tribe member and the main advocate behind the directory, said 170 ancestors of Sault Tribe members are interred in the Willwalk Cemetery. He is looking for surviving relatives of those ancestors to take part in the ceremony.

Frechette said plans are to honor each of the 170 ancestors individually by having a surviving relative read the names of family members followed by a brief drumming after each name is announced.

The 45-inch by 45-inch directory will be housed in a stainless steel case bolted onto two uprights with representations of crossed calumets crowning the top and a traditional drum suspended below the case. The facade of the case will be a shatter-proof, transparent composite.

"We will be erecting a directory of everyone buried at Willwalk Cemetery at Sugar Island. We will be honoring each person with the drum so, if you have a family member buried there, we would appreciate if someone from your family would be there," said Frechette. He added the directory will be placed near the entrance of the cemetery.

The tradition of bring a dish to

pass is encouraged but, Frechette noted, folks should bring everything they might need because no social events are planned. "People sometimes come to the cemetery on Saturdays to spruce up the graves of their loved ones and have picnics afterwards," he said. The cemetery has a picnic shelter complete with tables.

However, two days later on May 29, Memorial Day, the so-called Gem Island Cemetery, also on Sugar Island, will be the site for a feast with drumming and a pipe ceremony followed by decorating graves.

For further information or queries, call Mick Frechette at (906) 635-1686.

## Head Start children's powwow



Toddler Avery Calder dances holding dad's hand at the children's powwow.

The first "Honoring Our Children Powwow" organized by the Head Start and Early Head Start Parent Committee was a huge success. People crowded Chi Mukwa to welcome back spring and honor the next generation.



Kyle Doud, 5, in men's traditional regalia. His grandfather, Ted Holappa, was the MC of the powwow.



Miigizehee Memegos, 6, Cathline Bowen, 7, and Delaney Walden, 8, from Bay Mills, take a break from dancing at the powwow.



Left, Anthony Causley, 1, with his mom during an inter-tribal dance. Right, 18 months old, Eva Collins shows off her fancy shawl at the powwow.



Photos by Alan Kamuda

# Tribal board meeting briefs

**COMPILED BY RICK SMITH**  
The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on April 4, 2006, on Sugar Island, Mich. Board members Victor Matson, Sr., and Paul Shagen were absent. The minutes for a meeting on March 21 were approved.

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

An application for a grant of \$2.3 million per year for five years was approved. If awarded, the funds, through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, would be used to expand drug and alcohol screening, intervention, referral and treatment services.

Another application for a \$400,000 grant through the U.S. Department of Justice was approved. If awarded, the funds would be used to provide a mentoring program and supportive services for troubled youth, especially those in foster care throughout our tribe's service area.

The meeting was adjourned and the board met for another general meeting on April 18 in Sault Ste. Marie. Board member

Tom Miller was absent. **Approved resolutions:** The Bawating Singers Drum was recognized as the official drum of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Entering into a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. government was approved regarding gathering rights on national forest lands within the ceded territory of the Washington Treaty of 1836.

The board approved a Sault Tribe Conservation Committee request to issue regulations and turkey hunting permits to two applicants. Board member Robert LaPoint opposed the decision.

The 2007 performance budget document 001 was approved for a total of \$1,365,025, of which \$46,463 is tribal support.

The tribal process of applying for grants from state, federal and foundation sources was streamlined by delegating the authority to each tribal executive director and division director. Board member Cathy Abramson opposed while LaPoint was absent on this measure.

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



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

The month of March was a month of travel for the board of directors, with a trip to Washington D.C. to speak with our representatives and senators who affect how the tribe interacts with the United States government. We discussed many different issues that are affecting or will affect the Tribe. Issues discussed were: J.O.M which needs to be fully reinstated into the 2007 budget, Early Head Start and Head Start which not only needs to be secured in the budget process but needs to be expanded, Urban Health clinics need to be fully

reinstated back into the budget, Canadian Government Whitefish subsidies and establishing an equal market for our fishermen, Housing HUD, gaming issues. This is the first concerted effort by this BOD to begin a positive dialogue with the federal legislators. As we have met with both the federal and state politicians, they have indicated that they want to meet with the elected representatives of the tribe on a regular basis. Our present chairman has facilitated this very well. Other news is that there has been progress made on the acquisition of several buildings that are needed throughout the seven county area. Hopefully, I will have some very good news for the Escanaba tribal members soon.

Things progress along with the Bahweting school with plans in the discussion phase on the expansion to include a high school. The JKL fiduciary board (federal side appointed by the BOD) and the Bahweting School Board (public school) are having regular dialogue on getting all the details in place for a smooth school year. It was brought to my attention that the public school board has been under fire on a regular basis for a variety of reasons. I can tell you from my experience with them, is

that they are all truly concerned with the well being of the school and it's students. I do not know if the same can be said for those constantly coming forward in an attacking mode without possible solutions to problems only they can see.

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that we have our own version of the National Enquirer, called the Sault Times newspaper. This newspaper is not affiliated with the tribe in any form, but are only the opinions of the producer of the paper. I would suggest that if you would like accurate information on the workings of your tribe, please contact your unit representatives. I have said in the past that the rumor mill is certainly more exciting and entertaining, but rarely as accurate as the true facts.

On a positive note, I hope that my attention that we have our own beginning of the spring months and is in good health. I will be attending meetings with the BIA in Albuquerque, N.M., for the Week of April 17 - 21 regarding school facilities. I will be able to be reached on my cell phone. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or cell (906) 440-5737 or Denise Chase.

# Rumors are rarely as accurate as the facts

## SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE

### VACANCIES

#### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

#### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### HOUSING COMMISSION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

Send one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation (tribe members only) to: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, Attn: Joanne Carr 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-6050, toll free (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 632-6696 or Email: [jcarr@saulttribe.net](mailto:jcarr@saulttribe.net)

# Still playing at a tribe near you: "The one horse show"



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

In the past I have written on the topic of hand picked people for positions within the tribe. It has happened under the past administration, and continues to occur under the new administration.

As you read this report a "new" job has just been posted. The talk around the tribe, as well as the talk amongst administrators and employees seems to all center on the belief that this posi-

tion has been pre-determined. Now this person may be qualified, and may also be capable of doing a good job. However, there are also other tribe members out there that may be just as capable but will not have an opportunity because of the sins of the past that continue to repeat themselves.

Welcome to the position A. B-M! Now let's see if those initials ring true and the position is indeed hand-picked.

In other news, the chairman now wants all board members to get pre-approval to visit our most expensive business venture, Greektown Casino. We used to meet once per month on-site in Detroit. The chairman doesn't want us down there to know what is occurring. He feels that this is his job. I have news for him; it is also the job of the board of directors as a management board.

Bringing key personnel up here to report to us is not an effective use of their time. These are very high paid individuals that have a job to do. We need to let them remain effective by doing that

job. We have a fiscal responsibility to meet with Greektown personnel in their respective work environment.

My final topic of discussion has to deal with a highly paid legal consultant. This individual might have made a major typo in one of our recent ordinance changes. If this high paid lawyer makes this type of mistake, what other types of mistakes can we possibly allow this individual to make? We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on this individual that have yielded heartache, contempt, and disappointment within many of our membership. The return on this investment was surely one of diminishing returns.

I now leave you on a more positive note. Summer is just around the corner. Its time to get out of the house and get to the yard work and projects that we have all been aching to do. Get out and enjoy the weather, spend time with your families, and most importantly - enjoy yourselves. Sincerely, Dennis McKelvie (906) 632-7267.

## Membership Q & A

**Q:** I am a tribe member who lives in Alpena County and I am wondering if I have to live in the seven county service area to apply for a subsistence netting permit?

**A:** There is no residency requirement for this permit. Any member of the Sault Tribe is eligible to apply but there are rules and regulations that must be followed and the permit can only be used in the area of the Great Lakes that was ceded in the Treaty of 1836. Tribal Code Chapter 20 explains how the permits may be used and all questions regarding the permits should be directed to the Law Enforcement/Conservation

Department at 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783. Phone number: (906) 635-6065.

**Q:** I am thinking about attending college this fall and I would like to apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. I know that in order to be eligible you must be at least ¼ blood quantum but I am not sure what mine is. Who do I contact to find this out?

**A:** Members can contact the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department to receive a verification of their blood quantum. The office is located at 2428 Shunk Road, P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783. The toll-free number is (800) 251-6597.

## Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

*Marquette and Alger Counties*  
6:30 to 11 p.m., Channel 8, Fridays  
*Sault Ste. Marie*

3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mondays and Thursdays  
*St. Ignace*

9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays  
*Escanaba and Manistique*

3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8, Wednesdays

# Be an informed voter



**Cathy Abramson**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Good luck to all the candidates who are running in our 2006 tribal election. I am happy to see that there are a group of good candidates who are willing to serve their people as a board member. Unfortunately, all kinds of tactics are used during election campaign season and it's very important that you know who your candidates are. Call your family members or your friends from the area. Do your research and make an informed decision. I hope that you take time to vote. Your vote can and will make a difference.

There are some concerns with the changes to the election code at this time. The board and the election committee will work towards resolving them once the

election has passed. Normally, the election committee has a break between election cycles. However, because of code revisions, they have been working steadily. Please support your election committee members as they will continue to put in many hours of their own time over the next couple of months.

In the end, it is the membership's decision who will be our elected officials and it will be the responsibility of all the board members to respect that decision and work together for the best interests of the entire tribe.

I hold office hours every Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at our Tribal Administrative Building located on Ashmun Street in the Sault. My office is located on 2nd floor. I have designated every Monday to be available to meet with tribal members. Our tribal government is based on your input. We are trying to meet your needs. Please come in to talk about what's working, what's not working and together we can help build a better tribe. You may reach me at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0669. My home phone number is (906) 635-3054, my cell phone number is (906) 440-7613 and my e-mail address is; abrams410@charter.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Legislation fails to recognize sovereignty



**Joe Eitrem**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Effective May 1, 2006, our tribe will be utilizing the services of Mutual of Omaha for disabilities and life insurance coverage. This will mean substantial savings for our employees and also for the Tribe itself. The total combined savings for the 36 month term of the contract amounts to \$1,063,029.32. The tribe will save \$50,705.40 per year. We currently have 1,381 employees enrolled in this insurance coverage. Many employees will have a decrease in monthly premiums of \$8 per month, depending on where they work and if they are exempt or non-exempt employees.

There currently is an initiative

in Lansing that, if passed, could stop universities from administering so called race based financial aid. If prohibition exists for universities to not administer race based financial aid, they will not administer the waiver. The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is currently embedded in the universities base budgets, such that we cannot even make the argument that the universities should administer it anyway. They simply will not be able to do this.

The Sault Tribe benefits from the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver at an amount that is much greater than the amount we pay our students out of our Higher Education Self sufficiency Program and our Higher Education Tribal Grant Program combined such that we have a great deal at stake regarding this initiative. We are currently asking all board members for their consent for a \$50,000 contribution out of Greentown to oppose this initiative.

In Washington, Congressman Pombo introduced Bill #HR483. This legislation is designed to amend Sec. 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and to restrict off reservation gaming. The legislation fails to recognize the sovereignty rights of Tribes and significantly restricts opportunities for the expansion of off-

reservation gaming operations. Furthermore, with the passage of HR.4893, the meaning of tribal sovereignty would change. By providing local and county governments the right to effectively 'veto' tribal economic development decisions. Tribal governments would be reduced to having less governing authority than local and county governments.

When the U.S. Constitution was written, it was recognized that tribal nations would be subservient to the federal government. It did not say we should be subservient to state and local governments. Our Tribe is currently making funds available to fight this legislation. We are urging all tribes in Michigan to come together to defeat this legislation.

As you all know the election process has begun and is in full force for the up coming election this summer. I would like the membership to take the time to study each candidate and make an informed decision on who they will vote for. It is very important that we select a candidate that has the interest of the Tribe foremost in his or her thoughts.

Thank You, Joe V. Eitrem, Unit I Board of Director (906) 632-8567, josepheitrem@yahoo.com.

## Board of directors open hours

Tribes members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on the following dates:

May 2-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

May 16-Manistique Health Center.

June 6-Escanaba, Bay de Noc College (Herman Center).

June 20-Marquette to be determined.

Aug. 1-Munising American Legion.

Aug. 15-Newberry Comfort Inn.

Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center.

Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.

Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear.

Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.

Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

## LSSU Student of the Year



Megan Smith, second from left, was awarded the Outstanding Native American Graduating Student award at LSSU. Megan is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in human services and plans on pursuing a masters degree in social work. Presenting her with the award at the graduation feast at the LSSU Native American center are, left, Stephanie Sabatine, director of the center, and Angela Ellis, right, last years recipient of the award. Joe Lucier also received a plaque for being nominated in this year.

## You are invited to attend a blessing of the grounds for the Munising Community Center

A ceremony is planned for Monday, May 8, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the Munising project site. A light luncheon will be served at the American Legion Building across from the project site.

Due to the demolition work being performed in this building, no tour of the project will be provided at this ceremony. Future tours will be scheduled as construction allows.

## Tune in to the Sault Tribe This Week

The Saturday Morning Show with George Snider from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews and music and other great features.

Listen for Sault Tribe This Week with Tom Ewing scheduled on Tuesdays on AM 1230 WSOO at 9:35 a.m., WNBV-FM 12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. in Newberry and WIDG-AM 9:04 a.m. in St. Ignace. Wednesdays WNBV-FM 12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. and Thursdays on WSUE-FM (Rock 101) at 10:25 a.m and 4:25 p.m.



Honoring Our Past...Preparing for our Future

# Karl Weber

## Unit 5 – Tribal Board of Directors

*Never in our history has it been more important that we have leaders who have a vision for our Tribe's future and are prepared to lead. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to represent you. – Karl Weber*

### Qualifications

#### EDUCATION

University of Michigan, B.A. 1986  
(English and Political Science)  
University of Michigan, Juris Doctorate, 1990

#### EXPERIENCED

**Chief Appellate Judge, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (2005 – present)**  
I will resign from bench if elected.

Law Partner, Plunkett & Cooney, P.C.  
(1996 – present)

Board of Trustees, Northern Michigan University  
Chairman of Board (2005 – present)  
Vice Chair (2003 – 04)

Special Assistant, Attorney General,  
State of Michigan, (2005)

St. Peter's Cathedral, Finance Committee  
(2004 – present)

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

(Past and Present)

**Marquette-Alger Youth Foundation,**  
Board of Directors

**Marquette Community Foundation,**  
Board of Directors, Treasurer

**Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce,**  
Board of Directors

**St. Peter's Cathedral,** Member

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Karl Weber endorses and paid for this ad.

### Cornerstones of My Campaign:

#### EXPANSION OF ELDER BENEFITS

We need to further recognize and assist our elders in Unit 5. I support an increase in the elder dividend payments and the expansion of Elder services and programs.

#### EDUCATION

I support increased funding to expand our higher education assistance programs and scholarships so we can ensure that today's youth become tomorrow's leaders.

#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

I fully support the balanced budget initiative for the long-term viability of our Tribe.

#### ECONOMIC EXPANSION

I support the continued, but prudent expansion of gaming opportunities and, in addition, a greater emphasis on the expansion of non-gaming ventures. I also support an expansion of benefits to members of Unit 5 who live outside of our unit.

## Additional lake trout released in Grand Traverse Bay

IRON RIVER, Mich. — Due to space limitations, the Iron River National Fish Hatchery (NFH) stocked additional lake trout in Grand Traverse Bay last fall. About 140,000 Green Lake lake trout strain were released at the Maritime Academy site in November.

Prior to the release, the USFWS worked with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to evaluate the impacts of additional lake trout being stocked. The answer was even with so many unexpected fish, the USFWS was still well below levels stipulated in the 2000 Consent Decree.

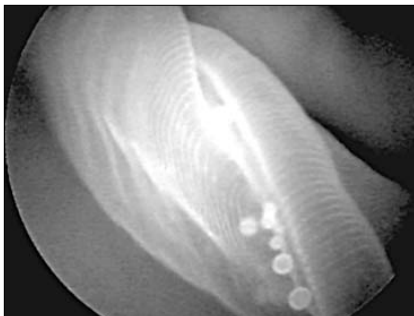
"The fish were welcome," said GTB Fishery Biologist Erik Olsen. "The additional lake trout help bring us closer to targeted stocking levels."

Iron River personnel were assisted by Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery staff to haul the lake trout, totalling 3,150 pounds, down Grand Traverse Bay.

According to an USFWS newsletter article by Kurt Schelling, Iron River NFH, the "extra fish support the U.S. v. Michigan 2000 Consent Decree and add to the Fish and Wildlife Service's rehabilitation efforts in Lake Michigan."

The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is May 15.

## Good News for Great Lakes: BioBullets target zebra mussels



BioBullets being transported along the gill of a live zebra mussel. The mussel has been fooled into treating the bullets as food, and will ingest their toxic payload. Photo by David Aldridge, University of Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, England — Zoology and chemical engineering have united to fight the invasion of the zebra mussels. Cambridge scientists from the Departments of Zoology and Chemical Engineering are testing what they call "BioBullets" — microscopic particles that zebra mussels will ingest. Instead of food, the microencapsulates contain chemicals toxic to zebra mussels without killing other

organisms.

The zebra mussel invaded the Great Lakes via ballast water of ocean-going vessels in the 1980s. The invaders have overrun native mussels and out-competed native species — including whitefish — for food, and spread wildly with high reproductive rates and no real natural enemies.

Zebra mussels cost U.S. industry billions annually. At such cost to the economy and environment, the fight has been on for some time. While numerous treatments — physical, chemical and biological — have been proposed and even tested, no viable solution has been found.

The zebra mussel can sense toxic substances and close its valves to the outside world for weeks at a time. Chemical treatments are therefore unfeasible.

Researcher David Aldridge and his team realized they needed to devise a technique to get a toxic compound past the mussels' defenses. The researchers packed potassium chloride, which is deadly to zebra mussels but doesn't affect most other organisms, into microscopic particles made of fats. The mussels transfer the particles, or "BioBullets," along their gills and into their mouths. The particles rapidly dissolve in the mussels' stomachs, releasing a lethal dose of potassium chloride. The microencapsulates dissolve, degrading and dispersing rapidly, the scientists reported.

Testing showed some of the bullets had been ingested, and more adhered to the food groove while others seemed to be rejected. There was a 60 percent mortality rate with

one 12-hour release of the bullets. Researchers found results within their expectations.

"A proportion of zebra mussels will not be feeding at a given time, and so may avoid exposure during a one-off dosing period," they reported. "We may therefore predict that a second dosing of BioBullets would result in a greater overall mortality (e.g., 84 percent compared with 60 percent overall.)"

Results showed that the capsules could be further adjusted to the zebra mussels' preference.

Potassium chloride is particularly toxic to zebra mussels. Testing showed that the BioBullets used in the testing had no effect on one sensitive species of native mussels, *Anadonta anatina*. Other testing cited in the study showed no mortality of mosquitofish, snails, rainbow trout, channel catfish, and two other native mussels, at the level needed to kill zebra mussels.

BioBullets could also be loaded with other cargo to control other pests or to feed useful species.

(Sources: "Sugar-coated pill" helps the medicine go down," University of Cambridge Office of Communications. Environmental Science and Technology, 2006, V40 Issue3, pp 975-979; "Microencapsulates BioBullets for the Control of Biofouling Zebra Mussels," David C. Aldridge, Paul Elliott (Department of Zoology), Geoff D. Moggridge (Department of Chemical Engineering, Cambridge University).





## ELECT

**Ilene (LaVake) Moses**  
Unit 3 - Board of Directors



## EXPERIENCE

- \*\* Life long residence of St. Ignace
- \*\* 8 years. Teacher Aid (CAA) Head Start Program
- \*\* 17 + years. State of Michigan (retired) Indian Outreach Worker (IOW)
- \*\* 4 years. Former Sault Tribe Unit 3 Board of Directors Representative (1998-2002)
- \*\* 4+years. Sault Tribe Contract Health Coordinator
- \*\* 3 years. Sault Tribe Elder Health Coordinator
- \*\* Past Chairman of Title IV Indian Ed Program St. Ignace Schools (1975-1978)
- \*\* Member of Title IX Indian Ed Program Parent Committee/St. Ignace Schools
- \*\* Member of Unit 3 Elder Subcommittee
- \*\* Alternate of Elderly Advisory Committee/Unit 3 St. Ignace
- \*\* Member Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee
- \*\* Member Sault Tribe Health Board
- \*\* Sault Tribe Delegate of Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA)
- \*\* Member of the Jewel of Mackinac Golf Tournament
- \*\* Member of the Moses Dialysis Board / Mackinac Straits Hospital

## COMMITMENT

- \*\* I will work hard to serve the Tribal Members and Members of Unit 3 to the best of my abilities.
- \*\* To voice your issues and concerns.
- \*\* I will not make promises that cannot be kept.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect  
Ilene (LaVake) Moses

# Social Security answers your questions online

**By EDWIN DWYER**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**MANAGER ESCANABA MICHIGAN**

Many Americans have questions about the Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs, such as how to apply for benefits or what are their rights and responsibilities under these programs. That is why one of the most popular services on our website is the Social Security directory of frequently asked questions and answers at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

Need to know how to replace a lost Social Security card? Should you be paying taxes on your Social Security benefits? What about hiring a household

worker, such as a housekeeper or baby sitter? Do you need to pay taxes on their wages? How can you contact Social Security when you are outside the United States?

Whatever your Social Security question, you can find clear, easy-to-understand answers on Social Security's website. In fact, 630 questions and answers are listed in the directory - all categorized and easy to find. And if there is a question and answer on a topic that is of particular interest or importance to you, you can request that Social Security notify you by email if the answer is updated.

Visit us online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## Do you qualify for extra help?

**By EDWIN DWYER**  
**SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT**  
**MANAGER ESCANABA MICHIGAN**

By now, nearly all Americans who may be eligible for the new Medicare Prescription Drug program probably know at least something about this historic, cost-saving program. But have you also heard about the extra help that could bring you big savings on your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments? That extra help could be worth an average of \$2,100 per year for those who qualify.

You could qualify for the extra help if you have limited income (below \$14,700 for an individual or \$19,800 for a married couple) and resources (below \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 for a married couple).

To learn more or to apply now, visit Social Security online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp) or call Social Security toll-free at (800) 772-1213 (TTY (800) 325-0778).

After you apply, Social Security will review your application and let you know if you qualify for the extra help.

If you have been putting off making a decision about applying for the prescription drug program, I would encourage you to act as soon as possible because the deadline for initial enrollment in the Medicare Prescription Drug program ends on May 15, 2006.

To take advantage of these opportunities to enroll in the Medicare Prescription Drug program and, if you qualify, the extra help that may save you additional money, you should act now.

# 13th Annual Anishinaabe language and culture camp

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Welcomes you to the 13th annual Anishinaabe family language and culture camp - celebrating the unity of what our language and culture bring us.

Bring your nation's flag and gift for giveaway.  
No registration fee, meals are provided.

Aniish piish Wenesh pii Manistee, Mich., July 28, 29, 30.

Presentations and workshops are for all ages and both Anishinaabemowin and English will be used. First come, first serve for the camping area. This gathering will take place at the powwow grounds in Manistee located at the corner of M-22 and US-31S across from the Casino. There are showers on site. If you wish to book a room you have to do it early. This is the 13th year anniversary of this gathering and we would like everyone to bring their flags from each community and we would like to display the flags on the camp grounds the whole weekend to show unity and support for the language and culture. Also we encourage each family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation

For more information please call Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant at (231) 933-4406 or (231) 690-3508.

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# ITFAP Walleye stocking a continued success

**By JENNIFER DALE**

Almost 300,000 walleye were stocked in the upper Great Lakes by the Inter Tribal Fishery and Assessment Program (ITFAP) in 2005. Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior all received either 2-inch spring fingerlings, 7-9 inch fall fingerlings or a combination.

Within Grand Traverse Bay, ITFAP stocks both Northport Bay and Suttons Bay each spring. Beginning in 1998, ITFAP began stocking 80,000 spring fingerlings into Grand Traverse Bay.

Following years of intense independent and commercial studies by the GTB Natural Resources Department, GTB has initiated a more aggressive stocking program, as allowed for under the 2000 Consent Decree. The band's new stocking plan, crafted by GTB Fisheries Biologist Erik Olsen, calls for a target range of 80,000 to 160,000 spring fingerlings to be stocked annually into Grand Traverse Bay, Northport Bay and Suttons Bay will continue as the fingerlings' new homes. In 2005, the Grand Traverse Bay was right on target, with just shy of 120,000 fingerlings being stocked.



Above, walleye fingerlings swim to their new home in Grand Traverse Bay. As of last spring, the annual stocking of spring walleye fingerlings rose from 80,000 to 120,000. A multi-year study shows more than adequate forage and habitat for the fingerlings, hopefully leading to more than adequate harvest for commercial and sport fishers.

**Photo Courtesy GTB**

Walleye stocking in Grand Traverse Bay has been a success, creating new opportunities for commercial and recreational fishers alike. Prior to the stocking program, walleye catch in the Bay was rare at best. From 1998 to 2003, 46,000 pounds of walleye have been harvested by tribal

commercial fishers, while state recreational harvest has added up to 1,883 pounds, as reported to the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources (MDNR). Recreational fishers reported investing zero hours angling for walleye before 1998, to an average of 210 hours per season since stocking began.

The fish community has not been adversely affected by the program, according to extensive monitoring by GTB. A 4-year diet study indicated that smelt and alewife are the predominate forage for walleye, with no salmonids present throughout the study. However, monitoring will continue in order to ensure walleye stocking does not negatively impact the state and federal stocked salmonids.

According to Olsen's report, predation is not much of a consideration since the walleye prefer a different habitat than lake trout. Walleye are a cool water fish rather than a cold-water fish like lake trout, so the two species don't commonly mix. However, the fish community may experience the added benefit of walleye predation on round gobies as the goby population in Grand Traverse Bay expands.

Monitoring activities showed that there appears to be plenty of forage for the walleye and the fish are flourishing beyond even expected growth rates. Before upping stocking numbers in Grand Traverse Bay, GTB made sure there was enough habitat to

continue the walleye's success.

According to Olsen, good walleye habitat is shallow water bodies with plenty of sunny near shore area with an abundance of islands and shoals. With 1,920 acres and 640 acres respectively in Northport Bay and Suttons Bay, increased stocking rates would yield a maximum of only 62.5 fish per acre, which is in the mid-range of the recommended Michigan DNR rate of 25-100 fish per acre. Continued monitoring will ensure that stocking rates can be adjusted as needed.

Loss of walleye stock in a 1999 flood and below target stocking numbers for the next two years caused some very real disappointment in the Bay. Over the past eight years, walleye have become an important species in Grand Traverse Bay, providing increased fishing opportunities for anglers and tribal commercial fishers alike.

Sport fishers can enjoy the fine sport and taste of a species that has not been readily available in the Bay, while commercial fishers have developed a valuable niche market for the delicious walleye.



RE-ELECT

## Rob Lambert

### Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit Three (3)

**"I will continue to act in the best interest of All members"**

I am looking for your continued support in the upcoming Tribal election. I have served our members in an honest and ethical manner these past four years and it is my promise to you that I will continue to do so in the future. We have come a long way in four short years because of independent thinkers like me being able to think outside the box and create a system that better serves all of us.

#### Full time board member

It has become very apparent that our Tribal membership feels that their representatives should give their undivided attention to the governance of our Tribe. Therefore once I am re-elected to represent you on the Board of Directors I am going to resign from my employment with the State of Michigan and only work for you. I will hold no other full time or part time job anywhere while I represent you as a board member.

#### Elders

I will continue to work hard for our Tribal elders. Since I have been on the board we have added ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the land claims fund. We have also added money to the unit three elder recreation funds and provided additional money so our elders on Mackinac Island can have a year round lunch program.

#### Members at large

Our Tribe has been operating under its current Constitution and Bylaws for over thirty (30) years and it is time that we address the issue of giving our members at large representation on a board level. If each of us took a step back and looked at this issue with an open mind we would see that a majority of our membership are completely locked out of the process because of where they choose to live. This is a very positive thing for both the members in the units and our members at large. At each election, those members from within the units would choose their representative and the members at large would choose theirs. If we want a true level playing field we need to do the things that create one. We can do this and we will all be better off because of it.

#### Accomplishments

Since I have been on the board we entered into a tax agreement with the State of Michigan to allow eligible members a refund of all State income tax paid each year. When we renewed the tax agreement in 2005 I proposed that we add Mackinac Island to the agreement area. We are still negotiating with the State to make it a reality. Mackinac Straits Hospital is building a new state of the art facility on property that our Tribe donated to them. This agreement is allowing us to move our Lambert Health Center into this state of the art facility to better serve our members and community. We are building a new casino in St. Ignace and should be opening in mid-June of 2006. This means additional jobs and opportunities for advancement for Tribal members. I initiated and acquired added funding for our Tribal youth activities and a cultural teaching program each summer. This will be the third consecutive year for this program. This year we added additional funding for our youth in Cheboygan to attend this training.

#### Membership accessibility

We now hold our July board meetings on Mackinac Island. All board meetings are aired on local cable and monthly unit meetings are held to address the concerns of Tribal members in a face to face relaxed setting. Each of these accomplishments made for a more informed Tribal member and they are in place because I assisted in making it happen. I also have a personal toll free number for members to contact me.

I am the son of Willard (Chief) J. Lambert Jr. and Elaine (Lozon) Mann. My six siblings are Ron, Mike, Tom, Tim, Lynn and Larry. My maternal Grandparents are Edward Lozon and Nellie (Reno) Lozon. My paternal Grandparents are Willard J. Lambert Sr. and Helen (Kosequot) Lambert. I have been married to Colleen (Rushlow) Lambert for 22 wonderful years. My children are Rob Jr. and Amy.



**Robert J. Lambert**

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## Rob Lambert's responses to the Chairpersons candidate survey

Our Tribal Chairperson sent the questions below to each candidate and asked that we respond. I have chosen to list each of his questions below. Questions 6, 8, 9, and 10 deal with eliminating the competition by taking away selected members constitutional right to run for elective office. Why would our Chairperson or any leader of our Tribe want to violate the very document they pledge to uphold?

Q- If elected, would you vote to continue the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004?

A- Yes, I voted to go after the money. I would also not vote to make a deal with any of the people that received the money.

Q- Would you/did you vote to suspend Paul Shagen from the Tribal Board during the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million?

A- No, my fear is that if the board uses it's power to remove Paul Shagen it could and would use it's power to remove anyone that does not agree with who is in control.

Q- Would you/did you vote to expand services to members who live outside of the Tribe's seven county service area?

A- Yes, every member of our Tribe should be considered an equal and that includes all services. The problem is that we cannot afford to expand services when we are cutting budgets. When we can afford it then yes we need to push services to everyone.

Q- Do you support the establishment of a Tribal election unit 6 (at large) with their own elected board member to represent Tribal Members who live outside of the seven county service area?

A- Yes, I always have supported the idea of giving our members at large two members to serve on the board of directors. It has been a goal of mine since 1993.

Q- Given he paid seven individuals \$2.66 million when he lost his election in 2004, should Bernard Bouschor be allowed to serve on the Tribe's Constitutional Convention Committee?

A- Yes, the board agreed that the members who attended the January 14, 2006 meeting would choose people to serve on the committee. That is my position as a board member. Personally, I feel that Bernard Bouschor should play no role in the future of our Tribe.

Q- Did you/would you have voted to hold a referendum vote to let the Members decide if Bernard Bouschor or Paul Shagen should be allowed to run for the Tribal Board while the Tribe is suing them to recover the \$2.66 million they took on election night in 2004?

A- No, it is a violation of our Tribe's Constitution to restrict a members right to run for elective office. I do not like Bernard and Paul and I do not support them in any way but I will not vote to violate their rights as members even if they would vote to violate mine.

Q- Did you/would you have voted to grant the Chairperson a total compensation package worth over \$700,000?

A- No, I do not think that our chairperson should be the CEO of Greentown or the chairman of the Greentown management board. We have got to get away from the one horse show. This puts too much power in the hands of one person and we all know that power corrupts people.

Q- Do you support a Bureau of Indian Affairs employee (with all of the inherent conflicts of interest) having eligibility to serve on the Tribal Board while employed by BIA?

A- Yes, there is no restriction against BIA employees from running for or sitting on the board of directors in our election ordinance. To vote no on this issue is to vote to eliminate the competition and to violate the rights of one of our member's

Q- Should a candidate who has demonstrated personal financial insolvency (loan foreclosure) be elected to make multi-million decisions?

A- Yes, this person should be allowed to run. Are we going to disqualify every member that has made any mistake in his or her life? This is one question that really bothers me. I will not vote to violate a member's right to run for elective office. We should vote to uphold the rights of our members, not eliminate them.

Q- Have you/ would you have voted to lower the blood quantum as an eligibility criteria to run for the Tribal Board of Directors?

A- Yes, I am the board member that championed the abolishment of this unconstitutional restriction on our membership. This rule was in place for twenty years and it stopped over 75% of all members from running for elective office.

Q- Would you support a nationalized tribal health insurance plan (on a sliding fee scale) to include a mail order prescription plan?

A- Yes, I would need to see the specifics on this agenda item but I always support every members equal rights.

Q- Have you/ would you cooperate with the Tribal Chairperson to lead the Tribe in a positive direction that benefits members?

A- Yes, any time that a board member or the chairperson has proposed an issue that benefits our members I have been behind it 100%. On the other hand, when a board member or the chairperson brings forth an issue that violates any one of our member's rights I will not vote for it.

# Re-Elect Robert (Bob) LaPoint

Unit Two Board of Directors



(906)-493-5311

## Full Time Board Member Working For You



**Effective Leadership  
Experienced Business Man  
Elder Statesman**

### HESSEL CASINO EXPANSION PLAN

The Hessel casino is a perfect location for a resort style casino. I will start the business process to make this happen. Now that St. Ignace is almost completed this makes perfect sense. It could be a unique resort and part of the Great Waters environmental tourism plan. Snowmobilers, hunters, kayakers, the list is endless. If done properly we could attract more buses.

### NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN

One way to save money on our prescription drugs for the elders is to use the list of 120 drugs already approved in the State of Wisconsin, then order them in Canada just the way Wisconsin does. If the board recommends this, IHS should do it. We could start with doing it for all the elders nation wide and then continue to add all the members. The cost savings would benefit the whole Tribe.

### \$100,000 DOLLAR ENERGY SAVINGS PLAN

I recently suggested that we convert our heating system at the Big Bear arena to a "state of the art" wood burning system that burns sawdust or wood chips. Not only does this potentially save us \$100,000 per year. This savings might be added to the Elders Fund. We have to start somewhere.

### JOBS IN BORDER SECURITY

We are one of a handful of border Tribes that has an opportunity to become a part of the Homeland Security program. I was at the conference representing our Tribe. This could mean good jobs for our members protecting our borders on Drummond, in Raber, right on up to Sugar Island. Since I wrote about this in my recent Unit report over 30 illegal immigrants from Pakistan have been arrested trying to cross the Canadian border.

### EDUCATION FOR MORE MEMBERS

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver needs to be addressed. The 1/4 blood quantum is wrong. We should not be forced by the State of Michigan to discriminate against our own members. We need to start a process to remove the blood quantum so our children will not be left behind. This is not my idea but its a good one and I support any effort that moves us forward.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IS A PRIORITY

Right now the members have very little say on budget matters. Our gaming revenue is not looked at as membership revenue but that's what it is. I believe that by telling you the financial truth you will understand why I vote against some spending the way I do. We need economic policies to pay down our debt. I have been making suggestions to make things better. We have financial limitations and members need to know this. All we have for Sovereignty is our economic freedom, if we lose that we lose everything. My commitment to Financial Accountability is my pledge to you. I will be the budget oversight.

Robert LaPoint Endorses this adv

# Re-Elect Robert (Bob) LaPoint

## PCB levels decline at U.P.'s Manistique Harbor

CHICAGO — Post-cleanup studies of Michigan's Manistique Harbor and River show declining levels of PCB contamination, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency studies.

EPA oversaw a \$48 million Superfund cleanup, which involved dredging and removal of 190,000 cubic yards of sediment from the harbor bottom. The sediment was contaminated by PCB discharges from industrial facilities from the 1950s through the 1980s. Dredging was completed in 2000.

EPA completed a study of sediment, surface water and fish in late 2004, with comprehensive data analysis performed during 2005. A second, smaller-scale sampling effort was performed in 2005, with the data analysis completed recently. Results from the two studies

show encouraging trends for ecological recovery of the harbor. At the completion of dredging in 2000, the average PCB level in shallow sediment was 7.7 parts per million, or ppm. In contrast, the 2004 sampling showed the average PCB level had dropped below 1 ppm. EPA's pre-dredging cleanup goal was 10 ppm.

While the data results are positive, more research is needed to confirm the long-term recovery of the harbor. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality fish consumption advisories remain in effect for Manistique Harbor.

Because harbor and river conditions can change over time due to water currents, erosion and development, small-scale sampling was also conducted during August and September 2005. The results of the 2005 sampling

in the harbor "hot spots" found that PCB levels remained very close to the levels found in the 2004 sampling in those areas. Additional small-scale sampling is scheduled for 2006 and 2007. Another comprehensive analysis of site conditions is slated for 2008.

A fact sheet about the studies is at [www.epa.gov/region5](http://www.epa.gov/region5). Site documents are on file at the Manistique Public Library, 100 N. Cedar, Room 31, and the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 300 Walnut. Questions or requests for an EPA update meeting may be directed to community involvement coordinator Cheryl Allen, (312) 621-8431, Ext. 36196, or [allen.cheryl@epa.gov](mailto:allen.cheryl@epa.gov).

In addition to the post-dredging monitoring, the Manistique River and Harbor is designated

as a Great Lakes Area of Concern. EPA, MDEQ and a local public advisory committee are currently engaged in documenting the ecological recovery of Manistique and working toward the goal of delisting it as an Area of Concern.

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are a group of toxic chemicals that were widely used as coolants, insulators and lubricants. PCBs are of concern because they concentrate in the food chain resulting in health hazards to humans, fish and wildlife. Congress banned the manufacture of new PCBs in 1976 and PCBs still in use are strictly regulated.

## Commission hosts Lansing hearing on allegations of voter fraud

LANSING, Mich. — On Monday, May 8, 2006, beginning at 6 p.m., the Michigan Civil Rights Commission will host a special public hearing in Lansing on allegations of voter fraud by a group working to place a proposal on the November 2006 ballot that would make affirmative action style programs unconstitutional in the state.

If the measure makes it to the ballot and is passed, it could translate into the death of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

The hearing is designed as an opportunity for the Commission to hear testimony from people who believe they were defrauded into signing petitions, as well as people who collected signatures, and interested parties from both sides of the issue. Any person who believes they misled others, or were misled, into signing a petition to eliminate affirmative action style programs is encouraged to attend this hearing and provide testimony to the Commission.

The hearing will be held at Gier Park Community Center, located at 2400 Hall Street, Lansing, MI 48906. For more information on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission call (800)482-3604 or visit [www.michigan.gov/mdcr](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr).

## Weather spotter and safety program offered

The National Weather Service in cooperation with the Chippewa County Office of Emergency Management presents a weather spotter and safety program May 16, at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at Chippewa County Central Dispatch, 4657 W. Industrial Park Drive in Kincheloe, Mich.

A meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Gaylord will be in town to discuss Michigan weather and weather safety.

This program is intended for anyone interested in weather, weather safety, cloud features, thunderstorms and tornadoes. The presentation will last about two hours and consist of power point slides and videos. This workshop is free to the public and is intended for persons of all ages.

If you have questions, call the National Weather Service at (989) 731-3384 or visit their Web site at [www.crh.noaa.gov/apx/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/apx/).

*Let your voice be heard.  
Remember to vote in both the primary and the general elections.*

# Provider appreciation day celebrated

Provider appreciation day is May 10.

Child care is the heart of today's working families. Parents must rely on caregivers to provide a safe nurturing environment while they are out in the work force making a living for their family. Not too many years ago it was tradition to have one parent stay at home with their children to provide the care they want their children to receive. Today it is almost unheard of that a parent is able to afford to stay home to care for their child. As the cost of living rises, social service programs are cut back even further and the number of single parent households increases, we rely more and more on our children's alternate caregiver to shape our children into the people of our future. It is a proven fact that the majority of today's children spend more awake time with their child care provider than any other person in their lives.

There is a growing need for

convenient, affordable and quality child care. Yet child care providers are one of the lowest paid professions and highest burn out rate professions. It seems odd to think that a provider that we entrust our child with is given such low pay with little or no fringe or health benefits.

It's true that some care givers are able to make a decent living providing care in their own home or in a child center setting. However to accomplish this goal providers must commit themselves to long hours of operation to meet the needs of a wide range of work schedules. In a center setting the business owner is expected to work directly with the children to ensure overhead costs are kept to a minimum. This leaves after business hours to complete paperwork and so forth to keep the center operating. So when you see your center director in with the children give him/her a pat on the shoulder. It is for certain she will appreciate that you acknowl-

edge her dedication.

Letting your child care provider know they are appreciated is sometimes just as important to them as the bill you pay for their services.

John Engler initiated the importance of appreciating our Michigan child care providers last year when he signed a proclamation to observe all child care providers on May 10. This is your time as a parent to show that your provider means a lot!

Some ideas for parents are:  
Get together with our parents to create a surprise.

Bring breakfast or lunch for your provider and for the kids.

Work with your child to create a special remembrance.

Buy something for your provider's play area.

Key in your provider's hobby and buy her an appropriate gift.

Give your provider a gift certificate or a bonus.

## Health Committee members

The Health Committee reviews the activities of the health programs of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and participates in the strategic planning for the health needs of the Tribal membership. Listed below are Health Committee members as of Dec. 12, 2001.

### Kenneth Ermatinger, chairman

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(906) 635-7018 or ext. 57018  
Cell (906) 235-0885 (Unit II)  
gemken@saulttribe.net, two year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2006.

### Theresa Lapoint, co-chairman

1660 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (Unit I),  
cell (906) 440-5040, four year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2008.

### Teresa Bodine

2237 West 4th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. (906) 632-7077 or (906) 495-5112, cell (906) 322-0341.  
superior@lighthouse.com, four year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2008, (Unit IV).

## Secretary of State call on residents to be the 'eyes and ears' of Michigan's waters

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that boaters and others can take a stand in protecting Michigan waterways by reporting suspicious activity as part of the America's Waterway Watch campaign. Complete information is included with the 250,000 watercraft registration renewal notice mailed at the start of March.

The America's Waterway Watch campaign encourages residents to become the "eyes and ears" of the country by watching over coasts, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships and other water-related resources. Land, Capt. Patrick Brennan, commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit; Capt. Scott Larochelle, commander, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan; and Capt. Quain Kahler, commander, Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie are championing the cam-

paign to promote greater safety throughout the Great Lakes.

"Area residents are the best sources for identifying suspicious or unusual behavior around their hometown waterways," said Land, who oversees the titling and registration of nearly one million watercraft. "They are familiar with the rhythms of their marine communities and know when something is out of place. By reporting suspect behavior to authorities, everyone can help do their part to protect this wonderful state."

The Coast Guard and U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsor America's Waterway Watch nationwide. In Michigan, cooperative outreach is provided by the Department of State, Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons.

The America's Waterway

Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2006.

### Jeff Holt

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jholt@saulttribe.net, four year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2008.

### Martin, Don

124 East Elk Street  
Manistique, MI 49854 (Unit IV)  
(906) 341-5560, four year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2008.

### Ilene Moses

399 McCann, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (Unit III), (906) 643-9293,  
(906) 643-8139, two year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2006.

### Pearson, Darlene

4784 18th Road, Escanaba, MI 49829 (Unit IV), (906) 789-1280  
Darlene@chartermi.net, four year term from Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2008.

### Pittman, Janice

Secretary  
2864 Ashmun, Medical  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-5283 or ext. 22870.

Watch brochure provides guidelines for identifying suspect or unusual behaviors or activity, along with reporting procedures. Residents are cautioned to not approach or challenge anyone acting suspiciously. They should call the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802 or (877) 24WATCH. For immediate dangers to life or property, calls should be made to 911.

The brochure and other related information is also available in Secretary of State branch offices. Materials are also available at select marinas and boat dealers compliments of the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

For more information about the America's Waterway Watch initiative, visit the Coast Guard Web site at [www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/mp/AWW\\_Website/need.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/mp/AWW_Website/need.htm).

## If you want a voice and not an echo vote!



We need to work together to heal our Tribe.  
We need fresh people on the board to make this happen.

Eight Years On The Board Is Long Enough For Anyone.

Elect

Frances LaPoint-Hank

Unit 2 Board Of Directors

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The next issue of *The Sault Tribe News* will be delayed one week so we can bring you the results of the primary. Deadline for submissions for the next issue is

May 15.

## From the kitchen of Bob Flowers Audeo's banana bread

*Editor's note: In the last edition of The Sault Tribe News on page 34 an incorrect version of this recipe was run. Below is the corrected version. We apologize for any unfortunate incidents in the kitchen this may have caused.*

Over the years, I've made a host of dessert or snacking type quick breads, including apple bread, spice bread, zucchini bread and banana bread. Each of them is similar in construction and texture, with some type of fiber added by the fruit, a sweetener, usually either sugar or honey, and baking powder or baking soda used as the leavening agent. I like them, my family enjoys them, and so it goes.

A couple of years back, I was on a popular cooking forum (that I still enjoy) on the internet, trading advice and recipes with others who are passionate about food. One of the members posted a banana bread recipe that she had been given by a friend. She said that it was the best banana bread recipe she'd ever made, and shared it with the rest of us.

Now if you know me, you know that I am one of those people who just can't leave well enough alone. I modify every recipe in an attempt to make it better, to make it my own. But I have to tell you, I've not changed anything in this recipe. It's simply that good. I don't think I could make it better. I could change the flavor and make something maybe as good, but in this case, I don't even want to try. So without further ver-

biage, here is the best banana bread recipe I've ever used. Oh, and the lady who shared the recipe, her cyber-space name is Audeo.

Coat the inside surface of a bread pan with a thin film of butter. This helps the bread to "climb" the sides of the pan.

Combine the following dry ingredients in a bowl, mix with a wire whisk, and set aside:  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup toasted coarsely chopped walnuts

1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt

In another medium bowl, coarsely smash 4 ripe bananas (I used a potato masher, but you can use a large spoon or spatula. Leave chunks of banana; the batter needs to be chunky)

Mix together in a separate bowl:

2 large eggs, beaten  
6 tablespoons melted butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 cup buttermilk or plain yogurt

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently fold until the flour is thoroughly moistened. Without mashing the bananas more, fold them into the batter.

Pour into the prepared bread pan and spread the mixture evenly across the top.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree (F) oven for 45-50 minutes.

—From the kitchen of Bob Flowers



# Vote your conscience, vote <sup>Nathan</sup> Wright

## Unit I Sault Tribe BOD

*Educated by elders, enlightened by awareness, driven by integrity*

Dear Tribal member,

A common sense approach with experience and creativity to operating our government and enterprises is what I offer with full-time representation.

We as a tribe are progressively evolving. Unity will keep us strong during this evolution. We need to work together on major decisions. Input from members is one of the keys to keeping our tribe on a successful path. I am a communicator and am ready to listen to what you have to say. With your vote, we can bring positive changes to our tribe that will benefit us today and in the future.

## Our Platform

### Government Issues

• **Tribal Operations**

Improve hiring practices, establish employee rights and protection, promote efficient customer service, modernize our technology, monitor employee disciplinary actions, justify - monitor - reduce legal expenses and reduce micromanagement.

• **Board of Directors**

Resign my current job when elected, allow board to determine closed session items on a case by case basis, attend all meetings, open office hours, revisit committees and their roles, return your phone calls, survey the membership on major issues, make BOD minutes available, and utilize the Elder Council in decision making.

• **Tribal Government**

Provide objective communications, promote strategic planning and follow-through with balanced budgets, attend program meetings.

• **City/State/Federal Politics**

Renegotiate tax agreement areas, protect trust lands and treaty rights, Indian gaming - expand casinos per agreement, review tax breaks on gas.

### Economics

• **Kewadin Casinos**

Increase wages for front line workers, groom and promote from within, review television advertising

• **Greektown Casino**

Explain our status to the members, continue expansion per agreement.

• **Diverse Business**

Re-establish and revamp the EDC with professionals to review business plans and explore non-casino opportunities, establish an online store.

### Did you know?

We are currently negotiating our hunting and fishing rights with the state. We need a referendum to agree or disagree with any agreement reached prior to signing any agreement.

Mackinac Bands (50 percent of our tribe) can be voted out by one single resolution of the board. We need to protect them by either including them in the constitution or support their efforts for recognition to secure their continued existence.



### My family

Nathan, Autumn, Elaine, Alex & Alicia

### Membership Services

• **Health Care**

Prescriptions by mail on popular drugs, improve scheduling, improve clinic site coverage.

• **Elders**

Protect Elder Land Claims money, attend Elder meetings, establish Veterans Honor Guard, prevent further eliminations of any current programs or entertainment activities.

• **Education/Youth**

Contract with students - help them pay for college but they must work for the Tribe when they complete school.

• **Housing**

Home improvement loans, home ownership opportunities, establish habitat for humanity for tribal members.

### Social - Community

• **Culture**

Increased educational programs for team members and community.

• **Youth Programs**

Increase programs for different age groups, teach tribal history and culture, prevent any day care reductions.

• **Outlying Areas**

Provide a customized list of resources (hospitals, clinics etc.) available in all tribal membership areas, liaison to conduct annual visits in the 10 most populated areas, establish annual events.

• **Bahweting School**

Resolve employee concerns, continue to keep our tribal students enrolled.

### Would you like:

- Improved communications?
- More cooperation between board members?
- Someone who returns your call, listens, offers solutions and respects you?
- Do you want a full-time board member? If you answered yes to any of the above then please:

vote your conscience,  
vote **Wright**  
(two seats open)

My previous ads in this paper: March 17th - page 14 and April 7th - page 19. Watch for my brochure in your mailbox.

**For additional information or questions please call (906) 632-4320 or visit [www.wright.net](http://www.wright.net)**

This ad is endorsed by Nathan Wright

# Steve Morello

Unit 1 - Tribal Board of Directors

## Courageous Leadership for Change



"Fellow Tribal Members: After a year and a half as your General Counsel, it became clear to me that political involvement is the only true way to reform our Tribal government from the root. I ask you to join with me in dealing with these hard hitting issues because together we can make a difference!" Steve

### HERITAGE

We need a **Cultural Commission** with budget and real power! Who we are as a People is the very reason we exist. "It is time that we do a full fledged teaching of ALL our People on where we came from so together we can decide who we hope to become."

Our **Elders** are dear and special to us. . . just as we, their **children and grandchildren**, are to them! All of the important decisions we make as a Tribe should be made only after asking this question: "How will this action better the lives of our Elders and our Children?" If we understand the importance of the question. . . we'll know the answer!

We should always support the **self determination** of Indian people. For years, the **Mackinac Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians** has sought recognition by the federal government. Our Tribe is officially neutral to this request. "**Instead, we should actively support** recognition and ask our Tribe to do the same!"

### INTEGRITY

Integrity is doing the right thing even if no one is looking. Integrity should be at the heart of our dealings with each other.

We need strong, enforceable **Standards of Conduct** for our Board and an **Ethics Code** for all.

**We must end the practice of *double dipping*. . . NOW!** "If unit voters elect a person to office. . . that is their decision. But who to employ is our decision as a Tribe."

### ENTERPRISE

We must **diversify** and open healthy, strong businesses that are not related to gaming.

**Self determination and justice for all Team Members who work for our Tribe!** This means our team members should determine for themselves if they want to be organized. It also means that we should provide **maximum justice for Team Members in terms of the right to administrative hearing (*free of politics*) and right to sue in Tribal court.**

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# The 2006 Sault Tribe Election Guide



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# Candidate Profiles

- Unit 5 - 1 seat
- Unit 4 - 1 seat
- Unit 3 - 1 seat
- Unit 2 - 1 seat
- Unit 1 - 2 seats



As per the Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance; 10.117 Primary Elections: (1) "In the event that the number of eligible nominated candidates for any office exceeds twice the number of offices to be filled, the Election Committee shall conduct a Primary Election for that office."

Because there are only two candidates for the board of directors seat in Unit 4, there will be no primary election in unit 4 this year. There will be a primary election in Units 1, 2, 3 and 5.

**Editor's note:** In order for fairness of placement in *The Sault Tribe News*, the papers policy is to alternate the running order of campaign ads in subsequent issues, first starting with Units in numerical order, with candidates arranged in alphabetical order and then reversing the order in the next issue. This issue's order is in the reverse format so the profiles (and ads on other pages) are run Unit 5 through Unit 1 in reverse alphabetical order.

Meet the candidates for the Board of Directors who have turned in their nominating petitions and have provided *The Sault Tribe News* with personal profiles.

## Unit 5 (One seat open)

Karl Weber  
Shirley Petosky  
Charles Matson  
Kevin Kolbus  
Joseph Gray

## Unit 3 (One seat open)

Bridget Sorenson  
Patrick Rickley  
Ilene Moses  
Keith Massaway  
Rob Lambert Sr.  
Michael (Chico) Belonga

## Unit 1 (Two seats open)

Nathan Wright  
Lynne Weaver  
Tom Rapson  
Toni Osterhout  
Jason Oberle  
Steven Morello  
Jackie Halfaday Minton  
Dennis McKelvie  
Darwin (Joseph) McCoy  
Donna Marble  
DJ Hoffman  
Charles Forgrave  
Sharon Fegan  
Ken Eagle  
Henry J. Bouley Jr.  
Sheila Berger

## Unit 4 (One seat open)

Ron Powers  
Denise Chase

## Unit 2 (One seat open)

Basel Willis  
Robert LaPoint  
Frances Hank  
Lisa Burnside  
Clifford Bellant

## UNIT 5

Dear Unit 5 Member:

Never in our history has it been more important that we have leaders who have a vision for our Tribe's future and are prepared to lead. If given the opportunity, I feel that I have the skills and qualifications to not only represent our Unit 5 members, but also to bring stability and common sense to our board of directors.

Please let me tell you a little about myself and my family. I grew up in Negaunee and now reside in Marquette with my wife, Peggy, and our three boys, Nick (9), Joseph (7) and John (2). My mother (an elder) and father also live in Marquette. Thanks to the encouragement

and support of my parents, I attended college at the University of Michigan where I received a bachelors degree with a double major in English and political science. I then attended the University of Michigan Law School and obtained my law degree in 1990. Education is important to me and is critical to our Tribe's ability to grow and prosper.

I was unanimously selected by the current board of directors to serve as the chief appellate judge for our Tribal Appellate Court. (This is a position that I will resign from if elected). I am a partner in a major Detroit-based law firm with 8 offices throughout the state of Michigan. I man-

age our Northern Michigan office in Marquette, which covers the entire Upper Peninsula. I also currently serve as the chair of Northern Michigan University's Board of Trustees - this was a gubernatorial appointment.

The cornerstones of my campaign are:

- \* Expansion of Elder Services and Benefits: We need to further recognize and assist our elders in Unit 5. I support an increase in the elder dividend payments and the expansion of elder programs.

- \* Education: I support increased funding to expand our higher education assistance programs and scholarships so we can assure that today's youth

become tomorrow's leaders.

- \* Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Integrity: I fully support the balanced budget initiative for the long-term viability of our Tribe.

- \* Economic Development: I support the continued, but prudent, expansion of gaming opportunities and, in addition, a greater emphasis on the expansion of non-gaming ventures. I also support an expansion of benefits to members of Unit 5 who live outside of our Unit.

I would appreciate your vote and opportunity to represent you.



Karl Weber



Shirley Petosky

I'm Shirley (Paquette) Petosky and I'm running for the position of Unit 5 representative.

Let me give you some background: My parents, Joseph & Arvilla Paquette raised my four siblings and me in Munising.

Married to Paul. We have five wonderful children and four beautiful grandchildren.

My Native heritage comes thru my father Joe. His mother was Mable Carr Paquette. Her mother was Emma Blair Carr. Her mother was Caroline Blair who was the daughter of Chief Nah-ben-ay-ash of the Grand Island Band of Chippewa Indians.

Social activities include: Set up a list of Native American fam-

ilies to began an Indian Education Program.

Served on the Committee to elect the first teacher and community outreach worker for the program.

Helped organize the first two powwows for the school children in the 1970s.

Served on the Parent Committee for several years.

Very active in the P.T.C. holding various offices.

Worked on the committee to establish a new school in Munising.

Taught Sunday School and Junior Church for many years.

Word experience include: Managed a newsstand and appli-

ance store.

Social Director at a nursing home.

Sit with juveniles in their homes and in lock-up, and also transported them to various parts of the state for probate court.

Worked as a part-time matron and cook at the local jail.

Worked midnights as a desk clerk at a Days Inn for over seven years.

My family has been active in tribal concerns for years.

I remember Fred Hatch as a guest in our home when I was a teen. Family members would often gather to discuss issues.

John P. Carr, a first cousin to my father, worked hard to keep

everyone informed.

I now serve as the chairperson of our Munising Area Elders and have done so since we organized. Our group worked hard and fought many battles to get things for our elders that our units have enjoyed for years.

Lincoln School has been our groups biggest challenge. We would not let the issue die. It will open in 2007.

Out of necessity this is a very low budget campaign, so I really need your help, ask people to cast their vote for me.

I won't let you down. Shirley Petosky.

# Candidate Profiles

## Units 5 & 4

### UNIT 5



**Charles Matson**

Aanii. My name is Charles Matson. I humbly ask for your support for the position of board of directors for Unit V. I am the son of Victor Sr. and Lizet Matson. I have three brothers and four sisters. My wife Kathryn and I have been married for 16 years and we have three children, Malorey, 16; Charles, Jr., 12; and Alexis, 7. I was born and raised in Unit V and have been a life long resident of Unit V.

Being a commercial fisherman and private business owner for 20 years taught me the meaning of hard work and the dedication it takes to do a job or project for it

to be successful. I have been employed with the Tribe for the past 20 months, working on the tribal fishery and treaty rights. If elected I would resign from my position and take no other employment whatsoever while I remained a director for Unit V.

The only promises that will be made by me are: I will work to the best of my ability to make sure the needs of our members are met; my attendance at board meetings and workshops will be outstanding to make sure the concerns of members of Unit V are heard by the Tribe's elected officials; last, I will always promote

the preservation and enhancement of our cultural vitality and ability to harvest natural resources from our ancestral lands and waters for these are two keystones of our identity as Anishinaabe people.

There is a strong belief in me that we need to increase our tribal land base, for it is a tribe's territory that forms the geographical limits of a tribe's jurisdiction, supports a resident population, and provides an irreplaceable place for our spiritual gatherings and cultural traditions that are often based upon the sacredness of the land.

The diversification of tribal

business will be one of the major goals and hurdles of the next generation of leaders. With the gaming industry becoming more saturated and competitive, along with the instability of relationships between tribal and non-tribal governments as they push more and more for a larger share of our gaming revenues, we will need to look towards other profitable business ventures so that we can wean ourselves from sole dependence on the green frog skin (money) that gaming has and is providing.

Baamaapii, Charles Matson



**Kevin Kolbus**

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Kevin Kolbus and I am a candidate for the Unit 5 Director. I was born and raised in Munising, Mich. I am a direct descendant of Chief Nah-Ben-Ay-Ash of the Grand Island Bear Clan. I was born February 2, 1965, as a twin to Walter & Katherine Kolbus. I have 1 brother and four sisters. After graduating in Munising I joined the United States Army in 1983 with the 19 D Calvary. My training led me throughout the United States and Germany. In 1987 I was honor-

ably discharged with a Good Conduct Medal, five Army Achievement Awards, one Army Accommodation Medal and Best Calvary Scout Award. My experiences abroad have given me the strength and wisdom to become a successful leader. I have been a successful business owner since 1988. I currently own and operate Kolbus Motors and Kolbus International, working both locally with our community and nationally to help with the hurricane relief. When elected I plan to have quarterly meetings with the members to give you the

opportunity to express your needs. I want to be a voice for you to ensure the continued success of our tribe as a unified community. I will have a staffed office that will answer your phone call 24/7 and if we don't have the answer we will work to get it for you. I want to increase activities and develop education programs for all members. When elected I will sponsor a \$10,000 college scholarship fund annually from my stipend. Currently I am involved in the Munising Native American Education Program working to help teach

our youth to be honest and honorable leaders for our future. Being a board representative I believe I can ensure the members we can come together for the greater of the whole, bringing the tribe together as one. I want to advocate Elders Dividend Quarterly and make a priority of service for our handicapped members. Please support me in the upcoming election and I promise to be a voice for you.



**Joseph Gray**

I am Joseph R. Gray, born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. I am a candidate for the board of directors for Unit V. My parents were Sault residents, Joe Gray Sr. and Bernice (Lajoice) Mitchell. I am a 1960 graduate of Sault High School and married to Sault resident Glenda Gilroy for 43 years. I have two children, Joe Jr., and Kelly Wittman and grandfather to four spirited grandchildren.

Moving to Marquette in 1970, I have worked for Vollwerth Foods and retired from Reinhart Foods in 2003. As the parent of two active children, I was heavily involved in many community

and school activities. From refereeing basketball and football for 17 years to presidents of Marquette Little League and the Marquette All Sports Booster Club. I also coached basketball for seventh and eighth-grade girls at Father Marquette Catholic School. I have been a member of Saint Louis the King Catholic Church for 35 years. I believe that these activities are key to skills in public service, knowing your community and the people in it.

Before retiring in 2003, I worked in warehouse and transportation at Reinhart Food Service, and oversaw a maxi-

imum of 70 employees and an annual budget of millions of dollars.

As a member of the Sault Tribe elders, Unit V, there are many issues that I would like to see addressed such as contracting medical care to those in outlying areas. I understand that there are members of our tribe that cannot easily get to our clinics, so we should be able to go to them. We should and can do this for our members. We cannot forget our members who choose to live outside our area. Job training and job security are also something we need to improve. We need to train our members to

qualify for all the good jobs in and outside of the tribe. Thirdly, we need to establish funds for education for those outside our area. They should not be penalized for choosing to live elsewhere. We can and should be a source of pride and comfort to our members, regardless of where they live. I will do my very best to ensure that all members benefit from the growth of our tribe. Representing you is a full time commitment, and a privilege. My contact information is (906) 249-3303 or jrgray3@charter.net.

### UNIT 4



**Ron Powers**

Tribal citizens, near and far. My name is Ron Powers, I humbly seek your support to election as your Unit 4 representative on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

One of nine children, (born 1957) and raised in St. Ignace. Parents are Barbara and the late Ronald Powers. I currently reside in Escanaba with my wife (of 22 years), and three children. I understand many of the challenges our tribal citizens face each day.

As your elected representative, I will work with my fellow board members to ensure that our decisions are ethical and based on sound business practices. Practices, principles and deci-

sions that come from experience I have gained while serving on several municipal committees and boards through the years.

Including: Escanaba Recreation Advisory Board - (board member and chairman). Escanaba - Zoning Appeals Board, (recently appointed). Escanaba - Holy Name K-8 Grade School- School Board, Escanaba Aquanets - President. I served for three years in the capacity of Coordinator for the Escanaba Schools Indian Education Program, and currently serving as a Parent Committee Member. I am employed full-time by the Escanaba Schools transportation department, and serve as book-

keeper / manager of a large cemetery in Escanaba.

I am a US Navy veteran and have served with the Wisconsin Air National Guard for seven years until moving back to Upper Michigan.

Tribal citizens, I believe my experience working with professionals to achieve long and short-term goals would be an asset to the tribe and citizens of Unit 4. I believe my commitment (quitting full-time employment) would ensure the citizens of Unit 4 that their voice would be heard at the committee level. I believe my ability to make decisions that are in the best interest of the tribe will be without question as I have only one family member working

for the tribe. I know my decisions would be without conflict and abstention, as I am not a tribal employee.

Campaigning for election to the tribal board in 2004 (coming within 22 votes of election) I traversed Unit 4, speaking personally with tribal members. Again in 2006 to-date speaking with the tribal citizens, many with questions that have gone unanswered. Tribal citizens of Unit 4, I will respond to your calls and emails.

Tribal citizens of Unit 4, serving as your representative would be a privilege and honor. Once again I request your support. Miigwech, Ron Powers, Chief49829@yahoo.com.



# Candidate Profiles

## Units 4 & 3

### UNIT 4



Denise Chase

Since being re-elected four years ago, I have worked hard to address tribal membership needs in Unit IV. I established the first recreation agreement (which I drafted) for members to use the YMCA in Escanaba for free, NMU recreation facilities agreements have been added to benefit members in Unit IV and V and also at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique. We are now revisiting the possibility of these benefits for the membership at the W recreation center in Gwinn.

I have pushed hard for our tribal community center and expansions in Manistique. I am

very pleased to report that interviews have been done and within the next two months our pharmacy and optical department will be fully staffed and open for business. This year the addition of dental services was brought to the western end for the very first time. A nurse has been hired for the health clinic and soon a position for a MD will be posted.

I have continued to push hard and voice my opinion for a adequate community center in Escanaba, I am very happy to report that recently the board approved the sale of a building in the Sault for \$1.2 million and also pledged \$450,000 of the revenue

for a tribal center in Escanaba. Thank you for your continued patience.

Our time is finally here, now is not the time to rest! Now is the time to make sure strong and persistent board members are seated to ensure that members benefit. I want to continue and make sure that Unit IV shares in the wealth and expansion of the tribe.

I will continue to push for: tribal community centers in Escanaba and KI Sawyer with medical, social services, elderly and youth programs. Urgent care clinics, medical access agreements, meals delivered to home bound elders, prescriptions deliv-

ered three to five times a week to Escanaba and Marquette, support increasing elder checks annually, mobile health screening for early detection, removal of the 1/4 blood quantum for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, Head Start expansion to the outlying areas, increasing the Higher Education dollars.

From my heart, I would like to thank Unit IV members for allowing me to serve and represent you for the last four years. It is our turn to share fully in the services offered by our Tribe. You deserve no less. I will continue to work hard to represent your needs.

### UNIT 3



Bridget Sorenson

I was born and raised in St. Ignace and have two sons, Kody (7) and Konner (2). I Graduated from LaSalle High School and later received two associate degrees from LSSU in business administration. I also have a salesperson license for real estate.

I was a Chairman's Intern for the EDC, worked nearly three years for Human Resources as an employment rep. and currently work as an administrative assistant to the Kewadin Shores general manager.

I am very outspoken and will be advocating for better job advancement opportunities through training, job shadowing and grooming team members.

I support education, whether for the youth or adult. I came from a family that rarely had the opportunity to go to college. An education even if never used can never be taken away from you.

As schools cut back extra curricular activities and bussing to these activities I would like to see more two percent funding or other resources so that all of our children are given the opportunity to participate.

We need to protect our treaty rights and also create a better market for our commercial fishing market before it becomes a dying industry.

We should be using more of our Greektown dollars to con-

tribute to the Elder Fund. It would be nice to offer the dividend checks twice a year so that a person living on a fixed income could pay their insurance, taxes and soaring utilities.

For expanding services I would like to see a Bahweting School in each Unit, more recreational services and also prescription by mail.

For Mackinac Islanders we need to ensure that they have better transportation services, if it means using the two percent funds to cover the cost of tribal members who need to get to doctor appointments and get food. Let's not forget how many islanders use the casino as their

source of entertainment.

We need to bring more cultural teachings and language workshops to this area for our adults and into our schools.

As far as business needs, the Tribe needs to diversify more, even though casinos are our main source of revenue. The market is becoming saturated and we need to capitalize on other opportunities.

Informing the membership means no more closed session decisions, after all, we as members have an ownership in the Tribe and its resources.



Patrick Rickley

Representation that cares, respected, honest, real. Elect Pat Rickley Unit 3 Tribal Board of Directors!

My name is Pat. I grew up on Bayshore Road (Rickley Ridge). Growing up, we endured many hardships. Our houses were sided with tar paper, had no running water, had outhouses and were short on food. If we wanted school clothes, we had to work for them so we wouldn't get teased. Racism was alive and well back then. At sixteen, we finally got running water.

At seventeen, a week out of high school, I was on my way to basic training in the U.S. Army.

After four years of active duty and three years in the Army reserves, I was honorably discharged. After that, I worked in construction on roads, building, and painting, commercial fishing, and most recently, the Mackinac Bridge.

I have thought long and hard about this and with encouragement from tribal members, I've decided to run for Unit 3 representative. I've never forgotten where I come from and I know that there are still people out there in that situation that need to be heard and represented.

The keys to our future lie in

our past. Great chiefs and tribal leaders never thought of themselves, but of coming generations which is why we are here today. We must continue to look ahead to our future. We must honor and take better care of our elders. We must give our children more opportunities to learn about our heritage and get them involved. We must do what is right for our members. We must not take sides, for that only divides us. The tribal board members must put aside personal differences and realize that the members are who we are representing, not our own agendas. We need to ask our members

what they want and work to meet their needs. We should start a veterans fund, for we have many new warriors (men and women) fighting in conflicts that are damaging to their way of life and well being.

With all of the storms I've weathered, I've gained wisdom, knowledge and more spiritual power, coming out of each situation with a more positive attitude and outlook. I have new ideas that may help us prosper as a people and would enjoy being your voice for Unit 3 and the tribe as a whole.

Megwetch, baa maa.



Ilene Moses

As a candidate for Unit 3 Board of Directors. I feel that now is a time of great change in our tribe and tribal members should have a say in the direction we take. Our tribe has come a long way. As a tribe we need to keep moving forward towards a promising future. I will work hard for you, the tribal members and members of Unit 3 and will be committed to represent you by voicing your issues and concerns. With the support of you the tribal members and members of Unit 3, we can accomplish our needs. I urge all Unit 3

members to vote in the upcoming election. I would appreciate your support and vote to elect me as your representative. Thank You.

### Remaining schedule for the 2006 Sault Tribe General Election

The remaining timetable for the election process is as follows (deadlines are 5 p.m. EST on the date stated).

May 18, 2006	Primary election date.
May 22, 2006	Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
June 1, 2006	Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.
June 22, 2006	General Election day.
June 26, 2006	Deadline for contest relating to vote count.
Officers' installation	To be announced.

The officers to be elected are members of the board of directors: Unit 1 - two members, all other units vote on one member. The term of all officers will be four years. Because there are only two candidates in Unit 4 there will be no primary in Unit 4.

# Candidate Profiles

## Units 3 & 2

### UNIT 3



**Keith Massaway**

My name is Keith Massaway and I am running for the board of directors seat in Unit 3. I was born and raised in St. Ignace. My parents are Wallace and Evelyn Massaway. I grew up in my parents business the Flame Restaurant. I worked every facet of the business, cook, waiter, bartender, dishwasher and janitor. I then went to college and graduated from Ferris State University with a degree in Architectural Drafting. I then returned to St. Ignace with my wife Jean (nee Everson), who is also a tribal member, to raise our two chil-

dren, my son Andrew, 21, and my son Stephen 18. My wife and I bought the Zodiac Party Store and Taste of the Upper Peninsula Pasty Shop and have had a successful business there for 22 years. When elected I plan to step out of the business and leave the operation to my wife. I will be free to dedicate all of my time to the board seat and to you my constituents. Over the last 22 years I have been involved with the many sides of our community.

I have coached Youth Football and worked with the Parent Teacher Organization, (our chil-

dren), the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, (our business community), the St. Ignace Recreation Board, (city government) and the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee, (the Sault Ste Marie Tribal Government and board position). I am confident that I have a well rounded business, social and government background. I know that I am the best candidate to serve you on the tribal board. My heritage also plays a large part in my make up as a strong leader. Our name Massaway was shortened from

Mayseswayweninne which means, "man with a loud voice". We are of the Satigo Band and of the Crane Clan. I believe a strong sense of where you come from gives an added sense of duty to our grandfathers and their teachings. I will be a positive leader, always going forward and never forgetting who are the people I serve. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (906) 643-6981 or write to 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI, 49781 or email me at [kmassway@msn.com](mailto:kmassway@msn.com). Megwetch and thank you for your time.



**Rob Lambert Sr.**

I have spent my entire adult life trying to make our Tribe a better place for all of us. I found out early on that if I wanted to make the necessary changes within our Tribe, I needed to put myself in a position to make them. My first obstacle was my address. It was outside all of the election units and the board of directors had no intention of letting any member at large run for the board. So in 1998 I uprooted my family and resigned from a job I held for thirteen years and moved to St. Ignace to meet the unconstitutional residency requirement.

In 1999 after I met the good old boys residency requirement, Mike Lumsden proposed a five (5) year residency requirement just to stop me from running. That idea went down in flames and in 2000 I ran for a board seat and lost. In 2002 I ran again and won.

What happened to me is the reason I will not vote to violate any member's constitutional rights. I have demonstrated just how serious I take my responsibility by the sacrifices I have made. I will fight to make sure what happened to me never happens to another tribal member.

We are all equal.

If I am re-elected to represent you for a second term I am prepared to make another personal sacrifice by resigning my employment from the state of Michigan and I will not hold any other job. This will include full time and part time jobs. It was not an easy decision to make but I felt it is a necessary one so that I can better serve you on a board level.

You have a very serious decision to make. It is a decision that will impact our Tribe over the next four years. It is my sincere desire to make our Tribe a better

place for all of us that drives me to serve in this very important role. If you want someone that is honest, ethical and fights to defend your rights, I am that person.

My elders taught me to stand up for what is right even if it means I must stand alone. My perseverance and determination will continue each and every minute that I serve you.

My platform continues to be for the people.

Thank you for taking the time to read my profile.



**Michael (Chico) Belonga**

As we approach this critical tribal election the members of Unit III are fortunate that they have several qualified candidates seeking a seat on the board of directors.

In the following paragraphs I will lay out my qualifications, agenda and future hopes that we can accomplish with a positive approach for Unit III membership.

I have been a life long resident of St. Ignace, the eldest of six children of George and Gladys (Grondin) Belonga. My daughter Lindsay attends Central Michigan University and son Aaron is a recent graduate of LaSalle High School.

In June 2000 I retired from a 30 year career in education from St. Ignace Area Schools, which included seven years as administrator of St. Ignace Township Schools. Also during that span I coached youth hockey for 20 years, and did sports writing and radio and TV broadcasting of local high school sports.

In December of 2000 I was hired by the Sault Tribe as Native Employment Works Director. This program aided tribal membership seeking employment. With assistance of dedicated staff we were able to achieve a 90 percent success rate.

In January 2004 I took the position of director of the Lambert Health Clinic. The

Lambert Clinic has the second highest clinic visits of several operated by the Health Division. We offer medical, dental, pharmaceutical, optical, contract health, billing and community health services.

I have been the tribal representative on the joint venture with Mackinac Straits Hospital, as we move forward offering a new health clinic for membership. I also serve as vice-chairman on the Moses Dialysis Board.

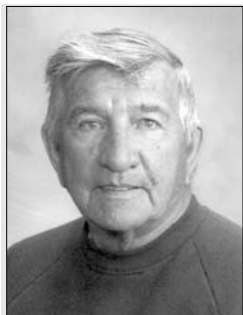
I feel that this election is at a critical time in tribal history as we need a positive candidate to quell the negativism that permeates tribal politics. Membership issues must be first and foremost. I plan on addressing these issues by

working full time with regular office hours in St. Ignace, Mackinac Island and Northern Michigan and by attending all tribal functions and meetings.

My candidacy brings with it inner knowledge of tribal operations, educational background, communication skills, ability to work with individuals of varied backgrounds. I am approachable, open minded and will work with membership on all issues.

Thank you for taking the time to read this profile and if you feel that together we can make a positive change for Unit III then please give serious consideration that I am the most qualified candidate.

### UNIT 2



**Basel Willis**

Unit III-Vote to elect a candidate who:

My top agenda would be education for our younger tribal members (all tribal members). We as a older group should see that our elected leaders make it a point to have an agenda to get higher learning, college and heritage we need to teach all our people of our heritage while we still have some very good people to teach our drum and our old medicine and old ways, something that we all should be proud of and not let it slip away. A lot of our people run into problems of life, everybody gets them. Our board members

are in a position to help these people and they should. We all hit a low spot in life and need help.

One of my responsibilities as a board member would be to ask department heads how to make improvements, how to end a lot of waste, how to cut corners. They should be consulted first. Ask them for their insight. They work with these programs every day and know how to cure these problems. Ideas should be recognized, give them credit when credit is due.

Will work to raise salaries to tribal employees on the lower end of the pay scale and put an

end to high percentage raises for upper salaried employees. Will work to put an end to employee fear of retaliation from management or administration due to disagreement or disclosure of negative operations.

Will work to establish the full disclosure and annual publishing in our tribal paper of salaries and fringe benefits for all tribal positions both governmental and enterprise (team members, management and administration), including all tribal contracts and an annual listing of all tribal committees including the names of membership on each committee (this

will help to eliminate special favors, padded salaries and expense accounts).

Work to establish job descriptions/expectations for our elected tribal board. Voters will determine term limits. Prohibit tribal board members, including the chairman, from holding more than one job.

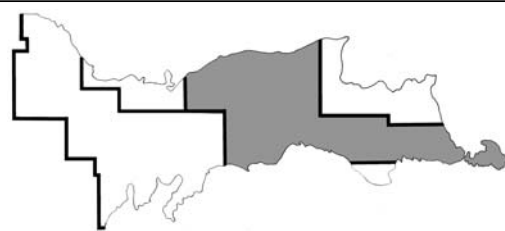
Every vote counts! Please be sure to exercise your right to vote, even if you choose to vote for an opponent.

If you have questions, please contact me at (906) 647-8943. God bless.

# Candidate Profiles

## Unit 2

### UNIT 2



**Robert LaPoint**

I am currently serving as vice chairman and Unit Two representative. I am a life long resident of Drummond Island and successful businessman. I do not represent any special interest group or political faction within the Tribe. My time on the board has been focused on financial accountability, exploring new business ideas and ways to save the Tribe money.

I am not into negative politics. As vice chairman, I have been trying to help by supporting this young new administration. As a successful businessman, I know what it takes to balance a budget. As an elder I try to offer leader-

ship and advice on what it takes to control day to day management.

Financial accountability has been and always will be my commitment to you. Paying down our tribal debt is our biggest challenge.

I have been making recommendations on ways to save money on prescription medicine. The state of Wisconsin is doing it by ordering medicine from Canada.

We need to also focus on new ways to increase our revenue.

In the next four years, I want to start the business process of expanding our Hessel Casino into

a destination resort style facility. The Tribe recently acquired 40 acres of land adjacent to another 40 acres we already own next to our Hessel casino. I found this parcel through a local bank. This gives us room and some options for expansion. It is very difficult to get a casino license so we need to take advantage of the ones we have. Hessel is a great four seasons location for business. A resort style casino with maybe 30 rooms and a northern style restaurant would be what I recommend.

I serve full time because Unit Two covers a large territory and I try to make as many meetings

within my Unit as I can. As vice chairman I present many of the ideas and information I get from the members to the chairman. Finding a way to increase the Elders Lands Claim Fund has always been one of my priorities. I believe there is a way to grow our elders fund.

We are going through political changes and I want to help the board continue moving in the right direction. I offer some stability on the board and this is what we need right now. Your vote of confidence would be greatly appreciated. I wish all the candidates the very best.



**Frances Hank**

Dear tribal members. I would like to introduce myself and my family. I am the daughter of Edward (Pun-Pun) and Victoria LaPoint. My great grandparents were Edward LaPoint Sr. (Seepus) and Archemese Bosley. My great grandmother was Adeline Jondreau, direct descendant on the Durant Roll. I have been married to Benny for 33 years and we have three married daughters, Vicki, Jenni and Marci and two wonderful granddaughters Madison O'Dell and Kennedy Guild.

I want to tell you why I want to be on the board of directors. I

use to work for the Sault Tribe Elder Program. I have seen the good and the bad. My heart is truly for the tribal people. I am fully aware of the workings of the tribe, from the inside out. I have volunteered a lot of my time to various committees for the tribe, health committees, tobacco task force, doctors retention committee and I was a member of the past election committee and the Children's Christmas Party committee. I was on the Raber Township board for 12 years and I have been very active with my church, president of the church council for 10 years, religious education

director for four years.

My main work will be for Unit II but I have relatives and friends all over the seven county service area and the United States so I will be working for the concerns off all tribal members.

Some of the main issues I will be working for when elected are: term limits for the board of directors and chairman; more help for the elders and youth activities; more community health nurses and technicians to go into tribal homes; more financial help for education; we need to do something to expand the tax agreements areas to cover all

tribal members; priority for tribal members at the health center and more tribal employment protection.

I know it is very hard to decide whom to vote for but I am a very honest open-minded person who is willing to listen and I have a strong belief in the tribal community. It takes courage to stand up for what is right for all. I know I can raise above all the petty politics and make sure we do the best for our tribal members. Tribal members first, last and always.

With love and loyalty for our tribe, thank you, Frances Hank.



**Lisa Burnside**

Ahni tribal members. My name is Lisa Burnside. I am running for the Unit II board of directors and ask your for support in the upcoming election.

By now Unit II tribal members should have received my introductory letter. I mentioned my parents were Wilfred (WIG) and Nina Causley. My father was a board member in the 70s and helped get our Tribe federal recognition. He also fought to bring the Indian Education Programs to our area, such as the Johnson O'Malley Program and Title VII Indian Education Program. He was a true warrior for the rights of our people, espe-

cially on our hunting and fishing rights. He taught me to be honest in my actions, stand up for my beliefs and take pride in being Anishinaabe.

My mother Nina was raised on a ranch in Tennessee now known as McCorkle Valley. She was no stranger to hard work and getting the job done. I inherited my mothers blond hair and blue eyes and both my parents dedication to stand up for what is right, as well as their ability to finish the job.

During my campaign I've been asked several questions, the most popular, is why do I want to be on the board? Our tribal youth programs are at risk with the fed-

eral government, the same programs my father fought to bring to this area. I will do my best to protect the continuance of these programs and support our youth on a higher level.

I will support the needs of our tribal elders and break down the barriers that hinder our youth elder relationships.

I want to expand services to tribal members without cutting the existing programs. I will support our tribe's effort to keep our culture, heritage and rights of Anishinaabe people alive.

If elected to serve my people, that is exactly what my job will be. I will resign from my current

position as the youth service coordinator for Unit II and work for all tribal members on a full-time basis. This includes conducting regular unit meetings & give representation in each area Unit II covers. I will stay active with tribal programs, and continue to share my teachings with people on the Anishinaabe way of life. Sincerely, Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2239, Lisa\_burnside2000@yahoo.com Let your voice be heard vote! Lisa Burnside, Unit II Board of Directors, "Positive Thoughts Bring Positive Actions."



**Clifford Bellant**

I was born in Epoufette, Michigan, my mother and father were both tribal. My father was 1/2 and my mother was 1/4 blood. My grandmother on my father's side was full blood and had 21 children. After high school I went to work for Fisher Body in Pontiac. I was transferred to truck and bus in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1981 to open up their new truck plant. I retired in 1992 and moved back home.

My wife Linda and I have one child and we each have a child by another marriage. We have three grandchildren, twin grandsons and a granddaughter.

Work experience:  
 1. 31 1/2 yr. with General Motors as a power house employee, both hourly and salary. (Retired)  
 2. 20 yrs. Hourly as skilled tradesman and 11 1/2 yrs. Salary as assistant chief engineer.  
 3. Union worked both sides.  
 4. Seven years with Kewadin Shores Casino as dealer and pit boss (quit).  
 5. Four years as Board of Director for Sault Tribe.  
 Education:  
 OCC Michigan (Steam engineering)  
 Detroit Institute of Technology (High pressure steam engineer-

ing)  
 LSU Louisiana (Computer science)  
 Barsdale Air Force Base (HR)  
 Kewadin Casino (All required classes)  
 Committees  
 1. Conservation  
 2. Boxing commission accomplishments  
 Established a wellness center for all tribal members at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. Used tribal donation for dialysis equipment at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. Helped install an Elders committee for Elders at western end of Unit 2 (Newberry). Over saw negotia-

tions for both union contracts at Greektown Casino.  
 In the face of adversity, stand up and fight for every valid issue of importance to tribal members and make decisions based on evidence and merit. Those not aware of my commitment, I refer to the Apostle Thomas whom Jesus told: "You believe because you have seen but blessed are those who have not seen but believe anyway."  
 If you have any questions feel free to call: (906) 595-7227 email: cbellant@wildblue.net.

# Candidate Profiles

## Unit 1

### UNIT 1



**Nathan Wright**

Aaniin (hello) fellow tribal member, I am Nathan Wright, son of Mary Wright and Michael Wright. I will be 40 this fall. I'm descended from the Mastaw family of Sugar Island. My mother raised me in the suburbs of Detroit. Me, my brother Mike and sister Delia spent most summers and holidays in the Sault with my father. My father, an Indian activist helped re-establish the Sault Tribe in the early 70's. He shared with me the importance of advocating for Indian rights and taught me respect.

Upon turning 18, I joined the U.S. Marine Corp. and was able to become disciplined, goal orien-

tated and rid myself of low self esteem issues most Indian people grow up with. I was honorably discharged in the late 80s.

I moved to Minneapolis and pursued a career in communications. It began with news phone lines, radio and eventually Internet development. I was able to expand my knowledge and skills in mass communications, project management, and business development.

My strengths are common sense (street smarts), analytical skills, problem solving and teamwork. I had a successful career in the corporate world for ten years in the city but always felt that I

needed to use my gifts and knowledge to help our people. In 2002 I decided to move back to the Sault. Since then I met my wife Elaine (Young) and together we are raising our children Alicia and Alex Gervais and Autumn Wright. Our family enjoys camping, fishing and attending tribal activities. I am pursuing a business degree at LSSU. I work for the tribe and with various departments. As a result of being a team member, I have a good understanding of the tribal infrastructure. With this perspective you see what areas are strong in the tribe and what areas need improvement.

I use our tribal services. Our family is fortunate to receive health care, educational support, and recreational activities. For all the benefits we receive we give back to our tribe by volunteering at activities throughout the year.

If you had one wish to change something about the tribe what would it be? Lets stand united and work to make your ideas a reality. I am result driven through creative problem solving. It would be an honor to serve the membership; your vote will make a difference. Vote your conscience, vote Wright.

Please call me at (906) 632-4320 or visit [www.wright.net](http://www.wright.net).



**Lynne Weaver**

My family name is Ermatinger and I have lived in the area most of my life. I am a descendent of the second oldest family in Sault, Mich., and the oldest in Sault, Ontario. My paternal grandmother was Mackinac Band while my paternal grandfather was Sault Tribe.

Many have asked why I am running for the board of directors. More than 30 years of business experience tells me that there is a lot more we could be doing to develop new enterprise and increase profits. We have had multi-millions at our disposal but are deeply in debt.

Multiple bad business decisions, made without the knowl-

edge of the membership, have stripped us of numerous benefits. Wasteful spending so that some could live "high on the hog" while others struggle to feed their families and pay bills has created feelings of animosity among the membership towards our governing branch. Nepotism and the buddy-system has left the majority of the membership out in the cold. Tribal owned airplanes used to fly entire families to exotic vacation destinations could have been money in the pockets of the elder community. Millions that should have been pinpointed for health care and education was instead used for personal gain.

Lack of knowledge and experi-

ence in business trends and failing to perform research to make informed decisions is creating further havoc on our financial well-being. Our forward strides have been minimal due to the power struggles of the old guard fighting the new guard.

Our tribal government is in need of reform but that can be simplified. Is the job full-time or part-time? An elected position with a substantial paycheck indicates full-time status and with the current financial problems facing us, the board of directors should be working full-time doing whatever it takes to correct the situation. Workshops should be held several times weekly to work on

the issues but holding other full-time positions prevents this from happening.

The board of directors should not have the power to increase their own paychecks or benefits. Should compensation based on profits be a consideration in the salary of a board member? There is no valid reason that a director should not produce an informative unit report with every publication of the tribal paper.

Hold your director accountable and expect them to represent your voice.

Email me at: [lynneweaver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynneweaver@sbcglobal.net) or call (906) 635-3087.

Thank you.



**Tom Rapson**

My name is Thomas Rapson and I am running for the board of directors for Unit I. I have been a native of the Sault area for 38 years. I'm presently employed with the Tribe and have been for the past 13 years. I have seen a great success within the Tribe over the years and I believe I have a good idea of how the Tribe operates and where improvements need to be made.

If I am elected as a board member I will promise to work as a team member to make improvements that will make us a more successful Tribe. We as Sault

Tribe members should be proud of our Tribe because our Tribe generates a lot of revenue into our community. Not only Tribal members but other community members as well benefit from this.

By working as a team we can make improvements in our education and health programs by making it our top priority. Our youth are going to be our Tribe's future leaders and with the state making the graduation requirements so much harder we are going to have to offer our youth more educational benefits. The Bahweting

School has been successful with our youth by teaching them our tribal culture. Tutoring our youth is very much needed in our school systems as well. With the high school drop out rate so high today, we need to work closer with our youth. As more cutbacks are being made by the state in our public schools perhaps we will need to generate more funding into our school systems.

I can see room for improvements in our tribal health departments. With our growing tribal community I see a need for expanding our medical and dental

staff.

Lets not forget our tribal elders, there is always room for improvement. I am new in speaking out about politics so I will keep an open mind on opinions and suggestions brought forth by the tribal community. If we work together and communicate as a tribal family improvements can be made.



**Toni Osterhout**

My name is Toni Osterhout; I was born and raised in Newberry. I graduated from Newberry High School in 1984 and was a student at Northern Michigan University before moving to the Sault in 1986 where I met my husband, Burch Osterhout. We have one son, Michael who is graduating this May from Sault High. I studied business administration at Northern before moving to the Sault and have continued with my education at LSSU.

I have worked for the Tribe since June, 1990, starting at the Tribal Health Center as health assistant, then to Housing as Home Improvement/Sanitation Program director and the past 13

years working in Tribal Administration as grants and contracts/self-governance coordinator. My experience with Sault Tribe uniquely qualifies me for being your Unit I representative as I can analyze tribal budgets, funding requests, and development projects in order to make educated decisions on behalf of the membership. I will work to cut waste and use the savings to expand programs to our membership.

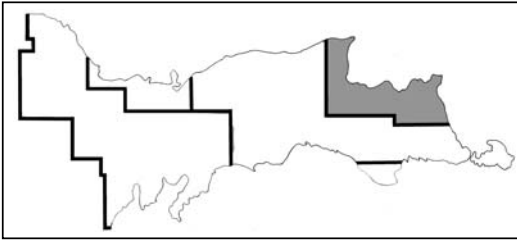
As my father taught me, I believe in giving back to the community. I have been active in tribal charities, events, and committees such as National Assemblies, Sault Tribe children's

Christmas party, JOM Parent Committee, and elder dinners. If elected as your representative, I will continue to give back to the community by working full-time as your representative. I plan to set a higher standard for board members by promoting a change in either our constitution or through a referendum vote to develop a job description with duties for all board members. This would include a minimum number of hours and attendance at committee meetings, board workshops and board meetings.

I would like to respond to some questions what have been asked by many members on where I stand on certain Tribal

issues. Would I vote to continue the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004? YES. Would you vote to expand services to members who live outside the Tribe's seven county service area? YES, when we are able to do so without jeopardizing existing services. Do you support establishing a Unit VI? YES. Would you have voted to lower the blood quantum to run for the board? YES, we are all the same. One Tribe.

In closing, I want to recognize Victor Matson, Sr. for his years of service to our Tribe. Thanks Vic! Phone (906) 632-7147  
Email: [toni\\_osterhout@yahoo.com](mailto:toni_osterhout@yahoo.com).



# Candidate Profiles

## Unit 1

### UNIT 1



Jason Oberle

Aheen, (hello), my name is Jason Oberle. I want to represent you on the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. As an elected leader, I currently serve nearly 1500 Sault Tribe members and I am continually working to make government more open and accessible to all. It is a privilege to serve my community and with your vote I will work to make our tribal government more transparent.

I will use the skills that I have gained as township supervisor of the Charter Township of Kinross, director for Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation and director for Michigan Townships Association which require the developing,

managing and balancing of multi-million dollar budgets, managing employees, employee benefit programs and community assets in order to bring positive economic outcomes.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in 1973 and growing to adulthood in Kinross Township; I have been involved with tribal services, employment and government since we gained federal recognition in the 1970s. Now, I want to use my skills and experience to work for you.

I propose a New Deal, a coalition of tribal members working together to make government more accessible and open (government transparency will put an

end to hidden agendas and regularly closed meetings), to make economic development a priority in our tribal government and to form a grassroots network of members in order to educate federal, state and local elected officials of issues in our community.

The Constitutional Convention Committee is an excellent example of positive governmental reform which will help create a new trust in our government. Involving our community in as many decisions as possible will continue creating the trust, necessary to provide unity, which is needed to advance our community into the future.

Solid employee protections

and fiscal management in tribal enterprises will bring stable economic growth and employment while economic development becomes the priority of our community. A coalition of tribal members communicating and working with responsible leaders will bring our tribe to the top once again.

If you want a New Deal for our tribe and members then cast your vote for me, Jason Oberle, an experienced and positive leader with a success plan for our community well into the future. Megwetch, (Thank you), Jason Oberle.



Steven J. Morello

Steven J. Morello is in private practice in his own law firm, Native Law Group PC. NLG has represented our Tribe, providing general counsel, director of government relations and chief ethics officer services.

Prior to this, Steve was nominated by President Bush to be the general counsel of the Department of the Army. He was confirmed by the Senate and sworn into office in 2001. The general counsel serves as the chief legal officer for the United States Army. Additionally, the general counsel serves as the Army's designated agency ethics official, being responsible for management and oversight of the

Army's worldwide Ethics Program covering 2,000,000 persons. Steve graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He received his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. Steve also earned a MSBA degree from Boston University and was awarded a MA in Pastoral Studies Degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Steve has practiced law in both the private and public sectors. He began his legal career as a Captain in the Army JAG Corps. He served with the Army both in Germany and Illinois. Steve also served as a staff assistant to

United States Senator Philip A. Hart in Washington, D.C. Senator Hart is among Michigan's most beloved democratic senators.

In private practice, Steve was the managing attorney for DEC, where he practiced computer law. He also served as a contract attorney for Northrop. Prior to service in the Army in 2001, Steve served for 10 years as vice-president and general counsel of Prechter Holdings. There he provided legal and business advice to Heinz C. Prechter, chairman and founder, in the automobile, newspaper, hotel, real estate, and cattle ranching industries with more than one billion dollars of revenue.

Steve is licensed to practice law in Michigan and Illinois. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeal for the Armed Forces. Steve is an ordained Roman Catholic deacon. It is my strong desire to bring all of this education and leadership experience to the Board. I will courageously represent the People of Unit 1. I will fight for an Ethics Code for all and enforceable Standards of Conduct for board members. Together we can make a difference. Please vote for me. Steve Morello.



Jackie (Halfaday) Minton

Boozhoo, Maang N'Doodem Biidaazane kwe. Jackie (Aabtaa Giizhik) Minton N'dzhnkaaz, Baawaating N'doonjba

My name is Jackie (Halfaday) Minton. I am running for a seat on the board of directors in Unit I. In this time of great change and uncertainty, I feel a top priority for the board of directors is to maintain our constituent's trust and faith. It is our responsibility to meet that trust with a code of standards that reinforces our Anishinaabe value system.

Leaders are to be people of minimal means. Our path must be clear, we must walk consciously with integrity and respect for

those we represent.

I believe there is a need for balance on our governing board with respect to sovereignty, and perpetuation of our traditional Anishinaabe way of life. The "corporate" value system has permeated decisions made by our leadership. We need to actively be aware of how our decisions affect our sovereignty today and for future generations.

My birth parents were EJ Willis and Lucy Gabow. My grandparents were Angeline and Peter Gabow, and Doris Perry. My parents, Cliff and Kay Orzechowski, adopted me at the age of four. I grew up in Iron Mountain, in a

very loving and secure family environment. I came back home to Sault Ste. Marie when I was 18 years old and have worked in our community since that time. My husband Jeff is the son of Beverly and Adam Lussier; we have three daughters, Justine, 15, Lakota, 14, and Hunter, 11.

For the past 27 years I have been active in the building of our tribal community. I have worked on clearing land for the reserve with the original YACC crew in the early 80s, worked my way to a managerial position at the casino, and for the past 10 years I have succeeded in education, mentoring, and seeking opportunities for

our youth through teaching them to take pride in who they are as young Anishinaabe people, and the responsibilities that go along with those teachings.

Traditionally and historically Baawaating was a gathering place for Anishinaabe leaders, this was the place those chiefs gathered to make decisions for the people. I have the courage to stand with those chiefs and be a leader who vigorously advocates returning to the greatness we once were, and emerge as dignified tribal citizens of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Dennis McKelvie

My name is Dennis McKelvie, I am a 55 year old tribal member. I am a resident of Sugar Island, Michigan. I have two children, and one granddaughter. I have been married to my lovely wife for over 36 years. One of the greatest joys of my life was attending college for three years with both of my children.

I have served over 25 years in the United States Army in combat arms. I am a Vietnam Veteran, and retired honorably in 1993, the day after my son graduated from high school.

I became involved in tribal politics when the Sugar Island elders approached me to be their

spokesperson to halt the closure of Elder Home. For the next four years I worked on campaigns to assist those that "promised" to make things better, and when they didn't, I decided to run myself.

I was elected to the board in 2002 by a margin of three votes. I know that every vote counts.

Biggest accomplishments on the board: Elimination of 1/4 blood requirement, primary election, and the elimination of the \$700,000+ per year hockey team.

Biggest accomplishment in life: I have fought many battles in life. I have fought in wars, battles on the board, and even a

successful fight with cancer. I do not believe in quitting. If you fail, at least you learn something. Quitting accomplishes nothing. I believe in openness and honesty. A person's word is their bond. I was told a long time ago that you can "watch a crook, but you can't watch a liar."

The greatest joy in life now is picking up my granddaughter every weekend and doing whatever she wants to do. My hobbies are helping people, and working on cars.

The people in the local community know me, and know what I have done in this community. I do not believe in patting myself

on the back for my actions. You do things because you want to, because they are the right thing to do. It is not about accolades, and getting your picture in the paper.

I have enjoyed serving you for the past four years, and would be honored by the privilege of serving another term.

I believe that serving as a board member is a full time position, and I will always give you a full time effort.

Sincerely,  
Dennis McKelvie

# Candidate Profiles

## Unit 1

### UNIT 1



**Darwin "Joe" McCoy**

My name is Darwin "Joe" McCoy. I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie, including Sugar Island, my entire life. My parents are Arthur "Nugs" McCoy and Joyce (Leask) McCoy. I have seven brothers and sisters, am married with three children, and have one granddaughter.

I have operated successful businesses in our community for over 30 years. I presently am an owner and President of MCM Marine, Inc. and Soo Marine Supply, Inc. As a businessman, I have operated in adverse and difficult climates. However, I have always been able to forge solu-

tions and resolve problems through professionalism, honesty and consensus building.

The unprecedented turmoil, infighting and undermining on the board show that we are at a political crossroads. Our Tribe is in desperate need of a leader with business knowledge, community awareness and the perspective to bring unity. I am that person.

Over the years, there were many days that I was happy for our Tribe and its members. However, the current political climate has left a dark cloud. It is time to move past the political

gamesmanship and to refocus on improving the lives of all tribal members. I will make a difference.

As a father of three and a grandfather, I want to leave our children a legacy of a strong and healthy community. I want all tribal members, from our children to our elders, to once again be proud of our Tribe and have faith in its leadership. I will fulfill the sacred trust and the responsibility of serving all tribal members.

There are those that have responded to the current division in our Tribe with an almost puni-

ty agenda. I have trouble seeing how this helps to unify our community. If you trust me, I will apply the same professionalism, compassion, dedication and patience to issues facing our Tribe that I have applied in my family and business life.

I ask that you place faith in me. You have my word that I will always act in the best interests of all tribal members and will work tirelessly to unify our community. If you have questions, please contact me at [djmcocoy@yahoo.com](mailto:djmcocoy@yahoo.com)



**Donna Marble**

Aanii fellow members,

My name is Donna Marble and I am a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I attended Sault Area Schools and went on to LSSU. I am currently working for Kewadin Casino. My parents were the late Kenny and Pearl Marble. My father was a commercial fisherman and lost his life to the lake in 1979. Because of this I know the importance of our land and lakes and commend the conservation committee for putting up such a fight to protect these rights. I am the third child of four. My brothers and sisters are Ken, Maria (Frank) Parr and

the late Kathy Jo. Being a young mother my sister Maria has been there for guidance, support and friendship. I have three beautiful children Michelle, Michael and Jessica. Michelle is currently attending Lake Superior State University. Michael is in Sault Area High School and Jessica attends JKL Bahweting School.

I was born and raised on Shunk Road. I have seen the changes throughout the years. It is truly amazing to see how our Tribe has developed. I remember when I was a child how our people fought to make our Tribe what it is today. Our grandparents, elders, parents, brothers and

sisters all united together to make this change. Our people did not fight amongst themselves. I realize now these people had a vision and were building a future for the Tribe! Our people wanted what was best for our members, not just themselves. As a Tribe we have to get back to their vision. We have to think of all of our people. We have to unite.

There are six seats available. This is our chance to unite once again. We have the opportunity to elect six new people with fresh ideas and create a new board of directors. There has been a lot of fighting and mud-

slinging on the current board and with the Tribe. I don't think this is what our Grandfathers and Grandmothers intended for our people. I encourage you to think of our children and families and the future of our Tribe when making your decision. And remember "unity is the key that will open the door to our future." Chi-Megwetch, Donna Marble  
Unit 1 board of directors  
[dmarble@lighthouse.net](mailto:dmarble@lighthouse.net)  
(906) 635-1318



**DJ Hoffman**

Hello, my name is DJ Hoffman. I am the son of Lauri Henry (McCoy), and Donald "Joe" Hoffman, Sault Tribe members. My Grandfather, Ken McCoy was a past Board member. Grandmother Helen (Gurnoe) McCoy was a direct descendant on the Durant Roll. They were born and raised on Sugar Island. Herman and Arbutus Kempf (Biron) were my grandparents on my father's side. I have one sister, Kristi Henry, one brother, Bob. My wife, Tana, are blessed to the parents of two sons, Thalen and Keenan Hoffman.

It is my fortune to have a very large family, many of which are

noted for their contributions to the Tribe.

My mother raised us to know and be proud of who we are, to be true to ourselves and give to others within our abilities. Through her self-determination, I was encouraged to follow the path to college, to appreciate the richness of my heritage, and to strive to give back to my community.

I grew up when the Tribe had no financial wealth, and being Native was looked upon unfavorably. My childhood consisted of moving from rental to rental, finally moving into one of the first reservation homes. It was a phenomenal experience, with an overwhelming feeling of commu-

nity throughout the Tribe. Leaders were attentive to the needs of members and worked to assist members to improve the quality of their lives. Unfortunately, that is not the case today.

I believe that our Leaders must be accessible, professional, and accountable. Board members are elected to serve their constituents, the membership. Leadership must push past the personal issues and address the needs of the Tribe.

If elected, I will bring a positive, professional attitude to the tribal board. I will be accessible with daily office hours, attentive to your needs, and courteous to my fellow board members. I will always actively seek your input in

the short and long term planning of the Tribe. New ideas and a fresh approach can help us to progress as a Tribe.

Please use one of your two votes on a candidate that promotes positive, active change. A Candidate that strives to better the lives of the membership and community through active involvement, not mere political promises.

Please cast your vote for me, DJ Hoffman. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (906) 635-6945, toll free at (866) 598-5804, or [www.membership-first.com](http://www.membership-first.com).



**Charles Forgrave**

Like others in the twenty-odd houses of Iroquois Beach, we drew our water from a shared well, and had an outhouse. The eight of us lived in a one bedroom home, until later when we put the floor in upstairs. Electricity was installed in the house when I was six, and when I was twenty-two we got a telephone.

My dad fished for a living and whenever he caught a lot of fish the price went down, and vice versa. Neither of my folks graduated from high school, so they were determined that their kids would, and we all did.

I was the only one in the family that went on to college. It

was a last minute decision. I ran into some high school friends that were planning on attending, and decided that I would too. Mostly, though, I just couldn't figure out what else to do with myself, which would lead me anywhere.

I attended college and graduated in 1968. I taught school for a short while, but those were pre-union days for teachers. I was making half of what a water surveyor was making, so I left teaching for marine survey work. It was outdoor work, out on the water, and I wasn't stuck in a classroom...three other things that I liked about it.

At twenty-five I got married,

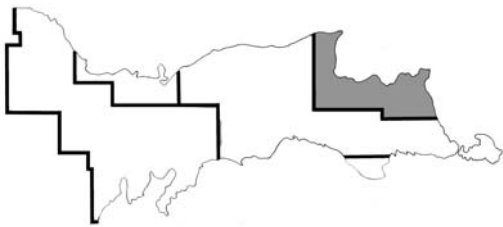
and within the next year had the first of my five kids. Three of my kids have gone on to college themselves and graduated. The other two seem to be doing all right also, each in their own way. I ended up with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and retired in 2005 after thirty years.

What I love and enjoy most: I enjoy writing and walking, shows and theater, and my grand kids. We have eight grand kids and we love them all equally. It's great that spring is here because I love working in the yard. We have a garden spot and a dog kennel for our two Shih-Tzu's. I planted the trees in

our yard twenty-eight years ago, and they're a forest now, and I love having them.

Though I'm retired I haven't really learned to sit around yet. I'm a dummy I guess for getting involved in tribal politics, at least that's what people tell me. Maybe they're right. What's more, though, is that we presently have two of our grand kids living with us. They keep us on our toes, and we're as busy as all get out. They're aged one and a half and two and a half, and though they wear us out, we love them to pieces.

Thank you,  
Chuck Forgrave



# Candidate Profiles

## Unit 1

### UNIT 1



**Sharon Fegan**

Hi, my name is Sharon (Wilcox) Fegan; I am a Christian and a Sault Tribe elder. I am a daughter of a commercial fisherman, the late Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox. I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie since August of 1975.

I worked for the Sault Tribe Social Services before taking my present job as an Indian Outreach Worker for the state of Michigan. I have been doing this job for the past 15 years. I have served on many community boards: Diane Pepler Domestic Violence

Shelter 15 years, Chippewa County Foster Parent 15 years, Decisions to Actions Advocate 11 years, Bay Mills Child Protection Team, Sault Tribe Domestic Violence Task Force, Chippewa County Health Department Task Force.

I am not running for my own agenda, I just want to be a representative for you, the tribal members. I feel that I have lots to offer, and with all the knowledge and resources that I have gained over the past 20 years to put to work for you.

I can give 110 percent of my time for the betterment of our

tribe and community. I am use to working as a team player with my co-workers and promise to do so also as a Unit 1 board member. I feel that there has been enough negative energy spent on attacks and now we need to move forward as a positive tribe. If I am elected to be your Unit 1 board member it will be because I can do you the members a good job and not because I will make any false promises that couldn't be followed through on.

I feel I possess the wisdom, humility, truth, honesty, respect and love for the tribal members and that I can do a great job for

you if I am elected in the primary on May 18, 2006 and the general election on June 22, 2006.

We need to continue to expand our tribal programs and take better care of our tribal elders as they are the cultural keepers of our tribal history. I am motivated, qualified, independent, respectful, good listener, and professional tribal elder. With my life experiences I know that I can deal with any tough issues that I might have to face and will be up for the challenge.

Thank you, Sharon.



**Ken Eagle**

My name is Ken Eagle. Most of you know me as the fire chief for the city of Sault Ste. Marie, but I want to introduce myself to you as a candidate for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, Unit One.

Serving on the tribal board is one of the most important jobs in our community. At this time our Tribe needs experienced leadership to bring a new approach to tribal government. We must walk past the current political turmoil and conflict to move forward.

I have served the fire department for nearly 20 years and have risen to the position of fire

chief. This position is responsible for supervising and ensuring the safety of lives and property. The years of public service have given me the experience necessary to serve on our tribal board. They have also instilled in me a sense of duty and accountability.

Our community will benefit from a leader with a new outlook and approach. Effective leadership involves cooperating with others and focusing on the issues to improve our community. Over the years, I have worked side-by-side with our Tribe, the city of Sault Ste. Marie, and the state of Michigan to benefit our community.

A leader must have courage, integrity, dedication, professionalism and independence. Sound leadership means standing up for what is right in the face of opposition. I believe that it is best to be straight forward with people. I am not afraid to speak my mind or to take a stand on tough issues.

I have lived and worked in the community all my life. While there has been growth and improvement in our community, more can be done. For instance, our Tribe needs to focus on increasing educational opportunities for our youth, expanding services for elders, increasing access

to health care and expanding the number of good paying jobs for tribal members.

Whether our community continues to grow will depend upon its leadership. The tribal board needs a professional, experienced and independent leader. In an often ugly campaign, I am not running against anyone. Instead, I'm running for your vote. I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call me at home at (906) 635-0068.



**Henry J. Bouley Jr.**

Aanii, my name is Henry J Bouley Jr.

I am running for a seat on our tribal board of directors because I became very dissatisfied with the direction our Tribe was moving in, the way our board was behaving, and from a general lack of oversight and accountability by our board. I believe I am qualified to serve on our tribal board based upon life experiences and work history, and that I can make a difference.

I was born in Sault Ste Marie in April of 1962. My great-grandfather was Norman Bouley, a life long resident of Sugar Island, and my grandmother Maria Bouley lived on both Shunk

Road and Sugar Island. I am very proud of my cousin Aaron Payment, who is our current tribal chairman.

My father (Henry Sr) left the Sault two times; once to join the Navy, and the second to provide for his family. I grew up in New Buffalo, Michigan, where I graduated from high school in 1980. I am married with two little girls, and met my wife Paula while working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

I was blessed by parents who allowed me extended visits with my grandparents, and I would spend my entire summer vacations in the Sault. My grandmother taught me how to make bas-

kets, and we would spend evenings out on Sugar Island around the campfire listening to music, singing songs, or telling stories.

After graduating high school, I joined the US Air Force and spent nine years in the service while living in California, Turkey, and Alabama.

I've worked for two separate Michigan Indian tribes, which has given me unique perspective in how tribes operate and the different approaches taken to solve like problems. I've also got casino management experience in both native and non-native gaming, which is another plus when it comes to performing oversight. I

have a background in marketing and computer technology, can think fast on my feet, and have experience in dealing with high pressure situations while keeping an even keel. My strength is long-term strategic planning.

Our Tribe has come along way in dealing with the needs of our members, but should be and could be doing more. I'd like to help us get to where we need to be, and I hope you'll elect me to serve on our board. I will represent all tribal members with honor and dignity. Miigwetch.



**Sheila Berger**

My name is Sheila D. (Clement) Berger. I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and have lived here most of my life. I come from the Mar-Shunk area.

I worked for the Tribe at Greenough when it was the only office the Tribe owned. I left the employment of the Tribe to attend LSSU for a year or so. I reentered the working world after that and have been working ever since.

I moved away from the Sault to Lapeer, Mich., where I lived for ten years. In 2002 I returned home with my husband and secured employment with the Sault Tribe Housing Authority

as the administrative assistant in Kincheloe, Mich.

I have been attending the board meetings for over two years and realized that the membership needs an honest liaison between them and the board of directors. The membership also deserves a voice that is not afraid to speak up and be heard. I am that voice, I will be the membership's voice. I am a negotiator and a listener, and I feel this is what the membership wants.

I recently served on the Wage and Compensation Committee, which helped secure raises for the lower wage earners and I was involved in the reduction of

the insurance premium that team members pay to secure medical/health insurance. I am proud of the steps the committee has made and hope to be involved with this committee in the future.

I plan on continuing to be involved in issues and will continue to let my voice be heard to work towards a unified and harmonious Tribe.

I'm the daughter of Lewis P. Clement (deceased) and Peggy J. Clement from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. As a child, I spent many years on Sugar Island at my great aunts homestead. We would do a lot of fishing and rock collecting along the shore-

lines.

My siblings are Rush, Landan and Lindel (a.k.a. Aagii).

I have one daughter, Latisha M. Willette and one step-daughter, Abigail M. Berger who are both the joys of my life. Even after they leave the nest they are never far from home or my heart.

A vote for me is a vote for honesty, integrity and a voice. I lead by example, not by words.

Support your candidates and vote. Thank you for your anticipated support.

## ■ Requests for Proposals for position of Associate Judge ■

### Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

523 Ashmun  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Phone: 906-635-6050

**Closing Date:** May 19, 2006

#### Introduction:

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has authorized contracting with a licensed attorney to serve as an Associate Judge.

#### Background:

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court (Tribal Court) serves the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians reservation land within a 7 county area in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has approximately 32,000 members, with approximately 11,000 persons residing within the Tribe's jurisdictional boundaries. Additionally, casino gaming on Sault Ste. Marie lands brings thousands of visitors within the Tribe's criminal and civil jurisdiction annually.

The laws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are available on-line at <http://www.saulttribe.com>, or by contacting the Sault Ste. Marie administration at the address above.

#### Position Description:

The Associate Judge shall be responsible for hearing all cases assigned by the Court Administrator. The primary proceedings to be handled by the Associate Judge include, but are not limited to:

- criminal cases, including trial by judge or jury
- child abuse and neglect proceedings, including proceedings to terminate parental rights
- juvenile delinquency proceedings
- general civil litigation
- workers compensation cases

The Associate Judge should have experience with child abuse and neglect proceedings, juvenile delinquency cases, criminal procedure, criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country, and general civil litigation. Previous experience practicing law in Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court is not necessary, but may be helpful. Candidates should have a familiarity with and understanding of the traditions and history of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians as well as an understanding of, and appropriate respect for the child rearing practices of this Tribe. Candidates are expected to maintain working relationships with other local courts, law enforcement and social service agencies as they often appear and participate in cases within the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court. The Associate Judge must possess other attributes as well, such as the ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing, to analyze legal argu-

ments and evaluate evidence, and to render timely and impartial decisions without regard for popular sentiment. Judges must also treat parties, counselors, the public, and court employees with fairness, courtesy and respect.

The hours for the Associate Judge position are designed to provide some flexibility. On average, the Associate Judge is expected to work part-time, an average of twenty hours per week, as required by the demands of the position. (For instance, the Associate Judge may work five days in one week and only one day the next week.) The Associate Judge is assigned cases by the Court Administrator. Judges must be reasonably available via telephone during off times for emergencies. The Associate Judge must be available to attend out-of-town trainings up to 10 days per year, with travel and expenses to be reimbursed by the Tribe. All other required travel within the seven county service area shall be the responsibility of the applicant. Tribal Court Judges are expected to conform to Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct and the Canons of Judicial Ethics.

Preference will be given to Sault Ste. Marie members.

#### Caseload Data for the last five years:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Criminal	112	146	151	114	127
Child abuse and neglect	34	30	35	36	51
Juvenile Delinquency	42	57	48	5	46
General Civil	9	3	3	2	5
Workers Compensation	0	2	0	0	1
Adoptions	7	12	15	13	9
Torts	1	0	0	0	2

#### Qualifications:

Briefly, the applicant must:

- (1) A graduate of an ABA accredited law school;
- (2) Have never been convicted of a felony;
- (3) Be a person of good moral character and integrity;
- (4) Have been a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan for at least five years prior to applying for this position
- (5) submit to and pass any drug test administered pursuant to Tribal law;
- (6) consent to and pass a thorough background investigation.

Applications shall be reviewed by the Associate Judge Selection Committee. This committee shall make recommendations to the Sault Ste. Marie Board of Directors for their approval and appointment to the position of Associate Judge.

#### Compensation:

Compensation for the position of Associate Judge shall depend on qualifications and experience of the candidate. Compensation will be paid monthly, but calculated on a per-week basis. No compensation shall be paid for any week in which no work is performed. The successful applicant will be offered a contract that provides for a minimum 90 day notice of termination by either party.

In the event of extraordinary cases that substantially exceed the anticipated time required for this position, compensation at an hourly rate, in excess of the per-week compensation for this position, may be authorized by the Tribe.

#### Requirements regarding conflict:

Applicants for this position will be allowed to represent clients on privately retained cases in other jurisdictions with the understanding that their position as Associate Judge will be the priority business of that attorney. No private case shall be knowingly accepted, nor work done thereon, which would cause a conflict of interest to arise wherein the attorney would be unable to serve as Associate Judge.

#### Rejection and Negotiation

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to negotiate specific terms, conditions, compensation and provisions of any contracts that may arise from this solicitation; to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposals, and to accept the proposal(s) that are determined to be in the best interests of the Tribe.

Further, the Tribe reserves the right to:

- request clarification of any submitted information
- not enter into any agreement
- not select any applicant
- cancel this process at any time
- amend this process at any time
- interview applicants prior to selecting an Associate Judge
- award more than one contract if it is in the best interests of the Tribe
- request additional information before, during or after any interview.

Any and all costs arising from this RFP process incurred by any applicant shall be borne by the applicant without reimbursement by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe.

#### Application Procedure:

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians invites qualified attorneys to submit a proposal for this position with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Court. Proposals shall indicate whether the applicant anticipates maintaining a separate law practice and what measures will be taken to reduce or eliminate potential conflict of interest. Proposals shall also identify each person other than the Associate Judge who will be working on, or have access to, court documents, files and orders in the Associate Judge's possession. In addition to an updated resume, applicants should provide a comprehensive narrative statement outlining their qualifications and illustrating how their experience will benefit the operation of the Tribal Court.

This letter provides information about the positions and application deadline. For more information, please contact the Office of the Chairperson at 906-635-6050.

## Pamela Cable Gershon Memorial Scholarship

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers a \$150 scholarship to tribal members who are graduating from high school and who reside within the tribe's seven-county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, and Schoolcraft). This award will be for the freshman year only.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a 2006 graduating high school senior.
- Must have less than quarter Indian blood quantum and have verification of tribal membership.
- Must reside in one of the seven counties mentioned above.
- Must be accepted for enrollment in a Michigan state-supported school.
- Must have submitted a Sault Tribe higher education assistance application for the 2006-07 school year.
- Must submit a cover letter to include the following:
  - a. Name of the high school where you graduated.
  - b. College or university where you've been accepted.
  - c. Planned academic major.
  - d. Career objective.
- Must submit a brief statement of what this scholarship means to you.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the required information to:  
ATTN: Gershon Scholarship  
Sault Tribe Education Department  
2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**WHEN TO APPLY:** May 1 through July 1, 2006

**DEADLINE:** July 1, 2006 If mailed, the postmark must show July 1 or before.

If you have any questions, please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education.

## George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers a \$1,000 scholarship to tribal members who are enrolled in a two or four-year college or university within the United States.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Sault Tribe (verified by the tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must be enrolled at a two or four-year college or university within the United States.
- Must be full-time status (12 credit hours or more)
- Must be at least a college sophomore.
- Must be pursuing a degree in tribal law, law enforcement, legal studies, political science or public administration.
- Must have submitted a Sault Tribe higher education assistance application for the 2006-07 school year.
- Must be good academic standing (include a transcript showing grades from the last term or semester attended).
- Must submit a cover letter to include the following:
  - a. Name and location of the college or university attending.
  - b. Academic major you are pursuing.
  - c. Your career objective.
- Must submit a 300-500 word essay, describing how the scholarship will help you realize your goal.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Submit all the required information to:  
ATTN: Nolan Scholarship  
Sault Tribe Education Department  
2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**WHEN TO APPLY:** May 1 through July 1, 2006

**DEADLINE:** July 1, 2006. If mailed, the postmark must show July 1 or before.

If you have questions, please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education.

## Indianpreneur training class

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, May 9, 10 and 11, and May 23, 24 and 25. This is a two part training class and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF).

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, Minn., who helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. Gap funds are provided at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business, all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, Services Coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at (906) 524-2222.



## Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers a \$1,000 scholarship to tribal members who are enrolled in a four-year college or university.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be enrolled members of the Sault Tribe, at least quarter Indian blood quantum (verified by the tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must be enrolled in a Michigan public college or university.
- Must be at least a college junior.
- Must be full-time status (12 credit hours or more).
- Must have an accumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 (include transcript showing grades from the last term or semester attended).
- Must have submitted a Sault Tribe higher education assistance application for the 2006-07 school year.
- Must submit a cover letter to include the following:
  - a. The name and location of the college or university you are attending.
  - b. The academic major you are pursuing.
  - c. Your career objective is.
- Must submit a brief statement on what the scholarship would mean to you.

### HOW TO APPLY:

Submit required information to:  
 ATTN: Lumsden Scholarship  
 Sault Tribe Education Department  
 2 Ice Circle  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### WHEN TO APPLY: May 1 through July 1, 2006.

**DEADLINE: July 1, 2006.** If mailed, the postmark must show July 1 or before.

If you have any questions, please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education.

## Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship Program

### *Educating Our People for Tomorrow's Challenges*

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to Tribal members who are working towards an under-graduate degree.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be enrolled or accepted into a two or four-year college or university working towards an undergraduate degree
- Must be enrolled full time.
- Must submit a letter of application to include the following:
  - a. Name and location of college or university you will be attending.
  - b. Academic major you are pursuing, including class level and number of credits completed.
  - c. Your career objective
- Must submit a 300-500 word essay, describing how you feel your education will benefit you and why you should receive a scholarship.

### HOW TO APPLY:

U.S. Mail: Submit the letter of application, proof of tribal membership and essay to:

ATTN: Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship Program  
 Sault Tribe Higher Education Department  
 2 Ice Circle  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

E-Mail: Send the letter of application and essay to [jlwton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jlwton@saulttribe.net). You must include your Social Security number for tribal membership to be verified. If emailed, the submission date must be no later than **July 1, 2006**.

**SUBMISSIONS** will be accepted from **May 1 through July 1, 2006**.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS** please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for the Higher Education Department.

# Top ten scholarship tips

Ever wonder what the folks who award the scholarships want to see? FinAid and FastWeb have polled scholarship providers across the country, asking for their tips on applying for scholarships.

**Tip 1:** Give concrete examples. If your answer to an essay question is abstract, support it with a concrete example that illustrates your point. The scholarship sponsor wants to see evidence that you satisfy their criteria, not just unsupported statements.

**Tip 2:** Apply only if you are eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully, and make sure that you are eligible before you send in your application. Your application will not be considered if you aren't qualified to apply.

**Tip 3:** Identify the sponsor's goals. Try to understand the sponsor's motivation in offering the award. Do they want to promote interest in their field? Do they want to identify promising future researchers and business leaders? If you can identify their goals, you can direct your application toward satisfying those goals, increasing your chances of winning the award.

**Tip 4:** Complete the application in full and follow directions. Many students fail to follow directions. You can give yourself a competitive advantage by reading the directions carefully.

Provide everything that is required. But don't supply things that aren't requested. You won't

impress and you might be disqualified.

Be sure to complete the entire application. If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave it blank.

**Tip 5:** Neatness counts. Make several photocopies of all the forms you receive. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.

It's always best to type the application. If you must print, do so neatly and legibly.

Proofread the entire application carefully. Nothing is less impressive than an application with misspelled words or grammar errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.

**Tip 6:** Write an accomplishments resume. Compile a list of all your accomplishments. This will help you identify your strengths and prepare a better application.

Give a copy of the resume to the people who are writing letters of recommendation for you. They will be able to work some of the tidbits into their letters, making it seem like they know you better.

**Tip 7:** Watch all deadlines. Impose a deadline for yourself that is at least two weeks before the stated deadline. Use this "buffer time" to proofread your application before you send it off.

YOU are responsible for making sure all parts of the application arrive on time. This includes supporting materials, such as letters of recommendation and transcripts. So make sure everyone

who is contributing to your application has ample lead-time.

If worse comes to worse, call the scholarship provider in advance and ask if it's possible to receive an extension. Don't just send the materials in late; many committees will refuse late applications. But don't rely on extensions - very few scholarship providers allow them at all.

**Tip 8:** Take steps to make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet and keep it on file. If your application goes astray, you can always produce it quickly.

Make sure your name (and social security number, if applicable) appears on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.

**Tip 9:** Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, do not hesitate to call the sponsor. They will usually be glad to give you help. But don't expect them to do the work for you. Completing the application is your job.

**Tip 10:** Remember - your scholarship application represents you! Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. It's the face you present to the sponsoring organization. Take pride in yourself by submitting the best application you can.

## Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers a \$1,000 scholarship to tribal members who are enrolled in a four-year college or university.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be at least quarter Indian blood quantum and an enrolled member of the Sault Tribe (verified by the tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must be enrolled in a Michigan public college/university in a teacher education program
- Must be at least a college junior.
- Must be full-time status (12 credit hours or more).
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 (include transcript showing grades from the last term or semester attended).
- Must submit a cover letter to include the following:
  - a. The name and location of the college or university you are attending.
  - b. The academic major you are pursuing.
  - c. Your career objective.
  - d. Must submit a brief statement on what the scholarship would mean to you.

### HOW TO APPLY:

Submit the required information to:  
 ATTN: Fred L Hatch Scholarship  
 Sault Tribe Education Department  
 2 Ice Circle  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### WHEN TO APPLY: May 1 through July 1, 2006

**DEADLINE: July 1, 2006.** If mailed, the postmark must show July 1 or before.

If you have any questions, please call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education.

## Writing the Scholarship Essay

Think before you write. Brainstorm to generate some good ideas and then create an outline to help you get going.

Be original. The judges may be asked to review hundreds of essays. It's your job to make your essay stand out from the rest.

Show, don't tell. Use stories, examples and anecdotes to individualize your essay and demonstrate the point you want to make. By using specifics, you'll avoid vagueness and generalities.

Develop a theme. Don't simply list all your achievements. Decide on a theme you want to convey that sums up the impression you want to make. Write about experiences that develop that theme.

Know your audience. Personal essays are not one size fits all. Write a new essay for each application - one that fits the interests and requirements of that scholarship organization. You're asking to be selected as the representative for that group. The essay is your chance to show how you are the ideal representative.

Submit an essay that is neat and readable. Make sure your essay is neatly typed, and that there is a lot of white space on the page. Double-space the essays, and provide adequate margins (1" - 1 1/2") on all sides.

Make sure your essay is well written. Proofread carefully, check spelling and grammar and share your essay with friends or teachers. Another pair of eyes can catch errors you might miss.

Publication of the next issue of *The Sault Tribe News* will be delayed one week so we can bring you the results of the primary. Deadline for submissions for the next issue is May 15.

**April 5 - May 10:** Kewadin Casino Hessel Multiplier Madness Wednesday! The more you play the more you could win! Random draws from 5 to 10 p.m. For more information (800) KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**May 1:** Tribal chairperson open office hours are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2 - 6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

**May 1:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, 4 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour is from 3-4 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

**May 1:** Creative Walking Inc., motivation to move, Robert Sweetgall has presented workshops, keynote addresses and seminars to over one million people worldwide will be held at the Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call (906) 632-5200.

**May 1 & 2:** Lesson 7 - Models of Wardship and the Creation of Dependence. What Was Never Told class 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and May 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Kewadin Casino Whitefish Room. Contact Elaine Wright, cultural training specialist at (906) 632-7494 or [ewright@saulttribe.net](mailto:ewright@saulttribe.net).

**May 1 - 14:** Mother's Day at all Kewadin Casino sites, this is for you mom! Random draws each day of the promotion from 4 to 7 p.m. Woman can win cash each day of the drawings! For more information call (800) KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**May 2 & 4:** High Blood Pressure - Food Choices and Medications 1 to 3 p.m. and May 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session two, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

**May 2:** Nokomis Learning Center is a Native American Cultural Center located at 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864. First Tuesday Lecture Series will be held at 7 p.m. and is a free event. "Reserved Rights Flowing From Indian Treaties," is the theme with speaker Donald "Del" Laverdure Director, Michigan State University College of Law Indigenous Law Program.

Professor Laverdure, an enrolled citizen of the Crow Nation, currently serves as Chief Justice of the Crow Nation and as an appel-

late judge of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Professor Laverdure is an expert in taxation of indigenous peoples, tribal court systems, indigenous identity and treaty rights of indigenous peoples. An exhibition of photographs "Fishing Families of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians" by Cindy John is on view at Nokomis through Summer 2006. The Nokomis Learning Center First Tuesday Lecture Series and the exhibit is funded in part by a grant from Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Call Nokomis at (517) 349-5777 or visit our website at [www.nokomis.org](http://www.nokomis.org) for more information.

**May 4-7:** Women's Spring Spiritual Wellness Gathering MNOOKMI - 2006. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of relaxing, friendship and learning. Cultural teachings, health workshops, stress reduction, talking circles, relationships, relaxation, discovery, music, crafts, and so much more! The gathering will be held at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island, Mich., May 4, 6 p.m. to May 7, 12 p.m. Bring bedding, pillows, towels, warm clothes, sweat cloths, toiletries, sewing and craft materials (i.e., fabric, beads, sewing machine, etc), musical instrument and best singing voice. For more information, or to get an application, please contact Karen Howell or Selina McLean, 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-6075 or toll free at (800) 726-9105, fax (906) 635-6549 or email: [sskarenh@saulttribe.net](mailto:sskarenh@saulttribe.net). We will have a special presenter from California (originally from Australia) - Dr. Karen Wolfe - author of Beyond Prozac and Creating The Body Your Soul Desires. She will be presenting on both topics. Funded by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians American Indian Substance Abuse program.

**May 5:** Escanaba Area Diabetes Support Group from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in conference room A at Bay College located off of the library. For questions or concerns call (906) 786-9211.

**May 5:** The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**May 5 & 6:** Constitutional Convention meeting 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and May 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hessel Community Center. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

**May 6:** EUP Remote Car Races, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**May 6:** Hessel community drum meeting and teachings. All meetings are held at the Hessel Tribal Center at 6 p.m. Please

bring a dish to pass if you can. Any questions please call Lisa Burnside, Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2298 or Basil Willis at (906) 647-8943.

**May 8:** You are invited to attend a Blessing of the grounds for the Munising Community Center at 11 a.m. at the Munising project site. A light luncheon will be served at the American Legion Building across from the project site. Due to the demolition work being performed in this building, no tour of the project will be provided at this ceremony. Future tours will be scheduled as construction allows. For more information please call Kim Green at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26059.

**May 8:** Would you like to quit? Trying to quit? Already quit? If you need help in quitting smoking or chewing tobacco, we can help! Tobacco Cessation Support Group at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Just show up! Friends and family welcomed. The facilitators will be Community Health tobacco counselors. If you're unable to attend, and would like to quit, please contact your healthcare provider or a tobacco counselor in your local tribal health clinic. We're happy to guide and support you through the quitting process. There may not be a good time to quit, why not now? Education, support, snacks and refreshments. No fees, registration, or sign up. Just show up! Call (906) 632-5241 for more information.

**May 9:** JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meetings are scheduled for every second Tuesday of the month in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call Shawnda Kangas, president or Patti Paris, secretary, at (906) 635-5055.

**May 10:** The BASICS of Diabetes and Living a Full Life class, 4 - 8 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This is the session to attend if you just found out you have diabetes, if you never received diabetes education, or it's been a while since you have had an update on diabetes. The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, a meal, and the chance to ask questions. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

**May 15:** Tribal chairperson open office hours are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2 - 6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

**May 15 & 16:** Lesson 8 - Dealing With Ethno stress. What Was Never Told class 5:30 to 8:30 pm. and May 16 from 9 to 12 p.m. at Kewadin Casino Whitefish Room. Contact Elaine Wright, cultural training specialist at (906) 632-7494 or [ewright@saulttribe.net](mailto:ewright@saulttribe.net).

**May 16 & 18:** HDL, LDL - What's It All About?, 1 p.m. to 3

p.m. and May 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session three, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

**May 16:** Board of directors open hours from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the Manistique Health Center. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings. For questions contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

**May 16:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Manistique at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

**May 16 - June 27:** Active Parenting NOW is designed to serve parents of children ages 5 years to twelve a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

**May 17:** Hessel community drum meeting and teachings. All meetings are held at the Hessel Tribal Center at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. Any questions please call Lisa Burnside, Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2298 or Basil Willis at (906) 647-8943.

**May 18:** The Sault Tribe Veteran's Group will meet on the third Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m., at the Cultural Division, 206 Greenough St. Call Art Leighton at (906) 632-7494 for more information.

**May 18 - June 29:** Active Parenting of TEENS is designed to serve parents of teens and pre-teens in a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

**May 19 & 20:** Constitutional Convention meeting 5 - 9 p.m., and May 20 from 8 - 3 p.m., Cheboygan, Mich. Location to be announced. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more

information please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

**May 20:** St. Ignace Kewadin Casino is celebrating its 18th Anniversary from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be cash, cake and a grand prize! For more information call (800) KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**May 20-May 21:** Teen Wellness 2006 - Come and enjoy a great time of learning, friendship, and fun. Crafts, cultural teachings, team building activities, leadership skills, making new friends, dance, and many more fun activities. There will also be great food. Teen Wellness is being held at the Culture Camp on Sugar Island, Mich. Students must be in school and in grades 7 through 11 in order to participate. Participants must arrive on Saturday, May 20 at 8 a.m., and will be released at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. Transportation available to and from camp (if needed). For an application or any questions, please call Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or toll free at (800) 726-9105 or email at [sskarenh@saulttribe.net](mailto:sskarenh@saulttribe.net). Teen Wellness is sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, American Indian Substance Abuse, 1022 E. Portage Ave, Sault, MI 49783.

**May 21:** Senior Social at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**May 22:** Would you like to quit? Trying to quit? Already quit? If you need help in quitting smoking or chewing tobacco, we can help! Tobacco Cessation Support Group at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Just show up! Friends and family welcomed. The facilitators will be Community Health tobacco counselors. If you're unable to attend, and would like to quit, please contact your healthcare provider or a tobacco counselor in your local tribal health clinic. We're happy to guide and support you through the quitting process. There may not be a good time to quit, why not now? Education, support, snacks and refreshments. No fee's, registration, or sign up. Just show up! Call (906) 632-5241 for more information.

**May 28:** Kewadin Casino celebrates Memorial Day at all Kewadin Casino sites! From noon - 8 p.m. We're giving away up to \$35,000 in cash prizes. For more information call (800) KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**May 27:** Julie Roberts and Jessica Andrews Concert, 7 p.m. Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) KEWADIN. Tickets on sale now, price \$22.50.

**May 29:** Tribal chairperson open office hours are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2 to 6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

**May 29:** Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center closed for Memorial Day.

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**INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP  
 BASED ON THE  
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 AND NOT ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER




# HOFFMAN

**UNIT 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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**A VOTE FOR DJ HOFFMAN REPRESENTS LEADERSHIP BASED ON:**

- ✓ **BOARD EXPERIENCE**
  - *I have served on many Tribal, as well as Local, Committees and Board's which has provided me with extensive Parliamentary experience*
- ✓ **COMMUNICATION**
  - *Answering your phone calls*
  - *Returning your letters and e-mails*
- ✓ A willingness to set aside personal differences for the Betterment of the Membership
- ✓ Independent decisions based on what is best for the Membership
- ✓ Professional and respectful behavior relating to the Membership, Team Members, and Fellow Board Members
- ✓ Active involvement in making the Tribe and Community better for everyone
- ✓ Involving the Membership in Planning the Direction of the Tribe
- ✓ Diversification of Economic activities
  - *My tenure as Economic Development Director for Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan has provided me with a vast amount of experience regarding the many potential opportunities for new business development*
- ✓ Establishing, developing, and maintaining positive relationships with Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Officials.
  - *My Michigan Political Leadership Fellowship, as well as work experience within Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, have provided me with a vast amount of experience with various types of Inter-Governmental relations. I have established contacts in these various government agencies.*
- ✓ Protecting the Services, Treaty Rights, and Sovereignty that we have
- ✓ **RESPECT** for our most valuable assets: Our Children and Our Elders

PROVEN BOARD EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION	CURRENT EMPLOYMENT
Sault Area School Board Planning & Development Committee, City of Sault Ste. Marie Health Committee Member, Sault Tribe Higher Education Committee Member, Sault Tribe Pow Wow Committee Member, Former Conservation Committee Member, Former Community Service Board, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Former Michigan Workforce Development Board, Former	Northern Michigan University <i>Masters Degree In Public Administration (Recently finished final course)</i> Michigan State University <i>Bachelors Degree Human Resources</i> Lake Superior State University <i>Bachelors Degree Business (IS)</i> University of Michigan <i>Executive Management Certificate</i>	Economic Development Director Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.  <i>"I will resign my position to be a full time representative, and hold daily office hours to serve the needs of the membership."</i>

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME TOLL FREE AT: 1-866-598-5804  
 OR E-MAIL: [djwhoffman@hotmail.com](mailto:djwhoffman@hotmail.com)

-DJ HOFFMAN ENDORSES THIS ADW EXISTENCE-

# Walking On



**Charles C. Lawrence** passed away Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. Charlie was born in Sault Ste. Marie on July 6, 1928, the son of George and Anna (Pryor) Lawrence.

Charlie was a veteran and served in Hawaii and Christmas Island with the Army Corps of Engineers. He discharged and joined the Michigan National Guard and served in Korea with the 1437th Float Bridge Company and was instrumental in the reorganization of the National Guard Company in Sault Ste. Marie on their return. He later returned to regular Army service, and while stationed in Germany was assigned as body guard for Elvis Presley. He was past District Governor of 10B Lions in 1991-1992 having gone to Australia to be inducted. He was past member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Kinross Lions Club. He is a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his wife, Searle; daughter, Sharolyn (Lee) Graybiel and her family of Newport News, VA., and son, Charles (Kelly) Lawrence, Jr. and his family of Rockford, Ill. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Lauren, Jaclyn, Lillianne, Heather, Katelyn and Craig; his two brothers, George Lawrence of Sault Ste. Marie, and John Lawrence of Flint, Mich.; two sisters, Connie Frederickson of Sault Ste. Marie, and Marlene Sherman of Texas; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bobby and Oren; and sister Virginia.

Visitation took place Friday, April 7, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church with the Memorial Mass following at 11 a.m. with Brother John Hascall officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kinross Lions Club. Condolences for Charlie may be emailed to [clarkbaileynewhouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clarkbaileynewhouse@sbcglobal.net) et. Arrangements by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

**Jesse James Smart Sr.** born in Gideon, Mo. on December 25, 1930, died on March 26, 2006. He resided in the Sault for most of his life and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was preceded in death by wife, Theresa Shannon Smart (Willis), sister, Ruby Smart and brother, William Smart. He is survived by his children; Dennis, Theresa (Tim) Flandrck, Jesse (Sherrie), Robert (Marie), Richard (Kelly) and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Virgil and Everett Smart and sister, Pearl Lowery.

Visitation was at the Culture Center on Tuesday, March 28 from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Church ser-

vices will be on Wednesday at the Cultural Center at 1 p.m. Burial to follow at Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island with a Luncheon at Culture Center after services.

**Francis W. Moses**, 76, of St. Ignace died March 31 at his home following a lingering illness. He was born Oct. 17, 1929 in Hessel. His parents were Antoine and Agnes (Wabigenese) Moses. He graduated from high school, and served nearly three years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, 11 months overseas. He was an excellent carpenter, and worked for Roy Carlson Construction many years. He was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and a life member of VFW Post #5114. He was very active for the past 25 years in AA, and helped others with alcohol problems, and proud of his accomplishment. Francis was a family man, and very close to his children and grandchildren, who will miss him greatly.

On June 30, 1956 he married Rosemarie Shomin in St. Ignace, and she survives. They would have celebrated 50 years this June. Also six daughters; Geraldine (Leonard) Knauf, Sault Ste. Marie; Catherine (James) Hadley, St. Ignace; Cecelia (Robert) Holmes, St. Ignace; Karen Moses, Ft. Stewart, GA., U.S. Army; Margaret (Joe) Tillman, Mackinac City; Christina Moses and Martin Reinhardt, Elizabeth, CO., one son, John of St. Ignace. Sisters Betty Colegrove and Phyllis (Louis) Colegrove, St. Ignace; Lena McGrath, Suttons Bay, Mich; and a brother, Lutton (Donna) Moses, St. Ignace. Fourteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter survive. He was preceded in death by sons, Robert in 1988 and Edward in 1983; and brothers, Edwin, Mike, Harvey, Frank and Antoine Moses Jr.

Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, April 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Ignatius Church with Fr. Jim Williams officiating. Visitation was held on Tuesday at the church with prayers at 8 p.m. led by Tom McClelland. Burial will be in Wequayoc Cemetery on M134, St. Ignace Twp. Pallbearers were Len Adams, Jim Horn, Louis Leveille, Louis Colegrove, Levi Moses, and Mike Lasley. Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

**Tune in to the Sault Tribe This Week**, the Saturday Morning Show with George Snider from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews and music and other great features.

Listen for *Sault Tribe This Week* with Tom Ewing scheduled on Tuesdays on AM 1230 WSOO at 9:35 a.m., WNBV-FM12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. in Newberry and WIDG-AM 9:04 a.m. in St. Ignace.

Wednesdays WNBV-FM 12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. and Thursdays on WSUE-FM (Rock 101) at 10:25 a.m and 4:25 p.m.

# Campaign Finance Reform Will Open The Government Up To More People

## Empowerment For Tribal Citizens

The board doesn't have adequate oversight. The board likes to say that the voters oversee them when they mail in their ballots. Well, to a degree that may be the case. However, the board subsequently goes and does what it wants anyway.

A good example of this was the 40% retroactive pay raise that it gave itself in 2000. Some members received \$40,000 in back pay.

A board oversight committee will empower citizens who want to do something about these kinds of extravagances. It will raise funds and advertise for or against candidates at election time, and help the voters in making an informed choice. In between elections, it will publish information on the board's internal issues and what's going on with them...ie. the directors double dipping, their part-time employment, being otherwise employed full-time, and continuing on the board despite a conflict of interest.

Additionally, the committee will address the board working without a job description, and setting its own salaries, and not having financial disclosure laws on the books.

If necessary the committee will initiate referendums on issues that the board either refuses to deal with or is unable to deal with. These will be administered in a professional manner, which will greatly enhance their likelihood of success.

The board oversight committee will be a standing committee with representatives from each government units. It will meet regularly at a central location to plan and implement its agenda. If this sounds like something that you would like to help with please call me at 1-810-299-5107, or email me at cforgraveus@yahoo.com

When I see something in our Tribal government that can be improved upon, I'm not being negative because I notice it. There's a lot more that is right with our government and its officials than there is wrong.

While it's a worthy goal to accentuate the positive, I like to think of the good changes...ie. primaries, blood quantum requirements, etc. of the last several years. Had these shortcomings of our government not been noticed and constructively criticized, the good changes wouldn't come about.

Were Director Todd Gravelle never to have made our broken Tribal government his campaign focus in 2004, the constitutional convention committee would not be meeting regularly today, and rewriting our constitution.

Through organizing and fund raising, constructive criticism and planning, members can empower themselves through political action committees. While the focus on Tribal government's and their official's deficiencies is negative, the outcomes of political action committees are both positive and good.

While I don't want to step on toes and get on the wrong side of the directors, I will do it if I feel that is the right thing to do, and needs to be done for the good of the membership. Thus, I've chosen to roll back the boards salaries and use the money we save to start up new reservation businesses.

There are economic incentives on the reservation, for example, training and minority business incentives, along with no state sales or corporate income taxes, and no property taxes, which are waiting for private entrepreneurs to take advantage of them. It's beyond my comprehension to figure out why the private sector of the reservation economy hasn't been developed up to this time. Why there isn't an industrial park or commercial development zone on Shunk Road, or a building waiting for businessman to take advantage of the reservation being a sovereign Free Trade Zone. Where too is the Economic Development Commission, that is eager to help establish a community of native entrepreneurs.

Being realistic here, I do realize that taking money out of the director's pockets will be like pulling teeth, which is why I'm putting together a political action committee...ie. the board oversight committee. I realize how it's money that talks, thus our committee is planning fund raisers and advertising to keep these issues on the front burner. So that the directors can not brush them aside, because they're being asked to give up a payday.

With that in mind, call me at 1-810-299-5107 to empower yourself, and become a member of our board oversight committee.

We're a long term entity. We're going to be here whether I'm elected or not.



# VOTE

**Chuck  
Forgrave  
Unit One**

**CALL TO BE ON BOARD  
OVERSIGHT REFERENDUM COMMITTEE  
1-810-299-5107**

**It's not right that only the tribal well-to-do can afford to seek elective office.**

The cost of campaigning for chairman or director at \$50,000.00 and \$20,000.00 respectively doesn't cut the average wage earners out from running for office. However, it does put them at a disadvantage. How are the members of a family of four, living on an average income of \$32,000.00 a year, able to compete with directors and managers earning \$70,000.00 and more.

**It's time to take a hard look at campaign finance reform.**

The cost of an affective campaign is high because of the cost of advertising. There are, however, options which can ease the financial burden to the citizen. Subsidizing our tribal elections with more subsidized advertising is one such alternative. A formula subsidizing candidates will help reconnect the people to their government and will be well worth the money.

For Example:

1. We could give a free full page ad in the Sault Tribe News  
This could be divided up into two half pages or four quarter pages.
2. Set the campaign spending limit at \$5000 for board positions and \$15,000.00 for chairman position.
3. Match a candidates campaign funds up \$2,500. This would be money raised by the candidate from contributions, not their own money.
4. Match a chairman's campaign fund up to \$7,500. This would be money raised by the candidate from contributions, not their own money.
5. Allow campaign fund raising to begin 6 or 9 months before the general election. All contributions would have to be banked in escrow and not spent until election cycle begins.

**ELECTIVE OFFICES SHOULD NOT BE OUT OF THE REACH OF THE ORDINARY TRIBAL CITIZEN**

### Campaign Financial Disclosure March Expenses

2.....Full Page in Sault Tribe News	\$450.00
8.....11 Sault Evening News ads total	\$1,925.00
10.....WSOO 1230 & Rock 101.3 adv	\$975.00
16.....Full Page in Sault Tribe News	\$450.00
18.....Walmart poster material	\$22.91
22.....Gas for campaign errands	\$20.00
23.....Campaign yard signs	\$347.50
24.....Tribal address list	\$ 24.60
27.....100 copies 8X11 flier	\$ 14.40
27.....Evening News ad 3col. X 5	\$ 66.00
29.....200 copies of 8X11 flier	\$ 24.00
29.....Motel (meet the candidate)	\$53.00
<b>TOTAL MARCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,494.53</b>

**By the time the primary ballots are counted, I will have spent close to \$6,500 dollars and thats cutting corners where I can**

# Jennylee Church Olesek celebrates 100 years

Jennylee Church Olesek will celebrate her 100th Birthday with family and friends on Saturday, May 20, 2006. Born on Harbor Island (off Drummond Island) in 1906, growing up in the DeTour area, Jennylee and her husband John Olesek moved to the Sault where they raised their three children Margaret Ann (Olesek) McPherson, Gerald (deceased) and Fredric Olesek.

Jennylee continues to exhibit a zest for life and love of people. She is an avid bridge player, reader, a Church Family historian, and a member of the Red Hat Society. Her ability to adapt to a century of change has contributed to the vibrant steadfast character she is today.

Jennylee's birthday will be a celebration and gathering of the Church and Olesek families, and her many friends.

*Happy birthday, Jennylee!*



# Happy birthday to you...

Brother John Haskell celebrates his 65th birthday on May 23.



# Engagement announced

Mrs. AnnaMarie Becker and Mr. James P. Cortopassi would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Lynn LaTour, to Brian W. Oliver of Monroe, Mich. Shannon was born in Petoskey, Mich., and raised in Grosse Ile, Mich., where she graduated from Grosse Ile High School and went to Western Michigan University to become a psychologist. Shannon and Brian both live in Taylor, Mich. They will be married on August 12, 2006 in Monroe.

Her Grandparents are Mary Cortopassi of California, the late John Cortopassi, Detroit and Beverly Kammers and the late



Dean Kammers, St Ignace, Mich., and also the late Abraham Nelson Latour of Indiana.

# Coldiron and Keen wed

Sault Tribe member Kristopher James Keene and Kellie Lynne Coldiron were married March 11, 2006 at the First Assembly of God Church in Leesburg, Fla., with Pastor Rick Welborne officiating. The groom is the son of Jeannette O'Neil of Buckley, Mich., and Bruce Keene of Tavares, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Linda Coldiron of Leesburg. The maid of honor was Kristy Coldiron, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Nicolette McMahon and Connie Hurlburt. Best man was Brandon Hunter and groomsmen were Joe Keene, brother of the groom, and Kenny Hunter.

Tiffani Turner served as flower girl and Nicholas Turner was the ring bearer. Both are cousins of the bride. During the ceremony, the father of the bride honored the couple by performing a special song. Dinner and a reception immediately followed the ceremony at the Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake, Fla. The groom is the grandson of Jim and Eirmella O'Neil of Gould City and Emil and Imogene Keene of Tavares, Fla. and the great-grand-



son of Vivian Blanchard of Gould City and Evelyn O'Neil of St. Ignace.

Family members attending the wedding included, Vivian Blanchard, Jim and Eirmella O'Neil, John, Marsha, Leah and Andrew Blanchard of Sault Ste. Marie, Tom and Gen Blanchard of McMillan, Rod, Carol and Megan Blanchard of Weston, Fla., and Jeannette O'Neil with son Andrew and Tom Storms of Buckley, Mich. Kris is employed by Keene Construction, and Kellie is finishing her last year of college and working at Publix. They are making their home in Leesburg.

The Munising Elders Unit V sub-committee will be selling the elder or member tribal license plates. Price is \$6 per plate. For more information please contact Shirley at (906) 387-2101 or Katherine at (906) 387-3299.

# Snow cross rookie Stephanie Willis places third in state

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Up and coming on the Michigan snow cross circuit next winter is 12-year old Stephanie Willis of the Sault. Willis placed third in the state MXRA Snow Cross for the 10-13 junior girls in the 380 to 600 Fan CC division.

Her rookie year of racing this winter on a 2006 380 Fan snowmobile saw her winning trophies and medals for third to seventh place finishes.

She competed in races at Drummond Island, Manistique, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and Boyne Mountain.

Flying around the track at 40 m.p.h. can make it hard to see your competition. "It was strange at first, but I got used to it. I haven't ever raced before and I was afraid I would crash. It's hard to see because you have to wear goggles and a helmet and the snow is flying in your face during a race. I want to keep doing it, it's fun," Willis said.

Her father, Brian Willis, said



Twelve-year old Stephanie Willis of the Sault with her trophies. Photo by Brenda Austin

she did crash during a race in Manistique. "She had a face full of handle bars. Her Tech Vest saved her from breaking a collar bone."

Not an inexpensive sport, the Willis' this past winter purchased a new snowmobile, equipment, travel and entry fees. "Next year she will be moving to a bigger,

faster machine, a 550 Fan," her father said. "For her first winter of racing she did very good. I'm proud of her."

Her sponsor is Leit Sports Center in the Sault.

Stephanie is a Sault Tribe member and her parents are Brian and Lori Willis.

# Ganson receives student of the quarter award

We would like to commend Kristen Ganson for doing an excellent job and going beyond what was expected of her.

She made the honor roll all of her senior year as well as keeping a part time job during school and working full time during her days off for the last two years.

She was recently co-awarded Student of the Quarter at Malcolm High School. We are very proud of you, my girl.

Love, from all your family, Kristen.



# American Indian Scouting Association to host conference

The American Indian Scouting Association will hold its 49th annual seminar for youth and adults at Okamora, July 22-26. The host tribe will be the Comanche Nation.

Participants will include both Indian and non-Indian youth ages 12 - 17 and adults, who explore strategies for youth development and improvement of life in

American Indian communities through Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs and services.

Workshops will be available to assist adults responsible for leadership and administration of youth programs by providing training and a forum for the exchange of ideas.

The fee for the seminar is \$175 for adults and youth. After June 1 the fee will increase to \$200. This fee includes room and board and

membership. Some funds are available for Youth Scholarship Grants, based on financial need.

Contact Don Rogers, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079; or Paayai Mahajan, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 420 Fifth Ave. 15th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Visit our website at: [www.americanindianscouting.org](http://www.americanindianscouting.org).

# Walking legend coming to Brimley and Sault Ste. Marie

By DONNA NORKOLI

Spring is the time to rethink our physical activity habits and get outside to enjoy nature and improve our health. Walking is the easiest, safest activity and can be done by almost everyone with no expense other than a good pair of walking shoes.

In efforts to promote increased physical activity and better health for people of all ages, the Sault Tribe health services and the Bay Mills health services are bringing Rob Sweetgall — author, walker and speaker — to Brimley and Sault Ste. Marie on May 1. This program is made possible through the grant funded by the Intertribal Council of Michigan.

Robert Sweetgall has logged over 70,000 miles (walking, jogging, skiing, and snowshoeing) since 1969. This includes an

11,208 mile walk through all 50 states in one year, 1984-1985.

Author of 17 books on walking and wellness, Sweetgall has spoken to over one million people worldwide on the benefits of active living. Earlier in his life, Robert was an overweight Brooklyn boy, chocolate-cheese-cake lover, high school valedictorian and Dupont chemical engineer. Motivated largely by a family history of heart disease, Robert gave up the cheesecake, chemical engineering, and his \$50,000 Dupont job to take his healthy message on the road — literally — walking seven times across America from 1982 to 1985.

Today Robert serves as president of Creative Walking, Inc., visit [www.CreativeWalking.com](http://www.CreativeWalking.com), helping thousands of corporations, schools, hospitals and communi-

ties establish walking wellness programs.

Rob will be speaking at Bay Mills Waiskey Center for staff and students of Brimley and Ojibway charter schools and for the community. In Sault Ste. Marie, Rob will be speaking at the elders luncheon, the Sault Tribe Head Start Center, JKL Bahweting School and the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center.

The school programs, titled "No Teachers Left Behind; No Students Left on Their Behinds", will focus on helping educators implement a more balanced approach to education which includes more physical activities integrated into every school day in order to improve learning, focus, behavior and most importantly, student and teacher fitness

levels. As a part of this effort, a pedometer program will be encouraged as well as walking and activity projects for all students. School administrators and teachers will be given specific activities and projects that can be easily implemented to improve both mind, body, spirit and character.

The community, elders, and health center staff programs, titled "Motivation to Move — the Best Activities to reduce stress, weight, diabetes, heart disease and your rate of aging," will include specific activities and programs that are simple, inexpensive and easy to implement in order to strengthen the body, improve cardiovascular and aerobic function, reduce blood sugar levels and diabetes risk, lower body fat and blood pressure levels and improve ener-

gy, longevity and total state of wellness.

The "Get Fit With a Frisbee" workshop, to be held at the Sault Tribe Head Start, is a fun family fitness program promoting muscle coordination, balance and brain power, aerobic fitness, parent and child bonding, active living and fun play.

For more information about these programs in Brimley, contact Mary Elliott at the Bay Mills Health Center at (906) 248-5527. To inquire about programs taking place in Sault Ste. Marie, contact Donna Norkoli at the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 635-8844.

## Idea for Indian Country olympic teams pushed

By RICK SMITH

It appears to be likely that the world will get to witness the official debut of Indian Country athletes in the coming China and Vancouver Olympic games.

Stew Young, a member of the Tulalip Orca Tribe and the American Indian ski team, was selected to represent Indian Country at the Olympics in Italy by President Joe Garcia of the National Congress of American Indians and Woody Vaspra, president of the World Council of Elders.

Young, a World Cup speed skier, said he found much support and encouragement to have the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recognize the sovereignty

of American Indians. "Thanks to the warm welcoming by humanitarian sports leaders, sponsors and Olympic leaders at Torino, there is a realistic chance that our Native youth will be able to shine in the China and Vancouver Olympics as athletes," said Young.

Suzy Chaffee, Olympic skier and co-chair of the Native Voices Foundation credited Young with the idea receiving such warm responses. "It was thanks to Stew's inspiring French Princess Caroline Murat to rally support for this Olympic dream at her 'Ski and Music Festival' in Switzerland last February."

However, Young declines any credit. "Rob Stull, director of

Torino's wonderful Visa Olympic Alumni Hospitality Center, gave us some priceless advice on how to approach the IOC after learning that American Indian nations have unique sovereignty: A government to government relationship proven by Iroquois passports, Alaska Nations are geographically more remote than Guam (U.S. Territory), and tribes participated in 1904's Olympics. Through Suzy so many doors opened at the Olympic Center to help with this effort. I thank President Garcia and Woody, who believe the youth are our future, for including me in this historic opportunity for them," said Young.

## Baker graduates from basic training

The family of Brittney J'Hannah Baker are proud to announce her graduation from the United States Army Basic Training and Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Pvt. Baker received the Trailblazer Award for overall excellence and leadership ability. Brittney is assigned to the 1437th Bridge Unit in the Sault. A 2005 graduate of Brimley High School and a member of the Sault Tribe, Brittney is the daughter of Ray and Kelli Baker, sister to Jacob Baker, and the granddaughter of Donna and the late Ben Baker.



## Stork Report...



inches in length.

**Jasiah J.P. Frazier** was born to proud parents Ian Frazier and Ashley Gravelle of Naubinway, Mich.

Grandparents are Sandra Peters and Walter Frazier of Naubinway, Mich., Marvin Gravelle of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Marcy Gravelle of Repton, Mich. Jasiah was born March 7 at 11:07 a.m. weighing 8.7 pounds and was 19



Brian and Marcy Steele of Kincheloe announce the birth of a son, **Brian Allen Steele** born March 9, 2006. He weighed 8.06 pounds and measured 18.5 inches long.



## Sault Ste. Marie athletes to compete in 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games

Special Olympics Michigan has announced that Joan Aikens and Kathy Kramer of Sault Ste. Marie will participate in the first-ever Special Olympics USA National Games, July 2 - 7, in Ames, Iowa. The 2006 USA National Games will be one of the largest multi-sporting events to happen this year.

The Sault Ste. Marie athletes will be among an estimated 3,500 Special Olympic athletes expected to compete at the National Games and 62 athletes from Michigan. They were selected after qualifying at last year's Special Olympics Michigan State Summer Games.

Special Olympics is a year-round sports organization that changes lives by promoting understanding, acceptance and

inclusion between people with and without intellectual disabilities. With more than 170 million worldwide (approximately seven million in the United States), people with intellectual disabilities make up the largest disability population in the world.

Intellectual disabilities cross the lines of racial, ethnic, educational, social and economic backgrounds, and can occur in any family. Special Olympics is nearly two million athletes strong in more than 150 nations around the world.

The athletes and their coaches are extremely excited about the chance to take part in this once in a lifetime event. Aikens, 29, will compete in aquatics, while Kramer, 53, will compete in athletics.

In addition to 3,500 athletes representing all 50 states, 8,000 volunteers, 2,000 coaches and official delegates, and 12,000 family members and friends of athletes are expected to converge on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

Sports competition for the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games includes swimming, track and field, basketball, gymnastics, motor activities, power lifting, bowling, tennis, golf, softball, bocce ball, soccer and volleyball. In the spirit of Olympic-type sports, there will be spectacular opening and closing ceremonies, a Special Olympics festival, a National Youth Summit, and symposiums. For more information, please visit [www.2006nationalgames.org](http://www.2006nationalgames.org).

## Women's spring spiritual wellness gathering

May 4-7 at Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island. No cost to attend. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of relaxing, friendship, and learning. We will have cultural teachings, health workshops, stress reduction, talking circles, sweat lodge, crafts, music, and so much more. If you need more information or an application, please contact Karen Howell or Selina McLean at American Indian Substance Abuse at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105 or email at [sskarenh@saulttribe.net](mailto:sskarenh@saulttribe.net) or [smclean@saulttribe.net](mailto:smclean@saulttribe.net)

Teen Wellness - May 20-21 at the Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island. No cost to attend. For information or an application, contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105 or email [sskarenh@saulttribe.net](mailto:sskarenh@saulttribe.net)

## Free Laker camps

LSSU beach volleyball  
June 12-14, Girls entering grades 8-12

LSSU boys basketball  
June 26-29, entering grades 3-9

LSSU girls basketball  
July 17-20, entering grades 4-12

All registrations are on a first served basis. Volleyball camp is limited to first 15 registrants, basketball camps are limited to first 50 registrants.

To register, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770, starting Monday, May 15 at 9 a.m. *No early registrations will be accepted.* For youth who are Sault Tribe members.

# Fegan sisters on Team Michigan U.S.A.

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Two girls from Sault Area High School will be traveling to Florida and Europe this summer to display their basketball skills and learn about other countries and cultures. The girls, Sault Tribe members Dani, 17, and Abbi Fegan, 16, members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball team out of Marquette, will be playing together as team mates on Team Michigan USA.

Each year Team Florida USA recruits basketball coaches and players to participate in its annual summer tour of various cities in Europe.

Team Michigan USA is a team of young ladies from Sault Ste. Marie, Marquette, Bay de Noc, Ishpeming and Rapid River, Mich.

The team will first travel to Altamonte Springs, Fla., where



they will be playing in the three-day Central Florida Girls International Shootout. The international shootout is an evaluation tournament with an invitation to college coaches to attend. Teams from Finland and Sweden have committed to the tournament and

Ireland and Italy are considering attending.

From Florida, Team Michigan will travel to Finland for a 250 team tournament and then on to Estonia, Sweden and Latvia. While in Europe the Fegan sisters will be staying with families of

their host teams which will give them an opportunity to experience other cultures.

The trip costs each girl \$2,600 which includes air travel, ships on the Baltic, trains, buses, city transportation passes, uniforms, warm-ups, travel bags and luggage, housing, tournament fees, team exchange gifts and meals at the tournament.

The tournaments take place in July and August.

Their parents are Pat and Liz Fegan of the Sault. According to their mother, both girls began playing basketball in the fifth grade. "Abbi used to stand in our driveway screaming because she couldn't make a free throw," she said. "I am excited for them. I would have loved to have an opportunity like this when I was a young girl."

The team has held fund raising

events to help with the cost of the trip. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help Dani and Abbi Fegan may do so by mailing a check made out to Marquette Magic, 5600 S. Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Dani and Abbi Fegan can be reached by phone at (906) 632-9851.

Tour leader Ken Patrick is a former coach from the University of Miami and Seminole Community College and is also a veteran of 18 European tours.

Any high school age athlete who has the recommendation of their coach is eligible to attend future tournaments. For more information on the program contact Ken Patrick at (407) 333-2070 or by email at kpatrick22102@aol.com.

Attending this years tournaments with Team Michigan USA is coach Lisa Coombs Gerou.

## Higher Education Programs

By **JANICE M. LEWTON, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program (a.k.a. incentive award program).

When submitting your Winter or Spring Session 2006 grades, please note if your mailing address has changed. Send them to: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Please make sure that you have a 2005-06 Higher Education Assistance Application on file before turning in your grades or you will not be eligible for the incentive award. If you do not, you can file one online at [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org)

This is a first-come first-serve basis, which means as grades

come in; we award students until our funds run out.

We realize that 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 these in, please make sure that the identifying information includes your name, school, and the session. If anything is handwritten on it, we can not accept it.

2006-07/school year applications. It is only necessary to complete "one" application per school year and it's good for both the Higher Education Self-Sufficiency and Grant programs.

Important Notice: If you are planning to attend a Michigan state-supported school full-time

during the 2006-07 school year and want to also be considered for the Higher Education Grant Program, please make sure that we have an application with your signature and not an e-mail application.

Also, if you did not complete a Free Application for Federal Financial Aid form (FAFSA), you will not be considered for the Higher Education Grant Program.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at (906) 635-7784 or (906) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email at [jl Lewton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jl Lewton@saulttribe.net)

## Fifth-grader Joseph Harper a winner at wrestling



twice a week with tournaments held on Saturday's.

Harper sometimes wrestles against boys six inches taller and 20 pounds heavier than himself but says he enjoys the competition. "Joseph likes to play and have fun when he wrestles but when he is on the mat he plays seriously," Harper Jr. said.

Wrestling runs in the family with his uncle Donnie Harper who took the UP State Champion about 1976. His father also spent some time on the mat when he was younger.

"His mother Tammy sacrifices many things to make sure he gets to practice and to his meets. His grandmother Haynes makes sure he has the equipment he needs and attends all his meets. His brother, Louie, is unknowingly his wrestling practice partner. (Mom, tell Joey to let go of me!) His cousin Matt encourages him to wrestle hard every time out on the mat. His cousins and grandparents are all very proud of him and enjoy hearing in detail about his matches," said his father, Harper Jr.

Harper is a Sault Tribe member who enjoys reading the tribal paper and asking questions. "His granny 'K' adds, "Congratulations, Joey!"

Soo Township Elementary School fifth-grader Joseph Preston Harley Harper has been wrestling since second grade and winning every match for the past two years except once when he placed second. "He has shown that commitment, hard work and good coaching make for a successful wrestling season," said his proud father Joseph Harper Jr. "He has also won many tournaments over the past two years."

Harper's hobbies include wrestling, snowmobiling, ice fishing and riding his mini-bike.

The Soo Township wrestling program for second graders and up helps kids prepare for middle and high school wrestling. He practices

## SME-EF and PLTW Launch Pre-Engineering STEPS Camps

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation (SME-EF) and Project Lead The Way® (PLTW), a not-for-profit organization that promotes pre-engineering courses for middle and high-school students, will launch a pilot program for the Science, Technology & Engineering Preview Summer (STEPS) Academy this summer at the Cajon Valley Middle School and Emerald Middle School in El Cajon, Calif. and the Pittsford Middle School in Pittsford, N.Y.

At each STEPS Academy, middle school instructors certified to teach PLTW courses will provide expert instruction in small group settings. The co-ed program allows campers to work together in a fun, exciting envi-

ronment using leading-edge technologies to experience disciplines such as robotics, aeronautics, and biotechnology. They'll brainstorm ideas, solve-problems, and build bridges, race cars, and other working models.

STEPS was created in 1997 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, a Malcolm Baldrige award-winning university, as part of a major effort to attract more women and minorities into the field of engineering early in their academic life. SME-EF has invested almost \$1.3 million in STEPS to inspire more than 4,000 young people to explore careers in manufacturing, engineering, science and technology. In addition to the camps being pilot tested in California and New York, STEPS camps are held at ten col-

leges and universities in five states.

Michigan schools include: Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Mich., Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich., Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills, Mich., and the University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Mich. Visit [www.sme.org/foundation](http://www.sme.org/foundation).

For more information contact Barbara J. Gaston Consultant - Public Relations SME Education Foundation 9271 Oakcliffe Drive Plymouth, MI 48170 or call (734) 416-9215, email: [bgaston0671@wowway.com](mailto:bgaston0671@wowway.com).

## Students cut tie as reward



SUBMITTED BY PEGGY DERWIN, NEGAUNEE TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION TUTOR

Some of Wendy Beacco's fourth-grade students from Lakeview Elementary School in Negaunee, Mich., had the opportunity of cutting Principal Joseph Meyskens' tie as a result of their improved reading scores. From L to R: Kaylee Chaudier, Jessica Orr-Oberstar and Austin Tadgerson.

### "Kinomaage" course offered for NMU summer college

MARQUETTE, Mich. — The Northern Michigan University center for Native American studies will offer a special topics course titled "Kinomaage: Earth Shows Us the Way" for session I of the summer term. The course will meet from 5:30 to 9:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 22 through June 29.

The term "kinomaage" literally can be translated into "the earth it shows" in the Ojibwemowin language. Through field trips and local walks, students will acquaint themselves with area plants traditionally harvested by the Anishinaabeg. Two additional field trips outside of class will be required.

Class discussion will compare and contrast Anishinaabeg and western earth relations while also taking a look at current ecological concerns affecting area plants and their communities.

Aimee Cree Dunn will instruct the four-credit course. Don Chosa will serve as the language consultant. For more information, contact the center for Native American studies at (906) 227-1397.

# Strengthen the circle - become a blood or bone marrow donor

SUBMITTED BY JULIE MENARD

Each year thousands of American Indians are diagnosed with life threatening diseases such as leukemia, which a marrow or blood cell transplant could be a cure.

Locally, a Sault Tribe member, Bob Lovin, has started a campaign to increase the awareness of need for marrow donors in the tribal community. Bob Lovin is registered to donate marrow. Recently, he was matched with a young girl and that is when he learned there was a shortage of American Indian donors.

A transplant requires matching tissue types between patient and donor. Because tissue type is inherited, a patient's best chance of finding a match is with a brother or sister. Unfortunately, 70 percent of patients do not have a suitably matched donor in their family. The next best chance of



finding a match is with someone of the same race or ethnicity.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is a federally funded national registry of donors who have made the commitment to donate life saving stem cells if ever needed. It is important to have a large, ethnically diverse registry of potential donors at all times in order to meet the immediate needs of patients. You see, we know that donors will usually

match a patient within their own ethnicity. The matching process is far more complex than that of a simple blood donation and DNA plays a major factor. As a result of far fewer Native Americans being on the registry than Caucasians, American Indian patients currently have a much more difficult time of finding a marrow donor than Caucasian patients. In an effort to help increase the odds for American Indian patients, the federal government has directed us to focus our attention on recruiting Indian donors for the bone marrow registry.

It would appear the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians has the makings for a positive campaign. Here are the basic steps for a successful American Indian bone marrow drive:

1. Start by organizing a committee of diverse individuals.

Bob Lovin has spoken with the public awareness personnel, the Youth Education and Activities staff in the Sault and plans to meet with the Elder Advisory Council.

2. The first issue is usually funding to cover the cost of tissue typing (Currently \$65). However, the NMDP has funds available to allow all American Indians to join the registry free of charge. Lovin has enlisted the support of the NMDP which provided information for the article and is supporting a local campaign.

3. There are plans to join a marrow drive with the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center blood drive in September and determine additional locations to register.

4. The drive must be publicized and media contacts need to be made. The Communications Department director of *The Sault*

*Tribe News* is involved with this campaign.

5. Potential donors must be recruited. Publicity is not recruitment. Face-to-face recruitment yields the best results. Making presentations to local community, civic, church groups, etc., is also an effective way to recruit donors. There are plans to include information at additional events such as at powwows.

6. Volunteers will be needed on the day of the drive and word of mouth is the most important means of getting the word out.

You could save the life of another person. Strengthen the circle by becoming a donor or learning about other ways to help. If you would like more information about being a donor and assisting with the local marrow donor drive, please feel free to contact Bob Lovin at (906) 632-8824 to strengthen the circle.

## Students join the world's largest exercise class

BY MICHELLE WILLIS

Schools throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula are eager to help Michigan retain its record as the state with the most participation in the world's largest exercise class. On Wednesday, May 3 at 10 a.m., students from all 50 states and 50 countries will participate in All Children Exercise Simultaneously (ACES).

ACES is a one-day youth exercise program intended to highlight the importance of and need for youth fitness. Michigan schools have joined together in large numbers to role model their commitment to health. Last year nearly 1,000 schools and their 450,000 plus students participated. This year's goal is to have

participation from every Michigan county.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern are co-chairing ACES this year. "We are pleased to serve as co-chairs of ACES this year to promote the importance of physical activity to Michigan children and their families," they said. "We envision strong and vigorous communities in Michigan today and always, and that begins with good physical health for our residents of all ages."

In the eastern Upper Peninsula, the students will celebrate ACES by tuning into a live 15 minute radio broadcast hosted by YES-FM, 99.5. Timmy E, a

YES-FM DJ, has put together a number of fun move-it songs so that teachers and students throughout the area can jump, twist and stretch to celebrate fitness.

Michigan's efforts are coordinated by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports and sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Local efforts are being coordinated by EUP Intermediate School District, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Community Health staff, and a number of other volunteers throughout the area, including staff from Smith and Company.

ACES launches both National Fitness Month and the Active Michigan Summer Campaign, an

effort to highlight the state's abundance of natural resources such as rivers, lakes, parks, sand dunes and trails as well as its diverse programs and events as great opportunities for physical activity. For more information visit [www.michiganfitness.org](http://www.michiganfitness.org).

The Centers for Disease Control warns that one in three U.S. children born in 2000 will become diabetic unless nutrition and exercise habits change.

Today nearly twice as many children are overweight than were in 1980. Physical activity is critical to the long-term health of our students and our state.

"ACES is making Michigan a healthier place with healthier families," said Jim Robinson,

executive vice president of Farm Bureau Insurance. "Our company is a strong supporter of programs that strengthen Michigan families and Michigan's future."

A.C.E.S. was founded by New Jersey physical educator Len Saunders in 1989. Saunders wanted to encourage his students to be more physically active.

Now in its 18th year, the program reaches millions worldwide. A number of national organizations support the effort including the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, National Recreation and Parks Association, and the National Association for Health and Fitness.

## Kaizen: One Small Step Can Change Your Life

*Kaizen: One Small Step Can Change Your Life*, a book written by Robert Maurer, can help us break big goals into manageable steps. The Kaizen philosophy is simple — take small steps for continual improvement. Kaizen melts resistance. Studies have shown that one small action will wipe away objections and barriers to a larger action. Here are three ways to take that first small step:

1. Ask small questions to chase away fear and motivate creativity.

Examples:  
You want to improve your health: "What is one small step I can take today to reach my goal?"

You have a problem taking your medication as prescribed: "What is one way I can remind myself to take my medication on time?"

2. Think small thoughts to develop new skills and habits

Examples:  
You want to be more physically active: Imagine taking the first step on the treadmill.

You want to develop a more positive attitude: Tell yourself a positive message: "I like myself. I feel good about myself and I'm going to have a great day."

3. Take small actions to guarantee success

Examples:

You want to stay within your budget: Remove an object from the shopping cart before heading to the cash register.

You want to better manage stress: Once a day, notice where your body is holding tension. Take one deep breath and let the tension go when you exhale.

You want to get more sleep: Go to bed one minute earlier at night or stay in bed one minute later in the morning.

You want to cut down on your caffeine intake: Pour your usual cup of coffee, then take out one teaspoon and throw it away. Remove another teaspoon when you are ready.

What if one small step doesn't seem like enough? Taking this one small step can comfortably lead you to a second and third step, until one day you have made the change a permanent part of your lifestyle. If you find change too slow and grow frustrated, ask yourself, "Isn't slow change better than no change at all, which is what has happened before?"

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with the first step." — LaoTzu

## Step up to nutrition and health

Have you ever decided you wanted to start eating more fruits and vegetables? You may have gone out and bought a cartload of fruits and vegetables, put them in your refrigerator with good intentions and promptly forgotten about them. When you opened the crisper a week later and found soggy, limp, moldy fruits and vegetables, you may have thrown out the good intentions with the produce. This year's theme for National Nutrition Month, Step Up to Nutrition and Health, gives us permission to make lifestyle changes in smaller steps.

Let's apply the Kaizen philosophy (One small step can change your life) to the 2006 Nutrition Month messages:

• The food and physical activities you make today affect your health and how you feel today and in the future. Eating right and being physically active are keys to a healthy lifestyle.

Ask yourself: "If a healthy lifestyle were my top priority, what would I be doing differently today?" "How could I add a few more minutes of physical activity into my daily routine?"

Tell yourself: "I feel good that I have made the decision to start making gradual changes for a healthier lifestyle."

• Make smart choices from

every food group. Give your body the balanced nutrition it needs by eating a variety of nutrient packed foods every day.

Ask yourself: "What is one thing I can do to start eating in a more balanced way?"

"How can I remember to eat some protein (meat, fish, poultry, cheese, milk, beans, nuts, peanut butter) and some carbohydrates (fruits, vegetables, potatoes, noodles, rice, bread, cereals) at meals?"

Take small actions: Since I don't eat breakfast, I'll buy some granola bars to eat at my morning break.

I haven't been eating much fruit lately. I will take one piece of fruit to work that I can eat for a snack today.

Think small thoughts: "I feel more energized after I eat rather than tired and overly full."

• Get the most nutrition out of your calories. Choose the most nutritionally rich foods you can from each food group — those packed with vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients but lower in calories. This means more foods from plants like fruits, vegetables, whole grain breads and cereals, beans, and nuts along with lower fat dairy products and lean meats, vegetable oils.

Take small actions: I'll start

out by eating one more vegetable every day. "What meal or snack should I add it to?"

To help my family eat more whole grains, I'll buy whole wheat flour tortillas the next time we cook Mexican food.

Our family drinks whole milk, I'll buy two-percent milk now.

My kids love ramen noodles for lunch. Next time we fix them, I could use only part of the seasoning packet (to cut down the salt), Or serve the noodles with some leftover chicken and mixed vegetables (to make a better balanced meal).

• Find your balance between food and physical activity. Regular physical activity is important to your overall health and fitness. Plus it helps manage body weight, promotes a feeling of well being and reduces risk of diabetes, heart disease and cancer and osteoporosis.

Take small actions: To begin being physically active, What is the first step you will take to apply the Kaizen philosophy to a lifestyle change you want to make? Achieve lasting success through small, steady steps.

Please call your local nutritionist, health educator or community health nurse or technician for ideas to get you started on your journey.



# The "Redcoats" celebrate DreamCatchers



The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club, (Redcoats), came to the restaurant to celebrate the grand re-opening of Kewadin Sault's DreamCatcher Restaurant. Food and Beverage Director Janice Frye cuts the ribbon with Chef de Cuisine Jason Mansford, Lisa Mansfield, center, executive director of the chamber, the chefs and management team of the restaurant, hotel and casino. The remodeled restaurant features stir fry cooking, scatter buffets and an expanded dessert bar.

## Three easy ways to win cash from Kewadin Casinos

May is a month of celebrations at Kewadin Casinos with three extra ways to win cash!

All women are invited to join us for our special Mother's Day event May 1 - May 14, 2006.

Random drawings will take place each day of the promotion from 4 to 7 p.m. for cash prizes.

Then, on May 20, we are celebrating our 18th Anniversary at Kewadin St. Ignace. Stop by between 2 and 10 p.m. to help us celebrate. We'll have cake for everyone to enjoy along with cash prize giveaways and a grand prize drawing for a 2006 Ford Ranger at 10 p.m.

Start your summer out right by winning some cash during our Memorial Day promotion taking place at all five Kewadin Casinos on May 28, from noon to 8 p.m. We're giving away up to \$50,000 in cash prizes.

For more information on our promotions and entertainment, call 1-800-KEWADIN (539-2346) or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

## Christmas Casino

Offering guests great table game excitement



The gaming department of Christmas Kewadin Casino. At Christmas, there are four blackjack tables, one three-card poker table and one let it ride table.

While staying at our Kewadin properties, casino guests have the opportunity to partake in many gaming options including table games. Kewadin offers a large variety of table game options including blackjack, Caribbean stud, craps, let it ride, three-card poker, four-card poker and roulette. Whatever your game, you are sure to find it at Kewadin Casinos!

All Kewadin locations, with the exception of Hessel, offer table games. Adjacent to Michigan's majestic Lake Superior is our newly rebuilt Christmas Casino. This casino, offering 8,400 square feet of gaming, gives guests all the fun of Las Vegas in the comfortable north woods setting.

At Christmas, there are four blackjack tables, one three-card poker table and one let it ride table. Many people wonder what it's like to deal at the table games in the town of Christmas, so we asked two of our top notch dealers to find out.

Maxine "Mickey" Howell and

Terry Wymer have been working for Kewadin Christmas as table game dealers for five and ten years respectively. Their responsibilities as gaming dealers are to keep the customer happy and deal a timely and organized game, according to Wymer. "We are here to represent Kewadin by being courteous, kind and friendly," said Howell.

The most popular table game at nearly every casino is Blackjack. To win in this table game, you must have a hand that totals closer to 21 than the cards held by the dealer. Each person is dealt two cards and has the option to hit, take another card, or stay. Both of these dealers work on the blackjack and three card poker table at the gaming facility. "You have to have a great personality to work as a dealer," said Wymer. In addition, Howell says that you must be sincere and dedicated.

Kewadin Casinos employs nearly 1,300 team members with 120 in the Christmas casino and approximately 20 in the gaming department.

## GOOD NEWS FROM



PAGE COMPILED BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

# Manistique and Christmas Team Members of the Year



Ron Stimac, center, has been chosen as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Christmas. Brothers Scott, Left and Mike were at the casino to congratulate Ron when he received the award.



Priscilla Brenner receives the Manistique Kewadin Team Member of the Year award from, left to right, Tony Goetz, Kewadin COO, Lisa DesJarden, Manistique gaming manager, Priscilla and Manistique Casino Manager Sheryl Mc Kerchie.

Manistique's gaming department had four team members in the running for their team member of the year award, but

Priscilla Brenner was chosen as this year's recipient. Priscilla has been a member of the gaming department since April 1997

when she started as a poker dealer. Since this time, she has learned to deal all table games and is also a member of the number-one club, giving her the ability to act as pit boss when necessary.

"Priscilla provides excellent customer service, both internally and externally," said Lisa DesJarden, gaming manager for Manistique. "I feel very fortunate to have worked with her over the years. She is an ideal role model as a dealer as well as a pit boss and is a true asset to the gaming department."

Priscilla lives in Cooks with her husband and son. "I am shocked," said a stunned Priscilla after accepting her award. "I can't believe everyone kept this a secret from me!"

Ron Stimac has been chosen as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Christmas. Ron has been working at Kewadin for over 11 years with the last eight in maintenance. He loves every aspect of his job. "I like the variety of my job. I'm outside, inside, just about everywhere helping everyone!" said Ron.

According to casino manager, Cheri Tannehill, Ron is excellent at what he does and is an incredible team member. "Ron is multifaceted in what he does for us in his position," said Tannehill. "He helps out whenever needed, always has a smile, is positive and provides first-rate customer service."

Ron lives in Munising and enjoys fishing, hunting and softball.

**Be sure to check out Kewadin Casino's new Web site at [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com). The Web site has been redesigned to be more user friendly and contains more information about Kewadin's upcoming promotions, concerts and gaming events.**

**Fellow tribe members in Mississippi sought**

Dear Editor,  
I wish to communicate with other tribe members who, like me, are also living in the south Mississippi area and would like to meet other members in the area.

This will, I believe, make the tribe much stronger.  
My address is 20 Magnolia Ave. W., McHenry, MS 39561. My phone number is (228) 547-4553.

Respectfully,  
— Robert Diamond

**Thanks**

Dear Editor,  
Thanks to everyone who came to show their respect and to share

in our time of grieving. We would also like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and donated food. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Aaron Payment and Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians who donated food and was there if anything was needed. A very special thank you to Meme (Alice) McLeod, Linda Hammonds and Barb Jrsow for the preparation of the food. They did a wonderful job. Also, Chi miigwetch to Cecil Pavlat, Leslie Ailing, Randy Lee and Father Haskall for their time and services. Thanks to Clark Bailey-Newhouse Funeral Home for handling all of the arrangements.  
Chi miigwetch,  
— Family of Sadie McLeod

**More thanks**

Dear Editor,  
I want to thank the Sault Tribe very much for the money I received from the Young Scholars Program. It will be spent wisely and I will continue to try to get good grades at school.  
Megwetch,  
— Angie Carley

Dear Editor,  
I want to thank Aaron Payment and the board members so much for voting to open enrollment for special cases.

It was with great pleasure and pride that I received my card certifying my membership into the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

I feel exceptionally proud to be a part of the community that I grew up in.

Again, thank you,  
— Chari Crowley

Dear Editor,  
I wish to convey thanks so much for the birthday card. It is so special. As we get older we take more time to appreciate life and the many blessings afforded us by the Great Spirit. We also reflect on our parents and the love and guidance they gave to us.  
Blessings to all,  
— Marlene Lawrence Sherman

**Donations sought**

Dear Editor,  
We are a non-profit group in

Bay City, Sault Sault Tribe members, who are determined to bring powwows back to this area.

We have had very little luck in soliciting funds to help us with the powwows. So, we are turning to our people.

Could our people please help us to bring back powwows? The goal of our group is to educate the public on our culture and traditions, and what better way than powwows to achieve this?

Please send donations to Native American Pride Committee, 33 Bay Shore Drive, Bay City, MI 48706.  
Chi miigwetch,  
— Sandra (LaPlaut) Harrington, Pres.

# UNIT 1 CANDIDATES RESPOND TO SURVEY

## McKelvie, Hoffman, Oberle, McCoy Fail to Respond

As a Tribal Member with a keen interest in government and election politics, I believe it is in the voter's interest to know where the candidates stand on key issues. What we lack in our election process is any objective method for discerning where the candidates stand on the issues. In outside elections, citizens have available public debates, televised forums, and news coverage that assists citizens in making their decision.

Over the last two years, there have been several issues that effect Tribal Members. One such issue is how the former Tribal Chairperson conspired to payout \$2.66 million dollars to seven of his political supporters. The Tribal Board quickly voted to sue to recover the money taken and hold Bouschor and others accountable. Director Cathy Abramson actually voted to not sue and has repeatedly made clear she does not support lawsuit. With a few new allies on the Board, she'll get her wish and the suit will be dropped.

With Bernard Bouschor's financial resources (previous annual income of \$856,275) and what he has at stake with a potential \$3 million liability when we win the suit (filed jointly and severably meaning we can collect from whomever has the resources), it is likely he is not sitting idly by but is instead bankrolling and directing candidates in all five election units. With the probability that candidates may be running with financial support from Bouschor, Members deserve to know each candidates' position on the lawsuit, and on Shagen's continued role.

I am often asked by Members why we don't criminally charge Bouschor or those who took the \$2.66 million. The answer is that we must exhaust our civil remedies first in order to not jeopardize recovering the money taken.

If we have the right Board in place, however, the votes will not exist to drop the lawsuit. This is why it is so critical to know where the candidates stand. When candidates refuse to answer the types of questions listed to their right, Tribal voters are left wondering if they will vote in their interest or vote on behalf of someone who has bankrolled their campaign.

I am leery about endorsing or opposing any candidate. I will therefore, only report the responses to the

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If elected, would you vote to continue the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?
Would you/did you vote to suspend Paul Shagen from the Tribal Board during the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million?	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Did/would you/did you vote to expand services to members who live outside of the Tribe's seven county service area?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Did/ do you support the establishment of a Tribal election Unit 6 (at large) with their own elected board member to represent Tribal Members who live outside of the seven county service area?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Given he paid seven individuals \$2.66 million when he lost his election in 2004, should Bernard Bouschor be allowed to serve on the Tribe's Constitutional Convention Committee?	-	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Did you/ would you have voted to hold a referendum vote to let the Members decide if Bernard Bouschor or Paul Shagen should be allowed to run for the Tribal Board while the Tribe is suing them to recover the \$2.66 million they took on election night in 2004?	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Did you/ would you have voted to grant the Chairperson a total compensation package worth over \$700,000?	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	?
Do you support a Bureau of Indian Affairs employee (with all of the inherent conflicts of interests) having eligibility to serve on the Tribal Board while employed by BIA?	-	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Have you/ would you have voted to lower the blood quantum as an eligibility criteria to run for the Tribal Board of Directors?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Have you/ would you cooperate with the Tribal Chairperson to lead the Tribe in a positive direction that benefits Members	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

\* Projected responses taken from Incumbent Dennis McKelvie's voting record, and his stated position on issues.

above left for those that responded without any editorials. Further, following individuals failed to respond to the survey I sent each of them. You really should know their position :

**DJ Hoffman Darwin McCoy  
Dennis McKelvie Jackie Minton  
Jason Oberle**

# DENNIS MCKELVIE - BUYING VOTES WITH ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS?!!

Dennis McKelvie has alone spent nearly \$100,000 in free entertainment tickets since being elected in 2002. In 2003, Dennis McKelvie spent 30% of the total amount of \$135,635 spent by the Tribal Board of Directors on show tickets. Recall that Dennis McKelvie ran for the position of Tribal Chairperson in the 2004 election.

**DURING THE 2004 ELECTION CYCLE, DENNIS MCKELVIE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$36,521 IN FREE ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS.**

During this cycle he received just 248 votes or less than half of the votes he earned just two years prior. Undoubtedly, McKelvie will claim that the Members benefit from his being able to give out free show tickets. When I proposed that we let all Members attend all shows for free he refused. Why? Is it because he doesn't get to give them out; and therefore doesn't get the political benefit? When you look through the list who received tickets from McKelvie, the majority of the tickets he gave out went to his immediate family. **How does this benefit you?**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
McKelvie	\$ 1,929	\$ 40,550	\$ 52,402	\$ 1,203	\$ 127	\$ 96,211

Total	2003	2004	2005
McKelvie	\$ 135,635	\$ 156,136	\$ 10,303
	30%	34%	12%

2002	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Total						
McKelvie	610	357	697	275	1929	\$ 1929							
2003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
McKelvie	1554	851	1663	3710	2196	4225	7269	6651	6181	3746	1175	1330	\$ 40,550
2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
McKelvie	3706	3040	4793	10089	7788	7105	12427	3278	0	70	107	0	\$ 52,402
2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
McKelvie	178	83	0	262	85	168	0	140	90	57	70	70	\$ 1,203

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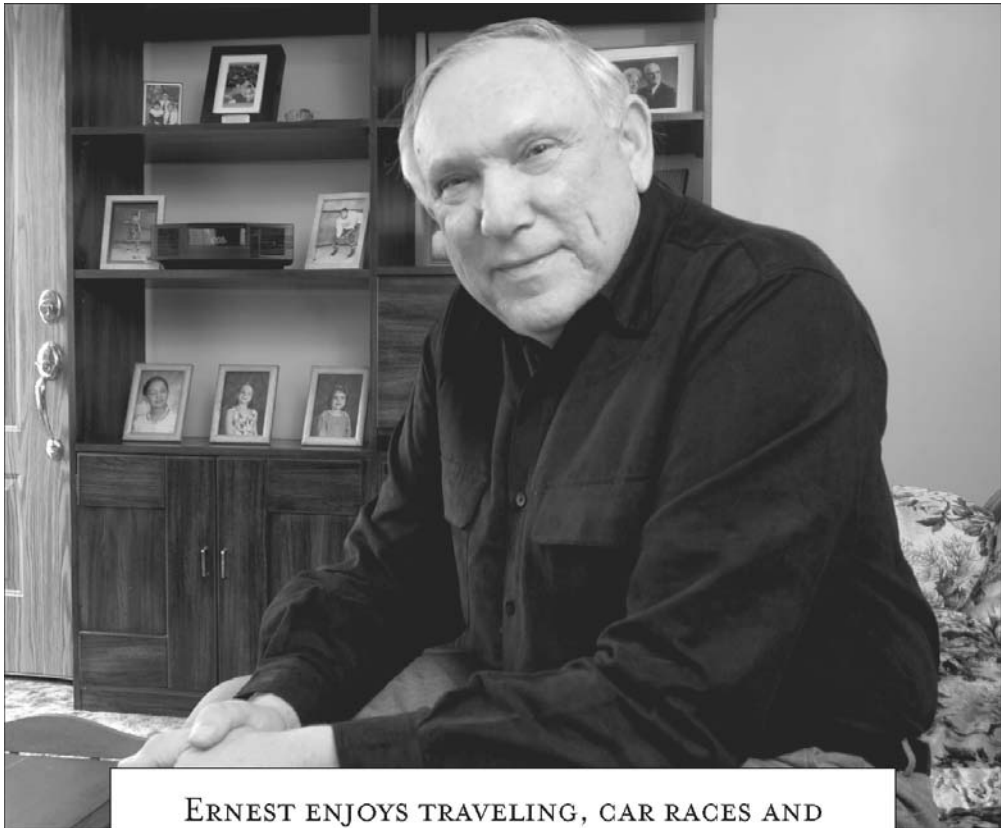
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#### Upcoming Events

##### Sault

Slam'n Surf'n Blowout!  
Rapids Lounge  
April 21-22, 2006

##### St. Ignace

Anniversary Celebrating 18 years!  
May 20th 2-10 p.m. Cash Prize & Grand Prize

##### Memorial Day

May 28th at ALL 5 SITES!

#### Tournaments

##### St. Ignace

\$30,000 Blackjack  
April 28-30

WORLD POKER TOUR 2007  
January to November 2006.

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March 07 Mondays at  
6:00 p.m.

Saturdays at Noon

##### Sault

\$35,000 Craps  
May 5th - 7th

\$17,000 Keno  
May 19th - 21st

##### Christmas

\$8,000 Blackjack  
May 5 - 7

##### Manistique

\$8,000 Video Poker  
May 19 - 21

#### Entertainment



Sault Ste. Marie, MI

LEANN RIMES  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH



#### < May >

Julie Roberts & Jessica Andrews  
May 27th - 7 p.m.  
Tickets on Sale Now  
Price: \$22.50

#### < June >

Skid Row & Ratt  
June 17th  
7:00 p.m.  
Tickets On Sale Now  
Price: \$25.00

#### Restaurant

##### Dream Catcher Restaurant, Sault

Kewadin Casino Dream Catcher Restaurant is now open and features new flooring, seating, decoration and new scatter buffet stations along with a larger dessert bar. Highlighting the renovation are scatter buffets which allow chefs to prepare entrees as needed directly behind the buffet line.



This 8 year old restaurant serves over 300,000 guests per year and has won numerous local accolades from the Sault Evening News Best of the Best including Best service, Best Salad Bar, Best Dinner Buffet, Best Fresh Seafood, and Best Seafood Buffet, earmarking year number five.

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