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Shores casino bill moves through Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Chairperson Aaron Payment provided testimony on May 15 before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to show cause as to why the committee should move bill HR 2120 to the Senate floor for a final vote and immediate approval.

HR 2120 requests that the U.S. government proclaim tribal land in St. Ignace as reservation land for the purpose of meeting conditions set forth by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), thus allowing for the continued operation of the tribe's new \$41 million casino. HR 2120 is sponsored by Congressman Bart Stupak



Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment testifies to the U.S. Senate in regards to HR 2120 to give St. Ignace trust land reservation status.

(D-Menominee) and was first introduced in the House of Representatives in May 2007. The bill was passed in the House of Representatives by

unanimous consent last July and forwarded to the Senate. The bill was then referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. Payment opened his tes-

timony saying, "This bill is important to my tribe because, as I see it, it is simply an effort to correct a failure of the federal government to properly exercise its trust responsibility to my tribe. Importantly, the federal district court in Michigan agrees with us and has enjoined the United States from enforcing its decision that the land in question is not a reservation under federal law... Equally as significant, the Department of the Interior has testified in support of this legislation."

H.R. 2120 addresses a specific 65-acre piece of land the tribe purchased in St. Ignace, Mich. The United States took

this land into trust in 1983 but never officially proclaimed it a reservation.

Given the age, appearance and limitations of the tribe's original St. Ignace casino, which was built in 1986, the tribe decided to build a new Kewadin Shores Casino on an adjacent lot next to the old facility.

"A provision in the IGRA states that land(s) taken into trust after Oct. 17, 1988, are eligible for gaming if 'such lands are located within or contiguous to the boundaries of the reservation of the Indian tribe,'" Payment quoted.

See "Congress Mulls..." Page 3

Primary winners advance to June 26 election

The four-candidate pool for tribal chairperson was reduced to two following the conclusion

CHAIRPERSON – The top two compete for one seat.

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|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Aaron A. Payment * | 3,322 |
| 2. Darwin (Joe) J. McCoy | 2,294 |
| 3. Dennis W. McKelvie | 755 |
| 4. James W. Causley | 299 |

UNIT I – The top six compete for three seats.

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|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. Bernard A. Bouschor | 1,388 |
| 2. Cathy M. Abramson * | 1,329 |
| 3. Nathan J. Wright | 1,051 |
| 4. Joseph V. Eitrem * | 921 |
| 5. Todd K. Gravelle * | 908 |
| 6. Luella M. Brown | 742 |
| 7. John F. Kibble | 539 |
| 8. Wayne J. Goetz | 529 |
| 9. Bernard (Bud) A. Biron | 521 |
| 10. Betty F. Freiheit | 404 |
| 11. Lona B. Stewart | 321 |
| 12. Amy Sabatine-Kerckaert | 273 |
| 13. John W. Biron | 237 |

UNIT II – The top two compete for one seat.

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| 1. Lana E. Causley * | 409 |
| 2. Robert R. Horn | 262 |
| 3. Catherine Hollowell | 202 |

UNIT III – The top two compete for one seat.

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Patrick D. Rickley | 490 |
| 2. Frederick J. Paquin * | 360 |
| 3. Robert J. Lambert | 357 |
| 4. Leonard V. Adams | 158 |
| 5. James M. DeKeyser | 57 |

UNIT IV – Unopposed winner

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| 1. Thomas G. Miller ** |
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* Indicates incumbent candidate

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

Contact Joanne Carr or Mike McKerchie at (906) 635-6050 with election questions.

of the Sault Tribe's primary election. The list of 22 candidates campaigning for a seat as a unit director was also reduced by half.

The primary election was required to reduce the candidate pool to twice the number of seats up for election. Sault Tribe members will get a voting choice of two candidates per open seat during the general election. The top six candidates collecting the most votes in the Unit I primary advanced to the general election. The top two candidates garnering the most primary votes in Units II and III also advanced to the general election. The Unit IV seat was excluded from the primary election because incumbent candidate Tom Miller ran unopposed and according to the election code is now deemed elected. There are no seats up for election this year in Unit V. This election cycle also marks the year that the office of tribal chairperson is up for election.

For the general election, all tribal members registered to vote may choose one candidate for chairperson. Unit I voters may choose three candidates

for a board seat, while voters from Units II and III may each choose one. Winners of the primary election will appear on the general election ballot which is scheduled for distribution on June 5. The general election date is set for June 26.

The Sault Tribe's seven-county service area, which includes Chippewa, Mackinac,

Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta and Marquette counties are divided into five units.

Each unit is represented by an established number of elected tribal members who serves on the board of directors. The 13-member board of directors is the governing body of the Sault Tribe. Each board member is elected to a four-year term by

the tribal membership in a general election by a mail-in ballot.

Results become official if no action is taken in seven days following the election, which in this election was May 29. Per the election code, candidates have three days after the uncertified results are posted by the Election Committee to contest the results or request a recount.

Greektown Casino seeks to reorganize finances

Business as usual at casino during Chapter 11 protection

DETROIT — Greektown Casino has voluntarily asked a federal court for approval to reorganize its finances and continue normal business operations under the protection of Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians recently announced.

The casino is also finalizing \$150 million in additional financing for operations and to complete the construction of its new 400-room hotel and gaming floor expansion.

"As we reorganize our business and complete our permanent casino construction with additional financing, the goal is a bigger and more viable

Greektown Casino," said casino Management Board Chairman Tom Miller, who is also a member of the Sault Tribe Board of Directors. "As we work through the reorganization process, the casino will continue to operate normally for all guests, player's club members, employees, vendors, suppliers and contractors."

The company noted that Chapter 11 protection allows a company to reorganize its financial structure under the supervision of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Many companies have sought to reorganize successfully under Chapter 11 including Delta Airlines, Macy's, Dow Corning, casino operator Tropicana Entertainment, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, Federal Mogul, and many more.

"Entering Chapter 11 reorganization, Greektown Casino is a healthy, profitable business,"

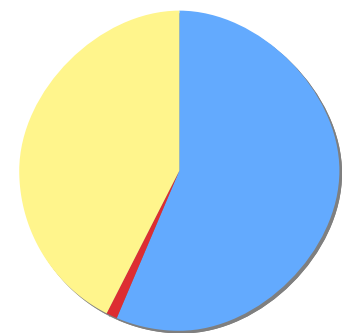
said Van E. Conway of Conway MacKenzie & Dunleavy, a financial consulting firm working on Greektown Casino's reorganization. "Greektown Casino is finalizing debtor-in-possession financing that enables the company to complete its permanent casino and hotel, pay all obligations, and continue normal business operations during the entire process. This is really a great day for Greektown Casino because it's a new beginning."

Miller thanked the casino's banks for affirming their confidence in the casino.

"With the support and confidence of our creditors, we have developed a plan to reorganize our business, and we will be implementing these action steps," Miller said. "Many other companies have followed the path of Chapter 11 reorganiza-

See "Greektown status," pg. 28

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WASHINGTON
— Legislation that would settle a more than century-old illegal land taking from Sault Tribe ancestors may be voted on by the full U.S. House of Representatives as early as mid-June.

The Sault Tribe is asking tribal members who live anywhere in the United States to contact their local U.S. Representative and urge them to fight for passage of H.R. 4115 to settle the Charlotte Beach land claim. It's extremely important that members of Congress from outside Michigan hear from their constituents about this issue.

Ads will be appearing in Upper Peninsula and downriver Detroit newspapers to urge tribal members and residents to take action. Tribal members will also be receiving a postcard with contact information for their local member of Congress and an e-mail from the Sault Tribe.

Supporters of H.R. 4115 include Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm, former Republican Michigan Gov. John Engler, and powerful Democratic and Republican members of Congress. U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, is working hard for passage of the

measure, which is sponsored by U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Dearborn. U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, co-chairman of the Congressional Native American Caucus, also supports the legislation.

About H.R. 4115

In the mid-1800s, lands along the St. Marys River were taken illegally from ancestors of the Sault Tribe and Bay Mills Indian Community. The illegal taking occurred in an area known today as Charlotte Beach. H.R. 4115 would resolve the Sault Tribe's claim. The legislation would create new trust lands and allow the tribe to open a new Indian casino outside Detroit or in Flint, generating 3,000 good jobs for Michigan and revenues for Sault Tribe member programs and services.

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Please telephone and write your member of Congress today. To locate your member of Congress, visit <http://goodjobsformichigan.com/takeaction.html>.

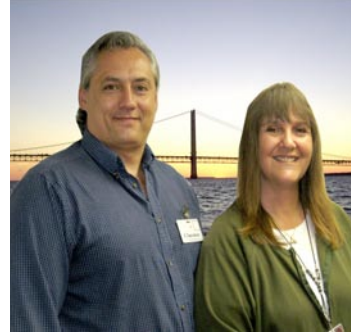
Respectfully tell them: "Representative, please fight for passage of H.R. 4115 — to settle the Sault Tribe's Charlotte Beach land claim and to create 3,000 good jobs for Michigan."

Tribal members look for information

Subsistence fishing

Q: Do I have to live in the seven-county service area to apply for a subsistence netting permit?

A: There is no residency requirement for this permit. Any member of Sault Tribe is eligible to apply but there are rules and regulations that must be followed and permits can only be used in the area of the Great Lakes that was ceded in the Treaty of 1836. Tribal Code Chapter 20 explains how the permits may be used and all



MEMBERSHIP Q&A

questions regarding the permits should be directed to the Law

Enforcement/Conservation Department at 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-6065.

Blood Quantum

Q: Who do I contact to learn the amount of my Indian blood quantum?

A: Contact the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department to receive verification of blood quantum. The office is located at 2428 Shunk Road, P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The toll-free number is (800) 251-6597.



Photo by Brenda Austin

A display battle tank of more recent vintage was moved from LSSU and placed near the downtown Soo Theater to draw attention to a musical revue of the World War II era performed there on June 1.

On the cover —

The strawberry basket is of traditional Anishinaabeg design and materials, black ash and sweetgrass. It's ceremonial use is related to the human heart because strawberries are somewhat the shape and color of hearts and because of their medicinal value. The "heart berry" was used in naming ceremonies. A small strawberry

basket was placed at gravesites for the spirits in their new place.

The basket pictured on the cover is of unknown age and origin and was passed down to Jennifer Dale-Burton from her grandpa's attic. The materials are sweetgrass and black ash colored with old-time dyes.

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Mackinac Straits breaks ground for new hospital

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

On May 28 a large crowd gathered at the site of the future home of the new Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, Mich., for a formal ground breaking ceremony.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Director for Michigan, Gene DeRossett, presented a ceremonial \$37 million loan check to pay for the new critical access hospital, long-term care unit and tribal health clinic that will serve an estimated 20,000 rural customers.

Being lauded as a first of its kind in the nation, the project is a community effort with the Sault Tribe donating 17 acres of land and working in conjunction with federal, state and local authorities to make it all happen. "We are particularly pleased with the relationship that has existed and continues to blossom between the St. Ignace community and the Sault Tribe," said Director Janet Olszewski, Michigan Department of Community Health. "It is truly a unique relationship and one that has born much fruit over the past eight years. Back in 2000, the hospital and the Sault Tribe began talking and within two years of those conversations starting they were able to bring the Moses dialysis unit, mammography and ultrasound services to the community together. Then in 2003 this relationship had a very historic happening when they came together in a joint relationship to address local health care needs. I believe this is the only place in the country where this partnership exists."

The new state of the art hospital will offer some firsts for Mackinac Straits Hospital including a new surgery suite allowing outpatient surgeries. The dialysis unit will be expanded from three chairs to six and outpatient oncology and fusion from four chairs to eight. Acute care patients in the new hospital will have bathrooms



Janet Olszewski

and basic amenities available to them. The old hospital was unable to offer these basics.

The tribal health clinic in the new facility will offer 15,000 square feet for patient services. Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment said, "We faced several obstacles on this project but our tribe is absolutely committed. Not only because we will have additional space or access to state of the art health care allowing us to move out of our Lambert center, we will be able to triple the amount of space we currently have. Our tribe is committed to this project because it is not only beneficial to us, but also because it is beneficial to this whole community. I want to recognize Congressman Bart Stupak for standing by our U.P. communities and northern Lower Michigan. This is a wonderful project and we are happy to be a part of it."

The Mackinac Straits Hospital Authority, which operated the old hospital, was recently transferred to a new corporation, the Mackinac Straits Health System, a private non-profit corporation that will build and operate the new facility.

Several members of the Hospital Authority now serve on the new corporation including Chairman Ron Mitchell, Mayor Margaret Doud of Mackinaw Island, Fred Paquin of the Sault Tribe, Richard Smith of Epoufette, Patrick Shannon of Sault Ste. Marie and Mackinac Island, Steve Autore of Cedarville and former Senator Walter North of St. Ignace. Other authority board members may also be appointed to fill vacant seats of committees of the new corporation.

Sen. Carl Levin's legislative



Aaron Payment

aide, Amy Berglund, read some comments from the senator to the gathering, "I wish to extend my heartiest congratulations to Mr. Rod Nelson, CEO of Mackinac Straits Health System and hospital board members. I congratulate Mr. Aaron Payment, chairman of the Sault Tribe, among the many individuals and organizations that have collaborated to make this project possible. I also want to thank Mr. Gene DeRossett and the USDA Rural Development team for your efforts to ensure that this critical project move



Robert Little

forward. The \$37.4 million that Mackinac Straits Health System is receiving is undoubtedly the largest community facilities project funded by Rural Development."

Representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, Brian Peters said, "The reality is that while hospitals have become a safety net for everyone in our community regardless of their ability to pay, we are something else as well, we are also an economic engine. Health care is now the largest private sector employer



Brian Peters



Bart Stupak

in the entire state of Michigan and in many counties, including right here. We believe we can provide outstanding health care to everyone in our communities as well as providing jobs in this period of economic turbulence for our state."

The old hospital and the land it sits on are owned by Mackinac County. A committee of the authority board will work with the county to find an alternative use for the building once the new hospital is occupied, which is anticipated to happen late 2009 or early 2010.

From pg. 1, Congress mulls casino bill, okays hospital deal

"I am advised that under the Supreme Court precedent, the (land adjacent to the casino property) is a reservation."

In February 2006, the Interior Solicitor's Office determined, because the United States had never proclaimed it a reservation, the land did not meet the definition of a reservation under federal law. Accordingly, the Acting Associate Solicitor determined that the casino property was not land contiguous to a reservation under IGRA, and ruled the new casino was built on land that is not eligible for gaming.

In addition to seeking a legislative remedy to resolve the casino land dispute, the tribe eventually brought suit against the United States, challenging the Interior's decision. Sault Tribe then filed for a preliminary injunction from the U.S. District Court in May 2007 and was granted the injunction on July 23, 2007. The casino opened gaming on the main casino floor nearly 24 hours later and has been operating ever since. The injunction allows the tribe to

conduct gaming in the new casino while the case continues in the courts or until it is resolved, without the threat of interference from the National Indian Gaming Commission.

"We are currently still in federal court," said Payment. "The briefing on the merits on this case is now complete. We are hopeful for a positive outcome. I know the question for the committee is why do we need the legislation if we are hopeful about our litigation? First, there is no guarantee in any litigation. Second, this litigation is very costly for the tribe. Even if we win at the district court level, there will be an appeal. This legislation moots the need for this costly litigation and will make things as they should have been when the tribe asked that this land to be proclaimed a reservation more than a decade ago."

The tribe requested twice in the late 1980s that the United States proclaim the land in question as a reservation. In 1988, the United States got as far as informing local governments

that a reservation proclamation was "impending." The Bureau of Indian Affairs has also acknowledged that the tribe complied with all applicable procedures and indicated that an administration oversight on behalf of the Department of the Interior or BIA is likely to blame.

Congress gives nod to Mackinac Straights Hospital deal

In other legislative news, Payment announced that the House Natural Resources Committee approved HR 5680, a bill approving the tribe to go forward with a land agreement for the new Mackinac Straights Hospital in St. Ignace. The agreement will credit the tribe with the value of donated land towards a lease for clinic space, which will triple the size of the tribal health clinic in St. Ignace. The agreement also proposes that the tribe will have access to x-ray, lab and ambulatory services that are now unavailable.

An act of Congress is needed to transfer the land from its trust land status as a requirement of the agreement.

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Competitive dancing at this year's powwow

SAULT STE. MARIE — This year, \$30,000 in prizes marks a big change in Sault Tribe's annual powwow in Sault Ste. Marie during the July 4 weekend. The 27th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Summer Gathering will be an exciting contest powwow. Admission is free.

This is not a first for Sault Tribe. Many years ago, the summer powwow was competitive, but evolved into a traditional powwow. Now, it's time to bring back the competition. Organizers are still keeping the community theme strong with a Friday night social honoring our veterans as well as the kid's carnival and art show. On Saturday, at 1 p.m., the contest begins. Dancers and drums from near and far will put forth their best to claim the prizes. Those who do not want to compete are still encouraged to dress and dance as there will be many opportunities for inter-tribal dancing.

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Richard Lewis will serve as arena director and Butch Elliot as master of ceremonies. Head dancers and host drum will be selected for each session. Some on-site camping space will be available at no charge. Other camping is available in the surrounding area.

A total of \$21,500 in dancer prize money will be awarded. Categories are drum competition, golden age men's and women's mixed, men's traditional, men's fancy, men's grass, women's traditional, women's jingle, women's shawl, male and female teen categories and specials for tiny tots and kids 7-12.

A total of \$8,500 in drum contest prizes will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth places.

The July 2-6 event takes place on the Sault Tribe Reservation powwow grounds in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. As always, the public is welcomed to all events. Absolutely no

drugs, alcohol or politics will be allowed.

For more information, call

Josh Homminga, (906) 632-7494, Debra-Ann Pine, 635-6050 extension 26397, Cecil

Pavlat, 635-6050 extension 26140 or 440-7849. Heather Alstrom is the vendor contact at 495-1450.

Powwow schedule:
Wednesday, July 2 — Blessing of the powwow grounds at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 3 — Sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m., summer spiritual gathering 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday, July 4 — Sunrise ceremony at 6 a.m., summer spiritual gathering 9 a.m.-5 p.m., kid's carnival drum 5-6:30 p.m., dancer registration 4-6:30 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 5 — Art show 10 a.m.-12 p.m., dancer and drum registration 11a.m.-2 p.m., grand entry at 1 p.m., break at 5 p.m. Powwow resumes at 7 p.m.

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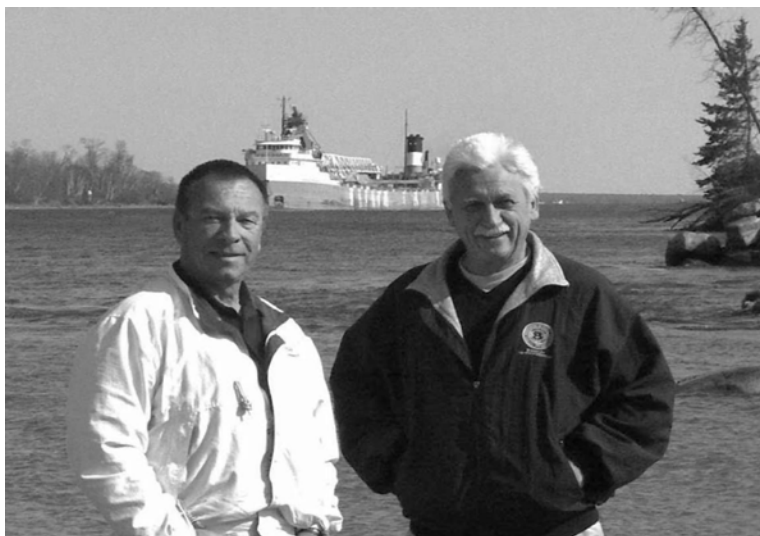
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Thank You

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John (JACK)

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We wish the remaining candidates the very best.

2nd annual Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow

Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow adds new event and Web site

ST. IGNACE — Building and maintaining a high quality historical event is the plan for the Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow. This year's powwow will add another day to the event, a genealogical conference is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22, at the Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace. The celebration is Aug. 23 and 24 at the new France Discovery Center at Father Marquette Park in St. Ignace.

The genealogical conference is a natural extension for the rendezvous event and is open to the public. Area genealogists will be attending with their records and family histories. Karen Sabatine from Sault Ste. Marie is coordinating the conference, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A new Web site has been launched to help promote the powwow to folks online at www.rendezvousatthestrains.com.

St. Ignace and straits area



Event organizer Darryl Brown

residents are part of this wonderful history along with Michigan Indian tribes.

It goes without saying that rendezvous and powwows are all about entertainment as well as education. Experience has proven that established powwows attract a high proportion of attendees who become repeat visitors.

"The most successful events have the flexibility to grow," said Darryl Brown, coordinator for the event. "Adding the Friday genealogical conference is a perfect fit."

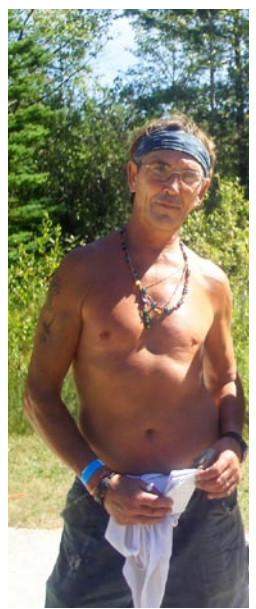
Beyond the focus of education on culture for local visitors, a well-conceived powwow plays an important role for local Native youth and provides a common grounding point for traditions, ideals, values and the preservation of Native identity.

"We hope the rendezvous powwow will become a signature event that will soon attract thousands of new visitors," said Brown. The goal is to continue building on the success of the first powwow in 2007. The City of St. Ignace, the historical society, the visitor's bureau, St. Ignace Area Chamber of Commerce, Sault Tribe and so many others support efforts toward this goal.

The living history encampment of the French voyageurs is also expected to grow this year. For more information on the genealogical conference contact Karen Sabatine at (906) 635-0971. For the rendezvous powwow contact Darryl Brown at 635-6050 or turtlesback@charter.net or visit www.rendezvousatthestrains.com.



Powwow dancers, vendors, demonstrators and visitors abound at the event, expanding in its second year.



Sault Tribe 2008 powwows

Jiingtamok! Sault Tribe and other Michigan area powwows listed. Contact us to add or modify a listing (see contact info on page 2). No firearms, drugs, alcohol allowed in any powwow area. Call ahead to check on pets, admission, directions and other information.

June 14-15 in Manistique — Second annual Gathering of the Clans Powwow, Manistique Tribal Center, Hwy US-2 in Manistique. Free admission. For more information, call Viola Neadow at (800) 347-7137. (See Denise Chase's unit report on page 27 for more information.)

July 4-6 in Sault Ste. Marie — 27th annual Sault Tribe Powwow and Summer Gathering at the tribe's powwow grounds. For more information, call Josh Homminga at (906) 635-6050.

Aug. 2 in Rexton — Fifth annual Youth Empowerment Powwow. For more information, call Lisa Burnside, (906) 484-2298, or Patty Teeple, 341-3362.

Aug. 15-17 in Hessel — 16th annual Gathering of the Eagles Traditional Powwow at Three Mile Road. For more information, call John Causley (vendors) at (906) 484-2921, Lana Causley at 484-2954 or Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Aug. 23-24 in St. Ignace — St. Ignace Rendezvous at the Straits Powwow, New France Discovery Center, St. Ignace. For more information, call Darryl Brown at 643-8717 or (800) 338-6660 or visit www.rendezvousatthestrains.com.

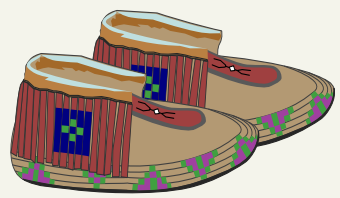
Aug. 30-31 on Sugar Island — 12th annual Sugar Island

Powwow. Spiritual gathering on Aug. 29. For more information, call Cecil Pavlat at (906) 632-4719, 635-6050 or 440-7849.

Sept. 13 in Munising — Second annual powwow at the Alger Centennial Arena. For more information, call (906) 635-6050.

Sept. 19-20 in Newberry — Second annual Honoring the Waters Powwow. For more information, call Lois Bryant at (906) 293-8181, Lana Causley at 484-2954 or Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Dec. 31 in Sault Ste. Marie — New Year's Eve Annual Sobriety Powwow. For more information, call (906) 635-6050.



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June 21-22 in Brooklyn — Honoring Our Sisters Powwow at Camp O' The Hills, 2100 Pink St. For information, call Davi Trusty (800) 322-1209.

July 26-27 in Oscoda — Gagaguwon Traditional Powwow, 10th annual powwow hosted by the Preservation of Native American Culture at Orchard Park in Oscoda, Mich. For information contact Joe or Sue Ireland (989) 739-1994 or Oscoda Chambers at (800) 235-4625.

Aug. 1-3 in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. — Saginaw Chippewa

23rd annual powwow, (800) 225-8172 or www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

Aug. 9-10 in Harbor Springs — 17th annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok (powwow) at the LTBB powwow grounds. Prizes for dancers and dums. Free admission. For more information, call Marci Reyes (vendors) at (231) 838-4172, Winnay Wemigase at (231) 242-1453 or Annette VanDeCar at 242-1427.

Aug. 15-17 in Peshawbestown — Peshawbestown traditional powwow hosted by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. For information, call (231) 271-4104.

August 30-31 in Dowegic — 23rd annual Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa (Celebrating the Huckleberry Harvest) Contest Pow-Wow, Rodgers Lake, 58620 Sink Road. Contact Information: Michaelina Magnuson online at Michaelina.magnuson@pokagon.com or (269) 591-5616.

Sept. 5, 6, and 7 in Manistique — Great North Winds Powwow, The Pines Park.

Sept. 20-21 in Hastings, Mich. — Walk in the Spirit Frank Bush Memorial Powwow at Historic Charlton Park. Traditional teaching powwow. For information, call Anne Bush at (616) 633-0029, Jessi Kimble at (269) 744-1408 or visit www.walk-in-the-spirit.com

Oct. 18-19 at Jackson, Mich. — 15th annual Land of Falling Waters Traditional Powwow 2008. Honoring all nations' elders, middle school at Parkside, 2400 Fourth St. Traders, call Linda at (269) 781-6409.

Sault Tribe Head Start & Early Head Start Now Accepting Applications For The 2008-09 School Year



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Golf outing July 26

SAULT STE. MARIE — Planning started several months back for the upcoming Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic, which is held that last Saturday of July each year. This exceptional event will once again be held at the beautiful Wild Bluff Golf Course in Brimley, Mich.

As been done in past years, funds from this year's event

are earmarked for Sault Tribe educational scholarships. To date, 89 scholarships have been awarded to tribal members.

The two-day event will start on Friday morning with Wild Bluff Golf Course open to golfers for practice rounds. The Classic Reception, sponsored by National City Bank, will be held Friday evening at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

The Classic, the weekend's main event, begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Golfers will have the opportunity to win cash prizes in the amount of \$10,000 and \$25,000 or one of two great automobiles from local dealers during hole-in-one contests.

If the golfers don't succeed in the hole-in-one contest, they can put their skills to the test during our Putting Contest. In order to receive the \$10,000 cash prize, golfers must suc-

cessfully make 10 and 30-foot putts and finish it off with a 50-foot putt.

During the event, golfers will be treated to a delicious BBQ lunch of burgers, brats,

baked beans, potato salad and all the fixings, which will be sponsored for the second year by Sault Printing Company.

Following the Classic, the

golfers and sponsors of the event will be treated to a steak dinner at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each division, Men's and Mixed.

It's not too late to sponsor this great event or to get a team of four into the action. The Classic will close registration after the first 36 teams have registered and paid, with preference given to sponsors. Contact Jessica Dumback at jdumback@saulttribe.net or Jake Sillers at jsillers@saulttribe.net or (906) 635-6050 for more information or to become a sponsor of this worthy event.

The Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic Committee includes Jessica Dumback, Jeff Holt, Gena Kay, Tamara Roche, Jake Sillers and Sue Stiver-Paulsen. The event is hosted by Greektown and Kewadin Casinos.



Student mentors recognized



Photo by Rick Smith

Graduating student volunteers for Big Brothers, Big Sisters peer mentoring program were recently recognized for their contributions. Standing, from left, Joe Gravelle, J.P. Theriault and Nate Moran. Sitting, left to right, Amanda Archer, Ashley Smith and Page Isrow. Recognized but not pictured were mentors Jim German and Jordon Martin.

By RICK SMITH

Sault Area High School student volunteers for the local Big Brothers, Big Sisters peer mentoring program received official gratitude and recognition from the organization on May 22 at the school. Sault Tribe members were among the volunteers.

Lynda Garlitz, executive director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Sault Ste. Marie, presented letters of gratitude

and good wishes to the seniors before their graduation date.

"Knowing that at times it seems to be a thankless task, you hung in there," the letter noted in part. "Giving your time, sharing life experiences and encouragement to someone in need . . ."

Garlitz signed and presented the letters on behalf of the organization's board of directors, Sault Area Middle School

American Indian advisor Jamie Eavou and assistant Maureen Fitzpatrick.

According to Garlitz, the mentoring program in Sault schools has been active since 2002. The program matches outstanding high school students with middle school students. These friendships promote the growth of character, motivation and help strengthen self-esteem.

CATHY (McCoy) ABRAMSON

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Higher Education Committee - LSSU Community Coalition

Student camaraderie comes out in Sault car wash effort



Photo by Rick Smith

Fellow classmates of Sault High freshman Benjamin Nelson conducted a benefit car wash on May 25 to aid their comrade as he battles serious medical conditions. Nelson was referred to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for surgery. Advance Auto Parts in Sault Ste. Marie provided the site and supplies and the students brought plenty of elbow grease. Kari O'Gorman, secretary for Anishinabek Community and Family Services, coordinated and supervised the event while her husband, Dave, provided pizzas for the entire crew. The fundraiser began a brisk business at about 10:45 a.m. and concluded around 6 p.m. A benefit hamburger bash for Nelson is also set for June 9 at the Elks Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie. Some of the car wash crew poses here after removing the mud from this truck. Others continued with the business at hand.

Local bank helps July vets motorcycle rally

David Firack, President and CEO of Old Mission Bank announced a recent sponsorship of \$1,000 to the American Legion Post 3 veterans motorcycle rally, scheduled for July 17 through 19 in Sault Ste. Marie.

"We take great pride and interest in supporting events and organizations that work to promote our eastern Upper Peninsula," said Firack. "The veterans motorcycle rally has grown tremendously over the past three years and made in excess of a \$400,000 impact on our local economy in 2007."

National statistics confirm that each visitor will spend \$421 during a two-day event. The rally had 700 registrants in 2006, grew to 1,008 registrants in 2007 and has a goal of 2,000 for this year's event.

According to American

Legion Post 3 Commander Dan Inglis, Post 3 also sponsors a run to the border ride with American Legion Riders from across the state converging on Sault Ste. Marie on July 17, providing additional tourism impact. The Legion Riders raise funds in support of Home Town Heroes, a statewide American Legion program that provides financial assistance to veterans in need.

This year's veterans motorcycle rally will begin Thursday, July 17 and run through Saturday, July 19 at Brady Park in Sault Ste. Marie.

Old Mission Bank, headquartered in Sault Ste. Marie, is the \$86 million operating entity of Old Mission Bancorp, Inc., delivering banking services from its offices in Sault Ste. Marie and Pickford.



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Dinner with the John Johnstons tickets available for Sault portrayal

Tickets are now available for *Dinner with the John Johnstons*, set for Saturday, June 28, at 6 p.m., at the Lake Superior State University Cisler Center Crow's Nest in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The 1823 dinner party portrayal is hosted by John Johnston, played by Peter DeCourcy, and features many of the Sault's 1823 prominent residents including Henry Schoolcraft (Eric Kemp), Michel Cadotte (John Schaeffer), George Johnston (Matt Zook), Peter Barbeau (Ray Bauer), Samuel Ashmun (Jared Benoit), Wayishka (Art Leighton), Charles Ermatinger (Otto Bacon), Major Enos Cutler (Will Fowler), John Siveright (Paul Raappana), Rev. Laird (Dyke Justin), Jane Johnston (Lona Stewart) and Susan Johnston (Karen Sabatine). Entertainment

for the evening will be provided by Susan Askwith, Dave Stanaway and The Voyageurs.

The play was written in 1999 by Sharon MacLaren and has been a successful fundraiser for the Chippewa County Historical Society every since. Susan DeCourcy has produced the dinner-theatre production since 2005, with the assistance of Sharon MacLaren. The evening is a must for all history buffs. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available in the gift shop at the Chippewa County Historical Society, 115 Ashmun St., front door (Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m., 635-7082); at the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce, 2581 I-75 Business Spur (632-3301); and at the Soo Theatre Ticket Office, 534 Ashmun Street (632-1930). For more information, you may also e-mail cchs@sault.com.

"Gearing up" for Kinross Kid's Fishing Day

The 6th Annual Kinross Kid's Fishing Day will be held June 7 this year. It coincides with Michigan's free fishing weekend in order to allow unlicensed parents to assist their children with baiting poles and landing fish.

The tradition began in 2002 when a couple of people decided to share their passion for the sport of fishing and inspire youth to get off the street on the lake. It was inspired by an outdoor sports youth carnival held at Jays Sporting Goods in Clare, Mich. At the time, there was a lack of youth targeted programs in the community, and none that encouraged positive outdoor recreation. And, as the population grew at the former Air Force base, many kids, bored silly, were looking for fun in all the wrong places.

The pair ran with the idea of teaching these kids to fish, tie flies, and appreciate the advantage of having an "A" Lake in their backyard! Duke Lake is stocked with rainbow trout by the Michigan DNR and is quite literally the backyard of this growing community. Tackle companies, local businesses and sporting organizations were asked to contribute time, funding, or gear to make it all happen. What came out of it was more than anyone could have expected!

A carnival like atmosphere greets the crowd as they arrive at the lake. Colorful tents and booths dot the grassy area above the lake and provide venues for registration, prizes, exhibits, and food. In the past, the US Coast Guard has displayed their rescue craft; Smokey the Bear urged fire safety; and the Lake Superior



Sault Tribe's DJ Malloy and Kinross Recreation Center Director Dee Dee Frasure Dan Mitchell and Joe Paczkowski from the Kinross Business Association (L-R), get together to "gear up" with \$900 in prizes for the Kinross fishing event on June 7.

State University Aquatics Lab exhibited the life cycle of salmon with intricate displays and captivating specimen collections. A shore lunch is cooked up by a group of great volunteers from the local "Oriels" club, and the Kinross Recreation Center hosts the event. Sault Tribe Unit 1 Directors provide 2 percent funding to purchase rainbow trout and prizes while the Kinross Business Association donation of an additional \$500 is used to purchase more fishing gear for kids ages 1 to 16. The work crew is rounded out with local resident volunteers, who have proved to be the backbone of the event.

All youth register for a chance to win one of over \$900 in prizes, all geared to facilitate these kids having the equipment to come down to the lake and fish with their own tackle. They have a great time while learning about the importance of ecosystems. They learn how waste, litter, and carelessness can affect the lake and everything that lives in and around it, thereby

affecting their fishing hole. They have a sense of ownership, or stewardship if you will, and it changes how they view their role in the community.

That first year, over 200 area youth showed up to wet a line and experience an eclectic community coming together for a common good. At the end of the day, children watch as the remaining fish are released and they begin to make plans to try their luck again.

The event has grown in both participation and facilitation. And the true testament to the success of this event can be seen on any given day as one passes bike after bike sporting smiley faced fishermen heading down to the lake, with a prized pole balanced and the handlebars, and a tackle box dangling from the grips!

The Kinross Kid's Fishing Day work group would like to thank Sault Tribe for its continued commitment to youth and recreation! Without your contribution, this would be difficult, if not impossible to accomplish!



Thank you for your vote in our primary election!

I bring nearly 3 decades, 29 years, of experience in our Tribe's government and 2 decades of experience in business.

I have a proven track record as a builder that brought positive changes to our Tribe.

As your former Chairman, I brought growth in governmental services, built and expanded businesses, created jobs for thousands and provided the leadership in Tribal Government respectful of members.

Why am I running for the Tribal Board? Because of the financial collapse of our Tribe, member services are lost or being cut, tribal jobs being lost, lies are being told by our current leadership and Tribal Government has disrespectful behavior towards members.

I spent 29 years in leadership roles building a future for generations of Sault Tribe Members.

I will not sit by and let it be wasted away!

I make no campaign promises but one. I promise to bring my 29 years of documented success to the Board of Directors.

Along with my fellow Board Members we will make sound business decisions for future of all Tribal Members.

Please vote for me as your Unit 1 Board of Director and together we can get back to what we do best. Let's get back to Business!

Elect Bernard Bouschor Unit 1 Tribal Board Member

It's time for experienced business leaders to be on the Tribal Board and a Chairman focused on what's important!

It's Time to get back to business!

THE TRIBE'S FINANCIAL COLLAPSE IS DUE TO CHAIRMAN PAYMENT'S INEXPERIENCE.

In four short years, Chairman Payment has spent almost all the Tribe's cash reserves of \$90 million, spent \$25 million of the elder fund and created a current deficit of \$15 million with no ability to get a loan to cover the shortage. The Tribal Board stated they are having difficulty paying our employees because we have no cash.

With the deterioration of the Tribe's financial condition, a desperate Chairman Payment has sold tribal businesses and property, cut tribal jobs, cut member services and is currently delaying massive tribal layoffs until after the election to get your vote.

Chairman Payment's campaign material is not dealing with reality. He offers empty promises built on the revenue of Greektown Casino which the Sault Tribe currently owns, and completely ignores the current financial crisis. It was reported in the Detroit News that Sault Tribe was being forced to sell all or part of Greektown Casino. With this sale, the Tribe will be lucky to pay the Greektown Casino debt. The Tribe could lose Greektown Casino and still owe \$70 million they borrowed in 2008.

The person responsible for the financial collapse of our Tribe and Greektown Casino, is our current chairman. Chairman Payment is a politician, has spent our cash for votes, and has no business background.

The Chairman claims success because he balanced the budget each and every year for the past four years. He fails to mention he spent all our Tribe's money, that the Sault Tribe, under his leadership, is in a financial crisis and the Tribe could lose Greektown Casino entirely. The Sault Tribe is in a financial and business crisis and Payment is ignoring reality.

Our Tribe needs business experience on the Tribal Board of Directors and Chairman position. I can provide 29 years of business experience to the Tribal Board. However, it is up to you, the member, to pick a candidate for the Tribal Chairman, who has experience in business. My choice is not our current chairman, obviously the Tribe can not afford four more years of Payment.

BUSINESS FAILURES COULD MEAN LOSS OF ELDER FUNDS.

It is shameful what has happened to the Greektown Casino, the center piece of the Tribe's Economic Plan. It has gone from a successful business to a financial failure. In a forced sale of Greektown Casino, the tribe could lose all of its equity estimated at \$150 million. If that were to happen, the elder funds would be lost, never to be paid back and annual payment to elders could be cut. The potential sale of Greektown Casino would be a huge loss to our Tribe of upwards of \$400 million.

The total lack of business experience of our current chairman is obvious, look at what has happened in four years to our Tribal Economy.

THE SAULT TRIBE NEEDS BUSINESS EXPERIENCE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN POSITION.

The Sault Tribe membership can not afford four more years of Chairman Payment. Greektown Casino took 20 years from the vision in 1988 to opening in 2000, was to be the center of the Tribe's economic stability and it could be lost in 2008.

POLITICAL ATTACKS MUST STOP.

The politics of the tribe has never in our history been as vicious as it is today. Not a day goes by that Chairman Payment does not say, write, or use his position to launch political attacks on the Board of Directors, Tribal members and recently the Tribal Court. This needs to stop!

BETTER BUSINESS DECISIONS NEED TO BE MADE TO GET US ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND BACK TO BUILDING OUR BUSINESSES.

The stress and demand on Board Members today is incredible. Faced with falling revenues, a Greektown Casino sale and a government in disarray due to poor leadership, the Sault Tribe teeters on the brink of financial collapse. Chairman Payment ignores the most important issues we are facing, the financial crisis and sale of Greektown Casino.

Let's face it we are a tribe that is heavily dependent upon the gaming and hospitality industry; we need individuals with business experience on our Board of Directors and as Chairman!

As your former Chairman for 17 years we faced what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles and we thrived off them. We have had to take on the federal government, state government and gaming tycoons. Each time we worked together making good sound business decisions we moved forward!

We must put our personal differences aside and recognize the need to work together. We must end the finger pointing, the blame game, and political revenge. In order to succeed, we must be united as a tribal community with a common purpose and vision: To build a prosperous and proud community.

We need to bring forward a board of directors with gaming and business experience so we do not lose the one business that gave our community the opportunity to expand membership services.

Unlike any other candidate, I have the background in business, casino management and tribal management that the board of directors needs right now. We must work together using our expertise and bring our tribe back – back to business!

I pledge to you that I will work for the advancement of our tribe, along with the Board of Directors, and Chairman. We need to stop the political attacks that have done nothing but tear our community apart and have resulted in mass economic failure. Now is the time we need to come together for the benefit of all members.

Thank you for your time and your vote. Please contact me at 906-440-4710 or visit my web site at www.bernardbouschor.com for more information.

Amendment adds billion for Indian health care

BY RICK SMITH

Congress passed an amendment on March 13 to the U.S. Senate's budget resolution that will add \$1 billion in Indian Health Service funding for fiscal year 2009, if it remains intact on its long journey to the White House for the president's signature.

Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) sponsored the amendment along with four other senators to help meet the Health People

2010 initiative. The initiative is a set of federal health objectives for the nation to achieve that helps states, communities and professional organizations and others to help the development of programs to improve health.

National Congress of American Indians President Joe Garcia praised those members of Congress who proposed the amendment, "On behalf of Indian Country, I applaud Congress in recognizing the

need to end the health crisis Indian nations are enduring," he said in a statement issued after the passage. "Today's 69-30 vote proves that Congress is willing to take this giant step forward in an effort to put real action where it is needed. I commend Sen. Dorgan along with co-sponsors senators Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Russell Feingold (D-Wisc.) and the U.S. Senate for passing this

landmark amendment. Congress is taking the lives and health of Native Americans seriously and it is more than encouraging. Improving health care for Native people is a moral obligation that must be dealt with now.

"With the recent passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) reauthorization in the U.S. Senate and now this \$1 billion amendment to the Senate budget resolution that would fund Indian Health Services, we are making substantial advances in working to improve the health and well being of Native people. We now must continue to work to ensure that this budget resolution not only passes in the U.S. House and Senate, but that the appropriators fund it at the budgeted amount. I also call on the House to pass the base legislation, the IHCA, during this session of Congress."

Last February, President Bush's proposed fiscal year 2009 budget for Indian Health Services was \$21 million below funding levels for fiscal year 2008.

According to congressional records, Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) commented

after passage of the amendment, "I strongly support the additional \$1 billion provided under this amendment for the Indian Health Services. The funds will be used to meet the urgent needs of Native Americans for medical and preventive health services in hospitals and clinics. These native peoples have long suffered poor health, greater sickness, and higher death rates than all other Americans, and we can ignore them no longer.

"This amendment is long overdue, and it is obviously only a first step. We intend to continue the battle to end once and for all the shameful health disparities faced by Native Americans."

The National Indian Health Board in Washington, D.C., has developed a flow chart to show the process the amendment must go through before reaching final approval. The flow chart is linked on an announcement about Senator Dorgan and the amendment at www.nihb.org.

Those wishing to support the amendment along its way can track its progress via congressional Web sites and contact pertinent representatives using the flow chart as a guide.

BIA back online after 7 years

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Internet access is being restored to the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) via the BIA's network following a recent court order. This means that Indian Affairs, BIA and BIE employees will soon be able to communicate by e-mail.

On Dec. 5, 2001, the federal judge in a class action lawsuit against the Department of the Interior, Cobell v. Norton, entered a temporary restraining order requiring the department to disconnect from the Internet all information technology systems that housed or provided access to individual Indian trust data, on the basis of perceived risks to that data. On Dec. 17, 2001, a consent order

was entered that continued that prohibition and also established a process for the department to obtain permission from the court to reconnect bureaus on a case-by-case basis.

Parts of the department were permitted to reconnect in 2002. However, the five offices that work closely with Indian trust data remained off the Internet. On May 14, 2008, U.S. District Judge James Robertson, the presiding judge in the case, vacated the consent order thus allowing those offices to reconnect. In addition to the BIA, the offices to go back online are the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, the Office of Hearing and Appeals and the Office of Historical Trust Accounting.

The Assistant Secretary-

Indian Affairs is responsible for fulfilling the Interior Department's trust responsibilities to individual Indian and tribal trust beneficiaries, as well as promoting tribal self-determination, self-governance and economic development for the nation's 562 federally recognized American Indian tribes and their 1.9 million members.

The BIA manages 66 million acres of land held in trust by the United States for American Indians and federally recognized tribes.

Developing forestlands, leasing assets on trust lands, directing agricultural programs, protecting land and water rights, and developing and maintaining infrastructure and economic development on tribal lands are all part of the BIA's responsibility.

Log on to Native American Tube, cyber Indian Country

BY RICK SMITH

Dig YouTube? Well, then, you must check out Native American Tube at www.natube.magnify.net.

It's much like an American Indian version of YouTube with cool traditional-styled graphics. It features spotlight videos along with other videos in 15 categories. You'll find exclusives, animation, comedy, drummers, interviews, movies, music videos and news among others.

You'll find an entertaining assortment of professional and amateur videos from Adam Beach to the Native American Humor Society of the Upper Northern Ojibwe Foundation Council, isn't that an impressive name?

The videos on the site can be classified as either entertaining, educational or just interesting. You can rate them all, if you wish.

Native American Tube is an Internet gathering place where, as is said on the site, you're the star. You can join the 518 members to post your thoughts, make your own television show, join discussion groups or post videos on anything to do with Indian Country.

All they ask in return is some respect. "Respect is what we are all about," an introductory advisory reads. "Please respect everyone who posts videos, if you find a video disrespecting, please e-mail me and we will look into it. Always, always

respect with your comments, treat people as you would want to be treated. Your kind comments are what builds others confidence and it takes a lot of courage to get in front of the screen and show your talent or opinions."

Speaking of respect, you can even make friends, just like on YouTube or MySpace. Communities of special interest always invite others to join.

Another feature, you can create your own play lists of favorite videos so you don't have to hunt for them every time you want to see them.

The site offers a calendar of American Indians events for the use of registered members.

Some of the features on the site are new and members are just warming up to using them.

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All in the Lower Parking Lot of Kewadin Casino

27th Annual Down Memory Lane Parade
Friday, June 27 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Information from wyseguys@juno.com

33rd Annual St. Ignace Car Show and Swap Meet
Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 • Special Guests • Model Car Contest

Foreclosure Prevention Act passes Senate, House

BY RICK SMITH

If enacted, the controversial Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 will help families, businesses and communities to avoid or survive devastation wrought by the current national housing crisis. The Act is also referred to as the "housing stimulus package."

The Act was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Feb. 13, 2008, and passed by a vote of 84 to 12 on April 10. The Act cleared the House on May 8 with 266 in favor of the measure and 154 opposed.

The bill adds \$300 billion to support more loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and is praised by some while condemned by others.

Provisions in the Act include measures for FHA modernization, assistance to communities devastated by foreclosures, family housing counseling, help for returning veterans, improved rules on mortgage disclosure to borrowers, special tax enhancements and mortgage revenue bonds.

Proponents of the Act say the

measures an important follow-up step to the recently enacted economic stimulus package. Opponents say it relies too much upon taxpayer revenue and does not do enough to prevent fraud by disreputable lenders.

The Act is endorsed by a number of organizations, most representing seniors, minorities, low-income families, civil rights and consumers.

In the past, President George W. Bush has threatened a veto on the measure.

House passes Neighborhood Stabilization Act

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 5818) on May 8.

If enacted, the Act will provide \$15 billion in grants and no-interest loans to states, units of local government and non-profit entities for the acquisition, renovation and sales of foreclosed houses to people who have lost their homes in

the recent sub-prime mortgage debacle. The grants and loans would be made available through U.S. Housing and Urban Development, which is also the primary agency to carry out the Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 recently passed by the House and Senate.

The House began considerations on May 7 and the measure passed by a vote of 239 to 188.

In the Senate, the Act was received and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on May 12.

According to Congressional records, opponents of the bill say that the bill bails out borrowers and lenders who made poor decisions. President Bush, one of the opponents, is expected to veto the bill.

Michigan helps residents to avoid foreclosures on homes

BY RICK SMITH

With the high rate of housing foreclosures in the news, it's good to know one can find guidance on avoiding foreclosures via online or hotline from the State of Michigan.

According to the state Web site, the Save the Dream hotline is a toll-free telephone number operated by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to protect homeownership. Callers are referred to housing counselors in their counties or to state technical experts.

The online version of the Save the Dream campaign works much the same way, but it also provides extensive factual, easily understood information surrounding home financing and foreclosures. The information covers topics such as how to keep your home, loans to save your home, stages of foreclosure, frequently asked questions about foreclosures, your credit, prioritizing your debts and who to contact for help.

The online version can also direct you to who you need to

contact for help. In the case of Chippewa County residents, for example, those people would be directed to CLM Community Action Human Resource for counseling and other services.

The state advises anyone having financial problems to look into available options so folks don't have to risk losing their homes.

The Save the Dream hotline number is (866) 946-7432. The online version is under the "Spotlight" listing at www.michigan.gov/mshda.

West Mackinac Health Fair growing

SUBMITTED BY LAURA FRISCH FNP, HELEN NEWBERRY JOY HOSPITAL

On April 26, 162 people came to the fifth annual West Mackinac Health Fair at the Engadine Consolidated High School gym for a day of health promotion and health screening.

Many types of traditional mainstream and alternative practices were offered and displayed along with a wide variety of health education opportunities and material for the whole family. Travis Freeman, WNB, broadcasted live throughout the day, making it the most successful health fair yet.

The West Mackinac Health Fair idea began five years ago with family nurse practitioner Laura Frisch and administrative assistant Becky Baker, both of Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, and community health nurse Kathy Manville of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The trio organized a health fair offering traditional health promotion and screening as well as alternative health, such as Native American medicine, acupuncture, message, aroma therapy, ear candling, energy balancing, organic foods and supplements.

The concept of combining one health fair with two different approaches has been incredibly well received in west Mackinac County. The first health fair had 20 vendors and 60 participants, and this year's event had 47 vendors and over 160 participants. Many of those who were introduced to alternative medicine at the first health fair now, five years later, have equal interest in both western and alternative options.

With all volunteer help, Newberry hospital regulars are MJ Moore, Cheryl Franklin, Aimee Harju RN, Lynn Kihm RN, Diane Schroeder, Carrie

Sevarns, Erin Troxler LPN, Mary Nutkins LPN, Amy McNamera RN and Sandy Morgan. Student volunteers included Killian Frisch, Harley Troxler, Joe Patrow, Connor Frisch and Brett Oven. Mackinac Straits Hospital regulars include Koreen Troyer RN and Carol Norman FNP. Sault Tribe's Shirley Kowalke and Sally Burke have been faithful workers. With such a fantastic group, we look forward to next year's health fair, set for next April 2009. It can only get better.

Sponsors for this year's health fair were Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, Mackinac Straits Hospital, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Engadine Feed and Supply, Go Figure, Native Sister's Soaps and LMAS.

We hope to see more folks take advantage of this opportunity next year.

Social Security says go green, go online

BY SALLY GUAY
SECURITY DISTRICT MANAGER

With Earth Day recently behind us, many people have stepped up their efforts to go green. And there are a number of things you can do, including planting a tree and recycling your plastic, glass and paper.

But what's even better than recycling your paper is not having any paper to begin with. Going green is yet another of the many reasons to complete your business transactions with Social Security online. You can complete all of your paperwork with a lot less paper.

Whether you want to apply for retirement benefits, request a replacement Medicare card, report a change of address or direct deposit if you are currently receiving benefits, or take charge of your retirement planning, you can do it on our Web site.

There is no need to drive to your local Social Security office. You don't need to wait in traffic when your Social Security business can be done from the comfort of your own

home or office.

Save a trip and go to www.socialsecurity.gov and click on "online services" to get started. Many of these services can be completed online without taking another step. Some services require you to mail in documents and information. Regardless, you'll be ahead of the pack by using our online services.

You can rest assured that doing business with Social Security online is fast, easy and secure. And it is environmentally the cleanest, greenest way to do your Social Security business. Many of our online services are available as automated phone services as well. Just call (800) 772-1213 to take advantage of those services we offer in a most convenient manner. Save a tree, save some gas and cut back on pollution by visiting us online instead of at any of our offices.

For more information on these and other services, please visit our Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at (800) 772-1213 (TTY (800) 325-0778).



Household Hazardous Waste

RECYCLING

Chippewa County Recycling Collection Dates For 2008

JULY 19

SEPT 20

Reminder Household Hazardous Waste will only be collected on site on the above dates

PLEASE CALL
632-0525
To Schedule Your
Pick Up
(appointment required)

*Elect***Unit 1
Council
Woman**

(906) 495-7013

Luella**"Tribe Pride" - "Tribal Knowledge"**Your vote will put a true Anishinabe on our council
so positive changes can occur.

email: nanaboosho@yahoo.com

BROWN**Luella Brown**
Unit 1 Tribal Board of
Directors

A great Chi-Miigwetch, and heart felt Thank You for your support. The battle is only beginning and the power is with the people.

Please! Don't worry about what I can do for you, wonder about what we can do together. Our Tribe is in need of a good Anishnawbe council. Please, join my team so we can turn our Tribe into a Tribe we can be proud of.

My goals are to get our new revised Constitution enacted. We have spent \$400,000 and a lot of time on a good Constitution. The membership has yet to see it or vote for it (whether it is good or bad the people should decide!!!) They have taken our rights away again.

This new Constitution will give the power back to the membership. Our ancestors knew, the people were the power, now this board wants all the power and for you to take a back seat.

We need the three at-large Units south of the bridge. Your representation is needed in our Tribe. Members have fresh ideas that will enhance our enterprises. We receive Federal money on your behalf, ask them why you don't have a say in what happens to it!

If you have a question, then our job is to find answers, if you have concerns, our job is to find solutions, if you need help, our job is to lend a helping hand, these are not hard tasks. After all without you there would be no Tribe.

Learn from our past mistakes, move to a brighter and more stable future. Care for our membership, the way the council was intended, stop only helping family members (and paid for friends.)

The elders have crafts that the public would love to see being made, they need a place to teach our culture and heritage. This will bring in more business to our casinos, the younger generation should have a craft corner, they have untapped talent also, why can't they be with the Elders to display their crafts and learn of their heritage.

Eliminate the nepotism that we have in our Tribe. This only fuels resentment and hatred, if you can't be fair with your decisions, then you should not have the power to abuse this position. We have already lived through that kind of discrimination, and we fought so our kids don't have to know this humiliation.

The young people need to be guided by the Elders. Everyone knows Nokomis (Grandmother) and Mishoomis (Grandfather) have the most interesting stories and knowledge of days gone by. They are our link to the past and how we can better our lives for the future.

As a council member I will work to bring our Tribe together as a whole. I am calling on all Anishnawbe members, to make the coming years better for all our people.

In my life I have had many rolls, I started as a daughter, then became a wife, then a mother, now I am a Grandmother. Through the years I have learned to be a friend, housekeeper, budget manager, cook, referee, peacemaker, disciplinarian, teacher, I have taught my children as much as I know of life and in return they have taught me how to love and care about others.

Through all the ups and downs in life, you try to become a better person then when you started, this is how you grow as a human being, and never forget who you are or where you came from.

This is what I would like to bring to the Tribal Council, the Knowledge of Life. The true knowledge of who we are and where we go from here.

What better can a council do then work for the membership. Know your voice is heard, your opinions taken to heart, this is what good leaders do, they do not ignore you and your ideas.

It's time to clean up our own back yard, bring our Tribe together as one. Remember that bad deeds surface and lies are hard to cover up. If we believe in God, anything is possible. Put your faith in the ones that tell the truth, don't be afraid to stand for your beliefs.

Grandma always said, charity hides a multitude of sins.. Do we want to hand our Tribe back to the people that put us where we are today. They never take responsibility for the mess we are in! People that had the chance to do good for the members but only did for themselves.

They think your life is only worth one vote. Is your integrity and self-esteem worth only that? These people think they can buy you for a penny. If this is true, what do you tell your children; That integrity can be bought for a penny. Then how much is their life worth? Please remember, the future generations to come are counting on us. Pray we are wise in our decisions. Let's not go down the wrong road again!

These board members voted to put in the running, someone that stole from the Tribe. The only reason is that they think they will profit again, desperate people will do desperate things.

When someone has stolen from you, you don't invite them back into your home to steal more. These board members condone violence against women, they know what the truth is, yet they sit on their hands and do nothing. Makes you wonder how many secrets are being hid.

Can we afford to let these people lead us for the next four years? The generation of Dictatorship is over! It is time for the generation of knowledge and truth to come into power.

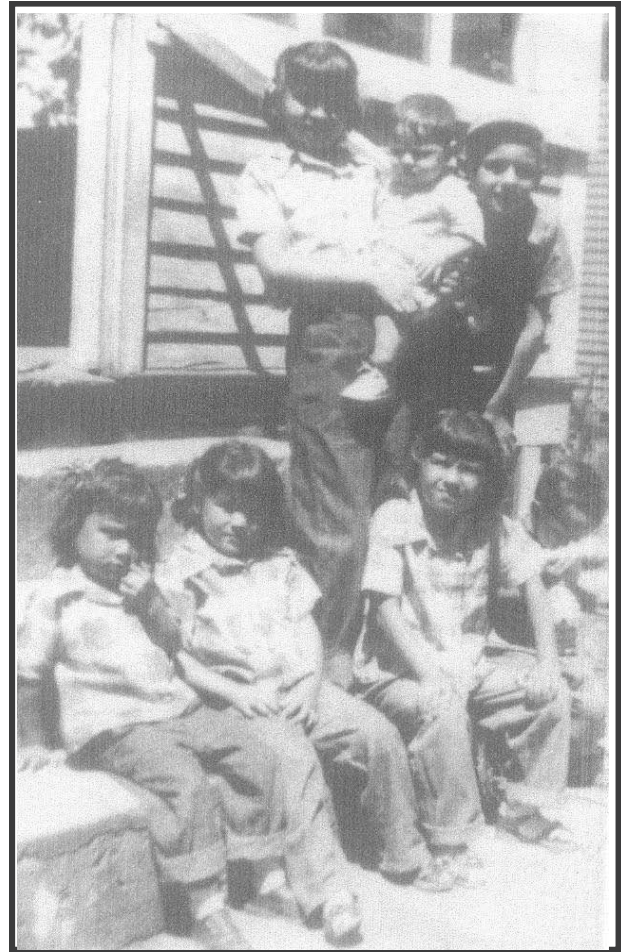
My motto is, don't throw stones at glass houses but some need to be reminded of the last decade of our lives, when Bernard Bouschor raped this Tribe of its dignity and Tribal money, money that would have supported hundreds of families.

Cathy Abramson, Joe Eitrem, Lana Causley, D.J. Hoffman, Shirley Petosky, Fred Paquin and the rest of the board voted to allow Bernard to run for office when 74% of the Tribal members said they did not want his fingers in the cookie jar anymore. They are telling you that your vote meant nothing.

This board and their families are so afraid of the power they will lose and the election committee is afraid of losing their power, they are cheating every way possible to keep the power they are stealing.

We should not have more then one family serving on the board. DJ Hoffman and Joe McCoy are Cathy Abramson's relatives. Joe Eitrem never claimed to be native, when he was growing up, Spanish was his family heritage. Can you imagine the power you would have if they were all related? 0-NONE.

I support Aaron Payment, Todd Gravelle and Nathan Wright, we will do everything in our power to rid this Tribe of corruption and not allow it to come back again.

**Life was wonderful growing up. Photo - These are my brothers and sisters.****My Grandmother Luella Hardwick and Grandmother Mary Cadreau were raised on Sugar Island****Grandmother and Grandfather Mr and Mrs Basil Nedeau**

Re-elect

JOE EITREM

Paid for by the committee to elect Joe Eitrem

EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP THROUGH ACTIONS NOT WORDS

Our tribe is facing tough financial times both within our northern casino's and Greektown. Tribal governmental operations are currently facing a budget shortfall of nearly 15 million dollars. Membership services must be protected and irresponsible spending must end. We must correct the wrongs of the past and ensure that they do not repeat themselves.

Please do not be fooled by candidates that make outrageous promises. This type of behavior has contributed greatly to our current financial problems. We need leaders that are willing to make difficult decisions to stabilize our tribe by:

WORKING FULL-TIME FOR THE MEMBERSHIP
 PUSHING TO DIVERSIFY OUR BUSINESSES BY SECURING 8a STATUS
 FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE TRIBES RESOURCES AND SOVEREIGNTY
 MOVING FORWARD TO SECURE ROMULUS CASINO
 TREATING FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS, AS WELL AS MEMBERSHIP
 WITH RESPECT. BEHAVING IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

I have, and (with your help) will continue to provide this type of responsible leadership. I have a lifetime of business experience and firmly believe in restoring our tribe to an era of community harmony and financial stability.

We are all in this together! A tribe divided cannot stand and we need to UNITE and work together.

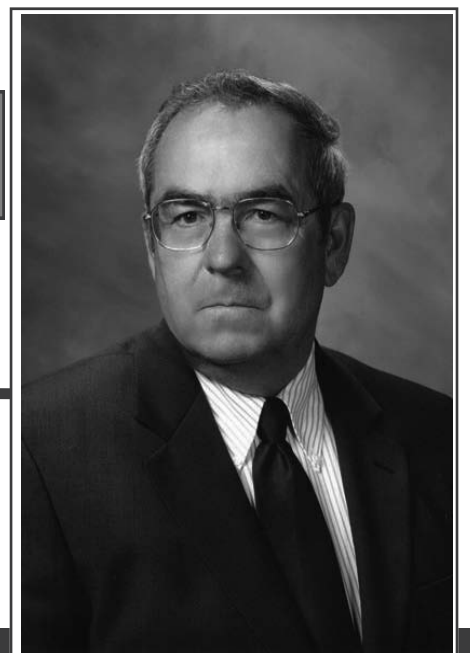
Special Thanks To:

Bud Biron
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 John Biron
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For endorsing my
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