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## 100-year-old land claim considered by Congress

BY CORY WILSON

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House Resources Committee held a lengthy hearing Feb. 6 on legislation to settle a more than 100-year-old land claim dispute between the Sault Tribe and federal government.

The legislation, which has strong support and opposition in Congress, would resolve the Sault Tribe's Charlotte Beach land claims settlement. Under H.R. 4115, the Sault Tribe would gain new trust lands in Romulus southwest of Detroit in settlement for lands that were illegally taken from Sault Tribe and Bay Mills ancestors 120 years ago.

H.R. 4115 is sponsored by Michigan U.S. Reps. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, and Bart Stupak D-Menominee. Similar legislation to settle the Charlotte Beach land

claim on behalf the Bay Mills Indian Community is also before the House Resources Committee. Other supporters of the legislation are former Michigan Gov. John M.

Engler, current Gov. Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Rep. Candace Miller, R-Harrison Township, and U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint. Opponents include casino giant MGM, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and others who do not want more competition to their Michigan casinos.

Chairperson Aaron Payment and Bay Mills President of Executive Council

Jeff Parker both attended the hearing, providing testimony on behalf of their respective tribes. A contingent of Sault Tribe Board members also attended. This marks the second stint in as many

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AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite

**Chairperson Aaron Payment greets associates prior to testifying to Congress on the Charlotte Beach land claim bill.**

## Greektown Casino gets partner

**Noted businessman Tom Celani purchasing stake in casino**



**Tom Celani**, a noted Metro Detroit businessman with two decades of national gaming industry experience, will acquire a significant equity position in Greektown Casino, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced Jan. 31.

Celani and the tribe have asked Michigan gaming regula-

tors to approve his purchase of a 22 percent ownership interest in Greektown Casino. The move is designed to enhance casino management and boost Greektown's financial strength relative to its market competitors. The Sault Tribe remains majority owner of the casino.

"Tom Celani is a highly respected businessman with significant successful experiences in multiple gaming enterprises and other industries," said Greektown Casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller, an elected member of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. "This transaction adds significant competitive muscle to Greektown Casino. It boosts Greektown Casino's management capabilities and financial position in the mar-

ket, and it benefits the Sault Tribe, the City of Detroit, and the state."

Miller noted that before Greektown Casino opened in November 2000, the Sault Tribe shared equal ownership of the casino with a group of Detroit developers and community leaders.

"This moves the casino's ownership structure closer to what was in place prior to the opening of Greektown Casino, when the Sault Tribe had a significant equity partner," Miller said.

In addition to his ownership stake, Celani will become president of casino operations and use his management team position, board seat and two decades of successful gaming

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## Sault Tribe honored by EUP region's hospitals



Photo by Raymond Majkrzak

Sault Tribe has been chosen for the 2008 EUP Honorary Trustee award, awarded to those who have contributed to improving health care services in the EUP. Pictured at a January EUP hospital trustee meeting are (back L-R) Newberry Joy Hospital CEO Wayne Hellerstedt, Sault Tribe Health Committee Chairman Ken Ermatinger, Lambert Center's Dr. Boyd Mangus, Sault Tribe Health Center's Dr. Scott Aldridge, War Memorial Hospital CEO David Jahn, (front L-R) Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe Health Director Bonnie Culfa, and Mackinac Straits Hospital CEO Rod Nelson. Sault Tribe has assisted with dialysis at all three hospitals, mammography program assistance and property acquisition for Mackinac Straits' new hospital, and the Sault's Community Care Clinic.

## US Customs recognizes tribal identification

**Indian tribes' photo ID cards can be used to cross the U.S.-Canadian border**

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tribal members with photos on their tribal membership cards will be able to use those cards for border crossings. Youth or adults who don't have photos on their membership cards must show another form of identification, such as a driver's license or birth certificate.

"The point of the transition is not to cause confusion," said Kelly Klundt, Customs and Border Protection spokesperson.

"There are about 500 registered U.S. tribes with about 40 tribes having historical cross border ties. One of the things we are working on with tribes is an enhanced tribal card, where available, which will promote better document security and information sharing."

Klundt said the transition is to get travelers in the habit of carrying documents and to

overall enhance and standardize documents and lead to more efficient borders.

"We are working with any tribe who gives us a call and expresses an interest in the enhanced tribal card and is willing to raise the standards on their tribal card security," she said. "Working with the tribes we will be able to ensure their documents are also of the same high caliber as other official secure documents."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection representatives will attend the National Council of American Indians (NCAI) meeting in Washington D.C. on March 5 to speak on the issuance process.

Enhanced tribal cards are a proposal only, Klundt added. An official up to date list of accepted border and sea crossing documents is due out in the next few months.

"By June 2009 we hope to have a final standardized list of secured documents," she said. As part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, See 'Border Crossing,' page 21

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## 2008 powwows abound

**Q:** My family and I attended the Rendezvous Powwow in St. Ignace last year and we had a wonderful time there. Could you tell me if that event will occur this year along with some information on other Sault Tribe powwows? We would like to plan ahead and stay in these areas for a vacation.

**A:** Yes, the Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow will be held at the Father Marquette Memorial Park in St. Ignace on Aug. 23-24 of this year. I am very glad to hear that you enjoyed yourself at the 2007 event as this was the first time in several years that a gathering of this nature was held at the Straits area. Those responsible for organizing the event chose to craft a celebration of our Anishinaabe culture combined with a historical theme linked to the French voyager trading era. There were many positive comments provided by those that attended and organizers are working diligently to grow and develop the event into an annual celebration.

The powwow in Sault Ste. Marie will take place during

the Fourth of July weekend at the traditional gathering place and powwow grounds near the reservation. This is the tribe's signature event and has been going strong for nearly three decades now. Organization of this powwow and others is tasked by a committee that works very hard to bring the events to completion. Festivities begin with a mid-week summer gathering and include a blessing of the grounds, a feast for those that attend, a native arts show and a children's carnival. Many members travel from across the country to attend.

These are just two of many community gatherings that occur throughout the year. There are also powwows on Sugar Island and in the communities of Hessel, Newberry, Kinross, Manistique, Marquette and Munising. In addition to these, there is an annual sobriety powwow held every New Year's Eve at the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) recreation center in the Sault. I will work with the committee chairman to put together a calendar of times and locations that could be published in the next issue of this



## MEMBERSHIP Q&A

paper.

Those who attend these wonderful events are exposed to demonstrations and displays that are a delight to the senses. The sounds of the drum and singers are very powerful and not only heard but felt deep in the chest. The eyes are filled with the colors and movements of the dancers in traditional regalia. The food vendors offer many tasty treats and the traders and vendors present several beautiful crafts that can be purchased. I can only try to describe a day at a Sault Tribe powwow, you will have to attend one for yourself to get a genuine feel for how enjoyable they can be.

*Respectfully, Clarence Hudak*

## Tribe gears up for elections

**SAULT STE. MARIE** —The Sault Tribe Election Committee released the Notice of Election on Jan. 25, which officially marks the start of the 2008 tribal election cycle.

Members of the Sault Tribe will vote for seven seats on the tribe's board of directors. Officers to be elected this year include the chairperson, three Unit I representatives, and one representative from Units II, III, and IV.

Following the Notice of Election, those seeking candidacy can file their Letter of Intent with the Election Committee. All Letters of Intent filed with the Election Committee are due March 28. To be nominated, a candidate must also file a nominating petition, which will be available March 28 and due to the Election Committee on April 17. The official candidate list for the primary election will be finalized and released on April 24.

The board seats up for election are held by Aaron Payment (chairperson), Joe Eitrem (Unit I), Todd Gravelle (Unit I), Cathy Abramson (Unit I), Lana Causley (Unit II), Fred Paquin

(Unit III), and Tom Miller (Unit IV).

The deadline for returning voter registration forms is March 28. All members who have recently turned 18 years of age, or will turn 18 on or before the general election date, are eligible to register to vote and must register if they want to vote.

Once you have registered, you will not need to register to vote again unless you have moved in or out of an election unit. Voter registration is permanent. Voter registration forms are available on the Sault Tribe Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

If you believe that you may be required to register to vote (all previously registered members are considered permanently registered), you should contact the Tribal Election Committee at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660 or the Tribal Registrar's Office at (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

Primary ballots will be mailed out on May 1. Primary ballots must be filled out, mailed back, and received by the Election Committee by May 22. General Election ballots

will be mailed June 5. General Election ballots must be filled out, mailed back, and received by the Election Committee by June 26.

The tribe's seven county service area is divided into five voting units, with Unit I representing the Sault Ste. Marie area, Unit II representing the Drummond Island/Rudyard/Newberry area, Unit III representing the St. Ignace area, Unit IV representing the Manistique/Escanaba area, and Unit V representing the Marquette/Munising area. It should be noted that enrolled Sault Tribe members ages 18 and over living outside of the five units are eligible to vote if they have completed the voter registration process.

For detailed election information, tribal members and those seeking candidacy should review the Notice of Election and Election Code in their entirety or contact the Election Committee for specific election questions. Both documents are available at the Sault Tribe Web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

**See Notice of Election on page 5.**

## New inland fishing, hunting, gathering regs still pending

This is a notice to all Sault Tribe members that the Sault Tribe is continuing to work on implementing the Inland Consent Decree signed on Nov. 5, 2007. Until new regulations are adopted, Sault Tribe members are required to follow the existing regulations for inland fishing and hunting as outlined in Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code. Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code can be viewed online at the Sault Tribe's official Web site [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) under

the "government documents" menu and "tribal code" sub-menu. Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code is also available at the Bayliss Public Library located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie or you can obtain a copy by calling the Sault Tribe Administration Office at (906) 635-6050.

When the implementation plan is complete, Sault Tribe members will be notified of the date they will be required to follow the new regulations.

## "New partner," from page 1

industry experience to benefit Greektown Casino, its guests and 2,100 team members.

"The Greektown property by far has the best location in the Detroit gaming market, and I'm thrilled to be part of the ownership and management team," Celani said. "Now that we have improved our parking and we will be opening our new hotel and expanded gaming space in the fall, we will compete nicely with the other three casinos in the market."

Celani, 51, of Bloomfield Hills, has achieved success in many industries and business ventures. In 1988, he co-founded Sodak Gaming Inc., which sold electronic gaming devices to Native American casinos and was eventually purchased by IGT.

In 1995, he partnered with a Michigan Indian tribe to develop Little River Casino Resort in Manistee. He also has successfully developed and managed Indian casinos in California and Oklahoma as well as commercial casinos in Nevada and Colorado.

In 1996, he and the Sault Tribe spearheaded the passage of Proposal E, the Michigan ballot question that led to the development of the three Detroit casinos. Celani also develops commercial and residential properties in various states.

He owns two retail motorcycle dealerships: Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills and Motor City Power Sports in Bloomfield Hills. He also operates Celani Family Vineyards, a Napa Valley producer of high-end cabernet and chardonnay.

In November, Greektown Casino opened its new attached parking structure, marking the completion of Phase 1 on the new permanent Greektown Casino and hotel. Phase 2 of the new permanent casino and hotel — construction of the casino's new 400-room hotel and expanded gaming floor — is scheduled to be done in fall 2008.

The permanent casino and hotel will include a multi-purpose theater, buffet, three restaurants, and 25,000 square feet of additional gaming space. The total investment in the permanent Greektown Casino project will be about \$500 million when it is complete.

Located at 555 E. Lafayette Avenue in Detroit's Greektown Entertainment District, Greektown Casino features more than 2,500 slot machines and more than 90 table games in 75,000 square feet of luxurious Mediterranean-themed gaming space.

Greektown Casino opened on Nov. 10, 2000. Readers of The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press have voted Greektown Casino Michigan's and Detroit's "Best Casino" numerous times.

In addition to being named "Best Casino" by readers of The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, Greektown Casino also placed first in other categories in The News' reader survey, including "Best Slots," "Best Wait Staff Outfits," "Best Craps Tables," "Best Blackjack Tables," "Best High Rollers Area," "Best Casino Restaurant," and "Best Casino Entertainment."

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# Sault Tribe dentist lauded



Photo by Rick Smith

**Dr. Bruce Anderson, Sault Tribe chief dental officer (holding plaque) recently received the 2007 National Oral Health Council Senior Dentist Clinical Excellence Award and was also presented with a certificate of appreciation for his leadership by members of the Sault dental team pictured above at a luncheon on Jan. 31 at the Health and Human Services Center. Anderson said he shares credit for the awards with the dedicated professionals of the dental team.**

BY RICK SMITH

Chief Dental Officer Bruce Anderson, DDS, MAGD, recently received the 2007 National Oral Health Council Clinical Excellence Award. The award was presented to Anderson by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for significant contributions to the advancement of oral health by a senior officer. It originated from the office of Christopher G. Halliday, director of the U.S. Public Health Service Division of Oral Health.

Anderson was honored at a gathering of officials, directors and staff of the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center on Jan. 31 in Sault Ste. Marie where he was also presented with a certificate of appreciation for his leadership from the dental services team.

According to Sault Tribe deputy dental program manager, David A. Drockton, criteria for the award were excellence in clinical skills, contributions to delivering patient care, contributions to dentistry and leadership.

His nomination for the award was accompanied by a strong recommendation from a dental assistant who has worked with Dr. Anderson for 20 years, Rita Bouley. The nomination documentation demonstrated the impact Anderson has had on improving the oral health of Sault Tribe members.

Among his many accomplishments:

Anderson manages a complex dental program that serves nearly 18,000 American Indians in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with a budget of over \$2 million.

He has designed and staffed three dental facilities, and is working on a fourth, that have 16 operating facilities and 22 staff.

He has researched and

obtained funding for the electronic dental record system linking all three sites and interfaces with the resource and patient managing system (a first for IHS) and integrated digital radiography.

He chairs or sits on numerous committees including recruitment and retention, compensation and strategic planning.

He has mentored at least 19 students as an adjunct professor in the University of Iowa School of Dentistry extramural program and oversees a staff that provides dental services that are valued at nearly \$3 million.

Anderson was also cited for his clinical skills and contributions to dentistry such as receiving a U.S. Public Health Service Achievement Medal in 1990, serving as a volunteer dentist in Nepal for Himalayan health care in 1994, receiving an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Bemidji Dental Program and an IHS Area Director's Award for Exceptional Performance in 1995, and completing a mastership with the Academy of General Dentistry (MAGD) in 2004.

Drockton explained completing the mastership is significant in that "it is awarded to a dentist after earning a fellowship. It requires a dentist to attend 1,100 hours of continuing education, many of which need to be "hands-on" courses. It is a significant commitment of time and expense and speaks to Dr. Anderson's desire to be the best at what he does."

The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates there are 136,000 practicing general dentists in the United States. According to the Academy of General Dentistry, there are 35,000 members of the acade-

my and while more than 13,000 dentists have earned fellowships, only 1,800 have earned masterships.

Anderson began his IHS-commissioned officer career as a staff dental officer for Sault Tribe in 1988. He took over as chief dental officer in 1992.

"Throughout his management of the Sault Tribe's dental program," noted Drockton. "Dr. Anderson has continued to see patients on a nearly full time-basis and is consistently at the top of service minute producers for the tribe. His management philosophy has been to offer the most dental services to the most tribal members in a consistent manner regardless of the facility. Tribal members, fellow IHS colleagues from around the country and local dental providers have been impressed with the quality of dental care that can be provided at these facilities.

"Dr. Anderson's commitment to excellence is the result of much personal sacrifice. He devoted much of his own personal time and resources to not only further his professional knowledge but to create a dental program that has been described as 'the best dental program in all of IHS' by a very senior clinician in IHS."

Drockton concluded, "We are lucky to have him and I am proud to be associated with him."

## Learn about the exceptional life of Governor Chase S. Osborn

Planned for March 14 at 6 p.m., an Osborn open forum will be held at 718 Cedar Street in Sault Ste. Marie, the former home of Governor Osborn. Anyone interested in sharing or learning about the exceptional life and achievements of former Governor Chase S. and Stellanova Osborn is invited to attend. Sault Tribe historian Art Leighton will make a presentation, and refreshments will be served. Home tours are available. For more information, contact Linda Carrick at (906) 253-1434 or (906) 235-5547.

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Placement depends on available openings within our tribe.

For applications, call Higher Education at (800) 793-0660 or download an application from [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

## Munising farmers' market forming

Plans are mostly ready and work is in progress to organize a Tuesday afternoon farmer's market in Munising.

An organizational meeting was held Jan. 21 with five local farms and one area art studio represented.

The market will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. beginning on the first Tuesday of July and will be kept run-

ning on that schedule through September.

A variety of local farm products are sought.

Participation will be limited to local farmers.

Guidelines and details are still in development.

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The Tax Counseling for the Elderly program provides free tax help for persons aged 60 or older. Trained volunteers from non-profit organizations provide free tax counseling and basic income tax return preparation for senior citizens. Volunteers are often retired individuals associated with the organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

IRS VITA sites are available locally.

In Chippewa County, call Lake Superior State University at (906) 635-2187.

In Mackinac County, call Michigan State University Extension Office at (906) 643-7307.

What to bring:

- Valid photo ID for yourself and your spouse
- Social Security cards for

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- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents
- Current year's tax package if you received one
- Wage and earnings statement(s) Form W-2, W2-G,

1099-R from all employers

- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- A copy of last year's federal and state tax return
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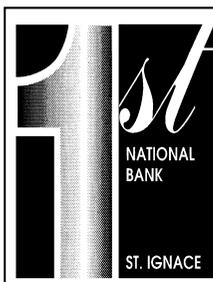
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1 or more child	\$11,750	\$1,000 per child

## New interim chief of police announced

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department has announced that Robert Marchand will be the new interim chief of police.



## Time to act on the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

BY RICK SMITH

It appears American Indians would be doing well at this point to fire off letters, phone calls or E-mail to their senators and urge them to support the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The bill, if enacted, would reauthorize and make vast improvements to a broad range of health services for American Indians as provided in treaties with the United States government.

It was the first item on the agenda when Congress convened on Jan. 22, it was considered on the floor for a couple of days and, as we go to print, it is now on the sidelines as other "more important" legislation is considered.

The Bush administration threatened a veto on it on the same day it reached the Senate floor and some Congressmen are stalling debate on it.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was last renewed 16 years ago in 1992 and, in that time, the American Indian population has doubled.

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), who co-authored and sponsored the legislation, said the bill makes "important and significant progress in addressing the 'bona fide crisis' in health care in Indian communities."

The Act is co-sponsored by 31 other senators.

In his annual State of the

Indian Nation Address on Jan. 31, National Congress of American Indians President Joe Garcia said, "Almost two decades of health modernization has left Indian Country behind. Federal funding for Indian health services has not kept up with the growth of the Indian population and reauthorization for this critical legislation has been delayed for too long."

"The Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007 will help bring Indian health care into the 21st Century, it will increase outreach and enrollment for Indians in Medicaid and S-CHIP, it will protect Indian health care providers from discrimination in reimbursement, it will mandate a relationship among states, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Indian health providers and it will clarify cost-sharing among the government agencies that pay for Indian health care."

"As Senator John Thune stated on the Senate floor last week, 'If anybody cares seriously about improving the quality of life on reservations in this country and addressing what are deep economic needs, it starts with some of these very basic services, it starts with health care.'

"We need the Senate to pass this bill now and we urge the House to follow-up with passage this session as well."

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**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

Dear Tribal Member,

This is to inform you that a tribal general election will be held for the Tribal Board of Directors this spring. This letter is your notice of the election. Please read it carefully.

The timetable for the election process is as follows (all deadlines are 5 p.m. EST on the date stated):

March 28, 2008	Deadline for return of voter registration forms. Letter of Intent due for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted and nomination petitions available.
April 4, 2008	Deadline for background checks for potential candidates.
April 17, 2008	Nominating petition deadline.
April 24, 2008	List of eligible candidates available.
April 28, 2008	Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
May 1, 2008	Blank primary ballots mailed to voters.
May 22, 2008	Primary election date.
May 26, 2008	Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
June 5, 2008	Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.
June 26, 2008	General Election day.
June 30, 2008	Deadline for contest relating to vote count. Officers' installation — to be announced

#### OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

The officers to be elected are members of the Board of Directors:

Chairperson	-1 member
Unit 1	-3 members
Unit 2	-1 member
Unit 3	-1 member
Unit 4	-1 member

The term of all officers will be four years. Additional Board members from Unit 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be elected in 2010.

#### ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The election will be conducted by mail. This Notice of Election was mailed to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. Addresses for members shown in the Registrar's records will be used for all election purposes. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597. Unless an address correction is made, the ballot will be mailed to the voter at the same address to which this Notice of Election was sent and no ballot will be sent to a voter whose Notice of Election is returned by the United States Post Office as undeliverable.

#### REMINDER TO REGISTER

This is a reminder that all members who have turned 18 years of age or have moved in/out of an election unit must register to vote. Whereas registration is permanent, members who meet above criteria must register. Registration forms must be filled out completely to become registered.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION — MARCH 28, 2008

Tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election (June 26, 2008) are eligible to vote. Under the current Tribal Election Code, all unregistered Members must register to vote. Resident Members must register within their unit of residency, and Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. Registration forms must be received by the Tribal Election Committee, ninety (90) days prior to a general election, in order to vote in the upcoming elections.

Voter registration is open and tribal members who need to register can contact Joanne Carr at Tribal Administration or contact Enrollment. In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the: Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, before 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2008. Registration forms

received after that time or not completed will be deemed unregistered.

If you believe that you may be required to register to vote (all previously registered members are considered permanently registered), you should contact the Tribal Election Committee at the address given above or call the Executive Assistant at (906) 635-6050 or 1-800-793-0660 or the Tribal Registrar's Office.

#### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

##### DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS — APRIL 17, 2008

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in Section 10.110 is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by June 26, 2008, a registered voter, and have established one year residency within the Election Unit which they seek to represent. Any member; who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government, has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a nominating petition with the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m., April 17, 2008. A nomination petition must bear the signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented (40 signatures for Units 2 and 4 and 50 signatures for Chairperson, Units 1 and 3). A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must bear the name of the candidate, the office which is sought, the election unit, and the name of the person(s) circulating the petition. Petition forms must be obtained from the Tribal Election Committee.

#### VOTING PROCEDURE

##### DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF ALL BALLOTS

Blank primary ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by May 1, 2008. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by 5 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault St. Marie location on May 22, 2008. Blank general election ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by June 5, 2008. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by the closing of the United States Post Office-Sault St. Marie location on June 26, 2008. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot. The deadline for filing contests relating to the tabulation of the primary ballots is May 26, 2008, and the deadline for filing contest relating to the tabulation of the general election is June 30, 2008.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

The Tribe requires candidates or others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending with the Election Committee. If you plan to spend money on the election campaign, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

#### ELECTION CONTESTS & COMPLAINTS

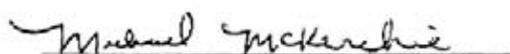
Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. All disputes must be stated in writing addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee and received before the deadline shown in the election timetable. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance. Specific procedures will be available upon request.

#### ELECTION ORDINANCE

This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. The Ordinance and Constitution are controlling, and may be examined at any tribal office. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Tribal Election Committee.

#### DESIGNATED OFFICES

Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence. Each designated office is defined in the Election Ordinance, with exception to Unit 1. The Tribal Clerk's Office shall be Unit 1's designated Office. The names of each Designated Representative will be posted at each site.



Michael McKerchie,  
Election Committee Chairman

# Tribal elders congratulate essay winners

*The Sault Tribe Elders Advisory Board held an essay contest for youth on the subject of "What elders mean to me."*

*Here are the winning essays. Congratulations to these four young people for sharing their thoughts. Each one receives a \$25 check.*

## **Wicahpi Skye is in the first grade in Selfridge, N.D.**

I think elders are pretty. I think they have wisdom. They are as beautiful as the earth and pretty as spring. Every elder in the whole wide world is pretty. I think that they are nice and they mean a lot to me. Every elder I know is smart and they taught me lots of things. Even the elders who died, I will still have them in my heart forever and ever.

## **Leigh Knox is in sixth grade and lives in Melvin, Mich. She is the daughter of Becky and Wayne Knox and the granddaughter of Carol and Walt Strauser of Manistique.**

My grandma and grandpa are elders, and they mean the world to me! My grandma is the funniest elder I know. My grandpa, on the other hand, is a 'get to the point and make it quick' kind of elder. While my grandma is a person who likes to sit down and make a story out of it. (I think that knowing what elders like to do in their spare time is what counts, too).

My grandma has sat down and taught me many things. First my grandma taught me how to say some words in the Anishinaabe language.

She told me how I am related

to Chief Pontiac. I am related to him through my great, great grandmother, who's ancestry traces back to a grand niece of Chief Pontiac (according to our documentation). She told me how it was growing up when she was a little girl and how it was hard work.

I was going to list all the funny things my grandma has done but that would take months, so I am going to list the top three that has happened this year. Number one would have to be when she gave my cousin a thong for his birthday (it is a long story)! Also, he wore it the next day.

Second, would have to be when I tell her my problems and she exclaimed "Wah, Wah, Wah!"

And, finally, when she answers the phone, she says, "Hello" in a sweet, old granny way. Then she turns around and cackles. Also, when she calls our house you can hear her through the phone. She is extremely boisterous. I love this elder to death! Even though she is a loud, spunky grandma, she always has time to take a seat and teach me something new.

Miigwech for reading my story.

**Alyson Causley-Piche is in eighth grade in Sault Ste. Marie. She is the daughter of Rachel Oja and Mike Piche. Her grandparents are Sharon Causley of Hessel, Roberta Kaysner of the Sault, and Larry and Judy Piche of the Sault. Her great-grandparents are the late Ray Causley and Loreen Causley of Hessel. Her**

**essay is entitled, "I Miss You!"**

My personal hero is my great-grandfather. We called him Papa. My Papa was born on March 11, 1921. He was a full-blooded Ojibway Indian, who fully believed in his heritage. He would give us Indian names, which were given to him by the spirits. Papa taught me life is too short to have regrets. Also to never part ways being mad at someone, because that may be the last time you may see or talk to them.

Papa loved his family more than anything. He was the kind of man who would make you laugh, even if you didn't feel like laughing. He was also always willing to help his family and was there for anybody in need. Anything was possible for him to accomplish and he would always say, "Never wish your days away." In other words, to live life to its fullest and to always forgive.

In the year of 1999, my great-grandpa was diagnosed with cancer. They gave him three months to live. I think he had a lot of confidence in himself, that he could fight it. My Papa did not believe in the doctors. He believed in what they called the medicine man. The medicine man gave him a special kind of medicine that he had to boil and then drink.

That medicine miraculously got rid of his cancer! Years later, he had a heart attack, but he stayed strong through it all. I think that he was a true hero, just for believing in himself and that he could make it. Unfortunately, he died on Oct. 1, 2004, of heart failure. He left

before I could even say goodbye. That day was the hardest day of my life. It was like losing a part of my heart. I love him so much!

He was the greatest great-grandfather I could ever ask for. I believe he stayed with us as long as he did because he just wanted to be with his family. Even though he is in a better place, I wish he was still with us right now. Then I could at least say goodbye to him. Thank you for being there for me, Papa. I love you and miss you so much. You are my true hero.

**Erin Patti is in 12th grade in St. Ignace, Mich. Her mother is Rachel Coveyou and her grandfather is John Coveyou, also of St. Ignace.**

Not very many youth realize how much elders influence their lives. To me, elders are my inspiration. Some people don't realize elders aren't just your grandparents, but they're your parents, your teachers, and, to me, even your older siblings. Elders don't just inspire me to do better, they also help motivate me. I know there are times in my life when I just want to give up, but there is always someone there to keep pushing me, whether it's my aunt or even one of my teachers.

Not only do elders inspire and motivate me, they help teach me and send me in the right direction. Without teachers, I wouldn't have the education I have now. What some people don't realize is that school teachers aren't the only teachers you will ever encoun-

ter. My elders who aren't school teachers have taught me about the Seven Grandfathers, the four directions, smudging and lots more. Those are things I would have never been taught in school. That just shows that elders are all different kinds of people who influence me in many different ways.

There is always a time in my life when I wish there weren't rules I had to follow. But I also know that with the rules my elders have set for me, I will do better in life and, in the end, the rules will help me succeed not only now, but also in the future.

So, in the end, what elders mean to me is the inspiration to live life to the fullest and to teach my children the same things they have taught me.

## **Elders' Response:**

**To Wicahpi Skye, Leigh Knox, Erin Patti and Alyson Causley-Piche.**

**From your tribal elders.**

Thank you so very much for sharing with us what elders mean to you. What you think is very important to us. It helps us to better understand and appreciate you and to learn more about ourselves.

We want to be there for you as you walk that very long and difficult path to becoming an elder. If you should happen to stumble along that journey, please look to an elder to help you get back on track.

We are so very proud of you and we hope and pray you will continue to set a fine example for the other young people of our tribe.

Once again, chi miigwech.

Uncle Tone Says



Deadline March 28, 2008

## Make Sure You Have Your Say Register To Vote Today

**Extremely Important  
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If you will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election (June 26, 2008) you must register to vote. This requirement is for everyone whether you live in Sault Ste. Marie, MI., Naples, FL., Los Angeles, CA, Trenton, MI, or Hessel, MI., or anywhere else.

If you think or know that you are not currently registered to vote, please contact the following.

**Joanne Carr/Tara Benoit at 906-635-6050 or 1-800-793-0660  
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Tribal enrollment office at 906-635-3396 or 1-800-251-6597**

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# Over 400 attend 2008 Kewadin's Wedding Expo

Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton



**WEDDING FLOWERS**— Paul Sawyers of Weber's Floral, Sault Mich., can provide bouquets and arrangements.



**BRIDAL JEWELRY** — Cindy Hughey and Yvonne Dellamoretta of Gold Mine Jewelry, St. Ignace.



**BRIDAL BEAUTY** — Betty Soullier, Shannon Bit and Magda Walker of Transformations, Sault, Ont. are ready to keep the bride fit.



**WEDDING DRESSES** — Gerri Belfy of Petoksey Bridal is ready to outfit the bridal party.

SAULT STE. MARIE — Kewadin's Wedding Expo 2008 took the work out of this year's weddings. All the services a wedding planner could imagine were gathered under one roof competing for business. Now in its tenth year, Kewadin's annual expo is a popular mid-winter

event with both brides and businesses. This year's theme was chocolate. Pink florals and chocolate fountains outlined the Dream Makers Theater full of romantic ideas for the perfect wedding.

Convention Sales Manager Todd Olmstead said organiz-

ers just hope brides-to-be find the event useful and vendors get some nice leads. "You also never know how the weather might be to effect turnout," he added, thankful it was a brisk but sunny day. "And, at the end of the day, hopefully a few wedding plans will be made

here at Kewadin with the work that was put into the expo."

Over 400 brides-to-be, moms, and couples from the U.P., lower Michigan and Ontario took the opportunity to meet 43 vendors and win over 50 door prizes. Services for wedding apparel, flowers, honeymoon packages, catering,

videotaping, equipment rentals, chocolates, spas, salons, photography, real estate, music, cakes, limosines, banquets, receptions, invitations and decorating were all ready and waiting. The expo culminated with a bridal fashion show presented by Brenda's Bridal from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

## NCAI president delivers State of Indian Nations Address

By Rick Smith

National Congress of American Indians President Joe A. Garcia delivered the sixth annual State of Indian Nations Address on Jan. 31 at the First Amendment Lounge of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

In the speech, titled *Through the Eyes of Our Children: Hope for a Restored Native America*, Garcia reflected on recent growth in Indian Country but pointed out four specific areas where work must be concentrated to improve circumstances for coming generations.

The focus areas he cited were economic development, culturally appropriate education, community safety and health care.

"The State of the Indian Nations speech is traditionally a look ahead at our goals for the coming year. This year, however, I will begin a little differently," said Garcia. "Today, let us think not only about what we are working for, but who we are working for: the children of our Indian nations."

Garcia noted it was a good year for Indian Country with some gains such as housing, health "and countless Indian boys and girls who stay on the right track thanks to mentoring programs offered through the Boys and Girls Clubs."

"But there also tragic endings," he added. "Such as the two homeless sixth-graders on the Flathead reservation in Montana who died recently to alcohol-related causes, and the fact that the nation-wide Native youth suicide rate is three times the national rate.

"Poverty, lack of jobs an preventative health care, inadequate juvenile rehabilitation, shortfalls in education — all these problems push too many young people into failure, robbing them of full and worthwhile lives."

Citing economic development and financial literacy as the first area to focus. Garcia said, "If we are to reduce poverty for children — and for all Indian families — we must create economic opportunities in our communities and give our children the skills they need to make the most of those opportunities." He added, "The younger they start, the better."

He told a success story of 25 Navajo and Ute children from ages 8 to 15 in Utah who manage the Lickety Split Chocolate Company in an area where the poverty rate is 40 percent. After some help from adults and a federal Small Business Administration grant, the company is making huge sales two years after it was started.

Garcia went on to his second point, the need for better, culturally appropriate education. "Young people in Indian Country regularly walk in two worlds: the culture of the U.S. and their Native culture . . . As our young people make their way in the world, we must be sure they are grounded in the wisdom of our culture."

He cited the Cradleboard Teaching Project of the Nihewan Foundation provides a great example to follow. He said the project "is a curriculum for elementary, middle school and high school students in five subjects — geography, social studies, science, history and music. It takes a comprehensive approach, integrating the history and culture of the Indian nations into general lesson plans that meet national content standards."

He also noted the No Child Left Behind Act, passed six years ago and praised by President George W. Bush three days earlier in his State of the Union Address has not been very successful for American Indian children. Garcia said data from the *National Indian*

*Education Study* indicates test scores continue to lag behind for students in grades four and eight, "This must change."

On to his third point, "Too often Indian children are victims or witnesses of violent crime. There is a growing recognition of the public safety crisis occurring in so many of our communities." He said senators are currently leading an effort to enhance public safety on Indian reservations and increase coordination among federal, state and tribal law enforcement.

"In addition," Garcia said. "Our communities need the prevention, early intervention and alternatives to incarceration programs that are necessary to get at-risk youth back on track."

He noted Indian health care services have not been updated in 16 years. Guarantees of Indian health care are part of promises in treaties signed by the U.S. government and American Indian tribes.

"Almost two decades of health modernization has left Indian Country behind," Garcia noted. "Federal funding for Indian health services has not kept up with the growth of the Indian population, and reauthorization for this critical legislation (the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007) has been delayed too long."

"As we begin 2008," he concluded. "The view through the eyes of a child shows us that there is much to be done . . . We seek to turn around the lives of our young people who make poor choices early in life . . . Through the eyes of a child, we see too much hurt, regret and loss. But through our own eyes, we can see opportunity, find answers and make lives better."

The annual address is a forum for relaying the state of America's Indian nations to the president of the United States, the American public and Indian nations.

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# Tribe's health center hires husband and wife team

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The tribe recently hired a husband and wife team to fill vacant positions for general family practitioners at its health center in Sault Ste. Marie.

She is originally from St. Petersburg, Russia; he was born and raised in Charlotte, Mich. She and her family left Russia six months before she was due to graduate with a degree in medicine to avoid religious prejudice and moved to Detroit where she managed a medical weight loss clinic. He earned a bachelors degree in French, an MBA in material logistic management, a composite business degree dealing with manufacturing, mostly in the auto industry. After earning his MBA he went to work for 3M in St. Paul and later transferred to Ann Arbor where he worked for a plant that made heart/lung machines.

Working in a medical manufacturing facility rekindled his love for medicine and his desire to go to medical school.



By Brenda Austin

**New family practitioners at the Sault Tribe Health Center, Dr. Dean Post and Dr. Marianna Post, are husband and wife.**

Because she left Russia before she graduated with her medical degree, she could not sit for her exams and had to begin over again. One block away from the medical weight loss clinic she managed was an office of Ross University in the Republic of Dominica, a small

Caribbean island. She applied to attend medical school with Ross University and was accepted.

Since his undergraduate degree was not in medicine, he went back to school at the University of Michigan for his pre-med coursework and also worked at Wayne State University doing DNA research for diabetics where he also earned a master's in medical sciences. He was later accepted into medical school at Ross

University.

That is where Dr. Marianna Novikova-Nay met and became study partners and best friends with Dr. Dean Post. "We were best friends for a long time. If someone had asked me at that time if I could imagine myself married to Dean I would have said, 'Oh no, he's my friend.' But we grew very close to each other and were married during our rotations in New York," she said. "We took a half-day off from our surgery rotations to go and get married. I remember putting my wedding dress on in the locker room of the surgical department."

After finishing their residencies at North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac in 2007, they applied for and were hired as general practitioners with the tribe. "We love it here in the Sault. As family practitioners we can do a lot for our patients. We deliver babies, do small dermatological surgeries, work with people with diabetes, and see patients from pregnant women to elders."

The Doctors Post have applied for privileges at War Memorial Hospital to attend

births. They are also trained in home visits for those who are homebound. "It is great to get everywhere in the city in just a few minutes, we really enjoy that. The people here are very nice and we appreciate all the people we work with," they both agreed.

"It is nice being married to another doctor," Marianna Post said. "I know that a lot of other doctors complain that when they go home their spouses don't understand them when they try to talk about their work. We can always talk to each other, and Dean is the first one I go to for advice. We are so similar in the things we like and have been together since we were in medical school. I don't think there has been a time we were apart since we met."

The couple has a 15-year-old daughter, Alina Post, who currently resides with her grandparents in the Detroit area and a 17-month-old son, Benjamin.

To make a medical appointment with Dr. Marianna Post or Dr. Dean Post, call the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5230.

## New St. Ignace hospital and clinic construction coming up

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved \$37.2 million in loans and loan guarantees last September to allow the construction of a new hospital and tribal clinic in St. Ignace.

"This funding will allow for this hospital to be re-built from the bottom up," U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak noted in a statement at the time.

Rod Nelson, the hospital's chief executive officer, said construction is likely to start in the spring on a 16-acre parcel of land in the vicinity of the Mackinac County Airport on North State Street, across from the Victorian Village crafting studio and gift shop. The new



Photo by Rick Smith

**Sault Tribe officials and architects work on plans for the Straits Area Health Care Village, a joint venture between the Mackinac Straits Hospital and the tribe that will provide a new hospital for St. Ignace and along with a new and expanded tribal clinic.**

hospital and clinic may open by autumn or spring of next year. The new hospital will be christened the Straits Area Health Care Village.

The project is a joint venture effort between the Mackinac Straits Area Hospital and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The tribe provided the site for the new building.

The new hospital will immediately incorporate current amenities of the old hospital along with the services of the Sault Tribe Lambert Clinic into one building as separate entities. Expanded services, such as radiation therapy and outpatient surgery, will be added eventually at the facility.

The existing Mackinac Straits Area Hospital has a floor space of 65,000 square feet, 75 beds for long-term care and 11 beds for general care. The

Straits Area Health Care Village will have 60 longterm beds, 15 general care beds and 115,000 square feet, of which 15,000 square feet is reserved for rental by the tribal clinic. The Lambert Clinic in St. Ignace currently occupies approximately 5,000 square feet.

The opening of the new building is expected to be in the autumn of 2009.

While some challenges remain with financing and meeting local requirements for service, at this point, most of the focus is on reaching a final design, which could be approved within days before going for review by the state.

"This is a big, big thing for us," said Chico Belonga, Sault Tribe facility program manager for the Lambert Center and Newberry. "It's going to have a very beneficial impact for our members in the straits area."

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# Radon causes lung cancer

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BY SHERI LAAKSONEN, ITC Environmental Services

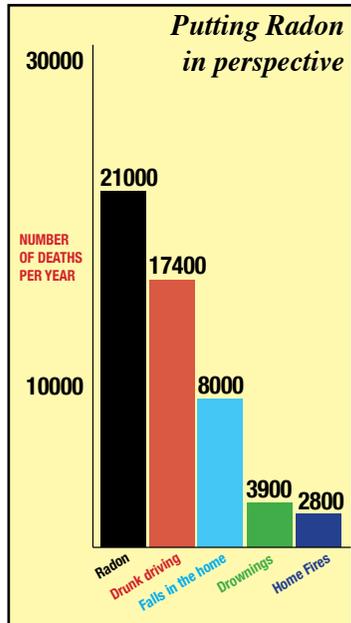
Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Michigan recommends that all homes be tested for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive. If your home has an elevated radon level, get it fixed. If you are purchasing a new home, have it tested. If you are building a new home, ask your builder to use new radon-resistant construction techniques.

Radon is the second lead-

ing cause of lung cancer in the United States, resulting in more than 21,000 new lung cancers each year. Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that is naturally occurring in soil and rock. It enters buildings through openings in the foundation floor or walls, sump openings, crawlspaces, floor and wall joints, cracks, space around plumbing, wiring or ductwork.

Radon has no symptoms. It does not cause headaches, nausea or fatigue. The only known health effect is an increased risk of lung cancer. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is significantly increased.

The only way to know if your home has elevated levels of radon is to test it. For more information contact the ITC's Environmental Services at (906) 632-6896 ([www.itcni.org](http://www.itcni.org)). Test kits are available from your local health department, tribal housing authority, and the ITC office. For more information about testing your home, visit [www.michigan.gov/degradon](http://www.michigan.gov/degradon) or [www.itcni.org](http://www.itcni.org) or call our office at (906) 632-6896.



## Welcome Wee Ones is for newborns and parents

The Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families is providing every baby born in Chippewa County with a "Welcome Wee Ones" bag thanks to Children's Trust Fund of Michigan funding for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The council has used this funding for the Welcome Wee Ones Project. Research shows that for every \$1 spent on child abuse prevention, \$34 will not be spent on publicly-funded

crisis-oriented programming such as protective services, foster care, special education, counseling and more. The goal is to welcome babies born in Chippewa County with a gift bag full of goodies and provide their parents with a parent resource binder, filled with a wealth of parenting and child-care knowledge and resources.

Expectant or new mothers, please contact the council at 635-1655 to register to receive your bag.

## Colon Cancer: preventable, treatable and beatable

It's a fact! Colon cancer kills more people in Chippewa County than in most counties in Michigan. Did you know that colon cancer can be cured when found early?

Join the Chippewa County Health Department's fight against colon cancer. Help us prevent, treat and beat colon cancer. If you're between the ages of 50 and 64, have no insurance, are underinsured or have a family member diagnosed with colon cancer, call today at 635-3578 to talk to us about colon cancer. Screening is easy and free.

Not knowing your health status can be one of the most risky health behaviors there is. Colorectal cancer screening becomes important after the age of 50 for adults with no family risk factors. People who have polyps (often precursors to cancer) or colorectal cancer usually don't have symptoms, especially at first. Many people may have cancer and not know it. Some symptoms include blood in the stool, pain, aches

or cramps in your stomach that happen a lot and you don't know why, a change in bowel habits or unexplained weight loss. However, these often are late signs.

There are several screening tests available. The fecal occult blood test is a fairly simple procedure you can do in the privacy of your own home. The test kits will be provided for you as a "take home" test that you complete and return to Chippewa County Health Department. A \$15 gift card will be awarded on completion of the test. Other testing options, such as a colonoscopy, will also be discussed. Finding and removing a polyp is the best way to prevent colorectal cancer from ever occurring.

Please call Chippewa County Health Department at 635-3578 with any questions. A prescreening questionnaire can be done on the phone and you'll be on your way to preventing, treating and beating colon cancer!

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**I am running for office because I firmly believe the Sault Tribe has a great future. We have the resources, the talent and the determination to create a better community - flush with good jobs, caring services, and a fair government that we can lean-on when things go bad.**

**That's the community our forefathers wanted us to build. Unfortunately, we don't live in that "community" And I believe we lack the leadership to take us there.**

**WE MUST BECOME A DEMOCRACY**

**We can do better, much better than the dysfunctional board that now leads our tribe.**

**Our current 12-member board has turned its own council meetings into war zones. They trade insults and silence members who question their policies and actions. They scream, they yell, and they walk out of meetings. Important tribal business is left undone. Intelligent debate is gone.**

**It's time to change the rules. We must become a Democracy, with separate branches of government. We need a strong Ogema, with the authority to take the tribe in the direction he promised his/her voters. We need a wise council to solve big problems. And, most important, we need an independent judiciary to hold everyone accountable.**

**At a recent council meeting, eight board members tried to change the tribe's official Election Code, three weeks before this year's election. The changes would have made it harder for us to vote and run for office. The proposal was shot down by 200 members who crowded the meeting and stood tall against any erosion of our rights. Those people represent hope and change. I spoke at that meeting.**

**I carry their voices into this election. We, the people of this tribe, are tired of being kicked around by an incompetent board. We are no longer afraid and we want new leaders, people we can trust. People with the character and the intelligence to guide us to that better community our forefathers told us to build.**

**Every second they argue, harms us. Our tribal economy is in a nose dive. Tribal employees are losing their jobs, while vital social services are shrinking.**

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**Two board members were recently arrested. One went to jail. The other, our tribal Police Chief, will soon stand trial for physically assaulting a woman. Both remain seated on the board. We must create a government ethics law and enforce it.**

**WE CAN DO BETTER**

**Our 2008 fiscal budget of about \$28 million is short \$9 to \$12 million. To make the year, the tribe, our elected officials, will sell tribal assets and borrow money. Not a good start to a secure future. Six board seats are up for election this year. Let's put new people in those seats.**

**I need your vote to make these changes.**

**I am qualified to help push the tribe into the future. I served our country as a combat medic, U.S. Army. I hold a Master's degree from Michigan State University. In the early 1970s I was a newspaper reporter. In the 80s I researched needs on Indian reservations and coauthored Indian Nations at Risk for the U.S. Congress. In 1986, I became the tribe's Education Director and helped create our Bahweting School. In the 90s, I served as the tribe's Communication Director and helped open Greektown Casino.**

**I am the decedent of two great men - Fred L. Hatch, Sr., and Fred E. Hatch, Jr. Men who gathered with others and formed the Sugar Island Group and forced the federal government to recognize our tribe as a sovereign Indian nation. I will carry on their work.**

**Vote John Hatch Unit 1**

# Behavioral Health Department gets new play therapy room, Hentkowski earns credentials

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Department now offers the services of a registered play therapist (RPT) and a new play therapy room.

Behavioral Health Supervisor Jennifer Hentkowski earned her RPT certification in December 2007, after six years of play therapy specific course work and supervised play therapy services. She also holds a master's degree in social work.

According to Hentkowski, play therapy is a structured approach to therapy that builds on the communication and learning processes of children. "Often kids don't have the verbal language skills or the abstract thinking to be able to express what is happening in their lives. Through play therapy children can express their feelings and, with a therapist's



Photo by Brenda Austin

Jennifer Hentkowski with sand tray toys.

help, can learn how to develop problem-solving skills and better communication with others, which in turn reduces their frustration level," she said.

The new play therapy room offers kids and their families a safe environment. According to Hentkowski, there are two main approaches to play therapy — directive play therapy and child-centered play therapy. "Directive therapy is where I choose the activity for them to participate in such as using the sand tray or playing one of our many therapeutic games. A child-centered activity is letting them come in and choose whatever activity they want to do. I often use both approaches, I will have a directive activity first in my office and then we go into the play therapy room for the child-centered activity," she said.

The toys in the room are chosen for their therapeutic uses. "Toys are selected, not collected," Hentkowski said. "Different toys represent everything from nurturing, dependency, abandonment and aggression while relaying on the symbolism of play. We also use story telling, which is very culturally appropriate."

Hentkowski said that Bonnie Culfa, Health Division director, advocated for the play therapy room and was very instrumental in finding the space to provide the services.

Play therapy is often used for children 3-12 years, however teens and adults can also benefit from the therapy. According to Hentkowski, play therapy treat-

ment plans are used for conditions or concerns such as grief, separation of a parent, trauma including physical and sexual abuse, anger issues, self-esteem, depression, anxiety and school issues, among others.

"Play therapy is by far the most beneficial, successful and evidence-based practice in working with children," she said. "Everything in the playroom has a purpose. They can explore or role-play; there is Playdough, arts and crafts, sand tray toys, a cash register, puppets, and swords for safe combative play."

Hentkowski added that, as adults, we tend to feel good in our lives when we have some kind of control. "How much control do kids really have? When they come here they get to decide, they are the boss." She said. "There are only three rules they have to follow. The first is that they [the children] can't get hurt, the second is that the therapist can't get hurt, and the third rule is that none of the toys can get hurt. They can do, say and express anything as long as those three rules are followed. Because this gives them a sense of control they leave feeling empowered and good about themselves."

Clients are referred for therapy from many sources, including medical providers, ACFS, the courts, outside agencies and self-referrals.

To make an appointment with the Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Department, call (906) 632-5200 ext. 23380.

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## Some thanks wanted

Dear tribal members,  
My name is Charlie Kenwabikise Ballard (Anishnabe and Sac/Fox). This past year, Michigan tribal members and affiliated non-members received a payment from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, 111 Stat. 2651 (1997) (the Michigan Act).

Back in the 1950s, my grandfather, Joe John, along with Bob Dominic, Sr., members of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association, spearheaded a campaign to get the money out of trust and back to the Michigan Indian descendants.

After all that has been said and done, not one person has stepped forward to say "thank you" for their life-long work.

My mishomis is old and his spirit is weak. Please send him a big miigwech before he departs from this earth to let him know his commitment to his community did not go unrecognized: Joe John, St. Mary's Health & Rehabilitation Ctr., 1050 Four Mile Rd. N.W., Grand Rapids MI 49544.

Walk in Peace,  
Charlie Kenwabikise Ballard  
Oakland, Calif.

we do decide to redo our flag why don't we have a contest open to all members to design a new one.

Tribal elders could decide what needs to be included and the overall size and then see what the tribal members can come up with. This would encourage members to do some study into our history and it would allow members who do not live near the tribe to have some connection.

The final decisions could be voted on by a committee of tribe members or the best of five could be voted on by the whole tribe.

Ginabeth Reder  
Glenview, Ill.



**Siehe Anishinaabe Flagge in Paul Steinkohl's Garten in Berlin.**

## ... from Germany

I like the flag we have. I have it in my garden in Berlin, Germany.

All my German friends like our flag and would not like to

see another. Let's keep the flag we have.

Paul Steinkohl, Jr.  
Berlin, Germany

## Thanks from Alaska

To the Education Department,  
Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship once again. I continue to work on my masters of science degree in geology at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, way up here in the very cold arctic.

Yesterday, it was -42°F!

Prior to Christmas break, I successfully passed my comprehensive exam where I presented my research to my advisory committee and then they interrogated me for over an hour.

Although it was stressful during and prior to that exam, I am fully glad it is in the past and I am now even more confident with my research. With luck and late nights of writing, I believe I will be able to finish my thesis by May of this year and officially graduate this coming summer.

Last summer, I worked as intern for an oil services company out of Anchorage but, after the summer, I realized I much preferred a smaller community rather than a large city environment.

I am currently working as a college intern but will be applying for another state job for the summer more closely related to geology in the near future.

I am also very interested in getting my teaching certificate

and possibly substitute teaching next fall or working with an educational outreach program in rural Alaska.

I am very excited to continue learning after I graduate and am anxious to see what opportunities will arise this summer.

Again, I thank you for all the support you have provided in the past.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Missler  
Fairbanks, Alaska

## ... and Texas

Dear tribal chairperson, board of directors and Education Department staff,  
Thank you for the education incentive award you sent to me for the last semester.

Receiving the incentive award checks have been very helpful to my family and me in providing for our expenses while I pursue my educational goals.

In this effort, I will be graduating with my associate arts degree this spring and transferring to the University of Houston at Clear Lake and into the school of social work, in the fall.

The generosity of my tribe is truly appreciated and will never be taken for granted.

Warmly,  
Teresa Petersen  
Brazoria, Texas

## Thanks for dividend

Thank you so much for the yearly check. It always comes

in handy for those unexpected expenses that pop up.

We elders appreciate the care and respect given to us.

My prayers and good wishes for health and happiness go out to you all.

Thank you,  
Marlene Lawrence Sherman

## Information wanted

I am looking for anyone who may know of an Elizabeth Davenport born July 24, 1873. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Belonga) Davenport. After her mother Elizabeth died, young Elizabeth seemed to have disappeared. She may have been raised by some other family members.

A daughter of John and Julia (Duffina) Davenport, Mildred, was born April 6, 1891. She was married to Oscar Doner, then to Henry Houle of Cheboygan. I am the granddaughter of Harvey Davenport and Hazel Adams of Naubinway and my great grandmother was Julia Duffina. I am looking for information about Julia's parents, Alex and Ursula (Lucier) Duffina.

Lastly, I am looking for anyone who may have a picture of the Jim and Martha Bakers boarding house in Naubinway where the Cove Bar now sits.

Any information would be appreciated.

Karen Frazier  
(906) 477-6294  
Naubinway MI 49762

## Flag suggestions

I agree with tribal member Laura Carson concerning our flag. The idea of a new flag is not a bad one, but we are a woodland tribe and the thunderbird has such an association with the southwestern tribes. If

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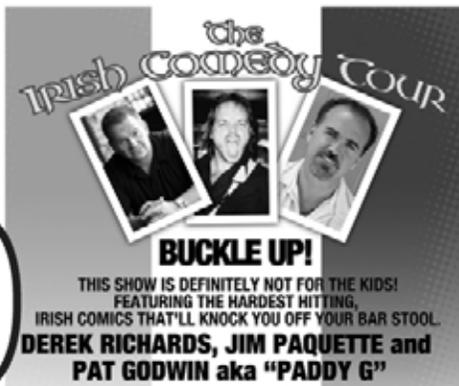
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Feb. 28 John Rathbone & Eric Shantz

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# School green designs rise to help man and planet

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Businesses and consumers have learned that sustainable development or “green technology” results in both environmental protection and economic growth. And with some help from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), college students around the country are also catching the “green wave.” The EPA awarded \$580,000 in grants to 58 university teams to work on sustainable solutions for environmental problems.

Students at Keene State College in New Hampshire will create a “closed energy loop,” where bio-diesel fuel is both manufactured and used within the same community. The fuel is made from waste grease generated within the community and then will be used to power local public fleets. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill team will develop an inexpensive technology that people can use to test for bacteria and viruses in drinking water in the Dominican Republic, Cambodia and South Africa.

Since 2004, the People,

Prosperity and the Planet (P3) sustainability design competition has encouraged university teams to design and develop projects that benefit people by providing healthier home and work environments, promote prosperity by developing local economies and creating small businesses, and protect the planet by conserving resources and minimizing pollution.

“We want to tap the enthusiasm and knowledge of the next generation of scientists, engineers and decision-makers to make the world a better place,” said George Gray, assistant administrator for the Office of Research and Development. “And, we’re succeeding. Past P3 projects have become new commercial ventures. The P3 competition has created several small businesses that are helping promote sustainability in India, South America, Africa and the U.S.”

A former P3 student team member from Oberlin College now owns a center that sells general energy efficiency supplies, converts cars for vegetable oil use and serves as a hub for energy-related educational

initiatives. This unique resource center plans to begin retail sales of ethanol and various bio-diesel blends at the pump and run a bio-diesel production co-op using a bike-powered processor.

The student projects will be demonstrated on the National

Mall in Washington, D.C., on April 20-22 when the 58 new teams will compete for EPA’s P3 awards. The awards are given to the six highest-rated student designs and include additional funding up to \$75,000 for the teams to further develop their designs, test their

projects in the field and move them to the marketplace.

Information on the P3 student teams and projects can be found at [www.epa.gov/ncer/p3/current](http://www.epa.gov/ncer/p3/current).

Applications and general information on the P3 program are at [www.epa.gov/p3](http://www.epa.gov/p3).

## Loons, other birds dying in large numbers from botulism

By RICK SMITH

Biologists say thousands of loons and other birds are dying across a growing area of the Great Lakes in what appears to be another form of unforeseen destruction resulting from invasive species. They believe the birds are contracting Type E botulism through the aquatic food chain, which now includes alien species such as zebra mussels, quagga mussels and round goby.

The botulism occurs naturally on lake bottoms and is ingested by mussels that are eaten by round goby fish. The fish pass on the infection when eaten by birds, which become

paralyzed and usually die within hours of consumption.

The die-off phenomenon was first noticed in the eastern Great Lakes about eight years ago but has spread as far west as Lake Michigan.

Now, experts and officials are worried about the possibility of such avian die-offs spreading to Lake Superior.

Scientists are also concerned about animals that scavenge on the infected carcasses of the birds. In some cases, carcasses of predators such as fox, coyotes and eagles have been found among large patches of the dead and dying birds along shorelines.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) describes the die-offs as an unwelcome annual event and recommends that humans take precautions when encountering sick or dead fish or waterfowl. They say cooking may not neutralize botulism.

In addition, the New York DEC advises hunters and anglers to only harvest fish and waterfowl that act and look healthy.

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# Wait until November to get a new television

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced a revised Energy Star specification for televisions. Effective Nov. 1, 2008, TVs that carry the Energy Star label will be up to 30 percent more efficient than conventional models and will save energy while they are on and when they are off. The new modifications are expected to prevent greenhouse gas emissions while offering consumers the very best in terms of fea-

ture— rich, high-quality TVs. “Energy Star’s new specifications for televisions are turning the channel on energy guzzling sets — making them go the way of rabbit-ears and the black and white TV,” said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson.

After the new specification goes into effect, if all TVs sold in the United States meet the Energy Star requirements, the savings in energy costs will grow to about \$1 billion annu-

ally and greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced by the equivalent of about 1 million cars.

According to recent market research, U.S. shipments of TVs will top 36 million units in 2008. These TVs will typically be larger, in use more hours a day and offer more vibrant pictures and other great features than their predecessors. However, these enhancements can come with a hefty energy price tag.

TVs first earned the Energy

Star label in 1998 and, ever since, TV manufacturers and the EPA have worked together on efficiency improvements. The United States now has more than 275 million TVs in use; they consume over 50 billion kilowatt-hours per year.

Energy Star was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the Energy Star label can be found on more than 50 different kinds of products as well

as new homes and buildings.

Products that have earned the Energy Star designation prevent greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the U.S. government. In 2006 alone, Energy Star helped Americans save about \$14 billion on their energy bills while doing their part to protect our environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 25 million vehicles.

For more information, visit [www.energystar.gov/pdvt](http://www.energystar.gov/pdvt).

## Over \$200 billion needed for nation’s water quality

A new report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates \$202.5 billion is the nationwide capital investment needed to control wastewater pollution for up to a 20-year period, according to an EPA release. Delivered to Congress mid-January, the 2004 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey summarizes the results of the agency’s 14th national survey on the needs of publicly owned wastewater treatment works. According to the EPA, the estimate includes \$134.4 billion for wastewater treatment and collection systems, \$54.8 billion for combined sewer overflow corrections, and \$9 billion for storm water management.

EPA is working with states, tribes, utilities and other partners to reduce the demand on infrastructure through improved asset management, improved technology, water efficiency and watershed-based decision making, and is working with Congress to enact the Administration’s Water Enterprise Bond proposal.

According to the release,

the report provides information to help the nation make informed decisions about pollution control needs necessary to meet the environmental and human health objectives of the Clean Water Act. The figures represent documented wastewater investment needs, but do not account for expected investment and revenues. Wastewater treatment utilities pay for infrastructure using revenue from rates charged to customers and may finance large projects using loans or bonds. State and federal funding programs, such as EPA’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund program, are also available to help communities meet their wastewater pollution control needs.

The needs in this survey represent a \$16.1 billion (8.6 percent) increase (in constant 2004 dollars) over the 2000 report, according to the EPA. The increase in overall national needs is due to a combination of population growth, more protective water quality standards and aging infrastructure. More information on the needs survey is online at [www.epa.gov/cwns](http://www.epa.gov/cwns).

## Remember people with disabilities during inclement weather

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- Keep curb cuts clear of snow and slush.

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excessive use of salt can harm the feet of service animals.

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## Cold weather puts kids winter survival skills to the test

On an extremely cold day with the temperature on the negative side a group of kids and their mentors gathered at the tribe's Culture Camp on Sugar Island to learn, and teach, winter survival skills. Kids built shelters from materials found in the surrounding woods, built a fire, and ate a packed lunch in their shelters. Pink noses and cold toes protested the harsh winter weather.



A shelter one of last year's groups made.



Left to right: Mike Pilcher, Robert Keller, Sawyer VanAlstine, 7, Nick and Zachary, 6, VanAlstine, Max Gruginski and Joselynn Payment, 9.

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Neemin Matrious giving her daughter, Gizheday Matrious, 5, a ride on her back out of the woods.



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# Public school offers Anishinaabemowin

BY RICK SMITH

A Harbor Springs public high school is the first such institution in the state of Michigan to offer Anishinaabemowin — Ojibwe language — as part of its curriculum for graduation credits.

The course came as a result of the school's principal, Susan Jacobs, long seeing the need for Anishinaabemowin instruction as part of the institution's elective curriculum. She worked with knowledgeable members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and acquired help with details in

getting the course started.

Early in 2006, Jacobs and band elder, Ray Kiogima, began discussions on the feasibility of bringing the language classes to the students. At the time, Kiogima had recently co-authored *Odawa Language and Lessons*. Soon, other members of the band were involved in the aiding the vision.

Later in the summer, the band agreed to hire a curriculum designer and an instructor with funding through a three-year federal grant. Course supplies and other expenses were covered by an anonymous

\$15,000 donation to the program.

In the waning days of 2006, Jacobs advised the school's board of education about her concerns and observations regarding the American Indian students, who make up 11 percent of the total enrolled student population at the school. She expressed the need for something such as an Anishinaabemowin course to increase the bonds between the students and the school. Harbor Springs High School has a student body of 359 in grades nine through 12.

Winnay Wemigwase, director of the band's Department of Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation, said it was unusual that the idea originated with the school's principal as a way to help American Indian students to "really feel more a part of what goes on there."

Once the idea was brought forth though, the momentum soon built to begin the course. "Actually, everything fell into place," Wemigwase explained. "There weren't a lot of obstacles. The school's board of education was open to the idea, they were very excited about it."

The course received the first of its students at Harbor Springs High last September with the start of the current academic year.

Wemigwase said the course is not only open to American Indian students, it is open to any and all interested students and members of the community. She added that some of the band's elders go to volunteer and spend hours in the classroom. "It's a real community project," she said.

Harbor Springs is in the northern lower peninsula of Michigan near Petoskey.

# GAO reports on Great Lakes Initiative progress

BY RICK SMITH

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released testimony on the progress of the Great Lakes Initiative before committees of the U.S. House of Representatives concerned with water resources, environment, transportation and infrastructure.

David Maurer, acting director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources and Environment, said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Great Lakes states have made progress with the initiative, but much more needs to be done to meet water quality goals.

Described by the EPA as a comprehensive plan for states to restore the health of the Great Lakes, the initiative was developed and adopted in 1995 and to provide guidance, limitations and water quality standards on

more than 100 toxic chemicals.

Testimony focused on the need for the EPA to develop and approve methods needed to measure 29 pollutants at the



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water quality criteria level of the initiative, the use of permit flexibilities and actions EPA has taken to implement earlier agency recommendations to ensure

full and consistent implementation of the initiative and monitor progress in meeting goals.

Developing methods to determine whether water quality criteria are being met remains a challenge to achieving goals of the initiative. Methods of measuring nine particular pollutants at or below standardized concentrations have been developed and approved for only two of those chemicals — mercury and lindane.

Flexibilities are authorized in the initiative allowing discharges to exceed initiative standards; as a result, the EPA and state officials can't tell the GAO when initiative criteria will be met.

Actions need to be taken by the EPA to help ensure the full and consistent with states in implementation of the initiative and to improve progress in reaching goals.

In conclusion, Maurer pointed out that, even with advances, "Extensive use of permit flexibilities could continue to undercut reductions in pollution levels and the ultimate achievement of the initiative's goals."

# Take tours and get federal info online

BY RICK SMITH

Are the wind, snow and cold starting to get to you? You'd like to visit a nicer climate for a spell, but your tires are tread bare and your cash flow is tighter than strings on a tuned guitar? Is that what's bothering you, bunky?

Well, the good folks at the U.S. General Services Administration offer a solution through their Office of Citizen Services and Communications. They have 54 online virtual tours ready and waiting for you to start your travels to national parks and monuments, see features of the federal government and more at [www.usa.gov/Topics/virtualtours](http://www.usa.gov/Topics/virtualtours). Once there, you could go along on a geology field trip through Death Valley National Park (How's that for a change of climate?) or maybe you'd prefer to gaze upon the Grand Canyon. You can meander around the U.S.

Capitol, check in with the secretive gang at the Central Intelligence Agency, poke around the Kennedy Space Center or visit the International Space Station (in 3-D!).

Of course, the federal government isn't going to put up a Web site solely for your amusement. USA.gov is the official Web portal for the U.S. government and makes it easy for folks to get federal information and services.

As is noted on the Web site, "Whatever you want or need from the U.S. government, it's here on USA.gov. You'll find a rich treasure of online information, services and resources."

Governmental matters regarding American Indians is at [www.usa.gov/government/tribal](http://www.usa.gov/government/tribal) and more at [www.usa.gov/government/tribal/jobs](http://www.usa.gov/government/tribal/jobs).

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**NANCY ANN ALLARD**

Nancy Ann Allard of Sugar Island, Mich., died Jan. 11, 2008, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born Nov. 28, 1940, in Hubbell, Mich.

Nancy was a member of the Sugar Island Lioness Club, Women of the Moose, The American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 3 and St. Mary's Pro Cathedral Church. She was a former first responder with the Sugar Island Ambulance Corps. She loved her Native American heritage and Native crafts that she proudly displayed at various events. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

She was dearly loved by all her many, many relatives and friends. A special thanks to everyone for their continuous support, love and prayers. A special thanks to her adopted mother and her daughter. Nancy loved to chaperone various children's camps, berry picking and was well-known as the "best fish cooker in Michigan!" She was the best mother in the world to her four children and her grandchildren, and was well-known as "Grama Big." We love you and miss you!

She is survived by husband, Michael H. Allard, whom she married Sept. 19, 1959, at St. Dunstan Church in Garden City, Mich.; her son, Michael H. (Karen) Allard II of North Branch, Mich.; three daughters, Linda M. (Dave) Schmalz of Kincheloe, Mich., Theresa A. (Jack) Venz of Fairbank, Iowa, and Lori M. (Richard) Button of Westland, Mich.; two sisters, Virginia Andrews of Columbia, Tenn., and Marion Hasley of Wayne, Mich.; her brother Joseph Gardner of Detroit, Mich.; seven grandchild-

dren, Sarah A. Schmalz, Karl D. Schmalz, Lester W. Venz, Kaylea M. Venz, Christopher A. Button, Amber M. Button and Alexandra G. Allard.

She was predeceased by her parents, Arsen and Julia Gardner, and grandson, Devin M. Button.

Visitation was held Jan. 13-15, 2008, at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building. A funeral mass took place Jan. 15, 2008, at St. Mary's Pro Cathedral Church with Father Sebastion Kavumkal and Brother John Hascall as celebrants.

Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family.



**FRANCES AUDREY HOWE (PERRY)**

Audrey Howe, 70, passed away in the morning at her home in Portage, Mich., on Feb. 2, 2008. She was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on June 14, 1937.

Audrey was known for her love and hard work in her concession wagons (Johnnies). She loved to cook and was always willing to take care of anyone who needed help. She loved coming up north to the casino. She was a member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and was proud of her Indian heritage.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Howe, of 55 years; her four kids, Ricky Howe, Deborah Hamilton and Howard F. Howe, all of

Kalamazoo, Mich., and Loria Page of Mattawan, Mich.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, whom she loved; two brothers, Leonard Perry and family of Ironwood, Mich., and Edward Perry and family of Detroit, Mich.; her aunt, Doris MacArthur of Lake City, Mich., and many niece and nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, Francis Perry of Sugar Island and Lucille Perry (Ruth). Private services and burial will be held at a later date in Kalamazoo.

Memorials may be directed to the cancer charity.



**MARILYN KIELTY-HUNT**

Marilyn Kielty-Hunt of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., died at her home Jan. 17, 2008. She was born Feb. 15, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She was a member of the nurses auxiliary. She enjoyed crafts, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Billy Joe Hunt of Sault Ste. Marie; her son, Tyson Hunt, of Sault Ste. Marie, her daughters, Chevi Hunt of Sault Ste. Marie and Tara (Mark) Adamek of Stockton, Calif.; three sisters, Debbie (Kurt) Thompson of Pollock Pines, Calif., Wendy Malott of West Minster, Calif., and Tami (Woody) Woodworth of Auburn, Calif.; a brother, Toby Malott of Los Angeles, Calif.; her father, Albert Hutton of Sault Ste. Marie; her grandchildren, Derek Michael Koponen and Xavier Hunt; and many close family and friends.

She was predeceased by her mother, Belle Hutton.

Services took place Jan. 24, 2008, at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Sanders officiating.



**MARGARET TERESA MARY COOK**

Margaret Teresa Mary Cook "Muggs," of Gladstone, passed away Jan. 9, 2008, joining the old, old elders and the younger and youngest spirits that preceded her beautiful person on this earth.

Age 80, Muggs was born July 17, 1927, on Duck Island on Sugar Island at Homestead.

She leaves behind her husband of 47 years, Charles Joseph Cook. Margaret and Charles were married June 25, 1960, at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., by the Rev. Verle J. Carson.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; one daughter, Ethel J. Cadreau; three sons, Edward J., Lorne W., all of Sault Ste., Marie, Mich.; and Charles W.J. of Dafter, Mich.; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; grand-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and many cousins and dear friends. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Lois M. Munch of Washington, Mich.; brother-in-law and wife, Robert R. and Joyce A. Cook of Livonia, Mich.; very dear nephew, Brother John Hascall of St. Isaac Jogues Church; special friends of mention, June Gardner, widow of Fred (Moon) Gardner, James and Sharon Payment of Nisula, Mich. and Dorothy Mendoskin (Sebastian) of Sault Ste. Marie.

Margaret was very proud of her accomplishments during her lifetime. She was a respected artist with her Native American black ash basketry inherited from her Native American culture and her elders and being the daughter of Paul and Margarite Joseph, the Joseph's being descendants of the notable Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indian tribe. Her basket art was obtained from her and taken to many parts of the world. Her basketwork was given a place of honor and respect at the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C.

She was extremely proud of attending four full years of night school at the age of 42 to obtain her high school diploma, which she didn't have the opportunity to do while still young. But, most of all, Margaret was most proud and appreciative of being a mother. She had a special place in her heart for the Andrews family, who in fact, were really Josephs.

Margaret was also predeceased by a first husband,

Joseph Gurnoe. Margaret will be sadly missed, a very special individual! Amen.

Muggs was predeceased by her mother and father, Paul and Margarite Joseph; two sisters, Nancy Ann and Elizabeth; one brother, Wilbert at a very young age with pneumonia. She was also pre-deceased by seven children, two daughters, Beverly Ann and Edna Ann; and five sons, Leroy Paul, James John, Brian David, Lorne Earl (adopted grandson) and Robert Paul.

The funeral was arranged jointly by Skradski in Gladstone and Hovie in Sault Ste. Marie. Traditional services were held at the Niigaanaagizhik Building Jan. 11 until the funeral on Jan. 14 with Brother John Hascall and tribal pipe carrier and cultural advisor Cecil Pavlat, a favorite nephew, presiding. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.



**JOHNNIE JOE ST. LOUIS**

Johnnie Joe St. Louis, 53, of Hoquiam passed away Jan. 9, 2008, at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. Johnnie was born Sept. 23, 1954, in Vancouver, to Roger and Gladys (Doust) St. Louis.

He was raised in Aberdeen and graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1972, and was also a graduate of the National Fire Academy. "Louis" had worked at Swanson's, Price Plus and Safeway as a meat cutter. He was a retired firefighter and former chief of the Cosmopolis Fire Department, former City Council member, board member of the Meat Cutter's Union, treasurer of the local Red Cross, member of the Elks and was a manager and coach of Aberdeen Little League.

"Louie" is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Johnnie Joe Jr. and David Michael; three step-children, Walter Fate who is stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., Jodie Fate and Robert Fate of Hoquiam; three brothers, Roger, Stanford "Bud," and Robert St. Louis all of Aberdeen; two sisters, Bonnie Gitchel of Hoquiam, and Lind Meihlhauser of Aberdeen; and grandson, Johnnie St. Louis III.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Gladys St. Louis.

Funeral services took place Jan. 16, 2008, at Whiteside Family Mortuary in Aberdeen.

An online tribute is at [www.whitesidefamilymortuaries.com](http://www.whitesidefamilymortuaries.com). Arrangements were handled by Whiteside Family Mortuary of Aberdeen.

## Calery-Corbiere wedding vows



Kirsten Calery and Justin Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., were married Aug. 25, 2007, at St. Mary's Pro Cathedral by Father Ben Paris of Harvey, Mich. Parents of the couple are

Ronald and Reenie Calery and Rick and Brenda Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ronald Calery. Maid of honor was Jenny Reno of Traverse City, Mich., accompanied by bridesmaids Amy Calery of Sault Ste. Marie, Jennifer Calery of Lansing, Heather Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie, Lynde Jirkovic of Arlington, Va., Kara McPherson of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Amber Chase of Sault Ste. Marie. Best man was Joseph Ballas of Hastings, Mich., accompanied by groomsmen Gordie Corbiere, Aaron Corbiere, Raymond Corbiere, Pete Pratt and Dan Doyle of Sault Ste. Marie and Robert Calery of Belgrade, Mont. Junior groomsman was Blake Barr of Huntington Beach Calif., and ring bearer Douglas Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie. Ushers were Jacques Corbiere and Danny Smith of Sault Ste. Marie.

Emma Killingbeck provided music for the ceremony.

A reception followed at the National Guard Army in Sault Ste. Marie. A wedding trip was taken to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in October. The couple resides in Sault Ste. Marie.

# Births



**AVA JO POVEY**

Robert Povey and Kasey Kuemin announce the arrival of their baby girl, Ava Jo Povey, on Dec. 19, 2007. She weighed eight pounds and was 20.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Kerri and John Kuemin, Lisa Moran and Robert and Valerie Povey. Great-grandparents are John and Mary Kuemin, Carol and Elmo Smith, Bill Sams, Thomas and Christine Moran and Josephine Povey and the late Glen Povey. Great-great-grandparents are Basel and Betty Willis and Marguerite Allen.



Photos courtesy Lisa Moran

**FIVE GENERATIONS** — New baby Ava Jo Povey is welcomed by generations of family. Above, left, baby Ava poses with her great-great-grandmother Marguerite Allen, her great grandfather Thomas Moran (front L-R), her grandmother Lisa Moran and her dad, Robert Povey. Above right, she poses with her great-great-grandmother Betty Willis, her great-grandmother Christine Moran (front L-R), her father Robert and her grandmother Lisa Moran.



Photo courtesy Len Adams

**GRADS** — David M. Adams (above right) graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in law and Native law studies. He graduated from Albion University in 2003, with a degree in business and economics, and then went on to the University of New Mexico to get his law degree in May of 2007. Nick R. Adams graduated from Michigan State on Dec. 8, 2007 with a degree in telecommunications and media. Dave and Nick are the sons of Len and Rosemary Adams from St. Ignace. They are all members of The Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

# Shackleton receives master's degree



**Patricia Shackleton** received a master's of science in administration on May 5, 2007, from Central Michigan University. She was also awarded a certificate of leadership on May 12 from Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations. She attended Loretto and graduated from Sault High School. A Sault Tribe member and former employee, she worked for the tribe as a resource specialist and Mackinac County elder program coordinator.

She serves as executive director of Anishinaabegamig Cultural Learning Center, a 501(c)3 United Way charity she established in 2001 that provides services and programs for at-large tribal people. Her volunteer work helped her define her path after graduation to improve Anishinaabeg health. Shackleton is passionate about her plans to slow down and stop the rise of diabetes in Anishinaabeg communities, which was the topic of her thesis.

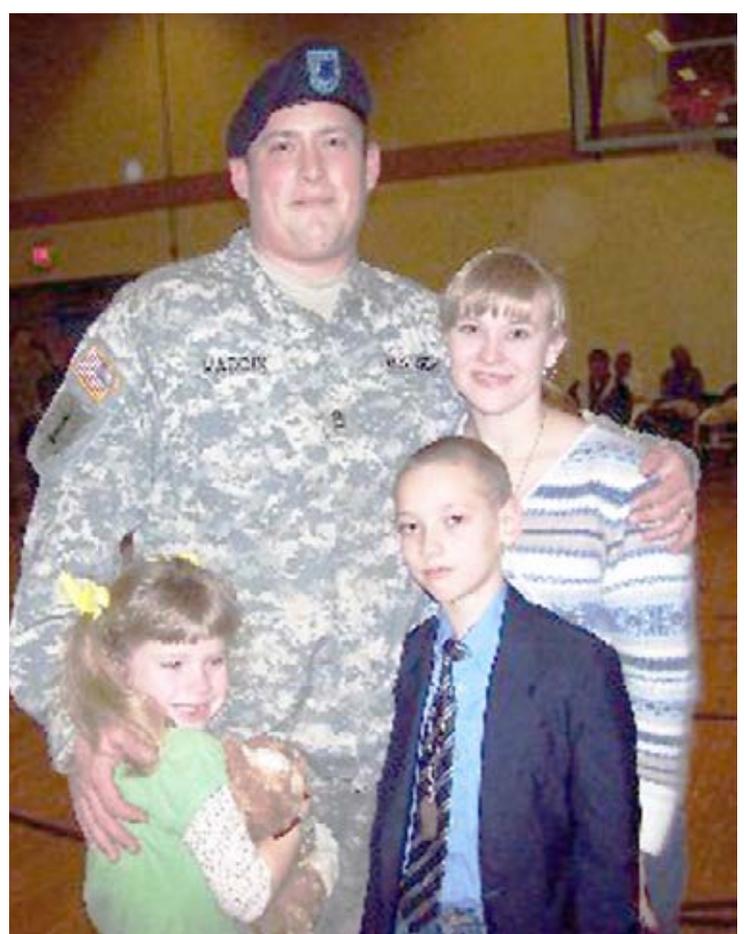
She is the daughter of Evelyn and the late Henry Shackleton of Sault Ste. Marie. She is employed in East Lansing as the financial manager for the Clerical Technical Union of Michigan State University.

# The war continues



Photos by James J. Maddix

**GOODBYE AGAIN** — In 2004, Spec. James J. Maddix Jr. deployed to Iraq with The Army National Guard based in Howell. His family had to say goodbye (pictured above). In January 2008, S.Sgt. James J. Maddix Jr. with the Army National Guard in Wyoming, Mich., said goodbye to his family again (pictured below). This war has cost Jill, James Galeb and Payge a lot. The cost is shared by many families across our country. If you know someone in a similar situation, remember them and say thank you.



# Social Security information just for women

All Americans need to understand at least the basics of the Social Security program. For women, there are reasons it can be especially important. Here's why:

— Women tend to live longer than men, which means they are more likely than men to get Social Security survivors benefits;

— Women will probably have a greater financial need for Social Security retirement benefits, and collect them for a longer period of time since they live longer; and

— Women are more likely to be affected by some Social Security provisions than men, such as changing their surnames

## SOCIAL SECURITY

BY ED DWYER  
SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER  
IN ESCANABA

So, Social Security has two ways for women to conveniently get information about Social Security that directly addresses their needs.

Women will find our special Web page on women's issues helpful. The Web page is titled, "For Women" and can be found at [www.socialsecurity.gov/women](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/women).

On the left side of the page

as working woman, beneficiary, bride, new mother, divorced spouse, caregiver and widow. When you click on any one of these roles, you are taken to Social Security information that would be of interest to you. For example, "new mother" leads you to links on getting a Social Security number for your newborn, benefits for children and more.

On the right side of the webpage is a listing of Social Security programs — retirement, survivors and disability — as well as links to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicare programs. And in the center of the "For Women" Web page are links to such topics as "Don't outlive your retirement savings."

This link is one that many working women will find particularly helpful because it takes them to Social Security's finan-

cial planning website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners). They can use the calculators there to test different retirement ages or different scenarios for future earnings amounts. It also provides some detailed financial information about how marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government jobs and other life or career events can affect Social Security. And, it includes a link to a non-Social Security worksheet that will help visitors decide how much they need to save and invest for a comfortable retirement.

For all this, and other useful Social Security information important to women, visit the "For Women" page at [www.socialsecurity.gov/women](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/women).

In addition, Social Security offers a booklet titled, *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*. This 24-page publication is a handy refer-

ence tool for any woman who needs a basic understanding of how the Social Security retirement, survivors and disability programs work. It also includes information for women on what to keep in mind about the Social Security program if they become widowed or divorced. And it addresses other Social Security issues that a woman may encounter, such as how to change her name, get Social Security numbers for her child(ren), and ensure Social Security coverage if she is self-employed or a household worker.

Free copies of the *What Every Woman Should Know* booklet can be printed by visiting our Web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10127) or it can be ordered by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

## From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

### The Mother Sauces

*Béchamel, Velouté and small sauces*

Way back, there was a famous French guy named Auguste Escoffier who categorized French sauces, starting with what he called the five mother or grande sauces.

These are the basic sauces from which all small or derivative sauces in French cooking are made. They are Béchamel, Velouté, mayonnaise, espagnole and tomato.

There are some who would substitute oil and vinegar for tomato as the fifth grande sauce, so you could say that there are actually six mother sauces.

The first of these, Béchamel, is basically a white sauce made from equal parts fat and flour, and a dairy liquid, either milk or cream. The following is an excellent version and is very versatile.

The first part of this sauce is the roux, which is the fat and flour part.

Ingredients:

4 tbs. butter or lard (butter gives a richer flavor)

4 tbs. white all-purpose flour milk or heavy cream salt

dash of ground nutmeg

Heat the fat in pot over medium heat until it begins to bubble. Add the flour and nutmeg, stir with a whisk or spoon until a smooth paste is formed. This is the roux. Add the milk or cream, a little at a time, while stirring briskly. At first, the mixture will form a very stiff paste. But as you add more liquid, it will thin into a luxuriously smooth and silky sauce. It is done when it is thin enough to drip in sheets from the spoon. Add salt to taste.

This sauce is the basic sauce from which creamed soups, soufflés, creamed vegetables and things like Alfredo sauce are made.

To make an Alfredo sauce, simply take two cups of Béchamel sauce and bring it to a simmer. Reduce the heat slightly so that it no longer boils. Finely grate fresh

Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese into the sauce while stirring. Use about a quarter cup of grated cheese. Stir until the cheese is completely blended into the sauce. Serve with chicken or pork and pasta.

Another popular small sauce that uses Béchamel as its starting point is Mornay sauce. This is just slightly different than Alfredo sauce. But the additional ingredients substantially change the flavor.

Roux

1 1/2 tbs. butter

1 1/2 tbs. flour

3/4 cup milk (heated)

6 tbs. Gruyere cheese, grated

2 tbs. Parmesan cheese,

grated

1/8 tsp nutmeg, grated

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

1/4 tsp salt

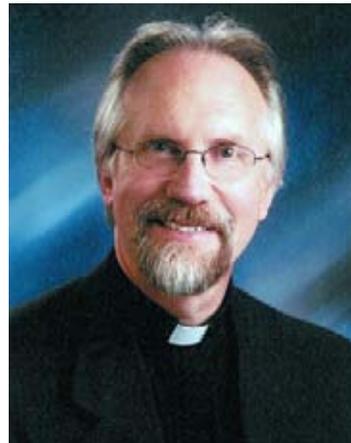
Make this in the same fashion as the above recipe for Alfredo Sauce. First, make the roux, thin with the milk and stir in the other ingredients over low heat until they are thoroughly blended. Serve immediately over steamed or grilled vegetables.

Velouté is made in the same way as is Béchamel. But substitute veal, pork or poultry broth or stock in place of the milk or cream. This is the basis for smooth and silky gravies. You can also use the liquid from cooked beans or split peas to thin the Velouté and add it to split pea or bean soup to hold the bean or pea solids in suspension (keep them from sinking to the bottom of the pot). This is called "binding" the soup. You can even do this with the broth from chili to thicken it for use with rice or on hot dogs.

So you can see how Velouté and Béchamel can make many different small sauces from the mother or grande sauce.

In subsequent editions of *Win Awenen Nisitotung*, we will explore the other mother sauces and some of the small sauces made from them. In the meantime, explore the worlds of Béchamel, and its many variations.

# New pastors appointed to eastern U.P. parishes



**Father Michael Steber**  
St. Peter Cathedral,  
Marquette

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Father Michael Steber of Escanaba will succeed the late Monsignor Louis Cappo as pastor of St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette and St. Mary Mission in Big Bay, according to the Diocese of Marquette.

Msr. Cappo died on Dec. 10 at the age of 87.

Replacing Father Steber as pastor of St. Anne Parish in Escanaba will be Father Francis DeGroot, who currently serves as pastor of Resurrection Parish in Menominee.

The associate pastor of Resurrection Parish, Father Robb Jurkovich, was appointed temporary parochial administrator of that parish, according to the diocese's announcement.

Bishop Alexander K. Sample of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette announced in the release that the appointments will take effect on Feb. 15.

Father Francis Ricca will continue to serve as associate pastor of St. Peter Cathedral.

Father Steber, 53, is a native of Menominee. He was a student at Michigan State University in East Lansing before attending St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and St.



**Father Francis DeGroot**  
St. Anne Parish,  
Escanaba

John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Mich.

Bishop Mark F. Schmitt ordained Father Steber to the priesthood on Sept. 12, 1986, at St. Peter Cathedral, where Father Steber served as associate pastor for nearly four years.

He was then appointed pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Goetzville and Our Lady of the Snows Mission in Hessel, as well as moderator of Sacred Heart Parish in DeTour and St. Florence Mission on Drummond Island.

In 1995, Father Steber became the pastor of St. Rose Parish in Channing and St. Joseph Mission in Foster City. In 1998, he was appointed pastor of St. Anne Parish in Escanaba. He has pursued graduate studies in spiritual direction at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Father Steber currently serves as the liaison to Bishop Sample for the Catholic Charismatic Movement in the diocese and as vicar forane of the St. Joseph and St. Patrick Vicariate, which consists of Delta and Schoolcraft Counties.

Father Francis DeGroot, 54, is a native of Northland. Before deciding to become a priest, he



**Father Robb Jurkovich**  
Resurrection Parish,  
Menominee

worked on his family's dairy, beef cattle and potato farm. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee and attended the seminary at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis.

Bishop Schmitt ordained him a priest on Dec. 17, 1993, at St. Peter Cathedral. Father DeGroot then served as associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Marquette for over two years. In 1996, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Rudyard, St. Mary Mission in Trout Lake and Holy Family Mission in Barbeau.

While in the eastern U.P., he was also involved in prison ministry. In 2003, he became the pastor of Resurrection Parish in Menominee. For much of 2006, he also served as parochial administrator of Holy Spirit Parish in Menominee.

Father DeGroot is currently the vicar forane of the St. John Neumann Vicariate, which covers Menominee County.

He is also an advocate with the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and a member of the Diocesan Catholic School Board. In the past he served as dean of the Sault Ste. Marie Deanery.

# Michigan's Chief Medical Executive Greg Holzman visits Sault Tribe Health Center

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Dr. Greg Holzman, Michigan's chief medical executive visited with health professionals at the tribe's health center in Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 5.

Dr. Holzman presented strategies to reduce and prevent tobacco-related health problems and the impact of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. "We can't have a society that continues to promote tobacco use and makes it difficult for people to quit. We have to make it safe for people who don't choose to smoke; they shouldn't have to choose between their job and breathing secondhand smoke," he said.



**Dr. Greg Holzman, Michigan's chief medical executive made a trip across the EUP.**

According to Holzman, about 21 percent of Michigan

residents are smokers, which he said is consistent with the national average. However, Holzman said it is his understanding that about 47 percent of Sault Tribe members are smokers.

"Michigan has done a fairly decent job on helping decrease the smoking rate among youth, which is down to 17 percent among high school students. However, we have started seeing a larger number of college kids who have started smoking, many who have picked the habit up from spending time in casinos," he said. "If you look at states that are very aggressive in dealing with this issue, such as California, their rates are

down to about 14 percent. New York is another place that has done an extremely good job at reducing their smoking rates."

Holzman stated that Michigan spends about \$1.1 billion a year in Medicaid costs due to smoking, while overall health care costs are at \$3.4 billion. "It is a high cost, not only in lives but also financially. We could make a big difference upon both. It needs to be a community that needs to address this issue. It needs to be brought up with your tribal council to find ways to decrease the high smoking rates among tribal members and also to make it easier for those who are non-smokers.

It is time to stop doing studies and look at solutions. We don't know what works best within the Native American population, but it is time to start

trying some different things and evaluate to see what works best. We need to bring down the rates so Native people can live healthier lives," he said.

Holzman received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine. He is board certified in both family medicine and preventive medicine. In addition, he holds a master's degree in public health. Holzman joined the state of Michigan as chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health in September 2006.

For more information about Holzman's presentations or tobacco cessation, contact Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 635-8844 or the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line at (800) 480-7848.

## Arbor Day Foundation offering free trees to those who join

Now's the time to start thinking about the spring planting season, and the Arbor Day Foundation is offering as an ideal way for everyone to plant trees when the weather warms up.

Every person from Michigan who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees as part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Colorado blue spruces, with their silver blue-green color and attractive conical shape, will give year-round beauty to homes in Michigan," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Michigan's 111 Tree City USA committees. For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Michigan,

and planting these graceful trees will add to this vital tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6 to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 29 or go to [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

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# Charlotte Beach land claim from 1836 Treaty to today's HR 4115: a history

## 1836 Treaty of Washington: 250,000 acres set aside

Treaty of 1836 — Also known as the Treaty of Washington, the agreement set aside treaty-ceded lands — northern lower Michigan and the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula — for our use in perpetuity. In return, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe received cash payments and temporary ownership of about 250,000 acres of land contained in disparate, small reservations located throughout the ceded territory. These reservations were only to last five years, unless extended by the President, which never occurred. Because of the temporary nature of the reservations under the 1836 Treaty, the status of the Ottawa and Chippewa after 1841 was tenuous and uncertain. To address their condition, the United States entered into a second treaty with these same tribes in 1855.

## 1855 Treaty of Detroit: Land set aside of tribes' use

Treaty of 1855 — also known as the Treaty of Detroit, is central to our land claim. The treaty was signed on July 31, 1855, and ratified by the Senate on April 15, 1856. Under the treaty, the U.S. government agreed to withdraw large parcels of land from the public domain to be reserved for the use of our tribe. All of the lands were located within the 1836-treaty ceded lands. The Indians, including our ancestors, were allowed to select land allotments from the withdrawn areas for a 10-year period. After 10 years, all unselected lands were to be restored to the public domain.

The area in Chippewa County now known as Charlotte Beach was among the lands specified in the treaty for the use of our ancestors and were withdrawn from public domain under the Treaty of 1855.

## 1856-1885: Land conveyed in trust to state, then illegally sold

In June 1856, a non-Indian land speculator named Boziel Paul received a patent from the federal government to lands in Charlotte Beach even though those lands had been designated for withdrawal from the public domain for use by our ancestors under the 1855 treaty.

After receiving the patent to the Charlotte Beach lands, Paul visited the property and discovered that Indians were already living there. To avoid conflict, on October 12, 1857, Paul

conveyed the lands to then Michigan Governor Kingsley S. Bingham in trust for the original bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Indians.

The governor, who may or may not have been aware of the 1857 conveyance, failed to pay property taxes on the Charlotte Beach lands, which were then sold in 1884 and 1885 at a tax sale to third parties, who were non-Indians, even though the land belonged to the Bay Mills and Sault Tribes ancestors, who were then living on the land.

In other words, after Paul transferred the land to the governor of Michigan in trust for the benefit of our ancestors, the state failed to maintain ownership of the lands for the tribe's benefit, and improperly lost the lands for non-payment of taxes.

Charlotte Beach homeowners face clouded title, since both Bay Mills and the Sault Tribe claim the land as their own, as do the homeowners.

These 200 homeowners now face uncertain property rights and diminished property values. As Congressmen John Dingell and Bart Stupak and Congresswoman Candice Miller wrote, "...we can assure you that for the property owners and taxpayers in Charlotte Beach, this 'purported' land claim is all too real. Clouding of private property titles as a result of this unresolved claim has resulted in homeowners finding as much as 90 percent of their property's assessed value has been lost. In turn, this has led to a depreciation of the real estate tax base of Chippewa County, resulting in lost revenue and reduced government services."

It is also important to note that both a federal court and a state court have addressed the land claim. Indeed, the federal court confirmed an important element of the Sault Tribe's claim.

## 1998: U.S. District Court acknowledges land claim

In 1998, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan dismissed a quiet title action addressed to the Charlotte Beach claim brought by the Bay Mills Indian Community. The suit was filed against various land owners of the Charlotte Beach tracts and a title company insuring their titles. The District Court ruled that Bay Mills could not prosecute the quiet title action alone because it was not the only tribe that had a claim to the Charlotte Beach properties.

Indeed, the Sault Tribe had the identical claim to the lands. Both the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are modern-day political successors in interest to the Original Bands of Sault Ste.

Marie Indians. Thus, the Sault Tribe was held to be an indispensable party to the lawsuit. The court concluded that in the Sault Tribe's absence, the lawsuit could not proceed, and since the Tribe enjoys sovereign immunity, it could not be forced to participate in the litigation without its consent.

The District Court's decision was affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in a per curiam opinion.

## 2002: Engler offers land to settle claim

In 2002, Governor John Engler reached separate land claim settlements with both tribes. Under the settlements, the tribes agreed to relinquish any and all legal and equitable land claims to the Charlotte Beach lands, and, in return, the governor agreed to select alternative lands in Michigan for the tribes. As the agreement with the governor reads, "the governor, as chief executive officer of the state of Michigan... desires to settle the land claim for the benefit of the state of Michigan and, in particular, the Charlotte Beach landowners..."

## 2007: Congress asked to settle land claim

In a letter of Nov. 14, 2007, to Chairman Rahall and Ranking Member Young, Governor Granholm described the legal situation as follows, "The federal courts have held that both the Bay Mills Tribe and the Sault Tribe trace their ancestry to the two Chippewa bands named in the deed to the disputed Charlotte Beach lands and that both tribes, accordingly, share in any potential claim based on those lands; both tribes are necessary parties in any effort to conclusively resolve those claims." Governor Granholm concluded that "in order to adequately protect the legal interests of the state and its citizens, it is vital for congress to act to approve both of these amended settlement agreements, allowing these claims to be resolved fully and finally."

At about this same time, Bay Mills initiated a lawsuit against the state of Michigan in its Court of Claims, claiming that it was entitled to money damages against the state because of the Governor's failure to keep the Charlotte Beach lands in trust for its benefit, consistent with the Paul deed in the 1880s. In addition, Bay Mills contended that it was entitled to money damages because of the state's action allowing the lands to be forfeited due to the failure to pay taxes on the property.

Although the Bay Mills' lawsuit against the state of

Michigan in state court was rejected, it was not because that court concluded that there was no valid land claim. The Michigan Court of Appeals held that the state was not liable to Bay Mills for money damages primarily because the statute of limitations barred the claim. To conclude that the state is not liable in money damages to Bay Mills is, of course, far different from concluding that Bay Mills had no valid claim to the Charlotte

Beach lands.

In 2007, Governor Jennifer Granholm, amended and endorsed the 2002 agreement stating in her Nov. 14 letter to Chairman Rahall and Ranking Member Young, "I strongly encourage you to support H. R. 4115 provided that it includes the settlement agreement as modified by the enclosed addendum."

H.R. 4115 was introduced to Congress on November 8, 2007.

## HR 4115, from page 1

years in front of Congress for Chairperson Payment, who also gave testimony to resolve the Kewadin Shores Casino land dispute, which is still up for consideration in Congress.

Chairperson Payment began his address by thanking the various state officials in support of the bill and according to his written testimony stated, "This land was taken illegally taken from my ancestors. We have waited for over a century for a resolution. A fair and equitable settlement to our Charlotte Beach land claim is found in this legislation. On behalf of all the members of the Sault Tribe, I respectfully urge the Committee and all member of Congress to approve H.R. 4115 and H.R. 2176."

Chairperson Payment reiterated the significance of such a land claim by stating, "Ninety-seven percent of our members do not live on reservation land and 64 percent of our members live outside our service area. We are a land poor tribe."

The hearing featured the testimony of eight witnesses including Dingell, Stupak and Miller, who all support the land claims settlement. Opponents also testified.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was opposed to the measure that would allow Congress to approve the settlement due to possible conflicts with the Indian Gaming Regularly Act and the state gaming compact. These possible conflicts, which appeared to be of most concern to the BIA, would only come about in the event either tribe sought to operate casino gaming on the new lands. However, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) has a distinct exception that allows casino gaming on lands acquired through a land claims settlement.

The most aggressive opposition came from political agents of MGM and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Opponents called the bills the "most blatant reservation shopping undermining IGRA."

House Resources Committee Chairman Nick Rahall, D-West

Virginia, said that casting the settlement as an expansion of off-reservation gaming "does not have merit." Rahall added, "This is a legitimate land claim settlement. Others have been settled that are similar... This legislation is sponsored by both Granholm and Engler. I have no doubt in the legitimacy of these claims."

As it pertains to the possibility of increased gaming in Michigan, Committee and Michigan Representative Dale Kildee said, "I don't buy the argument that it will be competition and that competition is bad."

The choice of the settlement lands and distance from both tribes' reservations was also referenced by opponents, and quickly rebutted. In 2002, Engler reached a separate land claim settlement with both tribes. Under the settlement, the tribes agreed to relinquish any and all legal and equitable land claims to the Charlotte Beach lands, and, in turn, Engler agreed to select alternative trust lands in Michigan for the tribes. The end result is that the tribes themselves did not select the lands to be negotiated in the settlement. The state identified the areas of Port Huron (Bay Mills) and Romulus (Sault Tribe) to be the alternative lands for settlement. Kildee, who helped draft the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, noted: "Some tribes were so far removed from their ancestral lands, that we did not put a geographical limitation in IGRA on purpose." Since that time, Governor Granholm has also pledged her support in a written letter to Congress.

The House Resources Committee will consider H.R. 4115 again in a hearing set for Feb. 13. The committee may choose to move the bill to the floor at the hearing. The hearing will be Web cast live on the committee's Web site at <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>.

Historically, this age-old dispute has now progressed further to date than ever before. The only way to settle the land claim is through an act of

# Disability is our most pressing challenge

BY MICHAEL J. ASTRUE

I know from personal experience how difficult Social Security's disability process can be. When my father was 52, he suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage caused by a rare form of brain cancer. As I took care of the application for him, it opened my eyes to the complicated rules associated with our disability programs.

Each year, approximately 2.5 million people apply for Social Security disability benefits. On average, one-third of them are approved upon initial application, which takes an average of three months for a decision. But for those who are denied and appeal the decision to the hearing level, it can take a long time to receive a decision — much too long, in my opinion.

Right now, there are more than 750,000 cases waiting for a hearing and the average time

to get a hearing decision is 499 days. Pending hearings have doubled since 2001. In addition, the number of applications for disability benefits has been extraordinarily high throughout the last seven years and we can expect it to be even higher in the coming years.

Social Security's disability programs have grown significantly over the last seven years and will continue to do so at an increasing rate as aging baby boomers reach their most disability-prone years. At the same time, Congress has added new and non-traditional workloads to Social Security's responsibilities. As a result, the agency is struggling to balance those new responsibilities with its core workloads under tight resource constraints.

That's why I've made improving the disability determination process my top prior-

ity. It is our most pressing challenge.

Last year I appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to present an aggressive plan to reduce the backlog and improve the disability process. These new initiatives will eliminate the hearings backlog and prevent it from recurring. Let me give you just a few examples.

The first is the "Quick Disability Determination (QDD)," a process based on a computer model that allows us to screen cases with a high potential for approval. The QDD process has proved highly successful in the Boston region, and the average processing time now is just eight days. On Sept. 5, 2007, the agency issued a final rule extending QDD nationwide. By the end of this month, every state will be processing QDD cases and about 5 percent of all allowances will

be handled through QDD.

The second, "Compassionate Allowances," is a way of quickly identifying medical conditions that invariably qualify under our listings. In these cases, which are often rare diseases unfamiliar to reviewers, allowances will be made as soon as the diagnosis is confirmed. In December 2007, we held the first public hearing on this initiative and will hold three more hearings this year. You can learn more about compassionate allowances at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

In addition, Social Security has opened a National Hearing Center (NHC). The NHC allows the agency to capitalize on new technologies such as electronic disability folders and video teleconferencing and gives needed flexibility to address the country's worst backlogs. We

also are hiring 175 new administrative law judges (ALJs), the largest group of new ALJs ever hired by Social Security in a single year. We expect to start bringing these ALJs on board in the spring.

These are but a few of the many initiatives the agency has underway. When it comes to eliminating disability backlogs, there is no single magic bullet. But with additional staff, enhanced business processes and improved ways of fast-tracking targeted cases, I believe we can improve the disability process and waiting times.

To learn more about Social Security's plan to reduce the hearings backlog and improve service go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/hearingsbacklog.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/hearingsbacklog.pdf).

*Michael J. Astrue is the Commissioner of Social Security*

# Nominations being accepted for LSSU awards

BY DERRICK CHAMBERLAIN, LSSU NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER

The Native American Student Organization (NASO) of Lake Superior State University is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Native American Student Award. This award will be given to a graduating senior at LSSU who has shown remarkable character during their time at LSSU.

Past recipients have included Russell White (2007), Megan Smith (2006), Anglea Ellis (2005) and Jennifer Lehto (2004).

## Border Crossing, from page 1

which began Jan. 31, travelers crossing the U.S. border are now required to provide documents proving their citizenship and identity. Prior to Jan. 31, U.S. and Canadian travelers were often allowed entry by oral declaration of citizenship alone.

U.S. and Canadian citizens 19 and older will be asked to present documentation from a specified list of acceptable documents, which includes tribal membership cards with a photo, when entering the U.S. at land or sea ports. A list of other acceptable documents is available at ports of entry and is also available on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Web site at [www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/home.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/home.xml).

Travelers have the ability to choose from the "single document option," such as using their tribal membership card with a photo, or a passport or passport card, which will be available this spring but can be applied for beginning Feb. 1 at any U.S. Post Office. The other choice is the "two document option," for example, a driver's license and birth certificate.

U.S. and Canadian citizen children 18 and under who don't have a tribal membership card with a photo will need to present a birth certificate issued by a federal, state, provincial,

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer. The nomination packets must include GPA, at least one letter of recommendation explaining why the candidate is an outstanding student, any activities they participate in on or off campus, tribal affiliation (Canadian students may apply); and a brief letter stating goals after graduation. Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed to: LSSU, Attn: Stephanie Sabatine, Director, Native American Center and Campus Diversity, 650 West Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783; phone (906) county or municipal authority.

The final implementation of the travel initiative is expected to take place in June 2009 and will require travelers to present documentation at border crossings showing both citizenship and identity in the form of a passport, passport card that is used for land or sea port crossings only (not for flight), trusted Traveler Program cards, or tribal membership cards with a photo or other acceptable documentation. Those who already have the appropriate identification in response to the Jan. 31 change need not take additional steps to meet the final requirements.

According to Ron Smith, Public Affairs Officer for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Department of Homeland Security is working with several tribes to enhance their documents to make them more secure for border crossings.

He added that many states, including Michigan and some Canadian provinces, are working to implement enhanced driver's licenses, which will contain identification chips, which can be scanned for basic information.

According to the State Department, each day 1.1 million people enter the U.S. for business or pleasure.

635-6664 or fax (906) 635-2848. The deadline for nominations is March 7, 2008.

The Native American Center is looking forward to choosing the recipient for this award and wishes all applicants the best of luck.

In addition to the Outstanding Native American Student Award, nominations

are now being accepted for the Lake Superior State University Distinguished Teacher award. The LSSU Distinguished Teacher award is a teaching award that recognizes and honors individual excellence.

Only current students, faculty, staff and alumni may nominate faculty for this award, with graduating seniors and previous

award selecting an awardee.

Nominations are due March 7, 2008 to the LSSU Provost office, you may contact them at (906) 635-2215, or on the Web at [provost@lssu.edu](mailto:provost@lssu.edu) for further details. Past recipients have included Maryanne Shannon (2007), James Moody (2006), Sherilyn Duesing (2005) and Richard Conboy (2004).

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## Give back to LSSU and your community: volunteer

BY DERRICK CHAMBERLAIN, LSSU NATIVE AMERICAN CTR

Looking for a scholarship? Like to help others and serve your community? Then this unique volunteer opportunity is for you! The Native American Center is looking for student volunteers, especially those in the education field, or in need of service, to be an assistant to the GEARUP Program through the Michigan Service Scholars. The Michigan Service Scholars program is a program that encourages students to volunteer on their college campus and serve the community, while promoting civic engagement and active citizenship.

To be part of the program,

students must complete 300 hours of service (9 to 10 hours a week) on their college campus, which can be completed any time during that year, and all volunteers must PASS a background check.

Laker students under the MSS will be volunteering for the program, gaining early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs. The United States Department of Education started the program to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The goal and mission of GEARUP is to provide early intervention college access programs

for selected students and their parents, to inspire local students to become active in their educational experience, and to be ready for college. LSSU's GEARUP program works with students from Sault Area Middle School, JLK Bahweting and Ojibwe Charter School, from eighth grade to graduation.

If you think that this unique volunteer opportunity has your name on it or if you have any questions, please contact Shawna Mauldin at [smauldin@lssu.edu](mailto:smauldin@lssu.edu), (906) 635-2664, or stop by the Native American Center, located between the President's and Alumni House and the Shouldice Library on the east side of campus.

## Snowsnake Traditions



Photo by Rick Smith

**JKL** Bawheting PSA eighth grader Nathaniel McCall launches a snow snake on a prepared chute behind the school as a part of Bill Morrison's art class. Students made their own snowsnakes, designed to slide along the chutes tracks as far as possible.

## Leask's team wins big



Photo Courtesy the Leask Family

**SOCCKER SCENE** — Sault Tribal member, Logan Leask (middle front row), is a member of the Mount Pleasant, S.C., Soccer Club 97 Girls Academy White Team and they won the Carolina Elite Soccer Association (CESA) Fall Challenge Tournament 2007 U10 Girls Academy White Division. They out scored their opponents 17-1 in four undefeated games while playing in Greenville, S.C. on 17-18 Nov 07.

## Players call Texas hold'em fundraiser a success



Photo by Rick Smith

**POKER FACES** — The Sault Ste. Marie Big Brothers, Big Sisters chapter conducted an inaugural Texas hold 'em tournament at the Elks Lodge on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 26. The tournament was a success in raising \$400 for the child mentoring organization. Nick Oshelski, left, vice chair of the Sault Big Brothers, Big Sisters, said he heard nothing but favorable comments from the players about the tournament with many saying they will bring friends next time. Oshelski speculates player numbers are likely to increase for a tournament tentatively possible in April. Ed Wall, center, took first place in this tournament, beating out 15 other players for the \$200 top prize. John Allison, right, came into second the second place prize of \$100. Two \$50 prizes were also awarded to the nearest contenders. All walked away satisfied knowing it was for a good cause.



Photo by Rick Smith

**ANTE UP** — (From right) Sault Tribe member Russ McCall along with Jim Hunt, Ray Cobb and Jim Johnson get ready to start their first game in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Texas hold 'em tournament at the Elks.

## Civil rights commission elects officers, adopts 2008 schedule

**LANSING** — At its Jan. 28 general meeting in Lansing, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission elected new officers and adopted a 2008 meeting schedule.

Commissioner Kelvin W. Scott was elected to serve as chair of the commission, Commissioner Matthew Wesaw was elected to serve as vice-chair, Commissioner Karen Henry-Stokes was elected to serve as secretary and Commissioner J. Michael Zellely was elected to serve as treasurer. All offices are 1-year

terms effective immediately following the vote.

2008 Meeting Schedule  
 March 31 — Grand Rapids  
 May 19 — Saginaw  
 July 21 — Benton Harbor  
 Oct. 27 — Flint  
 Dec. 15 — Ypsilanti  
 (More specific information, including time and topics of discussion, will be released at a later date.)

For more information on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, call (800) 482-3604 or visit [www.michigan.gov/mdcr](http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr).

## Dale-Burton works with future media professionals



Photo by Suzanne Menard

Win Awenen Nisitotung Editor Jennifer Dale-Burton has fun with JKL Bawheting's middle school language arts class. Dale-Burton was asked by Instructor Suzanne Menard to give a presentation on newspaper writing, layout and printing that the students enjoyed so much they want to participate in future issues of the newspaper.

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# Two weekends of winter fun in St. Ignace

## Kewadin Casino sponsors world-famous stars — the Hanson Brothers

**St. Ignace, MI** – From snowmobile adventure races and ice sculptures to pond hockey and a special appearance by the World-famous stars the Hanson Brothers from the hockey movie, “Slap Shot,” the winter excitement will not stop at the Bayside Ice Festival February 16-24 in St. Ignace, Michigan.

“The next few weeks will bring a flurry of activity to the St. Ignace area with our St. Ignace Bayside Ice Festival,” said Lynne Piippo, executive director of the convention and visitors bureau. “The St. Ignace Area Events Committee planned this weekend to give businesses in our area a boost during the winter months and to give our community some fun family orientated activities.”

The committee is made up of area business owners, community members, and chamber of commerce and convention bureau staff.

The events kick off February 16 with the Bent Ski Classic Snowmobile Adventure Race. Clues, searches, competition and prizes will keep the snowmobilers in high gear. There will be \$3 dog sled rides for kids on Saturday and for the adults, Michigan Snow X Series races at the Kewadin St. Ignace casino.

The weekend highlight is the Frozen Yooper Softball Challenge. This is an unlimited arc softball tournament played Saturday and Sunday downtown



**Kewadin Casinos supports the community in many ways including this \$7,500 sponsorship to the St. Ignace Convention and Visitors Bureau for the St. Ignace Bayside Ice Festival. Above left is Lynne Piippo, Convention and Visitor’s Bureau director, Mark Sposito, Pond Hockey tournament coordinator, and Darcy Chase, St. Ignace casino manager.**

on the ice of Moran Bay on Lake Huron. This gives new meaning to the phrase “sliding into home plate!” The popular tournament is structured for teams split into divisions for men and co-ed. Team entry fee is \$200 which includes a 3-game guarantee, winter Budweiser sportswear, Kewadin Casino Package, and lunch. Budweiser will also provide free taxi service from any St. Ignace bar to area hotel/motels.

Out on the ice of Moran Bay in Lake Huron, live music at the concessions tent will feature C & T Express. Best romp of the day might be the Dog Sled Rides offered to youngsters for

\$3 each with proceeds going to the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable. Kids will also have their own free Ice Bowling Tournament and free hot chocolate all day. St. Ignace LaSalle High School students will see their class competition heat up with ice sculpture judging, ice bowling, tug-o-war and more, to win the ice championship prize of “our-class-only” pizza party. For cheering parents, the Maple Bay Marina Mini 250 Children’s Snowmobile Race will have the kids buzzing - a mini-course on the ice for the junior-size racers! Entry in the children’s snowmobile race is free.

Hockey players and fans of all ages will be in St. Ignace on February 23 & 24, 2008 for the U.P. Pond Hockey Championship. Hockey fans will not want to miss special celebrity guests at the tournament Saturday, the world-famous stars the Hanson Brothers from the hockey movie, “Slap Shot” sponsored by Kewadin Casinos. The duo will be at the concessions tent for fans to get an autographed photo and meet Jeff, Steve and Dave in person!

This concluding event of the St. Ignace Bayside Ice Festival features tournaments on the wild ice of Lake Huron on Moran Bay, downtown St. Ignace. Tournaments are structured 4 on 4 with no goalies, played on 75’ x 150’ rinks with snow bank boards. The tournaments will be split by age into four divisions: Men’s 21 and over, Men’s 30 and over, Men’s 40 and over, Women’s all ages. Team entries are \$300 for each 6 person team. The entry includes: at least 3 games, wooden nickels for beer, casino packages, and Labatt Blue sportswear. Players must be 21 or older to register. Division winners will receive Labatt Blue jerseys and award cups. Festivities this second weekend include a Friday night Pub Crawl for players, heated beer and concessions tent on the ice with live entertainment Saturday by Tricky Dicky and the Spoonsmen and ice bowling

for adults. For more winter fun, snowmobile trail heads and fuel stations are located downtown St. Ignace.

For registration information contact:

- Frozen Yooper Softball Challenge registration information is available online at [www.stignace.com](http://www.stignace.com) or contact Mark Sposito at (906) 643-7482 or [marksposito@yahoo.com](mailto:marksposito@yahoo.com).

- Bent Ski Classic registration information is available online at [www.straitsareasnwmobileclub.com](http://www.straitsareasnwmobileclub.com) or contact Neil Hill at (906) 643-9374.

- U.P. Pond Hockey registration information is available online at [www.stignace.com](http://www.stignace.com) or contact Mark Sposito at (906) 643-7482 or [marksposito@yahoo.com](mailto:marksposito@yahoo.com).

- The Hanson Brothers can be found at [www.hansonbrothers.net](http://www.hansonbrothers.net), the official home of the Hanson Brothers.

St. Ignace area information is available online at [www.stignace.com](http://www.stignace.com) or contact the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau at (800) 338-6660 or (906) 643-6950 or contact the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce at (800) 970-8717 or (906) 643-8717.

Sponsors of the week’s events include Labatt and Kewadin Casinos as well as other area businesses and partners. All events are free and a concessions and beverage tent will be available both weekends.

## Kewadin Casino five year perfect attendance winners



**Congratulations to Kewadin Sault team members who earned a five year perfect attendance award. Winners received flowers, a one night stay for two at any Kewadin hotel, dinner for two at any Kewadin restaurant, show tickets for two and a day off with pay. Janice Frye, food and beverage director (center) presents Jean Opalka with her plaque. Left, Tony Goetz, casino chief operating officer, Melissa Killips, bar manager and far right Ed Schopp, bar supervisor.**



**Three team members from Kewadin’s Dream Catcher’s Restaurant received their five year perfect attendance awards this past January. Winner recipients, left, Ray Rice – dishwasher and prep cook since 1994, Leanne Rice - dishwasher since 1994 and Miranda Menard – lead cook since 1997, along with Doug Hartley, executive chef and Janice Frye, food and beverage director.**

## Ed Thorne is Kewadin’s Shining Star



On Monday January 14, 2008, The Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau presented Edward Thorne, Kewadin Sault Group Travel, with the “shining star” award for December. The “shining star” award was created for area hotels, motels and inns to award their outstanding employees. Among the criteria for the nominations are outstanding guest services, commitment and enthusiasm.

Ed has worked in the Group Sales Department of Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center for 10 years. “If it wasn’t for other team members I would not have received this award,” he said. He added that he looks forward to the future and his position at Kewadin.

Ed lives in Sault Ste. Marie with his partner and their dogs.

## Kewadin recognized by I-500 for support and contributions

**A**t the 40th Annual I-500 driver recognition dinner and awards ceremony held February 2, Kewadin Casinos was honored for their years of support and contributions toward the race. “Kewadin has been the main sponsor for this event going on 15 years and we could not do it without their help,” said Jan Bailey, I-500 coordinator. Pictured here are Alan Bouschor, VP of Marketing and Sales, Steve Sprecker, general manager, Aaron Payment, tribal chairman and Jan Bailey, race coordinator.



## FAITH, CHARITY, COMMUNITY & PROTECTING OUR WOMEN



Aaron A. Payment  
Tribal  
Chairperson

Representing  
All Members  
Everywhere

Welcoming visitors to Bishop Baraga Days in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 29, 2007. Father Baraga had a close relationship with the local Anishinaabe and kept field notes from which an Ojibway dictionary was written and is used to this day as a translation guide.

As is common in Indian families, I was raised as much by my grandmother as my mother. Both strong Indian women, instilled upon me an enduring faith in our Christian and "Indian ways." They taught me that we all have within us the capacity to know the difference between right and wrong. Once we realize this, we must do what is right no matter what. This includes respect for women. This is how I try to live my life and lead. Others who are motivated by self-interest are clearly uncomfortable with this.

In the last several editions of this paper, you have witnessed a "teaming up" to discredit my efforts. Their timing is transparent and despite the worst they have to offer, I can stand with an honest heart and say I have never taken advantage of my role or authority. I have never verbally or in writing threatened anyone's job. I've never assaulted anyone. Not one free casino packet, or show ticket. I have my own personal account for meals. No VIP parking in the fire lane. No special privileges or perks. No top jobs for family members. Less of my family are working now than before I was elected chairperson. When a majority of the board votes to say they are not exploiting their positions, does this make



Presenting a check to the Chippewa Luce Mackinac County 'Walk for Warmth' program. The \$2,000 was raised by Sault Tribe governmental and Kewadin Casino team members through a fund-raiser coordinated by the chairperson's office.



Running across the Mackinac Bridge with my good friend and tribal member Eric Morgan, who works for the Michigan Department of Corrections and coordinates the UP leg of the Torch Run for Special Olympics. Kewadin Casinos is a proud sponsor.



Chairperson Payment personally donating a \$1,000 check to the United Way as a Sault Tribe governmental and Kewadin team member match. This year we sent an all-time high donation of \$20,000, which is \$4,000 higher than the previous year!

it fact? Do they think we are that naïve? If a majority of the board violates tribal law and they vote to say they haven't, or publishes an article to dispute this, are we to believe them? Isn't that kinda like a used car sales man saying "trust me?" The only way you really know is through full disclosure of all tribal board and chairperson expenses since each of have been in office includ-

**\*\* NOTICE \*\***  
**REFERENDUM VOTE**

Vote 'No' on the  
Referendum  
(2008-17)  
that would reaffirm the  
Board's vote to have no  
employees  
report to the  
Chairperson / CEO.

**VOTE NO**

ing how many family members have been hired. I will propose a resolution to release this information.

Some board members have openly suggested Fred Paquin's legal woes were created by me. They suggest I directed the Michigan State Police to investigate the alleged assault including photo evidence of a battered and bruised Indian woman and a "wire tap" confession. It was suggested that I influenced the Michigan Attorney General to prosecute and the local district court judge to issue a protection order to protect the victim. These assertions are either delusional or corrupt.

When I acted administratively to protect the victim's father by moving his department out from under law enforcement, Directors Abramson, Massaway, Eitrem, Causley, Hoffman and — believe it or not — Paquin, acted aggressively to motion to place this department back under law enforcement! Our tribal paper has turned into an adult magazine with elicit stories of adulterous affairs with our chief of police bragging about individuals peeking in his window to witness him with the alleged victim having consensual relations. Director Paquin: Have you no shame? If the victim is telling the truth, then our chief of police has not only victimized her once, but is victimizing her again and again by trying to discredit her claims through his board report. Since when is his sex life a legitimate report to the members in Unit 3?

What is more disturbing than Director Paquin's misuse of his board report to cover up his actions as an employee, is our governing board's treatment of one of their own "good old boys" in a way that affords him certain protections above all other employees. If any other

employee threatened a victim's job and that of her family for talking to the police, the policies would dictate that the individual making the threat would be terminated. Board members claim they are barred from any action at all because of the chief of police's employment contract. By the time you read this report, however, this contract will have expired such that the board will be faced with a decision (hopefully after ponder the difference between right and wrong). They will not be burdened, however, with any fear of liability as the chief of police's employment contract will have lapsed such that the board can make their decision based on documented violations of employment policy like every other employee.

### ELECTION POLL VOTING & QUALIFYING BOUSCHOR TO RUN BOTH FAIL!

Good news. Though the poll voting proposal made the agenda by the board voting to consider it, it was not enacted. Additionally, though some board members pushed to try to qualify Bouschor to run for tribal office even though 70 percent of the members said "NO" in a referendum, with possibly our largest meeting to date on Jan. 15, 2008, those board members supporting this proposal were immobilized by fear of not being re-elected so this proposal also failed. Finally, even though the board once again voted to violate the Constitution with respect to the authority



Proudly dancing alongside tribal youth from Cheboygan with chaperone Tracy Health followed by Tommer Brunning from Rogers City. This powwow marked the first of a successful return to the St. Ignace Powwow thanks to volunteers Darryl Brown, Pat Rickley, Phyliss Colegrove, Clarence Hudak, and many, many others and with great support from Darcy Chase, Kewadin Shores Casino general manager.

of the chairperson as CEO, they assigned a resolution number such that "We the People" can challenge this decision via a referendum vote. As of the writing of this report, over 200 signatures have been collected. Will the Board respect your right of referendum or will they continue to violate the Constitution? I will report the outcome next month.

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



Original Sault Tribe youth group (1976) coordinated by Pearl (Bouley) Marble, along with Sally and Donald MacArthur and several other Mar-Shunk parents. Pictured L-R are Donna Marble, Christina Clow, Francine MacArthur, Mike Moran, Aaron Payment, Carlene MacArthur, Dawn Moran, Maria "Lou Lou" Marble, Joe Payment, and sitting far right with the Mohawk — Walter "Prid" Payment.

## Tribal Town Meetings

Unit 1	LOCATIONS	Day/Time	FEB	MAR
Sault Ste. Marie MI	Kewadin Casino Convention Center	Monday, 6-7:30 pm	25 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
Sugar Island MI	Sugar Island Township Hall	Monday, 6-7:30 pm	11 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Kincheloe MI	Kinross Recreation Center	Monday, 6-7:30 pm	18 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>UNIT 2</b>				
Newberry MI	Newberry Tribal Center	Wednesday, 5-8:30 pm	20 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Naubinway MI	Naubinway Pavilion	Wednesday, 5-8:30 pm	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Hessel MI	Hessel Tribal Center	Wednesday, 5-8:30 pm	13 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>UNIT 3</b>				
St. Ignace MI	Kewadin Shores Casino	Wednesday, 5-8:30 pm	10 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Mackinac Island MI	Mackinac Island Town Hall	<b>COMING IN APRIL</b>		
<b>UNIT 4</b>				
Manistique MI	Manistique Tribal Center	Saturday, 10am-11:30pm	23 <sup>rd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Escanaba MI	Escanaba Tribal/Health Center 3500 Ludington, Suite 210	Saturday, 12:30-2 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>UNIT 5</b>				
Marquette MI	Northern Michigan University Center	Saturday, 3:30-5 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Munising MI	Munising Tribal Center	Saturday, 6-7:30 pm	23 <sup>rd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>AT LARGE</b>				
Detroit MI	Greektown Academy, 1001 Brush St. (corner of Brush & Lafayette)	Thursday, 6-7:30 pm	7 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
Okemos MI	Nokomis Learning Center	Friday, 5-6:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
Grand Rapids MI	Ramada Inn Plaza, 333 28th St. SE	Saturday, 10-11:30 am	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Cheboygan MI	Inverness Township Hall 734 VFW Rd.	Saturday, 4-5:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Mackinac City MI	Mackinac City High, 609 West Central	Saturday, 6:30-8 pm	9 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call toll free at 1-888-94-AARON

### SIGN UP FOR CHAIRPERSON E-MAIL UPDATES!

If you would like to receive regular Email updates from me, please send an e-mail to apayment@saulttribe.net and type **\*\*\*Subscribe\*\*\*** in the subject line. There is no cost and your e-mail will not be shared with anyone without your prior approval.

# Chairperson, board need to work together



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Hello, friends, hang on to your bloomers, it's going to be a scary ride. I know how exciting elections can be but, from the national level down to this election cycle, it's going to be loud and nasty!

We are going through a "he hit me back first" stage, and it can't be over soon enough for me.

Please stop and ask why would everyone be no good except the one who agrees 100 percent with you. The old saying "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" is being put to good

use.

People have called wanting to know why we suspended our chairman for three days — when you tell them it never happened — well, they have it from a good source that we did — so they are "right" until they find out it didn't happen and then they are off on another rumor. How dare we vote to get rid of our chairman — that was never planned and no matter how many ways it was told over and over there is nothing to that rumor — we were called liars.

Whoever likes to keep this nonsense going — let me tell you — you are not doing Aaron any favors. Aaron has a lot on his plate (as does everyone else) he shouldn't have to be made to feel that an "evil board" is out to get him. If anyone feels that we should all agree with what Aaron wants all the time — well, isn't that what happened under the last regime? You agreed or there were repercussions.

We are where we need to be as far as speaking out or differing with anyone. I don't have to agree with Aaron, D.J., Cathy or anyone else on a given subject

— yet I know these are good people and the next item up is just as likely to find us agreeing.

The Constitution is also being used as an attack weapon against board members and people on the Constitution Committee.

Fight your case with your reasoning or point of view — but why attack anyone who disagrees on some of the changes that a group of people proposed.

Twenty-nine people started the process and over time, many dropped out. The comment is often made that the committee should just let it go to the membership and not let the board have any input or decision-making on the proposed Constitution.

That isn't the way the tribe is run. If you don't have any good to say about the board's judgment think how much fun it'll be if you get three more to accuse of being no good.

If only one person should have the say why don't you put that kind of government in place — at least then you would know who does what — and if bad decisions are being made,

you would only have one person to blame and that would save a lot of your energy — but, where would we find this "wunderkind" who would be able to handle all big business and concerns big and little by themselves?

Our tribe has put enough people in charge who came to be a one-man show — please don't put Aaron in that spot just because you don't believe others have values and could be right many times. Aaron and the board both need to know it's a democracy. You don't want a dictator. We just got rid of one.

People that have changed their minds over time on the Constitution — well, that's okay. But, just to please them I am not going to, if I really don't believe it is right as it stands then I'll say so.

Remember the inland treaty mess — \$70,000 to mail it out and the majority of the voters said they didn't care if the original bands kept their treaty rights or not. They differed with me, the Conservation Committee and many others. So it only makes sense that I (and others) want to make sure that once this

Constitution document goes out that it is something we can all live with.

Many people can't believe that other tribal members took our treaty rights away.

I certainly don't want to be part of doing the same to tribal members (taking away their rights and no way to get them back).

Remember, Aaron backed the inland referendum going to the people, so you didn't just let us in the five units down, but Aaron also. You didn't agree with him on a "biggie," so why put down the board when we don't agree with Aaron on something?

Aaron is working — all the board is working — and hopefully it's true, that for a while things will be tight, but we'll bring it around.

Fight nice!

Count your blessings and be a blessing to someone.

Your friend,

Shirl

Unit V Rep.

(906) 387-2101

shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

## Basic human rights



**FRED PAQUIN, DIRECTOR, UNIT III**

I, as well as all of you, know what can happen under the guise of "political retribution." If you are not a "follower" of the chairman and his methods of reaching his personal goals, you may suffer career assassination, undoubtedly be publicly chastised with malicious and erroneous e-mails and communication. I am not here to only speak of myself.

This occurs to many of our team members and other board of directors members on a daily basis. Additionally, the tribe pays for it through our

Communications Department. He has given the power of this director to defame, publicize outrageous lies and even allows him to openly attack board of directors members.

Just recently, the Election Committee and the very core of our membership and team — its volunteers — were vigorously and publicly attacked. This must cease. He (the chairman) has publicly in court stated he is an employee of the tribe. If this is so, you or I know — he would be subject to write ups, suspension without pay and/or

termination.

Since HR and Legal do nothing but pass the buck, so to speak, he continues to destroy anyone he chooses in any manner available to him. His resources are unlimited; they come from your tribal coffers. He takes the limited resources we now have that could be put to use to improve team and membership rights and misuses these funds to terrorize.

Basic human rights should be afforded to us all.

Maybe if you are having any of these types of atrocities hap-

pen to you, you should contact our employee relations specialist. She worked diligently to bring this to the board of directors to stop the insanity. Oh, that's right, she left. Political retribution makes none of us safe. She left when she finally realized our chairman does not want "anyone" to assist and advocate for our team members. The position was just a ruse to only assist whom he chose to save.

Please feel free to call me at (906) 643-8878.

Fred Paquin

## The election committee relies on volunteers



**DENNIS MCKELVIE, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

To Sault Tribe members and team members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our tribal Election Committee, and the handful of volunteers (team members and tribal members) who assisted the Election Committee with the mailing of the 2008 Notice of Election mailing, sent out on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, in spite of confusing

and conflicting messages our team members received in their GroupWise e-mails. The committee and volunteers stuffed, labeled and sealed 19,625 Notice of Election mailings for our membership that day, all done before 3 p.m. to take to the post office. Your efforts just go to show that no matter what adversity and obstacles are thrown in front of us, when we come together the way you did, we can accomplish anything. Chi miigwech to all of you!

I would like to apologize for the confusing and conflicting e-mails sent that day regarding the legality of whether or not the Election Committee could lawfully mail this notice without official board of directors' approval.

The tribal board of directors does not officially authorize this mailing by a resolution. The Election Code is very clear on when this notice shall be mailed to our membership. Since the Election Code is tribal law, the committee would have vio-

lated that law if they had not sent the notice out when they did. All tribal codes and our Constitution and Bylaws are available for viewing on our official Web site should you ever have any questions on the legality of what you are being asked to do.

Historically, the Election Committee, as well as other tribal committees, has relied heavily on your volunteer efforts for assistance with enormous tasks such as election mailings. I certainly hope that these conflicts will not prevent you from future volunteering for the Election Committee as well as any other tribal committee.

At this time, election season, we urge all tribal members and team members to consider the source of the negative propaganda and the motives behind such negativity. If you have any questions about materials that are being distributed related to your tribe or individual board

members and tribal members, I encourage you to contact the board for clarification. I learned through life's experiences that when someone is attacked with no good intent, it usually indi-

cates inadequacies and deficiencies in our own lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis McKelvie

(906) 632-7267

**Editor's note:** According to the tribal Election Code, "Express endorsements or express statements of opposition to a candidate in unit reports or the chairperson's report distributed by the tribe are prohibited. During election cycles, candidates' unit reports distributed by the tribe are limited to 500 words per report."

# Gravelle will force vote on new Constitution



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

After nearly three years of preparation, with a cost of over \$400,000, and countless meetings of the Constitutional Convention Committee, the new Constitution is nearly ready for a vote of the people.

In the first campaign flyer I ever wrote over four years ago, I called for a Constitutional Convention stating that: "Our Constitution is fundamentally flawed and must be amended by you — the members. Our government lacks separation between its judicial, legislative and executive branches placing too much power in the hands

of too few people." As a result of this proposal, we are now nearing a pivotal moment in our history and the only thing that separates a fundamental change for the good is our current board of directors.

Many people are frustrated with our current board of directors and rightly so. It seems to the membership that all we do is fight and that we are not working for the membership. All of these accusations are true, with a dysfunctional board of directors who are constantly squabbling over minor issues while we should be working together for the best interests of the membership. It is time for that to change and change once and for all.

What is the root cause of all of this bickering? I would argue, as I have time and time again, that the root cause of our problems is the very structure of our government, which breeds corruption and creates internal dysfunction. We have a board of directors that must step back for a minute and realize that they must put an end to this by securing a new constitution for the betterment of all of our

people before it is too late. I say that for a reason.

If you do the research on the Internet, you will find that tribes that currently have these dysfunctional constitutions have experienced mass chaos, you will notice that nearly all of them have these same "boilerplate" constitutions sent to them by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and were adopted by these tribes when they first gained federal recognition. Through periods of their development, and their enormous economic growth, the internal problems of these tribes have often been masked and hidden; but all over the country the common theme you find now emerging is — mass chaos. My hope in proposing a new constitution back in 2003 was to spare my people of this chaos by getting a new constitution in place to secure our future.

Well, we are finally here, my friends. Sovereignty means choice and I choose to let my people decide whether they want a new form of government or not. We are never going to provide stability or a working government unless we

address this underlying issue now. I call upon the other members of our board to send the new constitution to our people to let them decide whether or not we should adopt it. The fundamental elements for a more stable government are all found in the new document — separation of powers, checks and balances, a bill of rights, an independent judiciary and broader representation for all of our people.

I realize that the new constitution is not sexy and seems like it is not a major issue to some but nothing could be further from the truth.

The elections are soon coming and whoever is elected or re-elected will not settle the internal disputes of this tribe. The flaws of the present constitution will always be there no matter who is sitting in those board seats. In fact, if we do not act now, my sad prediction is that things may only get worse.

As a sitting board member, one of the few powers I have is to place items on the agenda. I anticipate that the new constitution will finally be reported back to the entire board by

the Constitutional Convention Committee this month. My plan is finish what I started back in 2003 before my term of office is over to trigger a vote by the entire board to send this document to the people for your approval or rejection. Each board member will have to stand and let their vote be counted as I stand ready to make mine be counted to force these board members to take a public stand on this issue. No more lies, deception or stalling is acceptable to me as our people deserve better and I am willing to put everything on the line to force this board to do the right thing. I can only hope that a majority of my people stand to, at a bare minimum, allow our people to make the final decision on whether or not they want a new constitution or not.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: Todd K. Gravelle, Attorney at Law, 713 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. My phone number is: (906) 322-3822, or you can email me at tgravelle@saulttribe.net.

## Winter work, financial and political



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR,**  
UNIT IV

I hope this report finds everyone healthy and enjoying the winter. The board of directors has been doing the housekeeping items related to

the tribe's daily operations. That is budget modifications to keep them within spending limits, resolutions for grant applications, policy review and so forth. We have addressed some items that are not day-to-day, such as a proposal from the Election Committee that was met with criticism mostly related to the timing and some of the proposed content changes. I believe that at this time, any possible changes have been put on hold until after the current election period.

The board is making a serious attempt to control the meetings and is entertaining the idea of a sergeant-at-arms position. This position would help to control the membership in attendance. Self-control and respect are not just things that

we expect from our children, but also our adults.

We are in the process of working on our overall budget to ensure that all areas have adequate funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is no secret that our overall tribal budget is lean. I see us getting through this year with some serious belt tightening and hopefully to begin seeing monies start to flow north from the Greentown Casino in 2009.

Greentown Casino is executing moves that will help the overall operation and financial situation during this time of major expansion, such as the acquisition of an equity partner (Tom Celani) in the amount of 22 percent. As chairperson of the Greentown Management

Board, I can assure you that the current moves have been scrutinized very closely and are being done to make the casino a greater and more secure revenue source for the tribe.

The board of directors cancelled the Feb. 5 board meeting because several directors, as a show of support for the chairman's testimony on the Charlotte Beach land claim, traveled to Washington, D.C., on Feb. 6. The chairman testified to the House Natural Resources Committee. This is a very good example of the political role that the board of directors and the chairman plays in determining the future of the tribe and one that we must become more involved in and better at. We must work

to control our future, be politically active and use our tribal sovereignty in our government-to-government relationship with the U.S. government.

In Unit IV, we are waiting for the company that presently occupies the second half of the Willow Creek building's second floor to vacate the premises so we can begin to use the facility. I check regularly and it will be any day now.

Please bear with us as we begin the election process, as interesting things and dialogues can take place during the course of an election. I have begun my re-election campaign and will begin to ask for your support. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 322-3827 or (906) 644-3334.

## Real problems need tribe's time and energy



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR,**  
UNIT I

I would like to thank the following tribal Election Committee members who work very hard to make sure that we conduct a fair election: Michael McKerchie, Isaac

McKechnie, Lori Jump, Diane Moore, Patricia Allard, Theresa LaPoint, Dee Eggert, Bridget Schopp, Vicki Puidokas, James McKerchie, Carol Pages Montie, Terry Lamoreaux and Deb Crozier. I would also like to offer my sympathy for the abuse that they are about to take on.

Like election years past, once again we will hear unfounded accusations of the "corrupt" Election Committee. Despite being a volunteer committee and the countless hours of their own time spent ensuring a fair and honest election, the tribal members that take on this endeavor will have to endure yet another round of insults, allegations and outright disrespect from our highest officials. Over the next six months every move they make will be

watched and met with skepticism. Their integrity will be questioned on a daily basis and why? The Election Committee can only recommend change. It is the tribal board that must enact it. All actions of the committee are dictated by the Election Code. They have never varied from it and have not given us any reason to believe that they would start with this election.

Admittedly, the timing of some of their more controversial recommendations could have been better. However, it is my understanding that there were previous requests to be placed on the board agenda that were denied by the chairperson. In January, we held a two-day workshop with the Election Committee to spe-

cifically address changes to the Election Code. Though it was scheduled by the tribal chairperson, he refused to attend. During our discussions, it was the Election Committee's opinion that restricting specific tribal members from seeking an elected seat was unconstitutional. Any policy that cannot be fairly applied to all candidates is just bad policy. This was supported by the tribal attorney assigned to work with the Election Committee. As for the poll voting, it was only a recommendation. The Election Committee felt it was the best way to ensure that the tribal member registered was indeed the tribal member voting. Whether it is the best method or an appropriate time to enact it, remains the decision of the

board of directors. To attack the committee for even mentioning it is unfair to say the least. This was not supported by the board. It's time to let it go and move on. We have real problems that need our time and energy.

Directors Causley, Hoffman, Eitrem, Paquin, Chairperson Payment and I just returned from Washington representing the interests of our tribe. We worked together with Bay Mills to resolve the century-old land claim settlement for our tribes. Our legislative director and his team did an exceptional job preparing our tribe for this historic testimony. We appreciate the support of many members of Congress with a special thanks to the following: John Dingell, Bart Stupak, Candace Miller, Dale Kildee and Nick Rahall.

# Greektown equity sale is a positive move



LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR,  
UNIT II

*\*The incumbent elected officials are limited to 500 words per our Election Code, during an election cycle, so this report will be short.*

As I and the board reported for the last few months, we have been working on a negotiated sale of a percentage of equity in our Greektown Casino. At the end of January we reached that negotiation with Mr. Tom Celani. The tribe has entered into a sale with him. He will pay \$77 million for a 22 percent share of ownership interest in Greektown Casino. The board did not enter into this agreement lightly and as the Greektown chairman and board of directors member Tom Miller said, "Mr. Celani is a highly respected business man with significant successful experience in multiple gaming enterprises and other industries."

I know many of you have different thoughts and feelings

about the casino in Greektown. With the many struggles we have had, from the original opening and beyond to the restructuring of the financial covenant, there is a time when we have to come together as leaders and protect the most valuable viable resource that the tribe has secured. The past board members who began the endeavor of the casino in Detroit did so with the vision that it would benefit our tribe to assist us in maintaining and providing more services to our members.

Through the years we have had many struggles but at this point we only have TWO options that is to secure the future of our business with this sale to add financial security and increased management

capabilities. The other option that the board had was to lose everything by a fire sale. Now that we have added the new parking garage, located right off the highway and when the permanent structure and hotel is complete, we will have added an additional \$500 million in the project. The permanent site was required by the city and development agreement. We had no choice but to secure the parking garage and facility expansion. The board of directors is dedicated and committed to the future increased revenue that Greektown has to offer, we are looking forward to increased revenue of up to \$50 million dollars in the year of 2009. I will continue to protect and promote our most valuable

resource that our tribe has.

On Feb. 6, the chairman, directors Eitrem, Paquin, Hoffman, Abramson and I traveled to Washington D.C. to give testimony on our Land Settlement Claim (H.R. 2176) for Charlotte Beach property. This was a much needed action that had taken place and would have made our tribal members very happy (positive work on behalf of the tribe). Our CFO and lobbyists worked very hard at securing the most respected and dignified leaders in the state to support our efforts for the settlement. Bart Stupak, John Dingell, Dale Kildee, Candice Miller and Governor Jennifer Granholm all supported the issue and hearing their testimonials on behalf of our tribe was an honor.



Co-flag men for the 40th annual I-500 Snowmobile Race, Aaron Payment and Tom Bauer pictured track side with the green flag



First-time flag man Tom Bauer gets carried away, venturing out a little too far after dropping the flag and Chairman Payment grabs his arm to hold him back.



As 28 sleds thunder past accelerating to speeds in excess of 110 mph, Payment laughs as he pulls the awe-struck Tommy Bauer out of harm's way.  
— Photos by DJ Malloy

## Sault Tribe Board of directors holds Jan. 15 meeting

KINCHELOE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Jan. 15 in Kincheloe. This meeting was the first regular meeting of the year.

The following resolutions were passed: Waiver to Tribal Court Jurisdiction-Barrington Inc.; Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program; Grant to End Violence Against/Abuse of Women; Older Americans Act Title IV Part A; Approving Sonosky-Chambers Contract; Federal COLA for Head Start Wage Grid Modification; Budget Modification: St. Ignace Clinic, Budget Modification: Legal Assistant for Victims; Budget Modification: Lodge of Bravery; Budget Modification: 2005 COPS TRGP Grant; Budget Modification: Head Start BIA; Budget Modification: Juvenile Officer and Judicial Services; Budget Modification: Health Center Lab; Approving Rules from Appeal Election Committee; and two partial waivers of forgiveness.

The board also reviewed and approved meeting minutes for the following dates: 11-20-2007, 11-27-2007, and 12-17-2007 with one minor edit.

The following resolutions failed: Amending Chapter 10: Election Code (Version 2); Amending Chapter 71: Criminal Code; Submitting the Idea of an Independent Judiciary to Referendum; Eliminating Board's Authority to Create Binding Law by Motion, and Distribution of Proceeds.

The following resolutions

were tabled: Amending Bylaws Elderly Advisory Committee, Interim ACFS Division Director, and Amending Chapter 10: Election Code (Versions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6).

### NEW BUSINESS

Nine motions presented by Unit III Representative Fred Paquin were on the agenda for consideration.

Motion 1 stated, "Nov. 6 organizational chart and the co-executive directors have full authority over all employees, (and) if chairperson has concerns regarding employees, he brings those concerns to the board of directors." This motion was approved as a resolution and assigned resolution number 2008-17.

Motion 2 stated, "CEO and co-executive directors to meet with board bi-monthly — they answer to the board of directors," was approved.

Motion 3 stated, "Special meetings can be called by the board, as long as a memo (with date and time) is presented to the board secretary and is signed by a majority of the board of directors," was denied due to lack of support.

Motion 4 stated, "Any resolution that the chairperson refuses to sign, (the) vice chairman can sign that resolution," was approved.

Motion 5 was a board of director's request for, "A legal opinion on if the CEO is directed by the board of directors, and does not do as directed, what can be done." This motion was referred to the Legal

Department.

Motion 6 stated, "The board of directors needs a board staff member to write and send out media releases, press releases, and media alerts, etc. on behalf of the board of directors to respond to the chairperson's media releases." A provision was added that requests related to this motion would take place during board meetings. Motion 6 with the provision was approved.

Motion 7 stated, "The board of directors needs to consider hiring legal representation for the board of directors," was referred to the Legal Department.

Motion 8 stated, "Chapter 16 is currently in violation of our Constitution, we need to go back to the Constitution for the removal from office," was referred to the Legal Department.

Motion 9 on, "A legal opinion on key personnel, asking what authority does the board of directors have, if the chairperson has total control over key personnel," was referred to the Legal Department.

The board also discussed committee resignations and appointments for the Unit II Hessel Area Elder Committee, Housing Authority and Conservation Committee. The hiring/reclassification of a current tribal health center physician was also proposed and approved.

Legislative summary: All election code revision proposals were tabled and/or voted down

and it appears the 2008 election cycle will be governed by the current Election Code without any revisions. Election Code Revision #2 was the only election code revision motioned for enactment and was voted down by a 7-4 vote. The notice of election is scheduled for release before the end of January.

CFO Victor Matson Jr. updated the membership on the legislative solution to reconcile the Shores Casino land dispute. The tribe is still seeking legislative and legal avenues to fix the issue. Legislatively, the bill proposed to correct the land dispute passed through the House of Representatives and is set to go to the Senate by the end of March. Due to the winter session break for Congress, an approximately month long delay pushed back the timeline to resolve the issue. The legal remedy to resolve the issue is still making its way through the court system. A preliminary injunction awarded to the tribe by the court, has allowed the casino to operate as intended until the lawsuit is over. Greektown Casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller stated if certain financial arrangements are finalized and revenue projections are met, a predicted \$20 million will be available to assist the funding of governmental services in 2009.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors held a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29 in Sault Ste. Marie.

The following resolutions were passed: Sex Offender

Registry

The following resolutions failed: Quarterly Budget Reconciliations (died for lack of support), Distribution of Proceeds (died for lack of support)

The following resolutions were tabled: Sergeant at Arms (Tabled to Feb. 19 workshop and meeting)

New business: Request for Special Meetings and Schedule Meetings with CEO and Co-Executive Directors resolutions were removed from the agenda.

Legislative summary: A resolution pledging the cooperation and endorsement of the efforts of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians regarding a grant-funded pilot program to create a criminal records network relating to the sex offender registry and the Walsh Act was added to the agenda and approved. A request to research the use of 2 percent distributions to assist with the promotion of the Sault Tribe's Veteran's Memorial Wall was proposed. The Feb. 5 regular board meeting was approved for rescheduling. The make-up date for the Feb. 5 meeting is to be announced.

This report is provided by the Sault Tribe Communications Department. Note: Official detailed meeting minutes are tabulated and maintained by the board secretary. For a complete meeting schedule, meeting agenda, draft resolutions and approved resolutions please visit the tribal board section of [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com).

# Anishinaabe Bimaadizwin

*Like the grasses showing tender faces to each other,  
thus should we do,  
for this was the wish of the Grandfathers of the World.  
— Black Elk*

## Culture camp works toward our traditions

ANISHINAABE  
EDINOKIHWAD

Mary Murray Culture Camp  
(Working toward our traditions)

Every thing we do as Anishinaabe is a representation of who we are. The Mary Murray Culture Camp offers many opportunities for our young, as well as our old, to express themselves in a way that is still very closely related to how our ancestors defined themselves.

When you cross the river via the Sugar Islander II, there is a sense of stepping back in time. It is a quiet place, rich in history, wildlife and the whispered voices of our ancestors.

Here at the culture camp, the participants explore a past that is still very much a part of their present as well as their future.

They can gain knowledge of their heritage through hands on events.

Bud, Josh and Laura lend their experiences to the Mary Murray Cultural Camp, originally called the Sugar Island Cultural Camp, which was built in 1996 on what was the original land of the Sault Tribe, as an effort to provide a place of learning in order to help preserve the Anishinaabe cultural arts and traditions. In 1975, Mary Murray donated the land now occupied by the camp to the tribe. In November 2004, the tribal board created resolution number 2004-120 to change the name of the Sugar Island Cultural Camp to the Mary Murray Cultural Camp to honor her many contributions.

Bud and his team do a fan-



tastic job honoring her memory by coordinating at least two to three camps per month.

These dedicated individuals have a vision for the youth of the tribe. Bud has expressed on several occasions that the children are our future. They are the future chairpersons, future board members, future workers, mother, fathers and elders. They should be nurtured, respected

and revered. Bud, Josh and Laura take their positions seriously, but they never forget to have fun.

The Mary Murray Culture Camp activities are packed full of fun and sharing of knowledge.

Winter survival camp is just one example. The youth leave their CD players, mp3s, cell phones and other modern devices behind. They join together to learn how to survive without the modern conveniences they enjoy. They learn how to listen to their environment, to pay attention to the weather, the trees and the animals around them. They watch as volunteers and facilitators teach them how to make a structure out of the items which they gathered from the woods around them. Other

things were passed on such as how to use your common sense, how to have a positive outlook and how not to panic in a survival situation.

It is a great time for everyone involved.

Bud has exciting camps lined up in the coming months including sugar bush. This is a yearly favorite where participants learn to make maple syrup.

We encourage you to give us a call to see what the Mary Murray Culture Camp might have to offer for your children, for our future.

You will find contact information on the side of this page. If you have not participated in one of the camps before, we eagerly encourage you to do so in the months ahead.

## “How do you get a clan, and why is it so important?”

Boozhoo Everyone:

As you all know, the aunties really wanted to talk more about clans in their last article, however, there just wasn't enough space to do so. Clans are very important, not only to the identity of the individual but to the structure of the tribe, as well.

Clans represent many things. Similar to a name, clans lend a sense of who we are as Anishinaabek. For instance, the bear clan is regarded by some as the police of the tribe. They are also known for their abilities in the medicine ways and are often healers. The wolf is a protector, the loon is a spokesperson and orator, and the crane is regarded as our leader clan, just to name a few. Having a clan helps us to find “our place and function” not only

### Ask the Aunties



within our tribal structure but also on a global scale. It brings clarity and refinement to our gifts and abilities and how we can best use them for improving all our relations. Having a relationship or a connection is truly the essence of clanship. This kinship between clans speaks of the very nature of the Anishinaabek philosophy and way of life, that is of intercon-

nectedness and balance between all living things; past, present and future.

Clans are passed down from generation to generation. In addition to the Anishinaabek clans, dodems of other tribes are considered related as well if they have the same designation. Consequently, for example, a union between an Anishinaabe bear clan member and a Seminole bear clan member would be considered incestuous by many traditional community groups.

In our area, it is highly discouraged that you marry into your own clan. The aunties say, “That will only bring you trouble.” Nowadays there are many unions between tribal and non-tribal individuals. In this situation it might be difficult to know the clan of the non-tribal person. However, the aunties tell us that everyone is tribal. We all come from the roots of the same original tree of life. They might be able to seek out their own clan or ask a healer, spiritual leader or elder to seek that on their behalf. There is also the ceremony of adopting

someone into a clan that they could consider.

People of the same clan will recognize their connection and responsibility to fellow clan members. Once, when the aunties were out in Las Vegas (I asked them to tell me what they were doing out there, but they they simply replied, “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”)...so much for the inside scoop. Oh, where was I? Oh, yes...their car broke down. The first truck that stopped was a fellow Native person who just happened to be of the same clan. He gave them all a lift, fed them well, and put them up in his house for a night until their car was repaired.

These values are still very alive and strong in the Anishinaabe culture today.

If you don't already know your clan, you can try asking an older relative. If they don't remember, then you can receive your clan in the same manner that you received a name. The most common nowadays is to bring asemaa (tobacco) to a healer, medicine person or someone you know who has

that gift, and ask that person to find your clan. Regardless of whomever you ask, it should be someone you respect and trust.

If you have any questions about your clan, feel free to call Community Health at the Tribal Health and Human Services Center and set up an appointment with Harlan Downwind. You can also call the Cultural Department at (906) 632-7494 and they will try helping you as well.

Until we speak again, the aunties and I are off to the casino. It must have been the mention of Vegas.

Baamaa Pii Miinwaa  
Kiwaabmin.

*Disclaimer:*

*The opinions and views of the Aunties may not reflect the opinions of this newspaper, the 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.*

a	i	o	
aa	ii	oo	e

Long Vowels:	Short Vowels:
'a' sounds like the u in but.	'aa' sounds like saw.
'i' sounds like the English word bit.	'ii' sounds like knee
	'oo' sounds like hole.
'o' sounds like the 'o' in wolf.	'e' sounds like led.

### Cultural Division Mission Statement

*To be a resource for tribal members, communities, traditional cultural teachings, and knowledge that preserves and perpetuates our Anishinaabe Bimaadizwin.*

## Anishinaabemowin Corner

Mukwa Giizis (Bear Moon)  
The time of the year when the mother bear would kick out her cubs.

*Aaniish ezwebak? (what's the weather like?)*

- Gmiwan It's raining
- Gchi-gmiwan It's raining very hard
- Noodin It's windy
- Gchi-noodin It's very windy
- Gsinaa It's cold
- Aabji-gsinaamgad It's very cold
- Zoogpo It's snowing
- Gchi-zoogpo It's snowing very hard
- Goonkaa There is a lot of snow
- Nchiiwat It is stormy
- Niiskaadat Nasty weather
- Zhooshkwaa It is slippery
- Mno-giizhgat It is a nice day

**ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE,  
TEG CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**  
Would you like to attend the Anishinaabemowin Language Conference March 27 through March 30, 2008, at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie?

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Cultural Division's Ojibwe Language Program has sponsorships available! The number of sponsorships is limited, with elders, language students, and Sault Tribe members receiving priority!

If you are interested, please contact:  
Cultural Division  
Attn: Aagii (Lindel) Clement  
531 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783  
(906) 632-7494  
lclement@saulttribe.net

## Manistique holds weight loss talking circle



On Jan. 15 of this year, the first ever “success with weight loss talking circle” was held in Manistique. The event was designed to celebrate the success of tribal member Patty Teeples’ (speaking above) efforts toward improved health. Reception by the community was exceptional with 20 participants in attendance. Teeples led the discussions which focused on choosing healthier lifestyle habits. Participants had an opportunity to learn from each other, to find

support and all were presented with an incentive of their choice to help jumpstart their efforts to increase activity or more healthfully manage their intake. The event was supported by Sault Tribe’s Healthy Heart Project. As a result of the talking circle event, a support group will be forming to allow for continued sharing and support for those interested.

For more information, call Patty at (906) 341-3362.

## News from ACFS

### Tribal children looking for adoptive homes

The Anishnabek Community and Family Services Binogii Placement Agency currently has several children who need adoptive homes. These children are of all age ranges and may possess special needs. They may be part of a sibling group.

Adoptive families who will be considered for adoption of these children must:

— Be Native American with preference to members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians.

— Reside in Sault Tribe’s seven-county service area: Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta or Marquette counties.

— Be financially secure.

— Be emotionally and mentally healthy.

— Be at an age that would allow them to potentially raise a child to adulthood.

— If married, be married for at least three years or be a

single parent or individual.

— Be willing to accept adoptive placement of an older child or sibling group, and not specifically be interested in newborns or toddlers.

For more information, interested families can call the Binogii Placement Agency’s adoption specialists, Shirley Goudreau at (906) 495-1232 (Kincheloe), Jeanne McHugh at (800) 347-7137 (Manistique).

### ACFS awarded elder abuse prevention grant

Sault Tribe’s Anishnabek Community and Family Services has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to form a Sault Tribe elder abuse justice community collaboration to develop and implement an elder abuse justice community strategic plan. The effort will speed up the completion of a tribal adult protective service code, now in draft form. Besides a law enforcement code and the jurisdiction to conduct investigations, the strategic plan would

establish ongoing networking and coalition and a coordination of elder services.

Activities will begin right away with a training and forum addressing networking and tribal and community resources for elder abuse, training in adult protective service investigations and producing elder abuse awareness public service announcements. A pilot program installing deadbolts on elder’s front doors will also be instituted.

Collaborating in the grant are numerous tribal service departments, including ACFS, Elders, Law Enforcement, Health, Communications, Tribal Court and the Housing Authority.

Regional agencies, such as area courts, health, human services, law enforcement, veterans, and senior citizen organizations, will be invited to participate.

## American Cancer Society offers college scholarships for survivors

The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m., EDT, on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Since 1997, the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date, over 800 scholarships have been awarded to students

in the Great Lakes area.

A limited number of tuition scholarships are available for the coming 2008-2009 school year. Scholarships are available annually, based on financial need, academic performance, community service and leadership qualities.

To qualify, first time applicants must be:

- A cancer survivor age 20 or under (as of April 16, 2008)
- A U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan
- Attending or planning

to attend an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in fall 2008 as a full-time student carrying 12 or more credit hours per semester.

The college scholarship program is made possible by generous donations to the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division.

Those interested may download an application online by visiting [www.cancer.org/](http://www.cancer.org/) scholarships or by calling (800) ACS-2345.

## Time for the job fair circuit again

Submitted by Barb Smutek, HR Recruiter

It is that time of year again. As a recruiter, it is a part of my job to travel to career fairs and represent the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and find qualified applicants for our open positions. During the next few months, I will be traveling around the state of Michigan to different college campuses for the annual spring job fair circuit.

I look forward to this time of year because it gives me a chance to meet with Sault Tribe members around the state and let them know what kind of opportunities we have to offer. Also, I network with other recruiters to bring back employment information to Sault Tribe members who may be interested in other fields we do not offer.

Please review the following calendar and make sure to come to any job fairs near you. I can’t wait to meet you.

March 2008 job fair calendar:

**Michigan Collegiate Job Fair** — Sponsored by the State of Michigan, **March 14**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Burton Manor Banquet Hall, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, Mich.

**2008 Upper Great Lakes**

**Collegiate Job Fair** — Northern Michigan University, **March 19**, 1-4 p.m., Don H. Bottum University Center, NMU Campus, Marquette, Mich.

**Central Michigan University** — College of Health Professions Career Day, **March 26**, 1-4 p.m., Finch Fieldhouse, CMU Campus, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

**Ferris State University** — Allied Health Job Fair, **March 28**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., VFS Building, FSU Campus, Big Rapids, Mich.

There are other local job fairs currently in development for areas such as Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Cheboygan, Newberry and a few other sites.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the job fairs, please feel free to give me a call at (906) 635-4937 or send me an e-mail to:

[bsmutek@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsmutek@saulttribe.net).

**Quick job fair tips:**

- Dress professionally.
- Bring copies of your resume.
- Talk to all of the employers.
- Be ready to interview on the spot.
- Have fun. Collect all the fun items recruiters give away.

### Newberry holds fourth diabetes support group traditional feast



The fourth annual traditional feast of the Newberry Diabetes Support Group was on Jan. 23. Since its inception, the event has allowed participants to share their knowledge of traditional foods and practices. In addition, it is an opportunity to give thanks for the gifts received throughout the year and to plan for a healthier tomorrow. Regular meetings of the support group are on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call (906) 293-8181 for more information.

### Office of Indian Education gets director

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings has named Cathie Carothers director of the Office of Indian Education within the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Carothers earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Education from Northeastern Oklahoma State University. She has been with the U.S.

Department of Education since 1990 and has over 30 years of experience as an educator and manager of national programs for Indian students and adults. Carothers began her federal career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as a teacher of learning disabled students in an off-reservation K-8 boarding school in Oklahoma. Carothers has been serving as Acting Director of the Office of Indian Education since October 2007.

## Avon Foundation funds tribe's breast health program

SAULT STE. MARIE—

The Avon Foundation Breast Care Fund has awarded a \$50,000 one-year grant to Sault Tribe health system to increase awareness of the life-saving benefits of early detection of breast cancer. It is the first year that the program has received Avon Foundation funding to support its work on this important health issue, according to a press release.

The breast health program at Sault Tribe will educate women in the eastern Upper Peninsula and refer them to low-cost or free mammograms and clinical breast exams in their own communities.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the U.S., and the leading single cause of death overall in women between the ages of 40 and 55. In 2007, the American Cancer Society estimated that 5,900 Michigan women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 1,320 lives were lost from the disease.

## “Through With Chew” week starts Feb. 17

Would you like to be through with chew? That's pretty tough considering the high levels of nicotine in chewing tobacco — up to four times as much as cigarettes. The habit is hardly harmless, with users chewing 28 known carcinogens every time they chew tobacco. Of the 30,000 cases of oral cancer every year, 75 percent use tobacco.

The Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishnaabe Program is collaborating with the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition during Through With Chew week Feb. 17-23 to decrease spit tobacco use and to increase awareness of the negative health effects of using this product.

Since 1970, smokeless or spit tobacco has gone from a product used primarily by older men to one used predominantly by young men and boys. In 1970, males 65 and older were almost six times as likely as those ages 18-24 to use spit tobacco regularly. By 1991, young males were 50 percent more likely than the oldest ones to be regular users. This holds especially true for the most popular type of spit tobacco — moist snuff. From 1970-1991, the regular use of moist spit tobacco by 18-24 year old males rose from less than 1 percent to 6.2 percent.

Among all high school seniors who have ever used spit tobacco, almost three-fourths began by the ninth grade. Despite some recent declines in youth spit tobacco use, almost 10 percent of all boys in U.S. high schools — and more than 1 percent of high school girls — use spit tobacco products. “An average size dip of

Nationwide, there is a new diagnosis every three minutes and a death from breast cancer every 14 minutes. While advances have been made in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure, early detection still affords the best opportunity for successful treatment. Sault Tribe's women's health programs help ensure that all women have access to early detection information and options, even poor and medically underserved women.

Since 1993, the Avon Foundation has awarded more than 1,000 grants to community-based breast health programs across the United States, including the tribe. These programs are dedicated to educating underserved women about breast cancer and linking them to early detection screening services.

For more information on tribe's women's health program, contact Janet Labron or Amanda Leonard at (906) 632-5237.

smokeless tobacco contains three to four times the nicotine of one cigarette and some brands deliver more harmful chemicals and more nicotine than others do,” said Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishnaabe Coordinator. “Spit tobacco use is also dangerous because it contains at least 28 known cancer-causing agents. Smokeless is not harmless.”

According to the Center for Disease Control, oral cancer is the sixth leading cancer in men, with 30,000 cases per year. Almost 75 percent of people diagnosed with oral and pharyngeal cancer use tobacco. Oral cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to diagnose, treat and cure.

Sault Tribe Community Health Education is working with Chippewa County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Lake Superior State University nursing students and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Youth Council to coordinate educational events for Through With Chew week.

Beginning on the week of Feb. 17, radio ads produced by tribal youth council students will air on Rock 101. There will be display tables at the Sault Tribe Health Center on Tuesday, Feb. 19 and at Glen's Market in Sault Ste. Marie and Thursday, Feb. 21. On Wednesday, Feb. 20, LSSU nursing students will visit JKL Bahweting School to provide presentations to fifth grade students on the dangers of spit tobacco.

For more information about the dangers of spit tobacco contact Donna Norkoli at Sault Tribe Community Health (906) 635-8844.

## Heart health starts in the kitchen with food choices

Heart health starts in the kitchen with the foods on your shelves or in your refrigerator. If those food choices are going to be healthy ones, it takes some planning and some work at the grocery store to make the best choices.

Here are some ideas to help you increase the fiber, add healthy fats and trim the trans and saturated fats in your food choices. This is just a beginning list, reading the food label is your best way to get information about the foods you are buying. Make a shopping list before you go to the store and include:

Breads, cereals, rice and pasta — This is a great group for low-fat nutrition and high fiber. Think brown as you make your purchases: whole wheat, rye or oatmeal breads, whole grain crackers, corn or whole wheat tortillas, whole grain pasta, wild or brown rice, whole grain hot and cold cereals and barley to add to your soup.

Fruits and vegetables

— Enjoy them fresh, frozen, canned or dried and plan to eat them often throughout the day. Try buying them without added sugar, cream or cheese sauce. When you buy juice, buy 100 percent juice and not juice cocktail or beverage.

Milk, yogurt and cheese — Think about lower fat choices. Milk with one percent milk-fat half-percent milk-fat or fat-free is heart healthy. Cheese and yogurt made from low-fat milk or part-skim milk is going to taste better to your heart.

Protein foods — When buying meats, think lean. Clues on the package are the words “loin,” “round,” “lean” or “extra lean.” Chicken and turkey are nice lean meats, especially if you enjoy them without the skin.

New guidelines about fish remind us to eat it two times per week. Dried beans in soups and chili are especially great ways to get heart healthy protein and wonderful soluble fiber that takes good care of your heart. Enjoy heart healthy nuts by

sprinkling a few on salads or side dishes or by eating a handful, and not a can full!

Sweets and snacks — Look at your favorites and use the label to make the healthiest choices. Here is the group where you want to look closely at the trans and saturated fat content of the food and pick the lowest levels you can.

Fats and oils — Extra-virgin olive oil is a great choice for your heart. Canola and other oils are better than shortening or lard. A soft tub or liquid margarine with zero grams of trans fat is much better for your heart than stick margarine. If you are buying butter, plan to use small amounts at the table.

Beverages — Best choices for heart health are water, sparkling water and tea.

If you have more questions about shopping in a heart healthy way, please contact your local tribal nutritionist.

*From Charla Gordon, nutritionist, Healthy Heart Project*

## Focus the facts on nutrition by focusing on the science of eating

New information about food and diet appears every day. An e-mail about “secret” calories in soft drinks, a friend's personal endorsement of a trendy diet, news reports about conflicting research on red wine . . . What is true? And how do you separate the truth from the fiction when it comes to nutrition information?

The American Dietetic Association (ADA) urges consumers to look beyond the myths of nutrition and focus on the facts. February is National Nutrition Month and the theme is “Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact.”

“It may seem difficult to figure out the most healthful eating plan, and there are many nutrition myths that people follow as the truth,” said registered dietitian and ADA spokesperson Kerry Neville in a recent press release. “It's important to focus on information based on scientific research.”

Sifting through complex food and nutrition research can be complicated. A registered dietitian can translate the science and tailor it into advice that fits an individual consumer's needs.

## Chi Mukwa expands drop-in basketball and volleyball hours for tribal members

Following recent inquiries by tribal members and approval from the Sault Tribe Board of Directors, Chi Mukwa is excited to announce that their drop-in hours for basketball and volleyball have been expanded for Sault Tribe members.

In the past, drop-in basketball and volleyball for tribal members were limited to Sundays from 2:30-4:20 p.m. During the winter season, Saturdays were also available from 2:30-4:20 p.m. With the

“People often hear about new research but they aren't able to get the whole story,” Neville said. “Even if a weight-loss strategy has been proven effective in a research study, it is still important that you investigate before adopting it into your diet.”

Neville said that a registered dietitian can determine whether the research was done using standard scientific methods and can look into the issue further to find related and maybe contradictory research. For example, perhaps one study says a plan is effective and 50 other studies say it is not. “It is important to look at all the cumulative research that exists on a topic,” Neville said.

“Healthful eating is not the same for everyone,” Neville added. “Certain nutritional changes can be helpful for some people, and the same change can be harmful for others depending upon their overall health needs.”

Through National Nutrition Month, established in 1973, the American Dietetic Association promotes healthful eating by providing practical nutrition guidance and focusing attention

on making informed food choices and developing sound physical activity habits. National Nutrition Month also reminds consumers that registered dietitians are their most valuable and credible source of timely, science-based information.

With more than 67,000 members, the American Dietetic Association is the nation's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA serves the public by promoting optimal nutrition, health and well-being. To locate a registered dietitian in your area, visit the American Dietetic Association at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org).

Sault Tribe members are fortunate to have eight registered dietitians working with members in the service area.

In the Munising area, please call Cassie Britton at (906) 387-4721. In the Manistique area, please call Gail Sulander at (906) 341-8469. In the St. Ignace area, please call Gail Stormzand at (906) 643-8689. In the Sault area, please call Julie Trestrail, Kristy Hill, Stacy Storey, Charla Gordon or Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210.

recent expansion of open hours, we are now able to offer free open hours for basketball and volleyball 5-8 a.m. Monday through Friday. These designated times are set aside for drop-in participants. Occasionally, the designated times listed are not available due to large facility events.

In addition, the basketball and volleyball courts will be open to tribal members free of charge for drop-in during open times. The courts are

open Monday through Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., unless the courts are privately rented or scheduled for maintenance. Tribal members are encouraged to call the facility in advance as the hours will vary or change on a daily basis.

The hours will also be posted for tribal member's convenience outside of the courts. Members can contact the facility at (906) 635-7465.

**CLASSES**

**Anishinaabemowin Language Classes**, Jan. 2-Dec. 17, 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.

**Dewege (to drum)**, Jan. 7-Dec. 29, 7-9 p.m. every Monday at the Niigaanagiiizhik building. The Dewegan (drum) is the heartbeat of our people the Anishinaabe. Bud shares teachings on life, songs and the styles of singing. It's a great time for the family to come down and participate by singing, dancing, or just to listen to the Bahweting singers. For more information, call Bud at 632-7494.

**Shawendan Anishinabemowin "Love your language,"** Feb. 16, Sault College and Algoma University College are collaborating to host a one-day forum to recognize our language teachers and to discuss strategies for the retention of our language.

The forum will be held at the Enji Maawnjiding Centre at Sault College.

It consists of workshop groups to discuss issues, such as teaching, learning and how we can locally support each other in our efforts. Our focus is local and, in particular, we would like to take this opportunity to honor the efforts of our language teachers.

Please RSVP and if you have any questions, please call Sarah Crowell, indigenous student advisor, at Algoma University College at (705) 949-2301, ext. 4815.

**Healthy eating on a budget**, Feb. 19 and 21, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street.

Are you wondering if it is possible to feed a family and eat healthfully on a tight food budget? Are you confused about what heart healthful food is when you look at all the food on the shelves in the grocery stores? What questions do you have about preparing meals and snacks in a heart healthful way? Have you ever taken a good look at how advertising influences your food choices?

We will answer these questions in this class; please join us! Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and this new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. Come to any or all classes!

Open to the public.

For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

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

**High Blood Pressure — Food Choices and Medications — Honoring the Gift of Heart Health**, Feb. 19, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W US Highway 2. Call Gail Sulander at 341-9525 for questions.

**Acculturation, Resistance and Revitalization**, Feb. 22, What Was Never Told, lesson four, 9-12 p.m. at the Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace.

Feb. 27, 9-12 p.m. at the culture training center, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Elaine Young at 632-7494.

**What Was Here and What Was Never Told**, lesson five, March 7, 9-12 p.m. at the Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace.

March 12, 9-12 p.m. at the culture training center, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Elaine Young at 632-7494.

**ELDER MEETINGS**

**Feb. 18:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meetings at the Munising Tribal Center (Lincoln School), 4:30 p.m., first Mondays of the month. On the third Mondays of the month, the dinner is at 6 p.m. Entrance at the building is off Munising Ave. (M 28) across from the Legion. Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Feb. 18:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Feb. 22:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the fourth Friday of every month at 11 at Zellars Village Inn in Newberry. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Feb. 27:** Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Locations to be announced. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**March 5:** Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Rd. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**March 6:** Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**March 12:** Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee meets monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**March 13:** The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meets monthly on the second Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Terrace Motor Inn. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**March 14:** Unit III St. Ignace

Elderly Committee meets monthly on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann Building. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**MEETINGS**

**Feb. 19:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, St. Ignace at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**Feb. 27:** Rudyard Area Schools Native American Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Any parent with a Native American child enrolled in Rudyard Area Schools is welcome to attend the next Parent Advisory Committee meeting, 1:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

We will be reviewing the policies and procedures that govern Native American programming and services in our school district.

New participants are always welcome! For more information, please feel free to contact our Title VII Native American coordinator, Julie Barber, at 478-3471 ext. 243 or email at jbarber@eup.k12.mi.us.

**Feb. 27:** Unit III Board of Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. Enji Maawanji' Iding the McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. Please come share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. For questions, please call Lona Stewart at 635-6050.

**March 4:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour is from 5 to 6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**March 5:** Culture Committee meeting at 6 p.m. at the Niigaanaagiiizhik building in Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are held the first Wednesdays of the month. For more information, call Jackie Minton at 322-4975 cell or 495-5165.

**March 13:** Unit V membership meeting at 6 p.m. at the Munising Tribal Center. Meetings are on the second Thursdays of the month. Please use the M-28 entrance of the building. For more information, call Shirley Petosky at 387-2101.

**March 18:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Hessel at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, please call Joanne or Tara at the administration office, 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660, extensions 26337 or 26338.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Until Feb. 25:** Would you like to attend the Anishinaabemowin language conference March 27-30, at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center in

Sault Ste. Marie?

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Cultural Division's Anishinaabemowin program has sponsorships available. The number of sponsorships is limited with tribal elders, language students and tribal members receiving priority. It is also based on a first come basis and space is limited.

If you do not meet the qualifications for sponsorship, but wish to attend the conference, please visit the Web site at [www.anishinaabemowinteg.org](http://www.anishinaabemowinteg.org) for more information.

If you have any questions, please call Aagii (Lindell) Clement, administrative assistant for the Cultural Division, at 632-7494 or email: [lclement@saulttribe.net](mailto:lclement@saulttribe.net).

**Feb. 16:** Parents, be ready to have some fun with your little ones, and remember to bring them in their PJs!

The EUP Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition is sponsoring a Saturday morning pajama party downstairs at the Pickford Town Hall from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The party is free.

Activities are geared towards kids 18 months to 5 years, including songs, stories, silly fun and a snack.

For more information, please contact Mary O'Connor at 647-6767 or Melanie Greenfield at 647-2556.

**Feb. 18:** Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies 12th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference.

This annual Indian Education conference has been designed for educators (principals, counselors, teachers and school system staff) who work on a regular basis with American Indian students and families.

Keynote speaker is D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas.

This conference is free of charge.

For more information, call the Center for Native American Studies at 227-1397, see [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans).

**Feb. 23:** Dance Party Totzone, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Bring your little one dressed like rock stars or disco queens. Bring their drums, guitars, or any other musical instruments. Enjoy nursery rhymes and dancing with the staff.

Totzones are designed for children five and under and require adult supervision. We encourage everyone to bring strollers, push toys, ride-on toys, walkers and trikes. In addition, disco lights, children's music and special activities are planned for each Totzone date.

There is a \$3 fee per child to participate. For more information, call 635-RINK.

**March 8:** Sports Pals Totzone, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Dress your little ones like athletes or cheerleaders. Bring their favorite ball. Play some basketball, soccer, hockey, or football with local stars. There is a \$3 fee per child to participate. For more information, call 635-RINK.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Feb. 21:** Dan Donarski, author, will talk about fly fishing in the Nick Adams Stories, 6:30 p.m. at Bayliss Public Library, 541 Library Drive, Sault Ste. Marie.

Free to the public.

Call 632-9331 for more information.

This Ernest Hemingway event is part of the Great Michigan Read presented by the Michigan Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**March 15:** Bret Michaels/Firehouse performing at the Dreammakers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**March 15-16:** 16th annual "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow at the Vandament Arena on the Northern Michigan University (NMU) campus, Marquette, Mich.

For more information, phone 227-1397, fax 227-1396, e-mail [nasa@nmu.edu](mailto:nasa@nmu.edu) or visit [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans). The powwow is sponsored by the NMU Native American Student Association.

**March 20:** Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sault Tribal Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie.

To volunteer for Anishnabek Community and Family Services fundraising activities or for more details call 632-5250.

Mission: To lead fundraising activities to enhance ACFS relations and to sponsor youth and family community events.

**April 22-23:** Indigenous Earth Day Summit 2008 at Northern Michigan University, University Center, Great Lakes Rooms.

The summit will be a part of the global, dynamic movement working to protect the earth.

The overall goal of the summit is to provide participants with the opportunity for intercultural sharing with indigenous peoples from the Americas and Australia and will function as a call to action in addressing environmental issues from an international, multi cultural approach.

This conference is free of charge.

For more information, contact the Center for Native American Studies at 227-1397 or visit [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans).

**May 8-10:** Sault Tribe arts and crafts sales on the second Thursdays-Saturdays of the months, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Bawating Art Gallery at Kewadin Casinos.

Artists requesting table reservations can do so by contacting the artisan advocate, Sharon Downs, at 632-8368.

Artists and crafters must be a Sault Tribe members to use the space for exhibits and sales.

**May 15-18:** Spring womens wellness gathering, May 15, 6 p.m. to May 18, 12 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp, 266 Homestead Road, Sugar Island. For more information or to sign up, call 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

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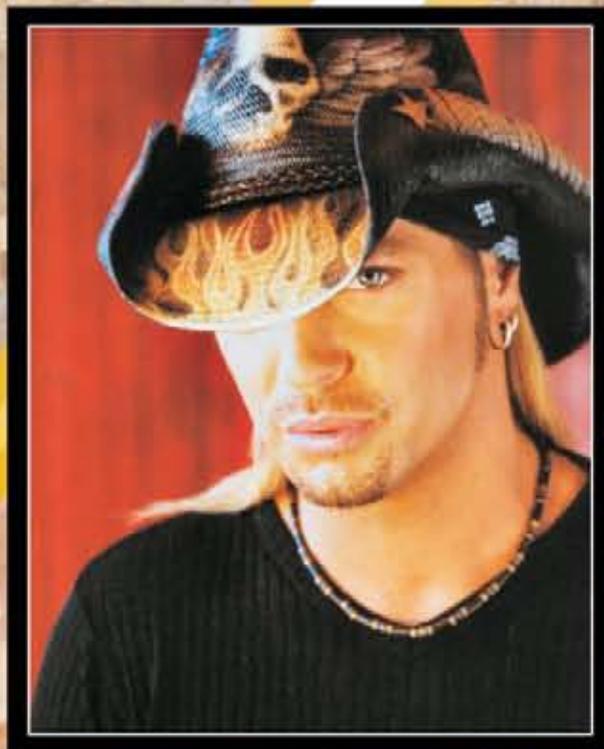


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