

Gathering Writes ~

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Winter has finally let go its grip and now everything is rushing to life. Fish spawned, peeper's peeped and all the flowers are madly growing — adder's tongue, twinflowers, spring beauties, cowslips and dutchman's breeches are all out and there are more on the way. Wild ramps and beefsteak mushrooms have come and gone, and my husband Mike and I gathered both. Now we are after the elusive morel.

My husband and I love to gather ramps and hunt mushrooms, pick berries and hazelnuts, as well as fish and hunt. We are always looking for new species to try. Rather than the conventional dinner and a movie, the outdoors is our main form of entertainment. The biggest expense is gasoline to get us where we're going. The benefits in wild edibles help pay us back.

I would like to write mostly about wild edibles in our woods and forests, since perhaps wild edibles are an underused resource readers would like to know more about.

At the start of the season I need the proper permits before anything else. Our tribal leaders negotiated three allocation agreements so we Anishinaabe can exercise our treaty-reserved right to hunt, fish, gather and regulate ourselves with other governments' acknowledgment of our sovereignty. They are the 2000 Consent Decree for Great Lakes Treaty Fishing under the 1836 Treaty, the National Forest MOU for gathering in forestland, and the 2006 Inland Consent Decree for inland hunting, fishing and gathering under the 1836 Treaty.

For most gathering on national forestland I will need a gathering permit. For inland hunting and fishing in the state of Michigan, I need a 2008 inland hunting and fishing license. For recreational fishing on the Great Lakes and most gathering (like berry picking) on state public lands I just need to carry my tribal card. All these regulations are available at the tribe's official Web site,



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton



Above, ramps are prepared for freezing. Left, early (black) morels are being dried.

www.saulttribe.com. At the very bottom of the left hand menu, you will see "tribal code." Select this, and you will see the chapters of the code. Codes having to do with hunting, fishing and gathering are Chapters 20 through 23. To obtain a national forestland gathering permit, contact Dan Tadgeerson. For everything else, contact Law Enforcement.

So far this spring we have gathered wild ramps and a few morels. As I write other wild edibles available are fiddleheads, cowslips, various flower bulbs and other greens, which so far we don't eat. By the time the newspaper comes out, we will have worked our way through a lot of morel season, and perhaps some early oyster mushrooms and sulfur shelves will be available.

Ramps are well tolerated by those who love onions, garlic and leeks. They have their own strong onion-butter taste, so try them where you would use scallions, onions or shallots.

As time goes on, I will chronicle what my husband and I gather in the forest, and maybe some readers will send in their adventures, too. A forum would be fun. If I can help you obtain more information on some topic, please ask. But keep in mind this column is in *no way* expert advice.

Fishing vessel opportunity
 Longtime commercial fisherman Skip Parish, Sr., is selling his boat. The H. W. Hocks is 48-foot x 13-foot x 6 draft with CAT D-13000 6 inline, power take off, pony motor starter, twin disk tranny, 4-inch propeller shaft, large rudder, new 24-mile radar, GPS and 30-inch Crosley gill net lifter. Call Parish at 248-2848.

House passes protection for cold water streams

Part of comprehensive "Great waters, Great Michigan" plan

LANSING— The House of Representatives passed a plan on May 21 proposed by State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) that will provide strong protections ensuring Michigan's unique cold water streams and other water resources are not compromised by excessive water use. McDowell's bill is part of the "Great Lakes, Great Michigan" plan, a comprehensive water protection package that is before the House.

"The unique cold water streams of Michigan play a vital role in our economy," McDowell said. "They are huge draws for anglers and other tourists from throughout the Midwest who pump millions of dollars into our local communities. This plan will keep our waters healthy and bring jobs and investment into our state."

Boating and fishing alone contribute a combined \$4 billion dollars to our state's economy each year, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

McDowell's bill will protect Michigan's unique and popular trout streams by preventing more than a 14 percent flow reduction for streams or a 21 percent reduction for small rivers. Other bills in the "Great Waters, Great Michigan" package will:

- Effectively ban the diversion of water outside the Great Lakes basin by ratifying the Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact.
- Toughen water bottling standards by lowering the threshold that triggers an environmental review of withdrawals from 250,000 gallons per day to 200,000 gallons per day.

— Raise the fines for water-use violations from a maximum of \$5,000 per day to \$10,000 per day.

— Implement a water withdrawal assessment tool for new large-scale water withdrawals, to determine if the withdrawal will harm our natural resources.

— Give the public greater opportunities to voice their concerns about the impact of a proposed large-quantity withdrawal.

"Michigan's water generates thousands of good-paying jobs in our state," McDowell said. "Our three biggest industries in Michigan — agriculture, manufacturing and tourism — rely heavily on healthy water sources. Many of our families rely on the Great Lakes to make a living, and our state depends on the Great Lakes to help its struggling economy."

EPA report is key resource

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On May 20, the EPA released its *2008 Report on the Environment*, an important resource citizens can use to better understand trends in the condition of the air, water and land and related changes in human health and the environment in the United States. The report is also a valuable resource that can inform and focus EPA activities to improve and protect America's environment.

This report and the indicators it contains were created in an open and transparent manner. The agency took the extraordinary step of having the proposed indicators reviewed in a public forum to determine if citizens — not just scientists — believed the proposed indicators provided information that was useful and were supported by technically sound data. From the report, EPA and the public will know better where the United

States needs to focus future work and resources.

The purpose is to create reliable sets of information that can be used for year-to-year comparisons as well as planning.

The *EPA 2008 Report on the Environment* could also lead to the development of new indicators, new monitoring strategies and new programs and policies in areas the EPA determines to be highly important based on measured environmental trends.

Later this year, the EPA will also publish the *2008 Report on the Environment: Highlights of National Trends*, which summarizes highlights of the new report without all of the technical detail. The EPA is committed to releasing periodic updates available to the American public.

The *EPA 2008 Report on the Environment* is available at www.epa.gov/roe.

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Sault Tribe's high school graduates

Congratulations to our youth taking the first big step into independence! You all deserve big kudos for making it through school! The photos following are the pictures we were able to get from the Sault and Malcom high schools. Due to press time and technical difficulties with the files, photographs of more high school and

GED graduates will be published in the next edition along with photos of high school and college graduates submitted from around the country. Please see contact information for *Win Awenen Nisitotung* on page 2 for the e-mail and postal addresses for the submission of photos along with student and school information.



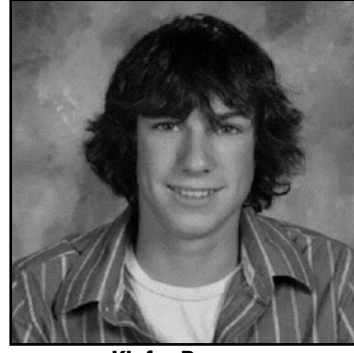
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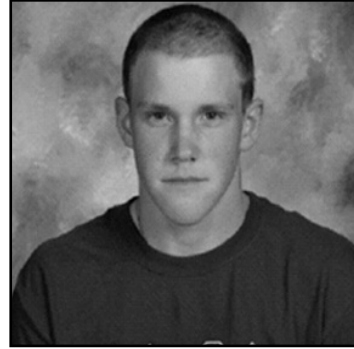
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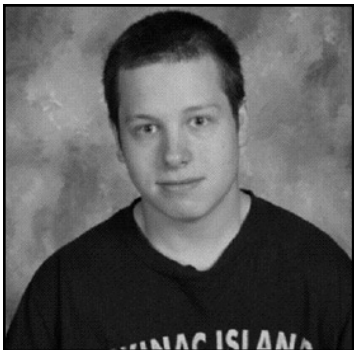
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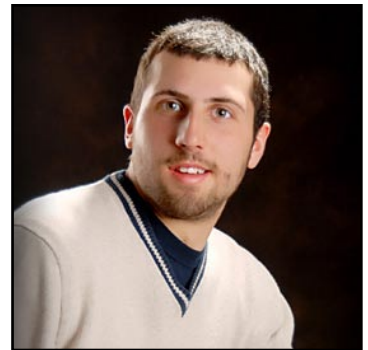
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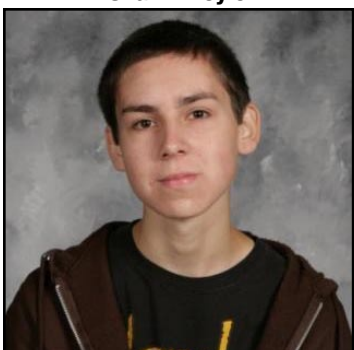
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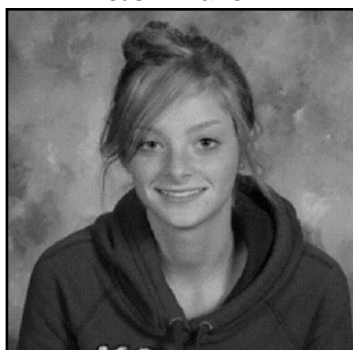
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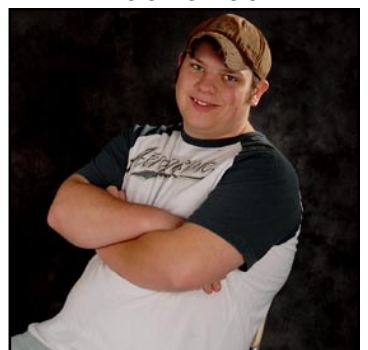
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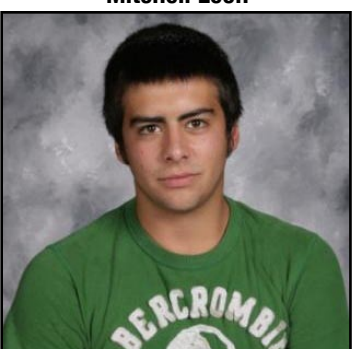
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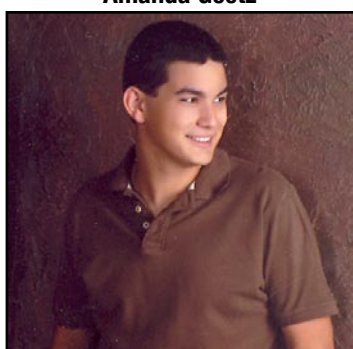
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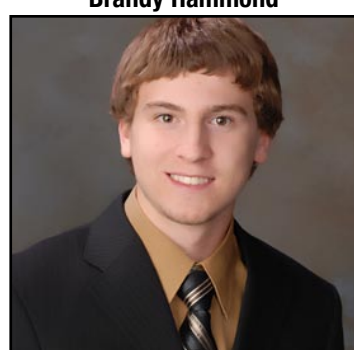
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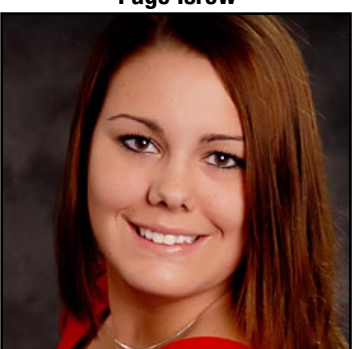
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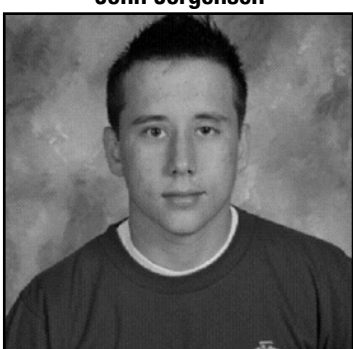
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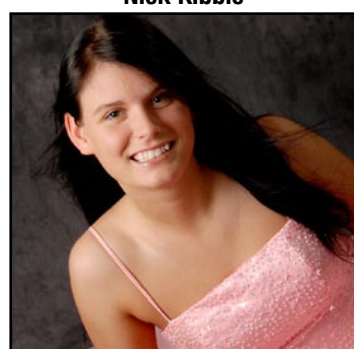
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Class of 2008 high school diploma winners

Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment had a special message for the Sault Tribe graduates at the recent Native American Seniors 2008 Recognition Dinner: "... The sky's the limit for you. I am proud of all our tribal member graduates from Sault High,

Malcom High and Adult Education (GED). On behalf of Sault Tribe, I congratulate you and offer my personal attention and assistance in the goal of pursuing a higher education degree or trade school certification. Please contact me if you need help."



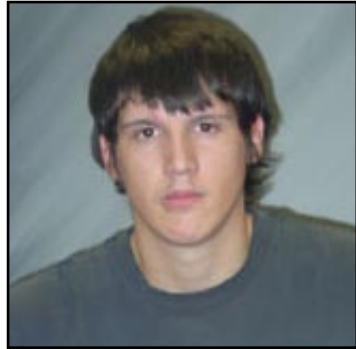
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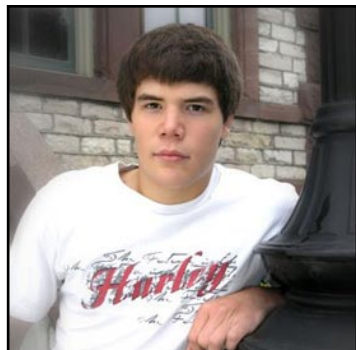
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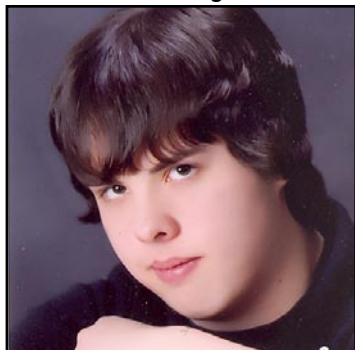
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Nikole Lin Peffers-Captain

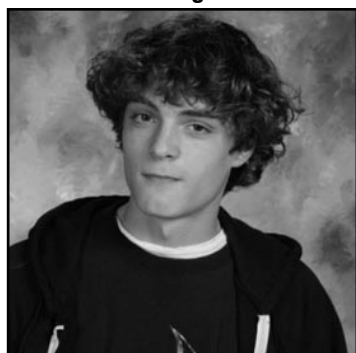
From Lake City ...

Robert Captain is very proud to announce the graduation of his daughter, Nikole Lin Peffers-Captain from Lake City High School in Lake City, Mich., on May 30, 2008.

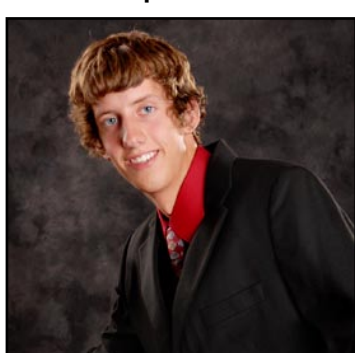
Nikole enjoyed playing sports such as football, volleyball, and her favorite sport, fast-pitch softball.

Nikole enjoys doing Native beadwork and crafts, crocheting and playing softball. She plans to take some time off from schooling to move back to the Sault and later attend college.

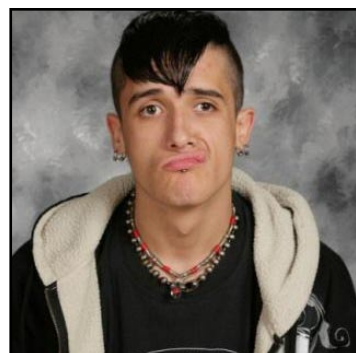
Nikole has a younger brother, Timothy, and is the granddaughter of Vida and Glen Captain. Congratulations, Nikole, on a job well done.



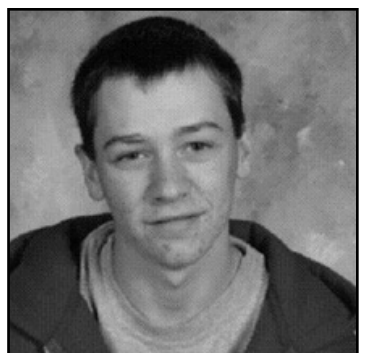
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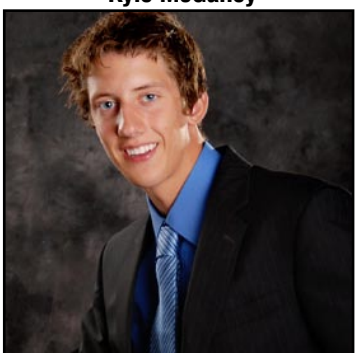
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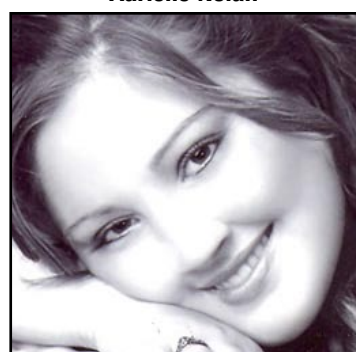
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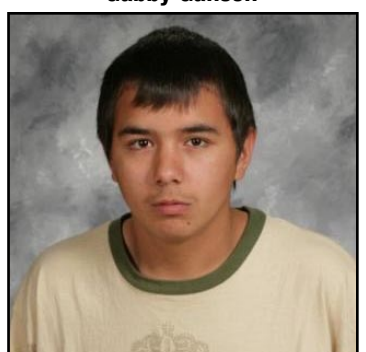
Kyle Wagner



Dan Menard



Heather Lipponen



Kevin Willis

This Tribe Is Not For Sale

This election is about business. It is about bad business deals made by the previous administration. It is about the monkey business that continues with Bouschor behind the scenes pulling the strings. Bouschor says "it is time to get back to business." The audacity of this man is unbelievable. He has been giving us the bad business for years and now we are near bankrupt.

Our debt to income ratio is inadequate?

What that means is Greektown is losing money. Why? Because of the way the original deal was structured from the beginning giving the Greek partners \$268 million for their \$24,000 investment. Bouschor did this. And now look what we are facing.

We owe over \$650,000,000 but that is not all. Here is what else we owe.

We still need to complete the hotel \$128,000,000
 We still need to complete the casino \$ 60,000,000
 and the parking garage \$ 47,000,000
 It is going to cost us another \$236,000,000

add to that

City of Detroit \$50,000,000
 Lac View Desert lawsuit \$30,000,000

That puts our debt at a staggering

\$965,000,000



Our present financial problem in Greektown is far more complex and politically interrelated than you know. Bernard Bouschor bet his political legacy on Greektown. This bet was a gamble with Tribal money and the bet hasn't paid off. It has been over six years and we still owe more than the property is worth. I think Greektown is a financial disaster, even the Elders Fund has been drained to pay bills at Greektown. I warned these board members a year ago to sell.

Borrowing money can be an addiction just like gambling. The uncompromising single-interest force at the root of our present and past financial difficulties is Bouschor. How can we trust the man who is suing us for \$3.5 million at Greektown?

I am not all doom and gloom. I just want our Tribe to function fairly for all members. We all cherish our heritage, no one is more entitled than the rest of us. I feel sick that the Elder's Fund has been spent chasing the promises of a very bad business deal. I know I am not alone with feeling this. We all waited a long time for the Land Claim's money. It was not meant to prop-up Greektown. I voted against spending the money from the Elder Fund.

Bouschor has many financial skeletons in his political closet, most people remember the secret deals, the bogus investments and one failed business deal after another. The amount of money we lost under Bouschor is staggering. This debt will be with us for decades.

There is a wide range of conflicts among various members on the board. This at a time when our available money does not match our expectations. We have no choice now but to lower our sights, to limit our spending. Our income is failing to keep pace with our debt. At Greektown, we give the City and the State over \$250 thousand dollars a day or more than one million dollars each week. We can't pay our bills because of this.

All eyes are on Unit 1. The members I speak to are very upset that Bouschor was even able to run. I hope the voters will honor the wishes of the whole Tribe. The past election produced a lot of divisiveness in the Tribe. Bouschor paid off his cronies \$2.6 million dollars and we have not recovered one nickel of this money. This has acerbated the sense of antagonism and hostility between members who see this as wrong, maybe even criminal and those who are willing to look the other way. I believe Bouschor represents his own special interests and he will never promote equal sharing with all Tribal members.

The \$965 million dollar debt is a result of the Bouschor legacy. Every time there is an adjustment to our finances, we go deeper in debt. I pray that the voters will reject the failed economic policies of the past and get beyond the emotional attachment to the Bouschor Greektown Businessman myth.

We can't live on empty promises. We should stay right here in the U.P. where we can keep our eyes on business. Off reservation gaming was an experiment that failed. Recent events have highlighted the extent to which a threat of recession can spread across the nation. If we are forced to sell Greektown, we should sell it in one piece.

Personal Message To Tribal Members

" My personal problems never betrayed the public trust or the membership."

Re-Elect



**BOUSCHOR
 Is Currently
 SUING OUR**

**TRIBE FOR
 \$3.5 Million Dollars**

**and we are
 trying to**

recover the

\$2.6 Million

**he stole on
 election night**

**He is trying to take
 \$6 million from
 our Tribe!**

**VOTE SO
 BOUSCHOR
 can't steal more**



Todd K. Gravelle

A fighter For The People Unit 1 Board Of Directors



Blanchard inducted into Engadine High Golden Eagle Hall of Fame

Engadine High School presents the Golden Eagle Award each year to two athletes who have shown outstanding leadership and athletic abilities during their four years of high school. They must have been out of school for 10 years or longer to qualify for this award.

Last year, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians was chosen for one of the awards.

The following is taken from the plaque that was presented to him: May 12, 2007, Sault Tribe member Rod Blanchard was inducted in the Engadine High School Golden Eagle Hall of Fame. Rod graduated from EHS in 1978. He first attended Olivet College and graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1983 with a degree in political science. He participated in all four sports at Engadine High School (football, basketball, track and baseball) beginning his freshman year through the 12th grade winning 14 major letters. A gifted athlete, he won the presidential fitness award as a 9th grader and led the J.V. basketball team in scoring



Sault Tribe member Ron Blanchard was inducted into the Engadine High School Golden Eagle Hall of Fame in May 2007.

with 148 points including a 40 point single high game against Cedarville.

In his sophomore year, Blanchard started on the varsity football team as quarterback and was selected most important player. He was the leading scorer on the varsity basketball team, totaling 312 points, and was honored with the EHS Most Valuable Player Award.

Blanchard continued his prolific scoring in basketball

during the 1976-77 season amassing 387 points and again being selected EHS most valuable player. He was further honored being chosen second team all conference. His 74 percent free-throw average led the EHS team. In baseball, the EUP conference nominated him on the second team all conference at his catcher position, and he was selected to the first team his senior year.

His four-year high school football career culminated with a number of awards among which were: Most Valuable Team Award, all-conference first team on both offense and defense, the top conference award Defensive Back of the Year and honorable mention all-state Class D. Another fine year followed his junior year

in basketball, as he became the first player in EHS history to score over 1,000 points in a career. A 48-point effort set the school's single game scoring record. EUP Conference coaches selected Blanchard as one of five players on their first team. EHS honored him for the third straight year, this time as so-most valuable player and also most dedicated.

Four years of track participation resulted in accumulating many medals and setting a school record in the mile relay and an individual school record in the discus throw. At the spring annual sports banquet, Blanchard was chosen for the prestigious All Sports Trophy.

Blanchard is a native of Gould City, the son of Vivian and the late Edmund Blanchard.

Blanchard currently works for the United States Customs and Border Protection in Miami, Fla. He is married to the former Carol Nault. They have one daughter, Megan, 13. They presently live in Weston, Fla. The awards were presented at the all-sports banquet at Engadine High School on May 12, 2007. Family members attending from Gould City were Vivian Blanchard, Jim and Eirnela O'Neil, and Marsha, Andrew and Leah Blanchard. Also attending were Tom and Gen Blanchard of McMillan and Alexandria, Va., Joe Blanchard Sr. of Sandusky, Mich. and Gould City, Joe Jr., Amy and Joe III of Manistique, Jeannette O'Neil and son Andrew, and Tom Storms and son Tyler, all of Buckley, Mich.

Thomas Parr receives most improved reading award

Thomas Parr, 6, a first-grader at Soo Township Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie received the Mary Kessinger Reader of the Year Award recognizing a first grade Native student for being the most improved Native American

reader of the year.

The award is presented by the Title VII Indian Education Program at Soo Area Schools and is in memory of Mary Kessinger. Mary was a paraprofessional who worked at Soo Township helping students

with reading, she passed away a few years ago.

Thomas received a plaque to take home and his name was engraved on one that stays at the school. Thomas' class celebrated with some ice cream.

Births and birthdays



ALEXIA SOPHIA HALL-PINE

Debra-Ann Pine and her husband, Dr. Christopher S. Hall, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexia Sophia Hall-Pine. Alexia Sophia was born Oct. 18, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She weighed 8 pounds, 10.5 ounces and will be shawl dancing with her big sister next summer. Alexia joins her older sister, Jadamarie, and two big brothers, Justin and Nick, at home. The boys are planning on teaching both girls to be hockey players. Proud grandparents are Jolene and Robert Graham of the Sault, Alex Pine of Alpena and Darlene Jenkins of Washington State.



Kendrick Parnell of Sumter, S.C., would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Audrina Caci Parnell, born Feb. 26, 2008.

She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Heide and Rick Englehart and Rita and Mike Holliday, all of Sumter, S.C. Great-grandparents are Peter Sabastian and Heide Odom of Kincheloe, Mich.

KELLAN ROBERT DALEY DUCKWORTH

Kellan Robert Daley Duckworth was born on Dec. 13, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital In Marquette Mich.

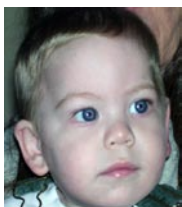


He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches in length. His mother is Melynda Daley and

his father is Joseph Duckworth. His maternal grandparents are Judith and Melvin Daley. His paternal grandparents are Nancy and Joseph Duckworth. His great grandparents are the late Rosemarie and Lawrence Bumstead. His brothers are Ben Daley and Joseph Duckworth III, and his sister is Jayne Daley.

Jason has 1st birthday!

On April 23, 2008, Sault tribe member, Jaden M. House celebrated his first birthday. His daddy is Adam, his grandparents are Joel and Becky House, and his great-grandparents are Jim and Martha Maddix.



Thomas Parr holding his plaque for the most improved Native American reader of the year.



PARR FAMILY — Grandmother Maria Parr holding Seth, 2, Frank Parr, 8, mother Brandy Parr holding 4-month-old Leah and Thomas Parr, 6.

WALKING ON ...

THEODORE E. MALEPORT

Theodore (Ted) Edsel Maleport of Sault Ste. Marie passed away on May 23, 2008. He was born on Jan. 3, 1934, to Henry and Loretta Maleport in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Ted graduated from Loretto High School Academy in 1951. During high school he played football, was considered very tough and was known to put fear into his opponents on the field. He later played in Dafter/Rudyard area league baseball as a catcher. On Nov. 15, 1951, he married Barbara Thornton from Rudyard and they were married for 55 years until her passing in 2006.

Ted began his career working for the Sault News Printing Company. In 1969, he purchased the business and renamed it Sault Printing Company. With his dedication and hard work he expanded Sault Printing and his children now manage the business. He also loved excavation work and started Ted Maleport Trucking. He developed his own property into a mini-subdivision and helped numerous people with their properties. "No, it can't be done" was not part of Ted's vocabulary...he never feared the

hard work needed to tackle anything that came his way.

Ted also had a passion for automobiles and had a collection of antique automobiles during his lifetime. He loved to participate in parades with his wife and dogs. He restored many Model A Fords and other vintage automobiles as well. He was always active and spent countless hours maintaining and improving his equipment and properties. In his earlier years he built and owned cabins in Raber area. Ted was always up for a good time with family and friends, calling square dances, enjoying music and was well known for his moonshine. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling. In his later years he loved to go for a Sunday drive in his Model As with his two dogs, Muttley and Spunky.

Ted was an avid supporter of the Chippewa County 4-H Program as a buyer at the annual livestock auction. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #3, Moose Lodge, Dafter Lions Club and Sault Tribe.

Through his lifetime, Ted attended and supported several churches in the area, including

St. Stanislaus, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, St. Isaac Jogues, and Holy Family Church of Barbeau.

Ted was predeceased by his wife Barbara in August 2006, his mother and father, a brother Robert (Gale) Maleport, a brother Cecil Maleport, and daughter-in-law Sherry (Wilson) Maleport.

He is survived by his children, Ron (Kathy) Maleport, Mick (Cathy) Maleport, Cindy (Tim) Albon; grandchildren, Christine, Nicole, Katie, Justin, Shane, Shauna, Ben, Marcy, Stacy (Matt), and Darryle; and his brothers, Don (Judy) Maleport, Wendell (Sue) Maleport and sister-in-law Rosetta Maleport. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held May 26 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was held May 27 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, with Brother John Hascall as celebrant. Interment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorials may be left to St. Isaac Jogues Church or Holy Family Church of Barbeau in his name.

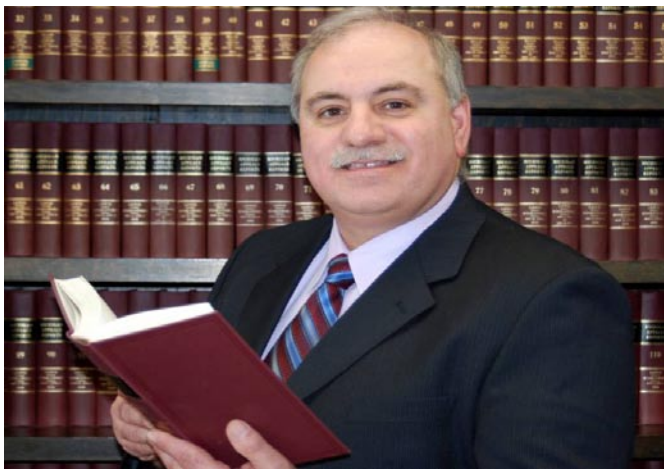


Elect

Steven J. Cannello

CHIPPEWA COUNTY 91st DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

As a practicing attorney with 28 years of experience, Steven J. Cannello will bring a wide variety of knowledge and professional experience to the Chippewa County District Court Judge's office.



He has been a Criminal Prosecutor for the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and an Arbitrator and Hearings referee for the State of Michigan which has given him valuable experience preparing him to be the Chippewa County District Court Judge.

Born, raised and educated in Chippewa County:

Attended Lake Superior State University
Michigan State University B.S. Degree Computer Science Engineering with Honors
Wayne State University Law Degree with Honors
Nationally Board Certified Attorney by the National Board of Trial Advocacy
Inducted to Tau Beta Pi -The National Engineering Honor Society
Licensed to practice law in Michigan, Tribal, and Federal Courts

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- * Community Health Access Coalition, providing health care to the uninsured of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac, current Incorporator and President 2000 to present.
- * Chippewa County Senior Citizen TRIAD Annual Speaker
- * Christopher Columbus Italian-American Society - Financial Secretary -1983 to present
- * Eastern Upper Peninsula Chapter Ducks Unlimited - Past Chairman 1984 to 1996
- * Soo Area Sportsman Club
- * Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club
- * Chippewa County Shooting Association
- * LeSault de Sainte Marie Historical sites, Inc.- Past Director and President 1984 to 1992
- * Old Mission Bank - current Incorporator and Director 1999 to present
- * City of Sault Ste. Marie Post Employment Health Plan Board of Directors
- * City of Sault Ste. Marie Recreational Building Authority Past Chairman

IF I AM ELECTED JUDGE I WILL SUPPORT:

- * **Adding programs to decrease the number of youth offenders.**
- * **Development of a "Scared Stright Program" to bring the court to our schools. I support bringing the courtroom into our Schools to teach the students that there are real life consequences to bad actions.**
- * **Creating Special Purpose Courts for:
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Domestic Violence**
- * **We should apply for the grants which are available to fund new intensive probation programs for our youth. These new programs break the cycle of crime by giving our youth the tools to overcome their addictions.**
- * **Strengthening the victim restitution program.**
- * **Public access 24/7 through a court internet site**
- * **Transparency in Court Expenses:
All court contracts, and other spending should be available to the public through the court web site.**

DARLENE M. WAWRZYCKI

Darlene M. Wawrzycki, age 69, of Lansing, Ill., passed away April 24, 2008. Survived by loving sons, Eugene (Jeralyn) Wawrzycki, Edward Wawrzycki and James Wawrzycki; daughter, Lori Wawrzycki; brothers, Leo and Robert; sister, Rosemarie; stepbrother, Jim; loving grandchildren, Eddie, Kristin, Katie, Tiffany, Danny Haley and Breanna; one great grandson, Eddie; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Wawrzycki; sisters, Loretta and Ethel; parents, Robert and Marie (Johndrow) Koerzendoerfer and grandparents, Joseph and Mable (Brassar) Johndrow.

Funeral services were held May 3, 2008, with prayers from Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home to Our Lady of Knock Church.

CECIL KERRIDGE

Lifelong Garnet/Rexton resident, Cecil W. Kerridge, 84, died the evening of May 17, 2008, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 24, 1923, in Levering, son of the late Chester and Julia (Snyder)



Kerridge, Cecil served in United States Army during World War II until his honorable discharge on Oct. 28, 1945. Cecil was employed for Soo Line Railroad for several years retiring as maintenance foreman in 1987. Cecil formerly served as treasurer of Hudson Township, volunteer for the Hudson Township Fire Department, member of the V.F.W. Post 8372 in Engadine and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. His hobbies and interests included hunting and gardening.

Beside his parents, Cecil is preceded in death by his children, Cecil Jr. and Judy Kerridge; siblings, Tom and Kenny Kerridge.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ethel Weger, whom he married Nov. 25, 1942; children, Michael (Kim) of Garnet, Nancy (Ralph) Godfrey of Gladstone and Rick (Peggy) of Newberry; daughter-in-law, Barbara Kerridge of Boyne City; 10 grandchildren; two step-grandsons; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Chester of Flint, Donald of Fennville, Margie Weger of Garnet and Harold of Garnet.

Funeral services took place at Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry on May 22, with Pastor Tim Miller officiating. Interment will take place at Maplewood Cemetery in Garnet.

Condolences may be expressed online by visiting www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

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Beaudoin wins design competition



(Left to right) City Beautification Committee member and Sault Tribe employee Heather Smith poses with designer Andrew Beaudoin of JKL Bawheting PSA and fellow committee member Becky Bottrell after presenting Beaudoin with a T-shirt bearing his winning design.

Bawheting third grader Andrew Beaudoin, 9, displays his winning T-shirt design selected by the City Beautification Committee in Sault Ste. Marie. Beaudoin's design was picked from 42 entries.

For the past five years, all area grade school students have been encouraged to submit designs for consideration in a competition. The orange T-shirt features a drawing of a playground scene and the words "The town is our playground — Keep it clean! City wide clean-up 2008."

This marks the third time a Bawheting student entry won the event in support of the annual Sault Ste. Marie City

Wide Clean up Day on the second Saturday of May. The first 200 participants received a free T-shirt as kudos for all their hard work. All participants were invited to enjoy a cook out at the Sherman Park Pavilion following the clean up.

Due to Beaudoin's efforts, his entire class (Mrs. Knight's) won a pizza party and, in addition, Beaudoin received a \$25 gift card from a local department store. He is the son of Wendy and Bruce Beaudoin of Sault Ste. Marie.

Governor Jennifer Granholm designated April and May as community clean up months for the state of Michigan. This is the 13th year the Sault has hosted a city wide clean up event.

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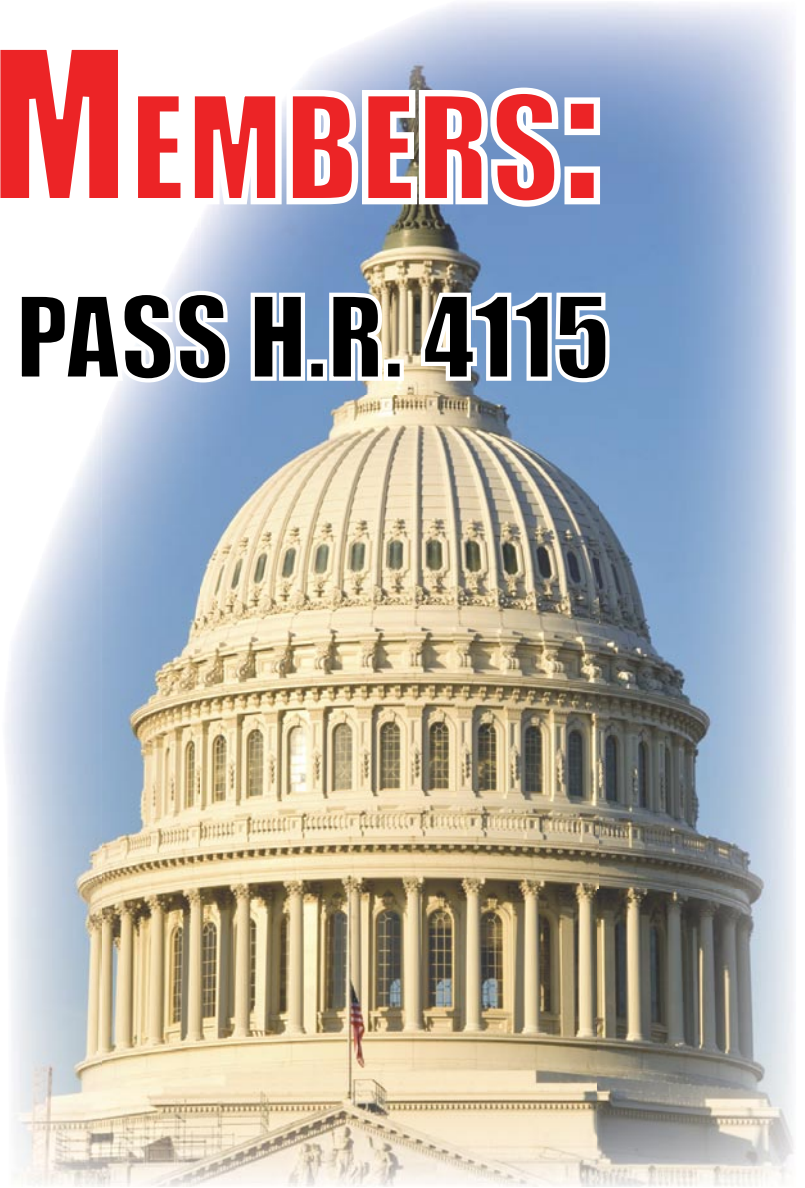
SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS:

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 4115

Lands were taken illegally from our ancestors.

Tell Congress to make it right.

In the mid 1800s, lands along the St. Mary's River were taken illegally from ancestors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Bay Mills Indian Community. The illegal taking occurred in an area known today as Charlotte Beach.



H.R. 4115 Would SETTLE THE SAULT TRIBE'S LAND CLAIM

Sponsored by U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn) and supported by U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) and U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee (co-chair of the Native American Caucus), **H.R. 4115** has already passed a key U.S. House committee, 22-5.

3,000 GOOD JOBS FOR MICHIGAN AND NEW REVENUES FOR SAULT TRIBE SERVICES

H.R. 4115 would create new Sault Tribe trust lands in southern lower Michigan and allow the Tribe to open a new casino in Romulus or Flint. Revenues would fund new programs and services for Sault Tribe members for generations to come.

WRITE AND CALL MICHIGAN'S MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TODAY!

Please telephone and write the following U.S. House members from Michigan today.

Respectfully tell them: "Representative, please fight for passage of **H.R. 4115** — to settle the Sault Tribe's Charlotte Beach land claim and to create 3,000 good jobs for Michigan."

Go to www.GoodJobsForMichigan.com or call the U.S. House members directly:

U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr.
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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter
Phone: (734) 632-0314

U.S. Rep. Joseph Knollenberg
Phone: (248) 851-1366

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton
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U.S. Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick
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The Sault Tribe Board and Chairperson Payment unanimously support H.R. 4115.*



National senior health & fitness social May 28



Above, Christina Beamish (left) promotes volunteering. Below, Karen Cohoon-Kucharczyk leads fitness demo.



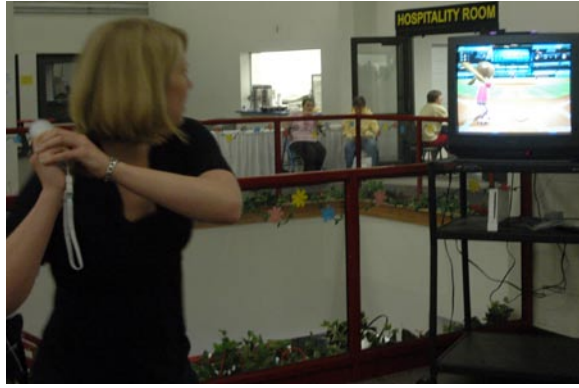
Above, Diane Soloman giving visitor a hand massage. Below, Mary Beth Cahill tries playing baseball on Wii.



Above, Heather Howard (left) teaches spring crafts. Below, Joann Barry (left) discussing Tai Chi benefits.



Photos by
Rick Smith



Fork in the Road explores unique foods of Michigan

Fork in the Road cookbook
Eric Villegas
Hardcover, 192 pp.
Full color photos
Huron River Press, Ann Arbor
ISBN 1-932399-17-8

BY JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

In *Fork in the Road*, a nationally syndicated PBS series, Chef Eric Villegas takes us on a series of travels all over Michigan to explore our state's unique recipes and foods. The show airs at noon on PBS in the eastern U.P. and viewers across the country can check their local listings. And, now you can read — and eat — all about it in Villegas' new book, *Fork in the Road Cookbook*, a 192-page hardcover from Huron Press.

The book opens with six unique whitefish recipes, including fish nachos. The first recipe and illustration is freshwater whitefish chowder with bacon, potatoes and basil. Those who work at marketing their lake whitefish could point to this book for some wonderful examples of Michigan lake whitefish cookery.

The cookbook itself is everything it should be. Lavishly illustrated, original and fun. Villegas moves with ease between comfort food and gourmet cuisine, always Michigan, always with Villegas's own twist. Not only would the book make a great addition to anyone's cookbook collection, it would make a great gift.

The book is divided into sections on freshwater goodies like wild caught fish and Michigan farmed shrimp, our own Michigan fruits both domestic and wild, "middle of the Mitt" specialties from buttermilk cornmeal waffles to turkey cranberry sausage, Thumb specialties like Michigan ale and apple cider marinade, and the U.P.'s own rich cookery, from maple chocolate truffles to the good old pasty. Last, he gives us a Michigan pantry filled with marinades, sauces, batters, glazes and gravies and so much more.

Sales on Villegas's first book have gone very well, he said. The chef stopped at Bayliss

Public Library on day five of a 10-day promotion tour. The first book in a series, *Fork in the Road Cookbook* covers seasons one through four. There are more recipes from those seasons he'd like to publish, and select recipes from seasons five and six.

Villegas said he plans to do some in-depth writing on single subjects. The pasty is one subject worthy of a book — at least those of us who love them think so. Another subject that could fill a book is edible fish of the Great Lakes — no salties here. So far he's done two Anishinaabe-oriented episodes, one on Anishinaabe ice fishing and one on traditional wild rice gathering. The wild rice segment will air this fall. "It was great footage and I really enjoyed it," Villegas said. "I'd only read about it and now I've actually got to do it."

He wants to come back up north and learn how to powder whitefish in the traditional way. Villegas said there is so much to do, it's never-ending. Now in the middle of season six production, after his tour he will drop off his girlfriend and associate, Dana Owen, and head directly for Fife Lake in Traverse City to interview a craftsman of custom-made chef knives.

Those who can't get enough of Chef Villegas can check out the *Fork in the Road* Web site at www.forkintheroadtv.com. For program schedules in your area, go to www.pbs.org.

At the Bayliss, library volunteers pitched in for a "local food" reception following Villegas's program. Together with area food producers they put together a marvelous feast to impress the chef, including Ralph and Shirley Wilcox of Wilcox Fishery and Restaurant with their addictive fish spread prepared from their own fresh caught and smoked Lake Superior whitefish.

Many wonderful local foods can be purchased at the growing Farmer's Market from 5:15 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the corner of Ashmun and Maple

in downtown Sault. The *Fork in the Road Cookbook* together with the market's fresh ingredients sound like a winning combination in our northern Michigan kitchens.

At right, Villegas autographs two copies of *Fork in the Road Cookbook for Friends of the Bayliss Library* volunteer Nancy Gillotte while Dana Owen looks on.



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WRIGHT

Nathan Wright, Candidate for Unit I • Sault Tribe Board of Directors • www.wright.net

INDEPENDENT:

I will be open to all board members' ideas and make informed decisions. There are opponents who are trying to divide our people in this election. This is called polarizing (dividing our people) and it is a tactic. Don't fall for it. Vote for a candidate based on how the present themselves and their platform. When elected to the board, I will do what is right for the majority of our members. I will not compromise the integrity of the tribe or myself.

ELDERS:

Our elders are sacred keepers and teachers of knowledge. We need to treat them with respect and care for them. I will do everything possible to make sure the money borrowed from the elder fund is paid back. I will protect elder money from being used in inappropriate ways in the future. When elected, I will work to ensure funds reach the hands of our elders each year.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

Little emphasis has been placed on higher education and cultural restoration. I understand the importance of both to the survival of our people and traditional ways. When elected, I will work to improve access and funds to these areas.

TEAM MEMBERS:

The hiring and disciplinary process for team members who work for the tribe is unfair. When elected I will push for policies ensuring all tribal employment vacancies are posted so qualified members are considered for positions. I will work to implement clear procedures so human resource grievance issues are handled fairly.

SUPPORT:

I respectfully thank the following candidates for their support:

Wayne Goetz, Employed with US Post office for more than 30 years

Jack Kibble, Former Sault Tribe Education Director

Congratulations to all the candidates that made it into the primaries.



Autumn "Little Red Riding Hood" and myself "Papa" during Halloween last year.

Wright Voted Top 3 in Primaries

Miigwech to the Sault Tribe voters that helped move me into the general election as one of the top three candidates. With you and your family's continued support we can win this election. By voting Wright, you will bring someone with fresh ideas to the board and someone who will push for positive change within our tribe.



DEFENDING OUR TREATY RIGHTS

Living with my father up here in the Soo part time, I watched Indian history unfold. In 1971 hundreds of warriors took over the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. to protest the U.S. government not honoring treaty obligations. Around the same time, the Sault Tribe became federally recognized. One of those Indian warriors was my father, Mike Wright, Sault Tribe Elder (deceased). Many elders who were around in those days remember my dad. I will represent and defend all of our people with the same respect, reverence and determination as my father. When faced with a difficult decision, I will ask myself how my father would vote.



My father defended our treaty rights. He is pictured here with other warriors taking over the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C. in the early 70's.

GREEKTOWN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our ancestors were warriors who fought with intensity and bravery over what they believed. We need this spirit back in modern times. If we stop taking chances because we are afraid to fail then we have become cowards. Board members shouldn't be afraid of losing votes by doing what is right for the tribe. As your board member I will make tough decision for us to improve our current financial situation.

Our casinos need improvement in their marketing and quality of service. Greektown will be reorganized as a result of the recent Chapter 11 filing. This has been long overdue and will become a catalyst for us to restructure our current casino businesses and diversify by establishing other profitable enterprises.

I bring experience, stability, security and long term planning resources needed for the future of our tribe. Please continue to vote Wright.

www.wright.net

PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOTE WRIGHT!

I respectfully ask for you and your families support. Let's take back our tribe and give it to the people. **Please vote Wright!** Nathan Wright, candidate for Unit I Sault Tribe Board of Directors. To show your support, ask questions, help or make a donation (credit cards accepted) please call (906) 322-2675. **Three board seats are open for Unit I.** This ad is endorsed by Nathan Wright.

How does a person become a medicine man?

The aunties tell me that this is a pretty big question, so it took those old women a long time to get back to me on this one.

They said medicine people are community-based traditional healers. In many tribes, both men and women can serve as medicine people, but in some, like the Yurok in California, only women can be medicine people. In Anishinaabek country, however, the aunties tell us that both men and women can be healers.

Some say medicine people have powers ordinary folks in the tribe do not. It was interesting to hear the aunties didn't agree with this way of thinking. The aunties told me what really sets a healer apart from other members of the tribe is their willingness to learn and to dedicate their lives to the pursuit of knowledge. With this willingness and dedication, the healer creates an open doorway through which the Creator is more freely able to send information directly or through the use of "helpers."

The aunties say everyone has this potential but not everyone is "called" to it, and not everyone "called" to it picks it up.

A medicine person or healer is a person who often shows early signs of being gifted with dreams, visions or with a connection to the plant and animal life. They are often naturally gifted and sometimes born into the position through lineage. The aunties also shared specific clans more often than others produce medicine people from within their groups.

Most all medicine people have naturalistic skills. Some of them specialize in areas like herbal medicine, bone setting, midwifery or counseling where they share advice, hope, understanding and confidence to patients. These are often just as powerful as modern medicine. They work in the unseen world of good and bad spirits to restore harmony and health.

Medicine people make medicine tools out of things from nature, including plants, fur, skins, bone, rocks, shells, roots and feathers. Then they use

Ask the Aunties



these tools to evoke the helpers.

There are many different types of medicine people. Some work more with plants while others might work more pronouncedly with spirits and energies. There are shaky tent medicine people, medewewin people, waabinoo people and more.

Medicine people usually keep their medicine tools in a medicine bundle. This is a large piece of cloth or hide that is tied. The contents of the medicine bundle are sacred. Each medicine person's bundle is specific to their skills and their helpers, clans and ele-

ments. Some of these bundles are passed down from one generation to the next. Personal medicine bundles are private and asking about another's is frowned upon.

Members of the tribe who want to become medicine people must often first serve a long apprenticeship with an experienced medicine person. They often do many ceremonies, such as sweat lodges and fasts. In many tribes, medicine men are forbidden to charge for their services. Gifts, however, though not expected, are appreciated with humility and gratitude. All Anishinaabek healers will recognize the gift of asemaa (tobacco) and will accept that as all that is needed for their services.

The aunties all agree that this is just a basic overview of what qualifies a medicine person. There is so much more involved. There are many ceremonies, trials and studying to be done, years of it, in fact. Being a healer is a life long commitment that should never

be entered into lightly.

If you require more information regarding this topic, please call the Cultural Division (906) 632-7494 or else you can call Community Health at 635-0041 and ask for the healers.

Remember to bring asemaa and an open mind.

Healers are a vital part of the Anishinaabek foundation for a strong, well-balanced life.

Until next time, baamaapii miinwaa kiwaabmin.

Disclaimer:

The opinions and views of the Aunties may not reflect the opinions of this newspaper, Sault Tribe or any of its employees or affiliates. Furthermore, although we are all Anishinaabek, we understand things from our own unique perspectives. Therefore, it is our intention that no one will regard the contents of this column as absolute.

Do you have a question for the aunties? Send your question in care of the newspaper. Please see page 2 for newspaper contacts.

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ISAAC JOSEPH PEAINE

Isaac J. Peaine, 69, of Newberry, died Sunday morning April 27, 2008, at the Barker Country AFC Home in Germfask, where he had been residing for the past three months.



Issac was born Feb. 26, 1939, in Nahma, son of the late Edmund and Irene (Moses) Peaine and member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Survivors include his children Valerie Brice of Green Bay, Wis., Joe Brown of Waupaca, Wis., Melodie DeBlicke of Rapid City, S.D., Carrie Peaine, Eric Peaine and Denise Peaine all of Sheboygan, Wis., Danny Peaine of Portland, Ore., Danamor Gressel of Marinette, Wis., James Price and Jenny Price both of Gulliver; siblings Nancy Keller of Newberry, Amelia Delkittie of Alaska, James Peaine Chicago, Ill., Leonard Peaine of Marinette, Wis. and Norman Peaine of Grand Rapids.

Isaac is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Daniel, and sister, Angeline.

Visitation, a Native American ceremony and memorial service were held at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry May 6, with Fr. Paul Karottekunnel officiating. Inurnment took place at Indian Point Cemetery in Nahma.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

JAMES C. CAMPBELL

James "Soup" Campbell, age 47, of Sault Ste. Marie passed away Monday afternoon, May 12, 2008, at War Memorial Hospital. James was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 8, 1961.

Jim graduated from Sault

High School with the class of 1979. He worked for almost 30 years, starting as a laborer and then in 1981 becoming a welder/pipefitter. He later obtained his Master Plumber license. Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing, and boating with friends. His greatest love in life was spending time with his family and

friends. Jim was a member of the U.P. Plumbers & Pipefitters. He was also a member of the Sault Tribe.

Jim is survived by his wife, Patti (Baier) Campbell; three children, "Cups of Soup," Clifton, Greg, and Laura Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie; his mother, Leota

(Schwiderson) Campbell of Sault Ste. Marie; a sister, Kathy (Evan) McDowell of Boyne City and nephew, Scott McDowell of Traverse City.

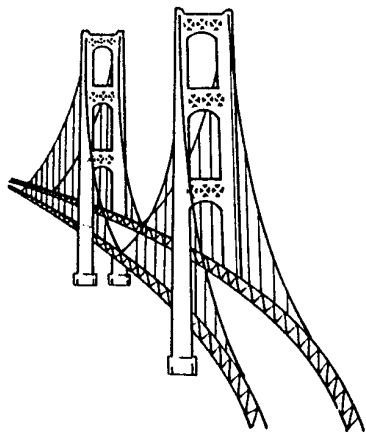
He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Campbell; and a niece, Renee McDowell.

A memorial service was May 17, 2008, at the Living Word

Church with Gary Maleport officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to The Living Word Church Food Pantry or a sportsman club of your choice. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home is assisting the Campbell family.

Members at-large comprise 64% of the Tribal membership and we do not have a voice on the Board.

Until this changes, we support the following candidates:



Aaron Payment
Todd K. Gravelle
Nathan Wright
Lou Ella Brown
Robert Horn
Pat Rickley



Thank You to those members in Cheboygan and the surrounding Tribal communities that attended this year's annual Unit 6 (Northern At-Large) Fish Fry. We welcome all member's from everywhere to attend next year.

Remember, this year's election is crucial and your voice is needed, so make sure that you, your family and friends vote.

Note: If you or someone you know, believes they are registered to vote and did not receive a ballot please call 231-627-3903 and leave a message.

Adv. Endorsed by Clarence Hudak non-registered candidate Unit 1

The Greektown debacle was avoidable



TODD K. GRAVELLE, UNIT I DIRECTOR

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

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

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

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

I argued that we should have

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

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

Now, our options are very limited. Bouschor created this

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

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

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

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

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

Gathering of the Clans Powwow June 14-15



DENISE CHASE, UNIT IV DIRECTOR

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

Host drum: Four Thunders

Co-host drum: Bahwating

Head veteran: TBA

Head male dancer: Donnie Shelafoe

Head female dancer: Peggy Shelafoe

Arena director: Fred Shelafoe

Master of ceremonies: Stanley Spruce

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

Feast meal: Saturday 5 p.m.

Crazy auction: Saturday after

the feast.

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

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

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

Hope to see you there!

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

387-3906.

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

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

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

The board continues to meet

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

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

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

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

of water, milk or 100 percent fruit juice.

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

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

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

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

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Elliott Heating and Cooling offers award winning customer service to clients

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Elliott Heating and Cooling changed ownership in January 2008 from Charlie Elliott to locally born and raised Sault Tribe member Brad Forgrave.

Elliott's began as a home heating business in the 1940s with Percy Elliott behind the wheel. Percy's son Bill Elliott, Sr., knew of an opportunity for the residential company to make the leap into commercial HVAC work and did just that. Charlie Elliott, Percy's grandson, then looked at the 30-year-old company and decided to take the best of both worlds, added plumbing and a fully developed service department to the mix and by the year 2000 a new generation of Elliotts had evolved in its current location at 562 East Spruce St. in the Sault.

Brad Forgrave began his career with Elliott Heating and Cooling eight years ago

and quickly worked his way through each department of the company learning as he went. Forgrave was eventually promoted to general manager and, when Charlie Elliott decided to sell the business, it was a natural fit for Forgrave to step in and take over.

"I have always been proud to work here. We will continue the traditions of high quality by focusing on continuing education and training of our team members to ensure the highest level of service for our customers. We are also going to concentrate on providing faster, professional service and giving our customers a greater value for their dollar. We know the success of our company relies on not just the satisfaction but the happiness of our customers," Forgrave said.

Asked if he was going to keep the name the same,



Brad Forgrave, new owner of Elliott Heating and Cooling located on East Spruce St. in Sault Ste. Marie.

Forgrave said, "Elliott's has a very good reputation as being one of the premier heating, cooling and plumbing busi-

nesses in the U.P. We are known for our high quality of service — that's what I bought. I am going to keep the name the same; I have no interest in having it named after myself."

Elliott's show room is impressive with many different brands to choose from. On display are gas and wood stoves and fireplaces, wood and pellet stoves, bathtubs, shower stalls, brand name faucets, sinks and toilets.

"People can work with our company during the construction of their home for both the heating, cooling and all the plumbing. We can help them right from the design stage and design the ductwork system so they get proper air flow and proper air changes for the most comfortable, quiet and efficient system available to meet their needs," Forgrave said.

The business has a full sheet metal shop where Elliott's custom makes its own ductwork for a better fit. "Most people have no idea how much engineering should go into a properly designed galvanized steel ductwork or hot water piped heating or cooling system. It's a science," said Forgrave.

Elliott's guarantees the correct sizing of heating and cooling systems. "If we put in too small of a system or an oversized system and it doesn't heat, cool or dehumidify your house properly, we will be there to correct the situation for free."

Elliott's also offers a lifetime workmanship warranty on all its galvanized ductwork systems and a one-year guarantee on replaced parts and service. "If we come to your house and fix a dripping faucet and it starts dripping again within one year, we will fix it for free," Forgrave said.

In addition, Elliott's also offers a "no surprise" guarantee — the price you are quoted is the price you pay even if the job requires more work than originally estimated.

Elliott's also services and installs commercial and residential heating, cooling, plumbing, forced air furnaces, hot water boilers, in floor heating, baseboard heat, central air conditioning, ductless split air

conditioning, large commercial kitchen hoods, water heaters and high efficiency tankless water heaters.

"Many of our products are 'green' and are very good investments that can save money whether you use propane, natural gas or electricity. We also install geothermal ground source heat pumps," Forgrave added.

Elliott's serves thousands of residential and hundreds of commercial consumers across the eastern Upper Peninsula and northern lower Michigan. With eight trucks stocked with inventory, materials, parts and tools they travel to Sugar Island, Neebish Island, Drummond Island, St. Ignace, Newberry, Paradise and sometimes Curtis and McMillian. They also travel to Cedarville, DeTour, Rudyard, Pickford, Trout Lake, Engadine and Kinross.

Some of the many local businesses Elliott's services are Austin Oak, Auto Glass Specialists, Bahweting School, border patrol, chamber of commerce, Chippewa County Road Commission, Dunham's, Edison Sault Hydro Plant, EUP Food Bank, Glen's Country Market, Indo-China Garden Restaurant, M-Bank, McDonald's St. Ignace and Newberry, MidJim gas and convenience store, O'Connors, U.P. Tire, Varsity Cinemas, WGTQ TV 29 & 8 and the Whitefish Town Hall.

With 24-hour emergency service available to their family of service agreement customers, even on the coldest winter nights, help is a phone call away. "When you call Elliotts there will always be a live person answering the phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You will never get a no-answer or a machine. It costs extra to provide that service but our costumers love it," Forgrave said.

To enhance its customer service, some of Elliott's staff was trained to install manufactured stone. "We carry the Pro-Line brand of manufactured stone veneer. We install it on the outside of buildings and in people's homes, often around fireplaces. Many of our customers over the years who purchased fireplaces didn't want to have to hire a carpenter to build the wood structure and a mason to put the stone on and then us to install the fireplace so we decided to learn and offer that as a service to them," Forgrave said.

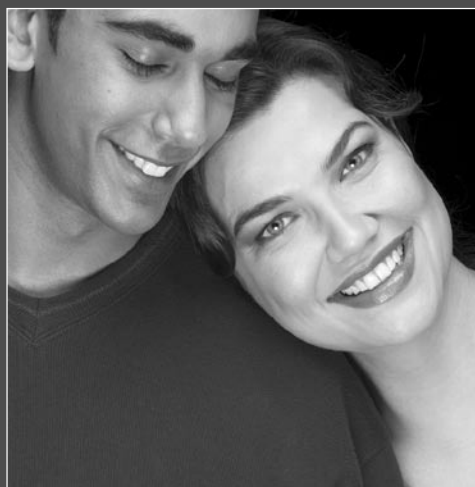
"When someone calls Elliott's they will get the highest level of service available. We have won national awards for our service and attention to detail. We have very strict policies about quality and how we do things while in your home or business. I really think we have the best team of people around. We invest lots of resources into training and we hold our team to a high level of standards so our customers get the best possible service anyone could offer."

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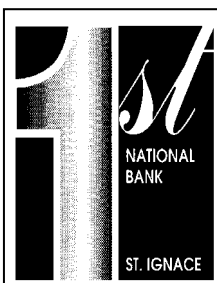
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