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Ajjaak, or crane, an important symbol of one of the original clans of the Anishinaabe in the Great Lakes region and symbol of our tribe. These two sandhill cranes were recently in a field near Rudyard, preparing for the fall migration to a warmer winter. Photo by Alan Kamuda

Judge rules key employees quit

Tribe files court order to repay buyouts

BY CORY WILSON

The Sault Tribe's chief legal counsel presented to the Sault Tribe Board of Directors on Aug. 16, the opinion of the court regarding the lawsuit filed on behalf of the Sault Tribe to recoup a \$2.66 million severance payout to seven key employees that was initiated by former Chairman Bernard Bouschor and then executed following the results of the 2004 election for tribal chairman.

On Aug. 11, visiting Chippewa Circuit Court Judge Charles W. Johnson refused to dismiss a Sault Tribe lawsuit seeking to recoup the payouts against Bouschor and the seven former employees. On June 25, 2004, one day after Sault Tribe members voted not to re-elect Bouschor as tribal chairman, each key employee received a payment that collectively totaled approximately \$2.66 million.

Judge Johnson rejected requests to dismiss the case from Bouschor and the former employees, who argued that the payments were proper under "severance agree-

ments" approved by Bouschor for each of the employees. The Sault Tribe contends that Bouschor had no authority to approve the payments, which the former employees must rightfully return to the tribe and its members.

According to the official court opinion issued by Chippewa Circuit Court Judge Charles W. Johnson, "This suit is not about the employment agreement between the tribe and each key employee. It is about the severance agreements, which were executed on June 9, 2004, and became effective on June 24, 2004. To the extent that defendants say that the severance agreements simply implement provisions of the employment agreements, this is clearly incorrect."

Judge Johnson states, "The unambiguous provisions of each severance agreement, as summarized (in the legal opinion), show clearly that each defendant key employee voluntarily resigned from his or her employment. Section 5 of the (employment) agreement says that the employer

has the right to terminate the agreement upon 'The employee's voluntary resignation. . . Thus, a voluntary resignation does not trigger any contractual obligation for the tribe to pay the severance amount."

"It is one thing to hire an employee and agree to pay for services rendered in return. It is entirely another thing to agree that an employee may voluntarily quit and walk away with a large sum of the employer's money. While the chief executive officer generally has the authority to hire and fire, in this case the defendant (Bouschor) did not fire the key employees. He instead made agreements giving them the option to quit, and receive large payments for doing so. The court cannot conclude, from the face of the bylaws, that the tribal board intended to grant such authority," added Judge Johnson.

According to Chief Legal Counsel Steve Morello, "The bogus tort claims have been dismissed, and we plan to recoup all our costs including legal fees associated with this case. The court upheld our sovereign

immunity. This is a win for the people."

The Sault Tribe announced on Aug. 25, that it will ask the Chippewa County Court to order the seven former high-ranking tribal employees to repay \$2.66 million that former Chairman Bernard Bouschor improperly approved for them to collect the day after he was voted out of office last summer.

"In light of Judge Johnson's ruling, we intend to ask the court to order the defendants to pay the money back to our tribe and to the members of our tribe," said Morello.

Both parties in the litigation will meet to discuss the terms of that order. In the next two to four weeks, oral testimony will be taken regarding the individual contract payouts in preparation for trial, at which time the Sault Tribe anticipates the conclusion of the lawsuit pertaining to this issue. The complete court opinion is available online at the Sault Tribe's official Web site www.saulttribe.com.

Tribal board validates referendum vote

BY CORY WILSON

NEWBERRY, Mich. — At the Aug. 16 board meeting, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors voted eight to four in favor of a resolution to overturn the legal department's opinion that the recent referendum vote regarding resolution 2005-60 did not meet the 30 percent voter requirement to be considered a valid election. By voting to overturn the legal department's decision, the board validated that a 30 percent vote requirement of the membership to make the referendum vote valid was indeed met,

based upon the current election code.

The official results of the referendum vote regarding Resolution 2005-60: Reconciliation of Removal and Election Eligibility Tribal Code Sections, were announced at the Aug. 2, 2005, board meeting in Munising, Mich. However, discrepancies involving the terminology between the referendum code, election code, and the tribal Constitution, created a conflict of interpretation as to what constitutes a 30 percent vote of the membership.

At the conclusion of the Aug. 2 meeting,

the legal department's ruling on the matter stood to take precedence over the Election Committee's interpretation following a binding legal opinion submitted by the general counsel. However, the board of directors, by resolution, voted to overturn and/or disregard the legal opinion by receiving a majority vote of the board. This resolution is subject to a referendum vote.

The Election Committee announced that 3,598 ballots were received out of 11,394 mailed to the membership, accounting for 31.3 percent voter turnout. Of the 3,598

ballots received, 184 ballots were deemed spoiled and/or damaged ballots. 3,414 ballots were actually counted accounting for 29.9 percent of the ballots.

Resolution 2005-60 was originally approved by the board of directors on May 3, 2005. A petition was then issued requiring the resolution to go to a referendum vote of the membership. The now valid referendum vote results indicated that 1,723 disapproved of Resolution 2005-60 and 1,691 approved, therefore Resolution 2005-60 is disapproved.

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The Viet Nam Veterans and Sault Tribe Community Eagle staffs lead the way in grand entry at the Hessel Powwow.

Hessel Powwow

The rain couldn't keep the crowds away from the Hessel Powwow. The afternoon grand entry was started inside the community center but moved back to the newly remodeled powwow grounds as the rain stopped and stayed away for the rest of the day.

Photos
by
Alan Kamuda



Lisa Burnside and Unit II Director Lana Causley , co- chairs of the powwow during grand entry.



Visitors enjoyed the evening at the Hessel Powwow.



Young fancy shawl dancers, dance their way into the evening.



Men's traditional dancer Jerry Dutcher.



Left, 69 year-old Worley Rittenhouse, of Kincheloe, rode his bike from the Sault to Kewaunee, Wisconsin, to raise money and awareness of Alzheimer's disease, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system.

Worley started the 300 mile trip on August 17 and finished August 21.

He had a few flat tires and met some very nice people along the way in addition to experiencing some brief wet weather just outside of Rudyard.

His father had Alzheimer's disease when he passed away five years ago. To learn more about how you can help him to raise public awareness of the disease, or to make financial contributions, please call Soo Co-Op Credit Union at (906) 495-7151 where he has established an account for Alzheimer's disease contributions.

Photo by Alan Kamuda

Special enrollment suspended on Aug. 20

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors voted to suspend open enrollment beginning Aug. 20 in order to process over 4,000 applications that have flooded the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department.

The board of directors will close the special enrollment on Aug. 20, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. EST. All applications on file with the tribal registrar's office prior to the deadline date and time will be processed. There will be no filing of new applications thereafter until further notice from the board

of directors.

Ken Ermatinger, chairman of the Special Needs and Enrollment Committee, requested to "close the rolls temporarily in order to process over 4,000 applications we have received," Ermatinger also added ". . .that would give us some time to try to clean up the rolls we are working on."

Chairperson Aaron Payment addressed the membership by clarifying the issue stating, "We would continue to process the applications that we have right now and the ones we continue to

receive up until Aug. 20. This will absolutely have no effect on the existing applications."

Since the board of directors approved the resolution on Oct. 19, 2004, to open the rolls, 54 applicants have been approved and added to the rolls.

For more information regarding special enrollment, please contact the enrollment department at 1-800-251-6597 or (906) 632-8552. The enrollment department is located on 2428 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Communications director announced

The Sault Tribe recently announced the employment of Cory Wilson as communications director.



The communications director will serve as the official spokesperson and media liaison for the tribe as well as direct the activities of the tribe's newspaper, radio program, web site and video production services.

Wilson has worked for the tribe for the past eight years in the areas of marketing and public relations prior to accepting the

position of communications director.

Wilson graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in technical and professional communications and also possesses an associate degree in visual communications. Wilson is a Sault Tribe member and resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., with his wife Jennifer.

"I am very honored and pleased to have this opportunity to improve all aspects of tribal communications as it relates to our members, employees, the media and local governments. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead," said Wilson.

Health care is Michigan's largest employer

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

In a study released recently by the Partnership for Michigan's Health it was found that health care is Michigan's largest employer, providing more than 472,300 direct jobs and 254,340 indirect and induced jobs which pump \$29.8 billion a year into the state's economy in wages, salaries and benefits.

The study, titled the *Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan*, shows Michigan health care workers and their employees pay more than \$8 billion annually in taxes.

The study is an analysis of data compiled by the Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc., and includes information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Key findings of the study include:

- Health care employment exceeds Michigan's agricultural and automotive manufacturing

sectors.

- Michigan's direct health care workers earn about \$21.2 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits.

- Direct, indirect and induced health care jobs total more than 726,640 in Michigan.

- 58 Michigan counties have more than 1,000 direct health care jobs.

- 19 Michigan counties have more than 5,000 direct health care jobs.

- 14 Michigan counties have more than 10,000 direct health care jobs.

According to the study, Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) President Alan Mindlin, MD, said, "Today, nearly 16 of every 100 Michigan jobs are directly or indirectly created by health care. Studies show that Michigan will create roughly 100,000 new health care jobs between now and 2015. Clearly health care is extraordinarily important to our economy."

The Partnership for Michigan's Health, who recently released the study, is working to improve Michigan's health status, reform the state's Medicaid system, and keep health care accessible and affordable for everyone.

Locally, according to War Memorial Hospital payroll coordinator Mandy Marchand, War Memorial Hospital employs 659 health professionals and support staff, in 2004 paid \$19.5 million in wages and \$5.6 million in local, state and federal taxes.

According to Sault Tribe Health Division accountant Ken Kobes, within the tribe's service area, there are 215 full time health division employees who were paid a total of \$7,712,377 in wages and \$1,883,846 in fringe benefits in 2004. Twenty-two percent of the tribe's full-time health division employees provide service in some or all seven counties.

For a copy of the study, visit www.economicimpact.org.

Dumback promoted

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Jessica Dumback was recently promoted from program manager for tribal administration to recreation facility manager for Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.



Dumback has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Lake Superior State University and a minor in legal assistant studies. She began her work with the tribe as a chairman's intern in 1997 and relocat-

ed to Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sept. 2004.

Dumback oversees the business department, operations, scheduling, marketing, events management and the youth program. She is also responsible for the recreation agreements in outlying areas with the Delta County YMCA, Manistique Area Schools, Northern Michigan University, Lake Superior State University, Little Bear East and Little Bear West.

"I am excited about the new challenge and am looking forward to making a positive difference at Chi Mukwa," Dumback said.

New manager for Manistique casino announced

Kewadin Casinos is pleased to announce the promotion of Sheryl McKerchie to the position of casino manager at the Kewadin Casino in Manistique, Mich.



McKerchie is a Sault Tribe member who began her career in the gaming industry in 1986 starting as a blackjack dealer at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste.

Marie where she has remained employed for the last 19 years. She has held various management and supervisory positions, which includes employment as a floorperson, pitboss, shift manager and assistant gaming manager.

McKerchie and her husband, Russell Jr., are the proud parents of six children.

According to Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casinos interim COO, "Sheryl McKerchie's knowledge and experience in gaming operations will be a tremendous asset to the Manistique casino."

New program aids locals in cleanup efforts

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced a new initiative designed to help clean up Michigan's voter lists.

The program will assist local officials in complying with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and improving the state's Qualified Voter File (QVF) by facilitating the process for removing the names of truly inactive voters.

"It is clear that our local officials are struggling with this, as we have more than 800,000 names on our files with registrations dating prior to 1998, yet no voter history," said Land, Michigan's chief election officer. "While there is no evidence of wrongdoing involving these files, it is imperative that we further reduce the potential for fraud. We

can do this by identifying whether these are people who have moved without changing their address on their voter file, voters who now live in another state or those who are deceased. To help ease the burden for local government, we are using federal funds to reimburse the costs involved for communities committed to these efforts."

As a result of Michigan's consolidated election law, local election officials are re-issuing voter identification cards, which helps officials identify names that need to be removed from the voter files. Under Land's plan, the state will use Help American Vote Act (HAVA) funds to reimburse local officials for costs associated with the voter card mailing. Cards returned by mail as "undeliver-

able" are noted on the voter files and a subsequent confirmation notice is sent indicating that their registration will be canceled if they fail to vote in the next two federal election cycles or fail to respond to the notice. Federal elections are held only in November of even numbered years.

It is important to note that throughout this process these voters continue to appear on precinct lists and are treated exactly the same as all other voters.

To supplement the card program, the department is purchasing records from the Social Security Administration to identify voters who are deceased.

For more information about the QVF and Help America Vote Act, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos.

CHS information meetings

Sault Tribe Community Health Service (CHS) will be conducting meetings about coming changes with CHS. All community health service staff will be in attendance. Tribe members can attend anywhere, if they miss one meeting, they may attend another.

Meeting dates are:

Sept. 19, Escanaba, 7-9 p.m., Bay College, Herman Building, room 958.

Sept. 21, Munising, 7-9 p.m., credit union.

Sept. 22, Newberry, 7-9 p.m., community meeting room, tribal center.

Sept. 26, Hessel, 7-9 p.m., community meeting room, tribal center.

Sept. 27, Kinross, 7-9 p.m., recreation center, room 1.

Sept. 29, Marquette, 7-9 p.m., Walstroms Restaurant, meeting room.

Oct. 3, Sault Ste Marie, 7-9 p.m., Health and Human Services building.

Oct. 4, St Ignace, 7-9 p.m., former McCann School.

Oct. 5, Detour, 7-9 p.m., Detour School.

Oct. 6, Manistique, 7-9 p.m., community meeting room, tribal center.

Learn to swim — for our tribe's youth

Sept. 12 to Oct. 19 and Oct. 24 to Dec. 7

Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sign up by calling Jessica Dumback at 635-7770.

Make it up as you go governance?!



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Chairperson,
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians**

Immediately following the 2004 tribal election, a select few tribal board members attempted to schedule a 'special meeting' in violation of the tribal Constitution. Pursuant to our tribal Constitution, a majority of the board determines such matters. Even then, however, a majority of the board cannot disregard the tribal Constitution and Bylaws.

What is troubling is that while a minority insists that the majority consented to the above so-called special meeting, I was never called by even one of those in the minority who wanted to meet. Was this an attempt to circumvent the special meeting requirement of the tribal Constitution in a "make it up as you go" approach to governance?

The tribal Constitutional Bylaws provisions for special meetings reads:
Special meetings may be called upon from time to time by the chairperson or by a majority vote of the board of directors. Written notice of such special meeting shall be given to all members of the board at least five (5) days in advance of such meeting. . .

Article I, Section 2
Tribal Constitutional Bylaws.

Further, the following clarifies that no such authority exists for a minority of the tribal board to call a special meeting:

No business at any regular or special meetings shall be transacted unless a quorum is present, a quorum being a majority of the board of directors.

Article I, Section 5
Tribal Constitutional Bylaws.

It was nonetheless argued by just a few tribal board members

that they interpret the tribal Constitution therefore, whatever they say — is law! This is very dangerous given there is no remedy or due process.

Simply claiming that "because a minority of the tribal board wishes something to be true outside of a board meeting, that it is therefore true" is scary because it sets up a standard by which a minority of the tribal board can render null and void the Constitution and the voice of the majority of board members you elect to represent you. It also sets up what is called an "oligarch government" which renders one branch of government all powerful thereby eliminating your right to due process.

Director Lambert actually insisted that the board had broad authority to interpret the tribal Constitution so I posed the following question: **So you are saying that if the sky is blue, but you interpret it is grey, it is therefore grey?** Director Lambert's response was actually — "Yes."

Referendum decision falls short of 30 percent

I suppose it is possible that not everyone understands that a ballot is just a ballot until someone marks it their 'vote.' That is precisely what your tribal Election Code says. What I find objectionable at the board voting level is the conflict of interest in casting votes as well as the effort to prevent tribe members from being able to make these governance decisions.

Let the members or let a judge decide

With the proper notice to the board and the public, I submitted two resolutions to resolve the apparent disagreement between whether or not the 30 percent tribal Constitutional requirement had been met. The two resolutions were as follows:

• **Resolution 1:** Allow the members to decide in a referendum vote, whether or not the 30 percent requirement was met.

• **Resolution 2:** Remand to a visiting judge (licensed to practice law in at least one state) the authority to review the case and rule on the issues of tribal Constitutional law.

Instead of even considering these options, Paul Shagen motioned to exclude both items thereby denying you from even

hearing of these options to resolve the referendum issue. Both Paul Shagen and Dennis McKelvie stand to benefit from eliminating his competition in 2006. They both voted to deny you the opportunity to even hear these remedies.

Imagine following the 2000 presidential election outcome if instead of the Supreme Court hearing arguments of the validity of the election, if Congress simply usurped this judicial authority and chose a "make it up as you go" approach.

The question you as a member need to ask is: Was the 30 percent requirement met?

Again, I realize our befuddleness at the governance level is wearing your patience. The latest issue is of such a critical importance, however, that I feel firmly that the members need to make it clear through a referendum vote that you will not stand for such clear violations of provisions of the tribal Constitution and Bylaws by board "judicial interpretation" of the tribal Constitution.

Brief summary of new referendum issue: You'll get to decide

To encapsulate and simplify this issue, I am providing the following summary and encouraging members to contact tribal member Lynne Weaver, a founding member of the Tribal Government Reform Movement, at: (906) 635-3087 or e-mail at:

weave977@lighthouse.net to sign a referendum petition for the right to either ratify or veto the decision of the tribal board which validated a referendum vote when the number of votes required was simply not met.

In August 2004, the tribal board of directors voted to create a standard for removal from office that now requires a greater burden of proof and a conviction of a crime rather than mere hearsay or allegations. This decision follows two years of turmoil and no less than 10 removal petitions submitted by the former chairman's secretary or campaign supporters.

All three previous removals (Verna Lawrence, Beverly Louis, and Michael Lumsden) would fail to meet the current standard.

In March 2004, the board voted to allow those previously removed from office under a weaker standard — to run for office and let the members decide who should represent them.

Within 30 days, Bernard Bouschor (presumably to eliminate his competition in his planned 2006 bid for tribal board of directors) led a campaign to gather signatures and even ran ads in the local tabloid. This resulted in the submission of the required 100 signatures. Pursuant to the tribal Constitution, referendum code, and election code, a vote was scheduled. The clear standard in the tribal Constitution is 30 percent of the eligible voters must vote.

11, 394 Eligible voters (Ballots were mailed)
3, 418 Votes needed (30percent of 11,394)
3, 414 Voters voted
7 Blank ballots wrongfully counted to achieve 30 percent

• The Constitution requires 30 percent voters to vote.

• The referendum code requires 30 percent voters to vote.

• The election code prohibits blank/spoiled ballots from being counted.

• The tribal general legal counsel issued a binding legal opinion that made clear the issues of tribal Constitutional law — the 30 percent requirement was not met (this is not a political decision nor is it legitimately a legislative decision).

• On 8-16-05 the tribal board validated the referendum vote election anyway.

• The new referendum vote is for the members to decide if the 30 percent standard was met.

• Dennis McKelvie and Paul Shagen voted in conflict because they both stand to benefit, like Bernard Bouschor, by eliminating Verna Lawrence and Mike Lumsden from running against them in Unit I in 2006.

Judge rules former employees were not fired

On Aug. 15, the judge (hearing our case to recover the \$2.66 million stolen on election night in 2004) ruled in the tribe's favor. We will now file for a summary judgment to compel the seven to pay the money back. The opinion is printed in this edition of *The Sault Tribe News*. I want to, however, list the most salient points in the judge's ruling (drawn from a post card mailing I received) and list the amounts these individuals took. I am confident we will be able to recover the entire amount plus all legal expenses used to

hold these individuals accountable.

"... each defendant key employee voluntarily resigned from his or her employment . . . a voluntary resignation does not trigger any contractual obligation for the tribe to pay the severance amount . . . (Bouschor) did not fire the key employees. He instead made agreements giving them the option to quit and receive large payments for doing so."

Amount	Paid to
\$ 608,479	Dan Green
\$ 519,426	Dan Weaver
\$ 452,643	Jim Jannetta
\$ 419,325	Jolene Nertoli
\$ 398,460	David Scott
\$ 202,707	Paul Shagen
\$ 59,091	Joe Paczkowski
\$2,660,135	

At the Sept. 20, tribal board meeting, I will offer up tribal legislation to earmark the funds we recover as follows:

Proposed plan to spend \$2.66 million
\$1,000,000 for health care
\$1,060,135 for an elder bonus
\$ 600,000 to cover unmet needs of our college students.

My inspiration for this distribution plan came after reading a quote from former Vice-Chair George Nolan in response to our then brand new gaming venture in the June 1985 edition of our tribal paper which read:

"It's a great opportunity. The economic benefits will be passed on to tribal constituents — in health and education."

Voter registration should begin immediately

Finally, given all of the voter registration problems of the past, I will propose, by resolution, to immediately begin voter registration for the 2006 tribal board election. The only reason I can think of that anyone would oppose this and limit registration to just a few weeks would be to limit your opportunities to register to vote. Nearly 6,000 members are not registered to vote and therefore are prohibited from voting. I support your participation and see no valid reason to create barriers to you casting your vote.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact me by e-mail at: apayment@saulttribe.net or call (906) 635-6050 or toll free at (888) 94-AARON.

Membership Q and A

Correction to the Q&A in the last issue:

Funding for IHS programs is not received through the BIA, instead the federal dollars come from the Health and Human Services Division (HHS).

Q: I am a tribe member who lives out of state, and am interested in receiving my "Indian name." Is there anyway I can still receive my name and, if so, what is the procedure?

A: (From Cecil Pavlat, cultural division) As far as your Anishinaabe Noosiwin, (Indian Name); You have to find a traditional practitioner, pass tobacco to him or

her, and ask for them to find it. It may come to him or her through smoking your tobacco by way of a dream, in a sweat lodge or through the spirits talking to him or her.

This is an important part of the process, you must pray with the tobacco that is to be given to the person that will look for your name.

This request should be done in person, and you should talk to that person so that they get an idea of who you are. You should also look for your clan if you do not know it. Your name is a part of you, and usually it is reflected in your personal-ity or how you act and feel

things. Sometimes through this conversation with the traditional person, clues can come out, maybe you feel a strong connection to certain animals or birds or whatever. All of these things help that person find your name.

You may contact me, Cecil Pavlat, for further info regarding our culture. at (906) 632-7480 or by email CPavlat@sault-tribe.net.

Q: Neither my son or I received a ballot for the last two referendums. Why weren't we sent a ballot?

A: If you did not receive a ballot, there could be a couple reasons. The most obvious would be that you are not registered to

vote. The second may be that you have moved and have not updated your address. To remedy the first situation, watch for voter registration to open up and then request a form be sent to you. Make sure you return your registration form!

Secondly, you may want to contact the enrollment department at 1-800-251-6597, if you know you have registered and then moved afterwards.

—DJ Malloy and Clarence Hudak
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Michigan tribes continue fight for hunting and fishing rights

BY CORY WILSON

Tribe members living in Michigan maybe in jeopardy of losing their right to hunt and fish under the current laws governed by their affiliated tribes.

Litigation between Michigan's five Indian tribes and the state of Michigan regarding Indian treaty rights established in 1836 has lasted over 30 years and has now reached a pivotal crossroad.

The 1836 Treaty with the Ottawa and Chippewa outlines the federal agreement between the United States and the five Indian tribes in Michigan and details numerous stipulations including the right to hunt and fish on unsettled lands.

Currently, each tribe in Michigan is not regulated by the state of Michigan, but rather self-regulated by tribally established hunting codes and regulations. In most cases, the regulations imposed by the five tribes are congruent with most state regulated laws.

The state of Michigan's focus in the past regarding the 1836 Treaty has been the fishing activities of Native Americans on the Great Lakes. The state has shifted gears and is now questioning the tribes' right to hunt and fish on off-reservation land and inland waterways. According to the state's counterclaim issued in September of 2003, the state claims the five Indian tribes in Michigan, "...do not retain any off-reservation hunting and/or fishing rights in inland areas under the 1836 Treaty. . ."

However, Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty states otherwise by granting the tribes, "the right of hunting on the lands ceded, with the other usual privileges of occu-

pancy, until the land is required for settlement."

The lengthy legal battle regarding the interpretation of the 1836 Treaty is slowly coming to a close with the case slated to go before a federal judge in January of 2006. The state of Michigan, Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition, and various sportsmen groups in conjunction with select local media outlets across the state, are using scare tactics to convince area sportsman that the tribes are exceeding the established treaty rights and by doing so, maybe infringing on the rights of private landowners. Some sportsman groups are accusing the tribes of trying to uphold their right to hunt and fish on privately owned land and/or public parks without prior consent. These scare tactics are being used to gain public support in an effort to justify the state's opinion on the issue.

According to the hunting and fishing code currently in place, the Sault Tribe seems to have no intention of condoning any such activity contrary to their regulations. The Sault Tribe's Hunting and Inland Fishing Code states, "There shall be no hunting within 150 yards of any public campground during the season within which is open for public use, or within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling. . .No member may hunt on any farmlands or connected wood lots or on any fenced or posted private lands. . .No member may hunt within city limits."

By specifically establishing a law regarding this issue, it seems the Sault Tribe's goal is obvious and their intent is to not only to try to prevent unauthorized hunting on private and public proper-

ty, but to also enforce this law through the use of tribal law enforcement, conservation officers and the tribal court system. It should also be noted that in most cases, the professionals employed by the tribes in these specific areas often work in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and various federal agencies in effort to uphold the tribal hunting and fishing laws put in place.

According to Fred Paquin, Sault Tribe Chief of Police and Conservation, "In the current Sault Tribe regulations, we have not allowed members to hunt on private land. At this time, we have no intent of hunting on private lands. We will follow the regulations."

To summarize the ongoing litigation, the five Michigan tribes believe they have a right to continue to self-regulate themselves and have the right to hunt and fish on off-reservation land and inland waterways according to Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty with the United States. The state of Michigan believes the tribes do not have that right.

Concerned tribe members are encouraged to attend community meetings scheduled throughout the seven-county service area and/or contact their local unit representative. This article is the first of a series of informative summaries detailing the ongoing litigation, the 1836 Treaty rights, and the future of hunting and fishing rights of tribe members. The Sault Tribe Hunting and Fishing Code and a copy of the 1836 Treaty with the Ottawa and Chippewa is available at www.saulttribe.com.

Greektown posts 14 percent increase

The Sault Tribe's Greektown Casino in Detroit recorded a 14 percent revenue increase in July and recaptured some market share, according to figures released by the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB).

Casino managers attributed July's positive performance to aggressive new promotions and improved direct marketing strategies that are better able to target existing customers and attract new guests.

"We're always looking at strategies to keep our guests coming back and ways to reach out to new guests," said Greektown Chief Operating Officer Craig Ghelfi. "We've begun a new, aggressive targeted marketing campaign based on the feedback from our guests. The new strategy has been very successful keeping our guests loyal and attracting some new visitors."

While Greektown Casino revenue climbed significantly in July (compared to July of 2004), the other two Detroit casinos also posted strong monthly performances. MotorCity Casino saw its revenues fall four percent while

MGM's revenues rose four compared to July 2004.

The MGCB numbers also show that Greektown Casino's market share increased to 27 percent, slightly ahead of its position at the end of 2004.

"A number of factors, namely the lack of an attached parking garage, will keep us from competing for the top spot in Detroit's gaming market, at least until we open our permanent casino," Ghelfi said. "However, our new marketing strategy is obviously working and will allow us to gain ground on the other two casinos over time."

In total, the three Detroit casinos have reported \$722 million in adjusted gross revenue so far this year, about one percent ahead of the same period in 2004.

In the near future, the Sault Tribe will announce the plans for its permanent Greektown Casino, a world-class gaming resort that will meet all development agreement requirements with the city of Detroit, create more jobs, and generate more revenues for the tribe, city and state.

EUP Community Corrections Board honors agencies for help with offenders



Shirley Sorrels, manager of the Ojibwa Museum and Cultural Center, receives a certificate of recognition from Mackinac County Commissioner Lawrence Leveille and CCAB chairman, Richard Beadle.

Three community agencies were honored Aug. 9 for their help in working with local offenders by the EUP Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB). The Ojibwa Museum and Cultural Center in St. Ignace, the Link in Newberry, and American Legion Post 3 in Sault Ste Marie were recognized at the monthly lunch and business meeting of the CCAB for providing opportunities for offenders to work part of the sentences and reduce their jail time.

Shirley Sorrels, manager of the Ojibwa Museum, said offenders helped construct and finish several bookshelves which enabled the museum to increase its book sales by 600 percent.

"With all the budget cuts and funding reductions we couldn't afford to purchase new shelves and displays," she said. "The work crew built large bookcases and trimmed them in birch bark which helped us expand our book capacity to become on of the largest sellers of Native American books."

Along with the book shelves, community service work crews, under the direction of Deputy Robert St. Louis of the Mackinac

County Sheriff's Office, also worked the grounds, painted inside and out, and provide some winter maintenance.

Mary Archambeau, director of the Link, said offenders have worked over the years on a variety of projects and remodeling at the Link, especially helping replace flooring at the youth center.

Community service work crews, under the direction of Daryl Boeriger with the 92nd District Court, have helped transform the youth center into a community center, Ms. Archambeau told the CCAB at their monthly luncheon meeting in Sault Ste. Marie.

"This is an opportunity for these offenders to contribute to the community and take pride in their work," she said.

Dan Inglis, commander of American Legion Post 3 and a retired Michigan State Trooper, said, "For 25 years I helped put people in jail. When I became commander of the post, I said we would get involved in the community and this is one way we can do that."

The EUP CCAB is one of 44 advisory boards in the state established through Public Act 511. The act provides funding to assist local communities in providing alternatives to jail for some offenders. The 15-member EUP CCAB serves Mackinac, Luce and Chippewa Counties and was established in 1991. From Oct. 1, 2004, through July 30, 2005, the EUP CCAB has saved the counties more than \$120,000 in labor related costs for a variety of community projects by using offenders in work crews.

Attention Sault Tribe members

Director Vic Matson, Sr., invites you to his Unit V community input meetings.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m., at the Munising Community Credit Union meeting room located at 200 East M-28, Munising MI 49862.

Friday, Sept. 16, 6 p.m., at the Marquette Holiday Inn at 1951 U.S. 41 West, Marquette, MI 49855.

A main topic of discussion will be the tribe's inland fishing and hunting treaty rights. Members are encouraged to attend and give their input on this subject. There will also be time allotted during the meetings to allow the members from Unit V an opportunity to address Director Matson and Chairperson Aaron Payment on any subject concerning our tribe.

Elderly committees, chairperson, phone, address, dates, times and places.

- Unit I, Sault Ste. Marie, Nancy Allard, 632-8566, 5612 E. Masta Bay Road, Sault MI 49783, first Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Nokomis/Mishomis Place
- Unit II, Hessel, Basel Willis, 647-8943, P.O. Box 11, Barbeau, MI 49710, third Mondays, Noon., Hessel Tribal Center
- Unit II, Newberry, Sally Burke, 293-8475, 12376 Co. Road 408, Newberry, MI 49868, fourth Fridays, 11 a.m., Newberry Tribal Center
- Unit III, St. Ignace, Joann Smith, 643-9509, 160 E.Spring St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, second Fridays, • Noon., McCann School
- Unit IV, Escanaba, Jerry Miller, 786-1855, 1007 N 16th St., Escanaba, MI 49829, second Saturdays, 11:00 a.m., Escanaba Civic Center
- Unit IV, Manistique, Jerome Peterson, 341-5640, 303 Potter St., Manistique, MI 49854, second Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center
- Unit V, Munising, Shirley Petoskey, 387-2101, P.O. Box 537, Munising, MI 49862, first and third Mondays, 4 p.m., Comfort Inn
- Unit V, Marquette, Gary Carr, 346-9076, 275 Station Road, Gwinn, MI 49841, first Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Walstroms Restaurant
- Elderly advisory board, Jerome Peterson, 341-5640, 303 Potter St., Manistique, MI 49854, fourth Mondays, 12:30 p.m., Newberry Tribal Center

Board validates referendum

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting in Newberry on Aug. 16. All board members were present.

Resolutions: *Voting is not noted on actions taken unani-*

mously. The board overturned the finding of the legal department that the most recent referendum was invalid due to the lack of participation from members.

Essentially, the resolution allows removed board members to run for office in elections, tribe members were asked to approve or disapprove the action in a ref-

erendum.

The legal department asserted the referendum election did not get the required 30 percent of eligible voters' participation and a majority of the board disagreed. At issue was whether 184 spoiled ballots should be included in calculating the percentage.

Board members Todd Gravelle, Bob LaPoint, Victor Matson, Sr., and Tom Miller opposed overturning the decision.

The casino employee vacation policy was revised to set a cap on vacation pay outs at the time of an employee's separation, a minimum amount of vacation time that must be used by employees

per year and a maximum amount of vacation days that can be carried forward per year.

The board tabled a resolution to clarify key personnel positions requiring involvement of the board during hiring or termination.

The professional legal services of attorney Aaron Schlehuber was retained, on an independent contractor basis, to provide legal advice on hunting and fishing treaty matters at a rate up to approximately \$75,000 plus expenses per year.

Severance packages for eight casino employees were approved. The general terms of the sever-

ance's are the employees must immediately resign from employment, paid a lump sum amount equivalent to one week's pay per year of seniority, release the tribe from any claims and waive any entitlement to receive unemployment compensation for a period equal to the number of weeks of severance pay received.

Board members Dennis McKelvie, Denise Chase, Robert Lambert, Sr., Miller and Gravelle opposed the action.

The board tabled a resolution declaring a conflict of interest if a Bureau of Indian Affairs employee runs for an elected tribal office.

New business: A proposal to

secure a specified property for a three-quarter house, a type of addiction transition facility, was sent to a review committee.

Conservation Committee requests were approved to accept a resignation from a committee member, declare a vacancy on the committee and support cormorant control efforts.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. and all members are invited to attend.

Construction at St. Ignace Kewadin Shores

Several rumors and comments have been made about the construction at the new casino in St. Ignace. It appeared that construction was not moving forward and this has never been true.

Originally, it was stated that this would be open in 2005 which has shown to be impossible. We have run into problems with the architect, but at a meeting last week with the tribe, the contractors and the architect seemed to address a lot of the issues.

It is very easy to sit on the sidelines and criticize the work of others. I stop at the site daily and meet with the workers. We now meet weekly with all contractors. If you have gone by

there in the last couple of weeks you would see a lot of progress done.

I have heard comments that we should hire other contractors and not use Sault Tribe Construction. We have hired a lot of outside contractors and they are doing a great job. Sault Tribe Construction has been hired to do all of the excavating, framing on the hotel and other work. This work is being done very professionally. The construction company is doing as they have been instructed and have followed direction very well. The tribe is very fortunate to have these men and women working for us. They are dedicated individuals who work hard for the tribe on a daily

basis.

Opening of the new casino is scheduled for the end of May 2006. The hotel is located in a very beautiful setting, there has been clearing so that visitors have a view of the lake. The casino will be expanded to accommodate the amount of traffic to the establishment. This project will be a tremendous asset to the tribe and community as well as a tribute to all those involved in the project. I hope that all who have questions on the construction would talk to their representatives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (906) 643-8878.

The deadline for the next issue of *The Sault Tribe News* is 5 p.m., Sept. 12.

Crazy decision to count blank ballots unconstitutional

of votes.

However, in a shocking development, this board voted to accept these blank ballots and actually counted these as votes to reach the 30 percent requirement. Whatever your view on the issue that was the subject of the referendum, we must follow the Constitution, otherwise we become a lawless tribe. This tribe is moving quickly towards lawlessness considering the board voted to do this in the face of legal opinions and the strong advice of lawyers not to certify this last referendum as valid. The board ignored the legal advice and went ahead and did it anyway!

In my opinion, to count blank ballots as votes is absurd, so I voted no to accept the results of this referendum as valid. A majority of the board voted to accept the results even against the advice of our general counsel, staff attorneys and others who advised that this was just wrong. It also indicates a disturbing trend on our board to disregard the advice of our attorneys either for spite or based on emotion. Call your board member to see how they voted and hold them accountable!

Blank ballots are not counted as votes anywhere in the United States because they are not votes and it is illegal. It is also unconstitutional to do this within our tribe and I intend to provide vot-

ers with the opportunity to reverse this ridiculous decision by sponsoring a referendum on this issue. The board isn't above the law and must be held responsible for violating our Constitution. The board's decision to count blank ballots as votes is so appalling, so contrary to all principles of fairness I can hardly believe that it happened; but it did!

This will go down as one of the worst decisions the board has ever made. For many years there has been much heated debate regarding the fairness of the tribe's election processes. Well, if there were any questions before, there isn't now that the board made the unconstitutional decision to count blank ballots as votes; this undeniably demonstrates that election processes are unfair and set-up to lock out competition, especially those individuals that the Election Committee and board does not like.

The board is starting to govern by emotion (personal grudges, jealousy and fear) rather than reason. The board has allowed their own personal feelings to warp their decision making. This makes for bad government. I need your help to combat this madness.

A cloud of shame now hovers over the board for this misdeed and the people must take notice of it for no one knows what

craziness may happen next.

Through its decision to count blank ballots as votes, the board has made protecting itself from political competition a higher priority than the Constitutional rights of the people. The board thinks it has the right to ban political competitors for no other reason than it doesn't like them. Our tribe is fast approaching lawlessness.

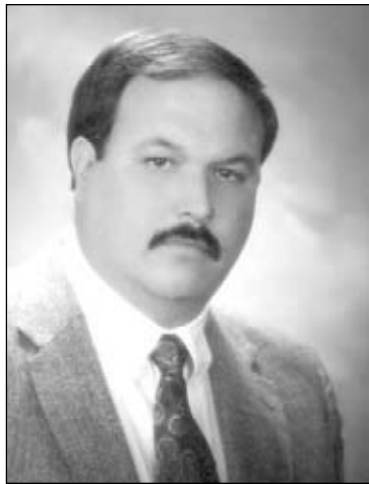
The board made this foolish decision to protect itself from popular political competitors who threaten to take their board seats by running against them. The board has become so fearful of fair elections that it has now taken the unlawful steps of counting blank ballots so it can decide who serves on its exclusive clique called the board of directors with total disregard to our Constitution that was ratified by a majority of the voters. Their bad decisions hurt everyone and they must be reversed by referendum.

The people cannot permit the counting of blank ballots as votes cast. By allowing the board to violate our Constitution, we put ourselves in jeopardy of it stripping each of us of our remaining rights. Our tribe's board is comprised of Americans and its time they started thinking about our forefathers, the thousands who were maimed and killed fighting to win us the cherished rights that they now

view as nothing more than obstacles to fulfilling their political goals. I encourage everyone to participate in this process and to send this confused board a clear message that we threw out the last administration for its corrupt actions and we can vote out this board in the next election if necessary.

It's time for the membership to take control of its board because its government is no longer protecting its interests or rights. It can do this by demanding referendum votes on all important matters. The board has proven it cannot be trusted to wield its authority lawfully and benevolently, so now it must be held in check by the people. The tribe's government is serving itself and only the people can change this by exercising their right to vote. The board refuses to protect your rights so we must protect ourselves from this board. Don't let the board strip you of your rights, vote to reject their decision to count blank ballots as votes cast because it is against the law!

The issue on this referendum, believe it or not, is the question: Should we count blank ballots as votes? If you want to sign our petition please call me at (906) 635-5740. Thank you for upholding the law of our land.



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors



Todd K. Gravelle
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Positive change in the past 12 months



Robert LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

If I was to resign tomorrow or if I decide to not seek reelection, I would do so with peace of mind knowing that in some small way I played a role in helping the membership regain control of this tribe. I am only one vote of twelve and I want to tell you, I have seen more positive change in the past 12 months than in the past six years under Bernard Bouschor.

The biggest changes in our tribe are occurring with variables

that no one watches. Or to put it another way, we can now take for granted variables that did not fluctuate under the past administration. Today our members worry less about financial losses due to political extortion and the razzle-dazzle of a near dictator. Before our current chairman was elected, the valuables of the tribe were hidden, assets were buried, secured with locks and placed behind walls of secrecy.

In the recent court ruling by Judge Johnson, we hope to recoup the \$2.66 million theft by the past administration. The court ruled that "a voluntary resignation does not trigger any contractual obligation for the tribe to pay out a severance amount." Judge Johnson further added, "It is one thing to hire an employee and agree to pay for services rendered in return. It is entirely another thing to agree that an employee may voluntarily quit and walk away with a large sum of the employer's money. He (Bouschor) instead made agreements giving them the option to quit and receive large payments for doing so. The court cannot conclude,

from the face of the bylaws, that the tribal board intended to grant such authority."

By defeating Bouschor, we warded off future acts of theft. The partisans of the past administration have been complaining, it is like the revolt of the elites whose livelihoods rested on the ownership of your money. Private Web sites featuring unofficial documents and exclusive materials are being leaked. In one case, it may have cost us our chance at ever getting a casino in Romulus. The question that no one seems to be able to answer is, what's the proper balance between open access and legitimate security of information? Nobody's related that proper balance to e-government. This is being promoted by the Internet being easy to use as a source, it is also easy to abuse, they even put people's names on mailing lists without asking them. I think maybe our tribe should have two Web sites, one for public information and one to fight these cyber terrorists who are trying to tear down our government.

The debt this tribe incurred

under Bouschor is our biggest problem. I have been asked to look at many good business opportunities, opportunities that we should be able to invest in, the problem is we don't have the money.

There's a saying, "if you don't believe in something you'll fall for anything." Members still don't feel they are getting reliable information from the tribal newspaper or our Web site and some are eager to find a source of information that will tell them anything new, even if the information is false, innuendo or misinformation.

There is an unfair perception being circulated via the Internet that the board is withholding information. This is reckless behavior and is creating the perception of "all out war against all" and this is being exploited by those who lost power in the last election. This is a very troubling trend because what it does is lower people's expectations for what kind of information they can obtain. We need to raise people's expectations.

In my past two unit reports, I

have openly criticized the lack of progress being made at the St. Ignace casino. Chairman Paquin, along with representative Paquin and myself have now begun to personally inspect what we expect in the way of progress at the construction site. Our chairman is now taking a hands on involvement at the construction site. We can be thankful we have a leader who will listen to criticism.

There are those who are engaging in character assassination for their own political gains, what they don't realize is they are being used by those who lost power and who are seeking to regain control. I thought I might not seek reelection this next time around, sort of as a "self imposed term limits," but if the political mud fight continues the way it is going, I may just run again to help stop this foolishness.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me. Bob LaPoint, Unit II director and vice chairman, (906) 493-5311 boblapoint@yahoo.com.

Uncle!



Dennis McKelvie
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

There are those within the board, administration and of course - outside consultants that would love to hear me cry these words. They would love to hear me say "I quit! I give up!"

Recently a "gray" postcard was mailed out depicting myself as the most influential man in the tribe. This card was mailed out in an attempt to apply pressure to force me to back down, and to mis-represent my role as a board member. In fact, it suggests that I and I alone had the authority to make a single event occur with my one vote. It depicts me as the most powerful man in the tribe. (Please note that I apologize for my extensive use of "I" in my statement. It is purely meant for sarcastic purposes.)

Through this administration, the board has been subject to drug tests and polygraphs. Our phone records have been monitored and our motives have been questioned. What is next? Will our homes be searched?

How much have the above mentioned tests cost the tribe? The polygraph alone is estimated to cost \$18,000 just to administer, not including travel and time for employees.

Now that we have set prece-

dence that board members should take polygraphs, how often will we be using this technique? In the following paragraphs you will see another area that we should consider utilizing this technique.

No one board member controls the direction of the tribe or its leadership!

No one individual, whether chairperson or not, controls the direction of the tribe or its leadership!

With that being said, I will continue this unit report with some serious issues facing the tribe.

At the last board meeting in Newberry, the board of directors voted to accept the referendum vote from the Election Committee. That, of course, ruffled the feathers of a few individuals, as well as the general counsel. He actually stated that he spoke for the membership! I am a bit confused by this statement. The elected officials of the tribe speak for the membership as a whole, not a contracted lawyer.

This individual has also stated the following when with the board or with board members: "I don't know what I'm going to do with youF@#@\$@# board members."

"I'm not telling you nothing, I can't trust any of you!"

"I will put this in simple English so that you can understand!"

I personally met with this individual for assistance in drafting a resolution. What he presented was completely different from what I requested. Upon questioning in front of the tribal board of directors, this individual called me a liar. This individual is the tribe's current general counsel.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the general counsel to take a lie detector test. I will also submit to the test. We will see who is the liar. If the test shows that I am lying regarding

my request, I will immediately resign from my board of directors seat. If the test shows that our general counsel is lying, he must too be willing to give up his position within the tribe, and waive all contractual monetary obligations involved.

I know I am ruffling a few feathers when I bring up this issue. However, the issue must be addressed. Our general counsel was given a \$75,000 relocation expense to move to the Sault from lower Michigan. If you calculate that out, it equates to \$230 per mile in mileage. (The government rate for travel is 40.5 cents per mile.) I do not consider moving here leasing an apartment and keeping your primary residence in lower Michigan. I will be asking for the entire \$75,000 in moving expenses to be returned to the tribe. If he did not move here, then why should he get the money? For \$75,000 you can buy a home!

UNCLE !

To those of you that are waiting to hear those words, here are a few for you: **I will never quit! I will never give up! I will continue to work towards the best interest of the tribal membership!**

I would like to end this report on a positive note.

We are close to getting our \$2.6 million dollars back from the previous administration (7+2). The court ruled in our favor in the first of what I anticipate to be many rounds.

St. Ignace casino is moving right along, and our profits from casino revenue are increasing.

To all of the employees and members who work to keep our tribe going, keep up the good work! You are the reason we continue to progress and move forward.

Thank you for your time!
Sincerely, Dennis McKelvie
(906) 632-7267.

Testy issues surface



Tom Miller
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Well, the summer has come and gone far too soon. The summer for the board was very busy with some testy issues coming to the surface. Items that became major issues were 1) the general counsel's legal opinion against the validity of the latest referendum vote, but which the board overturned at the Newberry meeting, thereby ruling that the referendum vote was a valid vote; 2) the recent legal decision, in favor of the tribe and against the 7+2 and the disposition of the monies

they were paid as a severance pay. This has raised a question of the board representative that is named in this legal action and his ability to function in an unbiased manner and carry out his role as a Unit I representative. The board, at the Newberry meeting, voted to not take any action against the member and to allow him to do his job until a final legal decision is reached.

Work continues on the St. Ignace casino and Lincoln School. Denise and I continue to work on securing a building in the Escanaba area. Things continue to progress within the enterprise system with streamlining taking place to make the operations more efficient and cost effective. I think that we will select a firm to oversee the Constitutional convention process in the near future and begin scheduling the community meetings that begin the official effort.

All in all, the rumor mill has been relatively quiet, but remember if you hear anything and have questions, please call me and I will attempt to get you the correct answers. Please enjoy what is left of the summer.

NCAA bars use of hostile mascot names from tournaments

In light of the NCAA decision to bar "hostile" or "abusive" mascots and nicknames from NCAA tournaments and events, the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) asks media outlets to immediately stop using offensive Indian mascots and nicknames in their sports coverage.

The NCAA announced it would stop the use of abusive and hostile American Indian nicknames, words and images in post-season tournaments. Starting in

February, any school with a nickname or logo considered racially or ethnically disparaging by the NCAA, would be prohibited from using them in post-season events. Mascots will not be allowed to perform at tournament games, and band members and cheerleaders will also be barred from using American Indians on their uniforms beginning in 2008. Major college football teams are not subject to the ban because there is no official NCAA tournament.

Sad times when lie detector tests are requested



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I want to say megwetch to all those involved in our recent powwow in Hessel. Graz and Rene Shipman, and Cecil Pavlat came to our community from the Sault, to assist with the spiritual teachings on Friday and attended through out the gathering. Lesley Ailing and Paul LaFrenier tended our fire, this is one of the most crucial responsibilities within a gathering and we are thankful both offered to do that. On behalf of our community, megwetch, for taking the time to help us.

Megwetch to the cooks who prepared the food, Dorothy Currie, Mona Gugin, Theresa Howell and Dorothy Royer. These women are all elders in our community. Thank you for feeding us well.

The rain did not hinder us. We started the grand entry inside the tribal center then we were able to move to our new structures. I have talked to many people since the weekend and everyone said it had rained all day where they were. The rain stopped for us and we had sunshine! Lisa Burnside and Jackie Germain were instrumental in planning for our powwow, without them it would not have been such a success.

Megwetch to our head veteran, Gene Reid; head dancers, Dale Anderson, Gene Biron, Cathy McNeeley, Daryl LaBranch and Charlene Brissette; arena director Paul Laymotte; and the masters of

ceremonies, Henry Bush and Cal Burnside. For all those men who carried a staff or flag, all the dancers who came, megwetch to all of you. There were many youth workers involved, they did a great job.

Last but not least, the drums we had the honor of dancing to, Bawating, Aabizii. Cedar Creek and Red Stone Ojibwa. They sounded so good and made our powwow one to remember.

I have stated all the names of those involved because it is so important for each and every one of us to recognize the people who give of their time to carry on our culture and participate for their own community and for those of you who travel to come and help us.

I'm sorry the remainder of this unit report will seem negative but these issues must be told to you.

Many members do not have the opportunity to attend the meetings or even view them. In the future, I will attempt to touch on subjects discussed in our meetings.

On Aug. 22, there were many debates and discussions about the recent referendum vote, whether previous board members are able to run again in upcoming elections. The chief legal council's opinion was that the referendum was not valid as the spoiled ballots should not be counted. There is a question on the interpretation of what should be counted as a vote. The spoiled ballots to be simply counted as the 30 percent or if to count them only if it is a clear yes or no vote.

My opinion is that when the members sent in the ballots, they are under the impression that their ballot would be counted and they, in fact, intended to vote. Members do not know when the election committee will spoil their ballots due to being torn, unclear, additional writing, number cut off, etc. These members who sent ballots in intended to vote. In my opinion, that is why they should be counted in as the 30 percent required validating the referendum election.

In addition to holding this opinion, I had contacted De Springer at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The question was asked what the federal register stated for counting ballots. Mrs. Springer said each tribe has their own ordinances but if the secretary of the interior were to come in and conduct the election, they would count the ballots not as a yes or no vote but would count them in the 30 percent. When the chair of the Election Committee was asked, it was confirmed that we have always counted the spoiled ballots in all referendums and, most importantly, in all our general elections of officers.

On Aug. 16, at the tribal board of directors meeting, I attempted to bring this conversation that took place with Mrs. Springer. The chairman interrupted me and questioned if I had the statement in writing from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I said that I did not, but I would be describing the conversation regardless. I passed on the conversation that took place to the tribal board and the membership. I went on to state that I would get the statement in writing. The chairman did attempt to stifle my comments on the subject regarding the conversation. This is a concern. Even if we do not agree on a subject, all of the elected officials can and should be able to debate and discuss their opinions, views and arguments on an issue. Anyone interested in viewing the BIA's federal register on counting ballots can go to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Web site and see that the information I received from Mrs. Springer is fact. I understand we have our own ordinances and we do not have to follow those stated above, but if it's in question, the need to attempt to get all the facts on the issue is a priority.

With all this being said, it is clear we need to discuss the referendum ordinance and the interpretation of them. The next issue that needs to be discussed is the comments made to the entire board on Aug. 22 by

the chairman. We were told numerous times that by voting to overturn the legal opinion on the validity of the referendum, we would not only be possibly violating the legal counsel's contract, we would also be violating the Constitution due to their interpretation of it.

Anyone voting to overturn the legal opinion and concede with the Election Committee was quote, "You could all be removed from office."

Comments like this are unacceptable. We empowered the Election Committee to conduct all referendum elections and all elections of officers. If we were to interfere in the outcome each and every time, there would be no sense in delegating that responsibility. The board could conduct their own elections and referendums. There would be no continuity, no trust, in short it would be a mess. After saying all this, the majority of the board did overturn the legal department's opinion and upheld the Election Committee's ruling.

Again, comments about removal are a stretch to say the least. Why are those comments even made? If that's the case, all referendums and elections in the past may not have been certified or could be in question. We do need to look at all our ordinances and see if they conflict with our Constitution, that's clear. We need to get to work on that.

With an apology, you may receive another referendum vote in the mail. We voted to make it possible for you to overturn our vote on conceding with the Election Committee. Normally, when a referendum vote is done, there is no other action on it, it's binding and that's the end, but this particular resolution can be challenged by you.

The next issue that must be discussed is the recent polygraph tests the board has taken. As your elected official, it's unclear to me on what I can state until the results are in, but as far I as know, all board members have

agreed to take the test and at least seven are complete, including my own.

I would like you to know that we have spent \$1,500 apiece on each polygraph. This will amount to approximately \$18,000. This amount of money would have bought an entire classroom of tribal children school clothes for the year. We could have increased the heating assistance program and paid an additional \$250 on at least 72 elders heating bills for this coming winter. It could have bought at least six good used vehicles so tribal families could get to work! For the record, I believe it was a complete waste of money and that \$18,000 could have went directly to membership services

The chairman requested that we all voluntary take the test and I must admit that the board did volunteer to take part. I agreed with it but only to prove that when asked, the truth was told.

How sad that we feel we have to do this within our tribe. The test was quite an experience to say the least and, as stated in my last report, I do not believe there is a leak on our board. We did not receive the results the same day (I was very disappointed because on T.V. the results are immediate!). As described to me, the test will be sent to a second party to review and then passed on to our legal department.

After asking when I would receive the results, I was informed that I could request a copy from the legal department. It concerns me that a request would have to be done and the results being distributed to us would not have been procedure in the first place. I assure you, as soon as the results are given to me I will make mine public as well as the questions that were asked.

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Board members do more than attend meetings



Joe Eitrem
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Many times over the past year, members have asked, "What does a board member do?" I get the impression that some tribe members think that all we do is attend board meetings.

Our Constitution does not dictate the degree of participation by each board member in their daily duties to the membership. Perhaps this is something that

should be considered when and if we have a Constitutional convention. My opinion is that there should be mandates by the tribal membership.

As it is presently, each board member decides how much he or she is willing to participate in the membership's interest on a daily basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to report to our membership what this board member's participation is on a daily - weekly basis in the governance of our tribe.

First of all, we attend, every Tuesday, either a workshop or board meeting or both depending on the chairman's scheduling. These meetings can last up to 18 hours depending on how far we have to travel. Also, in order to be informed and make intelligent decisions, you must study the agenda and resolutions prior to the meetings.

Each month we are required to hold a unit meeting with the membership. We also write unit

reports for the tribal newspaper.

Generally, we travel to Detroit monthly for our Greektown meeting. Sometimes this requires driving down one day and traveling back the following day, depending on when the meeting starts. We also travel to and from various inter-tribal, state meetings at various locations through out the state.

We read e-mails and answer them if required and take phone calls and have on sight conversations with the membership. We attend elder group meetings (usually two per month), social functions, powwows as well as organizing and participating in fund raiser dinners for needy tribe members.

My schedule includes serving on 20 different boards or committees such as, Chippewa dialysis, community care clinic, drug court, compensation and H.R. policy just to name a few. I must admit that in the past two months, I have not been as diligent in serving our membership as I

would like to be, because of my health but my hopes are, in the very near future, I will become more active in serving the membership.

I would like to comment on the recent post card that has been circulating about Dennis McKelvie (board member). It seems that someone is already campaigning on our next election. This is in direct violation of our election laws. The fact is, the majority of the board of directors voted in the same manner as Dennis did, yet, he was singled out. The court case against Paul Shagan has not been resolved yet and I believe it is inappropriate at this time for the board of directors to take any action against Paul until this court case has been resolved. Please, no matter how you might feel about Paul, personally, we all are afforded the same rights under our constitution and that is, we are innocent until proven guilty. Respectfully submitted,
Joe Eitrem

**The
deadline
for the next
issue of
The Sault
Tribe News
is
5 p.m.,
Sept. 12.**

Define the word "sex"

SUBMITTED BY STEVE MORELLE
TRIBAL GENERAL COUNSEL

This article begins a series of articles I intend to write in my capacity as general counsel, chief ethics officer, and director of government relations for my tribe. It is my way to communicate with my client, the tribe, and I will also use it to respond to some of the comments made elsewhere in this paper about legal matters. It is also my hope that these discussions, while on the light side, might be informative and always pointed. I intend to discuss the plain meaning of words like leadership, ethics, demagoguery, truth, confidentiality and fiduciary responsibility, among others. Today, I begin this series by discussing the plain meaning of the word "vote."



Several years ago our entire country was captivated by the discussions surrounding the plain meaning of the word "sex." It was an embarrassing time because the definition being offered by the public official in question simply didn't jive with the plain meaning of the word as understood by almost every American who speaks English as a native language. In the end, it just didn't matter because the attempt to fool the people with some inappropriate definition of a well known word didn't work. Recently, we too, have had a similar controversy over the plain meaning of the word "vote." Our discussions were actually much more substantive because they centered on our common understanding of the exercise of democracy by our people. And

my hunch is that each and every one of you clearly understands the meaning of the word "vote," as in "make a choice or elect a person to office of some kind." Well then, I'm equally as certain that our founders when they wrote the Constitution also clearly understood what they meant when they said, "provided. . . at least 30 percent of those eligible to vote, vote."

The recent actions to reinvent the meaning of the word "vote" reminds me of a story I was told about a teacher in her class on the first day of school. As school was about to be dismissed, teacher told her elementary students that they should form a line outside by the yellow bus and wait for the driver to allow them to board. When she went outside to check on her students, they were not by the yellow bus. When she asked them why they did not obey her, one little girl spoke up, because the big kids over there said this bus is green and you told us to stand by the yellow bus. The teacher smiled and replied, "class, just because someone bigger than you tells you this school bus is green doesn't make it green. We all know school busses are yellow!"

Well the students learned a valuable lesson that day and I'm sure we can all learn a lesson as well. We don't need anyone to tell us the clear and plain meaning of the word "vote." Just like we don't need a public official to tell us the clear and plain meaning of the word "sex." We all know what these words mean. And just because some big kids are trying to tell us the vote is green doesn't make it so. We all know that votes are yellow! Do we agree?

We cordially invite your presence to the re-dedication of the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Cultural Camp

Sugar Island, Mich.
Sept. 13, 2005, from 1-6 p.m.



Mary Murray

Agenda

1 p.m. Pipe ceremony

Bucko Teeple and Cecil Pavlat

2 p.m. Welcome

Chairperson Aaron Payment and the board of directors

Speakers on the history

George Snider, Sandy Reining, Art Leighton and Pauline Andrews

3 p.m. Honor song

Bahweting Singers

Open house, music and feast to follow. Feast will include wild rice, whitefish, chicken, squash, fry bread and strawberry shortcake

There is limited room so please RSVP by Sept. 11, contact Bud Biron or Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7033.

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HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

ELECTION COMMITTEE

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CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Non-commercial fisherman

ELDER ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Unit I - 1 Vacancy

Unit II - 1 Vacancy

Unit III - 1 Vacancy

Unit IV - 1 Vacancy (Munising)

Unit V - 1 Vacancy

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Anishinaabemowin Word Search

By Randy Gordon

Enkamgaak Geography

AAZHBK	ROCK
BAAGTIK	RAPIDS
JIGBIK	BEACH
KCHIGAMI	OCEAN
KI	EARTH
KTIGAAN	FIELD
MIISHKON	HAY
MNIS	ISLAND
MSHKODE	PRAIRIE
MTAKMIK	GROUND
NEGAW	GRAVEL
NEGWIKI	SAND
NEYAASH	CAPE
PANGWI	ASHES
SIN	STONE
TKIBI	SPRING WATER
WAABGAN	CLAY
WIKWE	LAKE
ZAAGIGAN	BAY
ZHIW	MOUNTAIN
ZIIBI	RIVER
ZIIBINS	STREAM

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Anishinaabemowin words are found in all directions even backwards.

In remembrance of the brave

By RICK SMITH

Vietnam veteran Ed Cook has a vision he wants to share, perhaps it may be unveiled as early as next spring. What Cook has in mind is a monument in honor of American Indian veterans from the Upper Peninsula.

Cook, who was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, said the original idea for the monument was to honor Vietnam veterans exclusively. Now, the plans call for the monument to be built in honor of all veterans since World War I.

Inscribing the names of veterans on the monument is a feature Cook would like to see, but the task is proving to be daunting and the ability to gather a complete list of veterans names is uncertain.

Planned dimensions of the monument have changed from the original four feet high and six feet long. The stone monument



Ed Cook

will be 13 feet in length, up to eight feet high and 18 inches thick. On the face, it will bear a likeness of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Sections on the face will be engraved with the names of past and present wars.

"We should have an American

Indian veterans monument showing our contributions," said Cook.

Cook was also the local main drive in getting the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall to Sault Ste. Marie in 1999 and last July.

"I wanted to bring it back in 2005 because this is the 30th anniversary of our recognition," noted Cook.

Having the experience of coordinating the arrival and assembly of the wall in 1999 made for a smoother operation this year. "This time it went a little easier," Cook said. "The last time, they told us we had to do this and that and this, but this time we knew what we had to do."

Along with the Moving Wall Committee, helping hands were extended from the Mackinac Bridge Authority, local law enforcement agencies, Chippewa County, the American Legion, the Michigan Army National Guard, Great Lakes Electric and others.

Cadreau's celebrate first birthday and retirement



Emma Mary Cadreau, left, from Grand Rapids, Mich., is one-year old Sept. 9, 2005. She was born at War Memorial Hospital at 6:06 p.m., weighing six pounds, nine ounces. She would like to say happy retirement to her grandpa Clarence (Bouncer) Cadreau from the Corps of Engineers. We love you.



Maddix featured in documentary

By RICK SMITH

World War II veteran Jessie Maddix will be featured in a documentary film scheduled to air on the History Channel's *Deep Sea Detectives* in January of 2006. The program examines the stories behind shipwrecks. In this particular episode, the story of the wrecks of United States Coast Guard Cutters Jackson and Bedloe in 1944 are explored along with the sinking of the car ferry S.S. Milwaukee in 1929.

Maddix was 21 and stationed on the Jackson with 41 shipmates based out of Norfolk, Va., when hell came calling on Sept. 14, 1944. The 125-foot Jackson's primary duties were maritime search and rescue along with hunting German submarines.

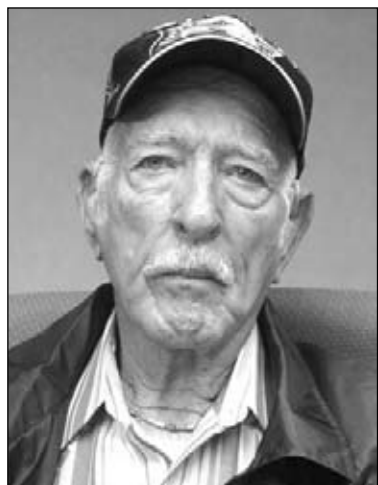
Earlier, the Jackson and another cutter of the same class, Bedloe, were tasked with escorting an Army tug to aid the American liberty ship George Ada off the coast of Cape Hatteras in North Carolina. The freighter had taken a torpedo hit to the rudder and needed assistance to reach safe harbor. Once the tug took the George Ada into tow, the tug and the cutters began a slow trip to Norfolk.

Coming up the east coast was Hurricane No.7 of 1944, dubbed "The Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944." By the time the hurricane began to close on the Jackson and the other vessels, it had developed sustained winds of 140 miles per hour with mountainous waves. Maddix recalled the ships were being tossed around like corks.

About 10:30 a.m., the Jackson began to be heaved to the tops of towering seas, hammering and battering the cutter and crew. It wasn't long and, in a few seconds, it was all over. There wasn't even time to transmit an SOS as the Jackson floundered on her side. The captain ordered the life rafts



Above: USCGC Jackson as she appeared about 1940. Left: Jessie Maddix today.



launched. Only four rafts on the starboard side of the cutter were available because the port side was underwater. The high winds and roiling seas with the cutter on its side made freeing the rafts difficult but the crew succeeded. The crew was jumping in after the rafts. As the last raft was tossed into the water, the Jackson rolled over on her decks leaving just her hull above the water. Maddix said as he was struggling in the water, he saw one man had remained on the hull of the overturned cutter.

Three hours later, a similar situation would send the Bedloe to grief.

The four life rafts from the Jackson were six feet long and three feet wide and some of them had a dozen men clinging to them. The seas kept tossing the life rafts end over end, scattering the men who then struggled to

regain their hold on the raft. In the next ten hours, men exhausted from the constant struggle to keep up with a raft succumbed to the sea. It was during this time that most of the men from the Jackson were lost.

Eventually, the wind and seas calmed and 58 hours after the Jackson slipped beneath the waves, Coast Guard aircraft, Kingfishers, spotted the rafts and men in the water, promptly landing on the water to render aid. It wasn't too long before Coast Guard cutters arrived on scene to transfer the survivors to shore.

In the course of the ordeal, 21 of those who were aboard the Jackson perished.

"They gave us 30 days survivor leave," said Maddix. "Then I went back to Norfolk and worked shore duty for about three weeks." Maddix said his next and last assignment was aboard a fast attack cargo ship that went to the South Pacific and saw action in the invasion of Okinawa.

"I had nightmares for years," Maddix said about the sinking of the Jackson and long, deadly ordeal afterwards.

These days, Maddix calls Oregon home, travels and enjoys life with his wife.

Teen court provides exposure to legal system



August was National Teen Court Month in recognition of tribal teen court programs. The program gives teens realistic exposure to our legal system, encourages responsibility and helps them to better understand court goals. The teens conduct all phases of actual court proceedings under the guidance of court officers and Chief Judge Kandra Robbins. Above, after finding a defendant guilty in a recent trial and deliberating the sentence, jury foreman Darrel LaBranche, 17, reads the jury's sentencing recommendations to Judge Robbins. LaBranche has been involved in the Sault Tribe Teen Court program since it started in March of 2004.

Photo by Rick Smith

Active Parenting Programs

We are taking referrals for the fall sessions of our Active Parenting Programs. Classes will be held in Kincheloe, Hessel and Sault Ste. Marie, as needed.

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Summer vacation ends

Tribe member Tommy Janetos, right, with a barracuda he landed on the Lady Pamela II, in Florida. Tommy insisted on a policy of "catch and release" with every striking fish he landed.

Tommy is the grandson of Ann McKechnie, Sault, Mich.



Happy birthday, mom!
Anna Lyons (Aug. 24)
Love, your daughters
and loving husband, Bill



Kewadin Shores managers travel to provide a lunch for children with cancer

The Kewadin Shores management team provided lunch for 60 children with cancer at Camp Daggett on Monday, Aug. 15. Kewadin Casinos donated the materials to provide the lunch.

When they arrived at the camp, they were greeted by Sue Dione and staff members. She encouraged them to take in the view and enjoy Camp Daggett. They started setting up around 11:00 a.m. and served subs, potato salad, chips, cookies and brownies for lunch. The children were very excited to see everyone and were extremely thankful that the management team took the time to come down and be with them.

Peggy Benoit, gaming manager, recognized one little girl in particular that had been diagnosed with cancer quite a few years ago who had played with her little girl in Alanson. The



Kewadin Shores management team.

families had lost contact and Peggy was very happy to reunite with this little girl and see her enjoying Camp Daggett.

Everyone made the team feel welcome and repeatedly thanked

them for everything they did. It was a very special day and the team looks forward to attending Camp Daggett again next year.

Camp Daggett is on beautiful Walloon Lake in Boyne City.

Memorial golf tournament Labor Day weekend

Every year the family of Robert W. Glasser pulls together and puts on a memorial golf tournament. Bob was 17 years old when he lost his life in a car accident in DeTour Village four years ago.



Robert W. Glasser

Alex and Linda Fisher's family works hard all summer to pull together sponsors and donations to put on the tournament. They take the money collected and give away two academic scholarships to two graduating students from his high school. This year's tournament is Sept. 3, at The Rock golf course on Drummond Island.

For more information about golfing or sponsoring this event, contact Cory Hall at 297-2087 or

Linda and Alex Fisher at 297-2101

Because of the special people who donated towards the event, the previous tournaments were a huge success. Being able to help kids with their college tuition keeps Bob alive in his family's hearts, as well as his friends who are eager to help. What a great way to keep his memory close.

EUP art project takes center stage at UP state fair



Left, The World Peace Art Initiative at the U. P. State Fair. The project was a combined effort of four Native communities across the U.P. Right, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm with eastern region coordinator Darryl Brown in the geometric cylinder.

BY DARRYL BROWN

Think Big! Those were the words we first heard when the World Peace Art project was presented to us at the first workshop that was held at LSSU. The art project was funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and administered under an art grant through Northern Michigan University. The eastern region was made up of both Chippewa and Mackinac County. The eastern region was the first to unveil our portion of the art display at the Sault Tribal Assembly and then the dome portion of the art was featured at the Soo Locks Festival and the

Community Art Festival at the River of History Museum.

Someone once said, "Great societies are known by their art." This expansive art was the collaboration effort of hundreds of people from four regions of the U.P. that included eight different counties. The main goal was to bring together communities with different people from different backgrounds, interests and talents to build and create geo-metric inflatable structures and to utilize them in ways that would allow the communities to show case their diversity and to challenge ways to address creative learning, problem solving and to recognize the

important role art plays in our daily life. The art project provided many challenges, the weather being one of them.

The other three regions joined together with the eastern region and was part of the grand finale at the U.P State Fair. The design of the final display was modeled after the traditional medicine wheel and the four sacred directions.

Four different tribes were represented in this project. This was a world class art project and our local area deserves a big congratulations for a job well done. When the art cylinders and domes were unwrapped at the U.P fair,

Three sisters open shop



Left to Right: Lynn Marble, Linda Peterson and Lori McDonald offer beading supplies and have an assortment of finished handmade works available at Three Sisters Handmade Native American Crafts at 209 Ann Street in Sault Ste. Marie. The shop started with a family grand opening on Aug. 6 and an official grand opening is planned for Sept. 24 from 1 to 5 p.m. Three Sisters can be reached at (906) 253-1788.

Presenting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrews II



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrews II, son of Joe and the late Marty Andrews, and the daughter of Howard and Ruby Watts, all of Wadsworth, Ohio, were married June 25 in Hocking Hills, Ohio. Joe is the nephew of Mary Willis, John and Beverly Andrews and Jim Andrews of Cedarville, and George Andrews of Fairfax, Va.



in this prominent position, it was the only portion of the total display that the governor took time to visit. She was delighted with the art created by the children from this area and went inside the 125 foot cylinder and posed for photographs. She mentioned the possibility that the art could be displayed at the governor's conference that would include all the governors from the country.

Mackinac and Chippewa Counties were proudly represented and a warm and special thanks should go out to many of the participants and sponsors that include, MSU Extension from both counties, the Y.E.A. from Chippewa with 19 students participating, students from LSSU Native American Center, members of the Sault Area Arts Council, Mackinac County's 4-H summer youth program, the Downtown Development Authority of Sault Ste. Marie, the Big Bear Recreation Center, Sault Tribe and Little Bear in St. Ignace.

The dome structure and the cylinder (weather permitting) will be on display at Culturama on Sept. 10 in St. Ignace. One final thanks to all the participants and sponsors. We did it!

the grant artists in residence, Lou Rizzolo and Dick Ross, were impressed with all the color and work that had gone into our region. They decided to put the eastern regions cylinder at the most prominent location in the design and the dome from this region at the very center.

One of the main highlights for the art display was a visit from Governor Granholm. The governor's office had been keenly aware of the art project from its inception and there were interns from her office sitting on the steering committee for the project. Because Mackinac and Chippewa Counties structure was

J.K.L. Bahweting School opens doors early



Children celebrated the first day of school with a birthday party for Administrator Nick Oshelski and other children who had August birthdays. Left to right: Brendan Ailing, Alaysia Brewer, Jillian Smart, Audrea Burlew, Cody Russell. Photo by Brenda Austin

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

When J.K.L. Bahweting School opened its doors to students on Aug. 22, it was to a record enrollment of over 330 kids in grades pre-kindergarten through eight, and a staff of 74, including 12 new staff members.

With an additional 120 students enrolled this year over previous years, Administrator Nicholas Oshelski said a strategic planning committee was formed of parents, community members and staff to look at issues such as school expansion and the possibility of adding a high school. "This is an exciting time, we are moving on," Oshelski said.

Oshelski, who is the principal at J.K.L. Bahweting School, was also appointed superintendent at the conclusion of last year. "We combined the title and I am now the school administrator," he said.

Lynn Methner is the assistant

principal for the elementary grades, and Dr. Warren Star is the middle school assistant principal. Director of curriculum, federal programs and instruction is Carolyn Dale.

The most noticeable change this year is the early starting date. "This year is the first time the State Department of Education has scheduled the state assessment tests (MEAP), to be administered in October. In the past, the tests were administered the third week in January," Oshelski said.

Wanting to be proactive and better prepare their students and give them additional time to get back into a learning mode after their long summer break, school began two weeks early this year. "When students come back to school after the long summer break, it takes them sometimes two or three weeks to get back into a learning cycle. This will also give students in grades three through

eight more time to review benchmarks they learned the previous year," Oshelski said.

Other changes this year include the addition of a second fifth grade classroom and the switch from a junior first grade to a junior kindergarten class.

In addition to getting kids back in gear the first few weeks, Oshelski has some fun activities scheduled as well. A birthday party complete with cake and ice-cream will be held the first day of school for students with birthdays in August as well as Oshelski, whose birthday falls on the first day of school this year. Other fun activities include the distribution of school Frisbees, water bottles and an afternoon break to enjoy some ice cold slushies.

"Everyone is positive and upbeat and looking forward to a very productive year," Oshelski said.

Adult education

By **GEORGE SNIDER**

While walking through the local wally world store this past weekend something caught my eye. There it was as plain as day, a huge "Back-to-School" display. For a moment I was taken by surprise, then I realized we are at the end of August, it'll be September next week, the last month of summer before we return to school.

Of course the display was for the younger ones, grade school and high school. There were the usual items displayed, back packs, note books, pens and pencils. The display was eye catching

and there were a lot of people picking up on some early deals. Making plans for the first day of school.

As far as planning goes, the adult ed staff have been getting ready for the first night of GED classes for some time. I have also received several phone calls and e-mails during the last month regarding our adult education classes. I'm pleased about the number of inquires and the number of adults who are planning to return to school.

Our first night of class will be on Sept. 12 at the JKL Bahweting

School, 1301 Marquette Avenue.

Classes will be on Monday through Thursday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. If you are a returning adult student or if this is the first time returning as an adult, we look forward to seeing you. You do not need to be a tribe member or an employee to attend. You do not need to pre-enroll, we will fill out the necessary paper work on our first night of class.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (906) 635-7786 or e-mail gsnider@saulttribe.net.

Finfrock completes bachelor's in education at MSU

Paula Finfrock, a Sault Tribe member has successfully completed her B.A. in education at Michigan State University, May 7, 2005. She was also awarded the Geraldine T. Elliott Endowed Scholarship in elementary educa-



tion and a Teacher Preparation Scholarship for her teaching certification internship.

This is a great achievement since she is a single mother of a beautiful one-year old boy named Henry Macario Finfrock and has worked on her degree for six years. Her major was elementary education with an integrated study in language arts. Paula started her student teaching

internship on Aug. 22, 2005, with the Colt Elementary second grade class in Lansing, Mich. This teaching certification program is very competitive and is ranked number one in the nation for the past 11 years.

Let's congratulate Paula Finfrock for accomplishing her lifetime goal and wish her good luck on her coming student teaching!

EUP ISD and United Way unite for Born Learning campaign

The Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District is partnering with United Way of Chippewa County to help promote a national early childhood campaign called "Born Learning."

United Way of America, the Ad Council and Civitas have joined forces to create a \$90 million, three year, national public engagement campaign that will help parents and caregivers give pre-school children the best start in life.

The campaign has been tailored in Michigan through a statewide toll-free number, 1-888-232-4376 (BE A HERO), to give tips, tools, and information to par-

ents and caregivers. Media advertising will appear on TV, radio, billboards, and in newspapers and magazines.

Instrumental to Born Learning's efforts are local United Way agencies and intermediate school districts. Locally, an informative meeting was held with representatives from various child development and social service agencies to share details of the Born Learning project and distribute posters, kid basics kits and other educational materials.

Born Learning stirs parents to think of ways to stimulate brain and intellectual development, particularly early reading skills,

among children at the youngest years. Half of Michigan kindergartners come to school unprepared for schooling. The Born Learning concept brings awareness to caregivers and parents about turning everyday activities into teachable moments.

Anyone can play a role in preparing children for school. A national Web site is open for people to find tips. Visit the Web site at www.bornlearning.org, call the 1-888-232-4376 number, or contact Becky Davis, early childhood coordinator at the EUP Intermediate School District, 632-3373.

YEA begins school activities

Homework lab

Monday-Friday
3:30-6:30 p.m.
East wing computer lab
Tutoring available

Computer lab.

Saturday
1:00-4:00 p.m.
East wing computer lab
(Art club every other week)

Tribal Youth Council

Wednesdays
3:30-4:30 Peer tutoring

4:30-5:30 Meeting
East wing computer lab
Transportation available

Teen court

First and third Tuesdays of the month
3:00 p.m.
Tribal court building
Transportation available

Craft night coming soon!

Any questions? Call Barb Gravelle at (906) 635-7010 ext. 52202.

Spencer graduates Dr. of veterinary medicine

Cassy M. (nee Campbell) Spencer graduated May 6 from the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree and has accepted a position with the Equine Veterinary Clinic in Portland, Conn.



Spencer is a four-year member of the student chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association and a two-year member and secretary of the student

chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. She is also a four-year member of the MSU Equine Club.

She graduated as the salutatorian at Westwood High School in Ishpeming in 1997. She graduated summa cum laude from Northern Michigan University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in biology and physiology with a minor in chemistry.

Spencer is the daughter of Robert and Patricia Campbell of Ishpeming and granddaughter of James and Shirley Campbell of St. Ignace. She resides with her husband, Daryl, in Portland.

Correction

— In the June 7, 2005, Volume 26, No. 8 edition of *The Sault Tribe News*, the article published on page 11 "Rapid valedictorian of her 2005 class" an error was made. The last paragraph excluded one line of information. The correct text should read: Laura is the granddaughter of Philip J. Rapin of St. Ignace and Jean Marie Stratton-Rapin of Escanaba, both deceased. She is the daughter of Mark S. Rapin and Diane Panosian-Rapin of Fresno Ca., Laura's great-aunt Marjorie Rapin-Robinson resides in St. Ignace.

Michigan homestead tax credit for veterans and the blind

The Michigan homestead property tax credit is for some veterans, their widows, active duty military and blind people for property taxes or rent paid. You must file a Michigan 1040CR-2 form online at www.Mifastfile or get the form and instruction book from the Michigan Department of Treasury web site www.michigan.gov/treasury or by calling Lansing treasury office at 1-800-487-7000.

In most instances, you can go back three years on your claims. There is an 80K household income limit. For more information call Joe Shogren, Chippewa County Veterans Affairs at (906) 635-6370.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Sept. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Disabled students making great academic strides

Data reflects successful experiences and achievements of special education students moving into early adulthood.

Students with disabilities have made significant progress in their transition to adulthood during the past 25 years with lower dropout rates, an increase in postsecondary enrollment and a higher rate of gainful employment after leaving high school, according to a new report released by the U.S. Department of Education. The report is available at www.nlts2.org.

The National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 (NLTS2) documents the experiences of a national sample of students over several years as they moved from secondary school into adult roles. The NLTS2 report shows that the incidence of students with disabilities completing high school rather than dropping out increased by 17 percentage points between 1987 and 2003.

During the same period, their postsecondary education participation more than doubled to 32 percent. In 2003, 70 percent of students with disabilities who had been out of school for up to two years had paying jobs, compared to only 55 percent in 1987.

"These accomplishments show the benefits of accountability and high academic standards among all students, including those with disabili-

ties," said U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings. "As we focus increasingly on high school students, these findings square nicely with the goals of No Child Left Behind, such as closing the achievement gap and insisting that all students be given the quality education they so deserve."

NLTS2 began in 2001, and is a follow-up to the first National Longitudinal Transition Study conducted from 1985 through 1993, in which the experiences of the first "cohort" of students were analyzed. NLTS2 reports on a second cohort of young people, 12,000 students nationwide who were ages 13-16 at the start of the study. Information will be collected over 10 years from parents, students and schools, and will provide a national picture of the experiences and achievements of young people as they transition into early adulthood.

The study also shows that the following progress has been made in special education:

Core academics improved — Cohort2 high school students with disabilities were much more likely than their cohort1 counterparts to take core academic courses, including mathematics, science, social studies and a foreign language.

Grades were higher — Regarding academic performance, more than half of

cohort2 students with disabilities received above-average grades, representing a shift from students receiving mostly Cs to more students receiving mostly As or Bs, as reported by teachers.

Age and grade-level match improved — The proportion of students who were at the typical age for their grade level increased from one-third to more than one-half between 1987 and 2001. As being older than the typical age for a grade level has been shown to be a powerful predictor of disabled students dropping out of school, this indicator signals positive outcomes for youths with disabilities in their efforts to finish high school.

More support — By 2001, half of 15 to 17-year old students with disabilities were receiving related or support services from or through their schools, compared with less than one-third of students in 1987.

The study was funded by the Department's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and focuses on a wide range of important topics for students with disabilities, such as high school coursework, extracurricular activities, academic performance, postsecondary education and training, employment, independent living and community participation.

Teens, young adults make strong academic progress

America's young people have made substantial improvements academically over the last three decades, nearly doubling their college completion rates and demonstrating improved mathematics performance during the teenage years, according to a new U.S. Department of Education report.

Youth Indicators 2005, a report by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics in the Institute of Education Sciences, presents important trends in the academic progress of teenagers and young adults.

It shows the proportion of 25 to 29-year olds completing college rose from 16 percent in 1970 to 29 percent in 2004. And average mathematics proficiency for both 13 and 17-year olds was higher in 2004 than in 1973 for all racial groups.

The indicators also show that, despite improvements in many areas of education, substantial gaps remain between white and minority students.

Highlights from the report include:

Although a performance gap in reading proficiency between 13 and 17-year old white students and their black and Hispanic peers was still present in 2004, this gap was smaller than in 1975.

The proportion of all 16 to 24-year olds who were dropouts declined between 1998 (12 per-

cent) and 2003 (10 percent). Between 1993 and 1998, the proportion of dropouts in this age group had fluctuated.

College enrollment rates of 18 to 24-year olds increased from 26 percent in 1980 to 38 percent in 2003; the enrollment rate of females increased more rapidly than that of males.

While overall college attainment rates have increased, substantial gaps remain. Among 25 to 29-year olds in 2004, 11 percent of Hispanics had completed a bachelor's degree, compared with 17 percent of blacks, and 34 percent of whites.

"This report shows the educational trend lines are going in the right direction," said Secretary Spellings. "But, while I am pleased that the achievement gap is narrowing, I am not satisfied, we still have work to do. Under the No Child Left Behind Act, we are specifically working to close the achievement gap and to provide each and every student, regardless of his or her race, ethnicity or street address, a quality education. The best is yet to come."

More details on the findings and other related topics, including indicators that set a context for education, are available in Youth Indicators 2005. To download, view and print the report as a PDF file, please visit nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.

Secretary of State and Michigan paralyzed veterans join forces to help disabled motorists at the pump

In this era of self-service, pumping gas can present a real challenge for motorists with disabilities.

To help remedy the problem, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced the Department of State has partnered with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America to promote an online guide of gas stations statewide that offer disabled travelers full service at self-service prices.

The Pump Guide bookmark, which provides the Web address to the online, gas-station guide, will be included with every disability license plate and placard issued by the department. To qualify for refueling assistance, drivers are required to display a state-issued disability license plate or placard.

"Our goal at the Department of State is to provide quality customer service, and our part-

nership with the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans is another demonstration of that commitment," Land said. "Self-service stations can present overwhelming difficulties to disabled motorists who cannot pump gas because of physical limitations or structural barriers. They often may have to drive miles out of their way to find service.

"By providing disabled residents with information about

facilities that can accommodate their needs, they are better able to plan trips and gain a greater sense of independence and freedom on the road."

The Pump Guide is the creation of Michael Harris, who is a paraplegic, came up with the idea during a 2001 business trip. In addition to station locations and hours, *The Pump Guide* also lists those stations that include car washes, ATM

machines, accessible restrooms and other amenities.

About 500 gas stations participate in *The Pump Guide* program. To learn more about *The Pump Guide*, visit www.michiganpva.org.

For more information about the Department of State and its online service, please visit www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Niibing enakiing — Summer activities

SUBMITTED BY ELAINE WRIGHT

Niibin (summer) is a gathering time. We Anishnaabek hunt and gather many gifts from Mother Earth for survival. We gather medicines and berries throughout the season for our use throughout the year. Our culture camp provided many youth from the community the opportunity to learn about gathering sweetgrass and how to pick blueberries.

The sweetgrass gathering adventure began down on Sugar Island at what we believed to be a prime spot to pick.

Unfortunately, to our dismay, we were only able to gather up a small amount for demonstration. Sometimes you're lucky with what you believe is a good spot, and sometimes we need to visit more with our grandmothers and aunts to learn about picking at

those secret spots. Anyway, with that lesson learned, we headed back to camp for our afternoon barbeque.

There was much success in the blueberry gathering. The big pines provided an abundance of berries and shade from the hot sun. Student worker Jessi Quigley was a natural and picked the most berries that day. When the students felt they gathered enough, they enjoyed a cool swim in Gchi-Gami (big water — Lake Superior).

The Ojibwe follow seasonal paths for traditional living. It is up to us to learn these teachings and continue these traditions with our youth. Please check our cultural calendar for future camp teachings coming this dgwaagi (fall).

Children learn traditional ways



Wiingshkoke (to pick sweetgrass) — Kids from the YEA program and community were shown how to gather wiingash (sweetgrass) on Sugar Island.



Gindaasa (to count) — L to R: Cyrus Howell watches Marcus Biron count his berries, one, bezhig; two, niish; three, nswi.

Photos by Jon Biron

Amy Loraine Belonga, 37, of St. Ignace, formerly of Newberry, went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 22, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, following a short illness. Amy was born in St. Ignace, July 9, 1968, to Leonard and Yvonne (nee Pomeroy) Belonga. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Amy's presence brought much joy to all those who knew her. Without the gift of speech she still showed everyone she loved them.

Amy was preceded in death by her father Leonard A. Belonga.

She is survived by her mother, Yvonne J. Belonga; nine sisters, Jenny Kronk of Lansing, Mich., Cindy (Michael) Bochenski of Mesa, Ariz., Vicki (Mark) Jersin of Liebenenthal, Kan., Penny (Danny) Myers of Brooklyn, Mich., Dawn (Michael) Phillips of San Diego, Calif. Dr. Mary Beth (Bob) Skupien of Silver Springs, Md., Roberta (Mark) Schaedel of St. Ignace, Kathleen (Bill) Martin-Askuray of Artesia, N.M., Mary Louise (Wendal) Bearden of Jackson, Ind. and 14 nieces and nephews.

Amy attended the Tahquamenon Area School and Marquette Senior High School special education programs.

Visitation and Mass of Christian burial and a Native American Mass of Christian burial were on Aug. 26, 2005, at Saint Ignatious Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. John Hascall presiding.

After cremation, burial was in the Carp River Catholic Cemetery in St. Ignace. Casket carriers were her sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility or the Moses Dialysis Center, both located at 220

Burdette, St. Ignace Mich. 49781. Envelopes are also available from Dodson Funeral Home.

Richard "Dick" Dewey Blalock, 62, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Aug. 3, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital.

Richard was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Oct. 3, 1942. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1960 and later served his country in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Richard is survived by his mother; Isabel Brown of Sault Ste. Marie; four sisters, Donna J. (Tony) Dalimonte of Livonia, Mich., Patricia M. Height of New York, Cathy S. (Howard) Zahorick of Wisconsin and Rhonda S. Wymore of Sault Ste. Marie; two brothers, Ronald C. (Patricia) Blalock and Randy W. Blalock both of Dafter, Mich., and many nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Charles Henry Blalock; and a sister, Darla M. Fitzgerald.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 6 at the C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends called at the funeral home until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of Chippewa County.

Condolences may also be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Mary V. "Sally" Edward, 80, of Brimley, Mich., passed away Aug. 15, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital. Mary was born on Mackinac Island on May 17, 1925, the daughter of the late Ozro and Mary (nee Perrault) Smith.

She was a Sault Tribe elder. She really enjoyed sewing, knitting, and making crafts for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed growing plants and flowers. Mary

is the widow of William H. Fallstich who passed away in 1966. She later married Clair S. Edward on Dec. 10, 1967.

She is survived by her husband, Clair; three daughters, Hazel Skelton of Sault Ste. Marie, Jean (George) Cowell of Lake Mills, Wisc., and Julie Strader of Taylor; two sons; William Fallstich of Watertown, Wisc., and Eric (Betty) Fallstich of Crofton, Md.; a daughter-in-law; Janis Fallstich of Wyandotte; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Nova Therrien of Sault Ste. Marie, Onalee Cable of Wyandotte and Donna Weston of Raber; two brothers; Ray Smith of Garden City, and Donald Smith of Sault Ste. Marie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, grandson J.C. Cowell, and a sister, June Brown.

Visitation was on Aug. 17 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services were Aug. 18 at the funeral home with Pastor Paul Raappana officiating. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery. Condolences may also be left online at www.csmulder.com

Joe L. Merchberger Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie, died Aug. 21, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born Sept. 5, 1970.

Joe was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle; his son Troy Merchberger of Durant, Okla.; sisters, Malinda Lee Merchberger, Michelle Merchberger and Samantha Merchberger, all of Durant.; and parents, Joseph and Carol Merchberger, Sr., also of Durant.

Visitation was on Aug. 23 and continued until the time of services on the next morning at the

Niigaanaagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

Arrangements were made by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

For my mom, **Mary L. Oven**, who left this earth on Sept. 19, 2001.

There is nothing you can do to hide from death. We want to hide from it, close every emotion to grieve. There is nothing you can do for the loved one, you can't stop the pain, stop the disease from spreading or stop the sadness within the heart that is breaking. The only hope you have is family, the strength from friends and knowing that when the cancer has taken your loved one, there is only peace.

No more pain, no more suffering and no more cancer. Keeping the faith and the memory of the person you have lost makes each day stronger.

Laughter, hugs and kisses will make you smile again, live on, live for each minute, hour, and day knowing that your loved one is always around you in spirit. Go outside and look at the trees swaying back and forth in the wind. The spirit of the lost are telling you hello again.

Love again, breathe again, and most of all, laugh again! Love you, mom, forever. I miss you.

—Jane N. Oven

Urban Lawrence "Pogie" Payment, 71, of Sault Ste. Marie, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Aug. 23, 2005, after a battle with cancer.

Pogie was born in Sault Ste. Marie July 12, 1934, to Urban and Marie (nee Bouley) Payment, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was a Sault Tribe elder. He

was retired from Lake Superior State University after 25 years in the maintenance department. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping and woodworking. Pogie had a great love for his dog, TJ, and was always spotted around town riding with him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Melva (nee LaPointe) Payment; two sons, Donald (Linda) Payment of South Carolina and Larry (Janet) Payment of Sault Ste. Marie; five daughters, Carol (Ron) Benner, Sharon (Mark) Porcaro, Marlene (Mike) Porcaro and Michelle Nalett, all of Sault Ste. Marie, and Evelyne (Rick) Pine of Tennessee; a very special granddaughter, Kelly Criswell, whom he and Melva raised as well as 16 other grandchildren, Bryan and Katelyn Payment, Kelly and Kimberly Criswell, Jason and Ashley Payment, Christopher, Craig and Caleb Porcaro, Douglas and Christin Norton, Derek, Darren and Darcie Bouschor and Scotty and Heather Nalett; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Gloria Albinger of Sault Ste. Marie, and Marilyn (Richard) Henry of Brighton.

He is preceded in death also by two brothers, Merlin "Bunny" Payment and Walter "Johnno" Payment.

Visitation and rosary service was held at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home on Aug. 26. Funeral Mass was at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church on Aug. 27 with Father John Hascall officiating followed by burial at Riverside Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in Pogie's memory to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Chippewa County.

Retirement planning musts

BY ED DWYER,
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Where are you on the road to a comfortable retirement? Are you nearing the exit sign to a retirement you've dreamed about, or is retirement still a long drive away?

Regardless of how far you still have to travel, there are three rules of the road you must follow to reach your destination safely.

Rule 1 — Know what Social Security will provide. Social Security is the foundation of retirement planning for most American workers. More than 95 percent of workers are covered under Social Security and more than 30 million Americans now get monthly Social Security retirement benefits.

How much could you receive from Social Security when you retire? If you're age 25 or older and you work, you should be receiving a Social Security statement in the mail each year about three months before your birthday. The statement shows how much you paid in Social Security taxes through the years and what you might receive in benefits at various retirement ages. We recommend that you keep a copy of the statement with your financial records.

To learn more about the state-

ment visit www.socialsecurity.gov/mystate-ment.

Rule 2 — Know what you must save. Social Security never was intended to be your only source of retirement income. Along with private pensions and savings, it was meant to be part of a "three-legged stool" that supports your financial future.

Most financial planners tell people to figure out how much money they'll need in retirement — usually 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement incomes. But, for average wage earners, Social Security will replace only about 40 percent of what they make before they retire.

Only a little less than half of workers have private pensions, and about a third have not yet set aside any money specifically for retirement. If you don't intend to work after retiring it is best to start saving as much as possible as soon as possible.

Social Security's Web site offers several calculators to you help estimate your potential retirement benefit at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.

Rule 3 — Don't forget about health insurance. An unfortunate fact of life is that as we grow older we tend to have more health problems. If you plan to retire

early, you should make sure that you will have either employer-provided or private health insurance, since you will not be eligible for Medicare until age 65.

If you intend to retire at age 65 or older, you need to understand how Medicare Part A and Part B coverage work. You should also know that you would be responsible for Medicare premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. For example, the monthly premium paid by beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part B, which covers physician services, outpatient hospital services, certain home health services, durable medical equipment and other items, is \$78.20, and can rise each year.

Fortunately, all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in a new prescription drug program that begins in January 2006. And beneficiaries who meet income and resource limits can get extra financial help in meeting the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new Medicare prescription drug plan. To learn more about this extra help, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

If you want more information about Medicare you should visit the website at www.medicare.gov, or call 1-800-633-4227.

Are you eligible for extra Medicare help?

BY ED DWYER,
SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT
MANAGER IN ESCANABA

Beginning in January 2006, Medicare will offer prescription drug plans to beneficiaries. But now is the time to see if you qualify for some extra financial help in paying for your monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new program.

From late May through mid-August, Social Security is mailing letters to nearly 19 million people who are potentially eligible for this extra help. The letter includes an application and a return-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

If you receive a letter in the mail, please read the information carefully. The letter will explain the prescription drug program, and tell you how to apply for the extra help. Those who qualify for the extra help could save an average of \$2,100 per year.

Even if you do not get an application in the mail, you still might be eligible for help with prescription drug costs. See if you might qualify and apply online at Social Security's Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov. You also can contact Social

Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) for more information or to apply over the telephone.

To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. You can qualify for this help as an individual if your total annual income is below \$14,355 and your resources are valued below \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher — an additional \$1,500 per person — if you will be using some of your money for burial expenses. Even if your income is higher, you still may be able to get some help if, for example, you or your spouse supports other family members who live with you, if you have earnings from work or if you live in Alaska or Hawaii.

There are also certain exclusions from both income and resources. For example, your home and cars are not counted as resources. So if you think you might be eligible, you should apply.

“Look Mom, I’m a big kid now. . .”

Sault Tribe Head Start graduation ceremonies



Cole Gillotte and grandfather, James Gillotte.



“Hi Mom!”, an excited Mackenzie Aikens yelled as she watched her mother walk into the room. L to R: Tyler Manzardo, Jarred Krull, Braedon Pages, Mackenzie Aikens, Sawyer VanAlstine.

Sault Tribe full day/full year Head Start children enjoyed an afternoon with their families and classmates as they graduated from Head Start to make the jump to kindergarten. The children each received a certificate and shared snacks with their friends and family after the ceremony at the Kewadin Casino in the Whitefish Room.

Photos by Brenda Austin



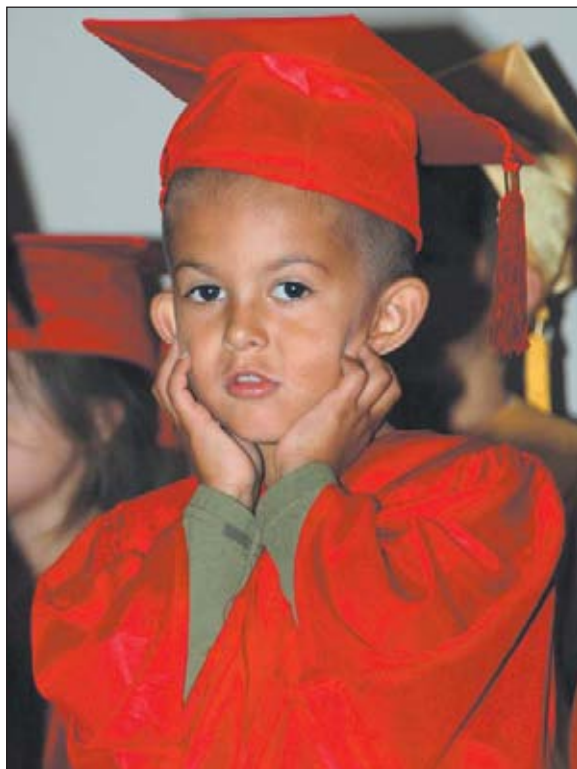
Mackenzie Aikens and mom, Jessica Owaski who helped with last minute cap adjustments.



Cameron Pavlat and mom, Nikki Pavlat, after receiving a certificate during the graduation ceremonies.



Madison Neal was a proud young lady who had the support of her family watching from the audience.



Jared Krull had that “I’m not sure what happens next” look as he waited for the ceremonies to begin.



Trinity Marsh shows her proud mother her graduation certificate.



Harold (Cub) and Mary McKerchie, sitting, and Dorothy Gervais sort out the tickets for the 50-50 drawing at the picnic. Joe Frazier and Betty Huffman won the raffle.



Leonard and Dorothy Jones of Brimley.



Dorothy Gervais and Diane Moore dance to the tunes of the George Snider band at the picnic.



Above, Marie DeMerse of the Sault shows off the pinwheel fan her friends gave her as a consolation prize when her name wasn't called for the door prizes given away at the picnic. Below: Carlean Perrault, Dianne Cowell and Pat Olson listen to the music.



Summertime fun with the elders of Units I, II and III at the 2005 Annual Picnic.

PHOTOS BY ALAN KAMUDA



Above, Chairperson Aaron Payment, second from left, talks with his aunt and uncle Donna and Henry Bouley and friend Melvin Frechette on the far right.



Tribal elder Leona Brown wore two hats, not to keep to sun out of eyes but just an easy way of carrying a hat for her husband who couldn't attend the picnic.



Vi Thompson of the Sault gets a hug from her good friend Ron Bertram of Sugar Island.



Left to right standing, Gloria LaJoie, Louie Aikens and Donna Gilroy wait for their ride home with 91 year-old Peter O'Neil.



Donna Dalimonte delivers a dessert to her brother Mike Wilkins of St. Ignace.



No sibling rivalry in this family. The Maddix crew showed up in force at the picnic. Above left to right, Fannie, 82, brother Jim standing, 76, sister Lola, the baby of the family at 71, and brother Jessie, sitting, 82.



The Hessel gang had it made in the shade at the picnic. They picked a nice shady spot to enjoy the strawberry shortcake dessert and the picnic luncheon. Left to right, Tom McCloud, John Andrews and Theresa Howell



Lorraine Cameron from the Sault and Lorraine Cameron from Naubinway, look at the gifts that were given away as door prizes to most of the elders who attended the picnic.

Health is fun for children in Newberry



17-month old Joseph Harris likes the painting on his mom's cheek so much he had the same one painted on his.



Bryanna McMahon, 10, watches as her brother, Tyler Dumas, 13, gets his finger pricked for a blood sample and checked by Kathy Manville, RN, for glucose and the cholesterol level.



Joshua Kimbler, 5, has a design he picked out painted on his face at the Newberry children's health fair.



Above: Tyler Krogh, 6, gets a little help from his brother, Teddy, 5, while blowing into a device that measures lung capacity and checks for the presence of carbon monoxide caused by second hand smoke.

Below: Lorissa and brother, Nick Nance, eat the cupcakes they decorated at the next to the last stop of the health fair. The last stop at the fair was the sink to wash the hands and faces of the young ones.



Damond Graham, 5, is so relaxed while having his blood pressure checked by Registered Nurse Amy Powers that he almost took a short nap.



Shauna Chaffin, 3, has her height measured at the first stop at the health fair. Shauna is 37 inches tall.



It was mostly fun and games but a little serious work was thrown in at the third annual children's health fair at the Newberry Tribal Health Center.

Over 50 children and parents came to the health fair where screenings were conducted for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and body fat percentage, second hand smoke presence and lung capacity, vital statistics, height and weight of the children.

Along with the health procedures, children were able to pick out a design and have it painted on their cheeks and decorate their own cupcakes with toppings of their favorite colors to finish off the visit.

Photos by Alan Kamuda

Talk to your children

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

I was running late again. It seemed as though I never left work on time. As I pulled down our street, I saw red and blue flashing lights. Instinctively, I knew something was terribly wrong. My heart leapt to my throat as I jumped out of the car, frantic.

Three of my four children stood on the front lawn with their father, trembling in the warm summer breeze. My heart stopped. Was the house on fire? No, I didn't see any smoke. Did someone try to break in? Ashley, Jason, Kelly, Ben, Adam, where was Adam? He didn't have practice again today did he? Yes. I asked him this morning.

Practice. Thank God he's at practice. It can't be Adam.

As I rushed to my husband and children, my stomach lurched. Tell me Adam didn't lie to me. Please don't let him have lied to me again. "What's going on? Where's Adam," I asked breathlessly, hoping against hope that the petrified look on

Ben's face doesn't mean what I think it does.

"Faith, Adam is inside," Ben said slowly, with an expression I didn't want to understand. "The paramedics Faith, the paramedics are working on him. Don't go in there."

"What! Oh my God, what happened, where is he," I screamed, frantically heading for the door; Ben grabbed my arm, trying to hold me back. My mind was racing as a terrified panic begins to rise deep within me. Our 15-year old son had nearly killed himself six months ago with medication; I prayed this wasn't a repeat of that traumatic episode. We had just started to trust him again.

"Faith stop. There's nothing we can do for him now. I was too late. He called me at work. I swear, I tried to get home Faith, I just couldn't get here any faster," said Ben.

"What are you talking about? You sound crazy. Adam's going to be fine, isn't he," I replied.

Ben said in a hushed voice, "I don't think so, Faith. I don't think so."

This was written by Lena Carpentier, a chairman's summer ACFS intern with sequel stories planned for *The Evening News* in the Sault in September. All to emphasize the importance of drug awareness.

Each year, thousands of adolescents die from drug overdoses. The Sault Tribe Public Awareness Committee is recognizing September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, a time of hope and remembrance. During a time when substance abuse is growing among teens, we urge you to instill in the children of your life the facts about drug and alcohol abuse. If you or anyone you know has a drug or alcohol addiction, we urge you to contact Anishnabek Community and Family Services for assistance at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105. We are here for you.

The USDA and our community



USDA Program Director and Native American FDPIR President, Tony Nertoli

From the Sault, take a drive south on Mackinaw Trail sometime. While you're enjoying the scenery, pay attention when you go about two and a half miles. Just before you come to the Humane Society, look across the road. You will see a large red warehouse. Do you know what that warehouse is? What it represents?

That building is the USDA and Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); it represents hope, faith, compassion and opportunity.

There are many people in our community who struggle to make ends meet. Securing food for their family is often a task that many Sault Tribe members struggle to achieve. While it may seem embarrassing to some, embracing the assistance provided by the FDPIR is not a choice; it is frequently a matter of necessity. No provider wants to feel unable to obtain his or her family's basic needs, but the fact is that, sometimes, ensuring sustenance is not possible without the assistance of programs developed to give people a small boost. The USDA gives our community that boost and an opportunity to continue rising above our situations.

The staff at the USDA are a fantastic group of individuals who sacrifice personal comforts in an effort to assist as many families as possible. These valiant individuals brave the elements year-round to deliver much needed supplies to tribe members in a 15 county service area, often spending the day traveling in treacher-

ous conditions. The only rewards they need are a grateful smile and a thank you to make all their effort worthwhile.

The 15 county service area of the program includes Alger, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette and Schoolcraft Counties.

On site food distribution sites include Newberry, Munising, Rapid River, Manistique, St. Ignace, Cheboygan, De Tour, Cedarville, Hessel and Sault Ste. Marie. Home delivery services and distribution schedules are available by calling 888-448-8732 or (906) 635-6076.

The staff at the USDA work tirelessly for the Native American community. They are diligent and compassionate, working hard to understand and assist in whatever way they can. Led by Tony Nertoli, the USDA program director and Native American FDPIR president, the USDA team consists of Arlene King, USDA warehouse supervisor, Leslie Hill, produce clerk/asst. driver/warehouse worker, Michelle Nalette, USDA certifier, Marty Nolan, USDA warehouse worker, Richard Rapson, USDA truck driver/warehouse worker, Marcie Smith, USDA certifier and Carmen Wagner, USDA certification supervisor.

There are no fees associated with the USDA food distribution program, though an application process is required. Eligibility requires membership of the Sault Tribe or another federally recognized tribe, residence on or near a reservation in the 15 county service area, meeting income guidelines established by the USDA and a client cannot receive commodities and food stamps in the same month.

For more information, please call the USDA at (906) 635-6076, toll free at 1-888-448-8732 or any of the ACFS offices.

How can you tell if your child is using drugs?

What should a parent be looking for that might give them a warning about possible drug abuse by their children? These are a few signs that might indicate the children are using drugs.

- Negative changes in school-work, missing school or declining grades.
- Increased secrecy about possessions or activities.
- Use of incense, room deodorant or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors.
- Subtle changes in conversations with friends, e.g., more secretive, using "coded" language.
- New friends.
- Change in clothing choices, new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use.
- Increase in borrowing money.
- Evidence of drug paraphernalia, such as pipes, rolling papers.
- Evidence of inhaling products and accessories, such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, paper bags and rags, common household products.
- Bottles of eyedrops, which may be used to mask bloodshot eyes or dilated pupils.
- New use of mouthwash or breath mints to cover up the smell of alcohol.
- Missing prescription drugs, especially narcotics and mood stabilizers.

These changes often signal that something troubling is going on and may involve alcohol or drugs.

It is important to talk to your child about drug use and here are some things to keep in mind when you do.

- Tell your child you love him or her and you are worried that he or she might be using drugs or alcohol.
- Say you know drugs may seem like the thing to do, but doing drugs can have serious consequences.
- It makes you feel worried and concerned about them when they do drugs.
- You are there to listen to them.
- You want them to be a part of the solution.
- What you will do to help them. Parents are the most important influence. If you think you've uncovered a problem, there are many people who can help guide you and inform you about the issues you and your child will be facing.

School counselors and student assistance professionals, employee assistance professionals, family doctors or pediatricians, nurses, faith leaders, community health centers, adolescent prevention or treatment professionals and local community anti-drug coalitions can be called upon to assist parents who

believe their children are using drugs.

Ways to stay in touch with your children

- Ask about school, homework, after school activities, etc.
- Inquire about personal relationships such as friendships, boyfriends and girlfriends.
- Spend time with your children after school and on weekends.
- Have sit-down dinners weekly so the family can talk.
- Encourage your children to be involved in community projects or help in a senior center or child care center.
- Set reasonable curfews.
- Talk to your child about your expectations of him or her.
- Don't be afraid to talk to your child about drugs.
- Be involved, attend practices, games, and performances when possible to show your child your interest.
- Participate in school events, chaperone a dance, assist at a party, provide refreshments and snacks for a class event.

Remember, each child is different. What may seem like active involvement to you, may be suffocating to your child. Talk to your child about ways to be involved without making him or her uncomfortable.



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Bringing news from ACFS

Advocacy Resource Center's third annual SCAVENGER CHALLENGE

The Scavenger Challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different challenges and the top three teams receive prizes.

It is somewhat like the amazing race, fear factor and survivor, all in one.

WHERE: Kewadin Casino-Tahquamenon Room

WHEN: Friday Oct. 7, 2005

TIME: Entry registration-6:00 - 6:30, race rules/instructions at 6:45, race starts at 7 p.m.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!

Purchase your tickets at:
Advocacy Resource Center,
Sault Tribe Health Center
or Sault Tribe administration

THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF CRIME AND THEIR CHILDREN.

For more details, ticket information, or for official rules contact: Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 635-7705 or (906) 632-1808.

Sault Tribe wins inaugural Native American Cup

By Rick Smith

The premier tournament for the Native American Cup was won by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians over the weekend of Aug. 12-14 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa near Traverse City, Mich.

Four 12-member teams vied for the 2005 Cup and included the host, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, along with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Tribe and Team Native America, which was composed of various tribal chairmen, American Indian businessmen and four-time PGA tour champion Notah Begay III.

Qualifying for the competition took place July 9-10. Alan Bouschor was the top qualifier for the Sault Tribe team and was designated the team captain. Also playing on the team were Jeff McLeod, Leroy Frazier, Bernard Bouschor, D.J. Kuczewski, Gary Cook, Harold Frazier, Chad Cook, Mike Nolan, Donald Smith, Brandon Jackson and Brandon Cook.

Final results were Sault Tribe, 20; Grand Traverse, 13.5; Saginaw Chippewa, 11; and



The Sault Tribe team and Native American Cup winners; back row, left to right, Leroy Frazier, Alan Bouschor, Donald Smith, Jeff McLeod, Harold Frazier, Mike Nolan, Brandon Jackson; front row, D.J. Kuczewski, Brandon Cook, Gary Cook, Chad Cook and Bernard Bouschor.

Team Native America, 3.5.

"Congratulations to the Sault Tribe for an outstanding weekend of golf," said Henry Boulley, executive director of the Native American Cup. "They deserve the Cup, they earned it." Boulley said the Sault Tribe team did well all

along but shined during singles matches on the final day of competition. The team won 11 out of 12 singles matches, Boulley called it an unheard of feat.

The Native American Cup dates back to 1997 when the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

hosted the Sault Tribe in a one-day golf event called the Anishinaabe Cup. Since then, the contest became organized, evolving this year into a tournament to be played annually. The members of the Native American Cup organization have hopes of eventual

nationwide expansion. "Our goal is for this event to grow so that in future years, dozens of American Indian tribes from across North America are represented and more scholarships are awarded," said Boulley.

The goal of the organization is to enhance leadership and educational opportunities for American Indian students through annual scholarships funded through golf tournaments, sales of logo items and other fund-raisers. The signature golf tournament, the Native American Cup, will be held annually on the second weekend of August.

"The 2005 Native American Cup was a huge event and a huge success," said Boulley. "A \$1,500 scholarship will go to an outstanding young Native American about to enter college, Preston Bellows-Gee, he epitomizes the type of student we're helping to advance."

The 2005 Native American Cup also featured a golf show and silent auction, presented by Greektown Casino, where guests had the opportunity to meet Begay, buy golf gear or bid on items.

Free Laker athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK

To be eligible for tickets, tribe members must fill out the free Laker athletic ticket application below and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card to the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center by Sept. 23, 2005. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis until all tickets are gone. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with the remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for more information or extra applications.

FREE LAKER ATHLETIC TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____

Please circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets you would need next to the game. Please note that you may not receive tickets for all games indicated.

LAKER HOCKEY

	# Requested
10/07/05 York	_____
10/08/05 USA-under 18s	_____
10/14/05 Colgate	_____
10/15/05 Colgate	_____
10/21/05 Ferris State	_____
10/22/05 Ferris State	_____
10/29/05 Northern Michigan	_____
11/11/05 Miami	_____
11/12/05 Miami	_____
11/25/05 Robert Morris	_____
11/26/05 Robert Morris	_____
12/02/05 Alaska-Fairbanks	_____
12/03/05 Alaska-Fairbanks	_____
01/06/06 Western Michigan	_____
01/07/06 Western Michigan	_____
01/27/06 Bowling Green	_____
01/28/06 Bowling Green	_____
02/17/06 Northern Michigan	_____
02/23/06 Michigan State	_____

LAKER BASKETBALL

	#Requested
11/04/05 Laurentian (Men's)	_____
11/16/05 Grace Bible College (Men's)	_____
11/22/05 Rochester College (Men's)	_____
12/01/05 Ashland	_____
12/16/05 Ferris State	_____
12/28/05 Indianapolis (Women's)	_____
01/05/06 Northern Michigan	_____
01/07/06 Michigan Tech	_____
01/19/06 Gannon	_____
01/21/06 Mercyhurst	_____
01/23/06 Finlandia	_____
02/02/06 Grand Valley State	_____
02/04/06 Saginaw Valley State	_____
02/14/06 Northland Baptist	_____
02/22/06 Northwood	_____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept. 23, 2005

Mail application to Chi Mukwa, Attn: Jessica Dumback, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Local Native American golf tournament is a family tradition



Art and Perry Causley with the trophy from the John M. Causley, Sr., Memorial Golf Tournament.

Brothers Matt and Brett Vassar took second in the first flight and cousins Mark and Joseph Causley, placed third in the first flight. I am proud to say I carried my son and took first in the second flight. Manny Marble and Lana Causley took second in the second flight. Other brother teams included Gary and Tim Vanalstine and Ted and Jeremy Gough. Dave Causley, Dave Landerville and Jason Smith all cousins have had bragging rights in the past years.

Miles Landerville and Spank Izzard had to forfeit out of the tournament due to an emergency but all will be looking forward to seeing them again next year. This event is held at this time so family members who travel here from out of town can attend the Sault Tribe powwow the following weekend here in Hessel.

The day starts with an 18-hole tournament, trophies and prizes are awarded in the evening and ends with a feast at John Causley's home, where families reminisce late into the night telling stories by the fire. Local businesses have made donations to the tournament and have been very supportive. A special megwetch to Paul Krause at Ford Motors for their hole in one donations throughout the years.

Again this year, aunts Margaret Vassar, Catherine Lapointe and Ann Causley were all there with four generations in attendance.

This tournament was a huge success with family and friends being involved. This year also marked the first for two \$500 sport scholarships at the Les Cheneaux Community Schools in memory of John, Sr., and Lorraine Causley. The family hopes to carry on this golf and family tradition for many more years.

SUBMITTED BY JOHN CAUSLEY, JR.

This year marked 21 years for the annual the John. M. Causley, Sr., Memorial Golf Invitational, the first Native American golf tournament to be recognized by the National Golf Association.

John M. Causley, who walked on three years ago, his son, John Jr., and nephew, Perry, started the event after many of the family men started getting together on weekends to play golf.

"Many Nishnabe families participate," said John Causley Jr. "We have tribe members Jackie and Kim Andrews, travel each year from Ohio to be part of this special golf outing. After being the director of the tournament for the past 21 years, I have now passed it down to my daughter, Theresa. She and others will have the responsibility to carry this on for the younger generation and keep the event going.

"This tournament is unique as the list of golfers are almost all tribe members and gives us an

opportunity to carry on the traditional value of giving family and friends the opportunity to come together," added Causley.

This year local elder Clyde Bonno, who has been involved from the very beginning, partnered with this son, Steve, and placed third in the second flight of the tournament.

Delmar Shagen also carries on this tradition and partners with his son Paul. They had to give up the championship this year after holding the title for the past two but said they will be back next year to reclaim the title.

Thomas Causley and his partner and brother-in-law Rick Vandermere now holds the title of champions. First timers in the tournament who placed second in the championship flight were Greg McLeod and Paul Griffin.

This has truly become a family event, other father and son teams include Peter Treleaven and son, Pat, and Art Causley and Gene Vassar, who took first place in the first flight.

Sault Tribe places fourth in Michigan Indian Family Olympics

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Fourteen Michigan tribes participated in the 18th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics held July 15 in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., at Central Michigan University. Sault Tribe participants placed fourth out of 14 teams.

Seventy-one Sault Tribe members competed in this year's event. The tribe covered the cost of transportation on two Kewadin Casino buses, lodging at the Comfort Inn, registration costs and meals. The number of participants the tribe was able to sponsor was limited to the first 65 to return their completed registration packets due to space limitations on the two buses.

The family olympics was started by Sue Siller, health educator for the Saginaw Indian Tribe, to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of physical activity with track and field events. The family olympics expanded to include other tribes and tribal organizations throughout the state of Michigan.

This year, there was a record 628 participants. Competitors from the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians were the overall winners with 355 points and 156 participants, Grand Traverse Bay Band followed in second with 248 points and 160 participants, Huron Potawatomi took third with 111 points and 27 participants, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians placed fourth with 106 points and 71 participants and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe came in fifth with 95 points and 70 participants.

Each competitor was allowed to register for four events, their points were added to their team score to determine the winners.

Events included a softball throw, jump rope, football throw, team relays, tug-o-war, bean bag toss, running long jump, frisbee throw, standing broad jump, baby crawl, tot trot and different length runs and walks, including a 400m pre/post natal walk.

Chi Mukwa Recreation Center event coordinator Annie Thibert organized this year's

trip and attended with the other participants. "The family olympics is a family oriented activity, the bus from the Sault had 12 families with only a few seats left over. It was fun getting to know everyone," Thibert said.

Some first place event winners representing the Sault Tribe were Cole Therault, baby crawl; Garrett Houghton, winner of the softball throw for males, age 10-12; Chris Knauf, running long jump, male, 16-18, with a jump of 14 feet eight inches; Herb Weinert, running long jump, male, 51 and up, with a jump of seven feet four inches; and three Sault Tribe rope jumpers placed first through third in the male, age 10-12, category — Trevor McKerchie jumped for 54 minutes, Gene Carrie for 49 minutes and Jacob McKerchie for 43 minutes; Roberta Weinert had a time of 0.33.89 seconds for the 100m run for females, age 51 and up.

For more information visit www.sagchip.org/fitness/mifo/

Free NMU Wildcat hockey tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK

To be eligible for tickets, tribal members must fill out the free Northern Michigan University Wildcat hockey ticket application below and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your tribal card to Chi Mukwa by Sept. 23, 2005. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis until all tickets are gone. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with the remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for more information or extra applications.

FREE WILDCAT HOCKEY TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____

Please circle the games you wish to attend and indicate the number of tickets you would need for each. Please note that you may not receive tickets for all games indicated.

NMU WILDCAT HOCKEY

	# Requested
10/07/05 USNDT	_____
10/08/05 York University	_____
10/14/05 St. Cloud State	_____
10/15/05 St. Cloud State	_____
10/21/05 Michigan Tech	_____
10/28/05 Lake Superior State	_____
11/11/05 University of Michigan	_____
11/12/05 University of Michigan	_____
12/17/05 Western Michigan	_____
12/18/05 Western Michigan	_____
01/13/06 Ferris State	_____
01/14/06 Ferris State	_____
01/20/06 Notre Dame	_____
01/21/06 Notre Dame	_____
02/03/06 Wayne State	_____
02/04/06 Wayne State	_____
02/10/06 Nebraska-Omaha	_____
02/11/06 Nebraska-Omaha	_____
02/18/06 Lake Superior State	_____
02/24/06 Ohio State	_____
02/25/06 Ohio State	_____

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Sept. 23, 2005
Mail application to:
Chi Mukwa
Attn: Jessica Dumback
2 Ice Circle
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

McDowell supports plan to reimport prescription drugs

LANSING, Mich.—Citing the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs and the impact on Michigan consumers and jobs, State Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) has voiced strong support for a proposal that will save Michigan residents up to 50 percent on their prescription drug costs.

"The high cost of prescription drugs hits especially hard in Michigan, where 1.8 million people, many of them seniors, lack prescription drug coverage," McDowell said. "Our plan will help reduce costs and provide the lifesaving medications our citizens so desperately need."

The legislation will allow Michigan to join the I-Save RX program. The program, run by Illinois and joined already by Wisconsin, Missouri, Vermont and Kansas, allows the state to contract with a Canadian clearinghouse that connects consumers with Canadian and European pharmacies and wholesalers approved by Illinois health inspectors. Consumers can buy about 150 brand-name prescription drugs from those pharmacies, and can expect to pay 25 to 50 percent less than the drug's cost in the United States.

"Many of our citizens are

forced to go to Canada, where prescription drugs cost significantly less on average," said McDowell. "This plan will bring the drugs to them. We must provide accessible and affordable health care to all citizens in Michigan."

There is no cost to the state to join I-Save Rx. The cost of administering the program is paid for by a nominal fee charged to consumers. For safety reasons, the program is limited to prescription refills on brand-name drugs that treat chronic or long-term conditions. All residents would be eligible to participate.

Merck misled doctors about Vioxx risks

LANSING, Mich.—A senior Merck scientist admitted in a Houston court recently that the company misled doctors about the number of patients who experienced potentially deadly side effects from the company's painkiller, Vioxx.

In light of the testimony, State Reps. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) and Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak) renewed their call to repeal drug industry immunity in the state.

"Yesterday's testimony makes it clear that we cannot rely on the drug industry to police itself or to keep the public safe from harm," said McDowell, a lead sponsor of the package. "Merck lied to doctors about Vioxx's risks, imperil-

ing the health of thousands of Michigan consumers as a result."

The trial concerns the death of an otherwise healthy 59-year-old man who died of sudden heart arrhythmia after taking Vioxx for hand pain for several months. The trial is the first of more than 3,800 Vioxx-related lawsuits Merck faces.

In a letter sent to doctors, Merck reported that only 0.5 percent of the patients taking Vioxx in the largest clinical trial of the drug had experienced heart and circulation problems. But in fact, 14.6 percent of the Vioxx patients had cardiovascular troubles while taking the drug, according to Merck's own report on the study. And 2.5 percent had serious prob-

lems, like heart attacks.

"Michigan gives companies like Merck a free pass when its products harm our residents," Donigan said. "We are the only state in the country to refuse to hold the drug industry accountable. It's time to stand up for Michigan consumers and end drug industry immunity."

The Democrats' proposed bills would repeal a 1996 law passed by then-Gov. John Engler and the Republican-controlled Legislature. The law, the only one of its kind in the country, gives companies complete immunity from legal action so long as the drug in question has been approved for safety and efficiency by the FDA.

Clearing the air about nicotine

BY KIM SAKIS,
SAULT TRIBE HEALTH EDUCATION

According to a recent national survey, 82 percent of the people believe that nicotine causes cancer. Another third of the people surveyed believe that nicotine replacement therapies, such as nicotine patches, gums and lozenges, are unsafe because they contain nicotine. Let's clear the air on some facts about nicotine and replacement therapy products role in smoking or chewing tobacco cessation.

Myth — Nicotine causes cancer. Fact — Nicotine is not proven to cause cancer. While nicotine is the drug to which a smoker or chewer of tobacco is addicted, it is not carcinogenic (cancer causing).

Myth — Nicotine causes the diseases related to smoking or chewing. Fact — Cigarettes are a well known cause of cancer, chronic lung disease such as emphysema, heart disease and other disorders such as asthma. Cigarettes contain more than 4,000 chemicals, and it is those chemicals, not the nicotine, that is responsible for the majority of harmful effects.

Myth — Nicotine is responsible for adverse health effects related to smoking. Fact — The main adverse effect of nicotine in tobacco products is addiction, which is why it is so difficult to

quit. Because smokers and chewers are dependent on getting nicotine, they continue to expose themselves to toxins (chemicals) from smoking and chewing tobacco.

Myth — It is nicotine that causes yellow stains on fingers and teeth. Fact — It is not the nicotine; rather it is the tar in tobacco that causes yellow-brown staining.

Myth — Replacement therapies are more harmful than smoking because of nicotine's addictive behavior. Fact — Nicotine is an addictive drug. When smoked, it is delivered into the lungs and is rapidly absorbed by the blood, reaching the brain within about 10 seconds. At this point, smokers experience a nicotine "hit", causing the brain to produce chemicals that regulates emotion and feelings of pleasure. The brain soon comes to expect regular doses of nicotine and suffers withdrawal symptoms when it no longer is getting the nicotine. Compared to cigarette smoking, replacement therapies provide lower doses of nicotine which are delivered more slowly, in a controlled way, and over a shorter period of time with the dose being stepped down.

Myth — Replacement therapies are no safer than cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Fact — The benefits of replacement therapies

used to help give up cigarettes or chewing far outweigh the risks of smoking. Cigarettes contain more than 4,000 chemicals compared to replacement therapy products.

Myth — Replacement therapy substitutes one addiction for another. Fact — Replacement therapy has a lower abuse rate than cigarettes or chewing tobacco. Using replacement therapy to help you quit smoking will provide relief from the physical withdrawals from nicotine and allow the user to make the lifestyle changes necessary to be successful. The therapy is stepped down over an average period of 8-12 weeks (sometimes a bit longer) which makes withdrawal symptoms, such as irritability and anxiety, more manageable.

The Sault Tribe health centers provide tobacco cessation services to help with nicotine addiction. Among the replacement therapies available through the health centers are nicotine patches, Nicorette gum, and Commit lozenge. Zyban, which is an oral medication (pill) used for nicotine cessation is also available. These medications are free of charge for Sault Tribe members and patients eligible for Sault Tribe health services.

Call Sault Tribe Community Health Services, (906) 632-5210, for an appointment or for more information.

Get a jump on the holidays with HIPP

We all know it is difficult to stay away from those yummy holiday treats and, believe it or not, they are just around the corner! Why not join the Health In Progress Program (HIPP) to get a running head start on healthy eating and activities? During the 11 weeks of HIPP, you'll earn points by doing physical activities, eating more fruits and vegetables and making a personal goal. Your personal goal can be whatever you choose, eating more fiber, drinking more water, weight management, stop smoking. It's up to you!

What's more, you can now earn points by attending our weekly brown bag, information sessions at the health center each Thursday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in the auditorium. The first

session begins Sept. 8

Healthy snacks and recipes will be provided. As an additional incentive, prizes will be awarded for winning teams and individuals. What a great way to stay motivated!

The program runs from Monday, Sept. 5 through Nov. 17. Eligible participants include Sault Tribe members, employees and those eligible for Sault Tribe health services. Registration fee is \$10. Pedometers are available for an additional \$10.

Registration packets will be available at Kewadin Casino in the employee lunch area Aug. 29 through Sept. 5, or call community health at 632-5210 for your registration packet or for further information.

Basics of diabetes and living a full life

This is the class to attend if you just found out you have diabetes or if you have never received diabetes education. The class will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, snacks and the chance to ask many questions.

You are welcome to bring a friend or family member.

Classes start at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in the Sault, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you are interested in attending this class, please call community health (906) 632-5210. Please note the date, time and location are subject to change.

Sponsored by the Sault Tribe Health Center Diabetes Program.

A few words about beans

SUBMITTED BY KIM BLUM, MS,
RD, USDA DIETITIAN

Beans are eaten throughout the world, come in hundreds of shapes, sizes and colors, are versatile because they can be eaten raw, cooked, canned, fermented into sauces, good in chilis, soups and salads and best of all they're good for you!

Beans have both insoluble and soluble fibers. The soluble fiber absorbs cholesterol, triglycerides and toxins. Insoluble fiber moves fat blobs and digested meat through the intestines.

Beans are low in fat, contain no cholesterol and they can help lower your cholesterol level because they are one of the richest sources of fiber. Most beans contain at least 20 percent protein and are high in carbohydrates which provide long lasting energy. In addition, beans provide essential B vitamins and iron.

Several types of beans, such as great northern, lima, pinto, kidney, baked and refried are available through your tribe's food distribution program.

Here is a recipe for chili. Try adding beans to salads to increase

protein without added fat.

Easy black bean chili (or try using kidney or pinto beans instead).

1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
2 garlic cloves, pressed
2 cans (15 Oz. each) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can 15 oz. tomato sauce
1 T. chili powder

Combine chopped onion, bell pepper and pressed garlic in pot and cook over medium heat 2-3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Stir in beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce and chili powder. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Cover, simmer over medium-low heat 30 minutes.

Please send questions to kimberly.blum@fns.usda.gov or contact your food distribution director, Tony Nertoli, at 3601 South Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call 1-888-448-8732 or (906) 635-6076.

Sault Tribe Adult Learning Center

Free GED classes and testing

You do not need to be a tribe member or tribal employee to attend.

Beginning Sept. 12, at J.K.L. Bahweting School, 1301 Marquette Ave. Sault Ste. Marie (middle school building in back).

Classes meet Monday through Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m.

For additional information, contact George H. Snider at 635-7786

USFW awarding \$8.1 million in grants to tribes

Interior Secretary Gale Norton recently announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is awarding nearly \$8.1 million to help 45 federally recognized Indian tribes manage, conserve and protect fish and wildlife resources on tribal lands in 18 states.

In the service's Midwest region, seven tribes will receive grants totaling \$1.3 million for eight projects.

The tribes are in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin — and their non-federal partners contributed an additional \$483,000 toward these projects.

"American Indian tribes are excellent stewards and partners in fish and wildlife conservation," said the service's Midwest regional director, Robyn Thorson. "By matching these grants with other funds, tribes leverage greater dollars for wildlife and habitat projects."

Thorson noted that applications for the tribal grant programs from

tribes in the Midwest region were up 25 percent this year.

The service is awarding the grants under two programs: the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program and Tribal Wildlife Grant Program. The Tribal Landowner Incentive Program assists federally recognized Indian tribes to protect, restore and manage habitat for species at-risk, including federally listed endangered or threatened species, as well as proposed or candidate species on tribal lands. The service is providing about \$2.1 million to fund 17 Tribal Landowner Incentive Program projects across the nation.

About \$6 million will fund 28 projects nationwide under the Tribal Wildlife Grant program. These grants are awarded to federally recognized Indian tribes to benefit fish, wildlife and their habitat including species that are not hunted or fished.

In the Midwest, five projects received Tribal Wildlife Grant

Program funds totaling more than \$1 million.

Since 2003, the service has put \$23 million to work for tribal conservation efforts through both programs.

"From the Orca Inlet in Alaska to the cypress swamps of Florida, Indian tribes are helping us achieve our mission," said acting FWS Director Matt Hogan. "Thanks to these two special grant programs, we are strengthening our partnerships to promote species conservation and to protect healthy ecosystems for future generations."

The 562 federally recognized Indian tribes have a controlling interest in more than 52 million acres of tribal trust lands and an additional 40 million acres held by Alaska Native corporations. Much of this land is relatively undisturbed, providing a significant amount of rare and important fish and wildlife habitat.

Tribal Landowner Incentive Program grants in Michigan for

2005: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, \$17,800, inventory and protection of white ash and black ash.

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, \$149,805, comprehensive management plan for white-tailed deer.

Tribal Wildlife Grant Program grants in Michigan for 2005: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, \$250,000, engineering and feasibility study of the potential removal of the Boardman River dams.

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, \$250,000, gray wolf management plan.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife

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From the kitchen of Bob Flowers

Planked whitefish

This recipe speaks to our heritage. Before such modern conveniences such as stoves, running water and dishwashers, we used different techniques to cook and flavor our foods. We gathered fresh herbs from the forest along with wild vegetables and fruits. We caught and ate the wild game and fish abundantly supplied by the Creator, giving thanks in return for what we were given.

One of the great techniques that is rarely used now days is planking. This technique uses wood planks to flavor meat and fish. It also protects the cooked item from direct heat, providing a more gentle method of cooking. Planking is a versatile and great method that can be used with a campfire or on a barbecue.

We have some ideal wood for planking food, often right in our own back yard. Here is a short list of great wood: Cedar, maple, tag alder, white oak, red oak. Cedar can be purchased either ready-made for the purpose at major department stores such as Wal-Mart or at wood supply stores. Just be sure to purchase untreated wood. Pressure treated wood contains very toxic chemicals such as arsenic.

Wood gathered from the forest is most easily found in the form of branches and sticks. You can also get good planking wood if you look around and see who's cutting on their land.

All wood used for planking or smoking must be soaked for sev-

eral hours to slow its burning rate. If gathering forest wood, strip the bark and lay over the fire so that the sticks are parallel to each other and touching. The idea is to make a bed of wood upon which the food to be cooked is placed.

Unlike other methods using fire, the food is placed on wood directly above the hot fire. It's then covered to trap heat and smoke. The result is succulent, great-flavored meat or fish. Here's a great and simple recipe.

Planked whitefish.

Ingredients

1 whitefish fillet per person

Salt

1 plank cedar per fillet

Charcoal or wood fire

Soak the wood in water for at least three hours. When the soaking time is nearly done, get the grill fired up with charcoal or wood. Remove the planks from the water and dry one side. Lightly spray the wood with cooking oil. Wash, dry and place the fish skin-side down onto the oiled wood. Lightly sprinkle with salt. Place the wood and fish directly over the hot fire and cover with the lid. Open all vents and cook for ten minutes. Check to see if the fish is done. The flesh should be white, and slightly browned from the smoke. Remove from the fire and serve with some good cole slaw or your favorite side dishes.

Sept. 5 — The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 5 — Men's education group meets Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 6 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5-6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Sept. 7 — Voices to Choices adolescent group meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

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Sept. 9 — The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk

for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Gwinn, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Gwinn Clubhouse. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Julie Shaw at (906) 346-9862.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Houghton, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Super 8 Motel. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Marja Salani at (906) 482-4880 or Dave Mayo-Kiely at (906) 483-4722.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Iron Mountain, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Crystal Lake Community Center. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Angela Elliot-Johnson or Tammy Tomassucci at (906) 774-8032 or Kristin Sommerfeld at (906) 774-2256.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Ishpeming, Mich. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Lake Bancroft Park. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Elyse Bertucci at (906) 485-5527, Rich Rossway at (906) 485-2115 or Teresa Luetzow at (906) 485-1061.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in L'Anse, Mich. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Baragaland Senior Center. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Pamela Anderson at (906) 524-6711.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Manistique, Mich. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Manistique Senior Citizens Center. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Barb Pohlman, Lynne Miller or Jean Anthony at

(906)341-4684.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Marquette, Mich. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Presque Isle Pavilion. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Beverly Bartlett or Darlene T. Allen at (906) 228-3910.

Sept. 10 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Nokomis/Mishomis Place, Sault Tribe Elder Services Center, 2076 Shunk Road. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Holly Kibble at (906) 635-4971 or Donn Riley at (906) 632-3363.

Sept. 10 — The Unit IV Escanaba Elders Committee holds monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month at 11 p.m. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 11 — Adult hockey league begins at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center for more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 12 — *The Sault Tribe News* deadline.

Sept. 12 — Men's education group meets Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 13 — The Munising Tribal Health Center will be holding a diabetes basics class from 2-7 p.m. at the Munising Township Hall. For people with diabetes, nearly diagnosed or in need of a refresher course, for family and friends or people with diabetes or anyone who has an interest in learning about this disease. Dinner will be provided. Please call (906) 387-4721 or 1-800-236-4705 to reserve your seat. Class size is limited so be sure to call today.

More on page 24.

Hockey fans! Plan to attend the Black Bears season opener, Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Recreation Center. The Black Bears will host the Soo Thunderbirds. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth.

Sept. 14 — Unit IV Manistique Elders Committee will be holding their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 14 — Voices to Choices adult group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 14 — Northern Michigan Black Bears season opener at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. The Black Bears will host the Soo Thunderbirds. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth. Season tickets are on sale, \$129 for adults, \$69 for youth ages 7-12, children six and under are free. Checks should be made payable to Black Bears. Please mail to Black Bears, 843 Portage, St. Ignace, MI 49783. Call (231) 537-2877 for more information.

Sept. 17 — Hospice of Chippewa County Bicycle Festival — 10, 25 and 50-mile events. Competitive and non-competitive classes, T-shirts for all participants, trophies for top two finishes in competitive classes. Hamburger bash to follow the festival at the Moose Lodge, plaques for organization or business with the largest donation. For more information please call (906) 253-3151.

Sept. 17 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Escanaba, Mich. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Aronson Island, Ludington Park. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Mary Bunnin at (906) 786-7080 ext. 126, Darlene Smith or Marina Dupler at (906) 497-5244.

Sept. 17 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in Munising, Mich. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at

Tendercare. Walk begins at 9 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Kris Lindquist at (906) 387-2439 or Barry Johnson at (906) 387-2273.

Sept. 17 — The Alzheimer's Association's 2005 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in St. Ignace, Mich. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the John Fenlon Community Action Center. Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Awards and refreshments to follow. Contact Ronda Schlehuber or Lori Spring at (906) 643-6746.

Sept. 19 — The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 19 — The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee holds monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 19 — Men's education group meets on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 20 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Manistique 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5-6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Sept. 21 — Learn to Skate begins at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center for more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 21 — Voices to Choices adolescent group meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 23 — The Unit II Newberry Elders Committee holds monthly meetings on the

fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 23 — Northern Michigan Black Bears vs. Blind River Beavers at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 25 — The elders advisory board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 26 — Men's education group meets Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 28 — Alzheimer's Association annual caregiver conference "A Caregiver's Kaleidoscope: Endless Patterns of Caregiving" will be held 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Marquette. The keynote speaker is Mr. David Shenk, author of *The Forgetting — Alzheimer's: Portrait of an Epidemic*. There will be additional educational breakout sessions in the afternoon. For registration information, call (906) 228-3910 or 800-272-3900.

Sept. 28 — Voices to Choices adult group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Sept. 28 — Unit III board members Fred Paquin and Robert Lambert are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. Please come share your ideas, questions, concerns with your tribal board representatives. This Unit III meeting gathers on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Enji Maawanji' Iding (The former McCann School), 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. For more information call Lona

Stewart at (906) 635-6050.

Sept. 28 — Bayliss Public Library will host area author Moira "Pat" Wilson through its Centennial Author Series at 7 p.m. and free to the public. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Bayliss Public Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. For more information call (906) 632-9331.

Sept. 30 — Northern Michigan Black Bears vs. North Bay Skyhawks at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Oct. 4 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors Meeting in Munising 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5-6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26337.

Oct. 7 — Advocacy Resource Center's third annual scavenger challenge at the Kewadin Casino. The scavenger challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. It is somewhat like the amazing race, fear factor and survivor all in one. Contact the Advocacy Resource Center for more information (906) 632-1808.

Oct. 18 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors Meeting in St. Ignace 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5-6 p.m. For more information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26337.

Announcements

Traditional Healers are available for appointments at the Sault, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers. People visit a healer for physical, mental, emotional, spiritual or cultural reasons. At your appointment with a healer, bring an offering of tobacco. All traditional healing is holistic. The root cause of the condition is addressed while the whole person is addressed. A reminder, women on their moon cycle should make an appointment before or after their cycles. For information please contact Peggy at (906) 632-7384 or Ted

at (906) 632-7378.

Dewege (Drumming), 7-9 p.m., every Tuesday at the Niigaanagizhik Building in the Sault. Dewegan is the heartbeat of our people, the Anishinaabe. Our drum keeper is Bud Biron. He shares lessons on life, songs and the styles of singing. It's a great time for the family to come and participate by singing, dancing or just listen to the Bahweting singers. Contact Bud at (906) 632-7033.

Anishinaabemowin (Language classes), Sault, 6-8 p.m., every Thursday at Niigaanagizhik Building in the Sault. Class begins with a potluck feast with our elder advisors so bring your favorite dish. It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy living our culture. Call the cultural division at (906) 632-7494 for more info.

Ojibwe language grammar class, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, Sault Health and Human Services Center; 3:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesdays, Lambert Center in St. Ignace.

Language lessons are taught by using basic grammar structure. Lessons are based on life themes. It's a good time to practice and build your vocabulary! Please contact Ted Holappa for more information (906) 632-7378.

Lunch bunch language class, noon-1 p.m., Tuesdays, weekly at the cultural division quarters. Bring your lunch and join us for an entertaining comedy/drama in full immersion Ojibwe. Contact the cultural division (906) 632-7494.

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Suspected link between children's breathing problems during sleep and daytime behavior

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Several years ago, University of Michigan researchers published some of the strongest evidence yet that children who snore when they sleep are far more likely to have attention and hyperactivity problems than their non-snoring peers.

Today, that link takes on a new long-term dimension with the publication in the journal *Sleep* of follow-up data from some of the same children who took part in the earlier study.

Indeed, children in the original study who snored regularly, in comparison to those who did not, were about four times more likely to have developed new hyperactivity by the time the U-M team contacted their families four years later. In other words, snoring early in life predicted new or worsened behavior problems four years later.

Similar behavior was seen among children who had had other symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea, in which repeated

pauses in breathing disrupt sleep and can reduce blood oxygen levels. For example, children with daytime sleepiness in the original study were also more likely to have developed hyperactivity four years later.

The findings held true even after the researchers took into account which children already had been identified as hyperactive during the first study, and which ones were taking prescription behavior medicines during the follow-up survey. In fact says lead author and U-M sleep researcher Ronald D. Chervin, M.D., M.S., inattention and hyperactivity at follow-up were usually predicted better by snoring and other sleep apnea symptoms four years earlier than by those same symptoms at follow-up.

One group, the boys who were under the age of eight and had the worst sleep-breathing problems during the first study, were approximately nine times more likely to have developed new

hyperactivity four years later than boys of the same age who hadn't had such sleep problems.

The results are from a prospective study of 229 children who are now between the ages of six and 17. The children were drawn from the group of two to 13-year olds whose parents were originally surveyed in the late 1990s, in the waiting rooms of several community-based pediatrics clinics. The parents agreed to allow the researchers to mail them a follow-up survey four years later; 229 returned it. The follow-up group was statistically comparable to the initial group.

Both at the baseline and at follow-up, the parents completed standardized questionnaires that measure a child's behavior and sleep characteristics. Children were encouraged to help their parents complete the questionnaires.

The initial study, published in March 2002 in the journal *Pediatrics*, found that kids who snored regularly were twice as likely as non-snorers to have

hyperactivity or attention issues at the same time. Among boys under the age of eight, the rate was four times.

The sleep-behavior link rests on the concept that snoring, sleep apnea and other breathing problems during sleep diminish the quality of sleep, repeatedly reduce oxygen levels and affect daytime behavior.

Data from small groups of children who received treatment for their sleep-breathing problems — usually by removal of the tonsils and adenoids — have indicated that behavior may improve as sleep improves.

Larger studies of pre and post-treatment sleep and behavior patterns are now underway; currently data is being analyzed from one performed at U-M.

The new paper is the first to show that sleep problems come before hyperactive behavior, and that one predicts the other — which may help bolster the sleep-behavior theory.

The study combined two dif-

ferent validated survey instruments: one that asked parents about their children's behavior patterns, and one asking about snoring, sleepiness and characteristics that may indicate sleep-disordered breathing problems.

The sleep portion of the survey asked about frequency and severity of snoring, as well as the tendency to struggle to breathe or stop breathing temporarily during the night, to breathe through the mouth during the day, to wake up feeling unrefreshed, or to have a hard time waking up.

The behavior portion of the survey asked about attention to tasks and schoolwork, distraction, forgetfulness, fidgeting, inappropriate action and excessive talking, as well as other symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

People interested in more information can start by contacting the National Sleep Foundation, www.sleepfoundation.org.

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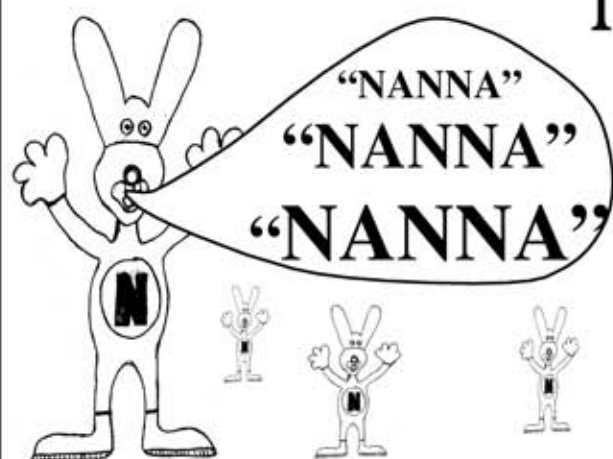
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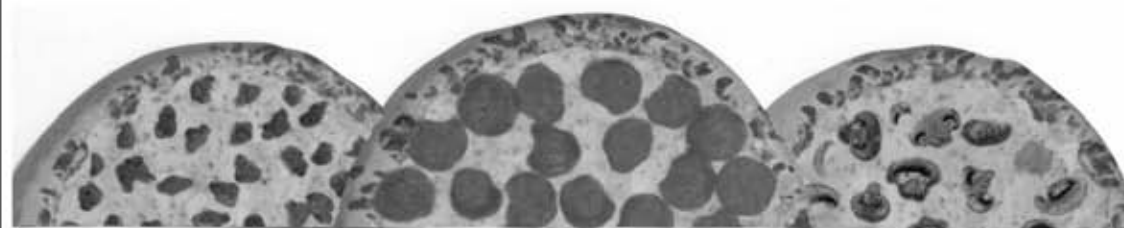
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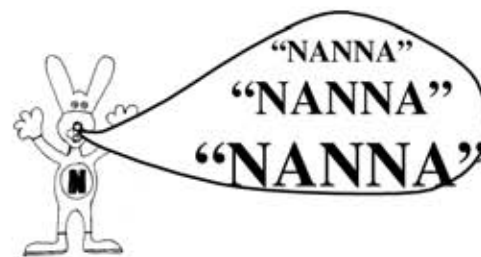
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