

An open letter to Sault Tribe members and team members

Greektown casino Chapter 11 reorganization will benefit Sault Tribe in long run; financing being finalized to complete casino and protect its value

Greektown Casino has voluntarily asked a federal court for approval to reorganize its finances and continue normal business operations under the protection of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

In addition, Greektown is finalizing \$150 million in financing necessary to complete construction of the new 400-room hotel and gaming floor expansion.

Many companies follow Chapter 11 to improved financial health

After exploring other alternatives, Greektown Casino managers, financial consultants, and the Greektown Casino Management Board concluded that Chapter 11 reorganization -- which has been pursued by many companies across the country -- is the best option for the casino.

Chapter 11 allows the casino to continue to operate normally for all guests, player's club members, employees, vendors, suppliers and contractors. It's important to note that Chapter 11 reorganization is not the same as Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Under Chapter 11, otherwise financially healthy companies implement plans to reorganize their finances and debt. Under Chapter 7, companies close and liquidate their assets. Greektown Casino is nowhere close to Chapter 7.

Many well-known companies have followed the Chapter 11 path including Delta Airlines, Macy's, Dow Corning, Federal Mogul, casino operator Tropicana Entertainment, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, and many more.

The Tribe would have preferred to avoid Chapter 11 reorganization, however it became impossible to avoid. As you may know, Greektown Casino is held to different standards than are the other two Detroit casinos. Even though Greektown Casino is profitable, regulators have placed financial performance requirements on Greektown Casino the other two properties do not have to meet. In addition, permanent casino construction began about six months late because of delays during negotiations to buy the

land on which Greektown's parking garage was built.

Reorganization protects member programs and services

Reorganization will protect Tribal member programs and services while permanent casino construction is being completed. No more funds for Tribal member programs and services will be used to pay Greektown Casino's bills. In addition, it is no longer necessary to sell a portion of Greektown Casino at a reduced value. Obviously once the permanent casino and hotel are complete, the value of Greektown Casino will increase dramatically.

Banks express confidence in Greektown's future

Greektown Casino's banks are the best judge of the casino's financial health. Greektown is working with them to finalize the financing needed to complete construction of the permanent casino and emerge from Chapter 11 reorganization a more vibrant enterprise.

Last November, Greektown Casino opened its new attached parking structure, marking the completion of Phase 1 construc-

tion work on the new permanent Greektown Casino and hotel. Phase 2 -- construction of the casino's new 400-room hotel and expanded gaming floor -- is scheduled to be completed in phases in the coming months. The permanent casino and hotel will include a multi-purpose theater, buffet, three restaurants, and 25,000 square feet of additional gaming space. Total investment in the permanent Greektown Casino project will be about \$500 million.

Greektown Casino has been the topic of discussion among Tribal members for years. The coming weeks and months will undoubtedly lead to more questions as we move through the reorganization process. The Sault Tribe Board and Chairperson Payment pledge to do our best to keep you informed of important developments.

Again, the goal of the Chapter 11 reorganization is to produce a stronger Greektown Casino that will be a greater financial asset for future Tribal generations. Reorganization protects Tribal member programs and services, allows Greektown Casino to open the permanent casino and hotel, and will significantly increase the value of the property.

Sincerely,

*Aaron Payment,
Chairperson*

*Cathy Abramson
Board Member, Unit I*

*Joseph Eitrem
Board Member, Unit I*

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A time of great challenge requires unity of purpose



AARON A. PAYMENT

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Collectively and with unity of purpose, the tribal board of directors will have announced in a mailing that due to unfair and restrictive financial covenants placed on our tribe at the Greektown Casino level, we were forced to file for Chapter 11 protection. This was a very difficult decision that our entire board made to protect our biggest investment.

Clearly, the debt we inherited from the Bouschor administration with the

\$280 million obligation to the Greeks from their \$24,000 investment, created a situation where we owed a quarter of a billion dollars before we even broke ground in Detroit. Greektown is profitable if it were not for this arbitrary obligation created by my predecessor. Additionally, as quoted from the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB), my predecessor's rosy projections and our failure to meet them, is the reason financial covenants were put in place. These are the conditions we must meet, but clearly the regulatory body is holding us to a standard that is not required of our competitors. In fact, our credit rating is as good as Motor City Casino and yet they do not have to abide by such covenants or be forced to sell. The difference? Greektown Casino is owned by an Indian tribe, our tribe.

A TIME TO COME TOGETHER AS A TRIBE, AS A PEOPLE:

Regardless of how we got here, however, Greektown is our largest investment and now is the time for our entire tribe to pull together to safeguard our assets. Filing for Chapter 11 will prevent the MGCB from forcing us to sell our casino at a loss. Ironically, where some have claimed we had a surplus just three years ago, the truth is that we owed the Greeks \$280 million! Both statements cannot be true. During my administration, this debt has been reduced by over \$200 million. Under Chapter 11, we will be allowed to operate as we currently are and we will be allowed to

finish the construction on our permanent casino. It will also allow us the time to pull together our resources, restructure our operations, and look for alternative financing. Admittedly, filing for Chapter 11 is scary but I am advised that many companies including Kmart have done so -- ultimately with positive end results.

I am confident that we will endure our latest challenge and become even more efficient and will drive even greater revenues. Our U.P. operations have reduced yet another \$5 million in operational costs while we are currently experiencing gaming revenue boost of 16 percent for 17 days in May.

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

Rabies clinics slated for June 18 in the Sault, St. Ignace

Rabies clinics are scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, at three sites for pets owned by members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians:

Lambert Health Center, 9-10 a.m., 225 WaSeh Drive in St. Ignace.

Sault Tribe Housing Services Building, 11 a.m. to noon, 10 Wood Lake in

Kincheloe.

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 1:30 to 5 p.m., 2 Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call community health technicians Tom Sauro at 632-5210 or Angie Gilmore at 643-8689.

Fill out your client information forms early! One is needed for each pet. Forms are available on the Sault Tribe intranet.

Dates for rabies clinics in Munising, Manistique, Escanaba and Newberry will be posted at a later date.

Responsible pet owners must be present to control animals

to be vaccinated or vaccination will not be administered. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.

An animal control officer will be on site at all locations to offer reduced rates for licenses.



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Distemper*..... \$25	Distemper*..... \$14
Bordatella..... \$14	Feline leukemia.... \$14
Lyme disease..... \$18	
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...And now you know the *REST* of the story



CATHY ABRAMSON, UNIT I DIRECTOR

It is important that I clarify a few inaccuracies that have been circulating to our membership.

It's election time and apparently some people will do and say anything to get you to vote for them or vote against someone else.

POLL VOTING

It has been stated by some candidates that I support poll voting so anyone who lives outside Unit I would not be able to vote. I respect everyone's right to vote. This issue was never even voted on at our board meeting. NO ONE stopped it from happening because it wasn't even a consideration of our tribal board. No, it is simply not true, but it certainly is a way to incite our members who live across the United States.

INLAND HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

I, along with a large majority of the board of directors, voted to approve the Agreement in Principle (AIP) for our inland fishing and hunting rights. We did what we were elected to do, vote. After everything was said and done, to make appearances that our membership should decide, a referendum was created by and pushed by a couple of board members to bring the AIP to the vote of the people. This is true because, after the AIP vote, the tribe told the judge hearing the case that the tribe voted to settle. It was a done deal. If these board members really wanted to bring this to the vote of the people, it should have been done before the AIP was approved – not after the fact.

This was purely a smoke screen for political gain and it cost the tribe about \$75,000.

ROSETTA STONE

My support of the Rosetta Stone language preservation project has been twisted into me taking away from our JKL Bahweting School children. On the contrary, this is an opportunity for our tribe to develop a language preservation program for these children. We would be able to hire a language instructor and cover the costs to develop this program which would be shared with other public schools and membership that lives across the U.S. All members would have an opportunity to learn our language. Many political tricks are

being pulled at this time. As a matter of fact, it's been going on for years and keeps getting worse. The truth doesn't seem to matter much with some people anymore. To some, this is all just a big political game and all that matters is that they win. We are dealing with people's lives and livelihood. It's not a game to me and I'm not playing. I care about our people and I am proud of who I am and where I come from. My job is to protect and preserve our way of life. That's what I try to do.

If you have any questions or concerns about my actions, please contact me at 635-3054 or my cell 322-3823 or e-mail cabramson@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe board of directors meets May 20

MANISTIQUE—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting on May 20 in Manistique.

The following resolutions were added to the agenda — Budget Modification Cost Savings 1: Travel Limited to

\$500,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 2: \$331,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 4: \$143,800; Budget

Modification Cost Savings 5: \$49,700; Budget Modification Cost Savings 6: \$16,100; Budget Modification Cost

Savings 7: \$20,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 9: \$45,038; Budget Modification Cost Savings 10: \$91,000; Budget Modification: Manistique Health Center Pharmacy; and Budget Modification: Interim Housing Director.

The following resolutions were removed from the agenda — Restructuring Approval, Midjim Tribal Sales Tax.

The following resolutions were passed — Amending Chapter 71 and Chapter 36, Waaniiniigaanzijig Youth Council: Request for Policy for Tribal Events Regarding the Consumption of Soda; Nbiish-Be-Mwi-Jwaang Youth Council: Celebrate Native Health Project; Budget Modification: Substance Abuse; Budget Modification: Community Services Block Grant; Budget Modification: USDA; Budget Modification: Access to Recovery; Budget Modification Cost Savings 1: Travel Limited to \$500,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 2: \$331,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 4: \$143,800; Budget Modification Cost Savings 5: \$49,700; Budget Modification Cost Savings 6: \$16,100; Budget Modification Cost Savings 7: \$20,000; Budget Modification Cost Savings 9: \$45,038; Budget Modification Cost Savings 10: \$91,000; Budget Modification: Manistique Health Center Pharmacy; and Budget Modification: Interim Housing Director.

The following resolutions failed — Tribal Court Indigent Defense Contractor

The following resolutions were tabled — Random Drug Testing

Legislative summary — Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses and Chapter 36: Juvenile Code pertaining to the Prohibition of Tobacco Use by Minors Except for Religious or Ceremonial Purposes was amended. The amendment included revisions to Criminal Offenses: Under Age Possession of Tobacco by a Minor, Criminal Offenses: Delivery of Tobacco to a Minor, See "Board briefs," page 27

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Thank you all for your support in the primary election.

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

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

Sincerely,

LANA CAUSLEY

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The Greektown debacle was avoidable



**TODD K. GRAVELLE, UNIT I
DIRECTOR**

As more and more information becomes available, and the series of transactions leading up to the Greektown debacle become clear, tribal members

will realize, as I did long ago, that Greektown was a pipe dream.

A history of massive cash giveaways, lawsuits, crushing state taxes, poor management and a poor economy doomed this project from the start.

Along with Director LaPoint, I have long argued that given these huge impediments to our success, we should have sold Greektown long ago when we still could have for a sizeable profit. The current financial crises would have been totally avoided. My pleas to the other board members for an outright sale of the entire facility for well over a year were largely ignored.

I argued that we should have

started a quiet campaign to seek interested buyers to sell them the entire facility. The board seemed disturbed that I would even suggest such a thing. Well, I knew that the crushing debt would come back to haunt us and now the writing is on the wall.

I am not a casino executive. My training is in the law. However, I can read simple balance sheets and balance my checkbook. When there is more money going out of business than is coming in, you have a serious problem—that is what I saw at Greektown. This house of cards was a ticking time bomb.

Now, our options are very limited. Bouschor created this

monster and this is the crowning achievement of his failed legacy. We tried to manage the deal that was struck by Bouschor, including his \$268 million cash giveaway to the Greeks, as well as his signing a development agreement with the City of Detroit that created many unrealistic expectations.

Another aspect of this deal struck by Bouschor was a stunning \$50 million cash giveaway to the city of Detroit for not building the permanent casino on the riverfront. I bet many members of the tribe did not know about this. There are many others that the members will soon learn about.

I have requested a complete financial history of the debt obligations taken on by the

tribe as a result of this project be placed in the tribal paper for members to review. Many members have asked me how could this happen given the huge money this casino makes on a daily basis. My answer is simple: look objectively at the debts and massive cash giveaways that this casino was required to operate under and you, too, will conclude that no business can succeed in this type of environment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: Todd K. Gravelle, attorney at law, 713 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; e-mail: tgravelle@saulttribe.net; phone number: 322-3822.

Gathering of the Clans Powwow June 14-15



**DENISE CHASE, UNIT IV
DIRECTOR**

Please plan on attending our second annual Sault Tribe Gathering of the Clans Powwow, which will be held on June 14 and 15, 2008. The powwow will be held at the Manistique Tribal Community Center (next to the Kewadin Casino) at 5698W Highway US 2, Manistique. The public is invited and welcome, and the admission is free.

Host drum: Four Thunders

Co-host drum: Bahwating

Head veteran: TBA

Head male dancer: Donnie Shelafoe

Head female dancer: Peggy Shelafoe

Arena director: Fred Shelafoe

Master of ceremonies: Stanley Spruce

Grand entries: Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.

Feast meal: Saturday 5 p.m.

Crazy auction: Saturday after

the feast.

Please call Viola, Sharon or Denise for further information at 341-6993 or toll free at (800) 347-7137.

We have been very busy planning this event, but we are still looking for MORE VOLUNTEERS to help out, so if you have an hour or more to donate and you would like to sign up, please call Viola, Sharon or Denise at the above number. We are in need of people to help with set up, clean up, food prep, dishes, cooking, manning the powwow fundraiser food booth and the ACFS fundraiser booth, helping with the auction, the feast, and setting up tents, canopies and chairs.

If you would like to donate a item for the silent auction or if you are bringing a dish for the feast meal, please call us or there will be a sign up list at the ACFS reception window at the tribal center.

Hope to see you there!

The Cooling Assistance Program will be open June 1 through June 30 for target groups only. This program assists those who meet the program guidelines with their electric bills. It will also help purchase air conditioners for target group members who would benefit from cooling due to a serious medical condition documented by their physician. For more information call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 or Heidi Cotey at

387-3906.

At the May 27 workshop in Sault Ste. Marie, the board met with Anishnabek Community and Family Services staff Juanita Bye, Melissa VanLuven, Jamie Moran and Julie Menard, Elder Division Director Holly Kibble and tribal prosecutor Joselyn Fabry, who presented a draft of the new Tribal Code Chapter 32 Adult Protection Act. The tribe has no code to address abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults on our trust lands; these matters are usually referred to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement as criminal complaints. Without a code, ACFS is not even authorized to investigate on trust land. The purpose of Chapter 32 is to establish tribal law to protect tribal adults who live on tribal lands from abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation. It shall be the policy of the tribe that the dignity and self reliance of the tribe's adults shall be acknowledged and respected by family members, the tribal community and employees of the tribe. Anishnabek Community and Family Services Department caseworkers and tribal police will work together to make sure that the rights of each tribal adult shall be protected, especially the elderly and handicapped. The resolution to pass this code is to be voted on at the June 3 meeting in Escanaba.

Rabies clinics: The health staff are working to get a local vet to do the rabies shot clinic

for your pets in the western end. If they do not find one locally, then they will schedule the clinic in the late summer or early fall in Manistique, Escanaba, Marquette and Munising. I will update you once I get confirmation either way.

The board continues to meet

with staff weekly to review their recommendations for cost saving reductions in their budgets.

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

Thank you,
Denise Chase

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and Juvenile Code: Under Age Possession of Tobacco by a Minor. The Criminal Offenses: Under Age Possession of Liquor by a Minor code was also amended. The following sections 36.807, 36.808, 36.809, were renumbered to become 36.808, 36.809, and 36.810.

The tribal youth council requested and was granted a policy that states all tribal community events intended for youth, will not offer soda of any kind as a beverage of choice to their participants and will instead offer healthier choices

of water, milk or 100 percent fruit juice.

The council also requested and was granted a policy that states all tribal programs working with youth will exercise portion control, serving portion sizes of snacks available and offer a healthier variety of choices such as fruits and vegetables. All tribal programs working with youth lasting more than two consecutive hours that involves little to no physical activity and where decorum, time and space allows, the facilitators of the

program must provide no less than 15 minutes of physical activity.

The USDA program was awarded an additional \$163,200 in federal funding, which resulted in a decrease of tribal support funding in the amount of \$119,982.50.

Under new business, the board of directors approved a request for release of addresses for marketing purposes and one relinquishment. The new business item titled Kewadin Logo was removed from the agenda.

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tion to emerge financially healthier and more vibrant enterprises. This strategy protects Greektown Casino for our patrons, tribal members and employees, and ensures the completion of our hotel and gaming floor expansion. This reorganization will only make us a stronger business, and that's good news for the City of Detroit and southeast Michigan."

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Located at 555 E. Lafayette Avenue in Detroit's Greektown Entertainment District, Greektown Casino features more than 2,300 slot machines and more than 70 table games in 75,000 square feet of luxurious Mediterranean-themed gaming space. Additional slot machines and table games will become operational when the gaming floor expansion is completed. Greektown Casino opened on Nov. 10, 2000. Readers of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* have voted Greektown Casino Michigan's and Detroit's "Best Casino" numerous times.

In addition to being named "Best Casino" by readers of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*, Greektown Casino also placed first in other categories in *The News'* reader survey including "best slots," "best wait staff outfits," "best craps tables," "best blackjack tables," "best high rollers area," "best casino restaurant" and "best casino entertainment."

Veterans' burial benefits change

Eligibility of a VA headstone on a previously marked grave has changed. The effective date allowing for VA headstones to be placed on a previously marked grave went from Sept. 13, 2001 back to Nov. 2, 1990. Any veteran who died after Nov. 1, 1990 is eligible for a VA headstone even if the grave is marked. Unmarked graves are always eligible.

Also, the VA is having a medallion designed for regular headstones that, when mounted, will show a veteran is buried there. These will not be available until spring 2009.

A reminder, it is a violation of federal law to use a VA headstone as a footstone on a grave.

Any questions, please call Jim Shogren, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs at 635-6370 or the USDVA at (800) 827-1000.



Robert Horn
Unit 2 Board Of Directors

Elect

Robert Horn

Unit 2 Board Of Directors

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Cathy Hollowell**

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**" I will work with the whole
board and not just a small
political faction."**

We are all hearing the same story, the Tribe is in tough shape financially. One of the problems is the board is split between those who support Bernard Bouschor and those who want to move forward with new leadership. I think our board is very divided and this needs to change. I want to work with our Chairman and the other board members to focus in on solving some of the current issues.

We need to expand our economic development and I will support those ideas and initiatives of elder Director Bob LaPoint. He is the one I would turn to for help and advice on these issues.

As your board member it would be my job to be a voice for all the members of Unit 2. I don't have a personal agenda but I am deeply concerned that we haven't tried hard enough to welcome all our members into the Tribe. We all have family members that live outside of the service area, I want to make sure their rights are protected and try to figure a way to get them better representation. Supporting the new Constitution is one way.

No one board member can do the things they would like all on their own. As I have traveled around Unit 2, I have been listening and learning about your concerns and your ideas. This has helped me to understand the problems and challenges we face as a Tribe. It also confirms my belief that we have too much bickering, pettiness and self interested politics right now and this needs to stop. I will not play that game.

When it comes to members rights, I will fight for you. What happens to our resources is everyone's business and not just the select few. Members throughout Unit 2 are telling me they don't agree with all the closed meetings, I believe it is every members right to know what is happening in Greektown.

If the money from the Elders Fund is not paid back before I get elected to the board, I will fight night and day until it is. This is not right to take this money and it needs to be paid back.



**I am proud of my heritage, the
future for our children and grand
children need to be considered.
I am committed to helping our people
and I place native honor and family
values at the top of my list.**

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current job and I will give the same
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Robert Horn
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"... I just keep walking the red road—down the middle. When you're in the middle, you don't go to either extreme. You allow both sides to exist." — Dr. A. C. Ross-Lakota

Repatriation — bringing what is ours home



Through a cooperative arrangement between the City of Sault Ste. Marie, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Soo Locks, Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, an area which was part of the original burial grounds at Brady Park was set aside, fenced in and gated. The fenced area is now restricted to the Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Tribe. The fence was installed in 2005 as a protective measure against foot traffic and unauthorized digs by amateur archeologists. Wadjiwong — Ojibwe for place of the great hill — is the original Crane Clan burial site located in Baweting and has been for untold generations.

Photos by Brenda Austin

SUBMITTED BY CECIL PAVLAT REPATRIATION SPECIALIST

Repatriation, the literal translation is the return to the fatherland, however, for us Anishinaabek, it would be more appropriate for it to mean return to the motherland, since we know the Earth as our mother.

As the cultural repatriation specialist for the Sault Tribe, I deal with issues surrounding grave protection past, present and future. This includes present day inadvertent discoveries of ancestral remains uncovered during various construction projects within our service area. In those situations, I am the contact person for Sault Tribe.

Tribal repatriation has been involved with the development of tribal burial grounds, insuring the remains of our people will not be disturbed in future times. Sault Tribe has one such place near Hessel, Mich., and has developed memorandums of understanding (MOU's) with the state and federal governments in terms of having access to federal and state properties for possible reburial.

One such successful repatriation was in 2002 with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. These particular ancestors were removed from their resting places in 1868 and 1873 by the Army surgeon, M.K. Taylor of Fort Brady here in Sault Ste. Marie. Those remains were sent to the

Smithsonian Institute in 1873 by Army surgeon, J. King for study. The repatriation process took about three years to complete, beginning with the repatriation request and traveling to Washington, D.C., to pick up our ancestors in order to bring them home. At that time, Sault Tribe asked to rebury our ancestors at Brady Park where they were originally disinterred. Brady Park is administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (USACE), who initially denied our request stating that the Corps had a policy in place that prohibited the reburial of any object and or ancestral remains on USACE property.

Therefore, the Repatriation Department reburied our ancestors on Sugar Island, knowing we would continue to work with the Corps in the hopes of laying our relatives to rest back from where they belonged.

Finally, that day arrived in June of 2007, through ongoing negotiations resulting in a MOU allowing the reburial of our ancestors. Representatives of Bay Mills and Sault Tribe (in a quiet and private ceremony) reburied our relatives at what is now once again called Wadjiwong — Ojibwe for, place of the great hill. Wadjiwong is the original Crane Clan burial site in Baweting and has been for untold generations.

Representing Sault Tribe were my son, Cecil Pavlat, Jr, and myself. Representing Bay

Mills Indian Community was Wanda Perron and her daughter, Kayla, along with Paula Carrick. We were honored and humbled to have been able to accept and carry out the responsibility of caring for our relatives. Our simple ceremony was one of sincerity and respectfulness.

Previous to the reburial, through a cooperative arrangement between the City of Sault Ste. Marie, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Soo Locks, Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, an area which was part of the original burial grounds was set aside, fenced in and gated. The fenced area is now restricted to the Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Tribe. The fence was installed as a protective measure against foot traffic and unauthorized digs by amateur archeologists and not intended to keep the community out. The majority of the park has remained open to the public.

The burial site is well documented and is referenced by Henry Schoolcraft in some of his writings in addition to a map of the site drawn in 1870, known then as Wadjiwong.

Many of the landmarks remain the same as they do today. In the 1820s, Chief Shingabawasin of the Crane Clan described the site at that time as ancient. It is not known how many of our people are actually buried there.

In keeping with traditional beliefs that would have been practiced during the time of Chief Shingabawasin, crowning the arch of the gate is an upside down crane which represents those who have crossed over. The remainder of the arch is based on Anishinaabe floral designs. The gate is solid wrought iron and has been influenced by our culture with arrows pointing upwards, symbolizing the world above, as well as mountain ash leaves and berries. The gate was designed and built by Bill Morrison with my assistance. A sign with historical facts is placed near the gate. Four spirit-houses, which are used to honor those who have passed on, stand inside the gate. The spirit houses represent father, mother, son and daughter and were placed in the four directions around a mountain ash tree planted during the memorial dedication on June 25, 2005. The tree symbol-



Today's Wadjiwong burial ground with a mountain ash tree and spirit houses at Brady Park in Sault Ste. Marie.

izes and replaces one that was destroyed in the 1800s which was ancient and very sacred to the Anishinaabe people. The ancient tree, which is believed to have grown on or near the burial site, spoke and sang to the Anishinaabek. Along with the replacement of the sacred mountain ash, a large grandfather boulder, held sacred to our people as well, was also placed within the fenced in area.

History tells us of a previous grandfather boulder that used to reside on those grounds but was destroyed in the 1800s. To be able to once again care for and reconnect with our ancient burial site has taken many years; however, we are a resilient and patient people. The wait was well worth every effort necessary to make this endeavor a reality.

This area is very sacred to us. We honor and respect our ancestors which is no different than any other culture. I think we all, as human beings, believe in the inherent right to a respectful burial and internment, without being dug up. We understand there are times when nothing can be done to prevent remains from being unearthed; however, when that situation arises, our wishes would be to respectfully disinter those ancestors and rebury them elsewhere. Sometimes misperception about what tribes want in cases where remains are found has fueled fear and continues to do so today. The goal of tribal repatriation is to take care of our ancestors in whatever way we must in order to honor their memory and their contributions to our culture and history.

Diabetes group goes Wii bowling for senior fitness



Carol Strauser uses a Nintendo Wii bowling game to get some exercise in honor of senior health and fitness day.

MANISTIQUE— The monthly tribal diabetes group met May 23 in honor of Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 28. The group participated in a Nintendo Wii bowling tournament.

This was the first time any of the group members tried Wii bowling even though many previously heard about it. One member said it felt like real bowling and another added, "I can feel this in my arm, this is really exercise."

The Wii is a new activity integrated into community health events, thanks to the Healthy Heart Project component of the Sault Diabetes Program. Physical activity options are regularly included

in the diabetes group meetings in Manistique.

"This group is very cooperative and willing to try new things," Gail Sulander, registered dietician, community diabetes educator and one of the group leaders, said. "They also are great Wii bowlers."

The three components of diabetes management are food, medication and physical activity. The Wii bowling tournament demonstrated how physical activity can be fun. It also showed participants that all ages and abilities can get up and move.

The diabetes group meets the fourth Friday of each month. Call (906) 341-8469 for more information.

Cultural Division mission statement

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

Anishinabemowin corner

Pipe:
Pwaagan

Pipe carrier:
Pwaaganan bimwinad

Sacred fire:
Gchi tawaa shkode

He/she is praying:
Namaa

He/she is singing:
Ngamo

He/she is drumming:
Dewege

ACFS seeks foster families to care for tribal children

Child welfare issues arise in families of every race, ethnicity, culture and age group. Even though research shows there is no difference in the incidence of abuse and neglect according to racial group, the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Act was established to protect Native American children from being removed at a higher rate and being placed in non-native homes. Understanding and maintaining cultural identity is an important part of placement.

ACFS has made exceptional strides for tribal children. Programs like adolescent in-home assistance, in-home care, family continuity, parent nurturing and prevention help families stay together or provide services to parents so their children can

return home sooner. Additional strides have been made in being able to place foster and adoptive children with relatives and tribal homes.

In 2007, there were 96 children in foster care, of those 96 children serviced by the agency:

About 28 percent were removed from one parent but placed with their other parent, 49 percent were placed with relatives, 11.5 percent were placed in other Native homes and 11.5 percent were placed in non-Native homes.

In 2007, Sault Tribe Binogii Placement Agency completed seven adoptions. Of these, three were to relatives and four were to other tribal families.

Although progress has been made in placing tribal

children with relatives and in tribal homes, ACFS needs to continue to seek more tribal families. Alternative placements improved "matches" for placement. Each child, teen or sibling group has special needs and often needs to remain as close as possible to their parents and family. If more families could demonstrate an interest in providing care, not only could ACFS place children in tribal homes, there would be more choices for better "matches" to meet the needs of foster children.

"No matter what their age, all youth in foster care need meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives. Without families or stable relationships, too many of these formerly abused and neglected children and teens will end up facing life's challenges all alone," *source, www.fostercaremonth.org*

If you are unable to provide full-time foster care, maybe you could provide respite care when foster parents need breaks or you might know someone who would make a good foster or adoptive parent and you could share this information with them. Whatever your interest is in foster care or adoption, to learn more, call 495-1232 or (800) 347-7137.

Fun for children and recycling during the July fourth powwow



Frank Beaudoin mans the ACFS fun wheel at the St. Ignace Fun Day.

It has become a tradition for Anishnaabek Community and Family Services to have a children's area at the July Sault Tribe powwow. This area helps youth stay occupied while their parents are busy. The fun wheel attracts most of the attention. Children spin the wheel to see if they can win a prize or collect one of 22 animal trading cards. The cards include the Ojibway name of the animal and its traits. Children of all ages enjoy lining up over and over again to collect the cards and try to get a prize. Each year, ACFS also provides crayons and pic-

tures for coloring. Last year, we had a box for recycling plastic bottles. This helps keep the powwow grounds clear and is environment friendly. Please watch for the recycling box and bring over plastic bottles. Anyone who uses the recycling box can enter to win one of two \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards.

So whether you have children or you're an earth conscious person, stop by the ACFS area at the Sault Tribe powwow in Sault Ste. Marie. ACFS will have hours posted for Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6.

ACFS seeks tribal day care providers

There are 284 licensed child care providers in the tribe's seven-county service area.

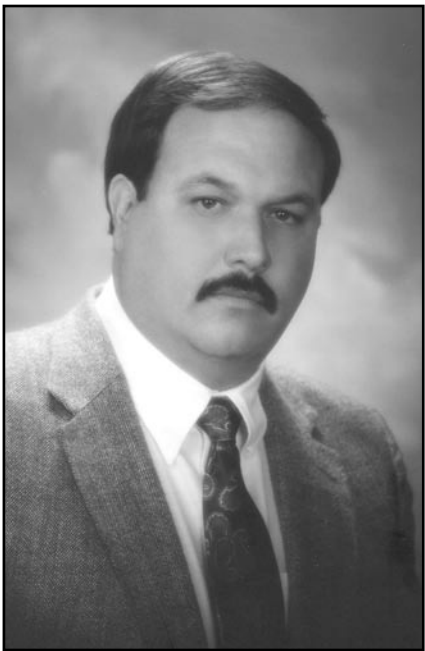
Only three of those are tribally licensed on trust lands.

ACFS can license tribal homes for day care, day care aides and day care group homes on Sault Tribe trust land.

Each county Department of Human Services can license tribal homes for day care, day care aides and day care group homes off trust land.

To learn more about being a day care provider, call Shirley Goudreau at 495-1232 or (800) 726-0093.

FRED PAQUIN = STRONG LEADERSHIP



I would like to thank you for your support these last 12 years, I have been honored to serve your needs and interests on our board of directors. I humbly ask for your continued support in this election. I believe we have effected many positive changes in our communities working together. We have challenges facing us that require strong, decisive leadership. We have enjoyed many successes as a Tribe, and few setbacks to our goals of self-governance and self-sufficiency. I am a family man, born and

raised in the St. Ignace area. I have two beautiful children and five beautiful granddaughters whom I enjoy spending time with every chance I get. I served on the St. Ignace Police force for 20 years, and as Chief of Police for the Sault Tribe for 10 years. I have been honored to serve our communities in this capacity.

There have been a number of allegations thrown at me over this past year. Please consider the source of, and the purpose of, these allegations. I take my career in law enforcement very seriously, and would not dishonor the badge as I have been, and am being, accused of. If you have questions about these allegations, I encourage you to discuss it with me personally, rather than listen to the hearsay, gossip and malicious rumors that are being circulated, purely for the political gain of others.

We have had many positive changes and improvements in our communities. When we work together, we can accomplish so much. When we fight and argue, it is a disservice, not only to

Please
VOTE

you, but to our past leaders who fought and struggled to gain us our right to self-government and to get us on the path to self-sufficiency.

We are struggling with the issues and decisions before us, especially in this time of severe financial strain. We have all been working together (board, chairperson, executive staff and team members) to reduce our projected deficit. This is not the first time we've faced tough financial times, and it may not be the last.

Our leaders have to put personal feelings and opinions aside and focus on what is best for our members and our Tribe as a whole. As one member put it so aptly: "It's time to get back to business." The "business" of moving our Tribe forward in a positive, productive, forward

thinking manner.

Please exercise your right to vote and have a voice in choosing your representative for our Tribal Board of Directors. Please think about which candidate you believe will make decisions to best protect and preserve what many of our past and current leaders, members, and employees have worked so hard to gain, and who will lead us through these very difficult times and get us back to thinking about our people and what it means to serve unselfishly. Please contact me through my Web site or at my home number listed below if you have any questions or comments or would like to simply voice your support.

Our choice will determine the future of our Tribe.

FRED PAQUIN
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Elect**Pat****Rickley****Unit 3 Board Of Directors**

“ Chi-Megwetch Thank You for the support and your vote in the primary and helping me make it to the general election.”

“ If elected, I pledge to work with all Members of the Tribal Board and the Tribal Chairperson. Too often personal self-interest leads to animosity amongst Board members. This clearly doesn't represent anyone. When we have such weighty and important issues to address, we should not waste one moment with Tribal infighting.”

My name is Pat Rickley. I am running for the Unit 3 seat on the Tribal Board of Directors to represent St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, Mackinac City, Cheboygan and all members in Unit 3. I was born and raised in St. Ignace on Rickley Ridge. I left the area for four years to proudly serve in the United States Army achieving the rank of Sergeant. One of the best qualities I have learned is to go the extra mile to give more than what is expected.

Currently, I am employed at the Mackinac Bridge. I serve on our Tribe's Conservation Committee (it is a great honor to safeguard our treaty rights.) I'm an Ambassador for the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and worked last year to help establish our Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. I have been in public relations for over sixteen years now. I have represented our people my whole life and will continue to do so.

During this election, you will hear what everyone has done in the past and what they intend to do in the future. Obviously, we need change. We need positive minded people right now who can work together for the betterment of our Tribe. I support the new Tribal Constitution; people need to be heard, not pushed aside. I support maintaining the current number of Board members in Unit 3 while adding a northern-at-large representative to serve members who live outside of the service area. The cost for this can easily covered by dividing up the current \$67,000 salary of the board, reducing this amount to about \$50,000 with no new cost.

I supported and campaigned to end “double-dipping.” We need to put an end to nepotism/cronyism. We need to bring unity back to our Tribe and the only way to do so is to be honest and open with the Membership. Tribal politics has brought us to a standstill. Its time to bring honor and dignity to our Tribe. My commitment to you is to represent you to the best of my ability. We have the opportunity to clean up our Tribe and I am asking for your vote.

I am a man of good will, thoughtful and obliging. I donate to the food pantry, volunteer and help people when needed. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote. I would be honored and humbled to represent you as your new Unit 3 Tribal Board member.

Respected * Honest * Sincere

Though our Tribe has progressed a great deal, some families still need our outreach and assistance. We must not lose sight of our purpose as a Tribe - to help one another. Also, Indian families settled in many areas not limited to just one location. They are equal members of our Tribal family. We should not discriminate against them for where they live.

I support the Straits area hospital project, expansion of dental, optical, and medical services to meet the health needs of Members who live on both sides of the bridge. For too long, our Unit has not been the priority. I will work tirelessly to change that.

We need more cultural opportunities for our Youth. Recreation programs after school and weekends deserves some attention. We need to honor and respect our traditions to help focus on bringing our cultural back. We need to establish a youth Drum.

We need to pay back the Elders Fund. We should be planning ways to add to the fund and put provisions in place where this money can not be touched without a referendum by the members.

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"It is time the Tribe took a positive step forward from the past administrations and WE can make that happen together."

Joe

"The Tribe is a Family made up of many large and extended family Members. While I may share a last name connection with other individuals running for office, I HAVE NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY running for, or currently serving in, TRIBAL OFFICE. Each individual offers their own special assets, and I wish them all the best. However, this election is not about what is best for the "I"ndividual. It is about what is best for the Tribe!"

You have a choice to make



POLITICAL INSTABILITY

Tribe is currently facing 15 million dollar operating deficit.

FISCAL CRISIS

TRANSITION

Upon election the TRIBAL BOARD will serve as THE TRIBE'S TRANSITION TEAM.

PLANNING

WE will develop Short Term and Long Term Plans based upon the Membership input and needs.

REALISTIC GOALS will be set.

GOVERNMENT

WE WILL SEPARATE THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO positions to ensure that politics do not interfere in the workplace and that an emphasis on productivity, profitability, and quality membership service is instilled.

We will be professional.

We will be respectful.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

WE will review and analyze each department, service, and expense of the Tribe to ensure that our resources are being utilized effectively and efficiently.
Waste WILL be cut. Fat WILL be trimmed. We will pay down debt.

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

WE WILL develop a SEPARATE ECONOMIC ARM devoid of the politics of the Tribe to generate revenues necessary to fund services for this, as well as the next 7 Generations.

Government Contracting and corporate set aside business projects will be sought out and developed.

We will do this Together

To join the campaign or for questions call: 1-888-4 McCoy1
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Visit me at www.mccoy4chairman.com

Internet provides excellent Web sites for job hunters

SUBMITTED BY BARB SMUTEK, HR RECRUITER

The rise of the Internet has changed job hunting drastically in the past few years. You no longer need to travel from business to business to collect paper applications. Yes, that is still possible, but the use of the Internet definitely simplifies the process. Many sites are easy to navigate and applying for jobs using the Internet has never been easier.

If you feel a little trepidation at sharing your information online then please let me put your mind to rest. When

you are on the Internet, look in the lower right hand corner of your Internet browser window. You should see a tiny icon that resembles a padlock. This means that the site is secure and that your information is not being spread across the cyber universe.

To get you started on this process, I have included some excellent sites to look for employment and possibly apply online.

www.saulttribe.com — This is the perfect place to look for employment with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa



Indians, Vegas Kewadin Casinos and all tribal enterprises and apply online.

www.greektowncasino.com — Apply for positions with Greektown Casino at the official Web site.

www.michworks.org

— Michigan Works is an excellent resource when looking for employment. Check out all the amazing things their Web site has to offer.

www.hotjobs.yahoo.com — This is an excellent job search site.

www.michigan.gov/jobsall — Search for jobs the State of Michigan has to offer.

[/www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) — If you are looking for employment with the federal government, then start here.

Here are two more sites to check out when job hunting — www.monster.com

www.careerbuilder.com.

All of these are great sites, but a few are geared towards people looking for employment in Michigan. If you are looking for something outside of the area, then visit www.google.com and begin your search there for the area where you are interested in employment.

Have fun and good luck with your hunting.

If you need assistance finding employment, please feel free to contact the Sault Tribe Employment Department at (866) 635-7032 or e-mail stemploment@saulttribe.net.

Sault Tribe Health Center in Sault receives 3-year ACR accreditation

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe's Health Center in Sault Ste. Marie has been

awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent survey

by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Board-certified physicists who are experts in the field

conduct the evaluations. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment. The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which then provides a comprehensive report.

The ACR is a national organization serving more

than 32,000 diagnostic and interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, and nuclear medicine and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

Free Laker camps for Sault Tribe youth: limited to first 50



Free Laker basketball camps are offered to Sault Tribe youth this summer. To register, call Jessica at 635-7770.

Registrations are on a first served basis.

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

Here are the camp schedules: Boys individual basketball camp, June 23-26, grades 4 and up, Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Girls individual basketball camp, July 21-24, grades 5 and up, Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Young Scholars Program discontinued

SUBMITTED BY ANGELINE MATSON, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Funding for the Sault Tribe Young Scholars Program has been discontinued for the second half of the 2008-2009 school year. Young Scholars is an incentive program for members in grades six to 12 in which students receive \$25

per marking period for perfect attendance or all A grades.

Unfortunately, as it is funded completely by the tribe and receives no outside funding, it was among the cost savings items recently voted on by the board of directors. It is hoped that as the Sault Tribe's financial situation improves, this

program will be reinstated in the future.

Therefore, we will no longer accept any report cards for this program for the remainder of the 2008-2009 academic year. We apologize for any disappointment or inconvenience this decision causes our outstanding students and parents.

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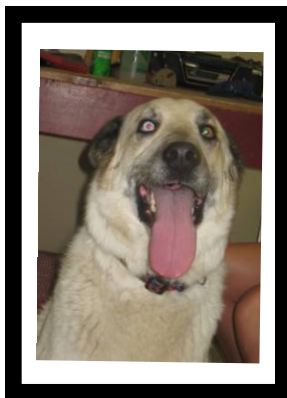
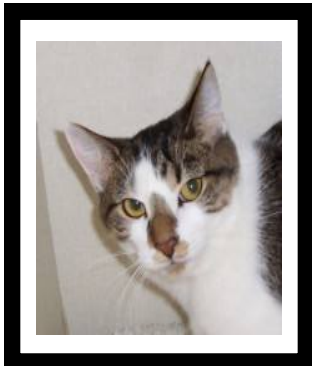
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Classes

Jan. 2-Dec. 17: Anishinaabemowin classes, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie.

No sign up necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call Nancy Debassige, language instructor at 632-6050.

Jan. 3-Dec. 18: Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Building, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Classes are taught through immersion in the Ojibwe language and begin with a potluck feast with our elder advisory members so bring your favorite dish.

Nancy Debassige will demonstrate different stories of life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy living our culture.

Call 632-7494 for more information.

April 2-Dec. 17: Manistique language classes, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Manistique Health Center.

For more information, call 632-7494.

April 7-June 27: Spring 2008 fitness classes at the All In One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Classes include early birds, muscle fun, Pi/Yo mix, midday muscle, stretch and relax, step to the beat, Bosu circuit, low impact sampler, Pilates tone and stretch and box and pump.

All classes are in the aerobic room, first floor.

For more information, call 635-4935.

April 7-Dec. 29: Hessel language classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center.

For more information, call 632-7494.

April 8-Dec. 30: St. Ignace language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace.

For more information, call 632-7494.

June 12: Heart math at the Sault Tribal Health Center.

Want to learn a new technique for reducing your body's stress response?

It only takes 20 minutes.

Learn a simple, easy way to interrupt the stress response in your body.

Call 632-5210 to reserve your spot.

June 17 & 19: The smoke around you, how it affects your heart.

June 17, 1-3 p.m., and June 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribal Health Center.

Smoke-free living may not be easy for some but it can be done.

Open to the public.

Registering is recommended, for questions or to register, call 632-5210.

Elders' meetings

June 11: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 13: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 16: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 19: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee potluck and meeting 5:30 p.m. at the tribal community center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 23: Elderly Advisory Board meeting, 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 25: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

June 27: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets, 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 2: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 7: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets, 4:30 p.m., dinner 5:30 p.m., at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 9: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 11: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 21: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee dinner, 5:30 p.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 21: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

July 25: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets, 11 a.m. at Zellar's Village Inn

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Meetings

June 10: *Providing a Second Hand*, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the St. Ignace Big Boy Restaurant.

Introducing a new parent group to advocate for families experiencing medical hardships. If you know someone with a medical hardship or are interested in helping our local families, please come.

For more information, call Liz Templeton at 643 7906.

June 11-25: Tribal town meetings throughout Michigan.

Meetings scheduled for Hessel, Detroit, Okemos, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, Sugar Island, Newberry, Manistique, Escanaba, Marquette, Munising, Sault Ste. Marie and Naubinway.

For more information, call (888) 942-2766.

June 12: Unit V membership, 6 p.m., Munising Tribal Center.

For more information, call 387-2101.

June 17: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. in Marquette. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793 0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

June 25: Unit III board members Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway invite you to attend a unit meeting, 6 p.m. at Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann Center), in St. Ignace.

Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal representatives.

For questions, call 635-6050.

July 1: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. on Mackinac Island.

Open community hour is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

July 2: Culture Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call 322-4975 or 495-5165.

July 10: Unit V membership meeting, 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center.

For more information, call 387-2101.

July 23: Unit III board representatives Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway invite you to attend a unit meeting, 6 p.m. at Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann Center), in St. Ignace.

Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal representatives.

For questions, call 635-6050.

Aug. 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. in Munising.

Open community hour is 5-6 p.m.

For further information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

Special events

June 14-15: Second annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow, Manistique Tribal Center.

For more information, call (800) 347-7137.

June 20-22: Teen wellness camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

For information or registration, call 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

June 21: Totally Toddlers Summer Bash.

For parents of children from newborn to five, siblings welcome too, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., LaSalle High School field area.

Free hotdogs, snow cones, door prizes, obstacle course with spaghetti noodle pool.

Come see and pet a baby deer provided by the Deer Ranch.

Enjoy a free, fun day with us!

Sponsored by Mackinac County Great Start Parent Coalition in collaboration with Great Parent, Great Start Collaborative.

For more information, call Heather Bird at 643-0096 or e-mail allaboutkids01@yahoo.com.

June 22-28: Women in Engineering, for women in grades 9-11, Michigan Tech University.

A \$125 deposit is required with application.

Application deadline: ASAP.

For more information, visit www.youthprograms.mtu.edu.

June 27: Blood drive and bone marrow registry, 11-4:45 p.m., Sault Tribal Health Center auditorium.

You must be at least 18 years old and present photo identification to donate blood. Bone marrow registrants must be between the ages of 18 and 61.

Please call 632-5283 to schedule an appointment time, walk-ins are welcome. Please come save a life.

June 29-July 2: American Indian workshop for Native American students in grades 6-9, Michigan Tech University.

No cost to attend for Michigan residents.

Application deadline: ASAP.

For more information, visit www.youthprograms.mtu.edu.

July 2-6: 27th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Summer Gathering.

Contest powwow, \$30,000 in prize money.

This year we've changed.

Join us for exciting dance and drum competition.

People who do not want to compete are still encouraged to dress in traditional regalia and dance.

The weekend will be filled with a lot of opportunities for intertribal dancing.

For more information, call (906) 632-7494, 635-6050 extensions 26397, 26140 or 440-7849. Vendors please call 495-1450.

General public is welcome to all events. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs or politics.

Announcements

June 14-Aug. 2: Bay Cliff Health Camp is a non-profit, non-denominational camp to serve children and adults with physical disabilities.

Campers attend a two-month camp and receive therapy for orthopedic, speech, hearing, and vision disabilities.

For more information, visit www.baycliff.org.

June 18: Anishinabek Community and Family Services fundraising breakfast, 9-10 a.m., Sault Tribal Health Center.

For details call 632-5250.

July 14-28: Migizi doodem mookodaasowinini (Eagle clan carver) three-day porcupine quill box workshop.

Mondays, July 14, 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., all materials provided. Bring your own lunch.

Cost is \$100. Send your check or money order for full amount payable to Ron Paquin, 1200 E. 11th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Your reservation is confirmed only upon receipt of your payment. First come, first served.

Should there be any cancellations for any reason, total amount will be refunded.

All classes will be at 1200 E. 11th Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie.

Requests for other workshops accepted.

Classes can be scheduled for a mutually convenient time for a minimum of five students and a maximum of eight.

For more information, call 635-8158 or e-mail ramp@lighthouse.net.

July 16: Anishinabek Community and Family Services fundraising breakfast 9-10 a.m., Sault Tribal Health Center.

For details, call 632-5250.

July 20-25: 2008 Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp, University of Arizona, Tucson.

For American Indian youth, grades 11-12+.

Application deadline: July 1, apply early.

Cost: \$650 plus \$25 application fee.

For more information, visit www.nni.arizona.edu.

July 22-24: Guidance on high blood pressure, food choices and medications at the Sault Tribal Health Center.

By managing your blood pressure you can keep your heart healthy.

Join us to discuss the medicines and particular foods that can help keep your numbers in the target range.

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

Come to any or all sessions.

Open to the general public.

For questions or registration, call 632-5210.

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



Chairperson Payment celebrating with Tribal Members including youth from Cheboygan at St. Ignace Rendezvous Pow Wow during summer 2007.

PAYMENT WINS

Election Primary By 1,025 Votes!

Thank You for Your Support and Vote!

Let me begin by expressing just how grateful I am for your vote of confidence during the Tribal Chairperson primary election. Each time the ballots are counted, I am heartened and amazed by the votes cast to elect me as your Chairperson. On a very personal level, I appreciate this. Your vote gave me significant margins over my nearest competitor. This suggests that I have the continued support of the Members from all units and from Members both inside and outside of our service area. **Again, thank you.**



With Elder Robert Geroux at the 2006 Hessel Powwow

The very definition of a Tribe is a group of related individuals who are supposed to care for one another. Our Tribal politics can be so negative that we lose sight of this. Our grandparents envisioned a better life for our people. A peaceful community. A community that Members could lean on in hard times. They worked for the betterment of our entire Tribe, not just for their own family, friends, or only those who live near them. They volunteered their time and energy to gain federal recognition for the purpose of qualifying for federal and state funding to positively impact the lives of all our Tribal relatives.

I am running for re-election to carry on this tradition and represent - All Members Everywhere.



With Cub McKerchie at annual Elders Picnic in the Soo.

An essential responsibility of the Sault Tribe Chairperson is representing our Tribe at the highest levels in the U.S. Government. I am specifically qualified with both the requisite education and experience. I earned a master's degree in public administration focusing on U.S. Indian policy for this reason. I have twelve years of experience at the Tribal governing level. Twice, I have testified in the U.S. House of Representatives and recently testified in front of the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee. I did so to make eligible for gaming the property contiguous to our Kewadin Shores Casino. In contrast, my opponent has no formal education and no experience with Tribal government. He is a new comer to the Tribal political scene. He has rarely attended Tribal Board meetings and has never taken a public position on any Tribal issue. He has not volunteered time to serve on any Tribal committees or functions. Chairperson Payment has served on over 20 Tribal committees to effectively represent the people of the Tribe.



RELEVANT EXPERIENCE MATTERS
Chairperson Payment testifying in the U.S. Senate

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Chairperson Payment meeting with (L-R) U.S. Congressmen Patrick Kennedy, Bart Stupak, Dale Kildee, Nick Rayhall and John Dingell. Representing our Tribe is serious and requires relevant education and experience. Vote for experience!

VOTE

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Miranda Lambert

Friday 20th | 7:00 p.m. | \$38.50 | On Sale Now

Honky Tonk Tailgate Party featuring Mark Wills, Buddy Jewell, Ray Scott and Trent Willmon - at The Shores - St. Ignace

Friday 27th | 9:00 p.m. | \$25.50 | On Sale Now

July

Loretta Lynn

Friday 18th | 7:00 p.m. | \$38.50 | On Sale Now

Williams & Ree - at The Shores, St. Ignace

Sunday 24th | 7:00 p.m. | \$38.50 | On Sale Now

August

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