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## Anishinaabeg Summit

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Anishinaabeg and guests from all over came to Bahweting, Place of the Rapids, the gathering place of Anishinaabe from time immemorial, for ceremony and discussion and visiting for three days in August.

It was a significant gathering covering important

issues of the people and well over 200 people came to this first summit, dealing with topics from 1763 to today.

The event was organized by the Anishinaabeg Joint Commission and hosted by the Sault Kewadin Hotel and Convention Center. It was sponsored

by the AJC's four member tribes — Batchewana First Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community, Garden River First Nation and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians — and by the Chiefs of Ontario. Called "Anishinaabeg Summit: Living Treaties," its purpose is to...  
*See "Summit," page 15*



Two dancers during grand entry at the Sugar Island Powwow held on Labor Day weekend. See more photos in our October issue.

Photo by Rick Smith



## Sault Tribe Wins Kewadin Shores Casino Lawsuit

ST. IGNACE, Mich.— Today, United States District Judge R. Allan Edgar ruled in favor of the Sault Tribe on whether a parcel of land in St. Ignace taken into trust for the Tribe was eligible for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

IGRA is a comprehensive federal statute that regulates Indian gaming. Under IGRA, gaming may not take place on lands taken into trust after Oct. 17, 1988, unless the land falls within one of the exceptions: if the land is contiguous to the reservation on that date, or if the land is restored lands to a

restored tribe. Today, Judge Edgar ruled that the St. Ignace land is contiguous to the tribe's reservation and, therefore, is eligible for casino gaming.

Beginning in 2003, the tribe made plans to replace its casino in St. Ignace. The old casino was built in the mid 1980s on a parcel of land taken into trust in 1983 (the 1983 parcel). Over the years, the tribe added to the original casino several times, and as a result, it had developed into a maze like structure with numerous problems, including inadequate heating and ventilating, sewage disposal, restaurant facilities, and numerous other

problems. The tribe concluded that it was time to replace the Kewadin Shores Casino with a new facility. The new casino was completed in 2006 and

includes a hotel, state-of-the-art heating and ventilating equipment, new restaurant and new lounge areas. The casino is located partially on the 1983

parcel and partially on land taken into trust for the tribe in 2000 (the 2000 parcel).

*See "Lawsuit won," page 24*

## Baiting banned in lower peninsula

On Aug. 26, 2008, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that a captive deer had tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease in Kent County. That same day the DNR, pursuant to the Chronic Wasting Disease response plan, issued a ban on all deer baiting in the Lower Peninsula.

The Inland Consent Decree, Section XIII, Disease Control, states that the tribe will adhere to any baiting bans put in place by the DNR for the purpose of disease control. Accordingly, tribal hunters will be prohibited from baiting for deer in the Lower Peninsula. This ban will not impact tribal hunters bear baiting

activities in the Lower Peninsula.

A new tribal hunting regulation will be adopted to account for the change. Tribal hunters caught baiting in the Lower Peninsula will be issued a citation and prosecuted in Tribal Court.

Please direct all questions to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at (906) 635-6065.

## Greektown Casino opens expanded gaming floor

DETROIT — Greektown Casino unveiled 25,000 square feet of new gaming space, adding about 600 of the latest and hottest slot machines to the gaming floor, casino officials announced Aug. 28.

The casino now has 100,000 square feet of total gaming space. More than 2,600 slot machines are now operational, with about 400 more machines coming online when renovations to the casino's VIP gaming area are completed in late November.

"With the latest slot machines available and the most convenient attached parking among the Detroit casinos, we continue improvements to position Greektown Casino

for future revenue growth and to provide the hottest gaming action to our guests," said Greektown Casino CEO Craig Ghelfi.

The expanded gaming floor features spacious aisles, a bank of \$1 Wheel of Fortune progressive slot machines and hundreds of other penny, nickel and dollar games.

"We're pleased that work on our permanent Greektown Casino continues to move forward largely on schedule and on budget," said Greektown Casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller, also on the Sault Tribe's Board of Directors.

"The many improvements we are making increase the casino's revenue-generating capacity and

give our guests more ways to have fun."

Construction crews will now focus on completing two new lounges by the end of the year, a new buffet restaurant this fall, a 400-room attached hotel early next year, and renovations to the casino's VIP slot area later this year. Once work on the

permanent casino is complete, Greektown Casino will offer five lounges, various new restaurants, spectacular hotel and meeting accommodations, a multi-purpose theater, and 3,000 slot machines.

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.

Phase 2 includes construction of the new hotel and expanded gaming floor. Total investment in the permanent Greektown Casino project will be about \$550 million.

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# Attention tribal members: Midjim Notice

Only enrolled members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are eligible to receive tax discounts on motor fuels and tobacco products.

Any member wishing to receive a tax discount on motor fuel and or tobacco products must present a valid membership card, be present at the time of purchase and must be the person purchasing the discounted fuels or tobacco. Minors must be present when fuel is being purchased using their membership cards.

It may be difficult for disabled tribal members to enter the store to make discounted purchases. As a result, disabled members wishing to receive tax discounts on motor fuels or tobacco products will be allowed to send other people into the store to purchase the fuels or products on their behalf. However, people making those purchases must present the disabled members' valid membership cards and the disabled member must be present outside the store at the time of purchase.

**Exception for disabled members:** Disabled members may authorize a *tribal member* to pur-

chase their fuel or tobacco products. An authorization card must be obtained from the Tribal Tax Office. This authorization would allow for the purchase of tax-exempt products for disabled members, without the disabled member being present.

#### MONTHLY QUOTA (LIMIT) PER MEMBER:

70 gallons of gasoline.  
250 gallons of diesel.  
5 cartons of cigarettes.

Members shall only purchase tax exempt cigarettes, other tobacco products, diesel fuel or gasoline from the tribe for their own use.

– Tribal Code 43SS 43.1107

Sault Tribe tracks all purchases of tobacco products, diesel fuel and gasoline and has a duty to prosecute violations.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRIBAL POLICE WILL BE ENFORCING TRIBAL CODE 43 SS 43.1107 AT THE PUMPS.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER,**

— MIDJIM MANAGEMENT

# Notices

## Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) moving!

As of Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, ACFS began moving from the Sault Tribe Health Center at 2864 Ashmun St. The new address is 2218 Shunk Rd., next to the Sault Kewadin Casino. Services continue, but please call ahead to make sure your worker is available. The telephone and fax numbers will remain the same — phone: 632-5250 and fax: 632-5266. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this process. We will continue to do our best to serve you.

## American Indian Substance Abuse (AISA) moves to Health Center

American Indian Substance Abuse will be moving from 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 to the third floor of the Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Our phone numbers will remain the same: 635-6075 and (800) 726-9105.

AISA offices will be closed from the Sept. 9 through Sept. 11. The offices will be open to see clients on Sept. 12 at its new location. For urgent care situations, call 632-5200 (main switchboard for Sault Tribe Health Center) and they will transfer the call to the AISA office.

## Conservation Committee opening

The Sault Tribe Conservation Committee currently has an open seat on the committee for a commercial gill netter. Interested fishermen should send a letter of intent and three (3) letters of recommendation to Joanne Carr or Tara Benoit, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Please call Joanne or Tara at (906) 635-6050 with any questions.

## Blood drive on Friday, Sept. 19

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — Please plan to save a life by donating to the blood and bone marrow drive on Friday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium.

Employees 18 and older may donate blood during work hours upon supervisory approval. Please bring a photo ID or donor card.

Call Jan for an appointment at 632-5283 or ext. 22880. All walk-ins welcome.

Registration with the National Bone Marrow Program is also available at this time, for those between the ages of 18 and 61. A swab of the inside of your mouth is all that is necessary. Please bring a photo ID.

The drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross at (800) GIVE-LIFE, [redcrossmichigan.org](http://redcrossmichigan.org).

## Rentals are available

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority has vacancies in the following housing sites:

Escanaba: One and two-bedroom homes; Hessel: Four-bedroom homes; and Manistique: Three and four-bedroom homes.

Rent is based on 25 percent of a family's adjusted income. Applicants must fall within income guidelines. Sault Tribe members will have preference.

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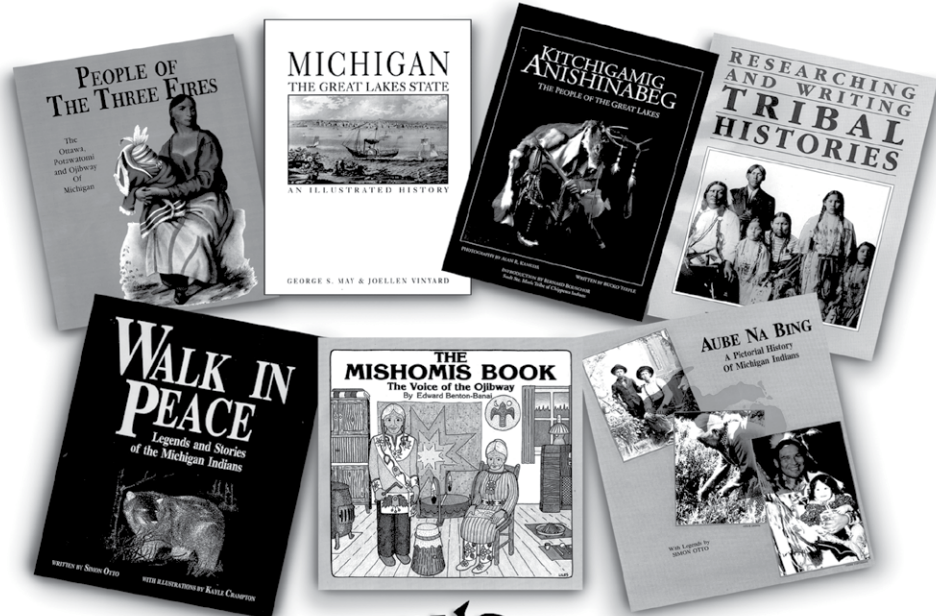
For more information or to

request an application please contact Heather Malstrom at (906) 495-1450 or (800) 794-4072; [houghat@saulttribe.net](mailto:houghat@saulttribe.net)

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5	53,150
6	57,050
7	61,000
8	64,950

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# Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project funded with three-year federal grant

BY ANGELINE MATSON,  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The Sault Tribe received some great news in August, as we were notified we received a Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which is a federal agency. The amount for year one is \$500,000. Funding for year two and year three is dependent upon successful accomplishment of project objectives.

Every year over 30,000 people in the United States commit suicide. This is around the same number of individuals enrolled in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (Sault Tribe). Unfortunately this is not the only connection. Our tribal families have been devastated by suicides. For this reason, we submitted the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project proposal. The purpose of the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project is to develop and implement a tribal youth suicide and early intervention plan for the eastern and central Upper Peninsula of Michigan, to *literally help our youth stay alive*. The STAY plan will be based on the Suicide Plan for Michigan yet will be

customized to address the lack of cultural competency in the Michigan plan and reflect the significant Native American population of the region.

The focus of year one is to enhance the leadership capacity within the region to better address suicide and related risk behaviors; to establish baseline data and identify gaps within the current methods of gathering accurate and timely data; and to identify barriers within current processes for youth to access substance abuse, mental health and suicide prevention services. These activities will serve as the foundation for all subsequent suicide prevention efforts. In addition, this is when the Seven Feathers Partnership will customize a suicide prevention plan for implementation within the region, utilizing evidence-based practices and promising strategies. Later in this first year, once the stakeholders have a solid grasp of the issues, the Seven Feathers Partnership will begin developing the public information campaign.

The STAY project manager position will be posted for the entire month of September. The position requires a bachelor's

degree in a human services field plus at least two years of experience in grant-funded project management. The ideal candidate is an energetic individual who can independently work on multiple tasks, who is eager to develop partnerships with tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs and individuals, who can communicate effectively and who can commit to work with this project for at least three

years. Please check with Human Resources, call (866) 635-7032 toll free, for the complete job posting.

Two project assistants will be hired within the first three months of the grant. One individual will be located in Sault Ste. Marie and will work with all schools, colleges and partners in the east side of the tribal service area. The other individual will be located in

Escanaba and will work with all schools, colleges and partners in the west side of the tribal service area.

What can you do? If you want to get involved in the STAY Project, please contact Angeline Matson, education director at (906) 635-4944 or by e-mail at [amatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:amatson@saulttribe.net).

(See STAY Project manager job description on page 21.)

## Greektown Casino Hotel and hospitality job fair slated for Wednesday, September 17

For those of you looking for a career in the hospitality industry at a premier entertainment destination, opportunity is knocking at your door right here in Sault Ste. Marie. Come to the Greektown Casino Hotel and Hospitality job fair on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, in the Whitefish Point Room of Sault Kewadin Casino from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The job fair is being held to help fill positions in preparation for the January 2009 opening of Greektown Casino's new hotel

and convention center. There are up to 400 new entry level, supervisory and management positions available in areas including (not limited to) banquets staff, catering, hotel staff, engineering, purchasing, restaurant staff, security and valet staff.

"Meet and greet" with Greektown human resource personnel and hotel management. On-site interviews will be conducted right at the fair—you will need to register by contacting our Employment Department at 635-7032 or toll

free (866) 635-7032 by Sept. 11, 2008. All Kewadin Casinos and Sault Tribe team members are eligible for corporate transfer will have preference according to the established policy. Applications are available at all Sault Tribe Human Resource sites.

Follow-up interviews for selected candidates will be scheduled at a later date.

For more information, contact Barb Smutek, Sault Tribe recruiter, at 635-7032, toll free at (866) 635-7032 or email at [bsmutek@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsmutek@saulttribe.net).

## New teen page on usa.gov

Uncle Sam now offers an official online resource for teens. It can be found at [usa.gov](http://usa.gov), look for the Teen Resources page. There are loads of resources about driving, education, environmental consciousness, health and safety, internet and mobile, travel and recreation, jobs and volunteering and money.

Enjoy browsing this new resource at [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov).



## Greektown Casino

### HOTEL & HOSPITALITY JOB FAIR

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Times:** 1:00 - 4:00 PM & 5:30 - 7:30 PM

**Place:** Whitefish Point Room: Kewadin Casino  
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Please REGISTER to interview at the job fair by September 11, 2008

Contact: Sault Tribe Employment Department  
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## Kewadin Casinos is Roll'n out the Chevys

Summer may be leaving us, but the fun at Kewadin is still roll'n on with the *Roll'n Out the Chevy* September event! Don't miss your chance to win a brand new Chevy when you play at any five Kewadin Casinos locations Sept. 1-28. For every 25 points earned at any casino, customers receive one entry ticket. Grand prize drawings for the event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Kewadin St. Ignace and Christmas and again on Sunday, Sept. 28, at Kewadin Sault Ste. Marie and Manistique.

Walk, run, swim, fly, do whatever it takes to get to Kewadin Casino Hessel to play *Bring Home an ATV Ranger* Sept. 1-24. Earn one entry ticket per day by earning 25 Players Club points and then come back for the ATV Ranger drawing beginning at 6 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace wants to show all customers how much they are appreciated with a Customer Appreciation Day on Sept.

13 from 2 to 6 p.m. There'll be free burgers, hot dogs, barbecue chicken and more with a DJ spinning the tunes. And what would a Kewadin party be without a chance to win some cash? Seven lucky people will win \$200 during hourly drawings. Just earn 25 Northern Rewards Club points to be eligible.

Help Kewadin celebrate 20 years of unforgettable moments at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace on Sept. 20. This is one anniversary you don't want to miss with \$45,000 in cash and prizes. There'll be cash drawings galore, plus you could be one of eight people who'll win a vacation to the destination of your choice!

If that's not enough excitement, Kewadin is featuring The Little River Band in the DreamMaker's Theater on Sept. 20. Tickets are \$22.50 and still available by calling the box office at 800-KEWADIN. For more information, call 800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

## Successful spin-off Lakota Solar saves up to 35% in heat

By Rick Smith

A boon for the impoverished Lakota Sioux of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota could be the inspiration of opportunity knocking for hungry entrepreneurs here in the Great White North. Lakota Solar Enterprises evolved from a small group helping a humanitarian project to a successful business creating employment and helping folks to lower their heating bills.

According to its Web site, Trees, Water and People is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 by Stuart Conway and Richard Fox, and staffed by a group of dedicated conservationists. They help communities in the western United States and Latin America to protect, conserve and manage the natural resources upon which long-term well being depends.

It is noted their work is guided by two core beliefs: Natural resources are best protected when local people play an active role in their care and management; and preserving local trees, wetlands and watersheds is essential for the ongoing social, economic and environmental health of communities everywhere.

In recent years, Trees, Water and People went to the Pine Ridge after it came to the organization's attention that up to 70 percent of the income of the Lakota people on the reservation was absorbed by heating and electricity bills. The organi-

zation engaged members of the Pine Ridge community in building and installing simple supplemental solar heating systems for those people. Trees, Water and People claim the solar heaters save 25 to 35 percent on heating bills and estimates the heaters have a service life of 20 to 30 years.

Besides keeping families warmer in the winter and saving significant money, the organization notes, the heaters have other benefits. Many families must choose between paying for heat, food or medicine — a choice no one should have to make. Trees, Water and People says families using the supplemental heaters can now buy more food and medicine; hence, the heaters help improve health and nutrition.

Another benefit of this action, a commercial venture, Lakota Solar Enterprises, became one of the first 100 percent American Indian owned and operated renewable energy companies in the United States. The company brought desperately needed jobs and training to the reservation.

Lakota Solar Enterprises started as a spin-off of Trees, Water and People's solar heater work on Pine Ridge. After several years of successful small-scale installations, it was decided to create a larger manufacturing facility on the reservation and expand production. With support from foundations, the company was created.

## Biron helps consumers keep up with changing technology

By Brenda Austin

Small business owner Tom Biron has watched his customer base steadily increase over the past 10 years. Owner of HEITS, Home Entertainment Information Technology Specialists, his company sub-contracts with Direct TV, Prime Star and CBan among others to install satellite TV systems and Wild Blue, a direct satellite link for Internet use.

"We provide services for people who have a little bit of new and a little bit of old and can't quite make it all work together, we can integrate it all for them," Biron said. "Everybody is going to high definition TV by Feb. 9, 2009, it's an FCC requirement. There are a lot of people out there right now with really nice standard TV sets that are replacing them with high definition flat



Tom Biron

screen TVs. We will take their old TVs if they no longer want them and give them to people who don't have a TV."

HEITS also wires new con-

struction. "We provide what we consider to be a shot at the future, bundling all the phones, TV and Internet. We have probably done about 10,000 installations in the U.P. and we have gone beyond that into Wisconsin, Indiana and lower Michigan," he said.

Biron holds a master's degree in public administration and said that in order for a small business to be successful it takes a long-term commitment. "All the people that work for HEITS are tribal members or have tribal member families," said Biron, a Sault Tribe member. "We have eight technicians and a few people who do the administrative work and pick up and deliver equipment."

HEITS trains their technicians and helps them attain certification if they don't already have it.

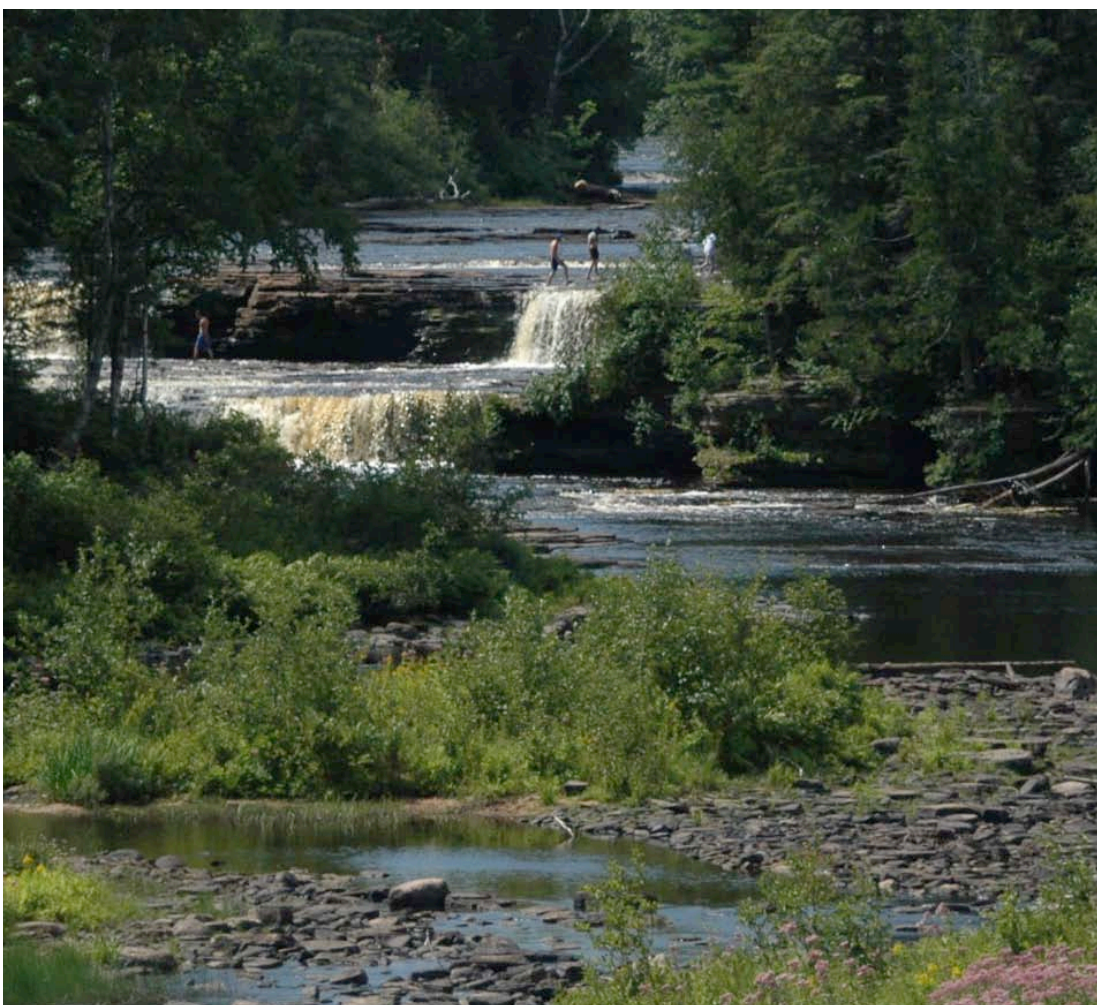


Photo by Rick Smith

Visitors enjoy themselves at Tahquamenon Falls as the summer winds down.

## Turning 18 and getting social security?

By Sally Guay  
Social Security District Manager in Escanaba

If you are a high school student turning 18 and collecting monthly Social Security benefits because a parent is retired, disabled or deceased, you've got some homework to do if you want to make sure benefits continue.

To ensure that Social Security benefits continue beyond age 18, eligible students must submit the necessary form to school officials to certify they are still in school. Otherwise, monthly Social Security checks automatically stop when a student turns 18.

Some students receive Social Security survivors benefits because a parent is deceased. Others get depen-

dent benefits because a parent receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. Benefits for minor children generally continue until age 18 or 19 if they're still in high school, unless they are disabled and eligible for childhood disability benefits. In that case, a separate application for benefits is required.

For more information about Social Security student benefits, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials). The Web site outlines how the process works with instructions on what the student and school official must do to ensure benefits continue past the student's 18th birthday. With the appropriate certification, Social Security generally does not stop benefits until the month

before the month the student turns 19, or the first month in which he or she is not a full-time student, whichever is earlier.

Social Security's Web site also includes a downloadable version of the required form SSA-1372 — Student's Statement Regarding School Attendance — that must be completed by the student, certified by the school and returned to Social Security.

There are also answers to frequently asked questions for school officials and students and field office locator to find the address of a local Social Security office.

Those who do not have access to the Internet can call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 or TTY (800) 325-0778.

# American Indians could decide 2008 election

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) national Native Vote Campaign released data Aug. 26 confirming that Native American voters could influence the outcome of the presidential and congressional elections in key states—Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada and Wisconsin—all states with high American Indian populations.

NCAI Native Vote has a 20-state plan and is mobilizing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Besides the five states in which the Native vote could decide Senate races, there are 11 presidential swing states

where Native Americans have the potential to provide the winning margin for either candidate, including Michigan.

“While political analysts have been focusing on the Hispanic vote in Florida, Arizona and New Mexico, the Native Vote continues to be overlooked as a secret weapon in this election,” said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia.

NCAI Native Vote Campaign’s mission is to engage and build the political power of Native American communities by providing a strong Native voter turnout. Native Vote emphasizes participation and celebration of culture to engage and motivate Native people to register and vote on Election Day.

Native Americans are caucusing at both the Democratic National Convention and

the Republican National Convention.

“It is necessary for American Indians to stand up in force to support those Republican, Democratic and Independent leaders who have honored this nation’s commitments to tribes and to send home those leaders who have disregarded us,” said NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Pata. “The bottom line is that our political power and our national voice comes from the voting booth. If we don’t vote, no one is going to listen to us. If we don’t vote, we lose the power to make a change.”

For more information about NCAI’s non-partisan 2008 Native Vote Campaign, contact LorenBirdrattler at [lbirdrattler@ncai.org](mailto:lbirdrattler@ncai.org) or Adam McMullin at [amcmullin@ncai.org](mailto:amcmullin@ncai.org).

# BIA back online after court ordered shut down

WASHINGTON DC — The Office of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) have been fully reconnected to the Internet. The Office of the Chief Information Officer-Indian Affairs reconnected 5,000 computer users in 148 Indian Affairs locations across the country, according to a BIA release.

On Dec. 5, 2001, the federal judge in a class action lawsuit,

Cobell, et al., v. Secretary of the Interior, et al., entered a temporary restraining order requiring the department to disconnect from the Internet all information technology systems that housed or provided access to individual American Indian trusts.

On Dec. 17, 2001, a consent order was entered that continued the prohibition and established a process for the department to obtain permission from

the court to reconnect affected bureaus on a case-by-case basis.

Parts of the department were permitted to reconnect in 2002. However, the five offices that work closely with American Indian trust data remained off the Internet. On May 14, 2008, U.S. District Judge James Robertson, the presiding judge in the case, vacated the consent order, allowing those offices to reconnect.

## Have fun, fight hunger

By Rick Smith

Kids and other people can have fun online, improve their vocabulary and help feed the hungry, all at the same time.

Essentially, a game is played where players are asked to select the correct definitions of given words in a multiple-choice format. As words are correctly defined, FreeRice donates 20 grains of rice to the United Nations World Food Program. The rice is bought and donated by sponsors who have banners on the site.

Words receiving incorrect responses keep returning later in the game.

Some may think 20 grains of rice for each correct selection isn’t much, but consider the formula the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) uses to feed people in countries where rice is a staple in diets. Information on the site indicates the program provides, on average, about 400 grams of rice per person, per day. That is intended for two meals that include other ingredients to ensure a minimum of 2,100 kilocalories per day. There are about 48 grains of rice in a gram.

As stated on its Web site, FreeRice has two goals: Provide English vocabulary to everyone for free and help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free.

According to the site’s list of frequently asked questions, FreeRice has a custom database containing thousands of words at varying degrees of difficulty. It notes there are words appropriate for people just learning English on up to the most

scholarly professors. There are 60 levels in all, but it is rare for people to get above level 50.

The organization says learning new vocabulary has tremendous benefits such as acquiring sharper mental abilities and greater self-confidence.

According to WFP spokeswoman Jennifer Mizgata, FreeRice started on Oct. 7, 2007, and has been catching on like wildfire. “We are so proud to be a part of this and so pleasantly surprised by the popularity of the site. From college students teachers using the site in the classrooms — emphasizing both vocabulary skills and the social impacts, there has been a sustained interest from thousands of people throughout the country.”

Mizgata said the site was created by John Breen, a computer programmer with strong social consciousness. Breen chose the World Food Program to receive the donations from FreeRice because he has a keen interest in fighting hunger and raising awareness about the issues of hunger and poverty.

“Years ago,” she added, “Breen developed another Web site to raise awareness about hunger and donated \$2.9 million to WFP. It was one of the first Web sites where visitors could click to donate and their donations would be covered by advertisers — a model which was instantly popular. We are thrilled he adapted the model to include an educational component and chose to work with us again.”

Check it out at [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com).

# PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE AND CULTURE

On July 29, 2008 The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed resolution 2008-157 allowing the issuance of bear hunting permits to Sault Tribe Members.

Several Traditional Members of Sault Tribe spoke out against Bear Hunting and asked for 7 days to establish guidelines that is in accordance with our values as Native People.

Bears are a sacred part of all Native American Cultures from across the country. Like the Eagle and Wolf the Bear is considered a sacred animal that was not hunted for pure sport of hunting.

Bear hunting today is nothing more than a sport! Hunters bait the animal, use dogs to chase it up a tree and then shoot it down from a distance.

The Sault Tribe is NOT here for exploitation of treaty rights so a few trophy hunters can have a new bear rug.

We are a nation of people with a rich history steep in culture and tradition. The very idea of saying "I am Native American" is recognition of who you are as a part of a distinct society.

YOU as part of our Nation will make the ultimate choice as to whether the Sault Tribe shall issue Bear hunting permits.

WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION 2008-157

SAULT TRIBE CULTURAL COMMITTEE



# Study: Indians excluded from repatriation process

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The federal government neither assures compliance with nor enforcement of a federal law enacted to protect American Indian remains and funerary objects and to reunite them with their families and homelands. In some instances, agencies have withheld or changed information about the objects or human remains in their possession, in blatant disregard of the law, according to a new report studying the implementation of the act.

While some federal agencies have good working relationships with American Indians, many tribes say federal agencies rarely made good-faith efforts in contacting them about their collections. Tribes also have discovered that some of the federal agencies' official notices of cultural determinations have been withdrawn for unknown reasons and without consulting the tribes, according to a new report assessing the implementation of the

1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act or NAGPRA released today.

"For decades . . . the human remains of thousands of American Indians were lodged in federal repositories, museums and scientific institutions," Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) notes in the report's foreword. "It required an act of the Congress to ensure that their loved ones are accorded the proper respect in death that they enjoyed in life."

But researchers in the study say much more work remains to be done on NAGPRA. The law instituted a systematic approach of working with American Indians to return human remains and funerary objects with which they are affiliated. Federal agencies and museums were required to take inventory and notify American Indians about their collections and thus work in collaboration with Indians in determining a cultural link to the remains or objects. But researchers in the study say

some federal agencies have refused to do so, which has resulted in more than 118,000 American Indians being left in storage in federal repositories and museums across the nation.

The National Park Service, which both participates in and oversees the NAGPRA process, is one such agency that has the remains of hundreds of American Indians in storage because the service has withdrawn the public notices that tie the remains and objects to contemporary Indians. Most of these notices have been pending publication since 1995.

"Makah people have always lived in this area and, over the past 150 years, a lot of our important cultural items have been improperly removed from here and are located in museums throughout the country," said Janine Bowechop, executive director of the Makah Cultural and Research Center that is operated by the Makah Tribe. "NAGPRA gave hope to all Indian people that we could



legally seek return of our cultural objects and for many, this promise has been realized. If we had the resources, we would make a bigger push to bring our objects home, where they belong."

The Makah museum houses one of the country's largest collections of pre-contact, northwest coast artifacts.

Also according to the report, since 1999 more than \$3 million has been used by the national NAGPRA program for purposes other than the grants program, which was created by the act to support museums and American Indians to participate in the repatriation process.

But federal officials also have their frustrations. Many say they could benefit from training on the repatriation

process, but they have inadequate resources, according to the report. Federal officials also cited confusion on who or which tribe to consult with. Federal officials agreed with tribes and cited concern with looting on federal lands.

In addition to the two national surveys of federal agencies and American Indians, researchers reviewed the documentation process required by NAGPRA, Interior Department databases, legal records and other public information provided by federal agencies and tribes. The study was funded by a National Park Service grant.

Specific recommendations in the report address the law, regulations and federal oversight and enforcement, as well as creating and improving databases, and devising more or improved tribal and federal consultation policies to improve relations.

The report, Federal Agency Implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, is available from the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers based in Washington, D.C. To view the report, go to [www.nathpo.org](http://www.nathpo.org).

## LETTERS ~

### ***Dog fighting: A crime committed by cowards***

To the editor,

With NFL training camps in full swing, we hope that the NFL will place just as much emphasis on players' off-field behavior as on their ability to run plays and score touchdowns.

Now is the time to weed out bad seeds like convicted dogfighter Leshon Johnson and Michael Vick, whose dogfighting conviction last year disgraced the Atlanta Falcons and left the team scrambling to find a replacement quarterback.

Given the extreme cruelty of dogfighting, NFL teams should adopt a zero-tolerance policy for this and other illegal activities. Animal abusers are cowards who take their issues out on "easy victims"—and they rarely limit themselves to harming other species. The FBI has found that a history of cruelty to animals regularly appears in its records of serial rapists and murderers.

Dogfighters belong behind bars — not on the gridiron. For tips on what you can do if you suspect dogfighting is taking place in your community, please visit [www.HelpingAnimals.com](http://www.HelpingAnimals.com).

Sincerely,  
— **Martin Mersereau**,  
Director of Emergency Response Team Cruelty Investigations Department  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)  
Norfolk, Va.

### ***Best wishes to all***

To the editor,

I am one of the former employees who lost their jobs with Sault Tribe due to the recent cutbacks. I cannot and will not single out individuals to blame for this sudden loss of wages and benefits to my tribal family.

My position was eliminated, so I already know that I will never be called back to work. It is my time to pick up the pieces and move on to a brighter future. I would like to thank the Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos for giving me a job for the past 15 years. I hope that I have left a positive impression with the employees who still work for the tribe.

My supervisors, Mike Massey and Brad Pringle, I would like to wish both of you the best, you have been great to work for.

I did not have the opportunity to say goodbye to my coworkers and many of the customers, I wish you well and you will be missed.

I hope our current tribal board members can turn the tribe's financial situation around. I would like to personally thank board member Keith Massaway for swallowing his pride and meeting with me on an individual basis regarding this matter. Keith, you did what you thought was in the best interest of the tribe, I can only respect you for your decision.

I wish all of the people who have suffered a job loss the best of luck in finding new employment.

— **Robert Holmes**,  
St. Ignace

### ***Sault Tribe board must cut its salary***

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors must cut its salaries. They need to share the pain with the 70 employees who lost their jobs, health insurance and retirement last week.

Board members clear about \$2,000 every two weeks—more than \$4,000 a month, which adds up to \$67,000 a year. Fringe benefits, cell phones, computers, travel and charged meals push their 12 salaries to more than \$1.7 million a year.

We did not hire them, they

are not employees—they are elected leaders. We placed our trust in them, our tribal resources and our jobs. Years ago they said they were using our huge casino revenues to build a better future, create a better community. They even promised that tribal members would always be the first hired and the last to be let go.

They broke all their promises. Worst of all they mismanaged millions of casino dollars made in the 1990s, when we were one of the state's first tribes to open casinos.

Board members do not have to tell us how desperate our finances are—we know. That is not an excuse for taking member jobs. They did not ask for short work weeks and pay cuts; and, they did not let long time employees bump down the job chain.

We are not looking to blame anyone. Blame will not comfort those members lost their jobs. It will not help them pay their bills now.

Tribal officials have mismanaged tribal resources for the past 12 years, which includes two tribal chairmen and three elected boards.

Action needs to be taken.

Board members must cut their salaries. We must return to the time when board members were not paid. Those people did not make their living from the tribe, they sought office because they were motivated to help our tribe, its members and create a better future.

A petition to end board salaries is circulating. It will be ready for the September board meeting in the Sault. The board has the power to reject a petition they do not like. Let them do it in a public meeting. Meanwhile, call and email your unit representatives, let them know who you feel.

— **John Hatch**  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

## Weaver aids American Indian College Fund

BY RICK SMITH

Pendleton Woolen Mills of Portland, Ore., began production of commemorative wool blankets last month in support of the American Indian College Fund for 2008.

The limited edition blankets will feature a special design reflecting the horse culture of the Great Plains tribes. The design was selected in a special competition won by Thomasina Stevens, a 37-year-old Sioux student attending Fort Berthold Community College in North Dakota. The blanket design is called *The Painted Pony*.

"Pendleton has been supporting the American Indian College Fund since 1996," said Bob Christnacht, home division manager for Pendleton. "Our company has a long history of association with Indian tribes and it was a natural when the idea of Pendleton supporting the fund organization was brought to us by a mutual friend."

Pendleton began trading with tribes, mostly in the country's southwest region since its beginning days in 1903 when their blankets were swapped for Indian crafted turquoise jewelry.

"The idea of having designs for the blankets created by students at tribal colleges led to the start of the competition three years ago," said Christnacht. "What makes a great design — half is the image and half is the message behind the image."

The competition is organized and conducted by the American Indian College Fund organization. Competitions for the following year usually open for submissions after the design selection for the current year. Dina Horwedel, spokeswoman for the fund organization, said

no design competition takes place for the 2009 blankets because those blankets will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the American Indian College Fund. Usually, she said submissions are accepted starting in August.

While most blankets bear designs inspired by Great Plains and southwestern tribal cultures, some reflect indigenous cultures of other regions in the United States. At least one blanket design in particular bears an Anishininaabe-influenced image; it is called *Tribute to Jack Briggs* and features a classic floral pattern.

Lester "Jack" Briggs was the first and only president in the history of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in northern Minnesota at the time of his death in 2001.

According to his obituary, "Throughout his lifetime and professional career, Mr. Briggs focused his efforts on increasing educational opportunities for American Indian people and on building bridges of understanding between the Indian and non-Indian communities. He credited his respect for knowledge and his commitment to serving others to his strong Ojibwe roots. Mr. Briggs, an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, was a respected leader in both the Indian and non-Indian communities."

Likenesses of the Tribute to Jack Briggs, The Painted Pony and other blankets specially made to support the American Indian College Fund can be found on either the fund organization's or company's Web sites at [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org) or [www.pendleton-usa.com](http://www.pendleton-usa.com).

# Heart health classes held at Sault Tribe Health Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Having a healthy heart is one of the most important things you can give yourself. Sault Tribe Health Center's Community Health program would like to invite you to participate in a six-session series of heart healthy classes, "Honoring the Gift of Heart Health."

Each session is offered twice a week, once on Tuesday afternoon and again on Thursday evening. You will get a chance to talk with registered dietitians, health educators, nurses and special speakers. The classes are not in order and you can start anytime you wish. Once you have completed all six sessions you will be given a certificate and a gift.

Thursday evenings during class a nutritious supper is served to participants.

"This program is the community outreach part of our Special Diabetes Program for Indians Healthy Heart Project grant we received in 2005. The Sault Tribe was one of about 32 tribes funded for this project," said Charla Gordon, registered dietitian and Sault Tribe nutritionist. "We are one of the few communities that have actually implemented the community outreach portion of this grant."

The classes are open to the community at no charge. The six-class series is offered four times a year.

"You can't do much about age or family history, but you

can do something about everything else," Gordon said. "I come from a family that has diabetes and heart disease and I know that I can do something about those risks. I can do really healthy things with what I eat and how I move my body, and also by choosing not to smoke. It is important for people to know that they do have some choices," she said.

Instructor Linda Cook said, "Participants range in age from their 20s to 70s. We have also had children come to class with their parents. The courses teach people how to prevent diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. We try to keep our program current with all the newest information."

Classes offered in September are "Move More – Feel Better,"

Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. or Sept. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and "The Smoke Around You – How it Affects Your Heart," Sept. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. or Sept. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for the free classes, call 632-5210 or e-mail Charla Gordon at [cjgordon@saulttribe.net](mailto:cjgordon@saulttribe.net).

## Special Olympics joins global protest against film *Tropic Thunder*

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich.—Special Olympics and other national disability organizations have recently banded together around the nation to initiate a campaign against the use of the "R-word" (retard) and offensive portrayals of people with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics along with the American Association of Disabled Persons, National Down Syndrome Congress, National Down Syndrome Society, the ARC of the United States and TASH have joined efforts to ban the use of the "R-word."

*Tropic Thunder*, a new big-budget, R-rated comedy sparked outrage among organizations and protesters throughout the nation because of the film's use of the "R-word" and negative depictions of people with intel-

lectual disabilities.

For years the "R-word" has been tossed around like any other word, but it hurts and offends just as other derogatory words may have against a person.

"When the R-word is banded about and when bumbling, clueless caricatures designed to mimic the behavior of people with intellectual disabilities are on screen, they have an unmistakable outcome: they mock, directly or indirectly, people with intellectual disabilities. They perpetuate the worst stereotypes. They further exclusion and isolation. They are mean," said Timothy Shriver, chairman and CEO of Special Olympics.

"Special Olympics is about

changing lives and perceptions about intellectual disabilities," said Lois Arnold president and CEO of Special Olympics Michigan. "For 40 years the Special Olympics movement has been working toward fostering a world of acceptance for all people. *Tropic Thunder* promotes negative stereotypes about intellectual disabilities and encourages the usage of the "R-word." The Special Olympics movement proudly boycotts *Tropic Thunder* and will always work to create a more unified and accepting society. I strongly discourage anyone from seeing this movie."

For more information on the boycott, visit [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org).



Photo by Brenda Austin

Mary Reno and Kathy Reno participate in Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, a six-week course offered by Sault Tribe Community Health.

## SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians offers a \$1,000 Special Needs Scholarship to members who have a documented physical or emotional disability. The scholarship is to be used for educational purposes.

Two (2) scholarships are awarded to members ages 18 and older.

Two (2) scholarships are awarded to members under age 18.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member (tribal enrollment card required).
- Must have a letter from a physician, mental health provider or special education professional documenting the physical or emotional disability of the individual.
- Must have a letter from the individual or a parent/guardian stating what the Special Needs Scholarship will be used for and an itemized list of the expected costs.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit all the required information to:

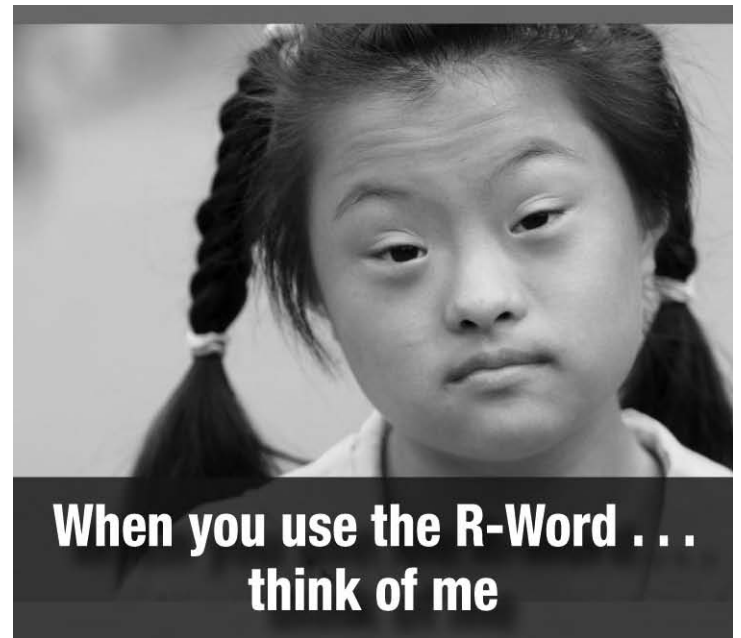
ATTN: **Mindy Kavanaugh**  
Sault Tribe Membership Services  
523 Ashmun  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

WHEN TO APPLY: Oct. 1-31, 2008

DEADLINE: Oct. 31, 2008  
(If mailed, postmark must show Oct. 31 or before)

ANY QUESTIONS: Please contact Angeline Matson, education director, at (906) 635-4944, e-mail [amatson@saulttribe.net](mailto:amatson@saulttribe.net) or call toll-free at (800) 793-0660, ask for Angeline Matson

NOTICE: All identifying information about individuals is kept confidential. No names of applicants or awardees will be released to the public.



When you use the R-Word . . .  
think of me

### Facts About People with Intellectual Disabilities

- Did you know that up to three percent of the world's population have intellectual disabilities...that's 200 million people around the world. It's the largest disability population in the world....perhaps you know someone?
- Did you know that many people with intellectual disabilities go to school, graduate college, compete in sports, live and work on their own...maybe alongside you?
- Did you know Loretta Claiborne, an athlete with intellectual disabilities, has run 26 marathons...have you?
- Did you know using the word "retard" to describe people with intellectual disabilities is harmful and demeaning?

Be a fan of Dignity — Don't use the 'R-word'

Visit:  
[www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

  
**Special Olympics**  
Be a fan™

# Michigan's 2008 Outstanding Older Worker named

Experience Works recently announced that Bernice Metzger, 74, has been named Michigan's Outstanding Older Worker. She will represent Michigan at the Prime Time Awards gala in Washington, D.C. this month. The Prime Time Awards' purpose is to salute the contributions of the older worker, which are such an important and growing part of America's workforce today.

Metzger gives real meaning to the term "outstanding older worker." Her title is clerk, but she works in many different offices doing a wide variety of work, adapting to each different environment with equal enthusiasm. She works in the St. Joseph County Clerk's Office, the Treasurer's Office, Register of Deeds, Probate Office, Circuit Court Judge's Office, Animal Control, Land Resource and Michigan State University Extension. She is also the deputy clerk for Nottawa Township. Metzger has worked at the St. Joseph County Courthouse for 20 years.

"Bernice is a ray of sunshine no matter where she is working, and that could be any of multiple offices. She learns quickly and has impeccable work habits, not only in

her work but in her everyday life," said Jeannine Hire, a co-worker.

Metzger's supervisor, Cynthia Jarratt, St. Joseph County Register of Deeds, said, "I've never heard her utter the words 'I can't do that.' Bernice does a great job with whatever task she is asked to do and she does it with a smile on her face and a laugh that brightens everyone's day."

In addition to her busy work schedule, Metzger volunteers at the Lions Club, VFW and has been an Eastern Star member. A mother of four, with four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, she is dedicated to her family. She was born and raised in Chicago but has lived in Michigan for several years. Her parents were naturalized citizens from Poland who taught her that citizenship is a privilege and that it is important to always vote. She has also worked on the local election board. Her husband was a career military man so Mrs. Metzger moved 17 times during her married life. He passed away in 2000.

Experience Works is proud to congratulate Metzger on being chosen as Michigan's

Outstanding Older Worker. Experience Works is a national non-profit organization that serves low-income seniors age 55 and older with paid job skills training at local non-profit organizations. Skills learned while training at non-profits help participants find permanent employment. Experience Works also offers job placement services, helping with resumes, online job searches and coaching on interview skills.

"According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, workers age 50-plus will constitute 21.2 percent of the labor force by 2014," said Pam Fox, Michigan/Indiana Regional Director of Experience Works. "In the last 10 years, more than 55,600 low-income seniors found employment through our services."

If you are 55 or over, have a low income and want to work, call Experience Works at (800) 772-5550. They may have a job that is just right for you. If you are a non-profit organization that would like to participate in the program, or if you are an employer interested in hiring older workers, please visit our Web site at [www.experienceworks.org](http://www.experienceworks.org).



Photo by James R. Garlitz

"Who dat?" is what this Pine Marten seems to be expressing as it casts a wary look to the camera recently.

## Parents needed for new dialog on the very young

"Native American Families Community Conversation" is an opportunity to talk about the special needs of our young children from newborns to five-year-olds and families with the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, which is conducting these dialogs across the state.

The vision is that every child in Michigan has a great start: safe, healthy and eager to succeed in school and in life.

The event is scheduled for Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Inter-Tribal Council of



Michigan, 2956 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Parent representatives are needed. Mileage, child care and a \$50 honorarium are offered.

To register, or if you have any questions, please call Jodi Spicer at (517) 526-0752 or e-mail [jodi@krcami.com](mailto:jodi@krcami.com).

## Move It! New program helps kids fight diabetes

BY RICK SMITH

According to the National Diabetes Education Program, clinical and regional studies show Type 2 diabetes is growing, especially among American Indian kids. Parents and educators are worried about how to help overweight kids lower their risks.

The National Diabetes Education Program offers new Move It! And Reduce Your Risk for Diabetes kits to help schools create programs to assist students in lowering their risk for Type 2 diabetes.

According to an announcement from the program, the free kits may be downloaded, reproduced and distributed by anyone without copyright restrictions along with all of the program's other resources. In addition, people can duplicate and disseminate as many copies of the kits as they wish.

"The purpose of the kit is to encourage physical activity in school," said Dr. Kelly Moore, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma, pediatrician and Chair of the American Indian/Alaska Native Work Group that developed the kit. She said the work group is composed of American Indians and an Alaska Native from a variety of health professions, academic organizations and businesses owned by American Indians.

The kits were originally developed for American Indian students but they can be adapted for students of all races and

ethnicities. The kits include a CD-ROM of materials such as customizable posters of youth engaging in fun physical activities, a fact sheet for use as a teaching aid and sample newsletter text for school and community publications.

Tips on using the kits in schools include adding information about Type 2 diabetes into existing health lessons, distributing kit materials in gym and health classes, displaying posters from the kit in strategic areas such as gyms, cafeterias and classrooms, encouraging and sponsoring regular physical activities such as dances, daily walking programs, marathons or athletic tournaments — and even something as simple as encouraging walking during lunch periods.

More information about lowering the risk of type 2 diabetes in youngsters, along with guidance for those already afflicted, is found online by visiting [www.yourdiabetesinfo.org](http://www.yourdiabetesinfo.org); the Move It! kits are available there as well. The kits can also be requested by calling toll free (888) 693-6337 or the Association of American Indian Physicians at (977) 943-4299.

The National Diabetes Education Program operates under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with the support of more than 200 organizations.

# Move It!



## And Reduce Your Risk of Diabetes

For more information contact  
Association of American Indian Physicians  
(877) 943-4299 or [www.aaip.org](http://www.aaip.org)  
or  
National Diabetes Education Program  
1-800-438-5383 or [www.ndep.nih.gov](http://www.ndep.nih.gov)





# July 28 Elderly Advisory Committee meeting notes

SUBMITTED BY BOB MENARD

Ilene Moses opened the meeting with a prayer. A moment of silence was observed for community members who recently walked on and for our armed forces and their families. There was a quorum present with nine regular voting members and two alternates. Robert St. Andrew and Worley Rittenhouse were the only regular voting members who were absent. Five alternate members were in attendance.

Tribal Chairman Joe McCoy was present. Board members present were Robert Lapoint, Cathy Abramson, Lana Causley and Shirley Petosky. Tribal staff present were Holly Kibble, Courtney Kachur and Lona Stewart. Joan Anderson attended as a guest.

Committee Chairman Menard gave a brief historical and philosophical description of the committee, its goals, the programs it endorses, its past relationship with the board of directors and what it hopes to accomplish.

Area subcommittee representatives related what's going on in their units:

Unit I – Judy LaJoie said they recently had an election of officers; planning to visits to Ship Shawanna, Petoskey and Mt. Rushmore; helped plant and care for a vegetable garden (some of the produce is used in the elder's meals program); planted shrubs and flowers at the veterans memorial; and they use a system where members volunteer for activities to earn credits against the cost of participating in recreational trips.

Unit II, Newberry – Joan Karlson said they are raising funds to help defray the cost of a trip to South Dakota.

Unit II, Hessel – Phil Payment said they are planning a trip to Tennessee.

Unit II, Naubinway – Arnold Frazier said they are a new group finalizing plans for their first trip. It will be to Branson, Mo., Sept. 14-18.

Unit III – Phyllis Colegrove said they are conducting 50/50 drawings under their new state license; helping the Rendezvous at the Straits event selling raffle tickets and water; holding a rummage sale on Aug. 30; planning trip to Nashville and a day trip to Tahquamenon Falls.

Unit IV, Manistique – Jerome Peterson said they recently went to Mackinac Island for a day trip and those who couldn't go were taken out to dinner.

Unit IV, Escanaba – Jerry Miller told of a planned one-day

trip to Milwaukee to see a show with stops at Maxwell St. Day in Cedarburg and the Oneida Casino; potluck picnic with Manistique at the tribal center on Sept. 4.

Unit V, Munising – Dolores LeVeque reported they purchased a dishwasher for their senior center; powwow on Aug. 4; going to Green Bay August 12-13; continuing fund-raising events and having two meals a month.

Unit V, Marquette — Bob Menard reported that their group recently went to Las Vegas; took an overnigher to Sault Ste. Marie with stops in Bay Mills and Christmas with a dinner cruise through the Soo Locks; family picnic on Aug. 2; planning annual Thanksgiving and Christmas meals where children of elders and spouses are entertained.

Chairman McCoy gave a brief introduction of himself and his vision for the tribe. He fielded questions on rumors and concerns about the following: funeral assistance benefits; potential cuts in the elders' lands claim checks; perceived shortcomings in the health programs (Bonnie Culfa will be invited to make a report on the health programs); possible hiring of a west-end advocate; status of the proposed new Constitution; status of the Greentown enterprise; status of the 7+1+1 lawsuit; providing the membership with a comprehensive, layman-understandable, accounting of the tribe's true financial status; providing the elders with a similar accounting of the lands claim fund; ensuring that every formal communication from the Elderly Advisory Committee receives a timely response; status of possible purchase of the motel adjacent to the Christmas Casino; status of a possible casino for Romulus; consideration of changing tribal financial reviews from the fourth Monday of the month to allow the chairman and board of directors to attend the monthly Elderly Advisory Committee meetings if they so desire.

Board representatives present assisted the chairman with clarification on the various issues raised, after which, they and the chairman left the meeting.

The draft minutes for June 23, 2008, were approved as submitted.

Five items were discussed under old business:

a. Discussion of the proposed by-law changes were tabled for the August meeting.

b. Menard reported that four scholarship applications had been received and that the judges, Madeleine Prout and James Alderson, recently retired professors from NMU, reviewed the applications and chose the two finalists to be Sarah Therio and Calvin Schemanski. Menard read the essay portion of the winning applications. Menard will write a letter to Holly Kibble identifying the winners and requesting scholarship checks issued to them. The checks will be sent to the winners with a letter from the committee.

c. Menard gave a brief summary of correspondence regarding denial of a subsidy for travel to existing language classes.

d. Menard said no correspondence was received from the board of directors concerning the request for lands claims fund accounting, adding that the most recent tribal newspaper had an article addressing the subject.

e. No response has been received from the board of directors regarding a committee-proposed personal information checklist/packet.

Three items were discussed under new business:

a. Chairperson McCoy spoke on the status of the proposed new Constitution earlier in the meeting.

b. The minutes of this meeting and the information on the scholarship program will be the next articles to be submitted to the newspaper.

c. Those present who attended the recent Michigan Indian Elders Association conference in Mt. Pleasant shared their experience. It was agreed it was an excellent conference. The next meeting, in October, set in Petoskey, hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Holly Kibble explained her intention to conduct an elder's needs assessment as required by the Older Americans Act. It will be funded by a Title VI grant. Nick Singer will travel around the service area conducting the survey. Kibble also handed out a summary of the newspaper report dealing with the Lands Claim Act as prepared by Victor Matson Jr.

The next regular meeting is set for Aug. 25, 2008, at the Newberry Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

## Beware of foreclosure rescue scams

FROM THE U.S. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

The possibility of losing your home to foreclosure can be terrifying. The reality that scam artists are preying on the vulnerability of desperate homeowners is equally frightening. Many so-called foreclosure rescue companies or foreclosure assistance firms claim they can help you save your home. Some are brazen enough to offer a money-back guarantee. Unfortunately, once most of these foreclosure fraudsters take your money, they leave you much the worse for wear.

If you think you may be facing foreclosure, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, wants you to know how to recognize a foreclosure rescue scam. And even if the foreclosure process has already begun, the FTC and its law enforcement partners want you to know that legitimate options are available to help you save your home.

### How the scams work

Foreclosure rescue firms use a variety of tactics to find homeowners in distress: Some sift through public foreclosure notices in newspapers and on the Internet or through public files at local government offices, and then send personalized letters to homeowners. Others take a broader approach through ads on the Internet, television, or in newspapers, posters on telephone poles, median strips and at bus stops, or flyers or business cards at your front door. The scam artists use simple and straightforward messages, like:

“Stop Foreclosure Now!”

“We guarantee to stop your foreclosure.”

“Keep your home. We know your home is scheduled to be sold. No problem!”

“We have special relationships within many banks that can speed up case approvals.”

“We can save your home. Guaranteed. Free consultation”

“We stop foreclosures every day. Our team of professionals can stop yours this week!”

Once they have your attention, they use a variety of tactics to get your money:

### Phony counseling or phantom help

The scam artist tells you that he can negotiate a deal with your lender to save your house if you pay a fee first. You may be told not to contact your lender, lawyer or credit counselor and to let the scam artist handle all the details. Once you pay the fee, the scam artist takes off with your money.

### Bait-and-switch

You think you're signing documents for a new loan to make your existing mortgage current. This is a trick: you've signed documents that surrender the title of your house to the scam artist in exchange for a “rescue” loan.

### Rent-to-buy scheme

You're told to surrender the title as part of a deal that allows you to remain in your home as

a renter, and to buy it back during the next few years. You may be told that surrendering the title will permit a borrower with a better credit rating to secure new financing – and prevent the loss of the home. But the terms of these deals usually are so burdensome that buying back your home becomes impossible. You lose the home, and the scam artist walks off with all or most of your home's equity. Worse yet, when the new borrower defaults on the loan, you're evicted.

### Where to find legitimate help

If you're having trouble paying your mortgage or you have gotten a foreclosure notice, contact your lender immediately. You may be able to negotiate a new repayment schedule. Remember that lenders generally don't want to foreclose; it costs them money.

Other foreclosure prevention options, including reinstatement and forbearance, are explained in *Mortgage Payments Sending You Reeling? Here's What to Do*, a publication from the FTC. Find it at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

You also may contact a credit counselor through the Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF), a non-profit organization that operates the national 24/7 toll-free hot-line (888) 995-HOPE with free, bilingual, personalized assistance to help at-risk homeowners avoid foreclosure. HPF is a member of the HOPE NOW Alliance of mortgage services, mortgage market participants and counselors. More information about HOPE NOW is at [www.995hope.org](http://www.995hope.org).

### Red flags

If you're looking for foreclosure prevention help, avoid any business that:

- Guarantees to stop the foreclosure process – no matter what your circumstances.
- Instructs you not to contact your lender, lawyer, or credit or housing counselor.
- Collects a fee before providing you with any services.
- Accepts payment only by cashier's check or wire transfer.
- Encourages you to lease your home so you can buy it back over time.
- Tells you to make your mortgage payments directly to it, rather than your lender.
- Tells you to transfer your property deed or title to it.
- Offers to buy your house for cash at a fixed price that is not set by the housing market at the time of sale.
- Offers to fill out paperwork for you.
- Pressures you to sign paperwork you haven't had a chance to read thoroughly or that you don't understand.

If you're having trouble paying your mortgage or you have gotten a foreclosure notice, contact your lender immediately.

### Report fraud

If you think you've been a victim of foreclosure fraud, contact the Federal Trade Commission, your state attorney general and your local Better Business Bureau.

## Hessel elders express gratitude

The Hessel Elders of Unit II would like to thank Russ McKerchie, Tel Fox, Josh Salvador, Jackie Minton and Terry LaTour for all their cooperation and help given to us during our 16<sup>th</sup> annual powwow. Without their assistance, it would not have been so successful.

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and Nora for all their hard work, time and effort to make this a good fundraiser.

We are also grateful to all who donated, purchased and supported us in this endeavor.

*Miigwech,  
Hessel Elders*



## E.J. Fortin releases his first single, "The Veteran"

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

E.J. Fortin has released an original new single titled *The Veteran*, honoring our country's heroes and often bringing tears to the eyes of listeners. Fortin, a country music and Christian singer, is a Sault Tribe member who has been playing the guitar and singing since the age of 14.

A former Kincheloe, Mich., resident, Fortin worked at the St. Ignace Kewadin Casino for four years as a keno clerk before moving to Florida to avoid Michigan winters.

One evening, as Fortin was working on his songs, a friend and Vietnam War veteran, Lee Plume, came to visit. "I watched him walk away and he was kind of bent over and walking slow; that's when I came up with the last line of the song," said Fortin. "So when you see these old men walking kinda slow, remember what they had to do and where they had to go. And if they'll tell the stories you can bet that they are true, of when they fought on foreign land for the old red, white and blue."

Fortin had a friend who used to tell him stories about laying in a foxhole at night with rounds going off over his head.

"I had always wanted to write a song that had something to do with the U.S. and the military. My four brothers, Orin White, Noel, Steve and Rocque Fortin, were all in the service during war time and I used to think about what they had gone through," he said.

Excited family and friends from Missouri and Arkansas called him after hearing his new song on their local radio stations. "Every time I play *The Veteran* for people they want to buy copies of it. I had someone buy eight copies once for family and friends," Fortin said.

The singer waited many years and survived several hardships before a friend helped him out. "When my wife Brenda and I moved to Florida, my Christian friend contacted me and asked me what I was doing with my music. I told her for me to record just one cut would cost \$3,200 plus room and board. So she sent me a check for \$3,500 and told me to go record *The Veteran*. She believed the song would gain me recognition as a songwriter and provide the financing for a Christian album," said Fortin.

Fortin has written about 25 country, Christian and Christmas songs and is working on number 26. "The band that you hear on the CD backing me up was the Nashville Recording Band, the same band that plays for the Grand Ole Opry and backs up all the big stars when they come to Nashville. The recording studio I used was Bayou Recording with the Artistry Records label," said Fortin. "They had 20 stars with their pictures and gold and platinum albums next to them with plaques under their photos thanking Bayou Recording and Artistry Records for the technical help with their projects."



Singer-songwriter E.J. Fortin

In 1996, Fortin entered a talent contest and received a call the following day inviting him to Nashville to sing at the Grand Ole Opry on a Friday or Saturday evening. "Before I had the chance to go to Nashville I was in a bad car accident that crushed my neck and left me without the use of my left arm for over eight months," he said. After surgery and therapy he has about 80 percent use of that arm today. "Then I was able to play again. Music has been my best friend all my life. After I had the operation on my arm, they went through the front of my neck to repair my spine and had to pull my vocal chords out of the way for the surgery. My voice was messed up for about a year after the surgery and during that time I bought a harmonica to exercise my voice and taught myself how to play it."

Ten years after his original invitation to Nashville he looked up the talent contest promoter. "Brenda and I went to church in Florida the day after we got the check in the mail for \$3,500 and as we were sitting in the parking lot I asked God to give me a sign that I was doing the right thing and not wasting the money. We walked into church and the pastor started preaching, he said that if the Lord will lead you to it, He will lead you through it. That was so profound, I looked at my wife and told her we have to go to Nashville and do this recording — \$3,500 is a lot of money to spend of someone else's without caring about it," said Fortin.

Fortin hopes to record his original songs and be able to release a country and Christian album soon. "It was a great experience. It is a very rewarding feeling to have created something with my music that can make people emotional," he said.

Fortin was the ninth child in a family of 12. His son, Chad, grandsons, Nicholas and Blain, granddaughter, Hailey, step-sons, Kenneth, Dennis and Curtis and step-grandchildren Jessica, Ashley and Ken Jr., along with many nieces and nephews, are all very close to his heart.

E.J. Fortin's song, *The Veteran*, can be viewed and purchased at [www.ejfortinmusic.com](http://www.ejfortinmusic.com). You can also e-mail Fortin at [ej@ejfortinmusic.com](mailto:ej@ejfortinmusic.com).

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# Book introduces author and her literature

BY RICK SMITH

Coinciding with her induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame this year, a paperback edition of *The Sound the Stars Make Rushing Through the Sky: The Writings of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft*, was recently released by the University of Pennsylvania Press. A hard back edition was released in 2007.

Johnston-Schoolcraft was an Anishinaabekwe writer from Sault Ste. Marie born in 1800 and died in 1842. She is credited with having many American literary firsts and her writings span different genre.

The power of her poetry is demonstrated in the heart-wrenching song, *Sweet Willy, My Boy*, created by Sault musicians Dave Stanaway and Susan Askwith for their 2005 CD using one of her poems for the lyrics. It is a testament to her prose that the poem, written over 180 years ago, is the lyric for a contemporary song. The title of the CD is *John Johnston: His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era*.

The 292-page book, edited by Robert Dale Parker, contains a preface that starts, "This book began as a reaction against the routine underestimation of

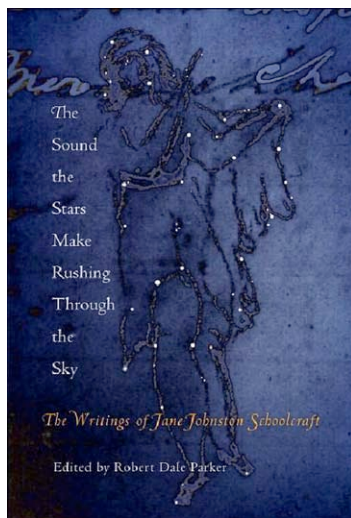
American Indian literacy both for historical times and our own times." It's about time.

The preface is followed by an 86-page introduction to the world and writings of Jane Johnston Schoolcraft that contains images of her historically significant parents, husband Henry Rowe Schoolcraft and herself along with the narrative and other images.

The main section of the book is a showcase of some of her works with most in English and some in Anishinaabemowin along with English translations. It is in this section one learns the illustration on the cover of the book was taken from a drawing on one of her manuscripts. The drawing is described as *Chippewa Maiden*; while the artist of the sketch isn't made known, the handwriting of the description is believed to be that of her husband. Footnotes also accompany many of the poems and other works.

Appendices are included in the book covering annotations that may be important for more inquisitive readers. Notes on works cited follow along with an index and acknowledgements.

The book is available via



The paperback cover above shows an image of a woman as a constellation. The image derives from a drawing titled "Chippewa Maiden" on a Jane Johnston Schoolcraft manuscript.

the University of Pennsylvania Press or through more progressive bookstores. Both the book and aforementioned CD are available at the Chippewa County Historical Society in the Sault. The society can be contacted via mail at P.O. Box 342, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, e-mail at cchs@sault.com or phone (906) 635-7082. The Historical Society is housed at 115 Ashmun Street.

# Sault Anishinaabekwe is inducted into hall of fame

BY RICK SMITH

The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame recently announced a Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwe woman is to be inducted during ceremonies in Novi, Mich., on Oct. 15. She is among the three honorees in the 2008 historical division induction alongside four women entering the contemporary division.

Jane Johnston Schoolcraft (Obabaamwegiizhigokwe — Woman of the Sound Stars Make Rushing Through the Sky) was born in 1800 and died in 1842. She is believed to be the first American Indian literary writer in the United States and holds title to many literary firsts in the country. She will now hold a place of honor in the hall, along with the other six women. Some of her work was a primary source for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow when he wrote *The Song of Hiawatha*.

Schoolcraft was one of eight children of a Scotch-Irish father and an Ojibwe mother, John and Susan Johnston, whom together built a prosperous fur trade in Sault Ste. Marie. They were also key figures in the Anishinaabeg and Euro-American communities in the area. Mrs.



**Jane Johnston Schoolcraft**

Johnston's ancestral name was Ozhawguscodaywaquay — Green Meadow Woman — and she is recorded as the first American Indian woman in the Michigan territory to facilitate a treaty between the Anishinaabeg and the U.S. government.

Jane married Henry Rowe Schoolcraft in 1823. He was an Anglo-American man of many interests who became a historically significant Indian agent based in Sault Ste. Marie.

The other honorees in the historical division are Leta Snow, founder of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, and Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, a 25-year president of Madonna

University.

According to the Michigan Women's Historical Center, the four inductees in the contemporary division are author, poet and playwright Carol Atkins, who has advanced feminist themes and theories since the 1960s; Patricia Cuza, the first executive director of the Michigan Women's Commission; Carol King, noted film producer and crusader for political, social and economic equality for women; and Vicki Neiberg, who has distinguished herself as an educator and advocate for juvenile justice and women's rights.

This is not the first time an American Indian woman has been inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame; a woman with Ottawa ancestry from the Grand Rapids area was inducted in 1984, another from northern lower Michigan was included in 1996 and an Upper Peninsula woman was installed in 2001.

The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame is in Lansing, it is owned and operated by the Michigan Women's Studies Association, a non-profit corporation constituted in 1976.

# Indian honorees in hall of fame

BY RICK SMITH

The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing began annual inductions of extraordinarily accomplished women in the state in October 1983. In the following year, the organization honored the first of three women of American Indian ancestry now immortalized within its hall.



**Cora Reynolds Anderson**

Born 1921 and died in 1981.

From the Upper Peninsula, Cora Reynolds Anderson of L'Anse was installed into the hall in 2001. She was the first woman elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, serving one term from 1925 to 1926 and is believed to be the only American Indian woman elected to the Michigan House or Senate. She remains the only woman ever elected to the State Legislature from the Upper Peninsula.

Her description goes on to note that, while in the House of Representatives, Anderson concentrated on public welfare and chaired the Industrial Home for Girls Committee. She was particularly interested in public health issues, especially the fight against alcoholism and tuberculosis. At a time when American Indians were subjected to considerable economic and social discrimination, her determination to attend college and return willing and able to help her community is noteworthy. Her roles as educator, legislator and public health reform leader elevated the American Indian community and others. She was born in 1882 and died in 1950.

Also of interest to American Indians is a member of the hall inducted in 2006 who, while lacking American Indian ancestry, was instrumental in advances in Michigan Indian Country. Helen Hornbeck Tanner of Beulah, Mich., was born in 1916 in Minnesota to become what the hall describes as the country's foremost expert on American Indian history and Native rights. She is the author of many books and articles including the *Atlas of Great Lakes Indian History* described as the only accurate mapping of American Indian tribes.

The hall also notes she has served as an expert witness in 16 cases before the Indian Claims Commission brought by several tribes throughout the United States. She considers her most important service to be her work in the United States v. State of Michigan, in support of American Indian fishing rights in the Great Lakes. Helen was charged with summarizing all the historical evidence concerning Indian fishing.



**Madeline La Framboise**

Madeline La Framboise, a businesswoman of French and Ottawa bloodlines in the Grand Rapids area was entered into the hall in 1984. The hall describes her as one of the most successful fur traders in what was to become the State of Michigan. Additionally, she was raised as an Ottawa and always considered herself an Indian. She wore Indian dress all her life and served as a valuable contact with tribes, settlers and other traders. She and her husband, Joseph, built the first trading post in the Grand River area, developing it into a business enterprise that reached Mackinaw. She was born in 1779 and died in 1846 on Mackinac Island.



**Waunetta M. Dominic**

Waunetta McClellan Dominic, an Ottawa lady from Petoskey, was inducted in 1996. According to the hall, she wholeheartedly endeavored to bring equality and justice to American Indians in Michigan and throughout the United States. She was a co-founder of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association established in 1948 and fought to secure a fair settlement for lands taken from American Indians in the state during the treaty years of 1821 and 1836. She is quoted as once having said, "You can call us unrecognized, but don't call us unorganized and, furthermore, I don't care if you recognize me or not, recognize my rights."

To-do list for today:

1. Get food for new friend's arrival.
2. Get gear for new friend's stay.
3. Get new friend at animal shelter.

**Drivers, be careful!  
School is back in session.  
Students, be careful too!**

# Opera fun for folks who really don't like opera

## New CD plays with how people communicate, includes jest on Michigan phone mannerisms

BY RICK SMITH

If you like word play and daring original music, you're going to like the new experimental CD recently released by Jason Cady and the Artificials. Cady is a Sault Tribe member.

*Post-Madonna Prima Donna* is the culmination of a project eight years in the making and, in short, it's an opera. Not just any old opera, mind you, this one's a hoot! Even the CD title is actually thinly disguised wordplay.

Cady, 33, was born and raised in the Flint area of Michigan for 12 years before venturing off to eventually wind up at Wellesley University in Massachusetts. While at Wellesley, brain stirrings for his master's thesis gradually evolved into the premise for the CD.

The CD is something of a cross-genre, experimental, fun jab at some aspects of humans

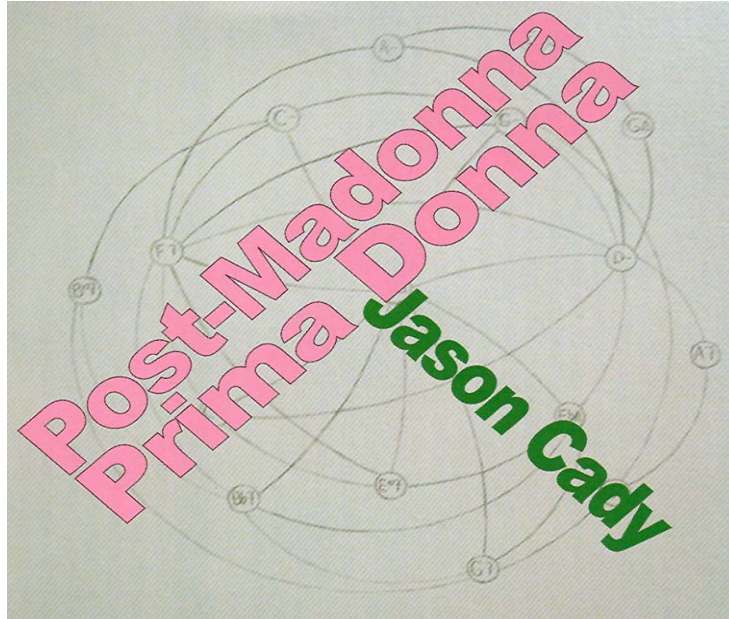


Sault Tribe member Jason Cady and the Artificials.

and how we communicate. The music and musicianship is astonishing. Folks who listen to mostly mainstream radio stuff would find this CD fascinating simply because of the powerful and incomparable singing abilities demonstrated on it.

"It's opera that's a little more acceptable," said Cady. "I guess you could say it is opera for people who don't like opera."

The recordings on the CD are set in three separate sections titled *The Form of Opera in*



*the Age of Digital Recording, Darkness Audible and The Pop Aesthetic and the Spiral of Conceptualism.* The title cut is performed in the first section. "A one-act opera for which I wrote both the music and the

libretto. The subject of the opera is language," Cady notes.

*Darkness Audible* brings us *Odi et Amo*, "A cantata inspired by the love poems of the ancient Roman poet Catullus. These texts were the first auto-

biographical cycle of poems written about a love affair in the western world," said Cady.

In *The Pop Aesthetic and the Spiral of Conceptualism* we hear *Plastic Flowers*, which Cady indicates in the liner notes, "This is a song cycle that I composed for my ensemble, Jason Cady and the Artificials. In both the music and the lyrics, I explored themes of absence, negation and the trajectory from art to artifice to artificiality. By 'artificiality' I refer not only to synthetic timbres and a radical take on digital editing, but also to formalist approaches toward composition and a preference for beauty over truth."

Huh? Get it yet? Remember, it's experimental and fun — probably what's called avant garde, too. The group is on MySpace and their CDs are available online at Amazon.com, CDBaby.com and Squidco.com.

# Geroux and kids participate in 2nd Longest Walk

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The Longest Walk 2, held mid July, was a grassroots effort to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the environment and also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the original walk.

About 70 people met in Monroe, Mich., including Sault Tribe member Bob Geroux and his kids, Kristyn, 21, and Bob, 18, where they began their walk to Toledo. "We met at the park in Monroe and walked around the bronze statue of Gen. George Custer and continued walking towards Toledo until we were rained out," said



Geroux. The group had to pack up about six miles from Toledo and drive the rest of the way due to a lightning storm.

"People would drive by as we were walking and beep their horns and wave, it was all positive," he added.

The group carried trash bags and picked trash up along the way to Toledo.

Wayne Hardwick and Ron Bushnell carried two eagle staffs on the walk. "It seemed like a historical event and I wanted to be a part of it. I went to an American Indian Movement (AIM) meeting to become a member of AIM and found out at that meeting that the walk was being held the following Tuesday. There were quite a few people we walked with who spent the night at a hotel on the border of Ohio and continued on by caravan the next day to Washington, D.C."

The event began in San Francisco and ended in Washington, D.C. with groups from the northern and southern routes meeting up with the rest of the participants.

Walkers from Michigan were concerned about protecting the Great Lakes from pollution and from being sold. The original Longest Walk was in response to proposed legislation that would have abolished treaties protecting American Indian sovereignty. Over 10,000 American Indians gathered in D.C. at the end of original walk.

For more information visit [www.longestwalk.org](http://www.longestwalk.org).

# Biron operates Bay Creek Traditionals

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tami Biron operates a small cottage business called Bay Creek Traditionals from her home in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Everything she sells is home grown and hand made from natural ingredients without the use of fertilizers or pesticides.

She uses an herb called calendula in her homemade soap, salves, ointments and lip balms. The goat milk she uses in her soap is from their four Nubian dairy goats, naturally raised as well.

After setting aside enough home grown produce to feed her family, she divides the remaining produce between what she wants to put away for the winter and what she takes to the Sault Ste. Marie farmer's market to share with the community.

Most of the produce on the five acres she planted this spring comes from heirloom seeds. "Most of the seeds I grow have been around for several hundred years," she said. "I believe it is important to save heirloom seeds and grow our crops from them so they don't become extinct."

In addition to her herbs, Biron also grows green beans,



Photo by Brenda Austin

Tami Biron, with her sons Andrew and Markus, prepare for a Wednesday evening farmer's market.

snow peas, radishes, Lakota squash, Anna Swartz Hubbard squash and Bear Paw popcorn. An heirloom seed, according to Biron, is a seed that is not a hybrid and has been around for at least 100 years.

Biron said she has 28,000 Bear Paw popcorn seeds from a seed bank that burned down. "It was on the endangered list at that time so it is hard to say if there is any other seed out there like it. When I plant them they will have to be isolated so they don't cross pollinate," she said. She would like to see the popcorn seed back in circulation and growing.

Frank Blissett from Blisshill

Farm brings eggs straight from the farm, herbs and dog treats to sell at the farmer's market. "We have been coming to the market for many years. This year sales are up over 70 percent from last year and other vendors are reporting increased sales of 50 to 100 percent over last year," said Blissett.

For more information about Bay Creek Traditionals visit their online Web site at [www.baycreektraditionals.com](http://www.baycreektraditionals.com). Artwork is authentic Native American; Biron is a member of the Choctaw Nation and, married to a Sault Tribe member, is ensconced in the Sault Tribe community.

# Motorless transportation summit set at Lake State

The Eastern U.P. Regional Planning and Development Commission initiated a two-year planning effort funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The purpose is to develop a comprehensive, regional non-motorized transportation plan and investment strategy for Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties. The plans and strategy may then be used by the Michigan Department of Transportation and local officials to develop project priorities, identify funding sources and guide investment in the region's non-motorized transportation system.

By definition, non-motorized trails include bicycle, pedestrian, hiking, horseback riding and snowmobile trails. This regional plan and investment strategy, funded by MDOT, will focus on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and is designed to complement other statewide trails initiatives.

Local community input is crucial to the success of this planning effort and, as a first step, a non-motorized travel and trail survey has been developed. Anyone who may have an interest in the future of non-

motorized trails can provide input through our survey at [www.eup-planning.org](http://www.eup-planning.org) (click on Projects/Non-Motorized Plan). The survey can be downloaded and mailed in or completed on-line. Surveys can also be requested by calling Ellen Benoit at 635-1581 or (800) 562-4963 or picked up at 524 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

A trails summit workshop is scheduled for Sept. 10 at the Lake Superior State University Cisler Center from noon to 5 p.m. and will include a lunch. The purpose of the summit is to kick off the planning efforts in the three counties.

Please RSVP by Sept. 2 by calling (800) 562-4963 or 635-1581, e-mail [ebenoit@lighthouse.net](mailto:ebenoit@lighthouse.net) download forms at [www.eup-planning.org](http://www.eup-planning.org) or mail to P.O. Box 520, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Presentations include MDOT on-road, non-motorized connections; Michigan Trailways and Greenways Alliance, trail development process; potential funding sources accomplishments in other regions and presentation of local survey results.

## Births ...



### HAILEY HELEN NOWICKI

Hailey Helen Nowicki was born at 6:13 p.m. on July 23, 2008, at the Metro Health Hospital in Wyoming, Mich. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length. Parents are Chad and Missy Nowicki of Wyoming and Hailey is welcomed home by Toy Poodle "Big Sister" Riley.

Grandparents are Tim and Kathy Jewett, of Cass City, Mich., and Dave and Virginia Nowicki of Wyoming.

Great grandparents are Ida and the late Charles Jewett of Cass City, the late Albert and late Helen Halasz of Gagetown, Mich., Florence and the late Frank Sperling of Wyoming and the late Leonard and late Irene Nowicki of Wyoming.



### KATIE LEIGH FLOWERS

Katie Leigh Flowers came into the world to bless our family at 6:37 a.m. on Aug. 12, 2008.

She is healthy, strong and beautiful. Her mother and

father, Jeni and Troy Flowers, live in University Place, Wash., where he is a fireman with an EMT license, and she is a dental hygienist. And now, the world is a little better place.

Grandparents are Bob and Debbie Flowers of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



### ELISTINA GABRIELLA RAMIREZ-THOMAS

Elistina Gabriella Ramirez-Thomas was born to Alicia N. Ramirez on Aug. 1, 2008, at Battle Creek Health Systems, in Battle Creek, Mich. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Tammie and Jose Ramirez of Battle Creek. Great-grandmother is Shalve Jones, daughter of the late Leona (nee Johnson) Martineau.

Welcome Elli!

Love, grandma and grandpa Ramirez

### LILYAHNA SUMMER BOND

Jody and Brandon Bond, along with big sister Kalia Meadow, welcome a new addition to their family, Lilyahna Summer Bond. She was born on Aug. 8, 2008 (08-08-08) at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Grandparents are Jerry and Edie Reno, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Jeff and Tammy Bond and Jill Bond, of St. Joseph, Mich.

## Menard competes in Australia's DownUnder Games



Dillon Menard, son of Janice and Daniel Menard of Negaunee, Mich., and grandson of June and Robert Menard of Ishpeming, Mich., recently returned from having participated in an invitation only, international track and field competition held in Gold Coast, Australia.

This is an annual event known as the DownUnder Games. This year, the competition featured high school athletes from Australia, New Zealand and the United States, with 31 of the states fielding a team.

Dillon represented Team Michigan participating in five events. He won a bronze medal for finishing third in the 110-meter high hurdles, had fourth place finishes in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles and as a member of the 400-meter relay, finished fifth place in the high jump and eighth place in the long jump.

## Mortinsen heads to graduate school

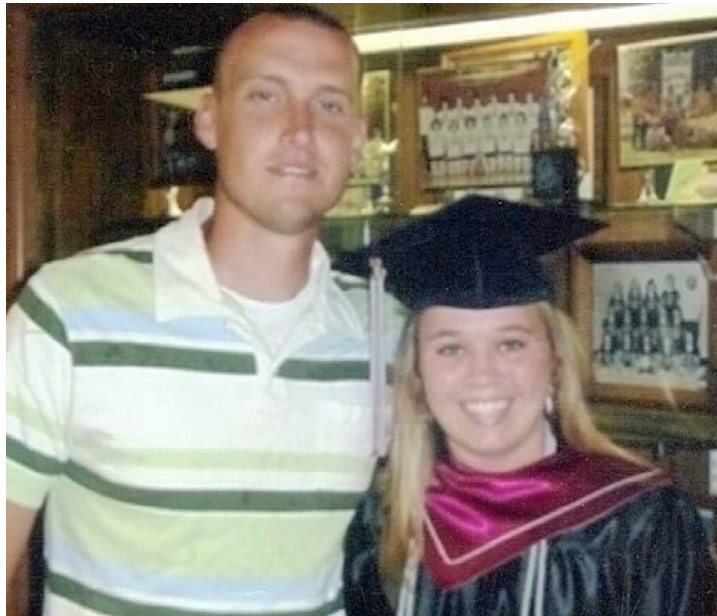


Amy Lynn Mortinsen, a 2000 graduate of Perry High School, graduated magna cum laude June 6 from Baker College of Owosso.

Mortinsen earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a major in social studies.

She will attend graduate school at Michigan State University in the fall. Mortinsen is the daughter of Jerry and Pamela Mortinsen of Perry.

## Mortinsen, Doerner to wed



Amy Lynn Mortinsen and Douglas Alan Doerner, both of Perry, are planning a wedding at the House of Prayer in Haslett, followed by a reception at the Comstock Inn and Conference Center in Owosso. Mortinsen is a 2000 graduate of Perry High School. She graduated from Baker College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She will attend graduate school at Michigan State University in the fall.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Pam Mortinsen of Perry and granddaughter of Rosetta and the late Cecil Maleport, and Myron and Dolores Mortinsen, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Doerner is a 1999 graduate of Perry High School. He is employed by Ameri Construction in Howell.

He is the son of Walter and Barbary Doerner of Perry.



Bride Lisa Flowers Barney and groom with bride's parents Bob and Debbie Flowers on May 10, 2008, in Seattle.



Jeni and Troy Flowers say their 2006 wedding vows.

## Four Generations



FURTON FAMILY GET TOGETHER — Ed Furton hosted family members in Newberry this June and they all got together for this four generation photo: (Back Row L-R) Furton's son Dustin of Laguna Hills, Calif., holding his daughter Olivia, Furton's daughter Desirae of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Furton himself, (bottom row L-R) Desirae's children Gavin and Aliya and Furton's mother, Leona (Eddy) Furton of Newberry.

## 2008 Junior police academy serves 70 kids

### FROM SAULT TRIBE LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department hosted its 2008 Junior Police Academy with tremendous success with 70 local youth attending. Cadets aged 14 to 17 attended a five-day academy July 28 through Aug. 1 and cadets aged 10 to 13 attended a three-day academy the following week, Aug. 4-6.

Awards winners for the five-day academy are Lukas Seltzer, Cadet of the Year; Aaron Colegrove and Michaela Pavlat, Top Gun; Allen Archambeau and Ashlyn Bosley, citizenship; and Nicholas Tell and Whitney Frazier, fitness.

Award winner the three-day academy is Richard Little, Cadet of the Year.

A grant through the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Juvenile Justice was obtained by the police department earlier this spring and provided funding for the academies.

Cadets participated in a variety of activities that mimic officer training at the 16-week academy officers must attend to be certified police officers. Activities included firearm safety, felony traffic stops, water safety, building entry, simulated response training, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, fire safety, first aid, K9 presentation and report writing.

The program is designed to give the cadets an understanding of the challenges law enforcement officers face in their everyday duties. The program also helps create a one-on-

one interaction between community youth and the officers, in the hopes of building long term relationships built on trust and respect.

This is the first year two academies were held. This enabled the department to reach

out to almost twice the number of tribal youth. Although it was twice the work for officers and staff, everyone stepped up ensuring the success of the program.

The Law Enforcement Department would like to thank

our cadets for spending the time with us and working so diligently. Without their participation, we would not be able to complete this important aspect of our community policing goals.

Cadets, we look forward to

seeing you next year, have a safe and happy school year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact Interim Chief of Police Robert Marchand at (906) 635-6065.

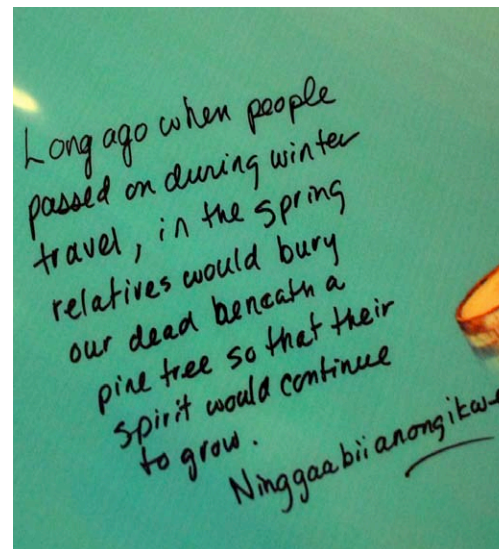


Photos by Hope Schlehuber  
At top, the entire group gets together for a photo. Above, left, time for cadets' push ups. Above, right, the Bay Mills Police Department K-9 Unit stops by and left, cadets learn to use these devices in place of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. All in all, the cadets learned a lot and had a ton of fun.

## AJC holds first Anishinaabeg Summit in recent history



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton  
At the summit, (from clockwise above) participants listened to presentations and heard honored elder Eddie Benton Benai. They wrote their memories on the 20-foot living timeline, and ate lunch together and talked, signed or witnessed a treaty between our people, and asserted our right to cross the border by canoeing from Sugar Island to Garden River. See story and treaty on page 1.





Ceramicist Scott Riddle



The French love these sculptures, called Floraclops, according to Riddle.



A ceramic mask with flowers and insects.



A small section of a painting showing the detail Riddle incorporates into his work.



## La Galerie Thuillier présente Scott Riddle

### SAULT TRIBE MEMBER DEBUTS ARTWORK IN PARIS

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Native American artist and Sault Tribe member Scott Riddle will debut his artwork at a showing in Paris Sept. 12 through Sept. 26 with a vernissage, or opening reception, being held Sept. 16.

Not a traditionalist, Riddle likes to give meaning to his work by telling stories of current events and giving shape to what the future may hold.

"Over the years I have noticed that American Indian art has mostly been restricted to traditional images. I respect and understand that, but those images were created to tell a story of a time period," said Riddle. "So as a Native American artist I feel I have an innate duty to give shape to, and tell the story of, what is happening presently, but not with traditional shapes and icons. There is new power and new history, both good and bad, happening right now. I sometimes get frustrated there aren't more contemporary artists that meld together the past and present in their work."

One of Riddle's current projects is to carve and paint the story of global warming onto large ceramic vessels. "I use really simple images that anyone can understand; buildings, over population, vehicle exhaust going through the air and mixing with factory smoke which then dumps pollution into the oceans."

Riddle said he thinks of the longevity of his art as he creates it and that maybe 10,000 years from now if someone happens to find a piece of his art, the carving will still hold the story even though the glaze may have worn off. "When I make something I really want it to be around for as long as possible," he said.

Riddle has a unique background that has influenced his artwork and how he views the world. Moving to Columbus, Ohio, from his hometown of Toledo, he lived on a small organic farm where he learned how to gather grape vines and weave large baskets, sometimes

weighing 70 pounds empty, and furniture which he sold to garden centers and clients. "I spent almost every day in the woods and taught myself all about wild plants and medicine. This was a wonderful life for my spirit, but I knew that I had another perhaps greater talent that I needed to explore that would only be recognized in a megalopolis like Los Angeles. So I sold 95 percent of my possessions and headed west," said Riddle.

Holding clay in his hands and knowing that he can form it into anything from the beautiful to the obscure is exciting to Riddle. "When you exhibit internationally you realize quickly that you don't have the luxury often of interpretation. I have to come up with an icon that everyone understands from an emotional level rather than an intellectual level," he said. "If you see a mouth and teeth that teeth are showing from and it's wincing in pain, everyone anywhere can understand that feeling. When you see a heart that is being torn in half or has stakes coming out of it, everybody feels what that is. They don't need an explanation. That is one of my biggest objectives when I create ceramics, especially the large sculptures. I always try to remember that my audience doesn't have a language."

Riddle said he has always had a passion for science, especially horticulture. "I had a frightening experience in school that changed my direction," he said. "After a high school academic competition on a university campus in Toledo, students were given a tour of scientific laboratories. They had radiated an African violet, a tiny little flower that your grandmother would have, and mutated its genes and turned them into giant flowers that were purple with pink polka-dots. It was like something from your imagination."

Some of his ceramic creations reflect his experience in high school and are based in scientific fact. "I created a series

of what I call the early mistakes of cloning. They are cute babies with the body of a spider or half sheep and half human. They were supposed to make people think about cloning and be able to laugh, but at the same time it's a little spooky," he said.

The little people I create are called Floraclops. They have a beautiful little body and are holding a bouquet of flowers and their head is a blooming rose with a single eye in the center. Floraclops are my great great grandchildren who are half human and half plant and live on a planet with low oxygen levels. They are a vision of the future of humanoids that could inhabit planets that we can't in our present form."

Riddle has lived in Los Angeles for the past 7 years and works as a part-time realtor. "As an artist I was afraid of money and contracts. The reason I went into real estate is it gave me the ability to read contracts and deal with large amounts of money without being intimidated by it. It has been a very good education for me," he said.

In his exhibition in Paris he had placed a strong emphasis on nature and pollinators. "A lot of the work has butterflies, bees, wasps and other insects because right now these small creatures are in peril and I want to draw attention to their importance. There is a lot of nature in this show, there are a lot of hanging pieces, vessels and masks," Riddle said.

The exhibit is being held two blocks from the famous Picasso Museum in Paris at La Galerie Thuillier, 13 rue de Thorigny 75003. Visit the gallery's Web site at [www.galeriethuillier.com](http://www.galeriethuillier.com).

To view some of Riddle's past exhibits and artwork visit [www.riddleriddle.com](http://www.riddleriddle.com) or [www.myspace.com/riddlesduelidentity](http://www.myspace.com/riddlesduelidentity).

"Art isn't good or bad. If you feel it then do it. Maybe it is just for you to keep to yourself. You don't have to share it with the world, but don't judge it, just do it," he said.



### RAYMOND LAWRENCE MCNALLY

Raymond Lawrence McNally, 82, of Munising, died unexpectedly, but peacefully in his sleep at his home on July 31, 2008. He was born on May 24, 1926, in Munising to the late Thomas and Inez (Carr) McNally. His mother was a descendant of Chief Naw-Benay-ash and Chief Powers of the Air and his great-grandparents were Antoine and Caroline Thomas Blair, Grand Island Chippewa. Ray attended Mather High School before leaving for WWII in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He returned home and graduated from Wm. G. Mather High School in 1947. Ray was a woods worker and he married Ruth Johnson and they had four children. Ruth unexpectedly died in 1964 and Ray continued to work in the woods. In 1979, he married Donna Peters Walsh. Ray retired from the woods and then worked as the Host at the Kewadin Casino in Christmas. Ray was an elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He loved the Detroit Tigers, Pistons, Red Wings and Lions. Ray enjoyed all sports and he knew all of the statistics of who played where and when. He also enjoyed taking rides in his truck and gardening. For the last year, Ray truly enjoyed the companionship of Lady, his friend that Donna brought home from the Humane Society.

Ray is survived by his wife of over almost 30 years, Donna of Munising; children, Dan (Donna) McNally of Mapleville, R.I., Steve (Patty) McNally of Chattanooga, Tenn., Holly McNally of Portage, Mich., Beth (Rick) Graves of Spring Grove, Ill., and Eugene (Lori) Walsh of Munising; grandchildren, Brittany, Baillie, Taylor, Ryan, Kelsey, Kristopher, Ellie, Jay, Anna, Dylan, Jordan, Connor, Lynsey, Samantha and Rick; great-grandchildren, Logan and Autumn; brother, John McNally of Munising; sisters, Katherine (Walter) Kolbus of Wetmore and Marilyn "Teenie" Milatovich of Munising; sister and brother-in-law, Marvel McNally of Munising and Tom LaCombe of North Carolina; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws on the Peters and Johnson sides of the family. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth, brothers Wayne and Clifford "Kip" McNally, and sisters Dorothy Karr, Darlene LaCombe, Margaret Gurski, Isabelle Heabert and Marion Oderfer.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Lynn Hubbard at the Eden Lutheran Church on Aug. 4, 2008. Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery where the Alger County Veterans Council and American Legion Honor Guard conducted military honors. Ray

was escorted by his grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Ray may be directed to the Alger County Humane Society.



### LEO RODGER MASTA

Leo "Lee" Rodger Masta, 72, of Escanaba, died Aug. 8, 2008, at home following a lengthy illness with mesothelioma.

Leo was born Jan. 26, 1936, in Escanaba, the son of Leo J. and Vivian (nee Burke) Masta. Leo was raised in Escanaba and attended school in there prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at the Loring Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine.

Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Leo had worked for Shetland Manufacturing in Salem, Mass., and he also had worked as an auto mechanic for several companies.

Leo returned to Escanaba in 2006 and was united in marriage to Harriet Larson on June 16, 2007, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba. They made their home in Escanaba.

Leo was a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a life member of the DAV.

Leo was very mechanical and he was known for fixing anything that was broken. His hobbies included dancing, cooking and playing his guitar.

In addition to his wife, Harriet, survivors include his mother, Vivian Williams of Gladstone; three sons, Rodger (Cheri) Masta of Somersworth, N.H., Bobby (Wendy) Masta of Peabody, Mass., Brian Masta of Chelsea, Mass.; five daughters, Lisa (Don) Stork of Amesbury, Mass., Dianne (Bob) Carr of Meredith, N.H., Carol Latvala of Escanaba, Karen (Brian) Horkman of Green Bay, Wis., Cheryl Liubakka of Escanaba; two brothers, Ronald (Yolanda) Masta of Poteet, Texas, Jerry (Sue) Liberty of Escanaba; two sisters, Betty (Jack) Majestic of Gladstone, Angela (Rick) Dubois of Escanaba; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, Leo was preceded in death by two sisters, Linda Lou and Margaret Ann Masta, and his son, Richard James Masta.

Leo's family received friends Aug. 11, 2008, at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone, followed by Delta County Veterans Council military rites and funeral services with Rev. Fr. Arnold Grambow of the All Saints Church officiating. Final resting place is the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

Please visit online at [www.skradski-boycefunalhomes.com](http://www.skradski-boycefunalhomes.com) to express sympathy to the Masta family, or to leave a memory tribute about Leo.

### JAMES HILTON DENMANAGE

James "Jimmy" Hilton Denmanage, 28, of Negaunee and formerly of Munising, perished on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008, while swimming at Picnic Rocks in Marquette.

He was born on Nov. 27, 1979, in Munising to Fred and Carla (Shortridge) Denman.

While at Munising High School, "Jim Daddy" ran track and graduated from MHS in 1998. He then attended Northern Michigan University and earned his Associates of Technology Degree. Jimmy worked with his step-father, Trevor Wark, with Wark Construction before going to work in Marquette at Argonics. He loved being in the woods and enjoyed riding and baja-ing outdoors. Jimmy's passion for cars and stereos started at a young age with his love of Hot Wheels and grew with through adulthood. He was always wheeling and dealing and showing off his new cars. Jimmy celebrated each day by living life to the fullest, enjoying old friends and always making new ones. Jim was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and to complete his journey home, he was given his Anishinaabe name – Mishko Miigwaan (Red Feather).

He is survived by his mother, Carla Shortridge of Munising; his father, Fred Denman of Munising; aunts and uncles, Sandy Williams, John (Tori) Shortridge, Wade (Kay) Denman, Steve (Kelly) Denman, Keith Denman, Doug Denman and Laurie Denman; cousins, Dennis (Stefani) and Evan (James) Shortridge, Joey and Matt Williams, Jada, Jess and Chance Denman, Shannon Tillman and honorary cousin, Jason Martin; longtime friend, Heidi Meyers; soul brother, John Jacobson; step-sister, Cecilia Wark; and numerous other great aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Patricia Shortridge and Jerry and Lorraine Denman and by his uncles, Russell and Dennis Shortridge.

Services were held at the Bowerman Funeral Home in Munising on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008. Rev. Dr. Lynn Hubbard conducted Jimmy's memorial service.



### In memory of Arthur "Butch" Elliott – Ahzdayoniquot

March 5, 1950 – Aug. 8, 2008  
Butch was born at Cape Croker (Neyaashiniigimiing) on March 5, 1950. His mother,

Winona Arriaga, moved the family to Detroit in the early 1960s where he lived until he met his wife, Germaine, in 1973. He was laid to rest at Cape Croker on Aug. 12, 2008.

Butch was a well known activist and defender of First Nation rights in both Canada and the U.S. He was a member of the American Indian Movement, and was in the 71-day battle at Wounded Knee in South Dakota in 1973. For this, he was recognized as a veteran by the Native American Vietnam Era Veterans Association. He supported the Bay Mills Indian Community in its assertion of fishing rights during the Fish Wars of 1973 and 1974. He was also involved in the occupation of Anicinabe Park in Kenora in 1974 and the historic Native Peoples Caravan, National March on Parliament Hill. He was part of the Longest Walk of 1977 (California to Washington D.C.).

His activism was a result of his belief in the tradition, culture and sovereignty of Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island. He was one of a handful of traditional singers, taught by Teofilo Lucero, who brought the big drum back to the Great Lakes region in the early 1970s. Butch worked closely with the Steering Committee of the Indian Ecumenical Conference after having attended the first meeting in 1971 in Alberta. He often described the Indian Ecumenical Conference as the life-changing event of his life, one that helped him follow a genuine spiritual path. He helped bring the sweat lodge back to the Great Lakes region and he carried a pipe.

Butch was a catalyst for nation-building efforts throughout the Great Lakes region. He served his community as an elected member of Band Council for the Chippewas of Nawash from 1983 to 1988, serving as Co-Chief from 1986 to 1987. After returning to the Sault Ste. Marie area, he coordinated and helped chair the first Grand Assembly of Michigan Tribes in 1989 and again in 1990. He organized and chaired the National Assemblies of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians in 1992, 1994 and 1997.

He believed that as Anishinaabe people, that we have rights and responsibilities to our land, our nation and our families. He believed that First Nations were entitled to resources, promised through treaties, which would fuel our own self-sufficiency. In that regard, he was involved in economic development throughout the Great Lakes with both tribes in the U.S. and First Nations in Canada. He led and chaired numerous initiatives on economic development, including an international summit held in Detroit in 1994. He was part of the development team that crafted a bid on behalf of the Sault Tribe for the management of CasinoRama in 1995. He travelled to Austria in 1995 and again in 1997 with representatives from Membertou First Nation to promote international partnerships with CasinoAustria. In 1998 he helped lead a Sault Tribe trade

delegation to Mexico where he met the presidential family. He also travelled to Vera Cruz where he presented an eagle feather to the Totanocas Tribe.

Butch had many friends along the powwow trail. He was an accomplished M.C., and his voice was heard in communities throughout the Great Lakes Region. He never passed the opportunity to share his songs and stories and for this he was much loved and well respected. He had a tremendous sense of humor and he liked to laugh. Kind and generous, he also loved history, research, and especially stories about Pottawatomi. He was dedicated to the notion that the Pottawatomi in Canada needed to reclaim homeland in the U.S.

He returned to his home community of the Chippewas of Nawash at Neyaashiniigimiing in 2002. He was elected as Head Councillor in 2007. He initiated significant progress in addressing housing needs. He was concerned with policing and justice issues in the community as well and worked very hard to make improvements.

Butch is survived by his wife, their four children, seven grandchildren, a sister and two brothers. He is an uncle to many — and a mentor, teacher, role model and friend to thousands. He was a good father and husband and greatly loved by his family.

He will be greatly missed for a very long time, by very many. Baa Maa Pii my beloved.

### DAVID J. ANDRESS SR.

David J. Andress Sr., 71, of Bowling Green died Aug. 24, 2008, at his residence. The Ruyard, Mich., native was born Jan. 19, 1937.

He was retired from the United States Post Office and was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. He served in the Army during the Korea and Vietnam wars, was a member of the American Legion and APW Union and was an elder of the Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He was a son of the late Robert John Andress and Gladys Marie Chapman Andress. He was preceded in death by a sister, Anna Joyce Andress Putnam.

His survivors are his wife of 50 years, Martha Francis Harrison Andress; three daughters, Dawn Templeton of Newnan, Ga., Zoann Andress of Mackinac Island, Mich., and Pam Andress of St. Ignace, Mich.; two sons, Bruce Andress and his wife, Maria, of Virginia Beach, Va., and David Andress Jr. of Bowling Green; eight grandchildren, Kandise, Nicholas, Gary, Joseph, Samantha, Amanda, Taylor and Brandon; four great-grandchildren, Reneasha, Brittany, Ericka and Brandon; a sister, Mary Rogers and her husband, Calvin, of St. Ignace, Mich.; two brothers, Robert Andress of Mackinac Island and Richard Andress and his wife, Shirley, of Surprise, Ariz.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Funeral services took place at J.C. Kirby & Son Funeral Home with burial in Bowling Green Gardens.



# New tribal treaty affirms Anishinaabeg Nation's cross-border rights and activities

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pose was to discuss the treaties that affect the Anishinaabeg and affirm our existence as a living people.

Each morning a sunrise ceremony was the first activity of the day. The first day was ceremonial in nature, opening at the tribal leaders lodge on the Sault Tribe's powwow grounds across the street from the hotel and convention center. Pipecarriers opened the event with a pipe ceremony followed by teachings at the lodge.

Teachings the next day took place outdoors at Niiganaagiizhik, the tribe's cultural center. Honored guest and Anishinaabe elder Eddie Benton-Benai spoke of the creation story and showed its relevance to our people today. Honored guest Anishinaabe elder Fred Kelly came forward and spoke of his life growing up and being forced into residential school, and later working with legislators in Canada in years-long negotiations. Today, he said, we have to take control of our own destiny. There is no "residual sovereignty" or "self-determination."

We have our own laws, he said. Both speakers reminded listeners that when European settlers came here and started negotiating for land, Anishinaabeg did not even have a word for "surrender" or "cede" in the English language. Such ideas were alien concepts and could not be translated into Anishinabemowin.

Workshops and discussions groups took place both that afternoon and the next morning. Presenters were split into three main subjects: first visitors and early treaties, 19th century treaty-making and Anishinaabeg understandings.

Under the first subject, David Armstrong presented "What Happens to the 'Medicine Line' when the National Color is Orange: The Jay Treaty in the Age of Homeland Security." Alan Ojii Corbiere spoke on "Chii-miigisaabiigan: the Great Wampum Belt of 1764." Patrick Corbiere covered the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

19th Century Treaties were divided into three groups. In the first, Karl Hele presented, "Is it marked in the Bible that the English and Americans should draw a line and do so what he pleases with the Natives?" Tyrone Souliere and Mike Restoule both discussed the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850. In the second section, Pun Plamondon discussed the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the Grand River Band of the Ottawa Indians. Roger Wah-See talked about Indian states and C-31 in Treaty 11, while Carol Nadjiwon talked about the Pennefeather

Treaty. In the third section, Sara Mainville presented, "The Political Philosophy of the Anishinaabeg Negotiating Treaty 3 with the Queen's Men From 1869 to 1873" while Brittany Luby discussed the conflicting Ojibwa/Euro-Canadian interpretations of Treaty 3. Martin Reinhardt presented "The Treaty Basis of Michigan Indian Education."

Anishinaabeg Understandings dealt with living treaties, existing rights and the future. Carol Nadjiwon talked about sovereignty and treaty-making between the

Anishinaabeg and the British Crown. Phil Belfy talked about "cross-border" treaty-signers and sovereignty. Jason Stark presented, "Understanding Anishinaabe Conceptions of Treaty-Making: An Indigenous Legal Perspective."

"Knowledge Keeper" discussions took place concurrently in which elders, leaders and listeners discussed memories, interpretations and opinions on issues such as treaty implementation, reserved rights, sovereignty and our future.

All workshops and panels were videotaped for the record.

On Friday afternoon, the organizers brought the participants to the teaching ledge to finish up where the summit started. After an elder Anishinaabekwe spoke for the water, tribal leaders signed a new treaty.

In preparation for signing, Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy noted, "We do this not so much for ourselves as for our children and our children's children."

Although Pipecarrier Dwight "Bucko" Teeple moderated and represented Bay Mills Indian Community on

a spiritual level, he could not sign the treaty except as a witness.

Others present all signed the treaty as witnesses, and the proceeded to the northshore of Sugar Island for an US-Canadian border crossing from Sugar Island to Garden River to participate in another treaty signing and feast.

US Homeland Security Border Patrol and US Customs agents and RCMP OPP officers were on hand but did not interfere.

(See more photos on Page 14.)

## *Treaty of the Anishinaabeg Summit: Living Treaties* August 15, 2008

Our ancestors have inhabited the areas north and south of the 46th Parallel since time immemorial, long before the current political boundaries were drawn. Our spiritual and cultural connections to the people on both sides of the current Canadian/US boundary are manifested by our shared family and clan relationships, our culture, and our common history.

When considering matters of great importance, we are taught to think beyond the current generation. We are also taught that each of us is someone's seventh generation. We must continually ask ourselves what we are leaving for a future seventh generation.

Through International treaties and court actions, however, Tribes and First Nations continue to exercise cultural and spiritual rights of self-determination and property rights within the traditional territories for our people and Nations. Tribal and First Nation Governments, like all governments, have the duty to protect the interests and future rights of their citizens. Since we have internationally recognized rights, and we are not political subdivisions of any State, Province, or Nation-state, the assertion that these visitor governments have the sole authority regarding the crossing of their borders is mistaken.

A federal decision, that once implemented, will force tribal members to obtain passports to cross back into the United States is an abrogation of this reserved sovereign right of access to territories throughout the area, without regard to the US/Canada boundary. Visitor governments should acknowledge that their own claims to sovereignty over much of this land is based on the same treaties and documents that recognize our inherent right to sovereignty. To unilaterally abrogate our retained sovereign rights would, simultaneously, be an abrogation of their own claims to sovereignty recognized in those same treaties and international documents.

The Anishinaabeg Nation's cross-border activity continues to be social, political, cultural, and economic. In many real ways, we are the same people and participate as part of a larger community (numbering over 200,000 in the south, and over 140,000 in the north) that happens to be intersected by the US/Canada boundary. As one of the largest tribes geographically and by population in North America, the Anishinaabeg have long traversed the border between the United States and Canada in communities that stretched from Michigan and Ontario and from Alberta to Montana. It is important to our survival as Anishinaabeg to continue this interaction with our blood relatives without regard to a line on a map.

Native practices and systems of trade, commerce,

and mobility between territories existed long before European arrival to North America. Yet, once here, the visitor societies fought each other for dominance. Throughout those many years of conflict, our warriors fought to retain tribal independence, and the Anishinaabeg continued to exercise their inherent right to cross the border during this difficult period. In both the Jay Treaty of 1794, and the Treaty of Ghent in 1814, the United States and Great Britain pledged to respect the sovereign rights of both governments over the territories each nation claimed. And in so doing, they exempted North American Indigenous people from their control.

Numerous other treaties and treaty councils, subsequent to the Jay Treaty and the Treaty of Ghent, reaffirmed our right to travel freely throughout this land. These treaties and agreements are not the source of Native rights; instead, they constitute international recognition of a range of reserved rights, rights that are now recognized everywhere in the world.

Throughout the late nineteenth and into the twentieth century, contact along the border continued unabated. All along the border, for many generations, Indigenous people have participated in ceremonies and cultural events on both sides; we continue the practice today, and we will do so far into future. Maintaining free travel to and from all of our Indigenous communities is essential to helping our people understand their heritage and identity as Anishinaabeg. Much of the cultural knowledge that we retain and pass on to future generations is the direct result of maintaining our culture and ceremonial life from our relatives on both sides of that US/Canada boundary.

Therefore, by this accord, signed on August 15, 2008, at Bahwating, representatives of Great Lakes Tribes and First Nations do hereby demand that our rights and sovereignty be respected by the visitor governments, and, as an exercise of that sovereignty, we affirm our ancestral and inherent right to travel freely throughout this land. We also hereby pledge that the signatory Nations share common interests and concerns relating to the future of the Great Lakes; consequently, we further pledge to work together, and with the visitor governments in the Great Lakes Basin, to secure a healthy future for the Great Lakes, the Anishinaabeg, and all the people, plants, and animals who rely on it for their very survival.

*Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation  
Chief Lyle Sayers, Garden River First Nation  
Darwin "Joe" McCoy, Tribal Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*

# The Gold Wing Riders invade St. Ignace

## ANNUAL EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF JUVENILE DIABETES

ST. IGNACE — For the tenth year in a row, Kewadin Casinos proudly joined with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against juvenile diabetes on Aug. 16-17.

During the weekend, nearly 900 riders participated by driving from Grand Rapids to St. Ignace and enjoying a host of activities held to accompany them into the area on their annual ride. "This was one of the best turnouts we have had in two or three years," said Jim Merideth, director of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

On Saturday morning, riders were welcomed with a hot breakfast. Then, from 3 to 6 p.m., the casino hosted a barbecue cook out with music by the Usual Suspects. Proceeds from both events totaled \$3,509.81 and were donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research



For the tenth year in a row, St. Ignace Kewadin Shores Casino proudly joined with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association to raise awareness and funds to support the fight against juvenile diabetes on Aug. 16-17.

Foundation with Kewadin Casinos sponsoring all event costs. Vendors were on-site as

well and there was a people's choice bike judging contest for first through third places.

Chapter Mi-G of the Gold Wing Riders Association organizes a large motorcycle ride

every year called the Midnight Ride, during which T-shirts are sold and donations collected. The ride is held annually on the third Saturday in August and runs from the Grand Rapids area, across the Mackinac Bridge and into St. Ignace.

Every single year, 13,000 children in America are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. This disease strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

Kewadin Casinos supports local events and fundraisers and assists in campaigns to show support for local veterans, children, 4-H and other caring programs. Over \$150,000 was given to organizations such as these in 2007.

For more information on the Gold Wing ride, visit [www.gwrra-mi.org](http://www.gwrra-mi.org).

# Professional Walleye Trail returns to Sault Ste. Marie

The best walleye anglers in the world will be converging on the St. Marys River in Sault Ste. Marie Sept. 11-13 as the Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) returns to Sault Ste. Marie for a regional tournament. Kewadin Casinos is proud to be the main sponsor of the event, donating \$5,000 towards the community activity.

"We are very glad to support community events throughout the Upper Peninsula that draw tourist and activity to the area," said General Manager Steve Sprecker. "We wish the Sault Ste. Marie Convention and Visitors Bureau the best in hosting the PWT again this year and hope it does well for the community."

The professional anglers will be paired up with different amateur anglers on all three days of the event. The top amateur



Steve Sprecker, Sault Kewadin casino manager (left) and Todd Olmstead, Sault Tribe convention sales manager (center) presented a check to Heather Atkinson, Chamber of Commerce director (center) and Linda Hoath, Convention and Visitors Bureau president (right) for \$5,000 for a marketing sponsorship to promote the casino with the pro fisherman, their fans and spectators.

will take home a \$17,000 boat/ motor/trailer package, while the next 29 places will take home an array of valuable prizes.

# Sault Kewadin Casino Team Member of the Month, Floyd "Ernie" Bumstead

Congratulations to team member Floyd "Ernie" Bumstead, master mechanic at Kewadin's Motorpool Department and the latest team member of the month.

Bumstead has worked at Kewadin since January 2001. "Ernie's personality, dependability, and pride in his work have allowed him to attain a high level of customer service," said Bob Henderson, Bumstead's supervisor. "He has always made himself available, readily volunteers to take on extra duties and is always willing to help out internal and external customers."

He has also filled in many times for Kewadin Travel as a driver and they have received nothing but great comments



Congratulations to team member Floyd "Ernie" Bumstead, the latest team member of the month.

about his driving and his personality from the passengers.

Bumstead was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie.

# Waterford man wins \$383,000 at Kewadin Casinos



James McGaughey won \$383,843 at Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace recently.

ST. IGNACE — James McGaughey, of Waterford, Mich., won \$383,843.13 when he hit the *Wheel of Fortune* quarters *MegaJackpot* at Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace on Friday Aug. 1.

The winner decided to visit the casino to play craps, but when the table was not yet open, his wife talked him into trying slots.

"It happened so fast," he said. "I just started playing slots and hit the jackpot!" James was so excited he didn't know what to do afterwards. "So I just went to our hotel room and let it sink in. I don't think it has yet!"

Friday's *MegaJackpot* prize is the second to be paid at the casino so far this year. Kewadin Shores has now paid 10 *MegaJackpots* totaling over \$5 million in prize money since 1997, including two jackpots for over \$1 million dollars each.

Kewadin Casinos has a variety of Native American progressive gaming network systems many of which are linked to other casinos throughout the country. Each time a coin is played in a linked machine, anywhere in the network, the cumulative

jackpot continues to grow.

The *Wheel of Fortune* quarters progressive is one of the most popular systems in Native American casinos and features an exciting bonus spin that has come to be one of the favorite facets of the game for players and fans alike. *Wheel of Fortune* has a starting jackpot of \$100,000. In order to win the *MegaJackpot*, a player bets three quarters at a time while attempting to line up the *Wheel of Fortune* reel symbols on the machine's payline. *Wheel of Fortune* was developed by IGT ([www.IGT.com](http://www.IGT.com)), a global company specializing in the design, development, manufacturing, distribution and sales of computerized gaming machines and systems products.

All IGT *MegaJackpot* top awards are paid in annual installments upon verification, except *MegaJackpots Instant Winners Jackpots* which are paid in their entirety upon verification.

Kewadin Casinos has five casino locations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas. For more information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

# Final results are in for the latest Let's Keep Moving Kewadin! Challenge

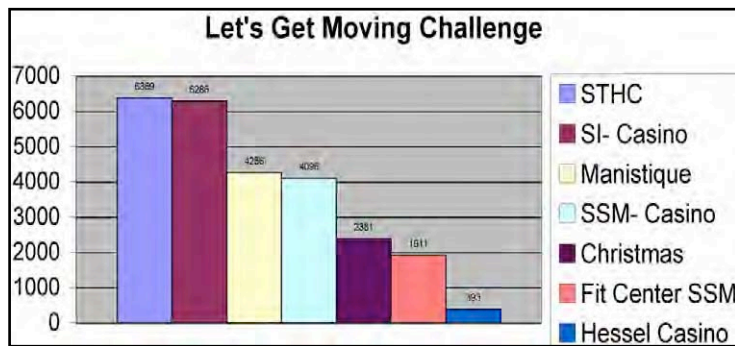
BY DONNA NORKOLI, SAULT TRIBE STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ANISHINAABE COORDINATOR

Final results are in for The Let's Get Moving Kewadin! Challenge that ended Aug. 2 for Kewadin Casino team members, Sault Tribe Health Center and All-in-One Fitness Center participants. Kewadin Casino participants logged a total of 17,411 healthy lifestyle miles. Christmas Casino was the winner of the challenge and will receive the 2008 plaque with 476 miles per participant over the 9-week challenge. The site challenge \$50 grand prize win-

ners were: Rick Steinhaus, Sault Ste. Marie; Tracey McCluskey, St. Ignace; Linda Roe, Hessel; Deanna Clifton, Manistique; and Patty Kozicki, Christmas.

The Sault Tribe Health Center hosted a final celebration for Health Center and All-in-One Fitness Center participants on Aug. 21. Peggy Maleport and Collen Eiola were winners of \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards. Sault Tribe Health Center participants, the overall site winners, logged 6,369 miles.

The Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program sponsored the challenge in order



to promote healthy eating and physical activity. Participants earned "miles" for eating fruits and vegetables, drinking water, participating in physical activity, and even quitting commer-

cial tobacco use.

In order to increase our physical activity we need to take a look at how our communities are designed for walkability and bikeability. Much of

the community design since the 1960s has made us car dependent. To find out your neighborhood's walkability go to [www.walkscore.com](http://www.walkscore.com). My neighborhood in Newberry scored 5 points out of 100, extremely car dependent.

So let's keep moving Kewadin! Take advantage of the remainder of our good weather in the beautiful Upper Peninsula and hike or bike a few of your favorite trails. And if you need another challenge to stay motivated, go to [www.americaonthemove.org](http://www.americaonthemove.org) and join the September challenge.

## World Heart Day 2008 is Sunday, Sept. 28

By the year 2025 it is estimated that more than 1.5 billion people, or nearly one in three adults over the age of 25, will have high blood pressure, one of the biggest single risk factors for heart disease and stroke, the world's number one killer. There are no obvious symptoms of high blood pressure and the only way to know is to visit your health-care professional for a check-up. That's why this year's World Heart Day on Sunday, Sept. 28, will

be urging people to "Know Your Risk!"

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Native today. Knowing your blood pressure can help you prevent heart disease.

Tips to lower your blood pressure:

Watch your weight and stay active — Lose weight by eating less and being physically active. Walking is good for all ages even if you don't need to

lose weight. Start slowly. Work up to at least 30 minutes each day.

Eat healthy — Use the food label to choose foods lower in sodium. Spice your food with paprika, pepper, lemon, onion, and garlic. Try not to add salt to your food at the table. Choose a diet rich in vegetables, fruits, grain products, and low-fat dairy products. Studies have shown that increased consumption of fruit and vegetables from less than three to

more than five servings a day is related to a 17 percent reduction in heart disease.

Keep In Mind — Drinking alcohol may raise your blood pressure. If you have high blood pressure, you may also need to take medicine. Go to your doctor or local health clinic. Have your blood pressure checked at least once a year. Check it more often if you have high blood pressure.

For more information on risk factors for heart disease

and stroke, you can also consult Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or call your local tribal health center.

Sources: (1) AHA, *Journal Report 04/10/2007*

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## Ashmun Creek Apartments: The newest smoke-free housing option in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE — Ashmun Creek Apartments are now smoke-free. Owners Randy and Judy McGahey and manager Floyd Rabineau have been working toward this day for several years now.

"We've been working towards becoming an entirely smoke-free complex since about 2002," Randy said. "Since that time, Floyd and I have been learning about the policy and talking with tenants about going smoke-free. It seems as though the majority of our tenants are nonsmokers and most seem supportive of the idea. I also had concerns about the financial costs involved and that a smoke-free policy would help reduce maintenance, cleaning and replacement costs."

The smoke-free policy also covers the new office complex, which consists of a community center, fitness room, office, parking lot and grounds. Outdoor areas within 30 feet of the apartment buildings are designated nonsmoking areas and all grounds must be kept free of cigarette butts and litter.

Rabineau said they contacted the Health Department last fall about their plans. "They helped us by providing smoke-free apartment informational packets for all of our tenants as well as cessation materials for those people that may want help in quitting. We also conducted a survey. The return rate was high," he said. "I think we got all but eight surveys back out

of 90 and only two were not in favor of making our apartments smoke-free. We also have received requests for smoke-free apartments. All of this, in addition to the financial benefits of a smoke-free policy helped us to make our decision to become an entirely smoke-free complex."

The 2006 US Surgeon General's report clearly states that secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard that causes heart disease, lung cancer and respiratory illness. A home is the place where children are most exposed to secondhand smoke and it is also a major location of secondhand smoke for adults. Breathing any amount of some-

one else's tobacco smoke harms smokers and nonsmokers alike. Consequently, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. The only way to fully protect the health of nonsmokers in indoor environments is to eliminate smoking entirely.

Apartment owners can benefit from a non-smoking policy. A smoke-free policy can dramatically reduce maintenance and replacement costs — from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per unit. Dangers of cigarette-caused fires are eliminated. And since nearly 80 percent of the adult populations in Michigan are nonsmokers, the market niche for smoke-free apartments is enormous.

"The Ashmun Creek

Apartments open house was a wonderful opportunity for tenants, family members and friends to see the new office complex and to learn more about the smoke-free policy," said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Coordinator. "I was pleased to be included in this event and to assist the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Coalition with the smoke-free policy process."

For more information about smoke-free environments visit [www.mismokefreeapartment.org](http://www.mismokefreeapartment.org). For tobacco cessation information and assistance, please call Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 632-5210 or your local tribal health center.

## A guide for parents of children with asthma

The start of a new school year is always a busy time for families. For parents of children who have asthma, it's a time when even more planning is needed to make sure back-to-school is a safe, healthy time for their kids.

Asthma is a major cause of lost school days. These three important tips can help parents take control of asthma and lessen any negative impact it makes on their children's school experience.

1. Write out and asthma action plan.

2. List all your children's medications and emergency contacts in the plan.

3. Share your written plan with school personnel.

Go online or call for a free parent's guide and other materials to help make "Back to School with Asthma" a little easier for your family this year. Visit [www.BacktoSchoolwithAsthma.org](http://www.BacktoSchoolwithAsthma.org) or call (800) LUNG-USA.

(Adapted from the American Lung Association's *Back to School With Asthma Program*.)

## Back to school bicycle safety

One of the safest measures parents can take is to make sure their children wear bicycle helmets when biking or riding a scooter to and from school. And, to make sure the helmet itself is safe. Make sure



bicycle helmets have a label stating they meet the Consumer Protection Safety Council's mandatory safety standard.

Wearing a bicycle helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent. CPSC staff has reports of

an annual average of 80 children under 16 who died in bicycle-related incidents in recent years.

About half of the 500,000 bicycle-related emergency room-treated injuries in 2007 involved

children under 16. When taking part in other recreational activities, wear the right helmet for that activity. To choose the most appropriate helmet read CPSC's "Which Helmet for Which Activity" publication, at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

CPSC/PUBS/349.pdf.

More than 80 percent of the nearly 50,000 emergency room-treated injuries involving unpowered scooters in 2007 were to children younger than 15. In addition to wearing a helmet, CPSC recommends elbow and knee pads.

For more information on bike and pedestrian safety or ways to make your community more bikeable or walkable call Donna Norkoli, Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Coordinator at (906) 635-8844.

(Source: From the *Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute*)

# Millions suffer every day from treatable substance use disorders: you can get help

BY T.J. DERWIN, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, AMERICAN INDIAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

Nationwide, millions of people suffer from substance use disorders every day, sometimes for years. A substance use disorder occur when a person is dependent on or abuses alcohol or drugs, including prescription drugs. These disorders are not uncommon in any community, including ours.

As for Michigan, about 1 out of 10 residents (about 837,000 persons), age 12 and older, are

either dependent on or have abused alcohol or an illicit drug some time during the past year, according to a 2007 annual report by the Office of Drug Control Policy. An estimated 1 out of every 13 residents (about 672,000 persons) did not receive the treatment needed for their alcohol use, and an estimated 1 out of every 39 residents (about 221,000 persons) did not receive the treatment needed for their illicit drug use.

During Recovery Month each September, communities across the country join together

to help people recognize that substance use disorders are treatable diseases. Participating in treatment or recovery programs for substance use disorders is as effective as receiving treatment for other chronic conditions like high blood pressure, asthma and diabetes.

Substance abuse services provided in Michigan help people remain alcohol and drug free, obtain or regain employment, stay out of the criminal justice system, find stable housing and enter into recovery. Nearly 80 percent of all clients

discharged from treatment had attained at least one positive outcome, such as completely stopped using alcohol or other drugs, became employed or found stable housing.

Throughout September, events nationwide encourage communities, civic leaders, employers, treatment and prevention organizations, faith-based organizations and the recovery community to address the continued need for treatment, overcome the barriers that prevent people from seeking help (such as community

stigma) and ensure access to local treatment facilities.

For more information of some of these events and projects, visit [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov). For help, please call American Indian Substance Abuse:

**Munising/Marquette: (906) 387-4721**

**Manistique/Esanaba: (906) 341-6993**

**Sault Ste. Marie/Chippewa County: (906) 635-6075 or 1-800-726-9105**

**St. Ignace/Hessel: (906) 643-9785**

# Preventing death by suicide: learn the signs

BY CANDACE WORTHINGTON LMSW, SAULT TRIBE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Death by suicide is a tragedy for victims and for those who grieve. The good news is that help to prevent suicide is available. We are constantly improving treatment for the emotional, physical and social pain that causes people to consider killing themselves. Suicide prevention efforts have been stepped up across the country to educate the public about suicide and teach them to recognize warning signs, what to do and where to get help.

Death by suicide ranked 10th among causes of death in Michigan for 2006. Women are more likely than men to have a non-fatal suicide attempt resulting in hospitalization, while men are more likely to die by suicide.

The rate of death by suicide among Native Americans is thought to be significantly higher than among the population as a whole. Just how much higher is not known. We do not have precise data for death by suicide of Native Americans in Michigan, because of differences in how death certificates are completed across the state.

For Native Americans in Michigan, the largest numbers of death by suicide for both men and women (since 1999) have been between ages 35 and 54. The number of deaths by suicide is lower for both men and women ages 55 to 64 and then increases again for male elders between ages 65 and 74.

Just over half of Michigan Native American deaths by suicide were caused by firearms. About one-fifth resulted from poisoning (mostly street drugs, prescription medications or over-the-counter medications).

(Data from Patricia K. Smith, Michigan Department of Community Health)

## Protective Factors Reduce the Risk of Suicide

You can help by supporting individual, family and community strengths that reduce the risk of death by suicide. Strong family and community support reduce a person's risk.

People are less vulnerable if they have good problem-solving skills and the ability to resolve conflicts without violence. Those who think it is okay to seek help, whose beliefs discourage suicide or whose beliefs support self-preservation also have a reduced risk.

Easy access to good care for mental, physical and substance use disorders, and supportive, ongoing relationships with medical and mental health care providers, make it less likely that a person will die by suicide.

Finally, a person without easy access to lethal methods, such as drugs or firearms, is less likely to die of suicide.

(Adapted from Suicide Prevention Resource Center "Risk and Protective Factors for Suicide," [www.sprc.org](http://www.sprc.org))

## Risk Factors for Suicide

A number of conditions are known to increase the risk

of death by suicide. Among these are certain serious mental disorders, a history of experiencing trauma or abuse, some major physical illnesses, a previous suicide attempt, a family history of death by suicide, loss of a job or a serious financial setback.

The loss of a significant relationship is also associated with increased risk. Knowing, being influenced by, or being exposed to media coverage about, a person who died by suicide also increases a person's risk.

(Adapted from Suicide Prevention Resource Center "Risk and Protective Factors for Suicide," [www.sprc.org](http://www.sprc.org))

## Learn The Warning Signs

Seek help immediately (see box) if you, or someone you know, has any of these warning signs:

- Threatening — or talking about — wanting to hurt or kill self
- Seeking out weapons, pills, other methods
- Talking/writing about death, dying or suicide
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling rage, uncontrolled anger or seeking revenge
- Reckless or risky activities, seemingly without thinking
- Feeling trapped, like there's no way out
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family, society
- Feeling anxious, agitated, unable to sleep or sleeping all the time
- Dramatic mood changes

• Seeing no reason for living or no sense of purpose in life  
(Adapted from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org))

## What To Do If You Think A Person Might Harm Himself or Himself

The best way to find out the person's state of mind is to ask direct questions.

- "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- "Have you ever tried to hurt yourself before?"
- "Do you think you might try to hurt yourself today?"

• "Have you thought of ways that you might hurt yourself?"

- "Do you have pills or weapons in the house?"

Asking these questions won't increase the person's thoughts about suicide but it will help you decide what to do next.

## Then, take action.

- DO NOT LEAVE THE PERSON ALONE.
- Say, "I will get you some help."
- Seek help immediately.

(Adapted from "What To Do If You Think A Person Is Having Suicidal Thoughts," [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org))

## Help for suicide risk

**FINDING HELP for yourself, or for someone you care about 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

- (800) 273-TALK (8255) voice line (Veterans press "1" to reach the VA hotline).
- (800) 799-4TTY (4889) TTY users.
- Immediate assistance, 24-hours, toll-free, confidential.
- Your call will be routed to the closest possible crisis center in your area.
- Call to speak with someone who cares.
- Call if you feel you might be in danger of hurting yourself.
- Call to find referrals to mental health services in your area.
- Call to speak to a crisis worker about someone you're concerned about.

## Normal Business Hours—Sault Tribe Mental Health Services

- Urgent Care Services for anyone in crisis are available during normal Sault Tribe Health Center business hours.

## After Hours, Weekends, Holidays

- Call your local county mental health agency toll-free number.
- Alger, Delta, Luce, Marquette: (888) 728-4929 Pathways
- Chippewa, Mackinac, Schoolcraft: (800) 839-9443 Hiawatha Behavioral Health
- Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmett, Otsego: (800) 442-7315 Northern Michigan CMH
- Go to the nearest hospital emergency room.
- Call 911

## What I learned about the GED

BY ANGELINE BOULLEY-MATSON MPA, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

What do these people have in common?

Ben Nighthorse Campbell, former U.S. Senator; Bill Cosby, actor, author, activist; Mary Lou Retton, Olympic gymnast; Michael J. Fox, television actor; Danica Patrick, NASCAR driver; Waylon Jennings, singer; Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's restaurants; Chris Rock, comedian; Jerry Garcia, Grateful Dead guitarist; Peter Jennings, ABC News anchor; Richard Carmona, former U.S. Surgeon General;

James J. Florio, former Governor of NJ; Aaron A. Payment, former Sault Tribe chairperson.

All of these individuals earned their GED (General Equivalency Diploma).

Did you know that 95 percent of U.S. colleges and universities accept the GED?

Did you know that one in 20 college freshmen are GED graduates?

Did you know that GED graduates are eligible to receive Pell grants and other types of federal financial aid?

The GED was first developed in 1942 at the request of

the U.S. Armed Forces Institute. The purpose was to give those who left high school and fought in World War II a way to demonstrate their knowledge and get civilian jobs after the war. Since that time, nearly 20 million people have earned a GED!

If you left high school before graduation and would like to earn a GED, contact your local school district or regional intermediate school district. If you are a Sault Tribe member living in the eastern Upper Peninsula, contact George Snider at Consolidated Community School Services, (906) 632-6098.

## Chronic kidney disease class set for Sept. 9

If you have diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of chronic kidney disease, you are at risk of developing chronic kidney disease.

Join us in class and travel through the time line of the progression of kidney disease. The stages, signs and symptoms of kidney disease will be discussed, as well as nutrition for

kidney disease.

Understand your lab results by "knowing your numbers."

The class will be held Sept. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sault Tribe Health Center. Speakers scheduled are Julie Trestrail RD and MaryAnn Stott RN.

Call 632-5210 to register or for more information.

# Job Posting: STAY project manager position

**DEPARTMENT:**  
Education Division, Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Grant  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Full-time, regular, exempt  
**SUPERVISES:** None  
**REPORTS TO:** Education director/assistant membership services director

**POSITION SUMMARY:**  
Provide project management for implementation of three-year Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Project, ensuring achievement of objectives, budget compliance, satisfactory completion of reporting, and adherence to applicable regulations and requirements.

**JOB COMPLEXITY:**  
Perform project management for implementation of three-year Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Project, including customization of State plan, implementation of plan objectives and development of process to ensure long-term sustainability.

Working with regional school districts, tribal and non-tribal educational and human service agencies, juvenile justice programs, courts and law enforcement agencies, provide oversight and facilitate customization of the Suicide Prevention Plan for Michigan in preparation for implementation with Tribal communities throughout the seven-county tribal service area. Review plan documents, meet with relevant tribal agencies and programs to determine tribal needs, meet with relevant tribal and non-tribal agencies and programs to identify areas to modify in the state plan, draft proposed plan modifications, review drafts

with tribal and non-tribal agencies and programs for preliminary approval, submit to tribal board of directors for approval, and to the State of Michigan for approval and modification of state plan.

Manage implementation of modified state plan with tribal communities throughout the tribal service area. Working with relevant tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs, and media, develop media campaign to raise awareness, provide educational information, facilitate use of available community resources, and promote participation in planned implementation activities, such as youth conferences, teacher/staff professional development in-services, and parent workshops. Meet with agencies, programs and media to develop promotional and media placement strategies, schedules, design and content. Meet with applicable tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs and community groups to plan implementation activities, including determining itineraries, agendas, speakers, schedules, space and refreshments requirements. Handle corresponding reservations and arrangements for speakers, travel, space, refreshments, media contacts, supplies, copies and educational handouts.

Establish sustainability plan for tribal youth suicide prevention, including development of long-term implementation goals, objectives and strategies with supporting documentation of needs, collaborative operational policies and procedures, annual plan review and modification process. Utilizing

experience gained during the implementation of the modified State plan with tribal communities throughout the tribal service area, and working with the tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs and community groups involved in the implementation, draft the sustainability plan sections. Review drafts with tribal and non-tribal agencies and programs for preliminary approval, submit to tribal board of directors for approval, and to the State of Michigan for approval and inclusion in future state planning. Meet with involved tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs and community groups to detail a recommended process for sustaining continued involvement of the tribal and regional resource network in future state planning for youth suicide prevention.

Perform grant oversight, including monitoring timely achievement of objectives, controlling expenditures to ensure budget compliance, reviewing and approving reporting and report submissions as per grant requirements and for executive review, monitoring grant activities to ensure adherence to applicable regulations and requirements, implementing corrective measures to restore budget or operational compliance, as needed, and attendance at required meetings, conferences and training.

Other job-related duties, as assigned by Supervisor.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:**  
Responsible for managing grant in compliance with established regulations and requirements.

Responsible for efficient and

effective project management.

Responsible for identification and inclusion of all pertinent tribal and non-tribal agencies, programs and community groups in project implementation.

Responsible for accuracy, timeliness and organized maintenance of project data, reporting and recordkeeping.

Responsible for maintaining confidentiality of all project materials, information and related data.

Responsible for conducting communications, facilitation and project activity in a tactful, courteous manner, and for maintaining professional demeanor under duress.

**CONTACTS:**  
Contact with regional school districts, tribal and non-tribal educational and human service agencies, juvenile justice programs, courts and law enforcement agencies, federal and state agencies, tribal board of directors, tribal divisions and departments, tribal members and employees and the general public.

**WORKING CONDITIONS/SAFETY HAZARDS:**

Work in general office and community facility settings. Frequent regional and periodic state/national travel required, including operation of tribal and personal vehicles and air travel. Flexible work schedule, including evenings, weekends and holidays. Must be able to lift and carry supplies and equipment up to 50 pounds.

**JOB REQUIREMENTS:**  
Bachelor's of science degree in relevant field required, plus two years of experience per-

forming responsible project and grant management.

Working knowledge of project management procedures, techniques and formats. Working knowledge of grant management procedures, compliance requirements and applicable regulations.

Ability to initiate and sustain productive working relationships with individuals from a variety of agencies, programs and community groups for the formulation of cohesive project teams and resource networks.

Working knowledge of standard office and telecommunications equipment, including telephones, cell phones, Blackberries, copiers, facsimiles, computer systems, audio/visual equipment and other technological devices for teleconferencing, etc.

Working knowledge of computer software, including word processing, spreadsheet, database, project management, Power Point, and other specialty software programs applicable to the work performed in this position.

Will be required to undergo and successfully pass a background check. Must maintain a good moral character standing.

Must have a valid driver license and be insurable by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department. Must comply with annual driver license review and insurability standards with the Sault Tribe Insurance Department.

Will be required to complete and pass pre-employment and random drug testing.

Native American preferred.

## Free Laker Athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK, RECREATION FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for tickets, Tribal members must fill out the Free Laker Athletic Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. **Mail the application, along with a copy of your Tribal card, to the address indicated on application by September 19, 2008.** Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications.

### FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets needed for each game. **Please note: you may not receive tickets for all games requested.**

**LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)**

- 10/10/08 Minnesota-Duluth
- 10/11/08 Michigan Tech
- 10/25/08 Windsor
- 10/26/08 U.S. Under-18
- 11/07/08 Bowling Green
- 11/08/08 Bowling Green
- 11/21/08 Robert Morris
- 11/22/08 Robert Morris
- 12/05/08 Northern Michigan
- 12/06/08 Northern Michigan
- 12/12/08 Nebraska Omaha
- 12/13/08 Nebraska Omaha
- 01/16/09 Notre Dame
- 01/17/09 Notre Dame
- 01/30/09 Michigan State
- 01/31/09 Michigan State
- 02/13/09 Miami (Ohio)
- 02/14/09 Miami (Ohio)
- 02/20/09 Western Michigan
- 02/21/09 Western Michigan

**LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)**

- 11/15/08 Lewis
- 11/16/08 Wisconsin-Parkside
- 11/18/08 Northland Baptist (Men's Only)
- 11/23/08 Marygrove (Women's Only)
- 12/08/08 Finlandia (Men's Only)
- 01/03/09 Saginaw Valley State
- 01/08/09 Ferris State University
- 01/10/09 Grand Valley State University
- 01/15/09 Northwood
- 01/17/09 Wayne State
- 01/29/09 Findlay
- 01/31/09 Hillsdale
- 02/12/09 Tiffin
- 02/14/09 Ashland
- 02/26/08 Michigan Tech University
- 02/28/08 Northern Michigan University

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center  
ATTN: Jessica Dumback  
2 Ice Circle  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**

## Free Wildcat Athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK, RECREATION FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for tickets, tribal members must fill out the Free Wildcat Athletic Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. **Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card, to the address indicated on the application by Sept. 19, 2008.** Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications.

### FREE WILDCAT ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

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

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NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets needed for each. **All games are held at the Berry Events Center. Please note that you may not receive tickets for all games indicated.**

**WILDCAT HOCKEY**

- 10/05/08 University of Toronto (Exh.)
- 10/10/08 Michigan Tech
- 10/11/08 UM-Duluth
- 10/17/08 Michigan
- 10/18/08 Michigan
- 10/31/08 Notre Dame
- 11/01/08 Notre Dame
- 11/21/08 Ohio State
- 11/22/08 Ohio State
- 11/28/08 Ferris State
- 11/29/08 Ferris State
- 12/13/08 USNTDP (Exh.)
- 12/20/08 Michigan Tech
- 01/23/09 Alaska
- 01/24/09 Alaska
- 02/06/09 Bowling Green
- 02/07/09 Bowling Green
- 02/27/09 Lake Superior State
- 02/28/09 Lake Superior State

**WILDCAT BASKETBALL**

- 11/15/08 UM-Duluth (Men's Only)
- 11/22/08 Alma (Men's Only)
- 11/22/08 Marygrove (Women's Only)
- 11/24/08 Finlandia
- 11/29/08 UW-Stevens Point (Men's Only)
- 12/01/08 St. Norbert (Women's Only)
- 12/15/08 Northland College (Men's Only)
- 12/18/08 Wayne State University
- 12/20/08 Northwood University
- 12/30/08 UM-Duluth (Women's Only)
- 01/03/09 Michigan Tech
- 01/08/09 Tiffin University
- 01/10/09 Ashland University
- 01/22/09 Lake Superior State University
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- 01/31/09 Grand Valley State
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 19, 2008**

# Chairman McCoy reports for September



**JOE MCCOY, SAULT TRIBE  
CHAIRMAN**

Aanii. I hope this report finds you well. We have had another busy month. Our board of directors continues to work very closely with myself, our co-executive directors and casino management to further reduce our deficit.

We started 2008 with a \$15 million deficit. As of today, with the changes we have made, we still face a \$9.4 million deficit and we continue to work closely together to further

reduce this number. We are not only looking for savings for today, but going into the next few years.

A question was asked whether funeral assistance benefits were going to be cut. We, the board of directors, have not discussed this item; however, administration is looking at every position and program that receives tribal support dollars. We are striving to maintain the same level of services for membership. Our goal is to balance the budget and get to the point where we are not spending more than we earn.

At this point in time, we know these things for certain:

We can afford only the interest payment to our elders in January 2009. This payment is estimated to be \$600-750. In previous years, our tribe has supplemented your annual payment in the amount of at least \$2.6 million each year. This fluctuates based on the number of elders who receive the check.

We recently announced at a meeting with managers, direc-

tors and supervisors that we will not be giving raises in 2009.

At the same meeting, we announced that we will not be providing the incentive checks to our employees. We still have a lot of work to do moving forward, but we are making progress. In fact, we recently held a program directors, managers and supervisors meeting to provide our employees with the updated picture (above) of our financial situation and to ask for their input on more ways we could reduce costs while maximizing our efficiencies. We have to improve the way we operate our businesses and casinos. The revenue from our enterprise operations aids us in providing many of our membership services. We cannot sustain what we currently have if we don't start running them like businesses and stop allowing politics to guide our decisions.

The children's Christmas party was also cut for this year along with the Christmas gift cards for tribal employees.

We are now in a state where it's time for all of us to work together in order to improve things in the long run.

We are making some progress with our 8(a) certification process. We recently applied for a limited liability corporation status. If we successfully obtain 8(a) status, we will be able to be given preference on government contracts and we'd be able to diversify our economy. The last 8-10 years have shown us that we cannot continue to rely on our casinos to provide the revenue to meet the needs of our members.

We have also kept our focus on our Greektown operations. As you know, we filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in early June of this year. I have reviewed a lot of the documents, attended numerous meetings, and talked with all involved, and we are doing everything we can to work with the court, Michigan Gaming Control Board, and the City of Detroit to reach an outcome to the satisfaction of all parties. We will continue our

good faith efforts in this very challenging endeavor. Our hope is to come out of bankruptcy in a stronger position. We will continue to provide updates on this through our tribal paper.

Treaty Summit: what an honor and pleasure it was to be a part of this event as well as part of the border crossing.

Suicide prevention grant for \$500,000: there have been a greater number of suicides in our communities in the past few years and we want to do something to prevent further tragedies of this nature.

The decisions that have been made, and those yet to be made, have not been easy for anyone involved. But, we see hope for our tribe. We do many good things for our membership and our communities. Please bear with us and know we are dedicated and committed to bringing our tribe to a bright future!

Please contact me with any questions or comments at [jmccoy@saulttribe.net](mailto:jmccoy@saulttribe.net).

Miigwech,  
Chairman Joe McCoy

## 2008 deficit necessitates tough decisions



**LANA CAUSLEY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

We held our 16th annual Gathering of Eagles Powwow in Hessel this past month. As always, it was a very memorable weekend and I would like to say Miigwech to all those involved in the preparation. Our committee and community worked very hard and we are grateful to you.

I would like to give special thank you to our community drum, Mukwa Geesick. Three

short years ago, members from our community got together and began drum socials and teachings of the drum. At this years powwow they gave us the gift of drumming and made our entire community very honored and proud! They have young women and mothers that sing with them and these men have included their own children and grandchildren as participants to pass on our teachings. It was truly an honor to listen and watch our drum: Gene Biron, James Causley, Jim Landreville, Terry Latoúr, Phillip Andrews, John Causley Jr., Jeff Causley and Dustin Biron.

I'd like to give a special Miigwech to my dad and Cal and Lisa Burnside, for all their hard work. Miigwech also to:

Our head youth dancers, Hunter Captain and Chase Horsefield. We had many youth dancers participate and the head dancers lead the way and involved them.

Graz and René shipman our pipecarriers. It's always com-

plete and ready for a powwow when you come to be with us.

Bahweting Drum and the entire Cultural Department. You're always there to help us and we appreciate you being there.

Our ladies in the kitchen, Dorthy Currie, Mona Gugin and Dalinda Brisette. Hessel is known for our very good meals

Last but not least, Charlene Brisette, thank you for taking on the role of head female dancer, you made Lisa and I very proud!

As reported last month we continue to meet weekly on operational cost savings for our tribe. This past week the board had to make one of the hardest decisions yet. We moved forward on closing the DeTour and Kinross health clinics. I have received many calls about this decision — I assure you it was a very hard decision. In the past there have been unit wars and all things politized — those days are over and I'm very grateful there is no

place for that any longer. The deciding fact to move forward the closings was the members serviced at these clinics versus the amount to keep the clinics in operation. The chairman and the entire board did not want to have to move in this direction but it had to be done to assist in sustaining the level of services at our larger health centers.

We are continuing to restruc-

ture and seek out and any and all cost saving for our organization and companies. Please be patient and know that the entire governing body and staff are working very hard together to get us through this tough time.

Please feel free to contact me via email or at my home. [Lcausley@saulttribe.net](mailto:Lcausley@saulttribe.net), (906) 484-2954.

## Honest answers



**KEITH MASSAWAY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to start out by thanking Joe McCoy, our chairman, for attending our Unit III meeting. I was very pleased to hear the many concerns and questions put forth and the direct and honest answers given. We are on the right path to make this tribe healthier and I believe we have the proper people in place to make it happen.

The St. Ignace powwow was a great success. We have been seeing, for years, powwow attendance drop off in other areas. The St. Ignace powwow shows a different aspect of the tribal life. They incorporate all the cultures that were here in the fur trade era. This gives a more rounded picture of what our ancestors experienced at

that time.

The attendance was remarkable and many people from all over the world stopped in and participated. I say participated because as our master of ceremonies said, everyone here participates in the powwow. It does not matter if you dance, sing, sit or just watch, you are participating and we welcome you. The DNR, which runs the site, said the attendance was the highest they had seen in the park since it was open. Many of our powwows are changing. The Sault Ste. Marie powwow went to a competition powwow so it could attract more entrants.

We are working hard every day to put our tribe on a better financial footing. Sometimes it looks like everyone is not working to that end but, I assure you, we all are giving something back to the tribe. The board of directors has given up all incidentals that were previously part of the job. Some examples are the travel expenses that board members used to have, the lunches at meetings we attend. We sit in rooms for up to 14 hours and with little or no breaks to eat. Some bring their own food to eat. I assure you the board is working very hard for the tribe.

Thank you for all the correspondence in the last month and you can contact me at [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com) or phone (906) 643-6981.

## Bouschor reporting to Unit 1



**BERNARD BOUSCHOR,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

I am happy to report that the tribal council (board) and chief (chairman) are working together to deal with the deficit. In a recent action, by the tribal council, we were able to reduce

the 2008 deficit by \$5.5 million and currently have a deficit of \$9.5 million.

We continue to meet in workshops and with employees on ways to eliminate our deficit. Our budgets for 2009 are being prepared that match our federal, state, or tribal revenue with anticipated cost of operating governmental and member services.

At a recent meeting Chairman Joe McCoy, tribal council members and staff shared information with employees on the task of balancing our budget and asked for suggestion. I would like to thank each member who has shared their ideas with the leaders of our tribe.

Tribal government meetings were held in Sault Ste

Marie, Munising and Newberry. Greektown Casino Management meetings were held in Detroit and status reports on Greektown Casino bankruptcy and the casino construction project were presented to the entire tribal council in Sault Ste Marie.

In haste, the tribal council approved permits for 2008 bear hunting. This decision was made without the cultural plan that the tribal council had requested that the Conservation Committee and Cultural Committee draft for council approval prior to authorizing bear hunting.

Bears are a sacred part of our culture. Bears are considered sacred animals. The bear was not hunted for pure sport. I ask you tribal members to disapprove Resolution 2008-157.

# G'tchi-miigwech for your support and votes



**PATRICK RICKLEY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I would like to give a belated g'tchi-miigwech to everyone for the overwhelming support

and votes in the recent election again g'tchi-miigwech.

I must say, being on the board is a lot more than I had ever envisioned, between workshops, board meetings, unit meetings, and other events. It's all a welcome addition to my life.

As you all know, we as a tribe are going through some trying times. I would like to ask if anyone has any helpful advice as to how or where we may curb our spending habits or cost savings to submit them in writing to your unit director(s) or the board itself. You don't have to sign it if you feel uncomfortable. I hope we are past that,

though. Thank you.

Back to school, good luck to all the students and teachers. Kids, please make the best use of your time in the classroom and homework. Public education is one of the last free things you will get in life. Please show respect to one another. Showing respect earns respect. Thank you.

Recently, I have had the privilege to attend the pipe ceremony for the treaty summit, and local powwows. As most of you know, a lot of work goes into setting up these events. A lot of volunteer work is done with the passion and heart of our people, whose only wish is that

we keep protecting and teaching our culture and traditions. Also, attending these events builds friendships and bonds with one another, something I think we are losing in this electronic age. A kind gesture, a handshake, a smile, peace sign — any or all of these can and will make a difference in someone's life. Please acknowledge each other. We will be a stronger more positive people if we only put forth an effort.

As you all know, I'm new to all of this so my unit report may seem a bit different from others. This is the most writing I've done in a while, so please bear with me. As I stated earlier, we

are in trying times, we need to be more practical. Turn off the lights when you when you leave a room, turn down the A/C, unplug things that aren't being used. All of these things will add up in savings. The more we make a conscious effort, the more it will become habit.

Again, good luck going back to school, kids; parents, keep up the good work. Everyone treat everyone else like they are a rich relative who is going to leave you a million dollars, you would never do or say a bad word or thing about them.

Well, the gig is up, gotta go, baa maa pii until next time,  
Pat Rickley, Unit III

## We are all working hard to get back on track



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Our tribe is working hard (all of us) to get back on track — so many things to take into account. Some positions have been eliminated — more cost saving plans are in the works — each week when we meet, Kristi Little and Vic Matson Jr. are showing us more things to look at. Our workshops have been intense and full of exchanges of opinions but still very orderly.

Kids' Christmas parties have been cut for this year, so if you hear of an area having a party, it's because a group got together and put on a party, which I hope

all of us will do. And, please don't forget our children that are developmentally challenged no matter what their age.

One elderly holiday meal will be held for each group. The Greenough building has been emptied out and everyone is at the administration building downtown. Travel has been cut back considerably. We've got some hard months ahead but we will make it. To keep vital services intact is our main goal.

We need a dentist in Manistique for this end of the world. Isn't there someone out there that wants to move to an

area that's not as fast a pace as a larger city? Perhaps you want to semi-retire. Remember, the office is all equipped, the staff is taken care of. No office rent to pay.

The board meetings have been peaceful, even when we disagree.

Powwows have been going on in the different units and Munising will be having a powwow on Saturday, Sept. 13. Doors open at noon and Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. and the feast at 5 p.m. A dish to pass will be most welcomed.

The ladies in Munising are

working hard on the powwow and the men will soon be working just as hard.

Fall is really on its way and has been for quite awhile. Watch out for our kids heading out to school.

A Unit V area meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center. Please attend and find out how you can get involved in the powwow.

Remember, fight nice and be a blessing to someone today  
Shirl, Unit V Representative  
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shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

## July 15 board meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE —The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting July 15 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Approved resolutions: Grant Application Approval Competitive Grant Program Community Based Model of PHN Case Management Services; Authorization to Change Signature Authority;

Trust Accounts; Authorization to Change Signature Authority: Bank Accounts; Fiscal Year 2008 ACFS Budget Modification; Fiscal Year 2008 Tribal Attorney Budget Modification; Reclaim Unclaimed Property; and Permanent Endowment of Golf Scholarships.

The resolution "Midjim

Tribal Gas Tax" was tabled Legislative summary: The board of directors directed the CFO, or respective designee, to immediately research and initiate the reclamation process on any of the assets of the tribe currently held by any state unclaimed property division. A detailed status report shall be submitted to the board within

30 days.

The board of directors approved developing a plan to permanently endow all funds necessary from the golf scholarship fund to ensure all established scholarships generated presently from this fund for current and future generations. Any remaining and future golf scholarship funds will be earmarked to replenish the tribe's

Educational Self Sufficiency Scholarship Fund. A plan will be submitted for consideration or approval within 14 days.

A request to schedule all future special and regular meetings at 6 p.m. and a request to keep membership issues as a topic on all future special and regular meeting agendas was tabled to a workshop for further discussion.

## Board meets July 29 in Sault

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting on July 29 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Resolutions Amending Tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing; Renegotiating Evergreen Contracts; and Amending Team Member Manuals were added to the agenda.

Approved Resolutions: Pathways/Northcare Network Coordinating Agency Primary Prevention Programming Grant Application; Amending Tribal Code Chapter 21: Hunting and Inland Fishing; Renegotiating Evergreen Contracts; and Amending Team Member Manuals.

Resolutions removed from the agenda were the Reestablishment of General Counsel Position and Budget (Sweep) Adjustment.

Legislative summary: The board of directors approved an amendment to Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code to allow for bear hunting with the season

set to begin on Sept. 10 of this year.

Approved amendments to the Team Member Manual included amending the Voluntary Separation Policy, Involuntary Separation Policy, Retaliation Policy, Layoff Preference Policy, Recall from Layoff Policy, Family Medical Leave Act Complaint Resolution Policy and Appeal Policy in the Governmental, EDC and Casino Team Member Manual as well as the Appeal Policy in the Supervisor's Manual. Resolution language acknowledged that the tribe is facing financially trying times and intends to endure these times by crafting and implementing a cost savings plan. As a part of this plan, the tribe may find it necessary to lay off employees or eliminate certain positions. To ensure that any layoffs or elimination of positions made as a component of this plan remain intact, team member manuals were amended.

Renegotiating "evergreen

contracts" was approved. The tribe is party to 15 evergreen contracts, which are held by employees who are integral to tribal operations. The terms and conditions of the evergreen contracts were described as beneficial to the employee and disadvantageous to the tribe. These contracts were deemed not in the best interest of the tribe; the resolutions lists 10 guidelines or stipulations to be a part of the renegotiating process.

Under new business, a board member requested the halting of the blocking of certain tribal members from e-mailing board members. The request seeks to provide any tribal member the ability to e-mail their respective unit representatives without any complications due to security measures currently in place. Board members are issued e-mail addresses which are included in the tribal employee e-mail database, and end in with the address: @saulttribe.net.

## Board meets Aug. 5 in Munising

MUNISING—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Aug. 5 in Munising.

A "Restructuring Approval" motion was added to the agenda under new business.

Resolutions approved: Tribal Wildlife Grant (Application); Appellate Reserve Judge; Consent to Waiver of Tribal Court Jurisdiction: Ortho-Clinical Diagnostic; and Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Budget Modification: Fisheries.

Resolutions tabled: John P. Carr Tributary Scholarship; Don Corp Tributary Scholarship; Adoption Purchase Policy; Compensation for Lay Appellate Judges; Amending Tribal Code Chapter 22: Conservation Committee; Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Modification: Health Center; FY 2008 Budget Modification: Home Improvement, Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Modification: Law Enforcement, and Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Modification:

Buildings.

Legislative summary: The board of directors approved a US Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant application to conduct population and habitat assessments to develop management plans for Snowshoe Hare and Canada Lynx, which are important natural and cultural resources. The 2007 Inland Consent Decree requires the tribe to manage its wildlife resources and the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department is tasked with maintaining viable fish and wildlife populations in the 1836 Treaty ceded territory. Thomas Weiss was appointed to the position of reserve appellate judge.

The Health Division negotiated a contract with Ortho Clinical Diagnostics (OCD) for medical supplies and reagents.

A \$14,000 budget modification for the Nunn's Creek Fisheries Rehab Hatchery in federal grant BIA funding was  
See "August 5," page 24

# Board of directors meet Aug. 19 in Newberry

NEWBERRY—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting Aug. 19 in Newberry.

Approval of Authorization of Loan Agreement with National City Bank was added to the agenda, and passed. Other resolutions passed were: USDA Rural Development Grant (Application); Supporting the Efforts of Chippewa County to Replace the Chub Creek Bridge on Mackinac Trail; Supporting the Efforts of Mackinac County to Replace the Carp River Bridge on Mackinac Trail;

Women's Health Demonstration Cooperative Agreement Program (Application for Funding); Health Center Budget Modification, and Buildings Budget Modification.

Tabled resolutions were: Random Drug Testing, Appellate Court Budget Modification and Tribal Recycling.

Legislative summary: As part of the tribe's cash flow refinancing, a 3-year \$500,000 loan from National City Bank for use as operating capital was approved. This loan agreement

is in addition to a \$1.5 million loan agreement previously arranged for the purchase of modular school buildings for the JKL Bahweting School.

The Health Division began implementing an integrated behavioral health and primary care service and wants to improve access to behavioral health care for tribal adult and teen females at risk for domestic violence, sexual assault and the associated trauma. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Indian Health Division of Nursing and

Women's Health is currently accepting applications to provide funding for the implementation of such health service delivery. An application was approved.

The Health Division returned \$1.7 million to the tribal support from operational savings combined and an additional \$1.5 million received from Indian Health Services. A budget modification to allocate funding to hire of a full-time maintenance coordinator to be paid from the Munising and Manistique tribal centers' build-

ing budgets was approved.

Under new business, Keith Massaway provided an update on the development of Enhanced Tribal Cards (EHC) and handed out information packets for the board's further review. An EHC is an enhanced tribal membership enrollment card that could also serve as a passport.

The board pledged support for the appointment of Keith Massaway to the War of 1812 celebratory event planning commission derived out of the Governor's office.

## From page 23, August 5 board meeting briefs —

approved.

New Business: In committee matters, Cathy Abramson resigned from the Cultural Committee, Larry Brown resigned from Unit III Elder Subcommittee, Keith Massaway was appointed to the Risk Committee, John McCall was appointed to the Unit III Elder Subcommittee, and Erlamay Hardwick and Eileen Wheeler were appointed to the Escanaba Elder Sub-

committee.

In conservation matters, a small trap net permit was approved; two Conservation Committee appointment requests were tabled; one commercial fisherman's seat was vacated and will be published in the tribal newspaper.

A "restructuring approval" motion recommending the elimination of the Planning and Development Director, Retail and Support Services

Director and Budget Officer was approved.

The board of directors changed the meeting dates for three regular board meetings:

— The Sept. 16 meeting in Manistique was moved to Sept. 17;

— The Oct. 21 meeting in St. Ignace was moved to Sept. 22; and,

— The Nov. 18 meeting in Hessel was moved to Nov. 19.

## August 14 board meeting

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting Aug. 12 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Appointment of Bernard Bouschor and Joe McCoy to JKL Fiduciary Committee was added to the agenda.

Approved: Application for the Tribal Transit Program Grant.

Tabled: Appointment of Bernard Bouschor and Joe McCoy to JKL Fiduciary Committee.

Legislative summary: The board of directors approved a request to apply for the

Tribal Transit Program Grant through the Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration. Although there is a need for transit services in the seven-county service area, a needs assessment and feasibility study has to be conducted to determine the scope of the community's transportation needs.

Funds for the study are available through the Tribal Transit Program Grant and the study would enhance the tribe's chances of gaining a further grant for expanding and operating a tribal transit program.

## From "Lawsuit won," page 1 —

The tribe's position has always been that the 2000 parcel is eligible for gaming under IGRA. IGRA allows gaming on land taken into trust after Oct. 17, 1988, if the contiguous parcel was a reservation before that date. Over a period of three years, the tribe attempted to convince the Department of the Interior and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) that the 1983 parcel is a reservation within the meaning of IGRA. The Department of the Interior and the NIGC disagreed. That disagreement resulted in the tribe's suit against the Department and the NIGC, which was filed on Nov. 9, 2006.

Today, Judge Edgar ruled against the United States, the Department of the Interior and the NIGC, and ruled in favor of the tribe. Judge Edgar found that the Department of the

Interior has been inconsistent in its interpretation of the word "reservation", as used in IGRA. He concluded that the 1983 parcel is a reservation and, therefore, gaming may take place at the casino partially located on the contiguous 2000 parcel.

The tribe has been operating in its new casino in St. Ignace for approximately one year under a preliminary injunction issued by the court last August, which restrained the United States from taking any action to close the new casino, pending the outcome of the case.

The Court's opinion today legitimizes the tribe's conduct of class III gaming in the replacement casino, and eliminates any uncertainty about whether the casino property is eligible for gaming under IGRA.

## Lake Superior water levels remain steady while Michigan and Huron drop an inch

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers forecasts Lake Superior water levels to be five to 17 inches above last year's levels and around four inches below its long term average through January 2009.

Lake Superior water levels have risen steadily until recently, but are holding steady through the lack of rain, rising four inches in July and leveling off in August. The greatest Great Lake is 17 inches higher than last August and is predicted to stay at the same level for the next month while Huron and Michigan drop an inch.

This year, Superior's mean level was between 601.74 feet and 601.83 feet for the month of August. Last August was a record low for the lakes, so the levels have improved considerably, although still below their long term averages. In July, precipitation in the Lake Superior basin was 50 percent above average. At the same time, outflow through the St. Marys River was below its July monthly average, while the net basin supply to the lake was above average, according to the USACE.

## Board of directors meet August 26 in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting on Aug. 26 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Approved was the Resolution "Approval for Elder Service Division to Conduct Required Elder Needs Assessment for Fiscal Year 2011 Older Americans Act Title VI Grant."

A Random Drug Testing resolution failed, and a tribal recycling resolution was tabled.

Legislative summary: The board of directors authorized

participation in the "Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders III," and granted permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaiian National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional and national results.

About 300 elders will be randomly selected to participate in the survey, to be conducted September through November. All information obtained in the

survey will remain confidential. The elder needs assessment survey is part of a grant application requirement for the Older Americans Act Title VI Grant.

A proposal to eliminate the employee random drug testing program was denied.



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# Art Leighton accepts job with Department of the Interior — two blocks from White House

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Former Sault Tribe Historian Art Leighton has accepted a job with the Department of the Interior Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) in Washington, D.C.

Leighton holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University in U.S. history with his major area of study being Native American history. "I will be doing very specialized research for the OFA; there are very few people that are qualified to do that. My goal was to find a job that required a Ph.D., which is how you actually utilize your degree. We really wanted to stay in the Sault Ste. Marie area. We gave it an honest effort and I don't feel bad

about that," Leighton said.

According to Leighton the OFA has four groups of three specialists each, which research American Indian groups applying for federal recognition. Each group includes a historian, anthropologist and genealogist.

"This position holds a lot of responsibility; there is very strict criteria for gaining federal recognition, it takes years. I will be doing historical research and advising on federal recognition cases. The OFA was looking for someone with a Ph.D. in U.S. history. There are not very many Native people who have those qualifications, maybe one a year nationally. I am very for-



Art Leighton

tunate to be able to utilize my degree, that is something that was really important to me," he said.

Leighton will be working two blocks from the White House and taking the Metro to work every day from Fairfax. His supervisor is the Assistant Secretary of the Interior who is in charge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The acknowledgment process is a process by which petitioning groups that meet recognition criteria are given federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes. The OFA makes recommendations to the Associate Deputy Secretary who has the authority to make the decision to acknowledge tribal existence and establish a government-to-government relationship, or to deny acknowledging a petitioning group as an Indian tribe.

Leighton is married to Jennifer Leighton, who worked as a registered nurse at the tribe's health center in Sault Ste. Marie for three years, and together they have two children, Charlie, 9, and Claire, 4.

Living on Sugar Island, which sits in the St. Marys River between the U.S. and Canada, and crossing the river by ferry each morning is something Leighton said he was going to miss. "We love the island and will keep our house and connections there, this is always going to be home," he said.

Leighton's homestead has been in his family for six generations; his children are the seventh.

## Promoting tribal tourism – USDA and tribe "natural fit"

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe development specialist Jeff Holt and former tribal historian Art Leighton recently treated USDA state director Gene DeRossett and USDA housing specialist Don Garry to a cultural tour of Sugar Island.

"The USDA has a very big rural development wing which does a lot of work in the UP and is a natural fit for us," Leighton said. "When you have someone like Gene DeRossett who is interested in the tribe's culture you don't want to waste an opportunity. It is also really nice to have the chance to educate someone about who we are as a people."

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Sugar Island. Art's expertise and his personal history conveyed more than any history book. It created a true understanding when I walked the trails that his ancestors walked," DeRossett said, "The Sault Tribe has a fascinating story to tell and sharing it can only deepen the love Michigan residents feel for the lands and waters of this great state," he added. "I applaud



Photo by Gene DeRossett

USDA state director Gene DeRossett and USDA housing specialist Don Garry were recently treated to a cultural tour of Sugar and Duck Islands.

the tribe's forward-thinking approach to economic development and look forward to broadening our already productive partnership."

With Michigan's manufacturing base taking a major hit within the auto industry, the state is pushing for more tourism opportunities. "Tribal tourism is bringing people to our area to promote cultural and educational opportunities; I believe it is extremely critical for a tribe to do that kind of work. We would also love

to see international travelers," Leighton said. "We currently don't have a lot of resources for tribal tourism. So far, it's just been a few people working to make it happen."

Leighton said he would like to see the tribe partner with USDA to build an interpretative center. "USDA has helped the tribe in the past with our community centers and more recently with funding for the new Mackinac Straits Hospital. There is that thought in the back of our heads that maybe the

interpretative center can come out of an educational effort with different agencies. A interpretative center would really promote cultural tourism," he said.

DeRossett and Garry were also treated to a tour of Duck Island and Governor Osborn's home. "The history of that spot is the history of my family," said Leighton. "Osborn owned Duck Island and was very active in our community for many years."

Over a period of years, Leighton's great-grandfather, grandfather and aunt and uncle all worked for the governor. "The governor really liked rural areas and back in the 1920s there was almost nothing on the island except a few cabins and a library. He was a world traveler who experienced a lot of cultures but for a number of reasons he really liked our Native culture. Before the governor passed on he deeded Duck Island to the University of Michigan — 3,000 acres of prime woodland and water," said Leighton. "There is no

development allowed on the island because that was stipulated in his will. The university uses the property as a biological station for advanced graduate students."

Leighton said, "I wanted to personalize our cultural experience for Gene and Don, something from my family to them, basically saying this is who we were and this is who we are today. I wanted them to understand there is more to us than casinos. I wanted to take them out into the woods and show them where we came from. We are a blending of cultures and I wanted to show them how complex and complicated that can be."

Duck Island connects to Sugar Island by beaver dams and low water levels and a newly renovated bridge.

Fostering both personal and business relationships is important for our tribe. "The tribe has a history of good relationships with federal agencies," said Holt. "We should be proud of that."

## Chicago Bandits teach students the life of working in sports

BY ADAM MUSTO

ELGIN, IL.— While attending law school at Valparaiso University, Vanessa Sheehan tackled the duty of recruiting 11 top notch interns to work for the Bandits during the 2008 season. Using her superlative multi-tasking skills, Sheehan was able to balance books and Bandits. About 100 hopeful applicants turned in their resumes for the opportunity of a lifetime, to work for a professional team.

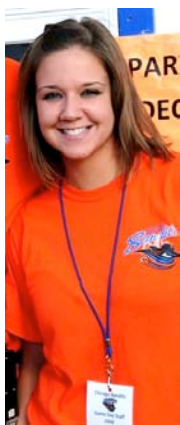
Sheehan spent countless hours getting to know the candidates through phone interviews and Email blasts.

The effort Sheehan put forth translated into Vice President Bill Sokolis' comment, "This is the best group of interns I have

ever worked with and I am honored to have them represent our organization."

From marketing, promotions, tickets and media, the interns work a full time schedule. All interns are currently attending various colleges, both local and national throughout the country.

Packing up and leaving everything familiar behind may be scary for most but for



Lindsay Bjerke

Lindsay Bjerke it's just a way of life.

Residing in five different states before moving to Aurora, this summer Bjerke works with group sales, tickets, promotions and sponsors for the Chicago Bandits women's professional softball team.

Bjerke, a Sault Tribe member, attends Central Michigan University and in December 2008 will earn a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administrations.

Bjerke organized Bandits' promotions such as the Olympic Day and Armed Forces Night.

"The best part of the internship thus far is getting to know the professional athletes at a personal level," Bjerke said.

### Notice to Boaters: Possible salmon nets on northern lakes Huron, Michigan

SAULT STE. MARIE — From the beginning of August through the end of October, boaters in northern Lake Michigan and Lake Huron should be aware of the possible presence of tribal commercial salmon fishing nets. During their recreational boating and fishing activities, boaters should exercise extreme caution during low-light or bad weather conditions when navigating this area. Posters depicting what the nets look like, the general areas they could be set, and contact numbers for help, have been displayed nearby.

Each net has large orange floats six inches by 14 inches spaced at intervals of 300 feet or less. Tribal fishers' license numbers are on the net. Net ends are marked with staffs five-foot in length above the water surface, colored with at least 50 percent reflective orange coloring and a 12-inch by 12-inch orange flag on top.

CORA strongly recommends that boaters navigate around nets they encounter, *rather than between the staff buoys* set at net ends. Salmon nets may be set at the surface and are composed of thick twine. Fishers from all the CORA tribes are all required to uniformly mark their nets in the above manner. For more information contact CORA Executive Director Jane TenEyck at (906) 632-0043.

### Happy birthday to our mom, Anna L. Lyons, on Aug. 24.

— From her proud daughters, Patricia, Cynthia, Sylvia and Nancy

# deBeauclair and Hanna to wed



**Tara deBeauclair and Shawn Hanna** are engaged to be married on Nov. 8, 2008, in Arthur, Neb. Parents of the bride-elect are Shari and Donn deBeauclair of Linwood, Mich.

Parents of the prospective groom are Karen and Bud Hanna of Arthur, Neb.

Tara attended Davenport College. She is employed by Labelle Management in Mt. Pleasant, as the general manager of the Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott in Mt. Pleasant. Shawn attended Chadron State College in Nebraska. He is a cattle rancher in Arthur, Neb.

# Gathering Writes: lobster mushrooms

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

It's a beautiful time in the northwoods. My husband and I made some great finds of one of our favorite mushrooms, the lobster mushroom.

A lobster mushroom is actually a parasite on another mushroom making a bumpy bright orange thing that vaguely resembles a mushroom. And they are delicious. They come out in the summer and fall after a good rain.

You might wonder if the mushrooms underneath are edible and there's some controversy about that. Some mushroom experts say only white (and therefore edible) species of russula (a local favorite related to the portabella) and milkcaps (*Lactarius*) are attacked but others have their doubts. While no species of russula or *Lactarius* will kill you, as far as I know, they can give you a bad tummy ache. According to the experts, no one has been poisoned by a lobster mushroom, but you will have to make up your own mind. If you taste anything peppery, don't eat it.

We love them, and we feel we've struck it rich whenever we get mushrooms that are commercially valuable. And I must report I found yet another endangered Michigan salamander hanging around under a lobster mushroom. They must derive moisture or nourishment from the mushroom or maybe from bugs that attack mush-



**A big lobster mushroom sits next to a few late black trumpets.**

rooms.

We also love the tiny little hazelnuts that come and go so fast. One day they're ripening, and the next day they're gone — because everyone loves hazelnuts. Squirrels and all their various cousins as well as grouse, deer and bear all get some of the valuable proteins in these nuts. My mom used to pick these with gloves (due to painful pickers) and when they dried out a bit, her dad would put them in an old pillowcase

and bang them against a tree to loosen the husks. Then two sisters wearing gloves would peel them, one holding back the husk and the other plucking out the nut.

So far, we've stocked up on maple syrup, dried and frozen mushrooms, frozen berries and lots of firewood. Next month we are looking forward to the cooling down to bring us my ultimately favorite mushroom, the shaggy mane, and some meadow mushrooms.

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**Customer Appreciation**  
**September 13, 2008**  
**2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Cook Out, Music and Cash**  
**Draws for \$200 each!**

**Shores Anniversary**  
**September 20, 2008**  
**6-10 p.m.**  
**80 winners of \$200 each!**  
**8 Grand Prize Draws for**  
**Trips!**

### Tournaments

**Sault**  
\$17,000 Keno  
Sept. 12-14, 2008  
**Manistique**  
\$8,000 Blackjack  
Sept. 12-14, 2008  
**Hessel**  
\$8,000 Spin To Win  
Sept. 5-7, 2008

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### Weekly Events

**RAPIDS LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**SAULT STE. MARIE**  
Comedy starts at 8pm – Thurs.  
Sept. 4 Bobby Miyamoto & Anthony Quinn  
Sept. 11 Steve Caminiti & Drew Thomas  
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.  
Sept. 5 & 6 Touch of Class  
Sept. 12 & 13 Peril

**NORTHERN PINES ENTERTAINMENT**  
**ST. IGNACE**  
Wednesday Comedy Shows start at 9pm  
Sept. 3 Bobby Miyamoto & Anthony Quinn  
Sept. 10 Steve Caminiti & Drew Thomas  
Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.  
Sept. 5 & 6 Hixx  
Sept. 12 & 13 Nixon Dixon  
**Team Spirits Bar Entertainment**  
**MANISTIQUE**  
Karaoke-Sept. 5th & 6th  
Slave to Gravity – Sept. 12th & 13th



## 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-June 27: Spring 2008 fitness classes** at the All In One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include early birds, muscle fun, Pi/Yo mix, midday muscle, stretch and relax, step to the beat, Bosu circuit, low impact sampler, Pilates tone and stretch and box and pump. All classes are in the aerobic room, first floor. For more information, call 635 4935.

**April 7-Dec. 29: Hessel language classes**, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center. For more information, call 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.

**Sept. 8: Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center free GED classes** and testing begins at the JKL Bawheting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie. Open to the general public. Classes meet Monday through Thursday evenings, 6 to 9 p.m. For additional information, call George Snider, Consolidated Community Schools Services at 632-6098.

**Sept. 8-Nov. 26: Fall fitness classes** at the All In One Fitness Club, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

All classes are in the aerobic room except for women's weight training.

For more information, call 635-4935.

**Sept. 9: Class on chronic kidney disease**, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Sault health center.

Call 632-5210.

## Elders' Meetings

**Sept. 10: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 12: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 15: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 18: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee** meets, 5:30 p.m., at the Willow Creek Professional Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7365.

**Sept. 22: Elderly Advisory Board meeting** at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 24: Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee** meets, 6:30 p.m., at the pavillion.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Sept. 26: Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee** meets at 11 a.m. at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 1: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center on Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971.

**Oct. 2: Unit V Marquette Elderly committee** meets, 6 p.m., at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 6: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee** meets, 4:30 p.m., at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 8: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 10: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 16: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee** meets, 5:30 p.m., at the Willow Creek Professional Building.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

**Oct. 20: Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee** meets after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Meetings

**Sept. 11: Les Cheneaux Caregivers Support Group** meets, 4:30 p.m., at the community library in Cedarville.

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

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

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

**Sept. 17: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting**, 6 p.m., in Manistique.

For more information, call (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**Sept. 17: Chippewa County Genealogical Society** meets, 7 p.m., at the Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie. Open to the public.

For more information, call 632-9331 or visit [www.bayliss.org](http://www.bayliss.org).

**Sept. 24: Sault Caregiver Support Group** meets, 2 p.m., at Avery Square Center.

For more information, call 632-3363.

**Sept. 24: Unit III membership meeting**, 6 p.m., at the McCann Building in St. Ignace.

For questions, call Lona Stewart at (906) 635-6050.

**Oct. 1: Culture Committee** meets, 6 p.m., at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-4975 or 495-5165.

**Oct. 7: Sault Tribe Board of Directors** meet, 6 p.m., in Munising.

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

**Oct. 9: Unit V membership meeting**, 6 p.m., at the Munising Tribal Center.

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

**Oct. 22: Sault Tribe Board of Directors** meet, 6 p.m., in St. Ignace.

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

**Oct. 29: Unit III membership meeting**, 6 p.m., at the McCann Building in St. Ignace.

For more information, call Lona Stewart at (906) 635-6050.

**Nov. 4: Sault Tribe Board of Directors** meet, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in the Sault.

For more information, call 635-6050 or (800) 793-06560, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**Nov. 5: Culture Committee** meets, 6 p.m., at the Niigaanaagiiizhik Building in the Sault.

For more information, call Jackie Minton at (906) 322-4975 or 495-5165.

## Special Events

**Sept. 8 & 22: The Chippewa County Health Department** will sponsor free women's health events from 4 to 7 p.m.

Free cancer screenings will be offered through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program as well as cholesterol and glucose testing for income eligible women 40 to 64 years of age. A family of one can make up to \$26,000 with \$9,000 added for additional members.

Qualified women will also receive \$25 gift cards if they are new to the program. In addition, anyone who refers a qualified woman who keeps her appointment will receive a \$25 gift card.

Call 635-3572 with questions or to make appointments.

The Breastival will provide several opportunities for women's health education and a fun evening with ice cream and prizes. The Breastival — supporting all types of breasts.

**Sept. 11: The Dafter, Brimley, Kinross and Rudyard** post offices are co-hosting an eBay Day from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

This is for anyone interested in learning how to use eBay. Classes will be offered at Central Savings Bank, 11256 W. Main St., in Rudyard.

Postal customers will have access to specially trained postal employees who can assist them with how to buy, sell and ship on eBay. The trainers will demonstrate to both existing and prospective eBay sellers how to pay for postage, use PayPal® and request package pickups without leaving their homes or offices.

Customers will also learn the 'ins and outs' of using eBay and, most of all, about the online shipping options offered to them. New eBay customers will be shown how to register as an eBay seller.

**Sept. 29: "Engaging American Indian Youth in the Classroom and Beyond,"** 12th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference, Northern Michigan University.

Students in grades 6 through 12 are also invited to attend.

Register online by Sept. 24 by visiting [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans).

There is no cost to attend this conference. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call (906) 227-1397 or visit the above mentioned Web site.

**Oct. 16-17: American Indian Identity Conference**, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University.

This two-day conference will review issues of American Indian identity in higher education. We will examine key issues such as tribal sovereignty, faculty hiring and current university practices allowing self-identification.

For details, visit online at [www.naicconf.msu.edu](http://www.naicconf.msu.edu) or contact Gordon Henry at [henryg@msu.edu](mailto:henryg@msu.edu) or call (517) 432-1990.

## Announcements

**Sept. 13: Munising powwow**, Alger Centennial Arena.

Public invited and admission is free.

This is a drug and alcohol-free event.

Doors open at noon, grand entrance at 1 p.m., feast at 5 p.m. Any dish to pass is welcome.

American Indian crafters only, no food vendors please. Table space fee for vendors is \$15.

For more information, call Anita at (906) 387-4763.

**Sept 17: Rabies vaccination clinics** for pets owned by Sault Tribe members.

Three locations: Escanaba at the YEA Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Manistique Community Center, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and the Newberry Tribal Health Center, 4-5 p.m.

Contacts for more information: Diane Williams in Escanaba at 786-9211, Kellie Lakosky in Manistique at 341-9532 and Shirley Kowalke in Newberry at 293-8181.

For cats: Free rabies vaccination. Optional: Distemper, \$14 (includes rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, panleukopenia and chlamydia) and feline leukemia, \$14.

For dogs: Free rabies vaccination. Optional: Distemper, \$25 (includes hepatitis/adnovirus type 2, para influenza, leptospirosis, parovirus and corona virus), bortaella, \$14 and Lyme disease, \$18.

**Sept. 23: Ted Curry** will speak on *Making Your Home Energy Efficient*, 7 p.m., Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie.

This event is sponsored by the Sierra Club Three Lakes Group.

Free to the public and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 632-9331 or visit us online at [www.baylisslibrary.org](http://www.baylisslibrary.org).

**Oct. 10-13: Turtle Women Rising** is a non-profit 501(c)(3)-status organization calling for a ceremony to stand for peace.

This event will be held in Washington, D.C.

Although it is not customary for women to drum in many nations, Turtle Women Rising is a women's drum group.

They are asking for women from other tribal nations who wish to participate in this event to contact their organization at [www.turtlewomenrising.org](http://www.turtlewomenrising.org) or by calling (209) 385-3926.

**Nov. 13: Healthful holiday food samples**, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the health and human services building in the Sault.

Learn about healthful but festive dishes for the holidays and how to have warm meals ready after a day of shopping.

Visit and get some ideas for helping to keep meals tasty, healthful, quick and easy during the holidays.

Call 632-5210 for any questions or to register.

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