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## Permanent Greektown Casino and Hotel project underway



Artist renderings of the new permanent Greektown Hotel and Casino, above left, and of the redesigned facade of the existing casino in Detroit, above right. The new 22 story hotel, casino and parking garage will be connected to the original casino by a covered moving walkway.

Demolition is scheduled to begin after the news conference with a large construction crane pulling down part of a dilapidated apartment building which sits on the location for the permanent hotel and 3,100-space parking structure.

After demolition, a ceremonial "dirt turning" event is also planned near the parking garage to mark the start of construction.

The hotel and parking structure will be constructed from the ground up on Monroe Street, between St. Antione Street and I-375, and the existing casino floor will be expanded at its current location to add 25,000 more square feet of gaming space, the multi-purpose theater and convention space. The hotel and parking structure will be connected directly to the casino via a moving walkway.

Total investment in the project will be about \$475 million; \$275 million already invested in the current casino and about \$200 million more to construct the hotel, parking garage, spa, 1,500-seat theater, convention space and other amenities.

After the project, total gaming space will be 100,000 square feet. The hotel addition will include 400 suites in 22 stories atop the parking structure.

The permanent parking structure will be open in 2007 followed by the hotel and expanded gaming space in 2008.

Detroit city officials, construction contractors, Greektown Casino operators, and local merchants plan to join Sault Tribe board members and Chairman Aaron Payment to break ground on Greektown Casino's permanent casino complex at a news conference in Detroit which is scheduled for June 8.

"This will be a great day for our tribe, the Greektown area, our team members and Detroit," Chairman Payment said. "The permanent Greektown Casino complex will be a world-class gaming facility, attract even more visitors to the city and ensure our tribe will be able to provide essential services to tribe members for generations to come."

## NCAI conference and trade show coming to the Sault

BY RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will gather at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center June 18-21 for their 2006 mid-year conference and trade show. This year's meeting, dubbed *Culture and Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security*, will provide tribal leaders a forum to discuss all matters related to international indigenous business. According to information from the Congress, many of the conferences sessions will introduce international and economic considerations into existing domestic policy matters.

The agenda, at a glance, will

feature volunteer orientation and a Congressional executive board meeting on Saturday, June 17;

• On Sunday, June 18, forums on American Indian voting, youth suicide prevention, federal recognition, trust regulations, methamphetamine on reservations, Congressional business, trade show moves in and a welcome reception along with a celebration later in the evening;

• Monday, June 19, will feature the first general assembly, welcoming and open remarks, and updates on international indigenous business, border and media issues followed by concurrent breakout sessions on those and other topics. A press conference

is scheduled at noon and committee meetings wrap up activities for the day;

• Tuesday, June 20, will see regional caucus meetings, the second general assembly covering topics such as a policy and research center, emerging domestic policy issues, tribal leaders discussion, scholars and tribal leaders forum and research findings presentations. Concurrent breakout sessions follow on the topics along with sub-committee meetings and a focus group looks at tribal research capacity and support needs.

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## Felony drug charges brought against board member

Unit I Board Representative Todd Gravelle, was charged with three counts of felony drug possession in 91st District Court in Sault Ste. Marie on June 1, 2006. Gravelle was charged with three counts of possessing controlled substances including cocaine, oxycodone, and methodone.

Each felony charge carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison and/or a fine up to \$25,000.

According to reports, Mr. Gravelle voluntarily turned himself

into authorities on the morning of June 1, after a warrant was issued on May 31. Gravelle was arraigned before Judge Michael McDonald and was released on his own recognizance. According to court documents, the above charges dated back to March 30, 2006.

The Straits Area Narcotics Team reportedly was directly involved, which resulted in the aforementioned charges against Gravelle. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 14.

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# May police report

## Theft

May 1, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Disorderly

May 2, female, Sault Tribe Detention Center.

May 21, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

May 24, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Warrant

May 8, male, failure to appear, lodged Chippewa County jail.

May 24, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

May 25, male, lodged Mackinac County jail.

## Operating while under the influence of liquor

May 13, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

May 25, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Trespassing

May 21, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Possession of marijuana

May 21, male, posted bond \$900.

## Open intoxicants

May 22, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Shoplifting

May 23, female, lodged Chippewa County jail.

## Minor in possession

May 13, male, turned over to parents.

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## Tether violation

May 2, male, lodged Chippewa County jail.

# Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program cooling assistance component

Cooling assistance is a component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program offered through Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) and is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This program is designed to decrease the energy burden facing tribe members and their families by assisting with electric bills increased by extreme heat resulting in added use of electricity to cool their home.

During the month of June (June 1 to June 30) applications are accepted from target group households only. The target group is defined as tribe members who are:

- Elders (age 60 and over);
- Disabled (defined as those members receiving SSI or SSDI in their own name);
- Households with children who are tribe members age five years and under;
- Households at or below 100

percent of the HHS poverty income guidelines.

Target groups are not required to have a disconnect notice. A credit will be applied to their electricity account. Target group members applications are not limited to June and may apply anytime between June 1 and Aug. 31.

Cooling assistance is available to all eligible tribal households from July 1 through Aug. 31, 2006, or until funds are exhausted; whichever occurs first.

Other applicants are required to see a direct assistance case manager or other ACFS staff member to apply.

Please contact ACFS in your area at the following numbers:

- Sault Ste. Marie (906) 632-5250 or 1-800-726-0093.
- St. Ignace (906) 643-8103 or 1-800-726-0093.
- Manistique (906) 341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137.
- Munising (906) 387-3906.

## Housing Authority Down Payment Assistance Program

Applications available June 8 to July 7

Funding available once this year.

- Must be a Sault Tribe member
  - At least 18 years old
  - First time home buyer
  - Within the income guidelines
- Qualify for a mortgage at a lender of your choice
- Live in the seven-county service area: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Alger, Delta, Schoolcraft and Marquette.

Contact Angie Spencer, (906) 495-1077 or [aspencer@saulttribe.net](mailto:aspencer@saulttribe.net)

## Play raises funds for the Soo Theater project

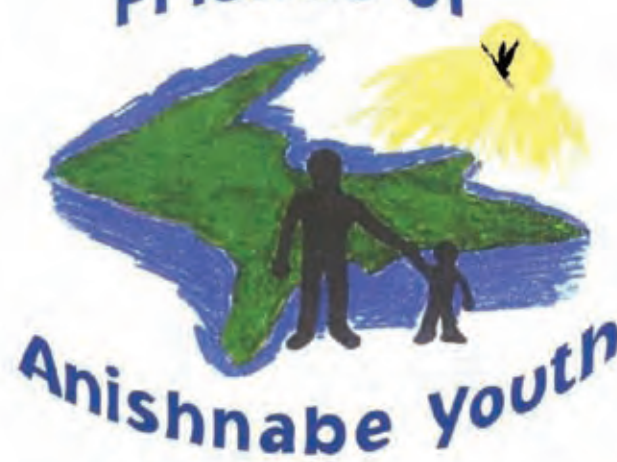


Middle School students from JKL Bahweting did their annual spring production recently at Kewadin's Dream Maker's Theater. Students worked for two months on the production of *The Princess Bride*, a movie made popular in the 1980s. The play dates were May 9 and 10. Money raised from this annual event will be presented to The Soo Theater project. The students chose this group to receive profits because they feel it will benefit the entire community the most. Above: Irene McCauley as Princess Buttercup and Tanner Howell as Westley.

Photo by Pam Metivier

**Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

**Friends of Anishnabe Youth Mentoring Program**



Shedawin Building  
2154 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

Want more information?  
Call or email:

Ally: 906-635-7727 [akrebs@saulttribe.net](mailto:akrebs@saulttribe.net)  
Paula: 906-635-7729 [prnckerchie@saulttribe.net](mailto:prnckerchie@saulttribe.net)  
Fax: 906-635-4952

If you are interested in learning more about mentoring or would like to share your interests or skills with youth ages 11 to 18 years, call the Friends of Anishnabe Youth Mentoring Summer Drop-In Program at the numbers listed below. The drop-in center is located at 2154 Shunk Road in the Shedawin building.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of *The Sault Tribe News*. You can call enrollment at (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597. *The Sault Tribe News* welcomes submissions by mail c/o Communications, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or via e-mail at [saulttribenews@saulttribe.net](mailto:saulttribenews@saulttribe.net). Any questions concerning submissions can be answered by calling (906) 632-6398.

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The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is June 20 at 5 p.m. For information regarding submissions call (906) 632-6398.



# Meet the 2006 summer interns of the Sault Tribe



They've come to the U.P. from all over the state to enjoy the summer and learn the day to day business operations of our tribe. Join us in welcoming the 2006 summer interns. Front row, left to right, James Fair, junior at Ferris State University majoring in applied mathematics; Barbara Wilkins, sophomore at Bay Mills Community College, majoring in general studies and nutrition; Dean LaTour, junior at Lake Superior State majoring in graphic design; Melissa McKerchie, senior at Grand Valley State University majoring in film and video; Traci Belair, senior at Northern Michigan University majoring in English; Seth Robinson, senior at Central Michigan University majoring in sport studies; Sheila Mendoskin, sophomore at Lake Superior State majoring in business administration; David Beckman, junior at Lake Superior State majoring in pre-pharmacy. Back row, left to right, John Kellis, sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in business administration and pre-law; Roberta Hoffman, sophomore at Lake Superior State majoring in nursing; Jennifer Bouley, senior at Central Michigan University majoring in political science; Merran Behling, junior at St. Norbert College majoring in elementary education; DJ Malloy, summer intern coordinator; Jessica Frazier, junior at Lake Superior State majoring in accounting; Nicole Straus, senior at Lake Superior State majoring in psychology and criminal justice; Kasey Gurnoe, sophomore at Lake Superior State majoring in criminal justice; Travis Peterson, junior at Lake Superior State majoring in criminal justice. One more intern, Andrew Massaway, junior at Grand Valley State majoring in business management and economics who is not in the photo will be joining the tribe in the next two weeks. In the next three issues of The Sault Tribe News we will be bringing you short biographies of all the interns.

Photo by Al Kamuda

## National Senior Health and Fitness Day



Valerie Frantz (left) of Roanoke, Ind., pauses to have her respiratory carbon monoxide levels measured with the help of Michelle Willis, Sault Tribe community health educator, at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on June 1 during National Senior Health and Fitness Day 2006. Local organizations provided a variety of free health screenings, information, demonstrations and fun for all seniors who came to visit.

Photo by Rick Smith

## Foster parent training and award banquet held

On April 6, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Foster Parent Training Coalition held their annual foster parent training and banquet at the Ramada Plaza Hotel Ojibway in Sault Ste. Marie.

Eighty foster parents and agency staff participated in six hours of training. Topics and speakers included fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and assessment and management by Dr. Mark A. Sloan.

The second agenda item was The Champions Among Us, which was a presentation by the Jim Casey Youth Initiative members which included discussion from young adults who have grown out of foster care and participated in this initiative which is designed to help older foster children prepare for independent living and have a voice. *Peter's Lullaby*-A powerful true story was the final presentation given by Jeanne Fowler who shared her personal story as a survivor of child abuse.

The foster parent award banquet was held during the noon meal. Guest Speaker, Jeanne

Fowler praised foster parents for their commitment to children and stressed the important role they have as a valued team members in the child welfare system. She also shared some of her own experiences with foster parents. Foster parents received certificates of appreciation and special gifts donated by the community.

Participating agencies included Alger/Schoolcraft, Cheboygan/Mackinac and Chippewa/Luce Departments of Human Service, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Tribe-Binogii Placement Agency and the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Sault Tribe Binogii Placement Agency at one of the following numbers:

Sault Ste. Marie office (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Kinchleoe (906) 495-1232.

St. Ignace (906) 643-8103 or (877) 444-5608.

Manistique (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

Munising (906) 387-3810.

## Attention Schoolcraft County residents

Do you have child care questions?  
Need help paying your child care provider?  
Want to start your own business in the child care field?  
The direct assistance case manager will be in your area  
on June 21 at the Manistique Tribal Center. Refreshments provided.

For more information please contact:

Sheila Kibble  
Anishinaabek Community and Family Services  
2864 Ashmun St.

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093  
e-mail: sssheila@saulttribe.net.

**Don't forget to vote!**  
**June 22, 2006, is the general election day for the Sault Tribe. All ballots must be received at the United States Post Office in Sault Ste. Marie by 5 p.m. on June 22 and will be counted that evening.**  
**Don't forget to vote!**  
**The future of our tribe is in your hands!**



# Escanaba Tribal center purchase approved



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA  
Tribal Chairperson**

## ESCANABA TRIBAL CENTER APPROVED!

After twenty one months, we have finally appropriated the funds and have gained approval to enter a purchase agreement to buy a facility in Escanaba for a Tribal center. This facility is the one the Escanaba Tribal Elders recommended we purchase as a Tribal Center for holding Elder meetings. There are several contingencies in the purchase agreement that still must be worked out (water and sewer and renovations) but these should be resolved shortly. The Board made very clear that if the purchase is to occur, the total project costs cannot exceed the amount the Board appropriated.

I would like to highlight the tireless efforts of the Unit 4 Tribal Board members - Denise Chase and Tom Miller to help move along the establishment of a Escanaba Tribal Center. The original proposal was brought to me for review in September 2004. I immediately directed staff to do the due diligence to determine if the project was feasible. There were a great deal of questions and concerns about this building in particular and also with regard to expanding services at a time when resources are tight.

However, through each phase when the Tribe has expanded services in other areas, there has never been the level of scrutiny as there was on this project. Don't get me wrong, I am a stickler for benefit-costs analyses and for making the best policy decisions based on all available information. I have difficulty excepting, however, the double standard or the lack of any discernible standard in making other decisions while we have had a hyper focus on applying some new standard on the Escanaba Tribal Center.

## SHOW TICKETS: \$150,000 ESCANABA TRIBAL CENTER: \$40,000 Annually

The marginal increased cost for paying down the debt on a new facility is approximately \$40,000 annually. The existing budgeted amount for lease space is \$60,000 so the costs can be borne out by the existing budget. On the other hand, the costs of show tickets previously given out by the Board on an annual basis exceeded \$150,000 in 2004! In 2004, Director McKelvie's show ticket expense alone (\$52,402!) exceeded the amount it would take to pay down the annualized debt for the new Escanaba facility.

How possibly can any Board

member feel it is okay to spend unauthorized and un-appropriated Tribal dollars to give close friends and relatives free entertainment, but oppose an entire community's benefit? Previously, I reported that I felt the opposition to the Escanaba Center was a result of politics on the Tribal Board. Now I am convinced. It appears to me that the negative coalition on the Board voted, to oppose the Escanaba Tribal center out of some sort of punishment to the Unit IV Board members for not joining in the secret meetings that this coalition holds.

This is truly unfortunate, because whatever the desire to meet in secret and plot against the majority of the Board, these Board members have taken a stance that adversely effects the entire membership. In the case of a smaller unit, it seems patently illogical to vote out of spite against other units, then look for support from these same board members when wanting something for their unit, right? I posed this very point to a Unit director (from a smaller unit) who attends these secret meetings. The response? Board members shouldn't vote against a proposal of a board member from another unit out of spite. Exactly my point.

## NEGATIVE COALITION WANTS TO PUNISH

This constant negative plotting has reared its negative effect on the administrative functioning of the Tribe. Recall, previously that I reported that a negative coalition on the Tribal Board was plotting to hire a separate Executive from the functions of the Tribal Chairperson to have this person report directly to the Board and circumvent the Constitutional authority of the Chairperson. Stated very simply - such a proposal is not only unconstitutional it is just foolish because it would cost twice as much to employ another administrator for the work I already do.

During the previous administration, the former Chair was paid as the Executive Director/CEO of the Tribe at \$160,000 annually plus another \$105,000 as Chairperson plus a travel allowance of

\$7,500 annually and reimbursable travel and vacation, sick, retirement, and a clothing allowance. After a 2002 vote, the compensation level was raised to a total \$800,000! When I became Chair, the Board immediately voted to lower the salary to \$100,000. I do not get vacation or sick. I pay for my health care costs and retirement like any Tribal employee. The functions of the Chairperson, did not and cannot change per the Tribal Constitution. What value is served if these functions could change given I am satisfied with the current compensation level and I effectively manage the oversight of the governmental and enterprise operations of the Tribe?

Some have argued that they feel I am overextended or that the position of Chairperson holds too much responsibility. However, that is not a decision that a negative coalition on the Tribal Board is empowered to make. Nor do I think the majority of the Members care to relinquish your authority to vote for the Chairperson to a negative coalition who have an axe to grind. This authority is derived from the Constitution and the selection for this responsibility was made by you - the Tribal members through your vote.

This same coalition plotted last fall to concentrate power directly with the Associate Executive Director and grant a significant raise and an increased tax exemption for increased work on administering treaty rights. Rather than create a situation that lead to a tax audit situation, I agreed to act as the lead administrator over our governmental division with no increase in the tax exemption. Recall that as Deputy Executive Director, this was my employment responsibility. My evaluations by the former Chair placed my performance in the top five administrators for the Tribe. Also recall that I have over ten years of administrative experience, hold a masters degree in public administration and have ten years of governance experience on our Board and as Chairperson.

Why would anyone in their right mind want to spend another \$100,000 for work that I am will-

ing to do without additional pay? This just doesn't add up. The only conclusion I can come to, is that I am not acting in an arbitrary or capricious manner as directed by this negative coalition. Again, these folks do not have to like the fact that you selected me as Chairperson, but isn't it time they at least except the results of the 2004 Chairperson election? Incidentally, the same folks who have long opposed the Escanaba Tribal Center, are the ones who are willing to waste another \$100,000 on a new position to undermine the authority of the Chairperson.

## CAMPAIGN TO HIRE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Two editions of The Sault Tribe News ago, Director Dennis McKelvie reported that the Education Director position was a set up and that I had promised the position to someone. First of all, this is impossible because as a 'key employee' of the Tribe, the position must be approved by seven of the twelve members of the Tribal Board. To suggest that I could coerce or manipulate a majority to vote for someone just because I wanted them is asinine.

Director McKelvie, however, took this a step too far by citing the name of a possible applicant for the job by citing her initials in his unit report and threatening the Board to hire her so he could smear the individual and any Board members who might vote to hire her in the Tribal paper. This single selfish act of retribution was one of the most irresponsible and unfair things I have seen to date. His actions created the situation such that this individual had no chance of hire. Again, this individual was not even a candidate for the position when Director McKelvie reported that she was promised the job. Imagine any Board member voting to hire her after this threat to expose them if they did so.

Given there were only two applicants (Ultimately, with Director McKelvie's threat, there was only one applicant for the position) and given nearly half of the Tribal Board members on the interview panel were not available for the interview, I have directed

the position to be reposted. At the time I am writing this, I understand Director McKelvie plans to force a vote at the 6-6-06 Tribal Board meeting. I will report next month the results.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments please contact me by email at: apayment@saulttribe.net or call (906) 635-6050 or toll free at (888) 94-AARON.

## TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON'S

### Open Office Hours

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.

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

**Vote! Use  
your right  
to be heard  
to shape  
our tribe!**



**Fred Gardner Trail established at Gem Island Cemetery.** Mickey Freschette, one of the volunteers spearheading the establishment of greater access to the Gem Island Cemetery on Sugar Island, presented a road sign to Fred Gardner's family to commemorate and memorialize the efforts of Elder Fred 'Moon' Gardner to create an access road to Gem Island.



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Marquette and Alger Counties  
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St. Ignace  
9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays

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

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**Wednesdays WNBY-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.**

## Membership Q & A



Executive member liaisons Clarence Hudak and DJ Malloy.

**Q:** I changed my address with the health center, but I am not receiving the paper or my ballots.

**A:** Although you may have provided an updated address to the health center, all official address changes must be made with the Enrollment Department. You can reach that office at 1-800-251-6597 or (906) 635-3396. Doing so will put your correct and current address back in the system to receive *The Sault Tribe News*, election documents and any other updates.

**Q:** I would like to know if the tribe offers any assistance with drug and alcohol counseling?

**A:** Yes, there is assistance available through the tribe's Substance Abuse Program. The workers in this program can help both adult and minor tribe members and, if you feel that you have a problem, you are encouraged

to contact them. Contact Cindy Thomas at 1022 East Portage, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Phone number (906) 635-6075 or toll-free (800) 726-9105.

Miigwetch, DJ and Clarence. Have a question about the tribe? You can write DJ Malloy or Clarence Hudak, executive membership liaisons, at the office of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Chairperson, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email them at: dmalloy@saulttribe.net and chudak@saulttribe.net; or call them at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26021, toll free at (888) 942-2766, cell Phones, DJ, (906) 440-6861 and Clarence (906) 440-6855 or fax at (906) 632-6086.

# NCAI conference coming to the Sault

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An unspecified cultural event is scheduled for the evening.

• The conference wraps up on Wednesday, June 21, starting with regional caucus meetings in the morning followed by the third general assembly with an update on the proposed American Indian Embassy and reports from the treasurer and committees along with a report on the Supreme Court Project.

The Indian Country in international business discussion will feature presenters selected from a national call for papers on the topic of innovative work being done in the area of international business. Notable research summaries that are not discussed during the session will also be featured at [www.NCAI.org](http://www.NCAI.org).

The Congress will also hear a report on the historic international kinship agreement. While commemorating their collaboration as sister-nation organizations, NCAI and Assembly of First Nations leadership will report to the NCAI general assembly on their joint work to promote the authority of Indigenous governments in both the United States and Canada.

A one-of-a-kind international trade show draws on this year's proximity to an international border. The NCAI trade show will feature both international

vendors and buyers. To ensure that meeting attendees can learn first hand about how they can become part of the international Indigenous business community, trade show vendors whose business crosses international borders will have a special designation and be available to share their experiences.

There will also be a highlight on domestic opportunities to expand internationally. A general assembly presentation and discussion will explain the opportunity to collaborate with the United States and other international countries to promote indigenous business in foreign markets.

The University of New Mexico School of Business will feature its perspectives on how Indian Country and the international market can merge. Through a simultaneous broadcast at the NCAI meeting in the Sault, practitioners and speakers in Albuquerque will present to the NCAI meeting attendees.

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

## Board of directors open hours

Tribe 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:

- June 6-Escanaba, Bay de Noc College (Herman Center).
- June 20-Marquette, Holiday Inn.
- Aug. 1-Munising American Legion.
- Aug. 15-Newberry, Comfort Inn.
- Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center.
- Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.
- Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear.
- Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.
- Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.

### SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

#### COMMITTEE VACANCIES

##### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

##### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

##### HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

##### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies

##### 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

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## Constitutional Convention schedule

Date	Time	Unit	Meeting Location	Date	Time	Unit	Meeting Location
6/23/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/3/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Petoskey	Location TBA
6/24/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/4/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Petoskey	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	11/17/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/5/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	11/18/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
8/18/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA	12/1/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
8/19/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA	12/2/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry	Location TBA
9/8/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion	12/15/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
9/9/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion	12/16/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA
9/22/06	5:00 - 9:00 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.			
9/23/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				
10/6/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility				
10/7/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace	Little Bear Facility				
10/20/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				
10/21/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA				



# Which wolf do you feed



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

With all the mistruths and innuendos going around, I felt it was time that I shared this story with you.

One evening, an Anishinaabe elder talked to his young grandson about a battle that goes on inside our people. He said this, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all. One's

name is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other's name is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith." The grandson thought about this for a minute and then asked his mishomis, "But which wolf wins?" Mishomis tenderly put his hand on his grandson's shoulder and gently replied, "The one that you feed."

Let's not let the evil destroy our Tribe.

Chairperson Payment, Director Miller and I, along with staff members Mike McCoy and Jocelyn Fabry, just recently attended the 2006 Tribal-State Forum with Governor Jennifer Granholm. At this forum, the tribal chairs had the opportunity to give input to Governor Granholm in regards to economic development ideas and concerns. Also,

they all signed the Economic Development Accord. Our chairperson did a good job representing our tribe. Director Miller was an excellent host as this event was held at the Hannahville's Nah Tah Wahsh Public School Academy where he serves as Superintendent. Jocelyn and I had the opportunity to speak in a private session with Governor Granholm. At which time I invited her to attend our women's gathering that is being planned for November at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Speaking of the women's gathering . . . Anishinaabe quay leaders from the various tribes have agreed to support, plan and hold a women's gathering during deer season in November in Mt. Pleasant. The theme will be "Women's Role in Helping to Heal our Communities." This idea developed between Audrey Falcon, past chief and present council member, and myself as we shared our concerns of how our "political infighting" is

destroying the spirit of our tribes.

This event will be open to all Anishinaabe quay in Michigan and we hope to provide many teachings that our women may bring back to their communities. Stay tuned and I will keep you informed.

Congratulations to all the 2006 graduates! I was honored to be the keynote speaker at the Sault Area High School Native American Senior Recognition Program that was held in May. To me, this was such a special group because I worked with many of them at the middle school. I am so proud of them! Also, our Bahweting Anishinaabe Tribal Youth Council has quite a few graduates who have been actively involved since their middle school years. We will miss them. But . . . before they leave, they will have one more challenge as a tribal youth council member . . . and that is THE BATTLE OF THE BOARDS!

They have, again, challenged the board of directors to a compe-

tion game that we don't stand a chance in winning! This time the game is mat ball – whatever that is! All I know is that we will have lots of fun, they will make lots of money and board members will be sore for days later.

Congratulations to all candidates who made the primaries and good luck to you all.

Please exercise your right to vote. Your vote can and will make a difference.

At this time, I would like to thank Victor Matson, Sr., Unit V board member for all the time and dedication that he brought to this board. He is retiring from the board and I wish him the best. Chi megwetch, Vic!

Please keep our chairman and the board of directors in your prayers. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (906) 635-3054 or (906) 440-7613.

## How low will they go?



**Rob Lambert**  
Unit III Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Our membership needs to demand that any accusation made by any board member be backed up with proof. I write this because of Aaron Payment and Todd Gravelle's most recent unit reports.

Aaron told you that I traveled to Detroit on personal business and then had it reimbursed by the tribe. He also said that I put in for lodging and, finally, that I have not attended any St. Ignace casino updates. The only thing that is true is that I did travel to Detroit but it was not personal. I was looking into an employment matter and as a Greentown Management board member that

is one of my responsibilities. I seldom spend the night when I travel to Detroit and this trip was not an exception. You can contact our executive assistant, Joanne Carr, at (906) 635-6050 and get a copy of any travel I have had reimbursed. Lastly you can contact Lona Stewart (906) 635-6050 to find out that I have, in fact, attended St. Ignace casino updates. Aaron made these untrue statements about me for political gain. He only wants tail wagers on the board and he knows that this tail does not wag.

Todd Gravelle's recent unit report was done for the same reason as Aaron's. These two

guys are as close as two toes in the same sock and do not want anyone on the board that they can not control. Todd was recently in court to answer to three counts of possession of a controlled substance. The three substances were cocaine, oxycodone, and methadone. If these allegations prove to be true it will explain why Todd would write that I betrayed our members. If these allegations prove to be true it will explain why Todd would not take a drug test when the rest of the board did. If these allegations prove to be true it will also show what a true betrayal is.

Everything in this unit report

can be proven. Call Joanne and Lona about my travel and attendance. The case number is 2006000994 and you can call (906) 635-6320 for a copy. The police agency report number is Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) 53-06.

However the case goes against Todd, he needs your prayers.

Rob Lambert, 23 Stockbridge St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-8840 or 1-800-484-7919 pin 8106.

## Secretary of Interior planning to attend NCAI conference in Sault Ste. Marie

WASHINGTON-Dirk Kempthorne began his first day on the job on May 31 as Secretary of Interior, and met with President Joe Garcia, First Vice President Jefferson Keel, and Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The NCAI leadership shared lunch with the secretary in his new office. The meeting also included Associate Deputy Secretary Jim Cason, Special Trustee Ross Swimmer and Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs Carl Artman.

"I am impressed with Secretary Kempthorne that his first priority is to establish a relationship with tribal leaders," said President Garcia (Governor of Okay Owingeh (San Juan Pueblo)). "Our meeting set the stage for a strong continuing relationship. I emphasized the importance of treaties and tribal self-determination, and talked about my four priorities: Public Safety; Education; Economic Development; and Trust Settlement."

"Secretary Kempthorne was very approachable and I think we are off to a good start," said First Vice President Jefferson Keel (Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation). "We talked about the importance of federal government consultation with tribal governments and having a real dialogue with tribal leaders. Tribal leaders need to be included if we are going to find real solutions that will work in Indian country. I think Secretary Kempthorne gets that, and he showed it by meeting with us today."

Secretary Kempthorne mentioned two of his priorities. First, he is very interested in trust reform and Cobell settlement and wants to hear from all sides. He is interested in new approaches that respect land ownership and will get the issues resolved. Second, he emphasized his interest in education. The leaders discussed the importance of integrating tribal culture into Indian education. Secretary Kempthorne, barring unforeseen complications related

to a broken leg, confirmed that he is planning to come to the NCAI Midyear in Sault St. Marie, Mich., on June 19-21. "We appreciated Secretary Kempthorne taking time on his first day to meet with the NCAI leadership," said Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson. "Tribes want the Secretary to be an advocate and defender of tribal rights. We had a good discussion about the role of the secretary and I was very pleased to start out on such a good note."

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest national tribal organization. NCAI represents tribal interests across the United States, promoting tribal treaty rights, self-determination, government-to-government policies, and understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. For more information on the convention, please see the story on page 1.

## Moving on and moving forward



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

By the time you read this report, the election will be over. During this time the best, as well as the worst of our leadership has been demonstrated. Some candidates have won during the course of this election, while others have not. However, they did not lose, they merely came up a few votes short.

**Maybe now we can move forward and work for our tribe!**

A very disturbing event has occurred recently within our tribe. One of our very own board members has been arrested on drug

charges. I hope this is not true. Leaders must set an example for others. We represent our tribe, and we hold the responsibility of our children's future in our hands. We must set a positive example.

During this time there are also people who are trying to stop us from opening our Casino in St. Ignace. They consist of people who we have employed or contracted with. It is a terrible thought that our own members would attempt to sabotage this project. Anything that delays our opening will cause economic loss that directly impacts services to the membership. I hope these people cease playing games with the membership of the tribe.

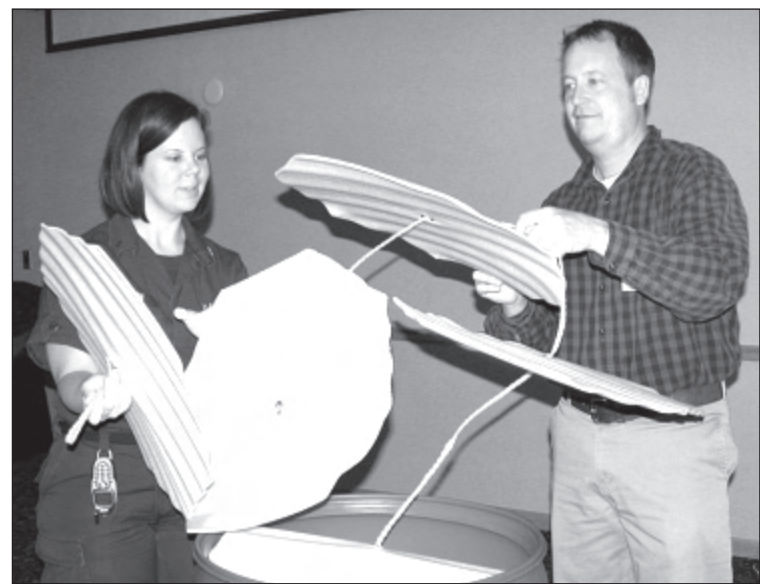
The board has to step up and deal with these issues. Just as the 7+2, we must go after these individuals to hold them accountable for their actions.

**The days of rolling over are done!**

The board must stand up for our membership. That is what we were elected to do. If we cannot do that, then some of us need to re-evaluate why we are here. Thank you! (906) 632-7267.



# Tribe helps to prevent and clean-up oil spills



USCG Ensign Caren C. Damon (left) and Mike Ripley, ITFAP environmental coordinator, unload an absorbent boom at the workshop. The grant included both training and onboard spill kits.

By MIKE RIPLEY,

INTER TRIBAL FISHERIES AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The U.S. Coast Guard and Sault Tribe sponsored a training course on preventing and cleaning up oil spills from commercial fishing vessels on March 22 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Sault Tribe licensed boat

captains were invited to the training session and were presented with free oil spill clean-up equipment.

Petty officer Andy Grow is in charge of oil spill prevention and response in Sault Ste. Marie and led the course, providing information on what to do in case of an oil spill and how to prevent it



Sault Tribe environmental technician, Joe McKerchie, brings a bilge filter to a tribal fisher.

Photos by Jennifer Dale/CORA

from happening in the first place.

In 2005, there were five incidents of fishing vessels sinking, causing oil spills and added costs of boat recovery. According to Grow, the most common cause of spills on the Great Lakes is from refueling and over filling fuel tanks. Oil and gas in bilge water is also a common source of spills.

There are three things that need

to be remembered in case of an oil spill:

1) Always report an oil spill to the U.S. Coast Guard. A toll free number, (800) 424-8802, is available 24 hours a day. Failure to report an oil spill can lead to a fine of up to \$250,000 or five years in prison.

2) Take action to prevent the spread and clean up oil after a

spill. This is where equipment such as oil-absorbing pads provided during the training exercise can help.

3) Never use dispersants such as soap on an oil spill. Soap mobilizes oil and allows it to spread throughout the water resulting in contamination of fish, animals and, eventually, people.

In addition to absorbent pads to remove oil from spills, several fishing captains were also given special bilge filters to remove oil from bilge water.

An absorbent boom for larger oil spills was also purchased and will be housed at the CORA building at 179 W. Three Mile Road in Sault Ste. Marie. The equipment was purchased by Sault Tribe environmental director, Dan Tadgerson, with a grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Remember to call out in the event of an oil spill. To report an oil spill to the United States Coast Guard, call (800) 424-8802 toll free 24 hours a day.

## Great Lakes cleanup projects get new direction

How and where contaminated sediment will be cleaned up in the Great Lakes is the subject of a new rule by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Acting under the authority of the Great Lakes Legacy Act, the agency has outlined how projects will be identified, selected and evaluated to clean up the sediment and reverse the environmental harm to Great Lakes rivers and harbors.

"The Great Lakes Legacy Rule is our roadmap for selecting the best, priority cleanup projects and leveraging public and private dollars to accelerate environmental progress," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Benjamin H. Grumbles.

The cleanup of such "areas of concern" has been a priority of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. The result will be healthier aquatic habitat and

cleaner water for fish, wildlife and the 35 million residents of the Great Lakes region. Proposed funding for this effort has quintupled in four years. Congress appropriated \$9.9 million in fiscal year 2004, \$22.3 million in 2005 and \$29.6 million in 2006 for Legacy Act cleanups. The president has requested \$49.6 million in the proposed 2007 budget.

Additional funding comes from state and local partners, who contribute at least a 35 percent match for each project. A request for projects will be issued within 90 days after the rule is published in the Federal Register. Proposals may be submitted at any time.

Contaminated sediment is a significant problem in the Great Lakes basin. The United States and Canada have designated 41 areas of concern. In recent years, state and federal agencies have

worked with local communities to clean up sediment through dredging and disposal, capping the contaminated material with clean material, allowing natural recovery of the materials in place or a combination. From 1997-2004, approximately 3.7 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment were remediated from the Great Lakes basin.

Projects that have received funding under the program include the Ashtabula River in northeast Ohio; the Black Lagoon in the Detroit River; Ruddiman Creek in Muskegon, Mich., and Hog Island, near Superior, Wisc.

More information on Great Lakes Legacy Act can be found at [www.epa.gov/glla](http://www.epa.gov/glla). Information on contaminated sediments program the same Web site using the keyword seiddiments.

## Fisheries announcements

### Days to remember

CORA 2006 holidays — For the remainder of 2006, the CORA office will be closed on the following days: May 29, July 4, Sept. 4, Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Nov. 23, Nov. 24, Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2, 2007.

BIA 2006 HOLIDAYS — The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) offices will be closed: May 29, July 4, Sept. 4, Oct. 9, Nov. 10, Nov. 23 and Dec. 25.

To inform us of important dates, please contact Jennifer

Dale at (906) 632-0043 or [jmdale@chippewaottawa.org](mailto:jmdale@chippewaottawa.org).

### Recommended websites

[www.vitalchoice.com](http://www.vitalchoice.com) — Check out one of the most effective fish marketing Web sites around.

[www.alaskafishbiz.org](http://www.alaskafishbiz.org) — A to Z sources for the commercial fisher, including HACCP resources and direct sales manuals.

[www.epa.gov/glnpo/g12000/lamps](http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/g12000/lamps) — Get 2006 updates for the each of the Great Lakes LaMPs.

### Lake Superior Day

[www.superiorforum.info](http://www.superiorforum.info) —

The Lake Superior Binational Forum is promoting Lake Superior Day, and more and more communities are recognizing it. The official day is the third Sunday in July. See "current projects" on the Web site.

### Attention tribal fishermen

There are a number of fishing vessels for sale by tribal fishermen. Please call Jennifer Dale, CORA PIO, for more information at (906) 632-0043 or [jmdale@chippewaottawa.org](mailto:jmdale@chippewaottawa.org).

## Native American Fisheries and Wildlife conference planned

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is now accepting oral and poster presentation proposals for the 2006 Great Lakes regional conference of the Native American Fisheries and Wildlife Society to be held on Sept. 18-22, 2006, at the Three Fires Conference Center at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Resort and Casino in Manistee, Mich.

Proposals should emphasize Native involvement in natural resources management in the Great Lakes region. The conference will highlight the depth and diversity of Native natural resource management programs and provide insight into traditional knowledge and beliefs. Topics may include traditional ecological knowledge and its

role in management, resource management and subsistence living, native species research and restoration, exotic species control, conservation issues as well as a variety of other topics involving Native natural resource management. The Conference Committee will work closely with presenters to bring together as many relevant topics as possible and make this a successful conference. Proposals are due July 1, 2006. Proposals should be sent by fax, mail or e-mail. E-mail submissions preferred.

Send proposals to Teresa Romero, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River St, Manistee, MI 49660, [tromero@lrboi.com](mailto:tromero@lrboi.com), fax (231) 723-8873, phone (231) 398-2181.

## New Zealand mudsnail found in Lake Superior

The New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*), an invader that has wreaked havoc in U.S. western rivers, has been found in U.S. waters of Lake Superior, in both the Duluth-Superior Harbor and St. Louis River estuary.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made the announcement near the opening of fishing season and officials are urging anglers and other river users to take steps to prevent accidentally spreading mudsnails.

New Zealand mudsnails cause concern because their sheer numbers can disrupt the ecosystem by pushing out important native species. "They have adapted so well

in western rivers that they have pushed out almost all of the native insects, snails, and other invertebrates that are important food for fish," said Doug Jensen, aquatic invasive species program coordinator for Minnesota Sea Grant. "More than 700,000 snails per square meter cover the bottoms of some rivers."

Over 100 snails were collected last fall by a research team from the EPA's Mid-Continent Ecology Division in Duluth. The team was conducting a species survey as part of a project designed to look for new invaders in Great Lakes harbors. This is the first finding of the tiny snail in Minnesota and Wisconsin waters.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of *The Sault Tribe News*. You can call enrollment at (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.



# Paquin receives Bahweting Binogii Advocate award



Sault Tribe prosecuting attorney James Bias presented Chief of Police Fred Paquin with the Child Advocate of the Year award.

ACFS, as a part of Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness month, was pleased to hold their annual child advocate honor breakfast on May 18, 2006. This breakfast is a way of honoring those who work diligently all year round to support and advocate for our tribe's children. Those who participate in this event come from all areas of the community including the public schools, the

prosecutor's office, the public defender's office, Families First, the FBI, law enforcement, the Child Welfare Committee, the Department of Human Services, the 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Upward Bound, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, the Advocacy Resource Center, the Cultural Department, Elder Care Services and, of course, ACFS.

At the honor breakfast, the

Child Advocate of the Year is announced. The award is given to someone who goes above and beyond their job duties and works tirelessly to help children. This person's name is added to our plaque in ACFS in recognition of their service. Nominations are taken from the tribal community and then sent to our special team who discusses and chooses the winner.

This year, our nominations included Denise Chase, ACFS western end; Tami Campbell, Head Start; Donelda Harper, Families First; Heidi Witucki, Upward Bound; and Fred Paquin, law enforcement.

Fred Paquin was awarded the Bahweting Binogii Advocate Award this year for his dedicated 29 years as a police officer, most of which has been served at the St. Ignace police department and most recently as the chief of police for the Sault Tribe.

ACFS would like to thank all those dedicated to helping our tribe's children. There is no way we could do this work alone and it takes the help of everyone in our community to support and protect our children.

# Manistique Diabetes Support Group sprouts green thumb



In honor of Earth Day, the Manistique Diabetes Support Group planned a beautification project for the Manistique Community Center. Group members started various flowers from seeds at one of their spring meetings. They cared for their individual plantings until it was time to get them all together again and give them to Mother Earth. In addition, group members donated numerous plants from home to compliment the beds. At their May meeting, some of the group took time out from their usual discussions to go outside and plant while others stayed inside to plan signs and other items for the beds. The group beautified a pair of flower beds at the entrance to the building. Special honor was added to the activity with a dedication to long-time member Roberta Weinert who recently walked on. The Manistique group has been meeting for nearly a decade. They meet on the fourth Friday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon to discuss a diabetes topic and Anishinaabe traditions. Being social and having fun learning about our health and culture is the goal. For more information call Gail Sulander, tribal nutritionist, at (906) 341-9525.

In photo above is Walt Strauser planting a section of the garden.

# Technical Sergeant Horde receives honors for his service



Technical Sergeant Anthony Horde, a member of the Sault Tribe, is currently deployed for six months to Ali Base, Iraq, in support of operation Iraqi Freedom. He is permanently

stationed at RAF Lakenheath, England.

During his tour in England, Sgt. Horde has earned a British award for community policing, a Department of Defense Commander in Chief Award for community policing and was selected as the mission support group non-commissioned officer of the year out of a potential candidate pool of 1,600 NCOs.

Horde is currently fulfilling the role of NCO-in-charge of physical security at Ali Base as a member of the 407th Security Forces Squadron. As part of his duties, he works directly with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations,

which detained a known terrorist responsible for building countless improvised explosive devices over the last three years.

Horde received an American flag patch and certificate of authenticity from Special Agent Seth Miller who conducted covert operations to capture the terrorist.

Horde was the detention team leader for the detainee until he could be transported to a military detention facility at an undisclosed location.

Sgt. Horde is the son of Geneva Sika and Larry Horde, and a descendent of the Sugar Island Mastaw/Eitrem families.

# Corbiere named head coach of Soo Indians AAA hockey team

The Soo Indians AAA hockey team is proud to announce Rick Corbiere, former assistant coach of Kewadin Casino Junior A hockey team, their new head coach for the 2006-2007 season.

Corbiere was an assistant coach with the Indians during the team's inaugural season in 1995 and spent a total of eight seasons behind the Indians' bench as head coach Joe Shawhan's assistant. Corbiere left the Indians after the 2004-2005 season due to the financial demise of the team.

Prior to his last season with the Indians, Corbiere was named head coach of the Northern Michigan Black Bears Junior A hockey team for



the 2003-2004 inaugural season in the NOJHL. Corbiere guided the Black Bears to a 25-17-5 record and second place finish in the NOJHL's western division.

During his playing career, he was a former Sault High goaltender who went on to play for the Thessalon Junior B Flyers. Corbiere devoted 15 years of coaching to the Soo Michigan Hockey Association.

He received the John Teets Appreciation Award and also the Ray Kauinsto and the Vern Shadnaw Award for Coach of the Year at the travel and house levels. According to the Indians board of directors, "we are thrilled to have Corbiere with us. Corbiere has complete familiarity with how we operate."

Corbiere is looking forward to tryouts June 23, 24 and 25 at the Taffy Abel arena.

# Stork report . . .



Chris and April Cashman (Snider) of Caledonia, Mich., are excited to announce the birth of their daughter,

**Elizabeth**

**Paige Cashman** on April 3, 2006, at 7:32 p.m. She was seven pounds, seven ounces and 20.5 inches long. She joins big brother Sheldon.

Grandparents are Theodore and Margie Snider and Bill and Brenda Cashman of the Sault. Great-grandparents are Otto and Clara Flatt of Engadine, George Snider of Sault Ste. Marie and John and Peg Wolfe of Caledonia. Proud uncles are Keith Snider, Kevin Cashman and Glenn Cashman.



Michael McKeachie and Christina Showan along with big sisters Kayla and Myah are excited to announce the arrival

of **Ella Assiniibegamicgookwe McKerchie**. Ella was born at War Memorial Hospital on April 21, 2006, at 2:21 p.m. weighing five pounds, 13.6 ounces and was 19.5 long.

Proud grandparents are Russ and Linda McKerchie of Kincheloe, Bonnie and Greg Spring of Sault, Mich., Paula and Gary Foster of Bruce Mines, Ont., and Ron Showan of Thessalon, Ont. Michael and Christina would like to thank Dr. Rebecca Werner and the nurses and staff of WMH for all their care and support.

# Piche donates chunk of hair to Locks of Love



Alyson Causley-Piche, 12, a sixth grade student at Sault Area Middle School, donated 15 inches of her beautiful hair to the Locks of Love charity. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children, 18 years and younger, in the U.S. and Canada suffering from any type of medical hair loss. Alyson has been waiting a very "long" time to make a contribution to this wonderful charity. For more information visit [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is June 20 at 8 a.m. Questions about submissions? Call (906) 632-6398.



# Detective Sergeant Kyle McPhee recognized for outstanding service

Dear D/Sergeant McPhee:

It is a pleasure to extend to you sincere congratulations upon your recognition by the department's board of awards on April 21, 2006. A complete report of your actions, as detailed in the report, and briefly summarized below, was submitted to the board of awards for review.

You are the only detective sergeant for the Lansing and Capitol posts, which covers three counties. Your duties include the identification, investigation, arresting and prosecution of the area sex offenders. Knowing the limitations with enforcement of the Sex Offender Registry, you conceived and created the Tri-SORT Task Force. The unit was organized with multiple police agencies, prosecutors, parole officers and community members. You also developed a system to track and verify the location of each sex offender registered in your post's area. You have also conducted training for 400 local, county and state officers. You created a new training manual, coordinated sweeps and compiled stats, including compliance rates for your area. You have scheduled press conferences to promote your team's success and to gain community involvement. You have created a 800 tip line and work with local media on a top ten list for the most wanted sex offenders. Everything that you have created, you have passed along to other districts and departments through a system now in place. You also coordinated the law enforcement community across the state in a

sweep for sex offender violators. The statewide sweep resulted in over 400 arrests and 430 warrant requests. It is through your dedication and professionalism that this initiative has been a success.

After carefully considering all the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident, it was the decision of the board of awards that the extra effort you rendered should be recognized by this Citation for Meritorious Service.

You are indeed special to our department. Your deeds are one of the many reasons why the Michigan Department of State Police is held in such high esteem within our state and the nation.

Please accept my personal thanks for your commitment to excellence. A copy of this letter will be placed in your service file. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Col. Tadarial J. Sturdivant  
Director  
Department of State Police

## Career information about D/Sgt. Kyle McPhee:

- 17 years with MSP, currently assigned as the Lansing post detective.
- Began career in 1989 as a trooper at the Ypsilanti post.
- 1994-1997: MSP Criminal Investigation Division - Undercover narcotics and fugitive and surveillance unit.
- 1997 - 1998: Uniform trooper at the MSP Lansing post.
- 1998 - 2002: Promoted to detective sergeant of the MSP Auto Theft Unit.

- 2002: Present: D/Sgt. at MSP Lansing post.

- 2005: Serves as the coordinator of the Tri-County Sex Offender Registry Task Force (Tri-Sort).

- Currently resides in Dimondale, Mich. with wife, Tedy, and sons, Hunter (9) and Dylan (7).

- Son of longtime St. Ignace residents Calvin "Bucky" and Roberta McPhee.

- Currently coach of a youth soccer team and a little league baseball team in the Pottersville, Mich. school district.

State police awards:

1992: Meritorious Service Award for the capture and conviction of a serial rapist/murderer in Southeast Michigan.

1998: Meritorious Service Award for involvement in one of the largest stolen property recovery investigations in Michigan's history.

2002: MSP Criminal Investigation Division Trooper of the Year.

2005: Professional Excellence Award for tracking and capture of a fugitive sex offender missing for over eight years. At the time of capture in the state of Arkansas, the sex offender was employed as police officer and operated a childrens day care out of his home.

2006: Meritorious Service Award for creation of the Tri-Sort Task Force and for the development and successful implementation of the statewide sex offender sweep known as "Operation Verify," which, to date, has led to the arrest of over 1,200 sex offender violators across Michigan.

## Brittany Schwartz places in Native American art competition



Brittany Schwartz's 'Rainbow Dreams' won third place among the pre-kindergarten age group in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education Native American student art competition "The Power to Dream, The Power to Achieve." Her picture is printed with the permission of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education. Brittany is a pre-kindergarten student and Sault Tribe member who attends Gladstone Preschool in Rapid River, Mich. There were 1,398 entries from 32 states. Artwork can be viewed at [www.indianeducation.org](http://www.indianeducation.org).

## Consultant Dan McCoy reigns as 2006-2007 STLE president

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Daniel D. McCoy, a veteran of the lubricants industry, has been elected 2006-2007 president of the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers.

Now a consultant, McCoy is currently working with Lubrizol's K2M group, the additive giant's training division in Wickliffe, Ohio. He is assisting in the development and admin-



istration of K2M's new online education program designed to cover the subjects mentioned in STLE's Certified Lubrication Specialist (CLS) exam.

Prior to the K2M assignment, McCoy for 12 years worked for Lubrizol in segment management as a product manager in the Industrial Products Group. His primary areas of responsibility were in hydraulics, grease

and industrial gear oil.

From 1975 until 1993, McCoy worked with LTV Steel, formerly Republic Steel, as a lubrication engineer and maintenance manager. He was primarily responsible for lubricant selection, application and lubrication programs that were developed and administered for use throughout the facilities.

McCoy has been active in STLE, both locally and nationally, for the last 30 years. He is a past chair of STLE's

Cleveland Section and past chair of STLE's Lubrication Specialist Certification Committee.

McCoy holds a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering technology from Lake Superior State University.

STLE is a professional society dedicated to advancing the science of tribology and best practices in lubrication engineering.

## McDermott's celebrate 50th



Tribe member Marlene (nee Menard) McDermott and her husband William J. McDermott who both reside in Philadelphia, Pa., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23, 2006. Marlene is a former Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island resident. She is the daughter of the late Louis A. Menard and Rose Menard of Sault Ste. Marie. Best wishes and congratulations from their children, family and friends.

## Cortopassi graduates from naval academy

Christopher Paul Cortopassi, E2 of Grosse Ile, Mich., enlisted in the U.S. Navy Aug. 19, 2005. The son of Annamarie Becker of Trevor, Wisc., and James P. Cortopassi of Monroe, Mich., he graduated from Grosse Ile High School in June of 2004. He went to boot camp at Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago and graduated from basic training in November of 2005.

He was stationed in Pensacola

Fla., and Jacksonville, Fla.

He graduated from a Naval technical school in May 2006. At that time his father joined him to pin his wings on him.

His grandparents are Mary Cortopassi of California; the late John Cortopassi, Detroit; Beverly Kammers and the Late Dean Kammers of St. Ignace Mich., and the late Abraham Nelson Latour of Indiana.

## Teeple and Skipper Jr. wed



Alesha Teeple and James Skipper Jr. were married on March 14, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride's sister, Amanda Teeple, was maid of honor and her brother, Benjamin Thompson, gave her away and was also the bestman.

Parents of the bride are Lori Brown of the Sault and Kenneth Teeple of Brimley. The groom's parents are James Skipper, Sr., of Brimley and Jeanie Skipper of Sault Ste. Marie.

A reception dinner was held in their honor at Marsiano's in Las Vegas. They honeymooned on the West Coast in Palm Springs and Los Angeles, Calif. They will reside in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



# Higher Education Programs

BY: JANICE M. LEWTON,  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations 2006 graduates!! We are very proud of you. Best wishes and good luck.

## 2005-06 school year YEAR Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program (a.k.a. incentive award program)

Funds are running low, so please get your grades in as soon as possible.

This is a first-come first-serve basis program, which means as grades come in; students are awarded until the funds run out.

When submitting your winter or spring session 2006 grades, please note if your mailing address has changed. Send grades to: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie MI, 49783.

If your address has changed, you will be required to complete an additional form before your check will be issued.

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)

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 (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email at [jl Lewton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jl Lewton@saulttribe.net)

## 2006-07 Scholarships

Deadline for all scholarships is July 1, 2006.

**Pamela Cable Gershon**

# YEA Circle of Life summer program

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities is offering a free summer program from June 27 to July 27 for members between grades five and nine. The program is on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is available to the first 30 kids who sign up. Limited transportation is available for the first 12 participants who request it and

## Memorial Scholarship (\$150)

Qualifications:

- Must be a 2006 graduating high school senior.
- Must be less than 1/4 Indian blood quantum and have verification of tribal membership.
- Must reside within the Tribe's seven-county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette or Schoolcraft).
- Must be accepted for enrollment in a Michigan state-support school.
- Must be full time.
- Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year. This award will be for the Freshman year only.

• Must submit a letter of application to include the following: the high school you graduated from, the college or university you've been accepted to, you're planned academic major you would like to pursue, your career objective, and a brief statement of what this scholarship would mean to you.

## Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 1/4 Indian blood quantum.
- Must be enrolled in a Michigan four-year public college or university.
- Must be at least a college junior.
- Must be full-time status.
- Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year.
- Must have an accumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 (include transcript showing grades from the last term or semester attended).

• Must submit a letter of application to include the name and location of the college or university you will be attending, the academic major you are pursuing, what your career objective is, and a brief statement (one full type-written page) on what the scholarship would mean to you.

## George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in a college or university studying tribal law, law enforcement, legal studies, political science or public administration.
- Must be at least a college sophomore.
- Must be full-time status.
- Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year.
- Must have an accumulative grade point average maintaining satisfactory progress (include tran-

script showing grades from the last term or semester attended).

• Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year.

• Must submit a letter of application to include the name and location of the college or university you will be attending, the academic major you are pursuing, what your career objective is, and

• Must submit a 300-500 word essay describing how the scholarship will help you realize your goal.

## Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship (\$1,000)

Qualifications:

- Must be working toward an undergraduate degree.
- Must be enrolled or accepted into a two- or four-year college or university.
- Must be enrolled full time.
- Must submit a letter of application to include the name and location of the college or university you will be attending; academic major you are pursuing, including class level and number of credits completed; and your career objective.

• Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year.

• Must submit a 300-500 word essay describing how you feel your education will benefit you and why you should receive a scholarship.

## Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship (\$1,000)

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 1/4 Indian blood quantum.
- Must be enrolled in a teacher education program attending full time.
- Must be at least a college junior.
- Must have an accumulated GPA of at least a 3.00.
- Must submit a cover letter to include the name and location of the college or university you will be attending; the academic major you are pursuing, and your career objective.

• Must have submitted a Higher Education Assistance Application for the 2006-07 school year. MUST submit a Brief Statement on what the scholarship would mean to you.

Submit scholarship info to:  
Sault Tribe Education Department  
Attn: (name the scholarship)  
2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783

**DEADLINE for ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IS JULY 1, 2006**

# JKL Bahweting School receives Healthy School Environment Award



Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, Michigan's surgeon general, presents the Healthy School Environment Recognition Award to Greg Chromy, physical education teacher at Bahweting school.

JKL Bahweting School has recently received the "School of Excellence" Award from the Michigan Surgeon General's Healthy School Environment Recognition Program, making it the only school in the Upper Peninsula to be recognized for this honor.

The Healthy School Recognition Program recognizes and applauds schools that are making significant improvements in their environment related to healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco-free lifestyles. The goal of the recognition program is to motivate and empower Michigan schools to "step up" and create healthy school environments.

Healthy school environments help students achieve their full academic potential and support students in developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime. A healthy school environment provides clear and consistent health messages, accurate health information, and the opportunity to use it. And it helps students be fit, healthy and ready to learn. What happens in the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria, and during school activities, can reinforce and educate students, staff, and families on healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco free lifestyles.

"Obesity and heart disease has skyrocketed in recent years in Michigan and the staff of Bahweting School has decided to take a

stand to educate the students to live a healthy lifestyle to live a longer and healthier life!" said Greg Chromy, physical education teacher.

With collaboration from the Sault Tribe Community Health Services, JKL Bahweting completed the Healthy School Action Tool to assess the school's environment for physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco-free lifestyles. From this assessment, the JKL School Health Team decided that it was important to get, not only the students, but everyone in the school active. The team decided to begin with a health fair and walking program for the staff and administration. The program was a huge success with over 70 percent of the staff participating. The program generated excitement and teachers would meet in the hall and compare steps. The enthusiasm spread to the students, who also received pedometers. Teachers have shared that students are now walking around the room and reading just to get more steps. JKL students and staff are getting fit and having fun together as a school.

Because students spend a large part of their waking hours at school, the environment created by and within the school itself can have a strong impact on the health of its students. And healthy students learn better!

# Vocational Training

Due to the enormous increase of Tribal members who have applied for the Vocational Training program, we have committed all of our funding for this year!

If you wish to attend a training beginning this year, you can apply and be put on a waiting list. We are accepting applications no earlier than one month in advance of the training start date.

To apply please call (906) 635-7784 or 1-800-793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) and we will mail you an application. You can also go to [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org) to fill out our online application.

—Heather Corbiere, administrative assistant.



## Young Scholars Program Offered To High Achievers

Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities Program will be accepting applications for the Young Scholars Program for the Winter/Spring semester of the 2005-06 school year. Students may apply twice a year, after the first semester and again at the end of the second semester. The purpose of this program is to recognize the hard work and dedication of our Tribe's students in grades 6 through 12 who have received all A's and/or perfect attendance for one or more marking periods.

Students will receive an award of \$25 for each marking period in which all A's and/or perfect attendance was achieved with a maximum award of \$50 per semester. To be eligible, a student must be an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and be in grades 6 through 12 at a public or private school.

To qualify for all A's, students must receive some form of an "A" grade (A+, A, A-) in all courses for a marking period. Students in schools that grade on a numerical basis must receive the equivalent of these "A" grades to qualify. In such case, please attach a letter stating the school's grade equivalency with the application. To qualify for perfect attendance, students must have been in school or at a school function each day of the marking period with the report stating zero absences. Excused absences do not constitute perfect attendance.

To qualify for the program, the following information must be received by July 14, 2006: a completed application; a copy of the student's report card signed by a parent or a letter from an administrator at the school stating the marking periods for which the student earned all A's and/or perfect attendance; a copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card (note: if the student doesn't have a card please call Enrollment to request one); a photograph to be printed in the tribal newspaper is optional, send a picture you can spare with the student's name on the back.

The information can be mailed to:

**The Young Scholars Program,  
Attn: Sylvia Shannon, 2 Ice Circle,  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

All information must be received by July 14, 2006.

## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Young Scholars Program Application Form (6th through 12th grade)

<b>Student's Name:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>School Name:</b>		<b>Principal's Name:</b>	
<b>School Address:</b>		<b>School Phone:</b>	
<b>All A's - # of marking periods (2nd semester only)</b>	<b>Perfect Attendance - # of marking periods (2nd semester only)</b>	<b>Social Security Number - Mandatory</b>	

**Please attach the following:**

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's and/or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 6 through 12 to qualify).
2. A copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card; (If the student does not have a card please call Enrollment to request one; if the student was previously in the program a copy is not required every semester, a copy is on file).
3. If a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the photograph.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Sault Tribe Education's Department officials may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please mail the preceding information to: Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program, Attn: Sylvia Shannon, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

All information must be received by 5 p.m. on July 14, 2006 to be eligible for the program.

## Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start is accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year

Head Start and Early Head Start provide comprehensive, age appropriate services to children including children with disabilities. We offer both center-based and home-based services.

**Head Start**  
(3-5 years old)  
Options available:  
• Part-day, part year (September – May)  
Centers are located in Sault Ste. Marie  
• Full day, year round  
Centers are located in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace  
• Full-day, year round  
One center located in Sault Ste. Marie

**Early Head Start**  
(From birth to 3 years old)  
Options available:  
• Full day, year round  
One center in Sault Ste. Marie  
• Year round, home-based services in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

**Note: We also have services available to pregnant women.**

Eligibility: Children must be a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe. Families must meet income guidelines. Note: Head Start children must be three years old by December 1, 2006. Applications may be picked up at 2076 Shunk Road or call (906) 635-7722.

## "Standing Tall Against Negative Decisions" at Rudyard High School

Rudyard High School's Standing Tall Against Negative Decisions, S.T.A.N.D. program was awarded \$1.2 million by the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools to implement prevention programming for their students. The grant cycle runs for three years and will end in 2007. One of the classes offered by S.T.A.N.D. is Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC). CLFC is a program designed to help teens and their parents in several areas: self-awareness, relationship techniques, discipline and development of family rules and expectations, personal responsibility, current

drug and alcohol information and ways to appropriately express feelings for self-esteem enhancement. The classes are divided into two sections, one for adults and one for teens; both of which are free of charge

Families completing the class are eligible to win prizes generously donated by area businesses. The grand prize winner this spring in the adult section was Mary Sorrell who received a stay at the Best Western Harbour Pointe in St. Ignace and a certificate for a free pizza at Java Joe's, also in St. Ignace. Our second runner up was Evelyene Bumstead who received a family meal

certificate from the Main Street Café in Pickford. Our youth winner was Robert Parr who walked away with a personal CD player donated by Erickson's Appliance and Furniture Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

On behalf of the S.T.A.N.D. team we would like to thank all of the participants and the businesses that donated prizes for helping to make this class a success. Classes will resume in the fall and anyone interested in participating or learning more about CLFC can contact Julie Barber, S.T.A.N.D. director, at Rudyard High School, (906) 478-3771, ext. 243.

*The deadline for submissions for the next issue of The Sault Tribe News is 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 20.*



## ...Walking On

In loving memory of **Glen Ray Henderlite** August 13, 1968 - June 15, 1997. Sadly missed by his father, Glenn, mother Susan, sister, Tiffany, nephew, Nathan, niece, Ava, grandmothers Margaret Henderlite and Grace Johnson and all his aunts, uncles and cousins.



### Togetherness

Death is nothing at all.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Whatever we were to each other, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the same way you always have.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was.

There is absolute unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight?

I am but waiting for you for an interval somewhere very near just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is past. Nothing has been lost.

One brief moment and we will be as it was before, only better; infinitely happier.

We will be one together forever.

...Author unknown

**Sue Mae MacGugan**, 68, of 453 Silver Creek Road, Harvey, Mich., entered eternal life Satur-

day, May 13, 2006, at Marquette General Hospital.

Born May 30, 1937 in Munising, daughter of Jay A. and Lula May (Blaine) Carr Sr., Sue was raised in Munising and attended the local schools.

Over the years, Sue had several and varied work experiences. She was employed with the Marquette County Register of Deeds, the State Lottery office in Marquette, as a chef at Wahlstrom's Restaurant, a butcher at LaRue's Grocery, was a truck driver for Gambles, drove semi-truck for North American Van Lines, and worked in retail sales at Woolworth's and Parties Unlimited. For a time, she also owned and operated her own stained glass business. Sue's hobbies were as varied as her employments; she enjoyed singing with the Sweet Adeline's in Ishpeming, was an avid bowler reaching the 250 series, enjoyed genealogy, was a geology enthusiast, and enjoyed watching and feeding the birds. Sue was a very active member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a member of the Elder Subcommittee Unit V.

Survivors include her daughter, Gladys Brigman-Thayer (Roy) Upchurch; five sons, Bob C. (Marlene) Brigman, Rob C. Brigman, Todd A. Brigman, Rod R. Brigman, and Jay H. MacGugan; and four grandchildren, Hans Brigman, Adam Brigman, Christie Brigman, and Angela Thayer.

Funeral services were held May 17 with Rev. Leon Jarvis, Marquette General Hospital chaplain officiating. Burial was at Northland Chapel Gardens.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.fassbenderfuneralhome.com](http://www.fassbenderfuneralhome.com).

## State food service program to provide meals for summer camps at LSSU

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Students attending camps at Lake Superior State University this summer will be eligible to receive meals through a Michigan Department of Education program.

The Summer Food Service Program for children will provide breakfast and lunch for all LSSU camps being held in June and July, including the annual summer residential session of Upward Bound. Money saved on camp expenses allows the university to put more into camp and program enhancements.

"We're very happy to receive this sponsorship," said Heidi Witucki, director of Upward Bound, one of the areas to receive the food program funds. "Upward Bound prepares low-income and first-generation students to succeed in college. Since the Upward Bound programs have received no increase from the U.S. Department of Education during the last four years, we are pleased to have a little extra money to let us re-

establish some program services we had previously been forced to set aside."

Meals will meet federal child nutrition patterns and are planned by state dietitians, with an emphasis on healthy eating. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the Quarterdeck in LSSU's Walker Cislser Center.

The list of LSSU summer camps available to area youth has been growing in recent years. Some of them include scholarships. This summer, besides Upward Bound's summer session, students may choose from science day and residential camps, engineering and technology camps, and sports camps that include hockey, basketball and volleyball.

For more information on LSSU summer camps, visit [www.lssu.edu/summercamps](http://www.lssu.edu/summercamps).

For more information on LSSU Upward Bound, contact Witucki at (906) 635-2186 or [hwitucki@lssu.edu](mailto:hwitucki@lssu.edu).

## —From our tribe's mail—

### Lessons learned

To the Editor,

I'm writing this letter to the tribe membership at a critical time. I am currently deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and it enforces the suggestions I write about today. Tribal elections are approaching fast and I feel the need to express my views on leadership. I have served honorably in the United States Air Force for almost 12 years and have seen some of our nation's finest leaders at work. Three core values always play a huge part in sound leadership. They are integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do. These are the Air Force's core values and, when followed, provide a clear cut line to successful leadership.

Over the last 12 years, I have noticed many written articles and personal actions conflicting with these core leadership principles. I have a huge vested interest in the tribe's well being and success and this is the reason for my message. My mother, Geneva Sika, and sister, Debra Cox, has worked for the tribe for many years. My family, who still reside in Sault Ste. Marie, need and use tribal services on a daily basis. This takes me to the point of my letter. I ask all tribe members who are currently running for tribal office to do a gut check. Do you follow the core values of leadership? Do you have integrity to do the right thing even when nobody is looking? Are you committed to tribal service before self gratification? Are you committed to making the tribe a better place for current and future generations? If you are, then I support you to the fullest! I ask all tribe members to look for these character traits before casting your ballots. These leaders

will carry the tribe to future success or failure. Please make the right choice.

Very Respectfully,  
—Anthony A. Horde,  
TSgt, USAF, Ali Air Base, Iraq

### To my friends and family

To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my family and friends that planned and attended my 75th birthday party. It was truly a surprise and a blessing.

There are no words to show my appreciation for this beautiful act. To Perry and Sandy you are my heart and I love you both so very much. Thank you for this special gift of family and memories.

To Rita, no family should be without a Rita. You are so giving and beautiful, without all of your organizing and planning this day would not have been so perfect.

To all of my family your words of praise and encouragement meant the world to me. For the delicious food that was prepared and served by all of you. All of you have touched my life in ways that I will hold close to my heart forever. I love all of you.

To see so many friends and family all in one day was a blessing and it touched my heart deeply it was the perfect gift. If I could draw love, you all would be in the picture.

God has given me so many blessings and my families love is the best one of all. I will keep you all in my prayers.

—Catherine LaPoint

## Don't be tempted to work "under the table" this summer

BY ED DWYER, SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN ESCANABA

This summer many younger workers and seasonal employees may be tempted by offers to work "under the table." They will find employers who agree to pay them directly, in cash, without deducting income or Social Security taxes. In the short run, that may sound like a good deal. But in the long run, it is foolish and will only hurt workers and their families.

Here's why. First, it's illegal for your employer not to report your earnings to the Internal Revenue Service, and it's illegal for you and your employer not to pay Social Security taxes on your earnings.

Not only do Social Security tax contributions build up future retirement benefits for workers and their families, but they also ensure that workers are eligible for Social Security disability and survivors benefit payments in the unfortunate event of injury or death.

Disability can happen to anyone at any age. For example, did you know that almost three in 10 of today's 20-year olds will become disabled before reaching age 67? Few people have long-term private disability insurance, but workers who pay Social Security taxes have Social Security disability insurance. People who have paid Social Security taxes for as little as one and one-half years and have an injury or illness that will keep them off the job for a year or more could start getting a monthly disability check from Social Security. The average monthly disability benefit payment in 2006 for a worker and his or her spouse and child(ren) is \$1,571.

Also, it is important to understand that anyone who qualifies for Social Security disability payments and remains disabled for two years will qualify for Medicare benefits. Today there are many young people in their 20s who not only get a Social Security disability check but also

### My purpose is to honor my ancestors

Dear Sirs,

Recently I received a newspaper that was tribal. It was not *The Sault Tribe News* but another paper. While I thought most of it was primarily sour grapes it did ask a very good question.

One of the articles indicated that it used to be hard to find people interested in running for office before there was any real money involved. The question was what was the motivation to run for office. I think it is very true that money corrupts.

I would like to ask everyone what is your motive for being a tribe member?

I have joined two organizations that my father suggested; the American Legion and the Sault Tribe. Others he has suggested I have declined. These two have much merit.

I thank my aunt Fannie for the research that shows Genevieve, the mother of Joseph who was the father of Jessie, who was the father of Caroline, who was the mother of James, my father, was a member of the tribe.

My purpose is to honor my ancestors and to learn more about my heritage.

If the tribe chooses to use casino money to pay for education and medical care I am all behind it. If the tribe chooses to stop funding these things for greeds sake, it will be as embarrassing as the rampant alcoholism and type two diabetes in our society. That being a fact because of the unearned money given away to people who don't know how to deal properly with it.

—James J. Maddix

*The deadline for the next issue of The Sault Tribe News is 8 a.m. June 20.*

JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meetings are scheduled every second Tuesday of each month in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m.

If there are any questions, please call (906) 635-5055.



# Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians 25th Annual Traditional Pow Wow & Summer Gathering

## June 30th, July 1st & 2nd, 2006

*Head Veteran*  
George Martin

*Master of Ceremonies*  
Butch Elliot

*Host Drum*  
White Fish Bay

*Head Male*  
Harlin Downwind

*Head Female*  
Theresa Lewis

*Co-Master*  
Beedahsega Elliot

*Arena Director*  
Dan Bissell



*Wednesday, June 28th*  
10:30 a.m.  
Blessing of the  
Pow Wow Grounds

*Thursday, June 29th*  
6:00 a.m.  
Sunrise Ceremony  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Summer Spiritual  
Gathering

*Friday, June 30th*  
6:00 a.m.  
Sunrise Ceremony  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Summer Spiritual Gathering  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Kids Carnival  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Drum & Dancer Registration  
7:00 p.m.  
Grand Entry

*Saturday, July 1st*  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Art Show  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Dancer & Drum Registration  
1:00 p.m.  
Grand Entry  
Blessing of Pink Shawls  
5:00 p.m.  
Dinner  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.  
Hand Drum Competition  
7:00 p.m.  
Grand Entry

*Sunday, July 2nd*  
11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Mass with  
Brother John Haskell  
1:00 p.m.  
Grand Entry  
4:00 p.m.  
Giveaway  
5:00 p.m.  
Retiring of the Flags  
Farewell Traveling Song

*For more information:*

*Bud Biron - 906.632.7033, Melissa Causley - 906.632.7494, Wendi Pages - 906.632.7384, Josh Homminga 906.632.7494*

**Public Welcome to All Events**  
Absolutely No Alcohol, Drugs or Politics.



## Clan symbols of the tribal flag

## Sault Tribe powwows in the seven-county service area



Turtle represents the Earth Mother we stand on, sustaining us with constancy and generosity.

Turtle is the emissary between beings of another world and time. Turtle symbolizes thought given and thought received and represents clarity of communication.

Crane—**Shushege, Ahjejak**

Crane represents eloquence of leadership and direction. The crane's voice is unique and infrequent. When a crane speaks, all listen. Crane is the spokesman for the clans.

Rabbit—**Wauboose**

Rabbit represents Nanabozho, a messenger from Kitchi Manitou, an intermediary on earth among different species of beings and an advocate for the Anishinabek, to whom he imparted the gift of knowledge.

Eagle—**Megezee**

Eagle received from Kitchi Manitou the gifts of strong

wings, keen sight and proud bearing. Eagle symbolizes courage and pre-knowledge.

Deer—**Wahwaushkashe**

Deer received from Kitchi Manitou the gift of grace. Deer symbolizes love. The deer people are known as the gentle people.

Bear—**Mahquah, Mukwa**

Bear received from Kitchie Manitou the gifts of courage and strength. Bear is representative of all medicinal powers in creation. Bear passes on knowledge through dreams and visions.

**The four directions**

The color panels on the tribal flag comprise the circle of life, and represent the four directions.

East—**Wabanong**, yellow, rising sun, spring, youth.

South—**Zhawanong**, red, midday, summer, adulthood.

West—**Epingishmok**, black, setting sun, autumn, middle age.

North—**Kewadinong**, white, midnight, winter, old age.

**June 9-11:** The Bay Mills Indian Community will be hosting its 15th annual Honoring Our Veterans competition powwow at the Bay Mills ball field in Brimley. There will be more than \$30,000 in dance and drum prize money. Proof of tribal membership is required to compete. American Indian vendors only, call for rates. For more information, please contact Richard LeBlanc at (906) 248-3715, ext. 2608, or Allyn Cameron at (906) 248-3241, ext. 1189.

**June 28:** Sault Ste. Marie. Blessing of the powwow grounds followed by a feast beginning at 10:30 a.m. Open to the community. For more information please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

**June 28 – July 2:** Sault Ste. Marie. The 25th annual summer gathering and traditional powwow. The theme for this years powwow will be "Healing Mother Earth." There is no cost for admission. Head male dancer is Harlin Downwind, head female dancer, Theresa Lewis; host drum, White Fish Bay; emcee, Butch Elliot; head veteran, George Martin; arena director, Dan Bissel; co-emcee, Beedahsega Elliot. For more information please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

**June 29:** Sault Ste. Marie. Sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer spiritual gathering 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch and dinner at the powwow grounds lodge. For more infor-

mation, please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

**June 30:** Sault Ste. Marie. Sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer gathering is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids carnival at the powwow grounds big tent. Drum and dancer registration is from 4-7 p.m. Grand entry is at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

**July 1:** Sault Ste. Marie. Art show at the Niigaanagizhik building from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information call Art Leighton at (906) 632-7494. Dancers and drum registration at the powwow grounds 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., grand entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast at 5 p.m.

**July 2:** Sault Ste. Marie. Sunday mass, by Brother John Hascall at the Niigaanagizhik building, 11 a.m. Grand entry is at 1 p.m. at the powwow grounds.

**July 14-15:** 10th annual Sugar Island powwow and spiritual gathering. Spiritual gathering will be July 14 and powwow July 15 and 16. Grand entries Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Drums and dancers to be announced. For further information contact Cecil Pavlat at (906) 632-4719.

**Aug. 4-5:** Powwow, White Cloud, Mich. For more information please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

**Aug. 18-20:** Sault Tribe powwow, Hessel, Mich. For more information, call Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2298.

**Aug. 26-27:** 9th annual Rapid River traditional Anishinaabeg powwow, at the Hiawatha National Forest (eight miles north of Rapid River, Mich.) Grand Entries are Saturday 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Host drum, Nanapowe Singers; co-host drum, Niwiwan (Four Nation Singers); head veteran, Jim St. Arnold; arena director, George Anziano; head male, Anthony Davis Sr.; head female, Judy Corp St. Arnold; MC to be announced.

Powwow highlights include a spiritual gathering on Friday Aug. 25 at 10 a.m., free young people's learning circle, crazy auction on Sunday Aug. 27 at 11 a.m., traders and craftspeople. Public welcome, free admission and rough camping will be available. For trader or event information call (906) 428-4622 or (906) 280-8769.

This is an alcohol and substance free event. Support is provided by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Boilermakers Local 169, Chip In Casino and Friends of the Powwow.

**December 31:** Sault Tribe New Year's Eve powwow, at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information please call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 or Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384.

## Understanding the different types of dancers

The powwow, or Jiingtamok, has historical, social and spiritual value to American Indian people. Some trace the word powwow to Anishinaabemowin, the language of the Anishinaabe. Early European-Americans used it to mean a council or meeting.

Powwows, or celebrations, as they were first called, were originally held in the spring to celebrate the new beginning of life. People participate in traditional dance and song, visit with family and friends, make new acquaintances and trade arts and crafts.

During the powwows, wisdom passes from elders to children. Both groups are particularly important to American Indian people. The young, who are just beginning their journeys, share a closeness to the Creator. To those who have newly arrived and to those who will soon leave it, the world is especially beautiful.

### Grand entry

All the dancers enter the dance circle arena from the eastern direction in a single file, signifying this is where everything begins.

- The dancers at the head of the line have a place of honor, respect and responsibility.

- During this celebration of life, these dancers have the responsibility of leadership. As the dancers fill the arena, they will begin to create a circle on the outer perimeter of the dance arena, representing the sacred circle.

### Powwow protocol

- During the grand entry, flag songs and honor songs, please stand. Men will please remove their hats.

- When an eagle feather is being retrieved from the dance circle, please refrain from taking photographs.

- Always ask permission before taking a picture of a dancer when he or she is outside the dance circle.

- Also ask permission before taking a picture of the drummers and their drum.

- The east entrance of the dance circle is reserved for dancers.

- The dance circle is for participants only.

Dancers move clockwise around the drum. The essence of the dance is dancing in perfect harmony with the drum, never breaking the spirit. Spectators stand to honor women who possess the gift of life.

### Traditional dancers

Traditional male and female dancers preserve the oldest style of American Indian dancing. The male dancers (Gchi-Anishinaabe Zhi Gaawin) use storytelling movements to act out feats of bravery. They imitate animals with side-to-side movements as part of their dance. A story line develops as each dancer challenges the enemy or represents an animal.

Female traditional dancers (Gchi-Anishinaabekwe Zhi Gaawin) wear buckskin or cloth dresses. The buckskin dresses with long, flowing fringes represent a waterfall and are decorated with bright intricate bead work. The dancers carry a shawl on their arms into the sacred circle.

### Grass dance

The men's grass dance (Daawinjiigeshimok Zhi Gaawin) is an ancient dance and is the basis for many others. It originated in the northern plains of the United States.

The elders would ask young men to stomp down tall grass to prepare a clearing for a ceremony. Early grass dancers wore tufts of sweet grass that later evolved into feather bustles. Currently, dancers use strips of leather and yarn to achieve a rippling, grass effect. This dance is an expression of the harmony of the universe and is performed in perfect time to the music, responding as the grass rises to the motion of the wind.

### Jingle dress dance

The women's jingle dress dancers (Zhinawaa'oojigan Zhi Gaawin) wear cloth dresses that contain 365 small metal cones, a prayer for each day. Jingle dresses are frequently passed down through generations and eagle fans are carried by the dancers. The cones help enhance the beauty of the music.

Legend tells the story of a young Ojibwe girl who began the jingle dress tradition. She lived in a village crippled with great sickness. She longed to help her people and had a dream of the jingle dress for four nights. After the last night, she asked her grandmother what the dream meant. The grandmother told her to make the dress because it would stop the sickness. There are usually seven rows of cones, one to represent each of the seven teachings. The fan and fanning represent

the fanning away of sickness. The scarf the dancer carries represents the wiping away of sickness.

### Fancy dance

The male fancy dance (Bineshimok Zhi Gaawin) is based on the traditional and warrior society dances and has evolved into a competitive dance for modern warriors. Dancers express themselves by intricate footwork, spins and colorful regalia. The regalia is similar to traditional dancer regalia, but fancy dancer regalia feature two colorful feather bustles and more extensive bead work.

The female fancy shawl dance is thought to have originated as the butterfly dance. When her mate is killed in battle, the female butterfly mourns and goes into a cocoon symbolized by the shawl. She travels over the world looking for happiness, stepping on every rock, until she finds beauty in just one. Her emergence from the cocoon celebrates freedom and a new life. The regalia consists of a colorful shawl worn around the shoulders and a cloth dress with bright, intricate bead work.

### Intertribal dance

Intertribal dances (Mamaweh Anishinaabe Zhi Gaawin) are sometimes called friendship dances and are a chance for everyone to join. Anyone can participate in these dances, which brings together the community.



# Listening to the true beat of the Bahweting Singers Drum

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

For the past twelve years the Bahweting Singers Drum has been a big part of the Sault Tribe community. You will see the drum at graduation ceremonies, naming ceremonies, local schools, funerals, burials, powwows, hospitals, weddings and memorials.

The tribal board of directors recently passed a resolution making the Bahweting Singers Drum the official drum of the Sault Tribe. "The vision I had for this resolution was to ensure that our children seven generations beyond us and seven beyond that will always have the spiritual part of the drum within their tribe. It was for the people; as Anishinaabe we always had a song, even without a drum. That's part of who we are, it's part of our prayers to the Creator," said drum keeper Ogeemachichuck (Bud Biron).

The drum has traveled to Denver, Colo., to the Gathering of 10,000 Native Men in 1996 to sing for the strength of the Anishinaabe people and they have also visited hospitals throughout the state of Michigan to sing and drum for tribal elders who are ill and need healing. "We don't get paid for doing this, the men on the drum take their own time to do this. We do it from our heart for the gift of seema, or tobacco," said Ogeemachichuck.

Formed from a desire to help tribal youth, Ogeemachichuck and a culture committee received direction and teachings from tribal elders and organized the drum. The grandfather spirit of the drum is Mskwaag Giizhik, or Red Cedar. Members of the committee at that time were Butch Elliott, Bud Biron, Cathy DeVoy, Barb Pine, Tony Nertoli, Bucko Teeple, Allard Teeple, Germain



Members of the Bahweting Singers Drum at the Kinross powwow social held Saturday, June 3 at the Kinross Recreation Center. Photo by Brenda Austin

Elliott and George Snider.

The drum participates in powwows throughout Michigan, Canada and parts of Wisconsin. They have learned hundreds of songs for all different occasions. "When someone gives me seema and asks me if we can drum somewhere I take it to the drum to see if everyone can do it; if it works with their schedules," Ogeemachichuck said.

The tribe provides the drum with a small budget and a van to travel in. "The Bahweting Singers all feel that if we didn't have the van and we didn't have the budget we would still be singing for the community. It is not about money or personal gain, it is for cleansing and healing for all Anishinaabe people and everybody that stands around the drum.

In my mind there are 30,000 tribe members on that drum representing our tribe. When we go to powwows we are respectful and are alcohol and drug free. We keep ourselves clean through our lodges and ceremonies so we have that direct connection with the Creator when we are singing," he said.

Biron said the Bahweting Singers greatly appreciate the help the tribe has provided them but hope people remember the drum existed on pop can fund raisers, car washes and donations from elders before they had a tribal budget.

Several members on the drum today were just youth when it was formed 12 years ago. "When I started working for the tribe it was with a youth program and I

was bringing kids to powwows where we danced to different drums. The kids asked how they could be on a drum group, that is when I took some seema to Butch Elliott. Butch was the one who taught us, he gave us three songs. One of the songs we sing today is the Bahweting song which he made for our tribe. He taught us that we need to know where the songs come from and what they mean when we sing them and how to use the songs," Ogeemachichuck said. "When we travel to other tribal communities we respect the ways of the community and their local elders."

When the drum first formed they practiced twice a week at the Youth Sports House on Shunk road. Kids from the reservation dropped in for practice and Butch

Elliott spent about eight weeks teaching them how to drum.

The drum puts in countless volunteer hours, hours their families put in as well supporting their men and the drum. It is not uncommon in one week for the drum to be at three different funerals and two or three socials. "This week we are drumming at graduations; one day we did a graduation and later the same day sang at a funeral which lasted for two days. It is the drum keepers obligation to always be there when offered seema and to call all the drummers to see who can attend," Ogeemachichuck said.

Each season, four times a year, the grandfather spirit of the drum, Mskwaag Giizhik, or Red Cedar is feasted. "Jim Lightfeather, who has since walked on, taught us how to feast and take care of the drum," Ogeemachichuck said. "For the past 12 years every season we have had a drum feast either in the bush or with the community which feeds the spirit of the drum."

"We are here for the people. It doesn't matter if you are the tribal chairperson or a new baby just born, an elder sitting at Tendercare or someone who is sick in California. All people, all things; that is what we sing for. Our hearts go out for that, we are for peace and harmony in our community."

The Bahweting Singers Drum practices every Wednesday night beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sault Tribe culture building across from the powwow grounds unless they have a prior engagement. The community is welcome to stop by and listen to the drum. For more information contact Ogeemachichuck (Bud Biron) at (906) 632-7033.

## Powwow etiquette

1 - Powwows are fun events, but they are also sacred events. Ceremonial songs and dances, which are sacred, are performed from time to time throughout the powwow.

2 - People should stand during all ceremonial songs and dances. These include the grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, honor songs and any other songs that the M.C. designates as ceremonial songs.

3 - Do not take any photos or video or sound recordings of ceremonies without asking permission from the person or group you are recording. The M.C. will also know when you can and can't use your camera. Don't be afraid to ask. Some areas of Turtle Island do not allow the recording of ceremonies, period.

4 - People should listen to the M.C. because he will announce the different songs and will also let people know when they can dance and when they cannot. He will also give out other information and news.

5 - Respect the elders, drummers, singers, dancers and the powwow staff and committee.

6 - The dancers wear regalia while they are dancing, not "costumes." People should not touch the regalia.

7 - Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the dance area.

8 - People should take good care of their children at powwows.

9 - Do not hold children while dancing in the dance area. The child may be construed as a gift to the Creator.

10 - Do not run around the dance area. Always walk in a clockwise direction when you are in the dance area. Horseplay is not tolerated.

11 - Do not bring alcohol or drugs to a powwow. Do not come to a powwow while you are intoxicated.

12 - Dogs are not allowed around the powwow area.

13 - Bring your own chairs. Do not sit on someone else's chair unless you have permission.

14 - Remember you are a guest. Have fun and meet people.

## Powwow terminology

The following are some common words you will hear during a powwow. Some of you already know them, some are just learning and some might need their memories refreshed.

**Arbor** - central area of the powwow grounds where the drums and singers are situated.

**Breastplate** - made from thin hollowed out bones or long beads which are strung together to cover the dancer's chest from the shoulders down to waist or knees.

**Bead work** - the beautiful designs created by sewing beads onto a particular piece of regalia. Beads were originally made from conch shells.

**Bustles** - made from feathers which are arranged together in a radial manner. They were originally worn by only a few honored men, but now they are usually worn by men's traditional and fancy feather dancers. Fancy feather dancers use turkey, hawk or eagle feathers, while men's traditional dancers almost always use eagle feathers.

**Contests** - a competition for prizes and recognition against other dancers. Dance styles and age determine the categories of competition. Age groups usually are tiny tots, 0-5; little boys and girls, 5-12; junior boys and girls, 12-16; and seniors, 16 plus. Depending on the powwow and the category, prizes may reach \$1,500.

**Giveaways** - a universal custom among the peoples of Turtle Island. Turtle Island societies believed that a person who was being honored should provide gifts to other members of the society. Giveaways are appropriate for the big events in a person's life, such as being the head dancer or entering the dance arena in regalia for the first time. Giveaways by people being honored or in honor of someone else are common at powwows.

**Grand entry** - the parade of dancers which opens each powwow session. The eagle staffs are carried first into the circle, followed by the national flag and any other flags. The head dancers, along with any princesses or princes in attendance and invited dignitaries are next in order. The men dancers follow next, then the women dancers, then junior boys and junior girls with little boys and girls last. After the grand entry, there is a flag song and then a prayer by an elder in his or her language. The eagle staffs and the flags are then placed by the arbor.

**Honor songs** - requested to honor a person for almost any reason, including a deceased person. People are requested to stand during honor songs.

**Inter-tribals** - songs which belong to no particular nation. Most inter-tribals are sung with vocables instead of words. They

have become very popular because anyone can dance to these songs, which results in more people dancing.

**Roach** - type of headdress made from porcupine and deer hair. There are usually several rows of hair tied to a woven base, which allows the hair to stand up and move gracefully as the dancer moves. It is attached by a roach pin to a braid of hair or to strings tied around the head. Longer roaches are now in style, varying from 18 to 22 inches in length. Two feathers are usually attached to the roach.

**Round dance** - usually held at the beginning of a powwow session. The dancers form a large circle in the dance area, with each dance style remaining together. A song is sung with a heavy 1-2-1 pattern and the dancers move laterally around the dance arbor, and the slower styles dance farther away. Round dances are usually sung in sets or three or four songs.

**Two-step** - the head men's dancer and the head women's dancer dance together and lead a long string of paired dancers. The women usually ask the men to dance and the men must dance when asked. The two-step can become very intricate with the pairs splitting apart for a time and then rejoining later. People usually end up laughing as they do the two-step.





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# Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians history of the Constitution

*A Constitutional Convention Committee has been formed to gather member input and provide suggestions for the development of a new tribal Constitution. The committee will meet every two weeks, with no meetings planned in July, until December of this year, at various locations around the seven-county service area, (please see meeting schedule on page 5). Presented here and the next two pages is a history of the organization of the Sault Tribe and a complete copy of the tribe's original constitution.*

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians represents a special achievement in the history of our community. This important document and modern day symbol of our tribe's sovereignty embodies the fundamental law of our tribe. Its principles provide the legal framework from which we operate our government, elect our leaders, verify our membership, and take jurisdiction over our lands.

The Constitution was written to meet the current and future needs of our community. Its Preamble reminds us that tribe members empower our government for an important purpose, to establish policies that preserve our lands, culture, property, and self-government. Our Constitution has not been altered or amended since it was ratified by the tribal membership in October 1975.

The history of our Constitution is interesting and begins in the late 1940s, when a group of Sugar Island residents gathered to talk about their common history. At first, these gatherings were small, no more than two or three residents sharing their thoughts over coffee in the kitchen of a neighbor's home. Over time, as discussions turned to action plans, these meetings grew larger and more formal.

These Sugar Island residents were descendants of the Anishinaabek who, for hundreds of years, made their homes near the rapids of the St. Mary's River, which they called Bahwating — the gathering place — and would later become the City of Sault Ste. Marie. In 1665, their ancestors greeted the French who traveled from Montreal to the Sault to obtain beaver pelts for the growing fur trade. When French sovereignty ended a century later in 1763, the English moved into the area and took over the wealthy fur trade. By 1820, the British had been replaced by Americans, and the Anishinaabek ceded 16 square miles of land along the St. Mary's River to the United States to build Fort Brady. In 1836, a second treaty was signed that ceded northern lower Michigan and the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula to the United States. In return, the Anishinaabek received cash payments and ownership to about 250,000 acres of land. But, over the next 20 years, the Anishnaabek



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watched as the terms of the treaty were violated by white settlers moving into northern Michigan. So in 1855, the chiefs signed another treaty with the Americans that allotted lands to Anishnaabek families.

The Sugar Island residents came to understand that while the treaties granted large tracts of land to the federal government, the documents did not end their sovereignty, or terminate their ancestral right to hunt and fish on the ceded lands and waters of the Anishinaabek.

On Dec. 24, 1953, the residents became the "Sugar Island Group of Chippewa Indians and Their Descendants." At that time, the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island contained no Indian lands for their people and the federal government considered them members of the Bay Mills Indian Community. The Descendants did not feel part of the Bay Mills Community, located 30 miles west of Sugar Island. The Bay Mills government had not extended services to the Sugar Island residents or represented their needs at tribal council meetings. Members of the Sugar Island Group felt they were a separate tribe, and pushed for recognition. Their actions were motivated by the poverty within their community. Many of their friends and family members lacked jobs and lived in inadequate homes along unlit and unpaved streets. Increasingly, the descendants talked less about the past and focused their efforts on winning federal recognition for their Indian community.

The descendants had no financial resources, no political support and little information on how to present their claims to the federal government. They were fortunate, however, because the U.S. government had recently changed its policy toward Indian tribes with the adoption of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. The Act ended an era of Indian assimilation policies by creating laws to encourage tribes to reorganize their traditional economies and communities. Most important,

the descendants saw the Act as a way to help their community. Federal recognition would restore their sovereignty as a separate nation within the United States, give focus to their land claims, open the door for them to elect a government that could take land into trust and lead to the recognition of their treaty rights to hunt and fish.

The recognition process took more than 20 years to complete. The Descendants built their case for recognition by searching archives, gathering historical documents, census rolls, church records and military records.

Piece by piece and year by year, their research was gathered and proved that the Sugar Island Indians were a distinct Indian community entitled to federal status. They documented a membership, identified historical home sites and formed the legal argument for the recognition of their community as a separate Indian tribe. In the mid 1960s, the Descendants changed their name to the Original Bands of Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs to include members living in other eastern Upper Peninsula communities in the recognition process.

In the early 1970s, the leaders of the Original Bands of Chippewa Indians traveled to Washington, D.C. and successfully submitted their historical findings and legal argument to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, who granted them federal recognition status in 1972. Once recognized, the Original Bands became the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Land was taken into trust in March 1974 and our Constitution, the final step in this long process, was adopted by our members in the fall of 1975.

Today, the tribe is a fully recognized Indian community with over 33,000 enrolled members living throughout Michigan and the United States. Its sovereign status is recognized by the State of Michigan and the U.S. government. Our tribe is governed by an elected 13-member board of directors representing the five vot-

ing districts of Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel and Naubinway, Manistique, St. Ignace and Munising. Its government is located in Sault Ste. Marie, where the tribe administers more than 50 membership service programs, and directs the operation of 17 businesses.

Since federal recognition, tribal leaders have stepped forward and have used the tribe's federal status to expand membership services and to strengthen our tribal government. In 1984, the board of directors voted to open the tribe's most successful business — Kewadin Casinos. The casino's rapid success helped the tribe expand its business holdings from one to five casinos and take ownership of 11 non-gaming businesses. These businesses employ over 2,000 people, making the tribe the largest employer in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. With the addition of the Greektown Casino in Detroit, the first tribe-owned casino in the United States to open on non-tribal lands; the tribe owns and operates six casinos that employ over 3,200 people.

Casino revenues have been used to rebuild the tribe's infrastructure. Revenues have purchased lands to expand the tribe's reservation holdings, financed the construction of a new health and family services center and provided additional housing for members. Business profits have financed road construction, opened the Bahwating Public School Academy, built a youth camp on Sugar Island and paid for the development of a sacred powwow site. A system of satellite offices in St. Ignace, Manistique, Escanaba, Munising and Hessel extends the tribe's services to members living throughout the tribe's seven-county service area of the eastern Upper Peninsula.

In 1996, the tribe's elected leadership earmarked business revenues into various trust fund accounts to establish long-term education, health and housing benefits. The trust does not have to abide by the restrictive policies of the federal government that limit participation according to

age, income, health or education. Trust funded services are managed by the tribe. The funds support programs that operate according to Native traditions and customs; taking the tribe closer to its goal of self government as stated in the Constitution's Preamble.

Members of the Sugar Island Group are the recognized founders of the tribe's modern government. Fred L. Hatch Sr. was the group's chairman and original members also included Louise McCoy, Daniel Edwards, Mary Murray, William Sabastian and other Sugar Island residents. They came from all walks of life. Most were employed, a few had formal educations while others knew their history from their parents and grandparents. By combining their talents and knowledge, they took the first steps to regain the identity of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, ratify its Constitution and preserve the tribe's Anishinaabek culture.

#### Historical notes:

The modern governmental organization of our tribe traces to the Sugar Island Group of Chippewa Indians and their Descendants, which was incorporated under Michigan law on Dec. 24, 1953. The name of the corporation and of the tribe was changed to the Original Bands or the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians and Their Heirs on February 28, 1959, and it was as the Original Bands that the group sought federal recognition as an Indian tribe.

The tribe was accorded federal recognition by memorandum of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on Sept. 7, 1972. Land was first taken in trust for the tribe by deed dated May 17, 1973, and approved by the area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs on March 7, 1974. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs formally declared the trust land to be a reservation for the tribe on Feb. 20, 1975, with notice published in the Federal Register on Feb. 27, 1975. (40 Fed. Reg. 8367).

The tribe sought organization of its tribal government under a constitution adopted pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. s. 476. An election on a constitution supervised by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to that statute was ordered on May 30, 1975. The tribe submitted its present constitution and bylaws for approval by Secretarial election by Resolution No. 6-27-75A, adopted June 18, 1975. The Constitution and Bylaws were adopted by the tribal membership at an election conducted on Oct. 9, 1975.

The Constitution and Bylaws were approved by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs on Nov. 13, 1975, and went into effect on that date.

The Constitution and Bylaws have never been amended.



# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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## PREAMBLE

We, the members of the tribe known as the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, in order to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right of self-government, and to protect our property and resources, do ordain and establish this constitution and bylaws.

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Its members trace their ancestry to the six historical bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians.

### ARTICLE II - TERRITORY AND JURISDICTION

Section 1. The territory of the tribe shall encompass all lands which are now or hereafter owned by the tribe or held in trust for the tribe by the United States.

Section 2. The jurisdiction of the tribe shall extend to all of the lands of the tribe to the extent not inconsistent with Federal law and, further, for the purpose of exercising and regulating the rights to fish, hunt, trap and other usual rights of occupancy, such jurisdiction shall extend to all lands and waters described in the Treaty of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491), and to all lands and waters described in any other treaties which provide for such rights to the extent such jurisdiction is not inconsistent with Federal law.

### ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The following persons shall be entitled to membership in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, provided that such persons possess Indian blood and are not currently enrolled with any other tribe or band of North American Indians, and provided further that such persons are citizens of the United States of America:

(a) All persons descended from the six historical bands (Grand Island, Point Iroquois, Sault Ste. Marie, Garden River, Sugar Island, and Drummond Island Bands) of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians whose names appear on any historical roll, census or record made by officials of the Department of the Interior

or Bureau of Indian Affairs.

(b) All persons enrolled on the membership roll of the organization, known as the Original Bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians who are alive on the date of approval of this constitution and who are descendants of the original bands.

(c) All persons who may hereafter be adopted into the tribe in accordance with any ordinance enacted for that purpose by the board of directors;

(d) All lineal descendants of such persons as are described in (a), (b) or (c) above.

Sec. 2. The board of directors shall have the power to enact ordinances consistent with this article to govern future membership, loss of membership and adoption.

### ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The governing body of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall consist of a board of directors.

Sec. 2. A chairperson shall be elected at large by the voters of the tribe and shall serve as a member of the board of directors. The voters of each of the five (5) election units shall elect from within their qualified membership one member to the board to represent each five hundred (500) members or fraction thereof. Following each election, the board of directors shall select from within its membership a vice-chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary.

Sec. 3. The members of the board shall be qualified voters of the tribe, eighteen (18) years of age or over.

Sec. 4. For the purpose of the first election held after adoption of this constitution, the chairperson and other members of the board of directors comprising fifty percent of those elected who have received the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of four years, or until their successors are duly installed in office. All other members shall serve a term of two years, or until their successors are duly installed in office. Thereafter, the term of office of the chairperson and directors shall be four years, or until their successors are duly installed in office.

### ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Within ninety (90) days after the approval of this constitution, the board of directors shall cause to be made a division of the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan into five (5) election districts known as units, and shall conduct a census to determine the number of tribal members in each such unit. The boundaries shall be located with due regard to the historical location of each of the historical bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians. At four year intervals beginning four years from the year of adoption of this constitution, the board of directors shall cause to be made a census and voter registration of the membership within each unit and shall

publish no less than three (3) months in advance of the next general election the results thereof.

Sec. 2. The first election of the chairperson and the board of directors shall be held within ninety (90) days after the creation of the election units under the arrangements and supervision of the present board of directors and the local Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Sec. 3. The officers and members of the board of directors of the organization known as the Original Bands of Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians holding office at the time of the adoption of this constitution shall continue in office and carry out the functions of the officers and board of directors of the tribe as prescribed by this constitution until the chairperson and board of directors are elected and duly installed in office pursuant to this article.

Sec. 4. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over who is a member of the tribe shall be eligible to vote in tribal elections.

Sec. 5. In any general election called pursuant to this constitution, each eligible voter shall vote within his unit of residence. Voters residing outside of any unit shall register not less than three months prior to any election and vote in the unit of their choice.

Sec. 6. The board of directors shall enact appropriate ordinances to implement nominations and the holding of elections.

### ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. If any tribal official shall die, resign, or be removed from office, the board of directors shall declare the position vacant.

Sec. 2. The board shall, by a majority vote, fill vacancies by appointment of a voting member of the tribe to fill the unexpired term of the departed official. Persons so appointed shall reside within the election unit from which the departed official was elected.

Sec. 3. Removal of the tribal chairperson or any member of the board of directors may be initiated by means of filing charges against such person with the board of directors in the form of a petition signed by at least one hundred (100) eligible voters which alleges specific facts which, if shown to be true, would establish that the official has engaged in conduct which constitutes a violation of this constitution and bylaws or any duly enacted tribal ordinance or resolution.

Sec. 4. All officials so charged shall be accorded the protection of the following procedure:

(a) The accused shall be served with a written notice of the charges against him or her within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the petition by the board of directors. Such notice shall state the date, time and place of the hearing provided for in subsection (b), but no such hearing shall be held less than fifteen (15) days from the date that notice

is served.

(b) The accused shall have the right to be heard before a hearing board created by the board of directors for the specific purpose of hearing the charges and evidence against the accused. The hearing board shall decide whether the accused shall be removed from office within sixty (60) days after receipt of the petition. The decision of the hearing board shall be final.

Sec. 5. Any member of the board of directors who willfully fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board of directors may be removed from office by a majority vote of the board of directors only after such accused member has been given an opportunity to appear before the board of directors in his own defense. Persons so accused shall be noticed and afforded those protections as set forth in Section 4 of this article.

### ARTICLE VII - POWERS

Section 1. The board of directors shall exercise the following powers, subject to any limitations imposed by the laws of the United States and subject further to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this constitution and bylaws:

(a) To employ legal counsel, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior;

(b) To negotiate and consult with the Federal, State and local governments on behalf of the tribe;

(c) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates of Federal projects for the benefit of the tribe;

(d) To expend funds for public purposes of the tribe and to regulate the conduct of trade and the acquisition, use and disposition of property;

(e) To regulate the inheritance or testamentary disposition of real and personal property, other than property held in trust, of the members of the tribe;

(f) To provide for the commitment of incompetents and for the appointment and regulation of guardians for minors and incompetents, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior;

(g) To promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of persons within the jurisdiction of the tribe, to establish a reservation court and define its duties and powers;

(h) To exclude and remove from the tribal lands any person not legally entitled to be there;

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(i) To adopt resolutions, ordinances and a code, subject to the review of the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the licensing, regulation and control of non tribal persons coming upon or being within the territory or jurisdiction of the tribe as defined in ARTICLE II of this constitution, for the purpose of recreational boating, hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering wild rice or other fruits of the earth or other usual rights of occupancy;

(j) To adopt resolutions, ordinances and a code, subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior, providing for the regulation and control of tribal members who hunt, fish, trap, gather wild rice or exercise other usual rights of occupancy upon or within the territory or jurisdiction of the tribe as defined in ARTICLE II of this constitution;

(k) As authorized by law, to manage, lease, sell, acquire or otherwise deal with the tribal lands, interest in lands and water or other tribal assets;

(l) To prevent the sale or disposition of any tribal lands, or other tribal assets;

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

(n) To establish and delegate to subordinate boards, organizations, cooperative associations, tribal officers, committees, delegates or other tribal groups, any of the foregoing powers, reserving the right to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power or to cancel any delegation.

Sec. 2. Any resolution or ordinance which by terms of this constitution is subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior shall be presented to the Superintendent of the designated Indian agency for this region within ten (10) days of its enactment, who shall, within ten (10) days after its receipt by him, approve or disapprove the same. If the Superintendent shall approve any ordinance or resolution it shall thereupon become effective, and the Superintendent shall transmit a copy of the same, bearing his endorsement, to the Secretary of the Interior, who may within ninety (90) days from the date of approval, rescind the said ordinance or resolution for any cause, by notifying the board of directors of such decision. If the Superintendent shall refuse to approve any resolution or ordinance submitted to him within ten (10) days after its receipt, he shall advise the board of directors of his reasons therefore. If these reasons appear to the board of directors to be insufficient, it may, by a majority vote, refer the ordinance or resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, who may, within ninety (90) days from the date of its receipt by him, approve or reject the same in writing. Failure by the Secretary of the Interior to act within ninety (90) days from his receipt of the ordinance or resolution shall constitute approval of the resolution or ordinance.

## ARTICLE VIII - BILL OF RIGHTS

All members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians shall be accorded equal protection of the law under this constitution. No member shall be denied any of the rights or guarantees enjoyed by citizens under the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to freedom of religion and conscience, freedom of speech, the right to orderly association or assembly, the right to petition for action or the redress or grievances, and due process of law. The protection guaranteed to persons by Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (82 Stat. 77) against actions of an Indian entity in the exercise of its powers of self-government shall apply to members of the tribe.

## ARTICLE IX - RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

Any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution of the board of directors shall be submitted to a popular referendum upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the board or when so requested by a petition presented to the board bearing the signatures of at least one hundred (100) eligible voters of the tribe. Such referendum must be held within sixty (60) days after receipt by the board of a valid petition. A vote of a majority of the eligible voters voting in such referendum shall be conclusive and binding upon the board of directors provided, however, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such referendum conducted pursuant to tribal ordinance.

## ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution and bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon the receipt of a resolution passed by a majority of the board of directors, the chairperson having the right to vote thereon.

## ARTICLE XI - ADOPTION

This constitution and bylaws when ratified by a majority vote of the adult members of the organization known as the Original Bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians, voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior and, if approved, shall become effective from the date of approval.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The board of directors shall meet once each month at such place, time and date as is designated by the board at the meeting immediately preceding. The place, time and date of the meeting shall be at the discretion of the board of directors, provided that at least one meeting per year

shall be held in each of the five election units established pursuant to ARTICLE V, Section 1 of the tribal constitution.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by a majority vote of the board of directors. Written notice of such special meetings shall be given to all members of the board at least five (5) days in advance of such meeting. At special meetings, the board shall have the same power to transact business as at regular meetings.

Sec. 3. Both regular and special meetings of the board of directors shall be open to the membership of the tribe.

Sec. 4. All regular meetings shall be publicized at least ten (10) days in advance by some appropriate and effective means such as newspaper advertisements or radio announcements. Special meetings require such publicity as is reasonable under the circumstances, provided that all members of the board of directors receive notice as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Sec. 5. No business at any regular or special meeting shall be transacted unless a quorum is present, a quorum being a majority of the board of directors.

Sec. 6. No member of the board of directors shall cast a vote on any matter in which the board determines by a majority vote that said member may have a personal interest in the matter.

Sec. 7. The duties of all appointed boards, committees or employees of the tribe shall be clearly defined by resolutions or the board of directors at the time of their creation or appointment. Such boards, committees or employees shall report from time to time, as required, to the board of directors, and their activities and decisions shall be subject to review by that board.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of each member of the board of directors to make monthly reports to the unit from which they are elected concerning the proceedings of the board.

Sec. 9. All ordinances, resolutions and minutes of meetings of the board of directors shall be kept on file in the tribal office and shall, upon reasonable request, be open for inspection by tribal members at such office during regular office hours.

### ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the board of directors, perform all duties consistent with the office as chief executive officer of the tribe, and exercise any other lawful authority delegated the chairperson by the board of directors. The chairperson shall vote only in case of a tie unless otherwise provided by the tribe's constitution and bylaws.

Sec. 2. The vice-chairperson of the board of directors shall assist the chairperson when called upon to do so, and in the absence of the chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors. When so presiding the vice-chairperson shall have all of the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of the chairperson.

Sec. 3. The treasurer shall, under the direction of the board of directors, conduct all of the fiscal affairs of the tribe. The treasurer or a person designated by the board of directors shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds in custody of the board of directors, whether the same be tribal funds or special funds for which the board is acting as trustee. The treasurer shall be bonded in an amount to be determined and furnished by the board of directors and shall deposit all funds in financial institutions as directed by the board of directors. The treasurer shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds, and shall cause to be reviewed internally at least once every six months the books of tribal funds, and shall in writing report the results of this review to the board of directors. The treasurer shall, when called upon by the board of directors, give a status report on the fiscal condition of the tribe at any regular meeting. Once each fiscal year the treasurer shall cause the tribal funds to be subject to an independent audit. The treasurer shall, in addition, be party to each and every transaction of the tribe involving real estate and shall not payout or otherwise disburse any tribal funds, except when properly authorized to do so by resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the board of directors, which ordinance or resolution may be of a continuing nature, and countersigned by the chairperson.

Sec. 4. The secretary, or such person as the secretary may designate, shall conduct all tribal correspondence, including the noticing of meetings. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at meetings of the board of directors and shall see that all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the board of directors are reduced to writing in the proper format and shall further see that a book maintaining copies of all current resolutions and ordinances is maintained and is accessible to all tribal members. Further, it shall be the duty of the secretary or such person as the secretary may designate to submit promptly to the appropriate office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs copies of all minutes of meetings of the board of directors and copies of all resolutions and ordinances adopted by the board.

### ARTICLE III - TRIBAL RECORDS

Section 1. All books, records and financial accounts of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, including the tribal roll, shall be open to inspection by tribal members upon reasonable request to the board of directors.

Sec. 2. All books, records and financial accounts kept by officers or employees of the tribe in connection with their tribal duties or employment are the property of the tribe and shall be maintained in the tribal office. Upon leaving office or employment, it shall be the duty of each tribal officer or employee to turn over such books, records and financial accounts to the appropriate successor.



# News of other nations

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## DNA test debunks

### Indian Chief Blue Jacket myth

OHIO — Legend says the Shawnee Chief Blue Jacket was a white man named Marmaduke Van Swearingen who had been captured, then adopted, by the Shawnee. Thanks to Robert Van Trees, new DNA evidence proves that Blue Jacket was an American Indian and not white.

In 1944, the historian served with Sgt. Eugene Donald Bluejacket in the Army Air Corps. Bluejacket told Van Trees that the stories he had heard were not true.

Twenty years later, he met Bluejacket again and decided to search for the truth. A team collected DNA from Blue Jacket's male descendants and four direct relatives of Swearingen. "Barring any questions of the paternity of the Chief's single son who lived to produce male heirs, the 'Blue Jacket-with-Caucasian-roots' legend is not based on reality," the team wrote.

The Blue Jacket myth may have begun with a 1877 letter printed in the *Daily Ohio State Journal*. A 1969 biography of Blue Jacket furthered the tale and a summer play in Xenia, Ohio, keeps the legend alive.

— *Suburban Chicago News*

## Clan helps search for site of last stand against Russians

ALASKA — Archaeologists at Sitka National Historical Park have unearthed musket shot and cannonballs where they believe Tlingit Indians built a wooden palisade fort.

In October, 1804, the Kiks.Dadi clan held off Russian attackers for six days until their ammunition was spent. On the sixth night, the story goes, the Russians heard a mournful ceremonial song rising from the fort. By morning, 800 women, children, elders and warriors had departed for the far side of their island home and to an island beyond. That retreat ended open Tlingit resistance to the Russians and ushered in what some call the Russian America period in Alaska.

Irene Jimmy, a Tlingit elder from Sitka and a descendant of the warring Kiks.Dadi clan, remembers hearing about the Battle of Sitka as a child. But she learned less about the details and more about the powerful emotions inside her people. "I got little bits of information from my mother, but it was such a sad, sad thing for her to repeat it," she said. "She would get tearful when she talked about it."

Though clan members have been long silent about the events, Jimmy and others are now cooperating with the National Park Service to pinpoint the location of the fort.

— *Anchorage Daily News*

## Geronimo descendant will ask

### Bush to help return warrior's remains

CONNECTICUT — Harlyn Geronimo is the great grandson of the Chiricahua Apache warrior, Geronimo.

Geronimo's remains were supposedly buried in Fort Sill, Okla. His skull was stolen, many claim, by Prescott Bush, grandfather of George W. Bush and member of Yale's Skull and Bones Society. After Yale Alumni Magazine wrote that the Skull and Bones has Geronimo's remains in a secret tomb, Harlyn received hundreds of phone calls about his grandfather's grave. He now wants to provide Yale historians a sample of his DNA to compare with the remains. If Harlyn's DNA does match Yale's skull, the Skull and Bones Society did indeed steal the great warrior's skull. "I would like the Bushes to look into this and return what was stolen," he says.

— *Associated Press*

## He shed 'too white' and 'too Native' to find himself

ALASKA — Quentin Simeon, 29, was born to two half-Native, half-white parents and calls himself a "half-breed." He grew up a depressed and troubled teen without an identity. At one point, he lived in shelters or slept on the streets.

Quentin's life changed after winning first place in the 2002 Native Oratory Society contest with a self-reflective speech called *A Glimpse into a Tannish-Brown Soul*.

Winning that contest sparked Simeon to talk about his culture, said Dan Henry, who founded the society. "The more he spoke, the more he realized who he was," Henry said. Simeon soon began speaking at town gatherings. In the middle of one youth and elders conference, Simeon's father walked in. The two hadn't seen each other in a long time, and Simeon talked through his tears while speaking directly to his dad . . . "Something to the effect that, 'Dad, I really needed you,'" Henry recalls. Simeon was exposing a topic often taboo, Henry said. "People knew this was going on — obvious from statistics — but no one had really talked about it so frankly and so personally," he

said, recalling the audience's tears. "He was clear about his father's absence without being harsh about his father. It was a very honorable way to go. There wasn't anger in there."

A few weeks ago, Quentin received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska at Anchorage honors program while his wife and two children looked on. "I never expected to attend or even graduate from college," he told the audience. Simeon is now a cultural programs manager for the Native Heritage Center where he has worked for three years. The job is a great fit for where he is in his life — embracing an endangered Native way of life, he said.

— *Anchorage Daily News*

## Interviews capture Oneida culture

WISCONSIN — L. Gordon McLester and two video producers are interviewing hundreds of Oneida elders to preserve the tribes oral histories. The interviews will be put onto DVDs and shared with schools, libraries, families and others interested in remembering Oneida culture and history.

"Our children need to learn our history from our point of view," McLester said. McLester has interviewed 375 Oneida elders and plans to interview more than 100 more. He will share his information on the Internet and cross-reference the material to make research easier. "It's important to do this because the youth today have no idea how things were back then," said Oneida elder Walter Reed, 61, who grew up on the Oneida reservation in a two-room house that had no running water or electricity. "They can see how good they've got it."

Both Reed and McLester hope kids will see the larger picture of the Oneida tribe. "My concern is that they understand what it is to be Oneida," McLester said. "They have a heritage."

— *Green Bay Press Gazette*

## LaFayette graduates can wear regalia

NEW YORK — American Indian students at LaFayette High School will be wearing their regalia to graduation ceremonies on June 25. "I'm very excited and grateful," said senior Marcia Lyons, who led the effort among six American Indian seniors to graduate in their regalia. "It's so important to me."

District officials considered three main points when making their decision: The legality of the practice, if it sets a precedent that would allow unwanted groups to make a similar request and whether wearing the regalia favors one group's traditions over another. Those same three points were also considered before the school decided to fly the Haudenosaunee flag in 2003.

— *Syracuse Post Standard*

## Virginia tribes seek to preserve culture among youth

VIRGINIA — Of the nearly 18,000 American Indians living in Virginia in 2004, almost 3,800 are 19 and under. But in a culture that relies on oral history and the teachings of elders, tribal elders say the youth are becoming distracted and indifferent to their heritage. "It's a concern of mine for sure and I think it concerns most of not just the leadership, but the elders in general," said Wayne Adkins, president of Virginia Indian Tribal Alliance for Life. "It's a chance that a lot of that (culture) won't be carried on." On the Mattaponi Indian Reservation, Virginia Indian leaders are trying to keep alive their vanishing history by offering Saturday cultural classes. Indian leaders like Gloria Custalow say local youth are excelling in their Indian lessons and that replacing leatherwork with long division could cut student interest in half. "On Saturdays there will be students sitting on the steps waiting for the class to begin," she said. "You think a child is going to sit there and show that much interest in reading?"

— *WVEC-TV Hampton Roads*

## Wear feather and plumes for graduation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ryan Wilson has a message for American Indian graduates: Don't be afraid to display your cultural identity when you get that diploma. Wilson, who heads the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), worries about "misguided administrators" opposed to students wearing plumes and eagle feathers on their caps and gowns. Among recent examples: A Blackfeet girl from Oregon had eagle plumes physically ripped from her graduation cap; A Navajo in Oklahoma was not permitted to wear an eagle plume to her commencement; A Cherokee student in Maryland was prevented from receiving his diploma after wearing a bolo tie to graduation.

"This is a phenomenon that is occurring in graduation

ceremonies throughout America," said Wilson, who is Oglala Lakota. He said officials limit what students wear to prevent them from "making a mockery out of the cap and gown. Unfortunately, American Indian students who wish to honor the graduation event and their academic experience are punished by schools because of the acts of their non-Indian counterparts."

Wilson says students should defy the rules and don them anyway. "The NIEA not only supports this, but we encourage it, even if it's in defiance of ill-conceived school district policies," he said. "When Indian students wear these feathers and plumes, they are actually honoring and blessing the cap, mortar board and gown, the graduation ceremony itself, their classmates and the schools in which they are graduating from. This is completely opposite of what mainstream students do when they are mocking the event by writing on the mortar board, wearing inappropriate clothes and shoes. The symbolism itself of honoring both cultures, and elevating the status of academic attire by being willing to attach our plumes and feathers to the cap and gown completes the commitment of Indian peoples to advance cultural integrity in education."

— *Native Times*

## Rescue of a 167-year old wampum belt

ONTARIO — In 1838, Chief Shingwauk gave a wampum belt to Sir John Colbourne to help get a school for area Anishnabe. That belt recently came home to the Sault Ste. Marie and Garden River Band after being purchased from Sotheby's auction house in New York.

"I tried to go through channels to get it released to us but they wouldn't let it go," said Chief Lyle Sayers. The Garden River Band Council gave their approval to buy it, and Sayers got on the phone and placed a bid. "In about a minute \$34,000 had been spent . . . but it wasn't about the money, it was about bringing the wampum back home."

The belt has parallel rows of purple and white beads; the purple rows represents the teachings, values and beliefs of the Anishinaabe people and their boats; the white beads represent the European settlers and their tall ships.

The belt's power is reflected in a new agreement between Shingwauk University and Algoma University College. While SU and AUC remain independent universities, both schools will share the same teachers, services, space and resources. Students can enroll in, and graduate from, either university.

Among the comments: "Chief Shingwauk spoke to the importance of education 175 years ago and it is still important in 2006. Education can be one of the big cures for our social ills," said Phil Fontaine, Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief. Darrel Boissoneau, president of the Shingwauk Education Trust, noted, "True evidence of our success will be when one of the grandchildren of Chief Shingwauk graduates from Shingwauk University."

— *Soo Today*

## UNM students produce paper geared toward American Indian community

NEW MEXICO — University of New Mexico students have produced a newspaper for the American Indian community at UNM. Named *Dawn of Nations Today*, the first 12-page, full-color publication was distributed in late April. The stories highlight American Indian issues ignored by mainstream media such as health care for urban Indians, methamphetamine use in tribes and pueblos, and the need for American Indian professionals to return to their homelands. The importance of these stories was "something we all felt going into this project, something we were all aware of," said Navajo student Patrick Willink.

Kim Baca, interim director of the Native American Journalists Association, endorses the paper. "We're excited to know that more and more young Indian people are interested in journalism," she said.

— *American Indian Listserve*

## Ojibwe University of Texas professor selected as library association head

TEXAS — Loriene Roy, from the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, has been selected as the first American Indian president of the American Library Association.

Roy is a professor of library and information science at the University of Texas. She founded "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything," a national reading club for American Indian children. As head of the American Library Association, Roy hopes to draw more attention to Indian communities.

She won with 65 percent of the vote.

— *Austin Business Journal*



# National HIV counseling and testing day June 27

For the over 300,000 U.S. citizens who are infected with HIV but not aware of it, knowledge could save their lives.

While we have made fantastic advances in diagnosing and treating HIV disease, those successes mean little to someone who does not know that they are infected.

Surprisingly, far too many people still learn that they have HIV quite late in their infection — once serious illnesses have already appeared, such as in the emergency room or the hospital (the average being 10 years from the time of getting HIV to actually becoming sick or having

AIDS). People then end up missing years of opportunity for early care and treatment. With more than 25 years into the epidemic, this should not still be happening. Believe me when I say that this is still occurring in our community.

This year we are promoting a major media/outreach campaign state and nation wide to get the message out that "It's Better to Know." We now know from the research completed by the national office of CDC (Centers for Disease Control) that if an individual is tested and finds out that he/she is HIV positive, they are still in the early stages of the

disease process, the disease becomes manageable. This means that a person with the disease can expect to live a long time with an excellent quality of life.

Besides your own self interest of living a long life with HIV, knowing you have the disease can protect your current or future partners. People not knowing they are infected is the major reason the disease is still spreading - as much as it was 10 years ago.

It is very important to realize that the vast majority of individuals we have tested in the last 10 years find out that they do not have HIV. This usually is great

news to individuals being tested and then less stress, less worry for those concerned about their health status.

In conclusion, even one more person infected in our Native Communities, in my mind, is not acceptable.

National counseling and testing day is on June 27. We are doing an extended period of intensive outreach from June 19 through June 30.

We will attempt to make it as easy as we can for anyone wanting to be tested. The test is free. No needles, anonymous, accurate OraSure testing (other options

available). Our hours are flexible. We will make house calls or meet in "alternative" locations. The test is anonymous — that means no names or other identifying information — just numbers. We will be even giving out incentives to entice people to call.

Now, how easy can we make this then what was just described above?

The direct line to our office (no receptionist — if you do not leave a number please be persistent) is Larry Klein at (906) 632-5265 or Stacey Roy at (906) 632-5255.

## Agencies hold symposium on bird flu protection plans

BY RICK SMITH

About 250 medical and emergency experts and professionals from 66 federal, tribal, provincial, state and other agencies from Michigan and Ontario, including our tribe, massed at the Kewadin Convention Center on May 24 to hone a joint response to protect the health of the public in a potential pandemic of infectious disease threats like H5N1 avian influenza, or bird flu, in the region.

According to federal and state information, avian influenza has been documented in domestic poultry and wild waterfowl at low levels in the United States for decades. Just as in people, birds commonly get the flu, too. In birds, most strains of the virus (identified with letters and numbers — for example H3N2) are mild and cause only mild (or low pathogenic) symptoms.

The virus currently of global concern is a strain of avian influenza identified as H5N1 which was originally documented in Asian countries. This strain is highly pathogenic, causing severe illness and death in poultry and mammals, including humans. As of early April 2006, about 109 human deaths worldwide are attributed to this particular strain of bird flu.

Dr. Dennis G. Maki, renowned authority on infectious disease from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in Madison, Wisc., was the keynote speaker. He spoke on his belief that there is an urgent need for global collaboration in public health. Throughout the day, the goal was for participants to gain an understanding of their response roles, a fuller awareness of the area's medical readiness and how to collaborate with state, tribal, local, regional and Canadian public health agencies.

After his discussion, a panel of experts addressed the preparedness planning that has already occurred in this area during a tabletop exercise on a possible H5N1 avian influenza outbreak. They offered suggestions for improvement and brought participants up to date on the latest information on the H5N1 strain.

Government agencies say the H5N1 strain of avian flu could reach the United States in a number of ways — wild bird migration, smuggling of birds or poultry products and travel by infected people. The disease is being monitored closely by local, state and federal agencies along with the domestic poultry industry. According to different governmental sources, these agencies are taking steps to prepare for and minimize the potential health, economic and conservation impacts of the virus, if it should be detected in Michigan or any other state.

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## Social Security disability seminar for Michigan tribes

The Social Security Administration Disability Determination Service and the Office of Hearings and Appeals invite you to a Social Security disability seminar for Michigan tribes.

The seminar will be on Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14, at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center located at 2864 Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie.

Training will be provided regarding the Social Security disability process and how you can assist your members with the process.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Disability Determination Service and the Office of Hearings and Appeals will be available to discuss the claims process of the Social Security Disability Insurance program and the Supplemental Security Income program.

This seminar will address disability issues relating to:

- Disability medical and non-medical requirements for Social Security and SSI;
- The application and appeals

process;

- The continuing disability review process;
- How benefits are computed;
- How work impacts disability payments;
- And questions and answers.

For more information contact James V. Parrish, professional relations officer, State of Michigan, 1-800-632-1097 ext. 738 or fax (231) 922-5410. E-mail: James.Parrish@SSA.Gov.

## Kewadin Casino physical activity challenge

The "Let's Get Moving Kewadin!" physical activity challenge began on May 1 at all five Kewadin Casinos. This program challenges team members to "get moving" and log physical activity and healthy eating choices they make each day. The casino with the most physical activity "miles" logged will receive a special plaque to display. The *Let's Get Moving Kewadin!* campaign is designed to motivate Kewadin team members to improve their health by encouraging them to be active on a regular basis.

The challenge began with a health screening held at each casino during the month of April. Sault Tribe Community Health Educators, Community Health Nurses, and Nutritionists provided the health screenings at each site. Over 270 team members took part in the screening to find out blood pressure, total cholesterol, glucose and carbon monoxide levels and how they relate to health and wellness. So far, nearly 300 people have joined the "Let's Get Moving Kewadin!" Challenge.

"We are extremely pleased with the participation in the program and the excitement this wellness program has generated," said Michelle Bouschor, Public Relations Director for Kewadin

Casinos. "I hope team members will stick with this program throughout the next three months and turn in their miles for a chance to win some great prizes."

According to Donna Norkoli, Coordinator of the Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program, the best way to increase your physical activity is to make it part of your daily routine, just like brushing your teeth. "Setting goals and keeping track of your physical activity daily is a great way to ensure that you add 30 minutes of activity to your life every day," said Norkoli.

Coupon drop boxes are located at each casino and mileage coupons will be tallied weekly. The total mileage for each casino will be posted on the Kewadin's intranet page and translated into "per capita" mileage depending on the number of participants at each casino. Prize winners will be drawn weekly from the coupons turned in and prizes include books, t-shirts, water bottles and other goodies. A grand prize of \$50 in cash will be awarded to one lucky and healthy participant at each casino.

For more information about this program, contact Michelle Bouschor at (906) 635-7732 or Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844.

## Type 2 diabetes on the rise in American Indian children

Recent health studies show a growing number of American Indian children—as young as age 10—are being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, the type of diabetes usually associated with adults. Since much of this trend can be linked to excess weight and sedentary lifestyles, the National Diabetes Education Program, a joint program of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Association of Indian Physicians is sending a message to American Indian teens to *get active and stay fit*.

"Until recently, type 2 diabetes was rarely seen in people under age 30," said Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, chair of the National Diabetes Education Program's American Indian work group. Even young people who are overweight or obese are more likely to develop serious diseases, like diabetes. We want teens to know that

regular physical activity and staying fit can go a long way toward helping to prevent this disease and its serious complications," Roubideaux said.

A national awareness campaign was launched last year to address this critical situation. The *Control Your Diabetes. For Life.* campaign stresses the seriousness of diabetes and urges people to control their disease.

The goal of the *Control Your Diabetes. For Life.* campaign is to let American Indians with diabetes know that by controlling their blood sugar levels they can reduce their risks for the devastating complications of diabetes, improve their overall health, and enjoy a better quality of life," said Roubideaux. For information on how to get help in the Sault area, call Sault Tribe Community Health: (906) 632-5210.

Anywhere in the Upper Peninsula, call the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network at (800) 369-9522.

## Summer is the deadliest time of year for companion animals

Urbana, Ill. — Statistics compiled by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) confirm that June, July and August are still the most dangerous months of the year for companion animals. According to 2005 data, the center received approximately 10,000 calls in July, making it the month with the highest volume of cases for the year. The data found that over 4,700 (47 percent) of the cases involved animals being exposed to pesticides. This includes commonly used insecticides (flea

and tick products), rodenticides (mouse and rat baits) and herbicides (weed killers).

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center consulted on over 3,200 cases in July 2005 involving insecticides, including flea and tick products. The ASPCA also warns that some products that are safely used on dogs can be deadly to cats, even in small amounts. Additionally, it is important to consult with a veterinarian before using a flea and tick product on a very young, pregnant or elderly animal. As an alternative

to using flea products directly on such pets, the ASPCA recommends owners use a flea comb.

The second most serious type of cases involved rodenticides. Also last summer, the Center received over 1,700 calls about herbicides. A large number of those calls involved owners concerned about letting their pets walk in an area treated with a weed killer product. While many weed killers are safe for use in households with pets, it is important to follow label directions.



# Men's health week

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

There are many strengths and weaknesses to being either a man or a woman. Anishinaabe elders teach us that the many differences between men and women should actually create a natural balance to life when they are brought together. However, the undetected and untreated health issues in men cause some concern in maintaining that balance.

The Mayo Foundation reported in 2002, that 80 percent of all the men who died that year, died from heart disease. Heart

disease remains the number one killer of men followed by cancer, unintentional injuries, stroke and diabetes. Other top 10 man-killers include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, influenza/pneumonia, suicide, kidney disease and chronic liver disease/cirrhosis. All of these causes, except stroke, claim the lives of more men than women.

Finding ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle and getting regular checkups and screenings is one way to prevent these types of deaths. The Men's Health Network and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

recommend the following in the chart below.

The purpose of Men's Health Week is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

This week gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with hundreds of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe.

CHECK-UPS AND SCREENINGS	WHEN	18-39	40-49	50+
<b>Regular physical</b>				
Review overall health and talk to provider about any related health topics	Every 3 years	X		
	Every 2 years		X	
	Every 1 year			X
<b>Blood tests and urinalysis</b>				
Blood pressure test	Every year	X	X	X
Cholesterol test	Every 3-5 years	X	X	X
<b>Rectal health</b>				
Screen for hemorrhoids, rectal problems and prostate cancer	Every year	X	X	X
<b>Colorectal exam</b>				
Eye and ear health	Every 3-4 years			X
If no complaints or problem exists	Once between 18-39	X		
	Every 2-4 years		X	
	Every 1-2 years			X
<b>Immunizations</b>				
Flu vaccine	Every year			X
Tetanus	Every 10 years	X	X	X
<b>Self Exams</b>				
<b>Testicular exam:</b> Look for lumps in their earliest stages.	Monthly by self:	X	X	X
<b>Oral:</b> look for signs of lesions or lingering blisters	Regular physical			
<b>Skin:</b> look for changing moles or freckles.				

# Brown's artwork chosen for cover of NCAI conference



Local artist Darryl Brown.

Sault Tribe employee Darryl Brown submitted his art work to the National Congress of American Indians call to all artists for the program cover of the NCAI mid year conference to be held at Kewadin Casino June 18 to 22. Brown's artwork titled "Indian Country" was chosen to represent the theme: Not Our Borders: Culture and Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security. The painting is a 22 by 24 inch acrylic in Native American pointillism. Brown will be the featured artist during the conference and will have on display an assortment of his paintings.

## Learn to swim

Free for our tribe's youth  
 Mondays and Wednesdays 4-4:50 p.m.  
 Lake Superior State University  
 Norris Center pool  
 Summer session - June 19 to Aug. 2  
 No classes July 3 and 5.  
 Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to register.  
 Class size is limited.

## Michigan Indian Family Olympics and Billy Mills

19th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics  
 Friday, July 21  
 Space is limited, first-come first-served  
 call (906) 635-RINK for more information.

16th annual Billy Mills Fun Run/Walk  
 Saturday, July 22  
 Tot trot, youth one mile, 5K run/walk, 10K run  
 Register at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center or  
 call Mark Hutchins at (906) 635-RINK for more info.

## Friends of Anishinaabe Youth drop-in center

Friends of Anishnabe Youth  
 Shedawin building on Shunk Road

Summer drop-in

Noon to 5 p.m., Monday-Saturday  
 Monday through Friday there will be a variety of activities

Saturday schedule: June 10 - Cooking with Bob  
 June 17 - Movie day  
 June 24 - Game day  
 July 8 - Family picnic  
 Lunch will be available EVERY DAY.

No registration, just come and have fun.

For information contact Paula McKerchie, (906) 635-7729 or Ally Krebs, (906) 635-1127.

## Free Laker camp

LSSU boys basketball  
 June 26 to 29, entering grades three to nine.  
 To register, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770.

## Marquette Direct Assistance Program holds office hours

The Anishinaabek Community and Family Services Direct Assistance Program will be holding office hours for our Marquette County members at Chippewa Square in the elder's room.  
 Hours are each Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
 Please call ahead for appointments at (906) 387-3906 and ask for Heidi. We look forward to seeing you!

# Sugar Island 10th Annual Pow Wow

## Spiritual Gathering July 14, 2006

## Pow Wow July 15 & 16, 2006

Saturday 11:00pm - 1:00pm  
 Sunday 11:00pm - 1:00pm

DRUMS

DANCERS



For more information contact Paula McKerchie at (906) 635-7770



**June 4-August 27:** Sunday drop in basketball, drop in volleyball or public skating free to tribe members 2:45-4:05 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information please call (906) 635-7465.

**June 5 - 18:** Father's Day at all Kewadin Casino sites. This is for you dad! Random draws each day of the promotion from 4 - 7 p.m. Men can win cash each day of the drawings! For more information on any promotion call Kewadin's Marketing Department at (800) KEWADIN.

**June 5 - August 25:** Friends of Anishinaabe Youth Mentoring Program - Drop in summer program at the Shedawin building, 2154 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Monday through Saturday Noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746.

**June 9:** The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 11:** One day only. One huge yard sale from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Building, 11 Ice Circle Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. We need your treasures. Donation drop site is at the Niigaanagizhik Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds made will help support the friends of the Niigaanagizhik.

**June 12:** Summer Recreation Program. Summer fun for ages 6-12. Activities include water fun, field trips, organized games, sports, board games, and many more activities. Price is \$125 per child, tribal and family discounts available. Call Loriann at (906) 635-4777 to register.

**June 12:** 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. Education, support, snacks and refreshments. No fee's, registration, or sign up. Call (906) 632-5241 for more information.

**June 12 - August 24:** Sault Tribe elder's water exercise at the LSSU Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays 6 - 6:50 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 - 9:50 a.m. Cost: \$24. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 with questions.

**June 13:** Rabies Clinic Escanaba for pets owned by Tribe members at the YEA Building at 1226 Wigob, 9:30-11 a.m. For more information contact Diane Williams at (906) 786-9211. Responsible pet owner must be present to control animal being vaccinated, or vaccination will not be administered. All animals must be on a leash or be in a carrier. An animal control officer will be on site at all locations to offer reduced rates for licenses. For cats Rabies free, Distemper, includes Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus Panleukopenia and Chlamydia for \$11 and Feline Leukemia \$11. For dogs Rabies free Distemper, includes Distemper, Hepatitis/Adenovirus Type 2, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus and Coronavirus \$20, Bordatella \$12

and Lyme Disease \$12.

**June 13:** Rabies Clinic Manistique for pets owned by Tribe members at the Manistique Tribal Health Center, 5698 W. Hwy 2, from 1-2 p.m. For more information Contact Kellie Lakosky at (906) 341-8469.

**June 13:** Rabies Clinic St. Ignace for pets owned by Tribe members at the Lambert Health Center 225 WaSeh Dr., 3 - 4 p.m. For more information contact Angie Gillmore at (906) 643-8689.

**June 14:** Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the tribes Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 15:** 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.

**June 16:** Project powwow 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the powwow grounds in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Shovels, rakes and gloves will be needed. Lunch will be provided. Please join us and help spruce up our powwow grounds before the annual 4th of July powwow.

**June 16:** Blood drive from 11-5 p.m. at the Sault Tribal Health Center auditorium 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Please contact Janice Pittman at (906) 632-5283 for an appointment. Walk ins are welcome!

**June 17:** Skid Row and Ratt 7 p.m. Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

**June 19:** The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 19:** 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.

**June 19:** The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 19 - August 2:** Free learn to swim classes for Sault Tribe youth. LSSU Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 4:50 p.m. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to register.

**June 20:** Rabies Clinic Hessel for pets owned by Tribe members at the Hessel Health Center 3355 North 3 Mile Rd., 9 - 10 a.m. For more information contact Helen Beacom at (906) 484-2727.

**June 20:** Rabies Clinic Kinche-  
loe for pets owned by Tribe mem-

bers at the Sault Tribal Housing Office 10 Woodlake, 11 a.m. - 12 noon. For more information contact Tom Sauro or Ann Pollman at (906) 632-5210.

**June 20 & 22:** Move More - Feel Better, June 20, 1-3 p.m. and , June 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

**June 20:** Rabies Clinic Sault Ste. Marie for pets owned by Tribe members at the Chi Mukwa Community and Recreation Center, Two Ice Circle Drive, 1:30-5 p.m. For more information contact Tom Sauro or Ann Pollman at (906) 632-5210.

**June 20:** Board of directors open hours from 3:30 until 5 p.m. in Marquette. 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.

**June 20:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Marquette 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.

**June 22 - 24:** St. Ignace Car Show! Fun for the whole family. Thursday and Saturday meet "Shirley" from "Laverne and Shirley," "Ralph Malph" and "Potsie" from TV's "Happy Days." On Saturday, "Let the Good Times Roll" promotion from 9 p.m. to midnight. Win cash prizes! For more information call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

**June 23:** The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 23:** 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.

**June 23 & 24:** Constitutional Committee meeting June 23, 5 - 9 p.m. and June 24, 8 - 3 p.m., at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. 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.

**June 26:** The Elderly Advisory Board will meet the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**June 26:** 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. Education, support, snacks and refreshments. No fee's, registration, or sign up. Call (906) 632-5241 for more information.

**June 27:** Take the test and take control, "It's Better to Know" National HIV Test Day. For an extended period the Tribal HIV Testing program is having a 12 day special HIV testing offer from June 19 through June 30. Free, no needles, anonymous, accurate OraSure testing (other options available). Get tested and receive a gift. Call us at: Larry Klein (906)632-5265 or Stacey Roy (906) 632-5255.

**June 27 - July 27:** The Youth Education and Activities program is offering a five week summer program. The Circle of Life summer program will be given the unique opportunities to learn more about the medicine wheel, while having a fun time. The program will meet Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program has availability for thirty participants and must be a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians between the fifth and ninth grade at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year. For more information call Laura Ermatinger or Jill King at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52300. Circle of Life programs are also taking place in Kinross, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, and Escanaba. Contact local YEA coordinators for more information.

**June 28 - July 2:** The 25th annual summer gathering and traditional powwow, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The theme for this years powwow will be "Healing Mother Earth." There is no cost for admission. June 28 will be the blessing of the powwow grounds followed by a feast beginning at 10:30 a.m. On June 29, sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer spiritual gathering 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch and dinner at the powwow grounds lodge. June 30, sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m. Summer gathering is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids carnival at the powwow grounds big tent. Grand entry is at 7:30 p.m. July 1, art show at the Niigaanagizhik building from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 2, Sunday Mass, by Brother John Hascall at the Niigaanagizhik building, 11 a.m. grand entry is at 1 p.m. at the powwow grounds. Grand entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast at 5 p.m. For more information please contact: Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033, Melissa Caulsey at (906) 632-7494, Wendi Pages at (906) 632-7384 or for more information on the art show call Art Leighton at (906) 632-7494.

**July 3:** The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 5:** The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 6:** The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 6:** Toto Concert, 7 p.m., Dream Maker Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

**July 8:** The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold the monthly meeting will be held the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 11 & 13:** Enjoy Living Smoke-Free - Yes, You Can! July 11 from 1 - 3 p.m. and July 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session six, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

**July 11:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting on Mackinac Island 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.

**July 12:** Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the tribes Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 13-16:** Homier Tent Show at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information please call (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 14:** The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**July 14:** Keith Urban, 8 p.m. outdoor concert at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) KEWADIN.

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**July 17:** The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their meeting after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions please call (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.





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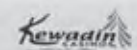
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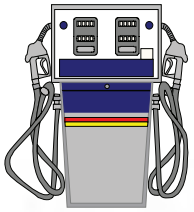


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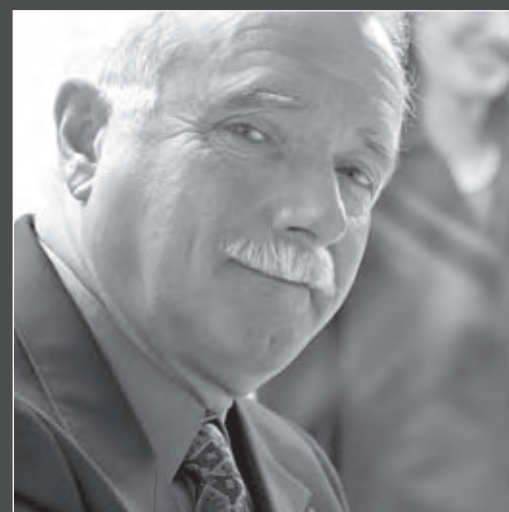
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