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SAULT TRIBE GETS NEW CHAIRMAN

SAULT STE. MARIE, MI—The Sault Tribe membership will welcome in a new chairman this year. Darwin (Joe) McCoy successfully defeated incumbent Chairperson Aaron Payment 3,853 to 3,495 to become the fourth chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

“I am really humbled about how things turned out. I look forward to working with our team members, the new and existing board members, and working for our tribal members. I would also like to thank all my supporters and look forward to bringing the tribe into better times,” stated Chairman Elect Joe McCoy.

The Sault Tribe’s governing body will also welcome

two new members to its board of directors. Unofficial results

indicate Bernard A. Bouschor (Unit I) and Patrick D. Rickley

(Unit III) were voted to the tribal board to represent their respective units. Tribal members welcomed back incumbent representatives Cathy M. Abramson (Unit I), Joseph V. Eitrem (Unit I), Lana E. Causley (Unit II), and Tom Miller (Unit IV), who will all serve another four year term. No seats were up for election this term for Unit V.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian’s Board of Directors general election took place on June 26, 2008, in Sault Ste. Marie at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Olympic Rink at approximately 5:21 p.m. The ballot count ended at approximately 8:15 p.m. Unofficial results were released at 8:45 p.m. EST.



Photo by Rick Smith

Chairman’s seat challenger Darwin “Joe” McCoy won election 3,853-3,495 on June 26. McCoy is congratulated by his aunt, Marie DeMerse, as well as other family, friends and supporters.

2008 General Election of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Chairperson Candidates (1-seat up for election)

1. Darwin (Joe) McCoy (3,853)

2. Aaron A. Payment * (3,495)

Unit I Candidates (3-seats up for election)

1. Joseph V. Eitrem * (1,953)

2. Cathy M. Abramson * (1,946)

3. Bernard A. Bouschor (1,660)

4. Nathan J. Wright (1,655)

5. Luella M. Brown (1,299)

6. Todd K. Gravelle * (1,267)

Unit II Candidates (1-seat up for election)

1. Lana E. Causley * (566)

2. Robert R. Horn (404)

Unit III Candidates (1-seat up for election)

1. Patrick D. Rickley (890)

2. Frederick J. Paquin * (753)

Unit IV Candidates (No primary required, 1-seat up for election)

1. Thomas G. Miller * **

Unit V Candidates

No seats up for election this term.

* Indicates incumbent candidate

** Pursuant to Election Ordinance, Section

10.117(6): If only one candidate is eligible at the time of the expiration of the contest period following the posting of eligible candidates, that candidate shall be declared elected for purposes of the general election.

For election questions please contact Joanne Carr or Mike McKerchie at (906) 635-6050.

Court, MGCB approve financing

DETROIT — Greektown Casino’s reorganization plan took another significant step forward on June 26, when the U.S. Bankruptcy Court gave final approval of \$150 million in debtor in possession (DIP) financing for the casino to complete construction of its 400-room hotel and 25,000-square-foot gaming floor expansion.

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) gave final approval June 27.

The casino is open for business as usual — with no changes or interruptions in any games or services — during the Chapter 11 process.

“This is another important milestone in the reorganization process,” said Greektown Casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller, who is also a member of the Sault Tribe board of directors. “Completing the permanent casino and hotel is a critical component to

emerging from reorganization a financially stronger, more profitable casino, and will greatly increase the value of the asset as we seek exit financing.”

The MGCB okayed the \$150 million in DIP financing the very next day. “We want to thank the Michigan Gaming Control Board for their work to review and approve the financing we need to complete construction of our permanent facility,” said Miller. “The federal court’s and MGCB’s expeditious approval of our final financing plan means we are full speed ahead on the construction of our world-class permanent casino and hotel resort.”

Greektown Casino’s expanded gaming floor is scheduled to open in late August 2008 and the hotel is scheduled to open in January 2009.

“Greektown Casino’s management, contractors and financial consultants have done a



Greektown Casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller

great job keeping the permanent casino project moving forward during reorganization,” Miller added.

Greektown Casino remains open for business as usual during Chapter 11 reorganization.

On May 29, Greektown Casino voluntarily asked the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Detroit for approval to reorganize its finances and continue normal business operations under the protection of Chapter

11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Many companies have sought to reorganize successfully under Chapter 11 including Delta Airlines, Macy’s, Dow Corning, casino operator Tropicana Entertainment, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, Federal Mogul and many more.

In November 2007, Greektown Casino opened its new attached parking structure, marking the completion of Phase 1 construction 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.

Congress leaves 120-year-old land claim unresolved

House bill HR 4115, which would have resolved a 120-year-old illegal land taking from the Sault Tribe in an area now known as Charlotte Beach in the Upper Peninsula, was voted down by the U.S. House of Representatives on June 25. The legislation proposed a land swap that would have ended an ugly chapter in Michigan history when land was stolen from the Sault Tribe and another U.P. tribe. Federal approval of the land swap would have also extinguished lingering court cases.

Chairperson Aaron Payment responded by saying, “Obviously, the Sault Tribe is disappointed by the U.S. House of Representatives’

action today... We want to thank the bipartisan group of U.S. Representatives, as well as members Stupak, Dingell, Kildee, Miller, Rahall, Young and the organized labor groups who have been fighting to pass this historic piece of legislation that would have ended a sad chapter in Michigan’s history and created more than 6,000 good jobs.”

“Though our efforts have not succeeded at this point, this is the farthest we have traveled on our bill to settle our century old land claim and to pursue an Indian casino in Romulus. We will continue to fight to resolve this illegal land taking and bring thousands of much-needed jobs to our state,” he added.

HR 4115 was backed by a large number of Democrats and Republicans, including former Michigan Gov. John M. Engler (a Republican); current Gov. Jennifer Granholm (a Democrat); U.S. Reps. John Dingell, Dale Kildee and Bart Stupak (all Democrats); Rep. Candace Miller (a Republican who backs a similar land claim

settlement in HR 2176 for the Bay Mills Indian Community and Port Huron); and many more. In addition, voters in Romulus and Flint have passed ballot proposals approving tribal casinos on lands acquired through the resolution found in the legislation.

Fellow supporters of the bill also responded with disap-

pointment. “Those on the floor are entitled to their own view, but not their own facts,” said John Dingell (D-Michigan) 15th Congressional District, in response to those Congressmen who questioned the facts and purpose of the case.

“This is about competi-

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Kewadin has gains despite tight economy

SAULT STE. MARIE—Despite major increases in transportation costs for consumers, a struggling Michigan economy, and reports of casinos in other market segments of Michigan struggling, Kewadin Casinos posted increases in gaming revenue during the month of May.

Net slot revenue at all five casinos combined, finished up \$909,138 or 11.4 percent for the month.

The Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie saw the largest increase with revenue 20.4 percent higher compared to the same month last year.

The St. Ignace Shores Casino also experienced a 7.9 percent revenue increase over the same period last year.

Kewadin Casino Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz stated, "Four of our five casinos posted gains for the month, while the fifth casino has shown signs of rebounding based on trending during the last half of the month. Kewadin continues to operate more efficiently as full time staff equivalency counts at all five properties combined during the most recent pay period posted at 1,094, well below the 1,210 in 2004 and significantly less than 1,173 count in 2007. Incredibly, these numbers are positive despite opening up a brand new hotel and casino in St. Ignace in 2006 and repre-

sent an \$82,538 operational savings per two week pay period. This is attributed to better utilization of our overall team and our continued effort to operate more efficiently. Our staff is to be commended for all of their efforts."

Kewadin also recently announced the hiring of the Red Circle Group, a full service marketing firm from Minneapolis, Minn., that specializes in working with Native American casinos and will implement a whole new branding campaign over the next several weeks.

"They have already added many enhancements to our strategy and promotional opportunities for our customers.

"Simply put, our promotions will be more fun and provide more gaming reward opportunities for our valued guests," added Goetz.

Kewadin Casinos just kicked off its "Hot Cars, Cool Cash" promotion for the month of June.

Kewadin's entertainment line-up continues to be as strong as ever with performances by Boston on June 14 and Miranda Lambert on June 20 in Sault Ste. Marie.

A "Honkytonk Tail Gate Party" concert was also scheduled in St. Ignace on June 27 during the town's famous car show weekend.

Chi miigwech ~ Big thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of those who helped make this year's language conference and welcoming feast a tremendous success. To the following: Kewadin Hotel and Casino Convention and Banquets, Housekeeping, Dreamcatchers Restaurant, Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, Security, Marketing, Administration, Accounting, Purchasing and elders' center staff.

Thanks, too, to the many

volunteers, cooks, clean-up crews and guests, to the board of directors for their continued support in preserving our language and culture, to Aaron Payment for his donation of buffalo and to any other staff or individual we might have inadvertently forgotten to mention but appreciate, we would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt chi miigwech for a job well done.

— *Sault Tribe Cultural Division staff*

Rabies clinic going strong



Photo by Rick Smith

Sugar Island resident Denise Walsh steadies Tula for a rabies vaccination at a clinic conducted by tribal Community Health nurses and veterinarian Christopher Hall of the Chippewa Animal Clinic at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on June 18. The rabies vaccinations were provided free of charge to pets of our tribe's members, saving them the considerable expense of veterinarian visits. Other inoculations were available for a nominal fee. The clinic was conducted in a "drive thru" fashion for the comfort and safety of clients. The clinics are an annual community service and, over the years, have seen significant improvements.

ATTENTION SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS!

Effective Aug. 4, 2008, EXPIRED tribal cards will no longer work at any tax agreement gas stations or stores.

For card renewal information, please contact the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department at 2428 Shunk Road, Sault MI 49783 or phone (800) 251-6597 or 632-8552.

Enrollment Department hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed daily for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. and also most holidays.

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From 4115 voted down, front page —

tion," said Candace Miller (R-Michigan)10th Congressional District. "The watch group opposing this legislation is supported by MGM Grand casino. Spare me the righteous indignation."

The legislation was passed by the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources by 22-5 vote on Feb. 13 prior to the House floor vote, however, the final floor vote resulted in the ultimate refusal of the bill. The legislation would have created new trust lands for the Sault Tribe in Romulus or Flint, Mich. On the new trust lands the Sault Tribe would build a modern casino/hotel resort. The \$300 million project would create more than 3,000 good jobs

with high wages and full benefits. Also under the agreement, the tribe would pay more than \$30 million a year to the state of Michigan and millions more to local communities.

Various labor groups supported HR 4115. The UAW said it "strongly supported" HR 4115 and HR 2176 because the legislation would have created jobs, keep gaming revenues in the United States, and provide a much needed economic boost to the communities where the new casinos would open. The UAW also noted that the bills are consistent with state law in Michigan and with past land claim settlements approved by Congress for other tribes.

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On the cover: Local Anishinaabekwe and elder Lillian Wiser designed the beautiful basket pictured on our cover, and named it for its resemblance to the shape of a ripe blueberry.

Anishinaabe Future leaders camp set for August in the Upper Peninsula

Anishnabe Future Leaders Camp for 2008 will take place Aug. 17-21 at Clear Lake, near Shingleton, Mich.

Participation is limited to 40 youth ages 13-18, so register as soon as possible.

This camp provides Anishinaabe youth an opportunity to learn and practice culturally based leadership skills and to make connections with other American Indian youth from across Michigan.

The Clear Lake Education Center is a rustic deep-woods camp situated on a beautiful lake in the Upper Peninsula. Separate boys and girls cabin areas are joined by common classrooms, a mess hall and outdoor learning areas.

Participants will observe

clan presentations, traditional leadership skill-building activities, crafts, drumming, talking circles, powwows, health and wellness workshops, speakers, swimming, canoes, group skills and warrior games.

The staff at the center are Anishinaabe role models selected for their ability to "walk in two worlds," that is, to follow traditional Anishinaabe teachings and to successfully work as craftsmen, teachers, youth workers, parents, service providers and tribal council members.

This year, elders will join us to share lessons from life and their gifts.

There is no fee for Anishinaabe youth, but space is limited, so apply now.

Application forms can be downloaded online at www.itcmi.org/afc.

Those wishing to attend the camp should complete an application, medical, media and participation forms (with parent or guardian signatures) and mail the packet with all forms to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

The mailing address for mailing the complete packet of forms is Anishnabe Future Leaders, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, 2956 Ashmun, Suite A, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Further assistance is available by calling Terri Tavenner, AFL program manager, at (800) 562-4957 or 632-6896, extension 129.

From Bob Flowers' Kitchen

I was hungry for doughnuts the other night, but being diabetic, I'm not supposed to eat such things. So I whipped up my own version of this tasty treat that came out very light, very tasty and much healthier. I share it so that others can feel good about eating doughnuts too.

To make this work, you need to keep your cooking oil at a temperature of 350F. At this temperature, moisture from the food is expelled creating a pressure that keeps oil from absorbing into all but the very outer coating of the doughnut holes. Any hotter and the outside will be overcooked by the time the center is done. Also, the doughnut hole size is important. Use no more than 1 tsp. of batter as it expands during cooking. If too much batter is used, again, the middle will be undercooked.

My recipe uses no eggs and so has no cholesterol. Salt is kept to a minimum and it is sugar-free. Also, I use whole wheat flour in my recipe. You will never know the difference.

These doughnuts are delicious and the texture is great. Enjoy.

4 cups whole wheat flour
8 tsp. baking powder
1 cup sucralose (Splenda) sweetener

1 tsp. salt
¾ cup skim milk
3 tbs. cooking oil
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tbs. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. ground nutmeg
Fill frying pan with cooking oil 2 inches deep. Heat the oil to 350F.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, sweetener, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt with a wire whisk. Add the milk, cooking oil, and vanilla. Whisk until smooth. Scoop a heaping tsp. of batter onto a teaspoon. Using a second teaspoon, scrape the batter from one spoon to the other to form a ball, and drop into the hot oil. Make only a couple at a time as the doughnut holes cook very quickly. Turn as they lightly brown. Remove immediately and drain on paper towels. Continue until all the doughnut holes are cooked.

Gathering Writes: tastes like chicken

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

As I write today, we've had a mix of rain and sun and the fruiting plants are blooming so heavily they weigh down the plants. Expect big harvests of all the wild berries, as well as wild cherries and hazelnuts — IF the rains keep up.

My husband and I are looking forward to the blueberries. Spring oysters and chicken of the woods mushrooms have come out. We got some beautiful chicken of the woods mushrooms (at right), but declined the oysters. We also found some common brown cups, our first opportunity to try some.

Oysters around here are the white variety that grow on downed poplar and have a perceptible anise scent. We hold them up to the light to make sure they aren't infested with bugs. But if they are they can be soaked in salt water for a bit. Bugs are less likely in the spring than the fall. Oysters have a rudimentary stem and grow off of deadwood, so they look like oysters.

Chicken of the woods are one of our favorites and they



grow on dead oaks. They are a bright orange shelf mushroom best collected when very young, or they get woody. The name is derived from the taste, texture and appearance of the cooked fungus — you guessed it — tastes like chicken! We prefer to collect this mushroom in the spring because the bugs just love them. I have just heard that some chickens do grow on fir trees — like hemlock and cedar. Stay away from these.

I parboiled the chickens and froze them, after setting a few aside to saute in butter and olive oil with some salt and

pepper to eat with our baked whitefish.

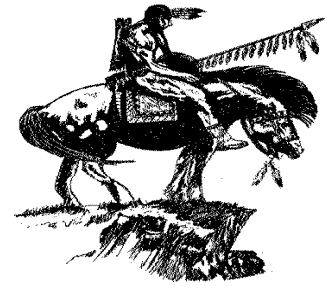
We aren't big on rusala or bolete mushrooms, either, but they are plentiful here and a real gourmet treat for some people. A word of caution: although most boletes and rusalas are edible, some can make you ill, so go with someone who knows the difference until you can learn for yourself. As always, this is not expert advice. Any time you decide to try a new wild edible, even from the store, eat just a little at first to make sure you are not sensitive to it.

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EUP Learning Center expands to the Sault

BY RICK SMITH

The EUP Learning Center, Inc. recently expanded to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The non-profit organization opened in September 2004 in Brimley, Mich., in a humble, but suitable, building with the goal of offering high quality education assistance for area students. In October 2007, the center's staff also started working with youngsters at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bay Mills.

In the Sault, the service has taken quarters at 1808 Ashmun St., above the hill across from the former Blockbuster's shop. It is certified by the Michigan Department of Education as a provider of supplemental education services under Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act. In regards to the EUP Learning Center, Director Susie Schlehuber would amend the certification to a high quality supplemental education service.

"Our goal is to offer high quality education assistance for our eastern Upper Peninsula students," said Schlehuber. She noted, until now, folks in the area had to travel downstate for decent extracurricular help in educating their children. But now, "I want people from downstate to drive up here because of our high quality service."

Schlehuber added, "We are certified by the state of Michigan as a supplemental education service provider. The only



Photo courtesy of the EUP Learning Center

Mary Jo Eid, lead instructor for the EUP Learning Center summer reading program, guides students using salt trays to practice writing. Director Susie Schlehuber said the center incorporates a great deal of learning through feel and movement into programs. She explained many people learn not only through visual and auditory senses, but through touch and motion as well. She said those students who learn best through these types of styles are often the ones left out in the classroom.

requirement the state has for tutors is a high school diploma. We set our standards substantially higher for our teachers, and the results we see, I believe, are directly related to this requirement. Also, the closest

U.P. organization with this state supplemental certification is in L'anse."

The motto of the EUP Learning Center is, "Helping northern Michigan students succeed." It accomplishes its goals through

an array of services available at the organization's centers or online. Academic testing is available to determine scholastic deficiencies and provide guidance to develop remedial instruction plans. Students can

be tested on facets of learning to read, developing math skills and identifying favorable teaching methods.

Tutoring is offered for students in kindergarten to grade 12. Children and adults may take instructions in fine arts and can also take advantage of piano lessons infused with high-tech methods. The school notes this new approach entices students to master the steps of learning to play.

Faculty at the Sault site are Kara VanderMeer, Lisa Sanderson and Mary Jo Eid whom will soon be joined by Autumn Barr, a graduate of LSSU with a degree in elementary education and a Michigan teaching certification. Credential information of the organization's teaching staff may be found online at www.euplearningcenter.com.

Besides the Sault, the organization still serves at its campus in Brimley along with the Boys and Girls Club of Brimley at the local middle school and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bay Mills. At this time, the Summer Reading Club sessions and individual tutoring are in progress at the Sault campus.

Fees for services depend on the type of service provided and range from \$15 to \$125.

Those interested in learning more about the EUP Learning Center may call 632-6629 or 248-2700.

Dafter market opened, free for area growers; crafters welcomed

The Dafter Twin Markets on the corner of 10 Mile Road and Mackinac Trail announced the grand opening of the Country Exchange every Thursday night from 4 to 7 p.m.

We are sending a warm invitation to all growers of fresh produce and agricultural products from our area and beyond to join our open-air community market.

Free to all Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan produce vendors.

Arts and crafts vendors are

also welcome for a minimal fee.

For more information or to reserve your vending space, call Cindy LaPonsie, business development officer, Chippewa Heritage Homes and Clement Brothers at 635-2749.

For general information, call Mary Hann, proprietor of the Dafter Twin Markets, at 630-2749.

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Junior Police Academy camp split into two camps based on age of attending youth

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department is hosting its annual Junior Police Academy in July and August for kids ages 10-17. For the first time, the camp will be divided into two groups; kids ages 10-13 and 14-17.

The week long camp for kids 14-17 runs from July 28 through Aug. 1 and the three-day camp for the younger kids will be held Aug. 4 through the 6. Each camp can accept up to 40 cadets and registration is required with an application deadline of July 21. Applications can be picked up at any Sault Tribe Law Enforcement office or you can call (906) 635-6065 and request an application be mailed to you.

The camps are held at Bodne Bay in Moran, Mich. Law enforcement training activities include physical fitness training, felony traffic stops, evidence collection, fingerprinting, first aid training, substance abuse prevention, K-9 unit presentation, bomb squad response, court functions and legal updates, water and fire safety, underwater recovery and swat

**Deadline for applications
is July 21!
SIGN UP NOW!**

Stop by any Sault Tribe Law Enforcement office to pick up your application or call 635-6065 and request an application be mailed to you. Only the first 40 registered for each camp will be accepted.

team techniques. Recreational activities the kids are invited to participate in include canoeing, swimming and games.

"This is a good community policing tool to interact with the kids and

give them an idea of the challenges police officers face every day," said Bob Marchand, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement interim chief of police. "I want to expose the kids to other law enforcement departments such as Border Patrol, Immigration, the state police, K9 and their bomb squad to give them a little taste of what is out there for those interested in a career in law enforcement. The camp helps the kids understand getting into trouble when they are young can affect their opportunity to get a job later in the law enforcement field. "We want the kids to see law enforcement in a positive pro-active role, not just responding to crime," said Marchand. "The camps are a dynamic way to reach the youth in our communities that build self esteem, character and relationships with our young members; relationships built on trust and respect."

This year's camp will include an activity that was a hit with last year's participants, said Marchand. The MILO simulator training tool offers patrol officers different scenarios and choices in

response to actual calls they could face in their every activity. The system was purchased with funding received from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing, Tribal Resource Grant Program.

"This piece of equipment cost approximately \$60,000 and is a vital tool for officer training and safety techniques," Marchand said.

This year's Junior Police Academy camp is being funded by a one-year \$10,000 grant that was recently presented to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act from the Michigan Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, according to Law Enforcement office manager, Hope Schlehuder.

Don't forget to stop by any Sault Tribe Law Enforcement office to pick up your application or call 635-6065 and request an application be mailed to you. Only the first 40 registered for each camp will be accepted. Deadline for applications is July 21.

**Kids need something to do this summer?
Check out all the offerings at the Chi Mukwa
Community Recreation Center!**

Group urges people to help passage of American Indian health care bill

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is urging everyone to contact their U.S. House representatives today and urge them to call for a vote on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (H.R. 1828).

The bill is ready for floor action, according to the committee, but the House leadership is delaying a vote. The bill has cleared three committees in the House. After a successful campaign by American Indian and ally groups, the Senate bill passed in February.

Reauthorizing the bill, which would modernize health programs, is the top legislative priority of Indian Country. Tribes have been working for over a decade for passage; this year, they have almost succeeded.

We urge your advocacy.

Better medical care for Indian families is a matter of public interest and moral concern. The United States signed treaties promising health care in perpetuity to American Indians in exchange for land or the laying down of arms. This country needs to honor those promises.

But historic obligations are not the only concern. Congress has committed to a goal of reducing health disparities between people of color and others in the larger society. Great disparities exist between the health conditions and health care of American Indians and others. Also, as public health professionals point out, diseases do not stop at the perimeters of tribal lands. Protecting the health of every population in this country protects all other residents.

Why the Act is needed:

- Infant mortality rate is 150 percent greater for Indians than for Caucasians.
- Indians are 2.6 times more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes.
- Life expectancy for Indians is nearly six years less than the rest of the U.S. population.
- Suicide for Indians is 2.5

times higher than the national average.

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About Sault Tribe land claims settlement

BY VICTOR MATSON JR.

There have been a number of questions regarding the history of the land claims settlement and how the annual elder payment came to be, as well as how the payments have changed over the years. This article seeks to clarify these questions.

Despite numerous attempts by past tribal leaders as well as other tribe's leaders for over 20 years prior to coming to a favorable resolution of the Indian Land Claims Fund, this issue was not resolved until late 1997. What finally brought our portion of the land claims to us was Public Law 105-143: Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, enacted by Congress on Dec. 15, 1997. The purpose of this act was to provide fair and equitable division of judgment funds among the applicable tribes of Michigan.

In 25 U.S.C., Chapter 16, Sections 1401-1408, there were stipulations placed on how the Michigan tribes would be able to access these dollars. The main criteria was that our board of directors had to develop a

plan on how we were going to utilize the funds and we had to hold public/community hearings to get input from our membership to assist in giving us that direction.

We held numerous community meetings and a survey was mailed to all members over the age of 18. The results of the mail-in survey indicated our members' top three priorities were health, education and elderly, in that order. The results of our community meetings ranked elders our first priority, followed by health and education respectively.

Our plan for use or distribution was approved by Congress in Public Law 105-143, and we received our share on Feb. 28, 1998, in the amount of \$19,682,386.

The land claims fund did not come to us from the federal government to be used specifically for our elders. Our board of directors enacted Resolution 98-47, which established the fund as the Land Claims Self-Sufficiency Fund, which is still the official, legal name today.

Elder Fund Payment History

Year	Initial Deposit	# of Elders Paid	Total Paid	Per Elder Check Amount	Amount from Interest and/or enhancements	Amount from Tribal Support
Feb. 28, 1998*	\$19,682,386*					
1998		1926	\$1,733,400	\$900	\$0.00	\$900.00
1999		2002	2,468,419	1,232.78	1,232.78	0.00
2000		2100	2,653,943	1,263.59	858.89	404.70
2001		2222	2,844,471	1,280.14	374.42	905.72
2002		2315	3,099,891	1,339.00	406.94	932.06
2003		2610	3,393,633	1,300.00	993.00	307.00
2004		2535	4,056,473	1,600.00	706.00	894.00
2005		2584	4,133,811	1,600.00	1,211.	389.00
2006		2938	4,700,170	1,600.00	970.00	630.00
2007		3098	4,957,562	1,600.00	762.00	838.00
2008		3333	5,332,800	1,600.00	740.00	860.00
			\$39,374,573	\$15,315.51	\$8,255.03	\$7,060.48

* Received our Share of Land Claims Settlement on this date

This resolution designated that the total amount of the interest and other investment income of the fund shall be distributed annually, beginning in 1999, to our elders in the form of an annual payment. There are other stipulations in Resolution 98-47. As you can see from the chart above, the board of directors has consistently given more

than what the law requires in the form of our annual dividend payment to our elders.

HISTORY OF PAYMENTS MADE TO OUR ELDERS

Resolution 98-48 allowed our board of directors to provide an immediate \$900 payment from our general fund (NOT the self-sufficiency fund) to our elders using the same criteria enacted in 98-47.

P.L. 105-143 also gives our board of directors specific authority to use the principle of the fund for economic development. It requires that at least one half of the principle at any given time shall be invested in investment instruments or funds calculated to produce a reasonable rate of return, no portion of the principle shall be used in the form of per capita payments, and any lands acquired using amounts from the fund shall be

held as Indian lands are held.

Please see chart below (left) indicating resolution numbers, titles and a brief description of each indicating how our board of directors have accessed the Land Claims Self-Sufficiency Fund for purposes of economic development and tribal resource enhancements, and how our elders have benefited from these particular investments.

If our members have any questions related to the fund, enacted federal or tribal laws (resolutions), and/or our annual elder dividend payments, you may contact Victor Matson, Jr. at 906-635-6050, or email him at vmatson@saulttribe.net and further information will be provided.

All resolutions and public laws cited above are open to our membership for inspection and review.

Elder Fund Legislative History

Public Law or Resolution #	Law/Resolution Title	Brief Description
96-115 (Tribal)	Approving Judgment Fund Distribution Bill	Per U.S.C. 25, Section 1403, our Tribe was required to develop a plan for use and/or distribution of our portion of the Land Claims Judgment Fund.
97-39 (Tribal)	Approving Judgment Fund Distribution Bill and Tribal Plan	Same as above, with the Tribal Plan incorporated.
98-12 (Tribal)	Requesting Distribution of Judgment Funds to the Tribe Under the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 105-143	Per Section 104(a)(2)(B), (b)(2)(B), and (c)(2) of P.L. 105-143, requesting the immediate release of our Tribe's share of the Judgments funds to us, and pledges that our Tribe will comply with Section 108 (Sault Tribe's Section of PL 105-143) of the Act.
98-47 (Tribal)	Establishing Land Claims Self-Sufficiency Fund and Designating Use of Fund Income	Establishes Land Claims Self-Sufficiency Fund and designates that the entire amount of the interest and other investment income of the Fund shall be distributed annually, beginning in 1999, per criteria set forth in this Resolution.
98-48 (Tribal)	Providing for a Tribal Elder Distribution in 1998	Although no interest or invest income had been accumulated on this fund as of the date of this Resolution (4-7-98), they allowed for an initial \$900 payment to all Elders meeting criteria established in Resolution 98-47.
99-145 (Tribal)	Approving Plan for Pledge of Investments from Self-Sufficiency Fund in the Greektown Casino Project	Authorized use of the Fund as Collateral for our Greektown Casino project, with an attached enhancement plan that was beneficial to the Fund.
99-157 (Tribal)	Relating to the Financing of the Greektown Casino Proposed \$10MM	Authorized use of Land Claims Self-Sufficiency Fund as Collateral for a \$10 Million loan from National City for our Greektown Casino Project.
2004-01 (Tribal)	Authorization to Utilize "Elder" (Self-Sufficiency) Land Claims Fund as Collateral and Amend Existing Government Bank Agreement	Changed the pledge of Collateral from cash equivalents to corporate bonds and pledged a reimbursement of 8% annually to the Land Claims Fund on assets utilized for collateral.
2004-33	Approving Plan for Tribal Loan From "Elder" (Self-Sufficiency) Fund for the St. Ignace Casino Rebuild	Authorized use of \$10 million of Land Claims Fund as investment into the Kewadin Shores Casino Rebuild, with terms set out in the Resolution to benefit the Land Claims Fund.
2008-18	Chief Financial Officer Internal Funds Access	Authorized our CFO access to internal funds, up to ten million dollars, for cash flow purposes, with a rate of return to the Land Claims Fund detailed in Resolution.
Public Law 105-143	Michigan Indian Land	This Act was signed into Law on December 15, 1997.



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Births

Chance Donald Leo McKerchie

Cassie McKelvie and Angus McKerchie, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are the parents of a son Chance Donald Leo McKerchie, born May 27, 2008, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He weighed 7 pounds, 13.6 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.



Grandparents are Emery and Carrie McKelvie of Sault Ste. Marie, Dick McKerchie of Sault Ste. Marie, and Cheri Groholski of Kinross, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Eleanor and the late Emery McKelvie of Sault Ste. Marie, Harold Maier of Midland, Mich., and Sharon Maier of Sault Ste. Marie, and the late Ruth and Dave McKerchie formerly of Sault Ste. Marie.

Aralyn Elizabeth Keenan



Kevin J. Keenan and Elaine Snyder of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Aralyn Elizabeth Keenan, born May 29, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds 13.8 ounces and was 20.25 inches in length.

Grandparents are Shelly Mastaw-Wolfgang of Sault Ste. Marie and Kevin P. Keenan of Gadsden, Ala. and Ruth Maki of Iron River, Mich. Paternal great-grandparents are Sammy Fay Heald of Gadsden, Ala., and the late Gerald Keenan of Brimley, Mich. Maternal great grandparents are late William and Mary Mastaw of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Mason James DuFresne

Nikki McKelvie and Justin DuFresne, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are the parents of a son, Mason James DuFresne, born Nov. 6, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He weighed 9 lbs., 7.6 oz and measured 22 inches in length.



Grandparents are Emery and Carrie McKelvie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Rita Goetz of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Fred DuFresne of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Great-grandparents are Eleanor and the late Emery McKelvie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Harold Maier of Midland, Mich., and Sharon Maier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Anthony Menard interns at Microsoft

Anthony R. Menard has achieved yet another great honor. Having recently completed his first year at the University of Michigan, enrolled in the engineering program, he has been selected to participate in a summer internship program headed by Microsoft Corporation. Menard is one of only 24 engineering students, selected from the most prestigious colleges and universities in the United

States, to be granted such an honor. Menard will reside and work in Redmond, Wash., the Microsoft Headquarters, for a 10-week period commencing May 28, 2008. He has distinguished himself by his scholastic achievement, his work ethic and his strong, positive attitude. Anthony is the son of Daniel and Janice Menard of Negaunee and grandson of Robert and June Menard of Ishpeming.

LaVictor and Ehr plan fall wedding



Alan and Suzanne LaVictor of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Jean to Brian Michael Ehr of Ypsilanti,

Mich., son of Michael and Linda Ehr of Barryton, Mich.

The bride-elect earned a master's degree in public administration from Northern Michigan University and is currently employed as a court administrator and magistrate for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The groom-elect holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ferris State University and is a graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy. He is employed as an engineer for SeaBulk Tankers International of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A Sept. 20, 2008, wedding is planned.

Krehbiel receives appointment to U.S. Air Force Academy



Moses Krehbiel, son of Phil and Pam Krehbiel of Manistique, grandson of tribal elder Harry Kroupa and his wife Leona of Munising, and a 2005 Manistique High School honor graduate, has received an appointment to the prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., as a member of the Class of 2012.

In the letter of appointment to Krehbiel, Col. Chevalier P. Cleaves, U.S. Air Force director of admissions, explained, "It is equivalent to a scholarship valued at \$387,000. Your previous accomplishments indicate you have the potential to meet the demands and challenges of the academy and you should be extremely proud of your

appointment as only the best of the best are so honored."

Col. Cleaves concluded in the letter, "I compliment you on an excellent record of personal achievement and look forward to welcoming you to the cadet wing on June 26, 2008."

A1C Krehbiel is in his second year of enlistment in the Air Force, working as an x-ray technician at Lackland Air Force Base. He proved himself to his instructors and leaders and was rewarded with an appointment to the academy class of 2012. Col. Thomas M. Seay, M.D, commander of the 59th Radiology Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, told Krehbiel, "This is a singularly rare accomplishment, given the thousands of young men and women who seek such an appointment every year."

To enter the armed forces as an officer, a person has three options: officer training school; reserve officers training corps; or attending a service academy, such as West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis or the Air Force Academy. Graduates of the Air Force Academy are commissioned as second lieutenants after graduating with a four-year degree.

One of the requirements to

attend the academy is a nomination from a U.S. congressman or a letter from a commanding officer if the applicant is already enlisted. Krehbiel received his letter of recommendation from Col. David G. Sorge, USAF, MC.

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Gabrielle Ganson and Nick Marsh, at left, graduated at the top of their class, spoke at their Class of '08 Baccalaureate ceremony.



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2008 adult graduates honored

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Adult students from the Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center along with Consolidated Community Schools Services (CCSS) attended a well-deserved graduation banquet on May 22 at Lake Superior State University's Walker Cisler Center.

The evening's festivities began with master of ceremonies Leonard "Cap" Tromblay making introductions and getting the large group of attendees into a festive mood with his hilarious jokes and stories.

Julia Kronemeyer, president of the CCSS Administrative Board, gave the invocation. After a wonderful meal of lasagna, salad, broasted chicken and

all the extras, this year's keynote speaker was introduced. John Hatch, former Sault Ste. Tribe of Chippewa Indians education director and a GED graduate himself, told of his struggles to continue his education and the efforts it took to eventually earn a Master's degree in education. His story was both inspirational and encouraging to this year's graduates.

Erica Massey of Engadine gave this year's graduate response. She also told of her struggles and the extra effort it took for her to earn her high school credentials.

The adult education program is operated jointly by the Sault Tribe Education Department and Consolidated Community

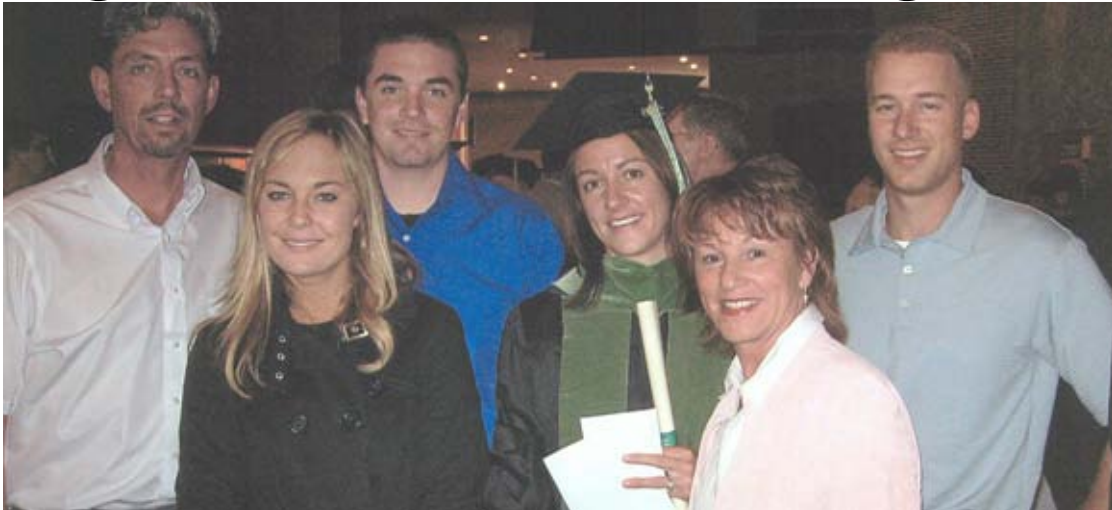
Schools Services and considered one of the most successful of all with approximately 50 students from the Sault receiving GEDs and nearly 150 with all of the outlying programs combined receiving high school diplomas or GEDs.

This year's graduation was attended by over 500 family and friends wishing to show support for the graduates.

Congratulations to all of this year's graduates.

If you would like information on how to receive GEDs, call the Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center at (906) 632-6098 or Consolidated Community Schools Services at (906) 495-7305.

Sigelko earns medical degree



Danielle Sigelko, above center, of St. Ignace received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 1, 2008. Dr. Sigelko, daughter of Louie and Phyllis Grondin of St. Ignace, is beginning a residency in family practice at Mercy General Health Partners in Muskegon. She holds a bachelor's of science degree in biochemistry from MSU. She is married to Tim Sigelko.

Bishop graduates

Sault Tribe member Carolyn R. Bishop graduated from Peru High School, Peru Ind.

Congratulations Carolyn!



Hughes graduates from University of Georgia



Caylin A. Hughes, daughter of Don and Jackie (nee Tarrien) Hughes of Columbus, Ga.,

graduated May 10 from the University of Georgia with a BS in dietetics and a BS in consumer foods. She will be going to Philadelphia this August for her registered dietitian internship. Caylin is a member of Sault Tribe and is very grateful for the support of the self-sufficiency fund. Miigwech.

Caylin is the great-granddaughter of the late Joseph and Mary L. (nee Paquin) Tarrien of St. Ignace and the granddaughter of Ellen Tarrien of Florida and the late Gene Tarrien, originally of St. Ignace.

Hughes receives MBA

Alaina E. Hughes, daughter of Don and Jackie (nee Tarrien) Hughes of Columbus, Ga., recently received her MBA in hospitality and tourism from Johnson and Wales University, Providence, R.I. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Georgia and resides in Atlanta, Ga. Alaina is a member of Sault Tribe.

Alaina is the great-granddaughter of the late Joseph and Mary L. (nee Paquin) Tarrien, St. Ignace, and the granddaughter of Ellen Tarrien (Florida)



and the late Gene Tarrien, originally from St. Ignace.

Kirby graduates cum laude



Kimber Lee Kirby graduated cum laude on May 8, 2008, from the University of Tennessee Knoxville with a Master of Science degree with a major in elementary education. Kirby received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology in May 2007 from the University of Tennessee as well. She is a 1981 graduate of Sault Area High School and is the daughter of Sharon and Keith Fegan, both of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Forrest is salutatorian

We would like to inform you of a tribal member, Megan Elizabeth Forrest, who graduated from Bay City Central High School as the salutatorian of the class with a 4.2 GPA on June 1, 2008.

Megan is the daughter of Alan and Lisa Forrest of Bay City, Mich. (formerly of the Sault).

Her grandparents are Linda and Larry Forrest of the Sault and Rosemary Mayer of Grant, Mich., (formerly from Rudyard) and great-grandmother Marie Forrest of the Sault.

Megan will be attending



Northern Michigan University in the fall in the diagnostic genetics program.

Rapin named valedictorian



Sault Tribe member Renee Elizabeth Rapin, a senior at Clovis West High School in Fresno, Calif., is the graduating valedictorian of her 2008 class.

She is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation, principal's honor roll, National Honor Society, 11-time recipient of the Sault Tribe Youth Scholar Award, 2005-2006 Michigan Indian Elders Scholar and a top scorer in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Her school activities included four years in the marching band and wind ensemble, 2007-2008 flute and piccolo section leader, member Fresno Madera Counties

Music Association High School Honor Band and Symphony Orchestra (2008 first chair), Interact Club (a community service organization), Link crew leader (counsels and tutors freshmen students), French Club and mathematics team member.

She is a community volunteer at the local public library, served on the Teen Advisory Board, and as the publicity advisor and is a member of the Community of Readers at the Liberty Elementary School in Fresno. She worked this year as a precinct officer for the 2008 Presidential Primary Election, Fresno County.

In her spare time, she works part-time as a sales consultant at the Limited Too, a young girls clothing store.

Renee will attend the University of California at Santa Barbara this fall.

Renee is the daughter of tribal member Mark S. Rapin and Diane E. Panosian Rapin of Fresno, Calif. Renee's great-grandfather Alton, and grandfather Philip, both decorated WWII Army veterans, grew up in St. Ignace and are interred there. Her great-aunt, Marjorie Rapin Robinson, resides in St. Ignace.



Kids from DeMawating man its float in the Kinross Memorial Day parade.

Photo by Veronica Hickman

McNally named salutatorian



Baillie McNally is the salutatorian for Burrillville High School, R.I., with an impressive grade point average of 4.21 and an equally impressive track record of excellence in other areas as well.

McNally is headed to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts on a full tuition merit scholarship to study mechanical engineering and to play basketball.

McNally is a standout two-sport athlete in basketball and cross-country, winning multiple awards including most valuable player of both varsity teams, outstanding athlete and outstanding student-athlete of the class of 2008, All-state girls basketball academic team, second team girls basketball All Division II North, third team girls cross-country All Class, and second team girls

cross-country All Division. She has served as a coach in several town and area basketball and soccer associations, is a former member of the BHS Marching Band and Bell Choir and is a member of the National Honor Society. She was the Advanced U.S. History II Outstanding Junior, won the University Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award her junior year, and was the History Day school winner and state qualifier three straight years, winning the state History Day competition as a junior and attended the National History Day competition in Washington, D.C.

The daughter of Dan and Donna McNally of Mapleville, R.I., and the granddaughter of Ray and Donna McNally of Munising, McNally volunteered at a homeless shelter, preparing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets for shut-ins with her church youth group, volunteered this year at the Providence Children's Museum as an exhibit educator, has served as a volunteer with the Burrillville Arts Festival, and regularly donates blood to the Rhode Island Blood Center every eight weeks, among other activities. McNally plans to speak at the June 13 graduation on seeking and accepting help from people, even as you work to help others.

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Kewadin restaurant staff get CPR training

SAULT STE. MARIE — The staff at Kewadin's Dream Catchers Restaurant received essential CPR training on April 28.

"We have had many instances where CPR or Heimlich maneuver training was required by our staff," said restaurant manager, Frances Hank. "So we asked Tom Sauro, tribal

community health instructor to come in and formally train key staff in case this happens in the future."

This type of training is industry standard in many large restaurants. The 260-seat restaurant in Kewadin, Sault Ste. Marie offers a full menu along with a salad bar and generous buffet that is available at every

meal.

All 10 staff members taking the training received certification. They learned first aid, adult CPR, child CPR, infant CPR and had AED blood borne pathogens training. Additional trainings will be offered to staff in the future.

Lipnicki Kewadin Sault team member of the month

Lucjan Lipnicki was chosen as the Kewadin Sault team member of the month for May. Lucjan, "Louie," is a motor-coach driver for Kewadin Travel and has been working with the casino for 10 years.

"Louie is an outstanding team member," said Gloria Kemp, Louie's supervisor. "He has exceptional customer service skills and goes out of his way to help. Kewadin Travel receives nothing but good comments from our charter customers about Louie; he is frequently requested as the driver for their tours. Louie is a definite asset to Kewadin."

Louie lives in Big Rapids. He is married and has two chil-



Congratulations to May 2008 Kewadin Sault Team Member of the Month Lucjan "Louie" Lipnicki, pictured above. Front (L-R) are Tour and Travel Manager, Gloria Kemp, Lipnicki, V.P. Hotel Operations, Carol Eavou, and Back (L-R) are Lipnicki's fellow drivers Herb LeGrow, Steve Morris, Joe Przedwojewski and Ted Cearlock.

dren and two grandchildren. His hobbies include building wooden canoes as well as paper

ship and airplane models. He is a musician and writes poetry and short stories.

Perry selected as Manistique Team Member of the Month

Chris Perry was selected as the June Team Member of the Month for Manistique. She has worked in the Mariner's Cove Restaurant as a dishwasher since being hired in July 1997.

Perry is a very loyal employee and always has a smile or a kind word to say. "She works well with others and does a lot for her department from washing dishes to bussing tables to cooking and everything in-between," said Wanda Rodgers, fellow team member who nominated Chris. "She takes initiative to do things outside of her job scope to help the entire team including checking in the orders and does her job



very well." Perry is a very hard worker and is very deserving of this award.

In addition, Perry has great

customer service skills and always goes the extra mile for customers. "Chris is a very easy going, kind and considerate person. She always puts forth a positive attitude, and is well liked by team members and customers alike," said Brad Kohvakka, Chris's supervisor. "She is very dependable and has had perfect attendance for many years. Her dedication goes well above and beyond others."

Chris lives in Manistique with her husband Robert and has five children Jennifer (South Dakota), Mathew (Japan), Michael (Brownstown, Mich.), John (California) and Rachel at home.

Kewadin Casinos earn five industry honors

SAULT STE. MARIE — Readers of *Midwest Gaming & Travel Magazine* gave Kewadin Casinos five distinguishable awards for its Dream Catchers Restaurant, Players Club, and Entertainment Departments. The results of the annual Readers Choice Awards Survey of Native American Casinos will be published in the magazine's July issue.

Readers voted Kewadin Casinos their choice in Michigan in the following categories:

- Best Players Club, All Properties
- Best Players Club Parties,

Sault Ste. Marie

- Best Cash Back, All Properties
- Favorite Casino Buffet, Dream Catchers Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie
- Best Concert Venue, DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie

Midwest Gaming & Travel is a monthly publication with an editorial coverage area that extends across the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin, and to cities in neighboring states that enjoy a close proximity to riverboat, Native American, racetrack and land-based casinos.

The magazine's casino gaming feature stories, written by nationally known gaming experts, explain games, provide advice and answer questions about all aspects of table games and slot play.

The columnists, most of whom are authors of best-selling gaming books, provide reader-friendly commentaries, easy-to-understand strategies, money management techniques and information aimed at making each casino visit a pleasurable one. The publication provides readers with timely listings of casino events, promotions, entertainment and tournaments.



Above, left, Ryan Michano, waiter, learns CPR at a training session offered by the Dream Catchers Restaurant.

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AGNES SHAWONGONABE ABEL

Agnes Shawongonabe Abel of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., walked on June 9, 2008, at the Tendercare Nursing Home. She was born April 9, 1935, in West Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada.

Before her illness, she enjoyed cooking and baking bread for family and friends. She was an avid Red Wing Hockey fan and a member of M'Chieeng First Nation.

She is survived by her beloved, long-time companion, Robert (Butch) Warner.

She was the loving mother of Micheal (Keolahou) Abel of Charlotte, Mich., and Jacqueline (Joe) Sagataw of Wilson, Mich.; dear sister of Evelyn Bisslhops, Jessie (Bob) Ryckman, Ursula Abel, Simon Abel and Don Abel, all of Canada; grandmother of Lance Sagataw and Mike Abel. Aunt Aggie will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews, and her dog, Nick II.

She was predeceased by her parents, Angus and Margaret Abel; her sisters, Marjorie Abel, Nellie (Hector) LaCombe, Stella Robillard and Nancy Bain; and her brothers, Eugene, Sylvester and Paul Abel.

Memorial services were held on June 12, 2008, at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building.

Final resting place will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens at a later date.

The family is being assisted with arrangements by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

THEODORE M. ASLIN

Theodore M. "Ted" Aslin, 78, of Newberry, died June 24, 2008, at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids.

Born May 27, 1930, in St. Ignace, son of the late Albert and Frances (Smith) Aslin, Ted served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict attaining the rank of sergeant. Following his honorable discharge, Ted resided downstate and held various employments until his retirement due to his declining health. A resident of Newberry for the past 30 years, he was a member of the American Legion Post 74 and life member of the V.F.W. Post 8372 both of Newberry and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His hobbies and interests included reading, watching western movies and spending time with his family and his companion dog Ginger.

Besides his parents, Ted was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan McMurtrie; siblings, Alberta Chippewa, John, George, Peter and Violet Aslin.

Survivors include his wife, the former Irma J. Flemming, whom he married Nov. 19, 1977; children, Michelle (Tom) Gendron of Newberry, David Tryon of Quincy, Ron Tryon of Minnesota and Michael Tryon, Calif.; grandchildren Matthew and Michelle McMurtrie,

Matthew Gendron and Sandy Tryon; several great-grandchildren; siblings, Doris Allen of Cleveland, Okla., Eva Allen of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Fred Aslin of Newberry.

At request, cremation services were accorded. A traditional Native American service was held June 27 at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.

DAWN LUANE MOSER

Dawn Luane Moser, 74, of Olivehurst, Calif., passed away June 7, 2008, at her residence.

Born in Escanaba, Mich., on August 24, 1933, she was the daughter of Henry John and Muriel Merida (Olson) Visnaw.

Retiring from her work at Montgomery Wards in Marysville after 12 years, she then worked for the U.S. Census Bureau for 10 years. Dawn was a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She enjoyed working on genealogies, spending time with her children and grandchildren, going to the powwow and family get-togethers.

Survivors include her companion, Jerry G. Moser of Olivehurst; three sons, Michael (Lisa) Roja of Olivehurst, Brian (Danny) Moser of Palm Springs and Gregory Bennett of Newcastle; four daughters, Diona Roja of Carmichael, Toni Roja of Sparks, Nev., Cindy (Wesley) Norman of Indianapolis, Ind., and Shelly Lovell of Dundee, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving is her very special aunt, Luella Mitchell of Rochester, N.Y. and all her loving cousins of Escanaba, Sault Ste. Marie and New York.

In addition to her parents, Dawn was preceded in death by her brother, Duane Henry Vizinaw, Sept. 17, 1998, and her granddaughter, Luane Francis Roja, Aug. 21, 2003.

Arrangements were under the direction of Lipp and Sullivan chapel in Marysville. A graveside service was held June 6, 2008, at Sutter Cemetery.

FLORENCE LYONS-ST. PETER

Florence Lyons-St. Peter, 83, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away May 30, 2008, at Hearthsides Assisted Living. Florence was born on Aug. 13, 1924, in Racoon, Mich.

She attended Brimley area schools and later graduated from Sault High School. She was employed as an outreach worker for Sault Tribe. She was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 9023 and Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She is survived by four grandchildren, Brady Lyons, Cheryl Lyons, Lynda Fudger and Ginger Lyons; six great-grandchildren, Garritt Lyons, Robert Lyons, Haaken Lyons, Steven Smith and twins Allyan and Bronywn Lyons; three stepchildren, several nieces and nephews and friend and neighbor, Craig Reusch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Margaret (nee Wasquim) Badgero, her first husband, Robert Lyons; second husband, Leo St. Peter; her son, William "Bill" Lyons; and all 13 of her brothers and sisters.

A memorial service was conducted on June 3, 2008, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Father Ted Brodeur officiating. Interment is at Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

JAMES A. BARON

James Anthony Baron, 63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away on June 17, 2008, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 8, 1945, in Watertown, N.Y.

James received his master's degree in education from St. Procopius University in Lisle, Ill., and taught sixth grade with the Sault Area Public Schools. James was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church where he served faithfully as a council member. He also was a member of the Bahweting Singers. He enjoyed being outdoors, walking, hunting, fishing, and wildflower identification. James also enjoyed photography, drumming and antiques.

James is survived by his special friend, Jane Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie; two sons, Erik (Tracy) Baron of Sault Ste. Marie, Tim (Christie) Baron of Colorado; one daughter, Jennifer (Scott) Kenny of Ann Arbor, Mich., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Joe Bettinger, Bill Bettinger and Adam Horski.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Wanda (Horski) Bettinger and a sister, Carol Baron.

Visitation was held at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building (Ceremonial Center) followed by evening prayers. A Funeral Mass was held June

21 with Brother John Hascall as Celebrant.

Memorials may be left to the family of James Baron to help with funeral expenses. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

JUDITH LEE LATVALA

Judith Lee (Campbell) Latvala, 68, of Munising,

Mich., passed away unexpectedly on March 27, 2008, at her winter home in Zephyrhills, Fla. Her family was at her bedside when she slipped away peacefully to be with her Lord, with the grace and dignity granted by the way she lived her life.

She was born in Munising on Dec. 19, 1939, to Gordon and Audrey (Shamberger) Campbell. She was a 1957 graduate of Mather High School in Munising. She married Ronald Latvala on Aug. 2, 1958, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Munising and this year would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mom was the office manager



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and being her caregiver along with her sister, Lynn, until her mom's death before she would devote time to her own retirement in Florida with dad. Mom was a truly selfless person, who judged no one and always had a ready smile for all who crossed her path.

Mom was a passionate gardener and loved to tend to her flowers and plants in her yard. She treated each living thing as a gift to be marveled at and often sat in her yard and meditated to St. Francis. She often tried to slow down her family and get them to stop and smell the roses ... if only we had listened. We thought we had more time, mom. You will be remembered as an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, for your generosity towards all people, your unwavering devotion to your family and friends and your deep spiritual faith in your Catholic Church, especially to your patron, Saint Jude.

Mom loved her family above all else and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with them. She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald, of 49.5 years; son, Dean (Judy) Latvala of Marquette; daughter, Suzanne (Nick) Johnson of Marquette; granddaughter, Kelly Lee Latvala of Marquette; step-grandson, Dan Rose (fiancé Kara Kallio) of Marquette; six brothers and sisters including: Gordon (Helen) Campbell of West Allis, Wis.; James (Judy) Campbell of Manitowoc, Wis.; Candace (Bob) Hertzler of Munising; Donald (Theresa) Campbell of Iron Mountain, Mich.; Joan (Emmitt) Gundick of Sparta, Mich.; and Lynn (James) Garipey of Munising; aunts, Roma Stewart of Madison Heights, Mich.; Clarita (Toivo) Luoma of Inverness, Fla., and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Audrey, brothers Mark, David and Timothy.

The family received friends at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on April 4, 2008. A funeral mass took place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Munising on April 5. Donations can be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church building fund in Munising. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.bowermanfuneralhome.net.

LUCILLE A. WINBERG

Lucille A. Winberg, 78, of Mukwa Dr., Manistique, went to be with the Lord on June 8, 2008, at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility surrounded by her loving family.



She was born on June 19, 1929, in Nahma, Mich., the daughter of Joseph Beaver and Margaret Kewey. She was married to Wallace Martineau and, following his death, she married Carl W. Winberg. Carl preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1978.

Lucille was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and very

active in her cultural and traditional heritage. She had a strong spiritual faith and respect for the Native American beliefs and traditions. She was very active in community service as a cultural educator. She volunteered at various tribal powwows, activities and functions and did whatever was asked of her. She will be remembered for her generosity, her smile, her ability to speak the Anishinaabe language fluently and teaching the children and adults in the community her native language.

She was a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother and her concern for her family never wavered to the end. She showed the unconditional love she had for her family. Her faith gave her the strength and courage to get through tough times throughout her life and she always had a way of keeping her family laughing and smiling even through the most difficult times. She loved being around her family and sharing traditions, stories, activities and memorable events. She will be truly missed. Her family is now rejoicing that she may now rest in peace in the Kingdom of Heaven and will be their guardian angel watching over them as she did in life. She taught everyone faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Lucille also loved people, her neighbors and community members and her God. She was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church of Manistique since moving to Manistique in 1981. Family and friends will remember her love and devotion to those she loved in her life and considered her family and friends. She enjoyed helping those in need and would often give of her own food and possessions to those she felt were less fortunate than her. She loved visiting with people, sharing stories and speaking the native language. She enjoyed spending time outside, sitting and watching hummingbirds, watching animals, gardening and enjoying nature.

She is survived by her children, Bob (Corrine) Martineau of Romulus, Mich., Gerald Winberg Sr. of Gulliver and Joyce (Pat) McDaniel of Escanaba; grandchildren, Robert (Angie) Martineau Jr., Marie (Alan) Williams, Gerald Winberg Jr., James Thomson, Hiedi (Derek) Davis, Patrick McDaniel Jr. and Heather McDaniel; great grandchildren, Krista Medwayosh, Kyle McDaniel, Anissia Medwayosh, Robert Martineau, Jacob Williams, Joshua Williams, Victoria Williams and Veronica Williams; sister, Alice Honson of Oden, Mich., and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her husbands and parents she was preceded in death by her children, Gene Martineau, Sara Martineau, Cathy Winberg and Carol Thomson and brothers, John Shenosky and Clarence Shenosky.

A traditional Native American service was held June 11, 2008, at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Funeral services celebrating the life of Lucille Winberg were officiated by

Father Glenn Theoret followed by a luncheon at the Sault Tribe Community Center at Manistique. Final resting place is Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville, Mich.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mbfuneral.com.

PAUL MUSCOE

Paul Muscoe died at his Cedarville home May 14, 2008, following a lingering illness. He was 55.

He was born in Detroit on Aug. 24, 1952, to Robert and Donna (nee Goetz) Muscoe.

Paul Muscoe worked for the General Motors Hydromatic Plant in Ypsilanti for 20 years. He was a union welder, but eventually retired because of illness, and moved to Cedarville in 1990.

He graduated from Cedarville High School in 1970, and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He married Darlene Izzard on April 30, 1993, and she survives him.

He is also survived by a daughter and her family, Jamie and Joe Fox of Ypsilanti; a stepson, Brent Izzard of Cedarville; two brothers and their families, Mark and Carol Muscoe of Marquette and Brian and Dawn Muscoe of Canton; a sister and her family, Robyn and Darrell Hill of Cedarville; his mother-in-law, Betty Izzard of Cedarville; a brother-in-law, Mark Izzard of Grand Rapids, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial will be in Cedarville at a later date.

Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

THERESA I. PETERSON

Theresa I. Peterson (Nee Alber) of Vancouver, Wash., passed away April 13, 2008. She was born May 13, 1920, in St. Ignace, Mich. Her father was Clarence W. Alber, born Oct. 25, 1894, in Vanderbilt, Mich. Her mother was Ethel M. Alber (Nee Geroux) born Sept. 8, 1900, in Cheboygan, Mich.

In July 1938, Theresa married Horace E. Eells. They settled in Randle, Wash., Grants Pass, Ore., and finally in Portland. To this union was born one son, Dwane Eells. In July 1959, Horace passed away

at the age of 44 due to a boating accident on the couple's 21st wedding anniversary. Later, Theresa married Willis O. Peterson of Vancouver, Wash. They were married 26 years when Willis passed on.

Theresa is survived by son Dwane Eells; sister, Shirley (Dwight) Hopper; sister-in-law Marybeth Alber; grandchildren, Shelly and Mike Vogeler, Lisa and Lee Hardy and eight great-grandchildren; niece and nephews Clarence and Betty James, Lyne and Bill Peters, Louie and Nina Alber, Pat and Terry Bedingfield and Mike Bedingfield.

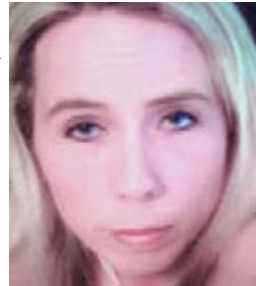
Theresa was predeceased by her brother, Cliff Alber.

Per her request no services of any kind will be held. She was a great lady and will be missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

KARI ELIZABETH STROM-JONES

Kari Elizabeth Strom-Jones, Oct. 18, 1970


– March 1, 2008, former wife of Mark Jones; proud mother of




Brandon and Melanie Jones of Walled Lake, Mich., cherished daughter of Suzanne Strom (and the late Gary Strom) of West Bloomfield, Mich.; granddaughter of Gladys Strom (and the late Philip Strom) of West Palm Beach, Fla., and the late Richard M. and Betty Willis of Sault Ste. Marie and Neebish Island, Mich.; loving sister Kimberly (Brian) Summerhill of Commerce Township, Mich., and Pam Dehrke of Kalamazoo, Mich.; dear aunt of Allison, Andrew and Adrienne Summerhill, Taylor Dehrke and Ryan, Allison and Lauren Maten of Fenton, Mich. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

Funeral service and visitation was at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, Highland, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be greatly appreciated to the family. Kari was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved the fall season, especially Halloween, taking walks on natural trails with her children watching for birds, deer, squirrels, raccoons, etc. She also enjoyed decorating her house and roasting marshmallows over a fire with her children, family and friends.




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STEVEN W. DEUMAN

Steven W. Deuman of Brimley passed away at his home, on April 30, 2008. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Aug. 10, 1953, to Eugene (Red) and Irene (Piche) Deuman.

Prior to his retirement, Steve dedicated his life to working to support his family. He worked many years for Soo Line Railroad before moving on to years doing underground construction. Steve's greatest enjoyment was spending time laughing with his family and friends. He loved music, especially oldies and, prior to his retirement, was a favorite dance partner to many, particularly for the polka. He also enjoyed camping, NASCAR, going to the casino, as well as traveling.

Steve is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cindy; daughter Gina Deuman of Brimley; sons Richard (Jacol) Deuman, Paul (Carol) Deuman both of Brimley, Steve (Natasha) Deuman Jr. of Flushing and Buck Deuman of Flint; Kiwadeno Thomas, Michael Butzin and Jerry Lapine, his children in his heart; his mother-in-law, Faith McGruther; sisters, Mary (Keith) Swendsen of Brimley and Shirley (Fred) Ulven of Minnesota; brothers Terry (Gwen) Deuman,

Glenn (Chris) Deuman both of Brimley and Mike (Pat) Deuman of Sault Ste Marie; brother-in-law Kenneth (Susan) McGruther of Sault Ste Marie, brother-in-law Mike Brown and sister-in-law Gayle Deuman, both of Brimley. Steve adored his grandchildren Elizabeth, Madison, Lillian, Chelsea, Ella, Richie, Talon and Aaliyah. He is also survived by many much loved aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, his brother, David Deuman, his sister, Sheila Brown and nephew, Terry Deuman Jr.

Visitation took place at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home on May 4. A Funeral Mass was held May 5 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Brimley with Father Ted Brodeur as celebrant. Interment followed at Mission Hill Cemetery.

VERONICA MASSAWAY

Veronica Massaway, 72, died May 10, 2008, at her St. Ignace Township home following a lingering illness.

She was born on Mackinac Island June 4, 1935, to Cecilia (nee Perault) and Frank Cadotte, and she attended school there. Her family lived on the island until July 1965.

She lived on Mackinac Island and worked at the Lakeview Hotel and Island House on Mackinac Island, and at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace. For 25 years, she was the executive housekeeper at the Lakeview, working for Harry Rybe and Ira Green. She

was the supervisory housekeeper at Kewadin Casino. She was known as a gracious lady, friends said, who always had a smile, was kind, and loved her family. Mrs. Massaway was a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians elder.

She married John Massaway Nov. 6, 1954, and he survives her.

She is also survived by six sons and their families, John Jr. and Linda of St. Ignace, Frank of St. Ignace, Paul and Marion of St. Ignace, Joe and Denise of Essexville, Robert and Petina of St. Ignace, and Nicholas of St. Ignace; a daughter, Theresa St. Andrew of St. Ignace; one brother and his family, Nicholas "Bing" and Delores of Caro; three sisters, Lucille Visnaw, Theresa Howell, and Frances Bazinaw, all of St. Ignace; 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three nieces she and Mr. Massaway helped rear, Marie Hutchins, Rose Good and Rose Kerr.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Leona Keyser and Mary Andress; a brother-in-law, Joseph Howell; a son-in-law, LeRoy St. Andrew, and a grandson, John Massaway III.

A Native American service, visitation and a prayer service took place May 12 at Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace with Deacon Don Olmstead officiating.

VICTORIA LEE LANDERS

Victoria Lee Landers of Neenah, Wis., formerly of Escanaba, passed away on May 15, 2008.

She was born on Sept. 3, 1950, in Munising, to Gerald Koenig Sr. and Ellen (Vertz) Adkins.



Vicki graduated from Escanaba High School and was proud of her heritage as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She will be greatly missed by her children, Rebecca (fiancee/Mike Mendlesky) Koenig of Fond du Lac, Sherry (Lance) Pamperin of Winneconne and Joshua Landers of North Fond du Lac; her grandchildren, Tori Breitzman, Blayde and Autumn Pamperin; her siblings, Pat Dryer of Escanaba, Gerald Koenig Jr. of Menasha, and Wayne (Theresa) Koenig and Rose Marie (Bill) Wilbur, all of Munising; many beloved nephews and nieces; numerous dear friends; and her much-loved Yorkie terrier, Kokoa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, James Adkins.

Vicki greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and her dog. She also took pleasure in taking walks and reading. She will be remembered as a caring and loving person. She gave of herself by helping developmentally-disabled youth and she is considered to have raised many children in Escanaba.

After cremation, a memorial service to celebrate her life took place May 20 at the Seefeld

Family of Funeral Chapels in Oshkosh.

WILLIAM BOUSCHOR

William Clayton "Bill" Bouschor, 65, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away June 5, 2008, at Tendercare Nursing Home. He was born Jan. 16, 1943, on Sugar Island to the late George and Rita (nee Hatch) Bouschor.

Bill graduated from Sault Area High School and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He retired from Hudson's Department Store in Detroit, Mich., where he worked in shipping and receiving. Upon his retirement, Bill moved back home to Sault Ste. Marie. He also enjoyed dealing in antiques and he loved gardening and arranging flowers.

Bill is survived by four sisters, Jane Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie, Bernadette (Roger) Azevedo of Sugar Island, Beverly Bouschor of Brimley and Raya Bouschor of Sault Ste. Marie; three brothers, Lloyd Bouschor, Raymond (Darlene) Bouschor and Bernard (Laura) Bouschor, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Alvin Bouschor.

Visitation took place June 10, at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building. Funeral services were that evening with Brother John Hascall officiating.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home.

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July 4 & 5 Karaoke

July 11 & 12 Reger Bro's

Sault Devil All-Stars cheerleading team heads to nationals

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Twenty-three local girls will be boarding a bus on July 24 donated by Sault Kewadin Casinos for a trip to St. Charles, Mo., and the national competition of the Young Champions of America competitive cheerleading squads. Over half of the Sault Devil All-Stars cheerleading team, 15 of 23 girls, are Sault Tribe members.

Young Champions of America is an organization that commits to making a difference in the lives of children by providing programs that develop skills for life while offering high quality youth programs at the lowest possible cost and giving back to local communities.

This is the team's second shot at the national level competition and Jena McKerchie, mother of 11-year-old team member Emily, said the team is good enough to place this year. "Last year we placed first in regionals and states but didn't place in the national event. We were a new team at the time and didn't know what to expect. We had a great time and it was a wonderful learning experience." On June 8, the team attended a state meet where they took first place. "There are a lot of big teams from seven states we will be competing against. The top five teams from each state participating in the Young Champions of American pom and cheerleading programs are

invited to the national competition. Our team will be competing against 34 teams at the national level. The girls have worked very hard and love what they are doing. They don't do it to win, they do it because they have fun and want to be the best they can as a team," McKerchie said.

Young Champions combines pom and cheerleading into one program where students are taught cheerleading techniques and pom dance using current dance techniques and teaching methods that work best for children and teens. The program, according to McKerchie, promotes good sportsmanship and team spirit, and helps the girls develop a sense of pride and independence, which promotes greater self-confidence.

Wendy Ward coaches the team and assistant coach is Becky Komarnizki. The team has been together since February 2007 with the girls ranging in age from 10 to 17. The team is not affiliated with local schools and does not cheer at sporting events; they are a competition team only. The girls wear team colors of black, red and silver with red pom poms.

The team is had a garage sale June 28 at Central Savings Bank to raise funds for the trip to the nationals. Twenty-two families donated goods for the sale and, in addition to other fundraising events, they hope to raise a total of \$10,000. They

are well on their way with early donations currently totaling \$2,000.

"We have an account set up at Soo Co-Op Credit Union under the Sault Devil All-Stars if anyone wishes to donate to the team," McKerchie said. The funds raised will go towards room and board for the girls, at a cost of \$450 per girl.

Sessions are held at Chi

Mukwa Community Recreation Center in the Sault and run for 16 weeks, one day a week for 45 minutes. The cost per session is \$7 plus the cost of a uniform. There are six divisions in the pom and cheerleading sessions, Division 1 for beginners and Division 6 for the most advanced students. The Sault Devil All-Stars are currently a Division 4 team and are ready

to make the move soon to a Division 5 team.

A new session will begin Sept. 16 for those wishing to take lessons. For more information call Young Champions of America at (800) 940-7469, visit its Web site at www.youngchampions.us or call Chi Mukwa Community Recreation center at (800) 588-RINK (7465).

The Indian boys of summer: Charles Bender

BY RICK SMITH

Hey, sportsfans, did you know an Ojibwe was the first full-blooded American Indian to play baseball in the American League?

And that same Ojibwe fellow has long been enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and still remains ensconced there as one of only two inducted American Indians?

According to the Baseball Almanac, Charles Albert "Chief" Bender began a stellar career in Major League Baseball as a right-handed, starter pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1903. Bender was not the first American Indian in the majors; that distinction went to a Penobscot in 1897, Louis Sockalexis, the second American



Charles Bender

Indian member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Bender hailed from Crow Wing County in north central Minnesota and was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his finesse and stamina in pitching. In short, he won more games than he lost earning a career .625 winning percentage and, on three separate occasions, pitched through entire games. He led the American League in pitching in three seasons.

Bender was known as a gentleman and was greatly respected for his quiet demeanor and graceful way of handling hecklers. One colleague described him as, "One of the kindest and finest men who ever lived." It was noted his talents really shined under the high pressure of World Series games. It was in the 1911 series that he pitched three entire games and he pitched a no-hitter in 1910.

The almanac quotes Bender on why he went into the major

league, "The reason I went into baseball as a profession was that, when I left school, baseball offered me the best opportunity both for money and achievement. I adopted it because I played baseball better than I could do anything else, because the life and the game appealed to me and because there was so little of racial prejudice in the game. There has been scarcely a trace of sentiment against me on account of birth. I have been treated the same as other men."

Born in 1884, Bender played his last professional game in 1925 and coached, managed and scouted for major and minor league teams until 1950. He was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1953 and died in 1954. Bender was included in the 1981 book, *100 Greatest Baseball Players of All Time*. He is also the subject of a book released earlier this year, *Chief Bender's Burden: The Silent Struggle of a Baseball Star* by Tom Swift.

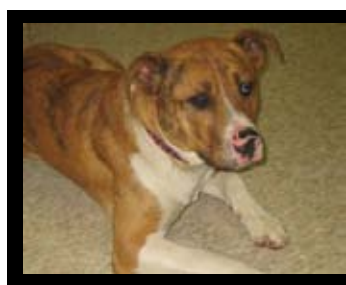
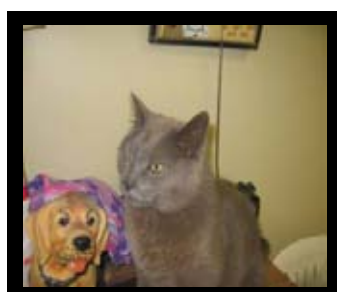
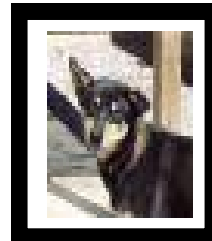
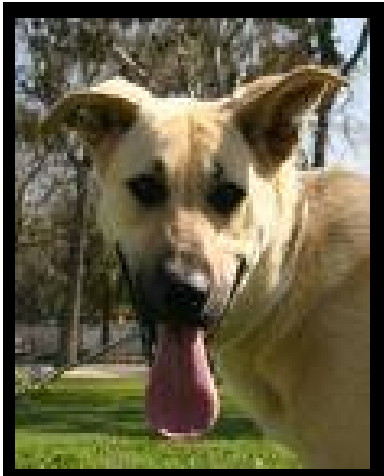
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Classes

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, contact Nancy Debassige, language instructor at 632-6050 ext. 26143.

Jan. 3-Dec. 18: Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. at the Niigaanagiiizhik Building, in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes are taught through immersion in the Ojibwe language.

Classes begin with a potluck feast with our elder advisory members so bring your favorite dish.

Nancy Debassige will demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story. It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy living our culture.

Call the Cultural Division at 632-7494 for more information.

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

For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

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

For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

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

For more information, call the Cultural Division at 632-7494.

April 29-Dec. 30: Kinross, Moms' Workout Co-operative meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at the recreation center.

Spaces are still available, so sign up and shed those pounds or just get into shape.

It works like this, half of the moms workout while the other half supervise the children during free play. After half an hour, the two groups switch places.

There is no cost to use the co-operative, but there is a \$2 fee to use the center's fitness equipment. A complete fitness center is available with very new equipment. Annual, monthly and family memberships are available.

For more information, call the recreation center at 495-5350.

July 22 & 24: Sault Ste. Marie, food choices and medications for people with high blood pressure.

July 22, 1-3 p.m., and July 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center.

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

Elders' meetings

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

July 17: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee has a potluck meeting at the tribal community center at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

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

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

July 25: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets at 11 a.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

July 28: Elderly Advisory Board meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

July 30: Unit II Naubin-way Elderly Committee meets at 6:30 p.m., location to be announced.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

July 30: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meets at Walstrom's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 4 & 18: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. and, on the third Monday of the month, a dinner is at 6 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 6: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center.

For questions, call 635-4971.

Aug. 7: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee meets at Walstrom's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 8: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 13: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Aug. 18: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Meetings

July 10: The Les Cheneaux Caregivers Support Group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Les Cheneaux Community Library, 75 Hodeck Street, Cedarville, Mich.

For more information, call Shirley Goehmann at 484-8000.

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

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101.

July 23: Unit III membership meeting, 6 p.m. Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann Building).

For questions, 635-6050.

July 30: The Caregiver Support Group meets at 2 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center.

For more information, call 632-3363.

Aug. 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Munising at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5 to 6 p.m.

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

Aug. 6: Culture Committee meeting at 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

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

Aug. 14: Unit V membership meeting, 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center.

For more information, call 387-2101.

Aug. 19: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Newberry at 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5 to 6 p.m.

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

Aug. 27: Unit III membership meeting, 6 p.m. Enji Maawanji' Iding (McCann Building).

For questions, call 635-6050.

Sept. 2: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center.

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

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

Sept. 3: Culture Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call 322 4975 or 495 5165.

Sept. 11: Unit V membership meeting, 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.

Please use the M-28 entrance of the building.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky, unit representative at 387-2101.

Special events

July 12: Bikers Against Diabetes (BAD) Ride. Join us for a ride across the U.P. from Ironwood to Sault Ste. Marie (or meet us along the way).

Ride in memory of a friend or family member. Have fun, support U.P. diabetes programs and maybe win a prize during the post-ride celebration at Kewadin Casino's Grand Ball Room in Sault Ste. Marie.

Theater use donated by Kewadin Casino. Donation of \$20 per person.

Collect pledges for the chance to win special awards.

For more information, call UPDON at (800) 369-9522 from anywhere in the U.P. or (906) 228-9203.

Registration forms and information can be found at www.diabetesinmichigan.org Click on the U.P. and then BAD Ride.

The ride is a benefit to support the projects and programs of the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network. Collect at least \$50 in pledges and have your name listed in the BAD Ride commemorative booklet and receive a free BAD Ride pin.

Pre-registration guarantees you will receive a commemorative bandana. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, June 27, 2008. Mail registrations to U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network 220 W. Washington, Suite 420, Marquette, MI 49855. Make check payable to: U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network.

Additional pledges can be turned in at the starting point in Ironwood or the end point in Sault Ste. Marie

July 14-28: Migizi Doodem Mookodaasowinini (Eagle Clan Carver) porcupine quill box-three-day 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.

Please let me know if you have other requests for workshops.

If these times don't work, I can hold a class on a date mutually convenient for a minimum of five and (depending on the class) a maximum of eight students. Those interested in blueberry (six-sided) or tulip (four-sided) birchbark baskets, please note you are interested and maybe I can add that class.

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

July 25: Escanaba Tribal Health Center Health Fair, Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street.

General health screenings, examinations and information.

Games, prizes and light refreshments served.

Open to the public. All ages welcome.

For more information, call 786 9211.

Announcements

July 9: Todd Smith, traditional medicine clinic, 1-5 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center.

For appointments, call 484-2727.

July 9-11: Todd Smith, traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center.

For appointments, call 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

July 10-12: Sault Tribe art exhibit and sales, on the second Thursday Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Sault Kewadin Casino.

Artists and crafters needing table reservations can do so by contacting Aagii Clement at 632-7494.

Participants must be a Sault Tribe members to use spaces for exhibits and sales.

July 14: Todd Smith, traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Escanaba Health Center.

For appointments, call (906) 786-9211.

July 16: Todd Smith, traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Health Center.

For appointments, call 387-4614 or (800) 236-4705.

July 18: Loretta Lynn concert, 7 p.m. in the DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 18-19: Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace.

Prizes totalling \$15,000.

For more information, call DeAnn at (800) KEWADIN extension 34027 or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 25-27: Video Poker Tournament at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie.

Prizes totalling \$15,000.

For more information, call Ina at (800) KEWADIN extension 53612 or visit www.kewadin.com.

July 26: Williams and Ree (the Indian and the white guy) performing at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace, 7 p.m.

For more information, call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 1: LeAnn Rimes concert, 7 p.m. in the DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Aug. 1-3: Spin To Win Tournament at Kewadin Casino in Manistique.

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