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Mko Giizis: "Bear Moon"

Win Awenen Nisitotung "One Who Understands"

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Voter registration change

BY CORY WILSON

There has been a slight change pertaining to the voter registration cards previously mailed to Sault Tribe members this past December. The registration forms stated that members who reside outside of the service area "must register to vote for a four-year term." The new election code approved on Jan. 13, 2006, changes that provision, therefore, those who have already submitted a registration form or intend to submit a form, need only to register once and will now remain a permanent registered voter. Once a tribe member registers to vote, they will not be required to register again. According to Tribal Code 10.109, "once a member has registered, the member's registration status is permanent and shall not change," unless he or she has changed residency into or out of an election unit. To make address changes or corrections to voter registration, please contact the tribal enrollment office.

As of Jan. 17, 2006, any tribe members currently residing in or out of the tribal service area, that become 18 years of age or older on the date of the election, shall be eligible to register to participate as a voter in tribal elections and is required to register to become eligible to vote. The date of the next tribal election is June 22, 2006.

The voter "registration" deadline for the upcoming tribal election is March 24, 2006. Printable registration cards will also be available online soon at the Sault Tribe's official Web site, www.saulttribe.com.

Twenty-nine members selected to Constitution Committee



Richard Monette, a lawyer from Turtle Mountain, N.D., announces the tribal board's 13 selections.

BY CORY WILSON

All twenty-nine of members of the Sault Tribe's Constitution Committee have been selected. The final eight members were announced at the Jan. 17 board of directors meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie. The previous twenty-one committee members were announced at the Constitutional Convention held on Jan. 14.

The final eight committee members were selected from a candidate pool of those who responded to *The Sault Tribe*

News announcement by sending in applications. The selections included Charles Adams, George Eugene Tessier IV, Cheri Tannehill, James Jensen, Francine Baker, Phillip White, William McDermott and Mary Lester.

Those selected to the committee and filling the eight public at-large seats were Adrienne Shipman, Jackie Halfaday-Minton, Bernard Bouschor, Joanne Carr, John Causley Jr., Bob Menard, Lori Jump and Jean Lindsey.

The tribal board's 13 selections included Clarence Hudak, James Causley, Lona Stewart, Kim Gravelle, Betty Freiheit, Ken Ermatinger, Ron Munro, Carlene Conguy, Bill Perry, Kevin Kolbus, Jennifer Anziano and Joanne Smith. It should be noted that Karl Weber who was previously selected, withdrew his nomination and Richard Mastaw was selected as his replacement.

The board of directors formally ratified and approved the appointment of the new

Constitution Committee at the Jan. 31 board of directors meeting.

The Constitution Committee will be responsible for developing proposed amendments to the Constitution and will present them to the voting membership for approval. Various committee workshops will soon be scheduled to begin the Constitutional revision process.

The revision process

- The Sault Tribe hired two Native attorney's (Richard Monette, and Robert Lyttle) who have 17-years of experience in assisting tribes with their constitutions.
- They developed guidelines and rules for administering the constitutional amendment process.
- The first call to action was to create a Constitution Committee of 29-tribal members.
- Once the committee was selected, the board would then have an opportunity to approve the committee members selected.
- A scheduled of meeting dates for the committee to begin the Constitutional Amendment process is yet to be announced.
- The Constitutional Committee must then create and present a final draft to the tribal board of directors
- The board must then approve the proposed constitution.
- The Board will then seek approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a vote of the membership to accept a new constitution.
- The tribal membership must then vote to approve the new constitution by a majority vote.

Membership bans Bouschor and Shagen from 2006 election

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Tribe Election Committee released the official voting results regarding Referendum 2005-202 during the Jan. 31 board meeting in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Sault Tribe membership overwhelmingly approved the referendum with 3,764 voting to approve, while 1,703 voted to disapprove. A total of 5,582 ballots were submitted with 115 ballots

deemed spoiled.

Referendum 2005-202, is a motion to change the tribe's election code and seeks to prevent anyone who is a defendant in the Chippewa County Circuit Court Case No. 04-7606-CC, from running for elected office until such litigation is resolved. The board of directors passed a resolution on Dec. 6, 2005 that allowed the tribal membership to vote by ref-

erendum on the topic.

The referendum's official language stated, "Do you approve or disapprove of the following new subsection to be added to Tribal Code Section 10.109, Candidates for Election: No individual may run for election to office, who is currently a defendant in Chippewa County Circuit Court Case No: 04-7606-CC, in which the tribe is pursuing civil litigation

against the defendants, including claims involving fraud, breach of lawful authority, breach of fiduciary duties owed to the tribe, and conversion of over \$2.6 million, until such litigation has been finally resolved."

Chippewa County Circuit Court Case No. 04-7606-CC, is the case of Sault Tribe v. Bernard Bouschor, jointly, and severally. The Sault Tribe alleges that the

defendants, including former Chairperson Bernard Bouschor and board member Paul Shagen, committed fraud, breached fiduciary duties and wrongfully converted payments in excess of \$2.66 million from the tribe.

The 2006 tribal election is slated for June of this year. A notice of election is on page 8 of the issue of *The Sault Tribe News*.

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January police report

Warrants

Jan. 1, female, felony NSF, fraud, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department (CCSD).
 Jan. 6, male, FTA, bond \$500, lodged CCSD.
 Jan. 9, female, 21, assault, lodged CCSD.
 Jan. 9, female, 23, lodged CCSD.
 Jan. 9, male, lodged Mackinac County Jail.
 Jan. 15, male, lodged Mackinac County Jail.
 Jan. 15, female, lodged Mackinac County Jail.
 Jan. 18, male, lodged Mackinac County Jail.
 Jan. 19, male, lodged Mackinac County Jail.
 Jan. 19, male, 19, failure to appear, arraigned in court.
 Jan. 23, male, arraigned in court.

Jan. 23, female, FTC, lodged CCSD.
 Jan. 24, male, FTC, lodged CCSD.

Embezzlement

Jan. 9, male, 52, posted bond.

Conspiracy

Jan. 13, female, lodged CCSD.

Possession Marijuana

Jan. 15, male posted bond.

Minor in possession

Jan. 15, female, lodged CCSD.

Jan. 15, female, lodged CCSD.

Jan. 20, female, appearance

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Jan. 20, female, appearance

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Jan. 20, male, appearance cita-

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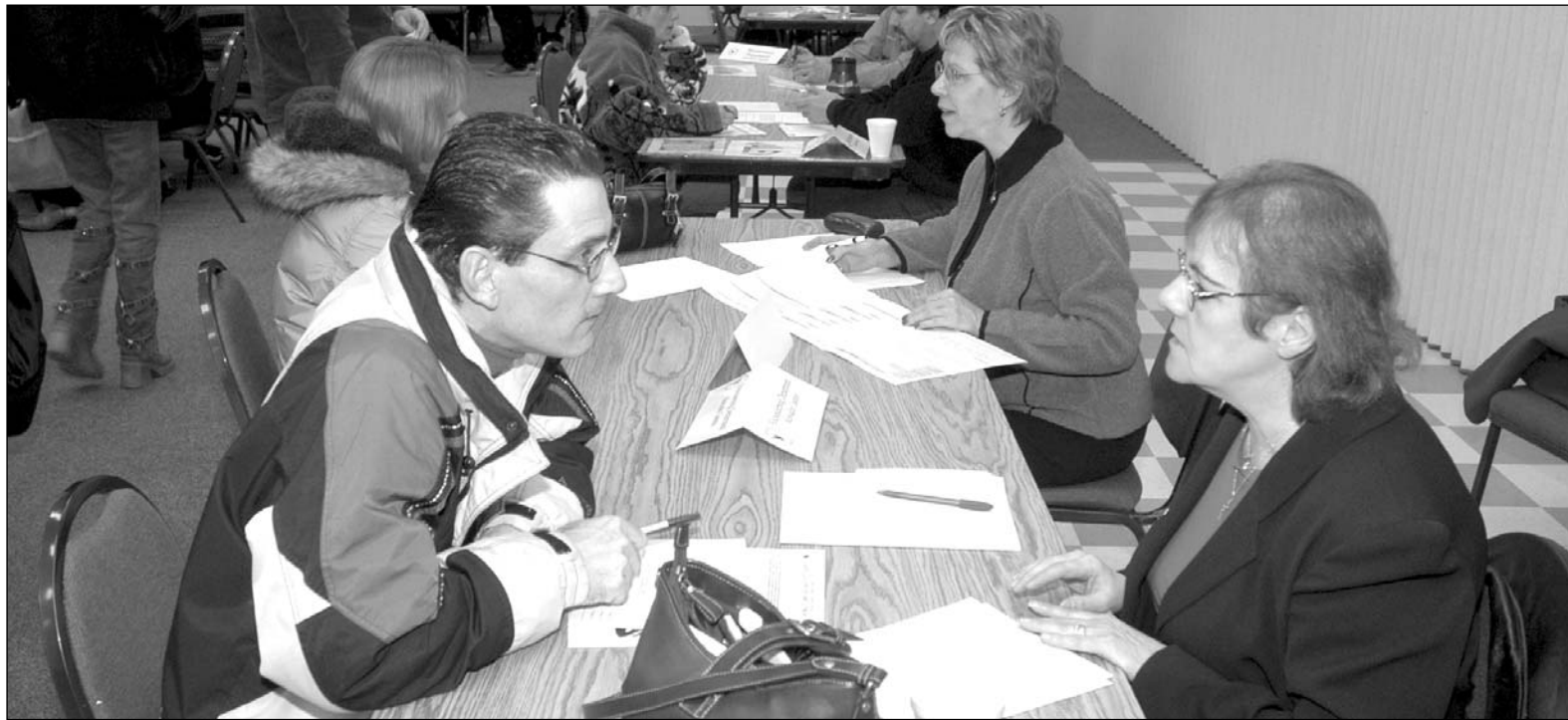
Probation violation

Jan. 23, female, lodged CCSD.

Domestic assault

Jan. 1, male, lodged CCSD.

The road to employment leads to Kewadin Shores



Ross Yule, left, talks with Kewadin Shoes Housekeeping Manager Roberta Louzon at the St. Ignace Job Fair. Photo by Alan Kamuda

The first job fair in recruiting for the Kewadin Shores was a great turnout with higher than expected numbers, even with the threat of an Alberta Clipper moving across the U.P. The Alberta Clipper held off and the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Human Resources and Kewadin Casinos management teams greeted nearly 140 applicants.

Many of the applicants said they heard about the job fair through various venues such as

the tribal newspaper, radio commercials, and the various flyers that were mailed out. With four remaining job fairs in February and March, there appears to be a great pool of applicants.

The opportunity to work in the brand new facility on the water and the majestic setting such as the site of the new Kewadin Shores is what drives the applicants to the job fairs regardless of the weather.

The talent available comes in all ages and sizes. The opportuni-

ties are endless and we were surprised to see how many elders turned out in hopes of supplementing their income while having fun meeting new people from all over the country. Also making a grand debut were senior high school students for the first event in St. Ignace at Little Bear East, hoping to get one on one time with the supervisors and hiring managers for each department, to discuss the many opportunities for summer employment, possibly leading to their career.

The next job fair is scheduled for Feb. 21 at Little Bear East in St. Ignace, 275 Marquette, from noon – 6 p.m., and then again on Feb. 22 at Cheboygan Michigan Works! 825 S. Huron, noon – 6 p.m. See you at the job fair on your way to the road of employment.

For more information contact us at (906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032 and apply online at www.saulttribe.com.

Please see page 8 for the 2006 Board of Directors Election Notice

Tribal job postings

Bus Driver - St. Ignace Open until filled

Must have or be able to obtain the following before position begins: CDL driver's license with P-3 endorsement, Michigan Bus Driver's Certification. Will be required to undergo and successfully pass a background check. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable by the Sault Tribe Insurance Dept. Will be required to pass pre-employment drug testing.

Pharmacist supervisor Manistique - Open until filled

Bachelor of science degree in pharmacy or doctor of pharmacy from an accredited college of pharmacy. Licensed as a registered pharmacist in Michigan. Will be required to undergo and successfully pass a background check. Must maintain a good moral character standing. Will be required to complete and pass pre-employment drug testing.

Motorcoach driver Sault Ste. Marie Open until filled

Must have commercial driver's license (CDL), group B with P endorsement, clear driving record.

Must have driven a motorcoach for three to six months prior to hire. Must pass a criminal background investigation done under the rules of the National Indian Gaming Commission. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable by the Sault Tribe Insurance Department Must be able to travel as necessary. Will be required to complete and pass pre-employment drug testing.

Line cook - St. Ignace Open until filled

English proficiency, previous food preparation experience. Line cooking experience necessary. Will be required to complete and pass pre-employment drug testing. Sanitation certificate required, which can be obtained through the Sault Tribe Training Department.

Gaming dealer trainee Christmas, Mich. Open until filled

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to get all the details on the

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For more information contact:

**Sault Tribe Human Resources
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Women's spiritual wellness gathering offers traditional teachings and wellness information



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

About 55 women, some from as far away as Texas, Canada and Lansing, came together recently for the Women's Spiritual Wellness Winter Gathering held this year in Bay Mills.

"The gathering grew quickly the last few days by word of mouth. The number of women wanting to attend exceeded the capacity of the Sault Tribe Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island. Bay Mills offered us the use of their cultural center," said Karen Howell, gathering coordinator and Sault Tribe behavioral health counselor.

The camp's goal is to help promote wellness for women: spiritual, emotional and physical. In addition to Howell's organizational skills, there is a women's Left: Michelle Willis, community health educator, shows Donna Marble the results of a carbon monoxide test she took. Donna's levels were at 39 which is the sign of a heavy smoker. A non-smoker registers between 0-6.

gathering committee which offers input into camp presentations and activities. "I work with Community Health nutritionists and staff for about two months prior to the gathering. Most of our presenters during the gathering are from within the tribe and donate their time," Howell said.

Activities included teachings on the traditional uses of semaa (tobacco), yoga, beadwork, talking circles, massage therapy and an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for those wishing to attend. Other presentations included weight management, focused eating, dancing, storytelling, singing and measuring the amount of carbon monoxide in smokers and non-smokers and comparing the results.

"The women gain knowledge and get a retreat from their responsibilities, including work and parenting. It gives them time to energize," Howell said. "If women are interested in culture this is a good place to start. We offer a lot of cultural activities. Many Native Americans were not

raised with the culture so it can be intimidating to go to a sweat lodge for the first time or to a ceremony. This gathering is about women and their needs, it lets them ease into our culture at their own pace. Maybe they will come to the gathering two or three times and then decide to try a sweat lodge," said Howell.

There are three women's spiritual wellness gatherings a year, in the spring, fall and winter. The next gathering is tentatively scheduled for sometime in May at the tribe's culture camp on Sugar Island. Howell said to look for more information in March about the camp this spring.

Howell said she was happy with the positive feedback from participants. "Their feedback helps us plan for the next gathering and gives us an idea of what types of activities and demonstrations to offer."

Karen Howell, Sault Tribe Substance Abuse behavioral health counselor, can be contacted at (906) 635-6075, extension 27066, or 1-800-726-9105.

Tribe, educators to host 'Learn to Earn' public forums around the state



L to R: Don Gustafson, St. Ignace High School principal; Mike Springsteen, superintendent of St. Ignace Schools; Keith Massaway (hidden behind the podium), St. Ignace businessman; Ed Sarpolus, vice president EPIC/MRA; and Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Our children's educational and economic future in the state of Michigan, and locally in Sault Ste. Marie, is at risk.

Your input into your child's future is needed. A series of community forums, called Your Child Coalition Learn to Earn, are being held throughout the state to review issues and propose solutions for our children's educational needs. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8, in Kincheloe from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kinross Recreation Center.

A survey sponsored by Your Child, a group of education and family organizations that includes the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Michigan Education Association, found that only one of four Michigan parents believe that having a good education is essential to success.

Michigan ranks 39 out of 50 states in educational attainment. "The direct correlation of that is you can predict what states have the highest unemployment based on their educational attainment," said

Ed Sarpolus, vice president of Education, Political, Industrial, Consumer Market Research Analysis (EPIC/MRA). "In Michigan only 18 percent of high school graduates will attain some kind of post secondary degree, weather it be an associates degree, technical degree or four-year degree. The national average is about 25 percent."

"Forty percent of high school graduates who go on to college flunk out during their first year. Nearly 70 percent of community college students don't make it through their two year programs without dropping out. The Your Child Coalition focuses on education for our kids but also is trying to put pressure on parents to talk to their local officials and tell them we have got to change our focus in education. We have to become more competitive in the work place. There are plants in Michigan that import people from Asia and other states to fill jobs here because people in Michigan don't have the skills or training to fill those jobs,"

Sarpolus said.

Plant closings and high unemployment rates are a few of the signs pointing the way to a changing future for Michigan with the spotlight now on technology and scientific advancements. It is going to be difficult for our state to attract new businesses if we don't have qualified, educated workers for them to hire.

Keith Massaway, St. Ignace business owner and Sault Tribe member had this to say, "Parents need to watch the economy and understand that times are changing. No longer are the jobs available like our parents had when they came out of high school. Now if you graduate from high school and don't go into higher education you are going to be left looking at your peers working in better jobs because you won't have the tools necessary to get there."

Massaway is president of the Michilimackinac Historical Society and is also president of the Johnson O'Malley Committee in Sault Ste. Marie.

Results of the tribally sponsored survey have pointed to a number of serious issues that need your input and active involvement.

Local school administrators, tribal governmental leaders, local business representatives, representatives of Michigan Education Association and EPIC, the Lansing research group that conducted the survey, have been invited to attend the meetings. The forums will focus on the role that parents, teachers and employers need to play in order to ensure our student's achievements and future success.

The federal No Child Left Behind law and Michigan's Education YES! are putting schools, teachers and students under greater pressure than ever to

Learn to Earn forum schedule

All meetings are held from 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 8	Kincheloe Kinross Recreation Center	April 19	Christmas Pair-a-Dice Inn
Feb. 23	Newberry Tribal Center	April 27	Grand Rapids Best Western Midway Hotel
March 8	Hessel Hessel Community Center	April 28	East Lansing University Inn
March 9	Cheboygan Cheboygan High School	May 11	Detroit Greektown Casino, Olive Room
March 23	Manistique Tribal Center	May 25	Escanaba Bay De Noc Community College, rooms 525.1 & 525.2.
April 13	Marquette Holiday Inn, Lake Room		

improve educational achievements but the message hasn't hit home with any sense of urgency. Three out of five parents in the survey defined their child's success without reference to education or the ability to support themselves. The state's minority communities, including Native Americans, show greater support for post-secondary schooling but often have less financial means to make it happen.

"Character traits are very important and I think they sometimes get overlooked for test scores," said Michael Springsteen, Superintendent of St. Ignace Schools. "We have to do both things, build more academic rigor into our curriculum so our kids can compete, but we have to continue to provide character education as well. They need skills to help them develop personal responsibility, self respect and a good work ethic. The goal of success in school is to lead to success in later life. If success is the end, then what steps do we need to go through to get there?"

Be a part of the effort to build a

coalition to discuss improving our children's educational attainments and ensure their success in the 21st century. "The tribe has been a great partner in education in St. Ignace. The tribe recognizes it is not their youth verses someone else's youth; it's our youth. It is in the tribe's best interest and that of the community for us to have a strong school system because then everyone prospers," said Don Gustafson, St. Ignace high school principal.

The poll involved telephone interviews with 1,544 parents and guardians across Michigan from April 1-25, 2005.

For more information, call Renee' Robinson, director of Sault Tribe Planning and Development and coordinator of the Learn to Earn community forums at (906) 635-6050 or email her at rrobinson@saulttribe.net, or visit www.yourchildmichigan.org. To view results of the statewide poll conducted by EPIC/MRA, go to www.epicmra.com and click on Your Child.

The members have spoken: Will the board listen?



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

April 19, 2004 Tribal Chair Election, 61% of the voters voted against Bouschor. The plan for conspiring to take \$2.66 million was conceived of by Bouschor, Shagen and others shortly thereafter.

April/May/June 2004 the scheme to take \$2.66 million - while keeping certain administrative staff in the dark (ie. Comptroller) - was devised and executed.

May 2004 Tribal Board meeting, after giving the 5 days requisite notice, then as Vice-Chair I introduced a resolution to 'lock down' the assets of the Tribe in the event of a change in Tribal Administrations if a new Chairperson was elected. The motion to add this item to the agenda resulted in a tie vote with Paul Shagen voting no. Bernard Bouschor then broke the tie. Both cast their vote in violation of a clear 'conflict of interest' as they both knew at that time they would fleece the Tribe of \$2.66 million on election night.

June 24, 2004 Election Night, at the count site - Paul Shagen announces to several individuals that he was, "resigning if Aaron Payment wins!"

June 25, 2004 Bernard Bouschor claims that he fired 7 Tribal Employees. He also fired a Greentown Casino employee who did not have a contract in order to pay out over an additional \$200,000!

June 25, 2004 Bouschor sends out a memo announcing that all Tribal offices would be closed for the afternoon. Several reports indicate that computers, and work files were being stolen from Tribal offices by the seven who were supposedly fired. This information will likely be used if criminal charges are filed after the civil litigation is concluded.

Later that day, Todd Gravelle and I filed a motion in Tribal court for a 'Temporary Restraining Order' to hold the Chairperson to his lawful \$50,000 spending authority through the

end of his term. The order was granted. At a subsequent hearing just days later, Bouschor hired an attorney to file a motion to not be held to his \$50,000 authority level! This suggests Bouschor planned to payout out additional individuals while stalling the installation of new Board members. The total liability if all contract employees were paid out under Bouschor's 'scorched earth' campaign would be well over \$30,000,000!

July 6, 2004 - Bouschor fought against scheduling the installation of the new Board members. The Tribal Board, however, voted to prevent the Chairperson (then Bouschor) from being able to fire any additional contract employees to avert creating further financial liability for the Tribe. The Tribal Board also set a date for the change in the Tribal Administration which would further prevent multi-million dollar contract payouts.

August 2004, the Tribal Board voted to sue the seven plus Bernard Bouschor (7+1) for taking \$2.66 million from Tribal funds for the benefit of just these individuals.

November 2004, Unit 2 Director Lana Causley submits a resolution calling for the Sault Tribe's support of the separate federal recognition of the 'Mackinac Band.' Causley acknowledges that Paul Shagen drafted the resolution and openly admits that her father - John Causley, Jr. - was Executive Director/ Chairperson of the Mackinac Band at that time. He has since this time, been removed from office.

During the discovery phase of 7+1 lawsuit, litigant Paul Shagen and others request information from the Tribe to show all checks cut for an amount greater than \$50,000 presumably to try to prove Bouschor had the authority to spend the \$2.66 million.

After the Tribe refuses to comply, in February 2005 Director Causley announces her intent to require a check registry report to the Tribal Board detailing all checks cut over \$50,000.

During this same time, Bill Bouschor (nephew of Bernard Bouschor) under the guise of the 'Sault Tribe Times' web page files a 'freedom of information' request for a list of all checks cut in an amount over \$50,000.

April 2005, Director Lana Causley introduces a resolution to require a check registry report that will give Board Members (including Shagen) the information defendants previously tried to secure. Causley even acknowledges that Paul Shagen (a litigant)

drafted the resolution. A bare majority of the Tribal Board voted to direct a report to be drafted and supplied to all members of the Tribal Board (including Shagen - again a litigant who had been trying to access this information).

May 2005 at the next meeting of the Tribal Board, the Tribal Board votes to produce a registry but that Board members needed to review the report at the Tribal Accounting offices so we could track who accesses the information.

April 2005, following a legislative/lobbying update informing the Tribal Board of sensitive and confidential information regarding our Tribe's legislative strategy for gaining Congressional approval granting a Romulus Casino, the Sault Tribe Times (web master Bill Bouschor) reports our specific confidential legislative strategy. This information was picked up by and reported on by the Detroit News. The negative attention, likely had an adverse affect on our opportunity to gain Congressional approval. A Romulus casino would have meant at least an additional \$130 million revenue stream for the Tribe.

July 2005, the Tribal Board volunteers to be polygraphed to determine who leaked confidential information related to gaining Congressional approval on the Romulus project. All Board Members, except Paul Shagen, were polygraphed. Shagen refused.

August 2005, the judge hearing the 7+1 case renders a very clear and unambiguous opinion that the seven were not fired, that they had quit their jobs and were therefore not entitled to a severance payout, and that Bouschor did not have the authority to pay out the \$2.66 million.

August 2005, Todd Gravelle motions to suspend Paul Shagen and escrow his Tribal Board salary pending the outcome of litigation. Given such a strong opinion rendered by the judge, the outcome appears imminent. Gravelle argues that the Tribe should vote to prohibit Shagen from having further access to Tribal resources given Shagen's clear violation of his fiduciary responsibility and given what appears like malpractice in Shagen's role as a Tribal attorney leading up to the contract payouts. Gravelle also argued that the Board should escrow Shagen's Board salary to recover at least some of the money he wrongfully took while we still can. Five Board members voted to suspend, but a majority was not gained.

UNOFFICIAL REFERENDUM RESULTS

	Approved	% Approved	Disapproved	% Disapproved	Total
Unit 1	1,549	60%	1,035	40%	2,584
Unit 2	614	74%	212	26%	826
Unit 3	797	74%	285	26%	1,082
Unit 4	541	86%	88	14%	629
Unit 5	263	76%	83	24%	346
	3,764	69%	1,703	31%	5,467

December 2005, the Tribal Board votes to submit to a popular vote of the Members a referendum to decide whether or not defendants in the 7+1 litigation (Shagen and Bouschor included) are eligible to run for office during the 2006 Tribal Board elections. Directors Causley, McKelvie, and Lambert voted no. Arguments were made that this is a Unit 1 issue and that Members in Units 2, 3, 4, 5 and outside of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan should have no say. General Legal Counsel Steve Morello responds that the money was taken from the entire Tribe, not just Unit 1 so everyone should have the right to decide.

January 2006, several secret meetings occur among a few Tribal Board Members to plot how to terminate the employment of the Tribe's General Council - Steven Morello without cause. These discussion are led by Director Paul Shagen. Though firing Morello may satisfy Shagen because of Morello's role in coordinating the litigation to recover the \$2.66 million Shagen participated in taking from the Tribe, firing Morello would cause at least a \$300,000 liability. Firing key team members without cause, because they disagree with your political views would also set a terrible precedent and create an atmosphere of fear in all team members.

Countless Members call my office to report their amazement and frustration that Shagen continues to be on the Board.

January 25, 2006, the Members voted overwhelmingly to approve the referendum thereby barring both Paul Shagen and Bernard Bouschor from being able to run or office while we litigate to recover the \$2.66 million they took. Overall, nearly seventy percent of the Members vote to approve the referendum. Only thirty one percent voted to allow them to run. To dispel the notion that Unit 1 voters might have voted differently, a landslide was still accomplished with sixty percent of the Members voting to not allow Shagen or Bouschor to run for office.

It astounds me that Directors McKelvie, Causley, and Lambert

voted against allowing the Members in their units to decide. Reviewing the outcome in Units 1, 2 and 3 - 60%, 74% and 74% of the voters in these units voted to prohibit Bouschor and Shagen from running.

Somewhere along the line Shagen and Bouschor lost sight of our Tribal leadership role as servant leaders and instead allowed personal gain and greed to overtake them. Sadly, Bouschor's scorched earth campaign on the way out the door will forever mar any of the good he may have done. What is surprising and I would argue equally tragic is how some Members of the Tribal Board (Causley, McKelvie and Lambert) have allowed themselves to be manipulated or have outright coalesced/ conspired with such individuals devoid of ethics for some perceived power they feel they do not have.

In my personal quest to improve our Tribal governance to a more principled leadership approach, I am reading a compilation of verse inspired leadership writings. My favorite is the following:

So he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet.

John 13:4-5

When you think of servanthood, what do you envision? Servanthood is not about position or skill. **The truth is that the best leaders desire to serve others, not themselves.** Servant leadership is never motivated by manipulation or self-promotion. In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others. That's why it is so important for leaders to be willing to serve.

The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader

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

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Big Bear needs a cost efficient heating system



Bob LaPoint

**Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

It has been a very mild winter so far, not the type of weather that was predicted and for that we can have a sigh of relief. The price of gas has gone higher, three or four months of extreme cold would have caused some real hardships.

Never the less, I have been researching the cost of heating the Big Bear and this is what I have found so far. It is costing on average over \$160,000 dollars to heat the arena. It is costing us

another \$248,000 on average for electric. The electric bill is higher than the heating bill.

The Big Bear is costing us over \$500,000 dollars a year. That is a loss that will go on now and well into the future.

I have found a heating device that burns saw dust or wood chips. I have visited a company that uses this type of heating system and it heats a building larger than the arena. The cost of this equipment is around \$200,000 plus installation. It will however save us about \$100,000 per year. It is completely safe and can be easily adapted to the ventilation system currently being used at the Big Bear. This equipment would pay for itself in a little over two years.

Then we could be saving over \$100,000 per year and a whopping 1 million in 10 years. That is significant. I think the board should be looking into ways to save money at the arena. In my research, I also discovered that the electricity being used to make ice is twice as much as we need. In fact the equipment we are using is producing enough

electricity that we could freeze a third rink bigger than the entire parking lot. There is another piece of equipment that could be purchased for under \$30,000 that would cut our electric cost considerably. It operates with a thermostat and would use a lot less energy. Instead of refrigerating the rink for 24 hours at a time it would only require about 12 hours of time or half of what we are now doing. With the cost of fuel going higher and higher, we need to take steps to slow down the cost of heating and electricity. This would save perhaps \$150,000 and as high as \$200,000 per year. Both pieces of equipment are state of the art, environmentally safe and friendly. We need to have economic sustainability if we hope to be able to afford the arena if the cost of fuel continues to go up. I hope to bring in an engineer who will be able to explain this to the board. Heating with a renewable source will give us greater control over the volatility of fossil fuels. This would be wonderful for our public relations as well. I want to say that the maintenance

manager at the arena is very sharp. He helped me to understand the type of equipment we have at the arena at the present time.

He mentioned that lowering the ceiling would be another good idea. Rod Willis is a credit to the membership and it was a pleasure talking with him. He is doing a great job and he is fully aware of the high cost of energy at the arena. Energy saving measures is just one area where we should focus our time. I would like to see us install the wood burning heating system at the St. Ignace casino. Now is the time to do it.

And finally, I want to say thank you to the members who voted to approve the resolution preventing the past Chairman from running for office until the legal issue is cleared up. I also think it brings up another situation. The referendum was a good idea and it seems as though the members agree. This is Tribal citizen democracy in action. Our Chairman Payment and the directors who voted for the referendum deserve the credit for allow-

ing the members to decide. It's time for all directors to start looking out for the members and not their personal political aspirations.

It might be time for Director Shagen to resign from his position on the board because he is a litigant in the suit and the members have spoken. They don't want him to run again with this legal problem hanging over his head. Maybe the board should ask him to step down and have his pay forfeited until the trial is over.

We need to begin to heal our differences, we need to move forward and not go back. The high cost of maintaining the arena is but one example of wasteful spending. I hope in the future we can devote more time to finding ways to save money and at the same time begin to explore some business ideas that will employ more of our members. Your comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome. Bob LaPoint, Vice Chairman and Unit 2 Director. (906) 493-5311.

Issues regarding our current general counsel



Dennis McKelvie

**Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss with you, the membership, some very important issues that are affecting all of us.

The first such issue concerns the recent Referendum that was concluded on January 25, 2006. This Referendum showed that a majority of the entire voting membership approved that the defendants in the 7+2 Litigation should not be allowed to run for elected office. The important thing to note from this Referendum vote is that a majority of Unit 1 voters cast their ballots to approve this referendum. The membership of Unit One set the tone for whom they

did and did not want to vote for in the next general election, and it should have been up to them to decide this matter all along.

The next issue relates to our current general counsel. I will address these concerns in the following points:

1. Our current general counsel received \$75,000 in relocation expenses to move to our area. Our general counsel currently rents a local apartment – Where did the \$75,000 go?

Our current general counsel receives over \$360,000 per year for the services that he provides. This equates to over **\$30,000 per month.**

~THE CURRENT GENERAL COUNSEL IS NOT AROUND 40 STRAIGHT HOURS~

2. Our Current General Counsel insisted that he would only hire Tribal Member Attorney's in the Legal Department:

a. Our current general counsel hired his **close friend** (via his firm) at a current expense to the Tribe in excess of over \$400,000 and climbing. This individual has an office in our administration building, and attends meetings regularly in place of the general counsel. We could hire 5 tribal attorneys at a rate of \$80,000 per year for the amount of money we spend on this one

individual.

b. The First Tribal Member Attorney hired by our Current General Counsel placed his hands around the mouth of the Tribe's Election Committee Chair during his normal hours of work. This prompted an internal investigation in which human resources recommended the termination of the attorney. **THE CURRENT GENERAL COUNSEL DID NOTHING!**

c. Recently an individual in the legal department was found to have a fraudulent Time Card. Once again, **THE CURRENT GENERAL COUNSEL DID NOTHING!**

d. The current general counsel has spent hundreds of thousands of Dollars on outside Attorney Fees. What are we paying this individual for?

3. Our current general counsel has belittled and demeaned tribal officials, as well as board of directors. At the Mackinac Island meeting, during a break, the current general counsel stated "I do not know what the""F—" I am going to do with you "F—" Board Members. This was not the only incident of inappropriate and disrespectful behavior towards elected officials that the current general counsel is 'supposed to' report to.

4. It has been circulated that

certain board members are trying to terminate the services of our current general counsel to damage the 7+2 Lawsuit. To clarify any/all false information:

a. The Current General Counsel is not the attorney litigating the case against these individuals (7+2).

b. The case involving the (7+2) is being litigated by a firm contracted out by the Tribe's current general counsel.

c. The current general counsel has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on outside attorney fees. What are we paying this individual for?

d. Since the current general counsel is not litigating the current civil suit, his status as either current general counsel or former general counsel will have no bearing on the court case, or the ultimate findings of law by the court.

I am a firm believer in fighting to regain the funds that were taken from the Tribe by the individuals involved in the 7+2 Litigation. I will fight vigorously to see that these funds are returned to the tribal coffers to aid in the delivery of services to our members. However, I do not believe that our current general counsel is essential to the ultimate success, and recovery of our

assets.

The final issue that I would like to discuss involves the "new" election code. Under the new election code several changes have taken place that the membership may, or may not be aware of:

1. All Members that have registered in a unit, specifically those residing outside the seven county service area, are now permanently locked into voting in that unit. Permanently!!!

2. Members outside the service areas are allowed to register 1 time.

3. Members that turn 18, anywhere, will not be allowed to vote unless they register.

I am not in agreement with these changes, nor with the fact that the membership has not had the opportunity to express their concerns on these matters in a timely fashion.

I hope that the information in this report has been informative and look forward to continuing to fight for the rights of each and every one of you.

Thank You for your Time,
Dennis McKelvie
Unit 1 Board of Director
(906) 632-7267

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HOUSING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy

CHILD WELFARE

1 Vacancy

UNIT II NEWBERRY ELDER COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

Send one letter of intent and three letters of recommendation (tribe members only) to:

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Board of Directors, Attn: Joanne Carr

523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 635-6050, toll free 800-793-0660, fax (906) 632-6696 or Email: jcarr@saulttribe.net

Referendum will force Bernard Bouschor to return \$2.7 million



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

First, I must comment on recent discussions I've had with several groups of tribal members regarding the crippling dysfunction that has afflicted the government of our Tribe. It's created a climate of instability where political change is eminent and warranted. Without a doubt the clean sweep of incumbents we experienced in 2004 will be repeated in 2006, the only question is who will replace the current board members. The level of dissatisfaction with some board members is at an all time high so voters are longing for talented candidates to come forward and fill the void. The most common complaint that I'm hearing is that some board members simply don't know what they are doing. Members have begun to question the intelligence of some board members based on their irrational decisions, such as counting blank pieces of paper as votes and supporting censorship to cover-up corruption and incompetence. People want board members that demonstrate a better understanding of how good government works rather than the constant nonsensical arguing resulting from jealousy and ignorance.

Our Tribe desperately needs board members with leadership

skills if we're are going to successfully repair the Tribe after it was left in shambles when Bernard Bouschor was fired by the voters last year and ran off with the money. It will take years to repair the damage done by Bernard Bouschor when he ripped-off our Tribe after being thrown-out by the voters. According to members the board lacks the skills to develop our government so new people must be elected to provide better ideas for building a better government and more successful businesses. They had their chance to try to build a better government and develop successful businesses; they failed and now its time for change. Everyone is looking for new candidates to support who just want to become good board members and won't let themselves get lost in delusions of becoming the next chairperson. For whatever reason many candidates do a lot of talking about fixing the Tribe's government but once elected they become content to just collect a check, and in some cases actually prevent solid reforms from being enacted. They just want to be in charge but not actually work to improve our government for everyone. They become dead weight. It's more about money, power and celebrity than helping our people. It doesn't have to be this way if the right people were in control.

Another major complaint I'm getting from the people is about the in-fighting that is fueled by petty jealousy regarding who was elected chairperson of our Tribe in 2004. People can see that some board members are doing nothing more than trying to undermine the current administration, (Lana Causley, Dennis McKelvie and Rob Lambert), thinking that this will create an opportunity for themselves to become chairperson in 2008. They are closed-minded and won't even give proposed improvements a chance to be

adopted for the benefit of all members. They are far more worried about who gets credit for ideas rather than actually getting anything done. Some board members seem focused only on increasing their celebrity rather than providing good government. Believe it or not some of these people are still loyal to the Bernard Bouschor and have never gotten over the fact that that era is over and that we should all be thankful for it. They are standing in the way of important reforms that will strengthen the government of our Tribe because they are worried that Chairman Payment will get the credit he deserves for a job well done. These board members don't have the vision to offer solutions to problems so they become an obstacle to good government by bickering and posturing for the camera thinking that this will help them hit the tribal lottery in 2008 by becoming the next chairperson. The board should not let jealousy interfere with their ability to make sound decisions. If someone is a chronic sufferer from jealousy than maybe they aren't well-suited for government work.

Aaron Payment has proved he has the talent, education and work ethic to develop our Tribe to the next level and I'm willing to help him. We should all be at least willing to keep an open-mind and let him stand on the results of his solid leadership. He's already demonstrated that he's a much brighter man than his predecessor who wasted millions of our dollars. I wonder how much further our Tribe would be today if we hadn't been held back by 18 years of Bernard Bouschor's foolish decisions.

On another topic, it's been a year since our Tribe filed the lawsuit against Bernard Bouschor and demanded the return of the \$2.7 million that he defrauded our Tribe of Bernard Bouschor has not paid back a penny of the

money and even had the audacity to try to sue our Tribe. His complaint was dismissed because it was baseless. It was nothing more than a tactic to try to stall the Tribe's lawsuit against him. Now there's talk throughout the Tribe that Bernard Bouschor and Paul Shagen planned on running for the board of directors in 2006. This man had the nerve to walk away with \$2.7 million of our money then ask us to vote for him? Should Paul Shagen who's also being sued by our Tribe be allowed to run for office before he pays back the money? The people's referendum answered that question for once and for all!

I will now move to have Paul Shagen suspended immediately to prevent him from doing further harm to our Tribe? In the past other board members were removed from office based on rumors, gossip and innuendo, the lawsuit against Bernard Bouschor and Paul Shagen is based on facts.

Phone calls from members keep pouring in and the vast majority of them were happy to support this referendum and that the people decided that Bouschor and Paul Shagen will not be permitted to run for office before he pays back the \$2.7 million in full.

The referendum will not be a lifetime ban but will act as leverage to force Bernard Bouschor to return the entire \$2.7 million to the tribal treasury. I don't support lifetime bans for incidents of this nature but a temporary ban used only for the purpose of forcing Bernard Bouschor to return every penny of our Tribe's money is in the best interest of the membership. The ban would be lifted the day Bernard Bouschor returns the \$2.7 million to tribal law enforcement.

We must not forget that it was Bernard Bouschor that began the practice of lifetime banning of his political opponents after he stripped them of their rights, hired

witch-hunting kangaroo tribunals to remove them from office for ridiculous, trumped-up allegations that were based on rumors and lies that could never have been brought into a real court of law because they were not crimes, just gossip that was spread by Bernard Bouschor and his supporters who were paid to prejudice the community against those that dared to expose his acts of dishonesty. The victims of these witch-trials were banned for life from ever running for tribal office. They were never investigated, charged or convicted of any crimes but Bernard Bouschor didn't care about that. He was more concerned about trying to destroy people who have more guts and talent than he has. Their only mistake was having the courage to report to the membership the corruption that was taking place in the Bouschor administration. The railroading of these people was a tragedy, a freak show, and the board was afraid of Bernard Bouschor so they allowed it to happen. To correct the problems with the previous removal code, the board immediately following the most recent removal of a board member, did amend the current removal code to protect themselves from being removed in the same unjust manner. They knew the process was corrupt and wanted to avoid becoming its next victim. I want to welcome all newly registered members of our Tribe and encourage them to participate in our political process.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at: Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, phone number: (906) 635-5740, email: tkgravelle@msn.com

EPA watershed handbook released

WASHINGTON, D.C. — EPA's Office of Water has published a guide to watershed management as a tool in developing and implementing watershed plans. The draft Handbook for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Our Waters is aimed toward communities, watershed groups, and local, state, tribal and federal environmental agencies.

"This handbook will help anyone undertaking a watershed planning effort, but it should be particularly useful to persons working with impaired or threatened waters," said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Benjamin H. Grumbles.

The 414-page handbook is designed to take the user through each step of the watershed planning process: Watershed monitoring and assessment, community outreach, selection and application of available models, best management practices, effectiveness data bases, implementation, feedback and plan adjustment.

The handbook is intended to supplement existing watershed

planning guides that have been developed by agencies, universities, and other nonprofit organizations. This handbook is more specific than other guides about quantifying existing pollutant loads, developing estimates of the load reductions required to meet water-quality standards, developing effective management measures, and tracking progress once the plan is implemented.

EPA is making this draft document widely available with the purpose of having it used and tested by a variety of watershed partnerships, whose advice will be considered in developing the final version. Comments should be addressed to watershedhandbook@epa.gov no later than June 30, 2006.

The draft handbook is available online at www.epa.gov/owow/nps/watershed_handbook or you can order a free copy from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications by calling (800) 490-9198 or e-mail ncepimal@one.net. When ordering, refer to EPA document number EPA 841-B-05-005.

Myths hurting the fight for decent Indian housing

Organizations fighting for Indian Country hear the stereotypes all the time, from the entertainment industry, the press, potential funders and the public, that all tribes are rich from gaming and do not need resources for affordable housing and other basic human needs. This myth ignores the fact that homeownership rate is low for Native Americans on reservations (half that of the general population), housing conditions are substandard, and unemployment rates are high and that gaming is not a cure-all for these conditions. The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) plans to use its resources to tell the public and Congress the actual reality of housing on reservations.

NAIHC is committed to educating important parties to the facts of the very substandard nature of Indian housing. The homeownership rate is less than 33 percent for Native Americans on reservations, according to the Government Accounting Office (GAO). Forty percent of Indians

live in substandard housing or are under-housed. Twelve percent of Indian houses lack kitchen facilities and 11 percent lack bathrooms (compared to one percent of the general population), and Indian housing on reservations is rampantly overcrowded (in some cases 20-30 people living in a 2- or 3-bedroom home).

"There needs to be more public awareness regarding homeownership and housing conditions among Native Americans," said NAIHC Chairman Chester Carl.

Too often the media and entertainment industry have misrepresented Native Americans' status due to the misconception that all tribes have gaming and that casinos are providing an influx of cash for Native Americans. For many gaming tribes, the primary benefit is employment, as they now provide 400,000 jobs (75 percent of them to non-Indians). A recent survey of NAIHC membership showed that unemployment was 42 percent among gaming tribes, versus 43 percent for those without gaming.

Remoteness of the reservation land to which most tribes were historically displaced limits the economic development needed to sustain housing. Gaming for most tribes is far from a shoo-in for success. As NAIHC reported last year, among 562 federally recognized tribes, of the 224 that have gone into gaming 90 make less than one percent of the industry's gross revenue. Two-thirds of the gaming operations account for just 10 percent of the overall revenue with annual gross revenue of \$25 million or less. The remaining one-third account for 90 percent of the revenue.

An estimated 200,000 housing units are needed immediately in Indian country and approximately 90,000 Native families are homeless or under-housed (U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, "A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country" 2003). Yet these stories are not reported as frequently or strongly as those of tribal land disputes and casino revenues.

A house divided can not stand



Joseph Eitrem
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Specifically, members did not want those "who are defendants in the Chippewa County Circuit Court Case # 04-7606-cc" to be able to "run for elected office

until litigation is resolved". Final Answer! The people have spoken, even the majority of Unit I voters approved this referendum. Now this should be put to rest and we need to get back to the regular business of our tribe.

One area of concern that I feel compelled to address is the most recent allegation that our general counsel alluded to that certain board members are plotting with Director Shagen to get rid of him as our general counsel. It is no secret that many of our board members, as well as our tribal members, have concerns with Mr. Morello's professional conduct. Allegations, misrepresentations and rumors that without our lead counsel we would be forced to stop the seven plus one litigation. This is absolutely wrong. He is not involved directly with litiga-

tion at all. It has been delegated to specific law firms. His termination of our lead counsel's contract would have no effect on the seven plus one litigation.

The facts are:

We have other attorneys that are litigating for us in this case. Whether or not we have a general counsel has no bearing on these cases at all. This board voted to bring suit against the 7 + 1.

The truth is:

The Board of Directors, including Directors Causley, McKelvie and Lambert, want the litigation to continue until it is resolved by the courts. Again, this case will continue until it is settled. Now let's leave this issue to the court to decide and get on with tribal business.

Bill Horton and Chris Nelson from the law firm of Cox,

Hodgman, Giarmarco have been hired as our attorneys in the 7 + 1 case. They will continue under the direction of our board.

We also contract with the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, Cohn LLC, PC. Attorneys Ernie Walker, Maggie Green and Francis O'Donnell work for us on tribal issues. Attorneys Bruce Green and Aaron Schlauber are also contracted to represent us on the inland fishing case.

Our staff attorneys, Jocelyn Fabry, Courtney Koucher and James Bias work on our government work and casino issues.

When Mr. Morello was hired as general counsel, I was one of his strong supporters. Since then, I have great concerns about my judgment. His actions have caused a deep divide between the

board of directors and the chairperson's office. This has also caused a dissension between our tribal membership and elected officials. Our chairperson and our board need to work together for the betterment of our people.

To quote from the Bible, Matthew chapter 12 verse 25, "A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND."

It appears at this point in time, I would ask for the betterment of the tribe that Mr. Morello relinquish the balance of his contract and step down as general counsel.

Joe Eitrem, cell phone (906) 440-5728, (906) 632-8567. e-mail; joeitrem@yahoo.com

Our time must be spent on business and growth



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

After reading the open forum of the last paper written by the General Counsel/Chief Ethics Officer Steve Morrello, it is apparent the he has "called me out for a public battle." He has used our tribal newspaper to do so. I have one comment that I will make about the unprofessional and uncalled for accusations. I am

not in part to a "devastating plot" to terminate his contract. The fact is that there are questions about the contract and I, as a representative of this Tribe, have a responsibility to have answered. This will be discussed by the board of directors. A fact that I would like to state is I voted to send the 7+1 case to litigation and that is where it remains. To use our paper to make accusations about the Tribe's representatives is unethical in itself. Further more, to try and convince the membership that I have changed my position on this is untrue. Just because I make the choice not to relentlessly attack those involved in the litigation does not mean I support what happened. I know where the membership stands on this issue and the court will make the decision.

I was elected to represent tribe members. Since I became a board of director it seems as though some only focus on sheer politics and attacks. Our time must be spent on business and growth,

there should be no time to constantly have to defend our positions, especially when our own executive's are attacking. As stated in past unit reports, I do not want this space to be used to defend my role as your unit representative. I'll move on and work on goals for our tribal people and what is the best interest for you. "Leadership." We must show those that want to continue down the path of destruction that it will not be acceptable to our Tribe. It's time to step up and move on. 100 percent of our time should be on tribal members being provided better opportunities, more employment, greater services and taking care of each other. Thank you to all the members that have called or attended the past two unit meetings held this month and to the elders in Naubinway. Your words and direction will make me focus on what is priority, me, battling in the paper is not priority!

The new constitutional convention committee members have been chosen. On Jan. 14 about 75

people participated in the election process through members that were nominated at that meeting. I am happy to report that we have four members from unit two on that committee. As reported, I was able to nominate four members from our area and those that called me or other members that recommended a nominee for me to select where, Kenneth Ermatinger, Charles Adams, Roberta Lewis and Patricia Chambers. Out of those four Mr. Monette chose Kenneth Ermatinger as the board member nominee. George Tessier IV and Charles Adams were chosen out of a group as a self nominee and/or board nominee positions and John Causley Jr. was nominated by Basel Willis and was elected by the members attending the conference. Roberta and Patty are very vocal and committed to this tribe so I know their attendance and input will be a big part as well. Thank you to all of you for your dedication and commitment to this endeavor. The consti-

tutional Convention is going to be the most important task that our Tribe can be part of. All meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to give your input to the committee members. During our last two unit meetings in January, we discussed having a "meet your unit's Constitutional Committee members". This meeting will give you the opportunity to meet and talk with them to discuss your concerns and idea's. The responsibility to be on this committee is one of the most important in our Tribe and you getting to know the people that represent us are just as important. We will be scheduling meetings in our unit soon. Please watch for advertisements in your local paper as well. For better communication I will be utilizing those papers in your area. Office hours will be held at the Newberry Tribal Center on February 24.

If you would like to meet and discuss any issues please contact me. (906) 484-2954.

Baamaapii, Lana Causley

Board meetings brief for Jan 9 and Jan 17, 2006

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a special meeting on Jan. 9, 2006, at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. Board members Todd Gravelle, Denise Chase, Tom Miller, and Victor Matson, Sr., were absent.

The board unanimously authorized an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funding of a rural domestic violence and child victimization enforcement grant.

The board met for a general meeting on Jan. 17 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. All board members were present and minutes of meetings on Oct. 26, Nov. 6, Nov. 14 and Dec. 6, 2005, were approved.

Resolutions: *Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.*

The board approved seven resolutions listing amendments to Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election

Ordinance. Resolution 2006-02 amended sections 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 112, 114, 117, 119, 122, 123, 124 and sections 201 through 205. The sections pertain to purpose and authority, scope, computation of time, date of elections, election units, election announcements, tribal election committee, campaigning, reports and report filing, primary elections, election recounts, certification of election results, notification and installation, oath of office and application of general election rules.

Resolution 2006-03 amended sections 118, 120 and 121 pertaining to election contests, election complaints and civil enforcement.

Resolution 2006-04 amended section 116 disallowing write-in votes in any election. Board members Todd Gravelle Denise Chase opposed the measure.

Resolution 2006-05 amended sections 103 and 115 pertaining

to definitions and election procedures respectively. Board members Cathy Abramson and Lana Causley opposed the amendment.

Resolution 2006-06 amended sections 110 and 111 pertaining to candidates for election and nomination of candidates.

Resolution 2006-07 amended section 113 pertaining to campaign financing. Board members Robert Lambert, Robert LaPoint, Causley and Chase opposed while Gravelle abstained.

Resolution 2006-08 amended section 109 pertaining to registration of voters. Board members Dennis McKelvie, Abramson, Causley and Lambert opposed.

The board passed official support and encouragement for the Binational Public Advisory Council to request the governments of Ontario and Canada to produce a contaminated sediment remediation plan for the St. Mary's River which will adequately identify and remediate the

contaminated sediments remaining in the river.

Budget document 002 for 2006 totaling \$67,308,712, of which \$23,211,669 is tribal support and approved entities listed on the budget at the amounts indicated through Dec. 31, 2006.

A total of \$6,297,464 for governmental capital purchases was approved with \$173,000 as tribal support dollars, \$2,542,432 from governmental fund balances, \$1,132,032 from enterprises fund balances and the remaining \$2,450,000 in the form of loan proceeds or additional tribal support dollars to cover the capital purchases for Sault Tribe Construction, MIS initiatives and Lincoln School.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians meets on the first and third Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and members are invited to attend.

Romulus update

At a general board meeting on Jan. 17 in Sault Ste. Marie, a tribe member asked about the status of progress for a casino in Romulus, Mich. General Counsel Steve Morello fielded the question.

Morello said the Charlotte Beach lands claim settlement requires an order to be implemented before the tribe can go forward with establishing a casino in either Romulus, Monroe or Flint which, in turn, would require an act of Congress.

Morello also said it is highly unlikely that such an act would be approved in the foreseeable future because of the scandal in Washington, D.C., involving lobbyist Jack Abramoff and Indian casinos.

He said legislation is pending to put a freeze on off-reservation Indian gaming for a period of two years and, if it passes, would end the Charlotte Beach land settlement at this time. He said it could be one to two years before moving forward on another casino.

February 3, 2006

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Notice of Election

Dear Tribal Member,

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

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5:00 p.m. ET on the date stated).

<p>March 24, 2006</p> <p>March 30, 2006</p> <p>April 13, 2006</p> <p>April 20, 2006</p> <p>April 24, 2006</p> <p>April 27, 2006</p> <p>May 18, 2006</p> <p>May 22, 2006</p> <p>June 1, 2006</p> <p>June 22, 2006</p> <p>June 26, 2006</p>	<p>Deadline for return of voter registration forms. Letter of Intent due for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted and nomination petitions available.</p> <p>Deadline for background checks for potential candidates.</p> <p>Nominating petition deadline.</p> <p>List of eligible candidates available.</p> <p>Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.</p> <p>Blank primary ballots mailed to voters.</p> <p>Primary election date.</p> <p>Deadline for contests relating to vote count.</p> <p>Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters.</p> <p>General Election day.</p> <p>Deadline for contest relating to vote count.</p> <p>Officers' installation - to be announced</p>
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OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

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

- Unit 1 -2 members
- Unit 2 -1 member
- Unit 3 -1 member
- Unit 4 -1 member
- Unit 5 -1 member

The term of all officers will be four years. Additional Board members from Unit 1, 2, 3, 4 & Chairperson will be elected in 2008.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The election will be conducted by mail. This Notice of Election was mailed to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. Addresses for members shown in the Registrar's records will be used for all election purposes. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct:

The Tribal Registrar's Office:

Located at: 2428 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 635-3396
1 (800) 251-6597

Mailing address: P.O. Box
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Unless an address correction is made, the ballot will be mailed to the voter at the same address to which this Notice of Election was sent and no ballot will be sent to a voter whose Notice of Election is returned by the United States Post Office as undeliverable.

VOTER REGISTRATION

MARCH 24, 2006

Tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election (June 22, 2006) are eligible to register to vote. Under new revision of the Tribal Election Code, all unregistered Members must register to vote. Resident Members must register within their unit of residency, and Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. Registration forms must be received by the Tribal Election Committee, ninety (90) days prior to a general election, in order to vote in the upcoming elections.

Voter registration is open and tribal members who need to register. For more information contact Joanne Carr at Tribal Administration or contact Enrollment. In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the: Tribal Election Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, before 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2006. Registration forms received after that time or not completed will be deemed unregistered.

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

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS - April 19, 2004

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in Section 10.110 is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by June 22, 2006, a registered voter, and have established one year residency within the Election Unit which they seek to represent. Any member; who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government, has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a nominating petition with the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m., April 13, 2006. A nomination petition must bear the signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented (40 signatures for Units 2, 4 and 5 and 50 signatures for Units 1 and 3). A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must bear the name of the candidate, the office which is sought, the election unit, and the name of the person(s) circulating the petition. Petition forms must be obtained from the Tribal Election Committee.

VOTING PROCEDURE DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF ALL BALLOTS

Blank primary ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by April 27, 2006. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault St. Marie location on May 18, 2006. Blank general election ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by June 1, 2006. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by the closing of the United States Post Office- Sault St. Marie location on June 22, 2006. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot. The deadline for filing contests relating to the tabulation of the primary ballots is May 22, 2006 and the deadline for filing contest relating to the tabulation of the general election is June 26, 2006.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

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

ELECTION CONTESTS & COMPLAINTS

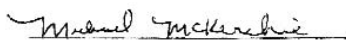
Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. All disputes must be stated in writing addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee and received before the deadline shown in the election timetable. The Election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

ELECTION ORDINANCE

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

DESIGNATED OFFICES

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



Michael McKerchie
Election Committee Chairman

Election code changes approved

BY MIKE MCKERCHIE
ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Throughout the past year, the board of directors and the Election Committee have been working on addressing members' concerns regarding how elections are conducted. On Jan. 17, 2006, The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed the revised Tribal Code Chapter 10: Election Ordinance. Among the most notable revisions are:

- Section 10.103 Definitions — Several definitions have been added and updated, including definitions for campaigning and ballot types.
- Section 10.109: Registration of Voters — All "new" voters,

including those inside the service area, must register to vote. Voters outside the service area may designate the unit they wish to vote in. All registrations are permanent unless the registered voter moves in/out of an election unit.

- Section 10.112: Campaigning — There were several changes under this section including endorsement of campaign materials and submissions to the tribal newspaper.
- Section 10.113: Campaign financing — Non-candidate registrants may only spend funds supporting or opposing candidates for office representing the election unit in which the non-candidate is registered.

- Section 10.116: Write-in candidates — Write-in votes are not permitted in any election.
- Section 10.121: Civil enforcement — If the Election Committee finds that a complaint has merit, it will be forwarded to the tribal prosecutor for enforcement.
- Section 10.122: Certification of election results — If a special or regular meeting of the board of directors does not occur within seven days following the resolution of all contests, the election results shall be deemed certified.
- Section 10.123: Notification and Installation — If a special or regular meeting of the board of directors does not occur within seven days following the certifi-

cation of results, the elected candidates shall be installed into office. The board of directors shall hold a special or regular meeting for the purpose of officer elections on the second Tuesday in July following the election.

The highlights listed above are not a comprehensive listing of all the changes in the code. A complete copy of the new election code can be viewed at the Sault Tribe's official Web site at www.saulttribe.com. For more information, please contact Joanne Carr, executive assistant to the board of directors, at (800) 793-0660 or (906) 635-6050.

Briefs

Michigan Civil Rights Commission Announces Flint hearing on fraud allegations
LANSING — A petition for a proposal which threatens the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver to be put on the 2006 November ballot is the subject of a special public hearing on allegations of voter fraud on Wed., Feb. 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission will host the hearing in Flint on allegations of voter fraud by a group working to place a proposal on the November 2006 ballot that would make affirmative action style programs unconstitutional in the state.

The hearing is designed as an opportunity for the Commission to hear testimony from people who believe they were defrauded into signing petitions, as well as people who collected signatures and interested parties from both sides of the issue. Any person who believes they misled others, or were misled, into signing a petition to eliminate affirmative action style programs is encouraged to attend this hearing and provide testimony to the Commission.

The hearing will be held at Harding-Mott University Center at the University of Michigan-Flint. The Harding-Mott University Center is located at 303 E. Kearsley Street, in downtown Flint. Free visitor parking is located on the corner of Chavez and Kearsley.

Contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at (313) 456-3700 for more information.

**The next
deadline for *The
Sault Tribe
News* is Feb. 14.**

Enji-naadamaageng celebrates its first graduate



Above, Chief Judge Kandra Robbins presents Richard Lewis with a ribbon shirt, left, and a hug, right, after Lewis completed the juvenile healing program at the Tribal Court. With Judge Robbins and Lewis on the left is Cal Burnside, a tutor who also sits on the mentoring council, and John Block, juvenile probation officer. Father John Haskell also presented Lewis with an eagle necklace which he is wearing.

Photos by Alan Kamuda



Enji-naadamaageng, (The place where they are helped), held court for Anthony Lewis as he became the first graduate of the healing program for juveniles who have violated tribal law.

"We are trying to intervene early to help the youth who are struggling with growing pains," said Kandra Robbins, chief judge of the tribal Court, "we are working with the youth to help them avoid future problems."

Today there are 12 youth in the the pro-

gram which works to build a healthy and harmonious community by promoting sobriety and providing opportunity for positive change.

Established in May of 2005, Enji-Naadamaageng encompasses four phases of healing:

- Phase One: Turtle, cleansing phase, 4-8 weeks, eastern direction, physical.
- Phase Two: Deer, action phase, 13-17 weeks, southern direction, emotional.

- Phase Three: Bear, building phase, 17-26 weeks, western direction, mental.
- Phase Four: Eagle, maintenance phase, 8-12 weeks, northern direction, spiritual.

Each case is supervised by a team made up of individuals representing a variety of disciplines within the tribe and community as a whole. Weekly the team meets to review individual cases which lend itself to a personalized approach.

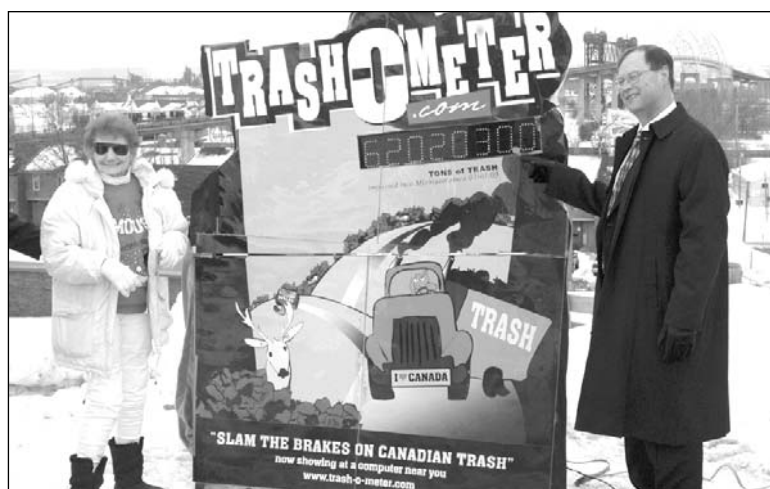
McDowell urges Michigan Indians to action

BY RICK SMITH

State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) is appealing to American Indian sensibilities to aid his proposal to let the public vote on a plan to stop Canadian and out-of-state trash, especially toxic refuse, from swamping Michigan and endangering the inheritance of future generations by raising the state's dumping charge and imposing a ban on new landfills until 2010.

McDowell announced the proposal last Jan. 10, months after partisan resistance in the Legislature on grounds that it attacks the economics of the trash trade. The plan includes raising the dumping charge from 21 to 51 cents a ton, the lowest in the region, to \$7.50 a ton and banning new landfills until 2010.

Seven of the 13 landfills in the Upper Peninsula are situated in our tribe's service area. Luce and Mackinac Counties are the only two counties of the seven in the service area without landfills.



With the International Bridge serving as an appropriate backdrop last Jan. 10, Annie Goetz of Dafer, president of Tri-County Pollution Control, listens as State Representative Gary McDowell explains the Trash-O-Meter exhibit to a gathering at Lake Superior State University and the importance of bringing the importation of Canadian and out-of-state trash to a halt in Michigan. For more information, visit: www.trash-o-meter.com.

Marquette and Delta Counties each have two landfills and a landfill can be found in Alger, Chippewa and Schoolcraft Counties. There are 63 landfills in the lower peninsula, according to

state records.

"The Indian communities have taken the lead in protecting the Great Lakes and acting on other environmental concerns. The house Democrats and Michigan's

American Indians would be natural allies in stopping the importation of trash and we would welcome any help we could receive from the tribes in this fight," said McDowell.

McDowell suggested help could be in forms such as passing the word about the issue, stirring up involvement, communicating opinions on the issue with legislative representatives and voting for the proposal if it gets on the ballot next November. The vote to put the measure on the ballot in November 2006 would require simple majorities in the House and Senate.

According to McDowell, more than 400 trucks enter Michigan from Canada each day, tearing up the state's roads and highways and endangering communities. Most of the trucks cross over the border without inspections for bio-hazards or toxic wastes. In March of 2005, a truck from Canada spewed enough human waste to cover two city blocks of

Telegraph Road in Flat Rock with nearly a foot of sludge.

McDowell noted that with more than 20 million tons of solid waste entering Michigan landfills in 2004, the \$7.50 per ton dumping charge is expected to generate an estimated \$170 million a year.

"Every year, millions of tons of trash from Canada and other states flood into Michigan. Republican legislators have stonewalled for nearly a year a Democratic plan to stop out-of-state trash," said McDowell. "Enough is enough. Michigan House Democrats want to end the foot-dragging and let the people decide."

Michigan is the third largest U.S. importer of trash behind Pennsylvania and Virginia. In 2005, more than six million tons came into the state.

McDowell represents Michigan's 107th District which consists of Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet and Mackinac Counties.

Tips for parents: navigating your child's health

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS, SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

If asked, nearly all parents would say they want their children to grow-up healthy and happy. With so many choices and conveniences these days, sometimes it's hard to get a grip on how healthy our children really are. Heart disease is not just for adults anymore. The average child spends four hours a day watching TV or playing video games. The National Association for Sport and Physical Education recommends that children get several bouts of physical activity equaling at least 60 minutes and up to several hours everyday.

Our diets have changed, too.

Vending machines full of pop or candy and fast food restaurants have become a normal option for overworked, many times single parents and their children. Most of these restaurants offer big portion sizes that are high fat, high in sugar and low in fiber which may be tasty for many but in reality is putting our children at risk for many health problems, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and obesity.

The Anishinaabe Medicine Wheel teaches us that life is a continuous cycle that is always changing. The answer is not to walk against the changes but to navigate through the changes to find solutions that keep us healthy and happy.

The Weight-control Information Network (WIN) has these tips to offer parents:

- Encourage your child to be physically active everyday. Limit TV and video games by offering more active choices playing outside, joining a local recreation center or after-school program, or taking lessons in a sport they enjoy.

- Focus on fun and be a role model for your children. If they see you doing it, they are more likely to do the same thing.

- Involve the whole family in household activities like dog-walking, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, car washing or in more recreational activities like hiking, biking, dancing, basketball, sled-

ding, or ice skating.

- Make sure your child eats breakfast. Choose cereals low in sugar, high in whole grain. Breakfast provides children with the energy they need to listen and learn in school.

- Offer your child a wide variety of foods, such as grains, vegetables and fruits, low-fat dairy products, and lean meat or beans. It takes about 10 tries before a child will accept new foods, so keep offering.

- Cook with less fat. Roast, bake, or poach foods instead of frying.

- Limit the amount of added sugar in your child's diet. Serve water or low-fat milk more often than sugar-sweetened sodas and

fruit-flavored drinks.

- Involve your child in planning and preparing meals. Children may be more willing to eat the dishes they help fix.

- Talk with your health care provider if you are concerned about your child's eating habits or weight.

For more information, you can visit the Weight-control Information Network at: win.niddk.nih.gov; or make an appointment to visit your friends at Sault Tribe's Community Health Department, (906) 632-5210.

Sault Tribal Health Center helps women learn heart truth on national Wear Red Day

As part of February's American Heart Month, the Sault Tribal Health Center will join thousands of women nationwide in celebrating National Wear Red Day. On Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, Sault Tribe Health Center will be providing information about women and heart disease and distributing "Go Red for Women" Red Dress pins.

According to Donna Norkoli, Community Health educator, "National Wear Red Day is a great opportunity to reach out to women in our community and alert them to their personal risk factors for heart disease. By wearing red and participating in the red dress campaign on Feb. 3, we

can all show our support for women and heart disease awareness."

Sault Tribal Health Centers throughout the service area will be displaying information about women and heart disease and distributing the red dress pins to create awareness that heart disease is the #1 killer of women. Women and their families may also sign up to attend a six week program called "Honoring the Gift of Heart Health." This new series explores the many lifestyle choices you can make to keep your heart beating strong. Sessions are held once per week over six weeks. Session three will be held on Feb. 14 from 1-3 p.m. and on

Feb. 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the health center in Sault Ste. Marie. Participants can join at any time and attend sessions that fit their schedule. Please call (906) 632-5210 to register for any session.

Women need to know that there are risk factors for heart disease that they can change. Things women can do to reduce their risk of heart disease are:

- Maintain a healthy blood pressure equal to or less than 120/80.

- Maintain healthy total cholesterol levels equal to or below 200 mg/dl.

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Be more physically active.

- Don't use commercial tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars or chewing tobacco.

- Eat healthy — include foods low in saturated fat and high in fiber.

The Sault Tribal Health Center's National Wear Red Day activities are in partnership with The Heart Truth, a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The Heart Truth launched the Red Dress as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in Feb. 2003. A simple Red Dress works as a visual red alert to get the message heard loud and clear:

"Heart disease doesn't care what you wear — It's the number one killer of women."

On National Wear Red Day, women and men across the nation wear red to unite in the movement to give women a personal and urgent wake-up call about their risk of heart disease. Everyone can participate in this life-saving awareness movement by showing off a red dress, shirt or tie, or by wearing the Red Dress pin.

For more information about Wear Red Day activities and/or information concerning women and heart disease, please contact Donna Norkoli at the Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 635-8844.

Go for the Gold in 2006

SUBMITTED BY GINA LUFKINS, RN, BSN, SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Recent results of the Infant Feeding Survey from the Breastfeeding Education and Support Team (B.E.S.T.) indicate the need for increasing duration of breastfeeding in babies past the six week time frame in our county. As a strategy to promote this effort, the team has come up with an incentive program aimed at mothers who are exclusively

nursing their infants. The effort is called "Go for the Gold" and applies to all babies born in Chippewa County in 2006.

Human breastmilk has been referred to as "liquid gold" in recent times because of its excellent nutrition, easy access, and low cost. B.E.S.T. has been issuing surveys around the community to help determine why families are, or are not, giving their babies the best food possible. Exclusive breastfeeding for a minimum of

six months is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Many of the "challenges" of breastfeeding come during the first four weeks after birth. Many health providers support the idea that if families can breastfeed for six weeks they will often go longer.

The "Go for the Gold" campaign will promote breastfeeding by providing incentive awards to mothers and families for their dedication to go beyond the six

week mark. Some of the awards include: massage, movie passes, salon visits, manicures, pedicures, car washes, and restaurant coupons. Special thanks to Quaker State, Clip Joint Salon, A Hair Different, The New "U", and Side Street Salon for donation of incentives.

Members of B.E.S.T. include: Sault Tribal Health Center, Chippewa County Health Department, M.S.U. Extension, Bay Mills Healthy Start, War

Memorial Hospital Obstetrical Department, and Teen Parenting Program. Please call Nancy Heyns at (906) 635-3588 for more information on how to contact or join the B.E.S.T. committee which meets at noon the first Friday of each month at War Memorial Hospital. Contact B.E.S.T. to donate your tax deductible prize with great advertising potential.

HIV and AIDS: Are you at risk?

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. People with HIV may have no symptoms. People can have HIV for many years without feeling or looking sick. They may not even know that they have HIV. But they can still pass the virus on to others. HIV lives in semen, vaginal fluids, blood, and breast milk of a person with HIV. It can be passed from one person to another through these infected fluids. You are at risk: if you have had sex with a man or woman who has had other partners (even one time) or have shared injection drug needles, or had sex with someone who has.

How do people get HIV:

- HIV can be passed during unprotected (without a condom) vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

- HIV can be passed while sharing needles or equipment to inject drugs.

- HIV can be passed by needles used for tattoos and piercing

or to inject steroids.

- HIV can be passed from a mother to her baby during pregnancy, childbirth or breast feeding.

HIV is not passed by:

- Donating blood
- Hugging, dry kissing, or sharing food

- Telephones, toilet seats, or eating utensils

- Tears, saliva, sweat, or urine.

THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE HIV IS TO GET TESTED!

Ask your nurse at your next medical appointment about Rapid HIV Testing (results in as little as 20 minutes, same day results).

Testing can be completed at Sault, Lambert, Munising, Manistique or Kinross Clinics. For more information or HIV testing call Stacey Willis, HIV/AIDS health educator at (906) 632-5255 or Larry Klein, program coordinator at (906) 632-5255.

Healthy alternatives to dieting

There is a healthier alternative to dieting, the HUGS Lifestyle Program.

Ten classes, one hour each. Find tools for making meaningful and permanent changes in your lifestyle.

It all adds up to real health.

- Balanced eating
- Active living
- Tuning into natural hunger signals
- Tasting food
- Physical vs. psychological hunger
- The perks of physical activity
- Your new attitude

Due to popular demand a new session starts Jan. 31 and runs through April 4.

Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 at STEPS group, Sault Tribal Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun St.

Facilitators are Charla Gordon, RD and Betty Noland, RD, Sault Tribe nutritionists.

There is no fee and the class is open to the community.

Check with your supervisor for approval to attend this training on work-time.

For more information or to register call Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210.

STEPS - Special Time to Express your Positive Self

A support group for women to enhance self-acceptance and self-esteem and to promote healthy living.

We meet every Tuesday, except holidays, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St.

We provide a safe supportive place for education, discussion, and sharing. We expect each person to respect others and maintain the confidentiality of the group.

Some of us are allergic so please do not wear perfume.

Plans for 2006:

We meet every Tuesday and have a talking circle about a topic of current interest to women on their individual journeys to wellness in the bodies the Creator gave them.

Drop in to see what we have on the agenda.

On the second Tuesday of each month we discuss a chapter from the HUGS book, Staying Off the Diet Roller Coaster (chap. 1 in January, chap. 2 in February and so on).

On the third Tuesday of each month we discuss an aspect of diabetes management, such as nutrition, physical activity, stress, medication.

Please call Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210 if you have comments or questions.

This is a free service open to all women of the community.

Joint venture between the Tribe, Mackinac Straits Hospital and U of M Health System

BY ELLEN PAQUIN, THE ST. IGNACE NEWS

A joint venture being considered by Mackinac Straits Hospital, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and University of Michigan Health System may mean that cancer patients in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and their families would no longer have to travel to Ann Arbor or other far-off Michigan cities for radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Hospital planners propose to bring the renowned services, technology, and staff of University of Michigan's Department of Radiation Oncology to patients in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

The idea arose during planning sessions for the new health care facility to be built in St. Ignace by the Tribe and Mackinac Straits Hospital, and would fill a void in health care services across the entire area, said Rod Nelson, CEO of Mackinac Straits Hospital.

"In the planning process of the new health care facility, we need to look at what technologies will be there, not only now, but in the next 10 to 20 years," Mr. Nelson said. "We wanted to identify services that people in this area have to travel to obtain. There is an obvious void in our area for this kind of oncology service. The idea is the result of networking of hospital staff with other health care providers, keeping in mind a vision of the new hospital in the next five, 10, or 20 years."

After identifying the need and determining that hospital administrators at University of Michigan are interested in serving the area through a satellite program in the EUP, planners for the new facility have invited War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry to become partners in the project. Further discussions are planned.

Marc Halman of University of

Michigan Health System traveled to St. Ignace and then to Newberry to present the idea at an annual joint meeting of the three hospital boards Wednesday, January 4. Mr. Halman is the chief administrator of the Department of Radiation Oncology and the administrative director of the Cancer Center Network at the university. He sees the idea as an innovative opportunity for the rural hospitals, the university, and the Tribe, and, more importantly, as a boon to patients and their families in the EUP.

"When you have cancer, you have three options for treatment, surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy, or a combination of those three," Mr. Halman explained. "Most patients, about 55 percent, have at least some radiation. This requires daily treatments for six to eight weeks. For people who have to travel several hours each way for those treatments, daily, it can be very disruptive to their lives. This would mean, basically, that you no longer would have to go to Ann Arbor. You could maintain your normal lifestyle of home, work, or school. You would have the same equipment, the same planning, the same technology as you would at U of M, and a U of M radiology oncologist would be on site every day."

The university, well known in the region for its cancer care program, offers one of only two National Cancer Institutes in the state, and is one of only a handful of such specialized cancer centers in the country that also offer research and teaching, Mr. Halman said.

While the University of Michigan now offers eight satellite oncology programs around the state, in addition to its Ann Arbor headquarters, Mr. Halman said the proposed collaboration in the EUP would be the first time a project of this kind has pulled

together partners to cover such a wide geographic, rural area. "It is common in cities for hospitals to share such specialized services, but this collaboration may be unique for such a rural area," he said.

The university opened its most recent satellite facility at Alpena General Hospital in September, 2005. "Alpena had one of the highest mastectomy rates in the state," Mr. Halman said, referring to surgical breast removal to treat cancer. "Evidence shows that, depending on the progression of the disease, lumpectomy combined with radiation may be just as good. A lot of people make these decisions based on the distance they must travel and the disruption to their lives. We are now providing radiation oncology in Alpena, and we are changing the way medicine is practiced in Alpena. The same can be said for prostate cancer."

In Mackinac County, Mr. Nelson said, 83 patients were diagnosed with cancer in 2002, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Hospitals, both in rural areas and in cities, collaborate on providing specialized services because they must be able to prove to the state that costly equipment and technology will benefit a predetermined number of patients, Mr. Nelson said. Hospitals must be approved for a state Certificate of Need to move forward with such projects. In this case, he said, a collaboration among Mackinac Straits Hospital, Tribal Health Services, War Memorial, and Helen Newberry Joy would result in the minimum number of 250 patients required to make the program a reality. Even before applying for a Certificate of Need, the next step will be a series of discussions about the idea among the potential partners, with a meeting tentatively planned for February. "We will continue to further dis-

cuss bringing this service to the EUP, for probably the next 60 to 90 days," Mr. Nelson said. "It is a program we would love to have here, and it would impact the entire EUP. We need to decide three things: Does this service need to be here? How will we work together to bring it here? Where would it be located? And it's critical to determine whose program this would be: It would be the university's radiology oncology program, and we would be partners in it. If everyone comes together like we have on other projects, this may certainly be a possibility." Mr. Nelson pointed out that Mackinac Straits and the Tribe successfully worked as partners to bring renal dialysis to Mackinac County several years ago.

The January 4 presentation was well received by board members at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital, said CEO Wayne Hellerstedt, and it's likely that the three hospitals will next form a committee composed of members from all three boards to study the idea further.

"It is an exciting concept," Mr. Hellerstedt said. "A number of questions need to be answered, but we are supportive of the concept and we are looking forward to working with our colleagues at War Memorial and Mackinac Straits on this."

The concept was received with optimism at War Memorial Hospital as well, said CEO David Jahn, who noted that radiation treatment was among the top needs identified by the hospital in a recent strategic planning process. "We're very optimistic, and we are certainly interested in the concept," said Mr. Jahn. "The reality will be in the numbers, and whether we have enough people to use the service to get a Certificate of Need. There are still a lot of questions, and if the answers to all of those questions are 'yes,' it would be a great ser-

vice to add to the EUP. We'll work as hard as we can to make it possible, if it proves to be feasible."

The radiation oncology idea will be brought to the tribal board of directors for approval once a plan is in place among the hospitals, said Fred Paquin, a Mackinac Straits Hospital board member who also serves on the board of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. "We've had a lot of tribal members treated for cancer, and it would be a big benefit to people in our area who are traveling so far away for services," Mr. Paquin said. "I personally would like to see it go, as it's something that's really needed in our area. It has not yet been brought to the tribal board for a decision, but there is interest in it."

After area hospitals determine their participation, Mr. Nelson said, financing options for the project will be explored further. "We have not approached U of M on financing, but many options will be open once the Certificate of Need and partnerships are in place," he said.

University of Michigan Health System would be responsible for fully staffing the proposed cancer care program, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Halman agreed, and while it is too soon to determine whether the project would create new jobs at the participating local hospitals, it is conceivable that the collaboration may lead to increased use of other hospital departments as well as more opportunities for sharing services. "Having the U of M staff here could have a tremendous impact on other medical specialties," Mr. Nelson said. "By that service being here, laboratory and radiology services may be used more. We may even find that there may be other opportunities to work together."

American Indian Substance Abuse hosts recovery meetings

The Sault Tribe's American Indian Substance Abuse program will be hosting a variety of new recovery meetings in 2006 at the Shedawin Building at 2154 Shunk Road.

We are in need of recovering people to volunteer to chair meetings. Days and times that meetings will be held include:

Sunday, 10 a.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, and at 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous.

Monday, 6 p.m., Alateen coming soon, 7:30 p.m. Women's AA (starting Feb. 6).

Tuesday, no meetings.

Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., sewing and craft night.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Gamblers

Anonymous coming soon, chairperson still needed.

Friday, 6 p.m., Alanon coming soon, chairperson still needed.

If you are interested in helping out the recovering community by chairing a meeting, please contact Karen Howell or Cindy Thomas at American Indian Substance Abuse at 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or call (906) 635-6075 or toll free at 1-800-726-9105.

Your help is needed to support these new meetings. Meetings started Jan. 8.

All recovery meetings will be open and non-smoking.

From the kitchen of Bob Flowers

Chocolate-Raspberry Pear Parfait

My youngest daughter can be credited with this flavor combination, at least part of it. On a whim, she spread raspberry flavored whipped cream onto a slice of ripe pear, and sandwiched it between another pear slice. I heard her exclamation of "Wow! That's really good. You've got to try this, Dad." So I did.

The flavor combination was very good. I knew this could turn into something great. So here's my spin on a great flavor combi-

nation.

Ingredients:

2 tubs of Cool Whip, whipped topping, or 4 cups real whipped cream

1 cup frozen Raspberries

2 tbs. Dutched cocoa (the Dutch processing removes much of the acidity)

4 fresh, ripe pears (D'Angou or Bartlet are best for this dish, IMHO)

1 cup sugar (Splenda if you're watching your carbs)

Mash together the berries and the sweetener in a glass or plastic

bowl. Set aside for 10 minutes. Fold the cocoa into two cups of the whipped cream. Core the pears and blend into a smooth sauce in the blender or food processor. Fold the berries into the remaining whipped cream.

Starting with the pear, alternately layer the pear, raspberry whipped cream, and chocolate whipped cream into a tall-stemmed glass, or parfait dish. Top with one of the flavored whipped creams, and some shaved chocolate. Serve immediately.

Are you looking for a meaningful way to volunteer and give back to your community? Volunteering for Hospice of Chippewa County can ease someone's burdens and change your life. Whether it's giving a caregiver a break, a ride to the store or an appointment, a friendly visit, a hug, delivering supplies or folding newsletters. Hospice of Chippewa County and your community needs you. Volunteer training will take place Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested call Chris at (906) 253-3151 for an application.

The next Blood Drive at the Sault Tribe Health Center will be held on Friday, March 31 from 11-5:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Blood is in short supply, please donate in March!

Alaysia Brewer received a special Christmas present, an adoptive mother

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Six-year old Alaysia Brewer received a very special Christmas present last year. She became the adoptive daughter of her great aunt, Edye Nichols.

Edye's sister, who was also Alaysia's grandmother, Ann Brewer Albert, passed away in 1996. It is Ann's youngest daughter, Audrey, who is Alaysia's birth mother.

"Alaysia has been with me since July 2003. Her mother has contact with her by phone and mail and also during the holidays. The people in our community have embraced her. We can't go anywhere without Alaysia seeing someone she knows," Nichols said.

"When she first came to stay with me she was four. She couldn't count and wasn't ready for kindergarten. One year after enrolling her in the tribe's day care center she had caught up and



Edye Nichols and her adopted daughter and great-niece Alaysia Brewer share a fond moment together. Photo by Brenda Austin

was able to begin school. Roberta Verdone, director of the day care center, did a fantastic job with her as well as everyone else who worked with Alaysia," Nichols said. Alaysia is in first grade this year at JKL Bahweting School.

A member of the Bear Clan,

Alaysia is a shawl dancer. Grandma Edye, as Alaysia likes to call her, made her a shawl with her colors; red, white and black, decorated with black bears. "We do a lot of cultural and traditional things together," Nichols said. "She loves to dance at powwows.

Her aunt Honey taught her how to dance using a blanket to practice with."

The day of her adoption, Dec. 20, 2005, there were many people in the tribe's court room who had known her grandmother and came to show their support. "It is significant that these people are still a part of her life. They say when an old one goes a new one comes. My significant other passed away and within a few weeks Alaysia came to me," Nichols said.

"We have a lot of gratitude for the people in our community who have reached out and helped so much. When you hear it takes a whole village to raise a child I believe that has come true in Alaysia's case. People have been very caring, making sure I get little breaks and that she has everything she needs and then some. It is good to know that she is in a safe place. She has really blossomed and is now in the accel-

ated reading program in her class.

The adoption was a culmination of efforts between Chippewa Tribal Court, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency (MICWA).

Child protection cases often involve MICWA, a non-profit organization under contract with the Family Independence Agency (FIA) to assist in cases involving American-Indian children.

Before Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), American-Indian children faced a disproportionately high risk of removal from their homes by non-American-Indian social workers. Most of those children ended up in non-American-Indian homes, which in some cases led to the break-up of American-Indian families and the loss of future tribal members.

BIA Special Agent Leonard Merriam graduates from the FBI National Academy



WASHINGTON — Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director W. Patrick Ragsdale today announced that BIA Special Agent Leonard Merriam, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan, is now a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy (FBINA). Merriam, who works in the Bureau's Office of Law Enforcement Services (OLES) in Washington, D.C., joins a select group of BIA law enforcement officers who are also graduates of the Academy. The graduation ceremony took place on September 16 at the FBINA campus in Quantico, Va.

"I congratulate BIA Special Agent Leonard Merriam upon his graduation from the FBI National Academy," Ragsdale said. "The Bureau of Indian Affairs can be proud to add him to its complement of officers who have completed this rigorous training pro-

gram."

Christopher B. Chaney, OLES Deputy Bureau Director, noted that Merriam is the seventh current BIA law enforcement employee to have successfully completed FBINA training. "Special Agent Merriam's accomplishment is a rare honor, and reflects the high quality personnel we have in the Office of Law Enforcement Services," Chaney said.

Merriam was among the 247 law enforcement officers from 48 states, the District of Columbia, 21 international countries, four military organizations, and four Federal civilian organizations who comprised the 222nd session of the National Academy. The 10-week program provides students with advanced investigative, management and fitness training by FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents and internationally recognized law enforcement experts.

"The training at the FBI National Academy was among the most academically and physically demanding that I have ever received," Merriam said. "I am pleased to be able to apply what I have learned to my work in BIA law enforcement."

Special Agent Merriam was born in Ann Arbor, Mich. After graduating from Dexter High School, he attended Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie where he majored in Criminal Justice with a minor in Corrections. During this period,

he interned as a conservation officer with the Bureau's Michigan Agency in Sault Ste. Marie. In addition, his family's tradition of working as tribal commercial fishermen, which he also did to help pay for his education, sparked his interest in Conservation Law Enforcement.

In 1995, after graduating with a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Conservation Law Enforcement, Merriam served his tribe as a police officer until 1997 when he joined the Sault Ste. Marie city police force. In November 1999, Merriam became a Special Agent with the Michigan Agency, where he worked until January 2003, when he transferred to the OLES headquarters office in D.C.

The Office of Law Enforcement and Security carries out its mission to improve law enforcement services and preserve public safety in Indian country through six district offices and by supporting, through funding and/or training, over 170 tribally operated police departments and directly operating 31 police departments, as well as funding 59 tribally operated detention facilities and directly operating 22 detention facilities, across the country, by coordinating homeland security support on Federal Indian lands, and by providing training and professional development through the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M.

Brimley Airman receives award of distinction



Steven A. Sutton, 17th Reconnaissance Squadron, 57th Wing Nellis AFB, Nev.

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On the morning of Aug. 18, 2005, Maj. Neaderhiser and A1C Sutton were operating an MQ-1 Predator in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. While prosecuting a target, Maj. Neaderhiser and A1C Sutton experienced a return link failure. The crew executed the Lost KU-Band Command/Return Link emergency checklist, and, within a few minutes, the aircraft regained link, but had been descending to its lost link altitude. While Maj. Neaderhiser executed a climb back to the operational altitude, A1C Sutton noticed numerous engine temperatures climbing outside of operational limits. Maj. Neaderhiser turned the aircraft away from the target area, turned off the altitude hold, set max range airspeed, and reduced the throttle setting in an attempt to lower engine temperatures. At the same time, A1C Sutton turned the sensor ball

towards the aft of the plane, where the crew noticed a considerable amount of venting fluid. As the engine temperatures continued to climb, Maj. Neaderhiser declared an emergency with their controlling agency and pointed the aircraft towards the primary divert base. After completing the engine overheat checklist, the crew, along with their mission commander, began to coordinate with the Launch and Recovery Element (LRE) in order to extend the operational hours at the divert airfield. In the process of coordinating with the LRE, the crew realized that the LRE did not possess a copy of the emergency aircraft's current software. While the crew tried to determine software compatibility, Maj. Neaderhiser utilized a mid-range power setting with minimal throttle movements and initiated a max-range descent. Once the aircraft was within glide back range, Maj. Neaderhiser established an orbit at the end of the runway. With the engine temperature continuing to rise, the decision was made to proceed with the handover, in spite of the untested software. After gaining control of the aircraft, the LRE was able to successfully recover the aircraft with no additional problems. Maj. Neaderhiser and A1C Sutton's flawless airmanship, quick decision making, and superb judgement saved a high value Air Force asset.

Sutton graduated from Brimley High School in 2003 and is the son of Jim and Sharon Sutton of Brimley, Mich. He also has a sister, Robin. Sutton received the Aircrew Safety Award of Distinction for his actions.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of The Sault Tribe News. You can call enrollment at (906) 632-5221.

Pearl Perry celebrates 80th



Pearl Perry celebrated her 80th birthday on Feb. 2 (Ground Hog Day). In her honor, her 10 children celebrated with a special dinner. Pearl is a Sault Tribe member from Marquette, Mich. Her family and friends wish her happy birthday and would like to share a poem with her.

There are angels God put on this earth
Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness as
They walk through life beside us.
God blessed us with a person like that
She loves us more than any other.
And we're thankful we are the lucky one
Who get to call her mother.

Happy birthday Mom!

Janet King celebrates 65th

Janet (Beckman) King of Romulus, Mich., was honored at a surprise 65th birthday party Jan. 15, 2006, at the Naubinway Pavillion. She had come up to visit her sister and brother-in-law Karen and Don Frazier of Naubinway.

Karen, friends and family put on the party. Janet and husband Wayne (Teto) King have one daughter Tammy, who was unable to come for the party. Teto's cousin Wanda Rando was able to come up with them.

Teto's birthday was Jan. 1, and their forty-third anniversary was Jan. 5. Cakes were made for all occasions. Sandy Peters of Naubinway made the cakes.

Friends and relatives came from Alpena, Fowlerville, Munising, Manistique, Perkins, Nunica, Gulliver, Sault Ste. Marie, Curtis and Nashville, Mich. and neighboring towns. Everyone had a great time. There were about 84 people in attendance.

We all wish her many more happy and healthy years to come. She's loved by everyone, especially her sister, Karen Frazier.



Betty and Basil Willis renew vows



Congratulations Betty and Basil Willis for renewing your wedding vows on Dec. 4, 2005, at Holy Family Church in Barbeau, Mich.

Pomeroy's celebrate 50th anniversary



Wedding day Jan. 20, 1956.

Hunter Captain wins art contest



In November, the Nokomis Learning Center of Lansing, Mich., held an art contest for the youth in Michigan titled 'What Elders Mean to Me.' Eleven-year old Hunter Captain entered her picture depicting her great-grandma Angeline Gabow peeling

wiigwas to make beautiful baskets she was well-known for across Indian Country. She titled her drawing *Come From a Long Line of Basket Makers*. Following is the story Hunter wrote to go with her drawing.

"I come from a long line of basket makers. This is my great grandma Angeline Gabow who just passed away this year. She taught my auntie Lillian Wisner how to make baskets. She has a basket in the National Museum for Indians in Washington D.C. My mom, Jackie Halfaday Minton, watched my great-grandma make baskets at the kitchen table and she is beginning to teach me how do birch bark work."

Hunter is the daughter of Jackie Halfaday Minton and Frank Captain, she is in the fifth grade at Turner-Howson School in Rudyard. Last year, Hunter's artwork was chosen to represent the Eastern Upper Peninsula School District in the governor's traveling art exhibit in Lansing, Mich.

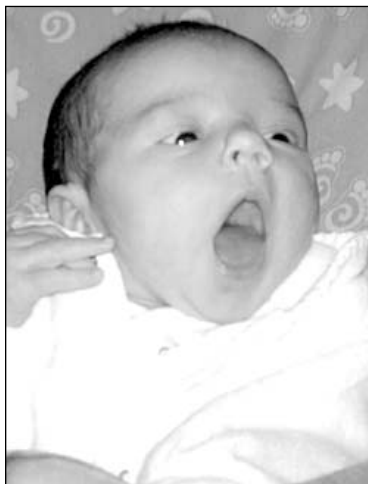


Jeanne and Robert Pomeroy today.

Jeanne Hawley and Robert Pomeroy were married January 20, 1956, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in St. Ignace. Best man was Louis Grondin of St. Ignace, Mich., and Matron of Honor was Beatrice (Hawley) Hannon of DePere, Wisc. Her brother Ralph Hawley of Madison, Wisc., gave the bride away. Robert retired from the state police in 1980 and held a position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for six years. Jeanne was a librarian with the Sault Area public schools and retired in 1990. The couple has four children: Earl (Joann) Pomeroy, Lisa (John) Saari, Kevin (Pam) Pomeroy, and Rob (Vicki) Pomeroy. They have eight grandchildren.

Stork Report...

Karen Homminga and Robert Talentino are proud to introduce their daughter **Madison Talentino** born on Jan. 1, 2006, at 9:41 p.m. She was seven pounds, 11.3 ounces and 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed by her grandparents, Louise and Gary Homminga, Carolyn and Bob McKerchie, Terry and Howard Talentino and her brother Anthony Talentino.



Samara Jade Werlhof was born Sept. 8, 2005, in Red Bluff, Calif. Proud parents are Katie and Brandon Werlhof. Samara is the great-granddaughter of the late Robert Wayne Payment, great-great-granddaughter of the late Russell and Pearl Payment.



Isaac Franklin Mattson was born Nov. 18, 2005, at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. He weighed seven pounds, 10.8 ounces and was 18.75 inches in length.

Proud parents are Emil and Terri (nee Scott) Mattson of Mesa, Ariz. Issac joins a brother, Wyatt, at home.

Grandparents are Bob and Kathy (Gravelle) Moiles of Pensacola, Fla., Emil and Vera Mattson of Phoenix and the late Frank Scott. Great-grandmother is Thelma Smart of Newberry, Mich.

Assistant casino manager named in St. Ignace



Rich Smith

Richard Smith of St. Ignace has been chosen as the assistant casino manager for the St. Ignace Kewadin Casino. "The past years that I have worked with Kewadin have been a learning experience for me," said Smith. "I look for-

ward to working with Darcy (Chase) and the rest of Kewadin's management in this position."

Smith was born and raised in St. Ignace. He began working with the casino in 1993 as a gaming table dealer. He was then transferred to the slot department as a slot floor person and promoted to slot technician. In 1997 Smith took the job of slot manager and has been in that position for nearly nine years.

"Rich is a great choice for this position," said Darcy Chase St. Ignace general manager. "He has a great deal of casino experience, excellent customer service skills, and has proved to be a competent manager."

As assistant casino manager, Smith will be responsible to oversee the daily casino operations of the St. Ignace facility which cur-

rently employs 400 team members. The St. Ignace casino is currently expanding and will feature over 127,000 square feet of new gaming space and an on-site hotel. It is scheduled to open in the summer of 2006.

Kewadin Casinos, with locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Christmas, offers Vegas style gaming and entertainment in the beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Together the casino properties employ 1,200 team members, 50 percent of which are members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. In 2005, the casinos donated nearly \$60,000 towards local fundraisers, children's and elder programs along with over \$100,000 to help with local events and festivals.

Another successful year for Kewadin's convention center



The Grand Ballroom of the Convention Center.

Big increase in holiday sales; 13 percent increase in overall sales

Kewadin Casino's convention center hosted 356 business conferences, meetings and parties in 2005 and posted a 12.45 percent increase in overall sales compared to 2004. During the month of December alone, convention staff was very busy with holiday bookings as they achieved a 24 percent increase in revenues in Christmas party bookings. "Our sales staff did an incredible job this year at marketing our property and working towards their goal," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer.

In an effort to meet market demand for convention and meeting space in the Upper Peninsula, Kewadin Casinos added the 30,000 square foot convention center to their facility in 1997 as part of the hotel and trail expansion.

Since the facility opened, hundreds of organizations have hosted conventions at Kewadin including regional and national groups such as Michigan Elks, Michigan Conservation Districts, Disabled American Vets and Fraternal Order of Police. This dramatic increase and demand for convention space lead to the opening of a Detroit regional Kewadin Casinos convention sales office in 2002. "One of the many things we have working for

us is our repeat business — it proves that we do things right and that our staff has the relationships with our clients to meet and exceed their needs," said Stephanie Laitinen, assistant convention sales director.

Kewadin's staff provides excellent customer service and seamless meeting preparations making them a common name used when meeting planners are making decisions on where to host their next convention. "Our sales staff is very aggressive at selling our property and the other natural assets we have that make Kewadin a perfect meeting spot for a variety of groups," said Goetz.

Offering more of what conventions want, Kewadin's convention facility is very attractive to meeting planners not only because of the unique location in the Upper Peninsula, but because of the 318 hotel rooms, a first-class restaurant, Vegas-style gaming, and nationally renowned entertainment. This combination of attributes fits the bill for meeting professionals searching for that perfect venue

The casino is located within minutes of many destination points that are attractive to convention goers including Agawa Canyon, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, Mackinaw Island, Pictured Rocks National

Lakeshore, Tahquamenon Falls and the famous Soo Locks.

In addition to the 15 convention center meeting room, the Dream Maker's Theater is often used by large groups offering over 13,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. This unique room offers full concert and stage performance equipment and seating for 1,500 people and the ability to host banquets of up to 650 people.

In the past two years, the sales staff has seen a demand for more off site catering and has gladly worked with the clients to meet their needs. "We're doing more than we ever have before," said Laitinen. In 2005, the staff hosted a reception at the Valley Camp and in 2004 a similar event at the Soo Locks.

Awards and Honors

In December 2003, MeetingNews Magazine awarded Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center the "Planners' Choice Award." This annual award program is a national and international award that recognizes properties and convention bureaus, which regularly excel in all phases of conference and hospitality services.

Looking towards the future

Kewadin's convention sales department has a very bright future ahead. In June of 2006, the team will host its largest national convention group when the National Congress of American Indians holds its mid-year conference at Kewadin. Over 900 participants plan to be here for this incredible event.

"The direction our sales department is going is so positive," said Laitinen. "We are beyond where we thought it would be 10 years ago and we are continuing to grow." The convention sales office is located at Kewadin's Sault location. They have a on-site sales manager and two sales managers in Detroit, four convention service staff and 36 banquet staff.

Legendary rockers KISS coming to Kewadin Casino



Left, the cover of the recently released two-disc DVD set, filmed in high-definition during KISS 2004 Rock The Nation tour, features a vast collection of the hottest songs, many performed live for the first time in years. The DVD set is loaded with behind-the-scenes footage of the band, including sound checks, photo sessions and life on the road.

The legendary rockers Kiss will perform at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie on July 21, 2006, in a one time outdoor concert.

Kiss has been a symbol of rock-n-roll for more than 30 years and has been one of the most influential bands of all time. They are known for their legendary partying, stage theatrics and white and black makeup. The band went on a farewell tour in 2000 planning to retire but changed their minds when it became clear that they didn't want to stop playing and the fans wanted them to keep going.

Tickets for Kiss will go on sale on April 1, 2006, and can be purchased by calling the Dream Maker's Theater box office at 1-800-KEWADIN. A total of 10,000 tickets will be sold with 2,500 reserved seats, 2,800 bleacher and 4,700 general admission.

Call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.



Renovation brings "Scatter Buffet" to Dream Catcher's Restaurant

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Kewadin Casino Dream Catcher's Restaurant will be offering a temporary menu for casino guests as it is to undergo extensive renovations which began Jan. 16, 2006.

"The renovations will offer our guests so much more," said Janice Frye, interim food and beverage director. "Not only will it give our guests a more comfortable dining experience with new flooring, seating, and decoration, but it will give our chefs some of the best food preparation equipment in the area."

Dream Catcher's currently accommodates 270 guests and is over 12,000 square feet. The main feature of the project is a new scatter buffet with action stations behind the buffet lines. "The new stations will allow our chefs to prepare entrees as needed directly behind the buffet," said Frye.

A special ala carte menu featuring casino favorites will be offered for breakfast, lunch and dinner until the restaurant is reopened in April. During this time, patrons will be served in the Signatures Lounge and Woodlands convention room,

which are located adjacent to the restaurant area. The casino's popular two for one breakfast and lunch buffets will still be available on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Additionally, the weekend fish fry and seafood buffet will still be offered.

The restaurant upgrade is the final phase in Sault casinos renovation project that began in November 2003. Nearly every area of the casino has been updated and renovated including the gaming rooms, the "Trail" area, deli, and hotel rooms.

This eight-year old restaurant serves over 300,000 guests per year and has won numerous local accolades from the Sault Evening News' Best of the Best including best service, salad bar, dinner buffet, fresh seafood and seafood buffet — earmarking year number five.

Kewadin's Market Square Buffet, the future Horseshoe Bay Restaurant in St. Ignace, will have limited buffet hours beginning Jan. 20, 2006, with the hot buffet only being served for breakfast and lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during January and February.

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

Ancient kitchen unearthed in Indiana park

INDIANA - The apparent remains of a 4,000 year old "kitchen" have been uncovered at Charlestown State Park. Archaeologist Bob McCullough says the site was probably used by nomadic tribes of hunters and gatherers to prepare their winter food supplies. The tribes appear to have collected hickory nuts while using rock slabs to crush them. The people then made fires to boil the nuts for both eating and extracting fatty oils they consumed during the lean winter months.

— *Associated Press*

New archaeological look at early Georgia evangelists

GEORGIA - When Spanish explorers first arrived in the New World in 1513, they established outposts and missions in today's southeastern United States. Mission Santa Catalina de Guale, believed to be the oldest church in Georgia, existed from the 1570s to 1680.

In the 1980s, archaeologists excavated the once-lost mission on St. Catherine's Island. They found evidence that the Guale Tribe (pronounced Wally by the Spanish), held onto cherished tribal traditions, some even after converting to Christianity. "The Catholics believed that you can't take it with you, but the Indians believed otherwise," said archaeologist Dennis Blanton, speaking about artifacts buried with 400 Indians in separate graves under the mission. "These artifacts talk to us about a compromise."

Catholic mission life was far more wide-spread on America's eastern coast than in California or the Southwest, but the southeast's warm, moist climate has dissolved most mission history.

As a curator for Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Blanton is creating a permanent exhibit that gives Georgians a better understanding of the American Indian history in their state.

— *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Celebrating life of a true leader

MAINE — Passamaquoddy tribal governor Melvin Francis was killed in a car accident as he returned from a meeting. Francis was part of a generation of Maine Indians who revived their traditional culture in the 1960s. Later, they advocated for economic development projects that would improve their people's lives.

Francis was described as a peacemaker with the ability to bring people together. Mourners included leaders of all of Maine's American Indian groups, as well as state political leaders led by Gov. John Baldacci. The Democratic and Republican leaders of the state House and Senate also attended. State flags were ordered to be flown at half staff.

"This is the first time ever that we've had the Maine congressional people (attend a service) when a Native person dies," said Francis's friend, Bob Newell. "The governor of the state of Maine has never been here when a Native person dies. It's a great honor to have these people here."

Recently, Francis had told Newell that when he died, he would try to find his ancestors. "(Francis) said he would tell them, 'We're still here,'" Newell said. "We still speak our language. We still hear the drum. We still dance."

— *Portland Press Herald*

Youth pace tribe's 'spiritual event'

SOUTH DAKOTA - Something magical happened in the Black Hills during the recent Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run. One young Northern Cheyenne runner accidentally dropped the sacred eagle feather staff that had been carried by hand for hundreds of miles. Phillip Whiteman Jr., the relay-run's founder, picked it up and said a prayer. When he looked overhead, he saw two eagles circling and screeching. Not far away, he saw a buffalo. He took this as a message.

"The Cheyenne are known as the buffalo people," Whiteman said. This year, a record 120 runners participated in the Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual Run. The runners were accompanied by a fleet of vans, chaperones and supporters who met cheering spectators along the way. Before the run and along the way, leaders and participants prayed, told their ancestors' story and focused on team-building, communication, unity, discipline and honor.

"It's planting seeds," Whiteman said. The annual run remembers the Cheyenne who broke out of their wooden barracks and escaped from Nebraska's Fort Robinson in 1879. At that time, Dull Knife and Little Wolf decided to lead 300 tribe members from Oklahoma, where they were dying, to their ancestral land in Montana (Those who remained behind are known today as Southern Cheyenne).

When the marchers reached Nebraska, they split into two bands. Little Wolf led the healthy to Montana; Dull Knife took the sick and weak to seek help from the Lakota tribe. The U.S. Cavalry caught Dull Knife's band and took them to Fort Robinson. That winter, troops

locked the Cheyennes in the barracks without food, water or heat. After five days, they decided to break out. On Jan. 9, 1879, the band fled the barracks, and a bloody gun battle ensued. Most of the band was killed within minutes; many survivors were later killed by U.S. soldiers. But Dull Knife and a few others survived and embarked on a long, difficult journey to the north.

Among the comments by this year's spiritual runners: "The hardest part was running up the hills," said seven-year old Brandi Nightwalker. Shann Wolfname, 17, added, "It means a lot to do it for our ancestors."

— *Billings Gazette*

Speak it good and strong

CALIFORNIA — By 1950 — 100 years after settlers began arriving at the North Coast of California — the Yurok language was all but gone. Yurok children were taken away from their families and sent to boarding schools, where they were beaten for using their native tongue. People were made to feel ashamed of their language. As the elders and grandparents died, the Yurok language faded away almost to nothing.

But two years ago, 62-year old Kathleen Vigil founded the Yurok Elder Wisdom Preservation Project because her mother's generation — the last generation to experience the old Yurok ways — would not be around forever.

Today, language and traditional classes are held. In the coming years, the Yurok Elder Wisdom Preservation Project hopes to develop language lesson plans, increase attendance at community language classes and institute a summer immersion camp for students in which only Yurok would be spoken. In the meantime, Yurok leaders will continue recording the speech and stories of the elder generation, while they still have time.

— *North Coast Journal*

Kodiak residents visit New Zealand Native culture conference

ALASKA — In November, a delegation from Kodiak Island joined over 3,000 people attending the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in New Zealand. Their goal was to learn how the Maori people have been so successful at maintaining their indigenous language and culture. The Maori language is an official language of New Zealand and Maori children grow up fluent in their tribal tongue.

The Maori tribe is also influential in the government. "It seems everything they do, they've got the golden touch," said April Counciller.

The Kodiak Island delegates are involved in the Alutiiq language program. Kodiak Island has only 35 fluent Alutiiq speakers whose average age is 74. That exceeds the life expectancy for Natives in the region. Counciller said it was a moral boost to see people all over the world fighting the same battles to continue their cultures. "There is a lot of urgency to what we do," Counciller said.

— *Indian Country Today*

Program seeks to get Indians on the Internet

A recent study, "Falling Through The Net: Defining The Digital Divide," reveals that too many American Indians and Alaska Natives do not have Internet access, a key tool in language and cultural preservation. "With studies indicating that access to computers among many American Indian households lags behind the national average by 15 percent and access to the Internet by roughly 19 percent, it's clear that more has to be done to make these families aware of the advantages and opportunities that are associated with bringing technology into their lives," said Terry Braun, Seneca.

Now, the Native American Family Technology Journey hopes to correct that imbalance. In November it held a series of seminars across Indian Country. The program is also establishing a forum to show how the Internet can help preserve languages and traditional customs from one generation to the next.

One of the program's sponsors, IBM, has established a Language Materials Development Center to help tribes preserve, teach and share their language. The company has also developed the Native Keyboard Input Method Editor, which allows a user to switch from English to another language with a simple "hotkey" or command.

Learn more about the Native American Family Technology Journey at www.nativeamericanfamily.net.

— *Native American Times*

Children's book brings Shoshone tale to life

UTAH — When Helen Timbimboo was growing up, she remember youth gathering around their elders at night to listen to stories. "Haa Hoo," Timbimboo recalls elders would say. "That means 'wide awake.' As quick as somebody goes to sleep, the story teller stops."

Timbimboo, 77, says today's Shoshone youth don't listen to story-telling as she did. But with her tribe's new project, *Coyote Steals Fire*, Helen has faith the stories will continue to be told.

Coyote Steals Fire is a collaborative effort from Shoshone toddlers to elders. The book, which includes a CD narrated by Timbimboo, tells of how "Itsappe," or Old Coyote, stole fire from the people of the south. "I think many times people don't understand us," Timbimboo said. "Maybe we can help them understand what we're all about."

Proceeds from the book will go directly to cultural programs, she said, including a tribal library, a singing project and a language revitalization program.

— *Deseret News*

Indians seek education board representation

IDAHO — In its 117-year history, the Idaho State Board of Education has never included an American Indian. Idaho lawmakers and leaders from four tribes recently discussed that issue in a Statehouse meeting.

"We would like to see somebody appointed to the State Board of Education because we are not represented there," Lapwai High School Principal Brian Samuels said. Samuels said the board needs someone who understands Indian history, the treaties and the trauma. "If you have educators who do not understand the sensitivity issues for those students, they'll become dropouts or low achievers," Samuels said.

The council welcomed the suggestion. Tribes have been invited to recommend candidates for two state board openings coming up in March. Nez Perce Tribe Chairwoman Rebecca Miles asked that the person who fills such a position be "not just a vision of an Indian educator in a position, but someone who has a direct affect on the outcome."

— *Lewiston Morning Tribune*

New program aimed at American Indian college students

SOUTH DAKOTA — The Gear-Up program is designed to help American Indian students earn degrees and adjust to college life. Gear Up prepares middle school and high school students for classes. It also gives high school seniors a six-week experience at a university during the summer.

"What we're hoping is these kids will feel comfortable heading off to college," said Keith Moore from South Dakota's Indian Education office. South Dakota will offer the Gear Up program this summer. It's based after a similar program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation which has helped increase the number of their students receiving college degrees.

South Dakota received a \$6,900,000 matching federal grant to implement the program for six years.

— *Sioux City Journal*

Educational partnership starting

ILLINOIS — The Native American Educational Services (NAES) is partnering with Eastern Illinois University to offer bachelor's of arts degrees in general studies. NAES, the only private American Indian, and EIU will offer the program both on-line and in the classroom and begins spring semester, 2006.

American Indian people living in Chicago, other cities and reservations across the U.S. have access to this unique degree program. The Native American Educational Services was established in Chicago in 1974. It's mission is to strengthen the leadership within American Indian communities. It also works to ensure that tribal knowledge, traditions and values play a major role in the higher education of Indian students.

— *American Indian Listserve*

Deborah Cavett named executive director of White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities

WASHINGTON, DC — Deborah Cavett is the new executive director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities (WHITCU). Her job is to ensure that the nation's 35 tribal colleges and universities are supported and have full access to federal higher education programs.

Cavett will also serve on the president's board of advisors on tribal colleges and universities.

President Bush created WHITCU in July, 2002, and serves more than 30,000 full-time and part-time students. It offers vocational certificate programs and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. These institutions are often the only post secondary institutions in America's poorest rural areas. They serve a variety of students, including young adults, senior citizens, American Indians and others.

— *Indigenous News Network*



As they sashayed down a cat walk, models from the Petoskey Bridal Salon wowed the crowd with a wide array of fashions for brides and attendants. Many attendees were planning weddings this year.

Fashions for grooms, ring bearers and flower girls were also shown during the eighth annual Wedding Expo at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Wedding Expo 2006 extravaganza



One of the many dealers, caterers and others displaying wares and services were kept busy by the throngs seeking ideas and resources for their planning.

The eighth annual Kewadin Casinos Wedding Expo was another huge success in 2006. "Oh my, we had the biggest expo ever," exclaimed Stephanie Laitinen, convention sales director.

Compared to the 2005 Wedding Expo, the number of attending vendors increased to over 40 compared to 29 in 2005 and patron attendance for the show was up by over 100 to 466.

There were realtors, caterers, clothiers, florists and others with everything from exquisite gowns to glamorous intimate apparel, limousine services, jewelers and much, much more.

"This is the second year that our team has worked together on this event and they did a fantastic job," said Laitinen.

The team included Annette Andress, convention services manager; Todd Olmstead, convention sales manager; Maggie Nolan, director of catering; Deb Pine, graphic designer; Jodi Quinn, events manager; Vicki Puidokas, catering administration assistant; and Jan Cooper, convention sales administration assistant.

One of the biggest hits of the event were the four ice carvings created by a couple from Kewadin's food and beverage staff, Glenn Payment and Amber Ripley, both of whom are Sault Tribe members.

Folks, mostly women, came from a wide area to take in the exposition. They received goody bags as they entered and sipped complimentary beverages and sampled foods as they

perused tables laden with all manner of goods and services that might interest anyone contemplating a wedding in their future.

Another big hit was the fashion show orchestrated by the Petoskey Bridal Saloon from downstate. Models showed off exquisite gowns while their faces beamed as brightly as a bride's when making that transitional walk down the aisle.

In spite of what seemed to be ample seating, it became a standing-room-only event, but folks seemed too distracted to mind, especially when the Footlight Dancers of the Soo Theatre Arts Resources Studios, operated by the Soo Theatre Project, took to the stage and performed elegant dances for all to enjoy.



Making a fitting contribution of grace and beauty to the occasion, members of the Footlight Dancers of the Soo Theatre Arts Resources Studios (STARS), part of the Soo Theatre Project, performed dances for the crowd. From left to right: Caroline Zinser, Kelly Kaunisto and Allison Dale, all of Sault Ste. Marie. Dianne George, STARS dance director, was also on hand.

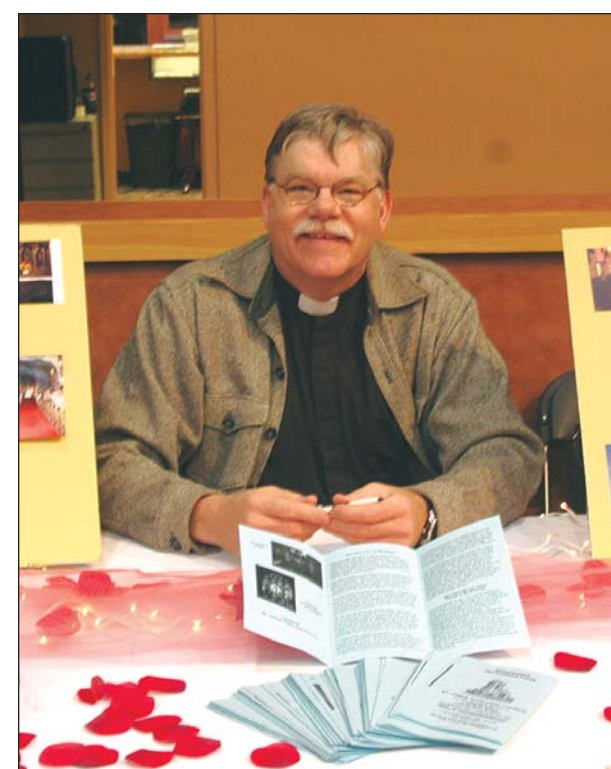
Photos and text by Rick Smith



A chocolate fondue featuring fresh fruit was one of a smorgasbord of offerings available for sampling and savoring. Yum! Of course, there were a few bakers showing complete wedding cakes along with providing pieces for patrons to taste.



Annette Andress, convention services manager greets expo visitors in front of two of the four ice sculptures created by Chefs Amber Ripley and Glenn Payment.



Father Russ Murphy was on hand to discuss the spiritual side of marriage and to promote traditional church weddings.



One of the more ornate displays at the expo in the calm before most folks started to arrive. The annual Wedding Expo at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center is popular among retailers and patrons alike.

Why Life is Worth Living

SUBMITTED BY ADAM KHALIL
 Vibrations pushing a people forward, the beat and movement of it all. We only compose a small speck in the plethora of time. Even though this might make life seem insignificant or disposable it means the exact opposite. Because of the small time we possess in this world we need to take full advantage of it and improve the world as we know it. Action not words, movement not thought, living.

There are so many different facets of life, so many idiosyncrasies, little variations in a day, so much to be learned and understood. It's difficult for some people to realize all of these little miracles that occur throughout all of our lives. We all have things to be thankful for, we all have things we wish were better, but we live in a great country, we are members of a great culture and heritage, and we're all alive. Part of the realization of why life is worth living is to recognize that we have it so much better than most. Children in other foreign countries who are born into the kind of extreme poverty we rarely see in this country, baby's born into terminal diseases, war-torn countries, confronted with a fear for life everyday. We are not faced with these challenges that

certain people in the world face, we are the lucky ones, privileged just because we were born in the confines of these borders.

There is so much beauty surrounding us, sometimes its difficult to realize because of desensitization towards the small things that make this world so amazing. Trees turning colors, the first snow as it drifts down from the sky, watching the seasons change, talking to friends, being with family, enjoying music, learning our culture, gaining understanding for the rest of the world around us. It is not a sufficient answer for someone to say 'life sucks,' or 'life's unfair,' those people need to take a look around and realize all these amazing gifts we've been given, all these awe-inspiring things we experience every moment we're alive.

From what I've experienced life moves in waves, up and down, over and over. Everything's changing, we live in the changing world. No one is stuck in a certain situation, there is always a way out of a bad place. Whether it be through education, creativity, culture, or abilities there is always a way to change, a way to move, a way to shed the negatives, there is always hope.

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

Why is life worth living? Life is worth living to go for your dreams, reach for the stars and do the best you can. Life might get tough some times, and you might feel like the lowest person on earth, but that is no reason to not live life the way you want to live it. Everything in life happens for a reason, even if the thing that happens to you is bad, your life is something special you should cherish, and enjoy, not be upset about.

The definition of life is Human Existence, relationships, or activity in general, we should all have positive healthy relationships, and be active and get out there and do something. Life is you, you are life. The creator wanted people to live good healthy lives. Find something you are interested in and do it, you only live once, so make the best of the life you have now. If you find something you like and want to pursue it, get out there and do it, don't sit around and wait for life to find you, you have the power inside of you to do anything you want to do.

Everyone has a soul, and it is up to you to let that soul out and be the person you want to be. Don't let other people encourage you to be someone you are not, it is your life, be yourself, not what other people want you to be.

Life is a word that a lot of people don't know the meaning of, what is the meaning of life? Why am I even alive? There is one simple answer, and that is, the creator made all of us to live a good life and do the best we can in everything we do. I'm not the smartest person in the world, but that does not mean I'm less of a person than someone else, we are all equal in this world, we all have problems, we all have loved ones, and we all have feelings. So if you ever think you are smaller, or worth less than someone else, sit back and think to yourself what life really means. Life is you, and you are life. Do the best in everything you do, and live your life in a positive healthy way.—**GOD BLESS, MIKE LEON**

Joining The Military

People join the military for many different reasons. Some reasons might be because they have had family members who have been in it or are still in it, maybe its because of the benefits they give you, or it could be just for there own reasons. I am joining the army because I found out about all of the good things that can come from being in any branch of the military. One of these benefits are that they will pay for a good amount of your college schooling when you get out. Another thing is that you can

get a lot of good training in the career field that you want to go into and you can go into just about anything that you want. Also I am joining because I have three cousins who are in the military, two of which are in the National Guard and one who is in the army. All three of them say that they love it and they are very glad that they decided to go into it. The reason that I am most excited to go into the army is for the experiences that I will get out of it.

—*Kilee Behrens*

"Escanaba in da spotlight"



At the Christmas party in Escanaba, facing the camera, left to right are Geno Constantino, Amy and Cydnie Carignan and Khody Smith showing off the present he received from Santa.



Enjoying lunch at the Escanaba Christmas party, left, front to back, Ashley Makowski, Paige Carlson and Larissa Jarvey, and, right, Rakyah Jarvey, Ryan Jarvey and Keaton Jarvey.



Above, Marissa Gragnon, Haley Jarvey Keaton Jarvey, YEA coordinator Kelly Constantino and elder helper Harriet Nelson work on Christmas decorations at the Escanaba youth center, right, Vincent Maniowabi and boys play games together.



Larry Godfrey - Helping get bead kits together for the "Together We Dance" Tours.



Patty Teeples, youth services coordinator in Manistique with April Easle, Cassie Emery and Vanessa Jenerou.



Left top right, Lulu Beauchamp, Kimberly Arts and Hailey Dimock dance at the mini powwow at Webster School in Escanaba. Students and teachers watched as they danced in the gym.

February is Mentoring Month

Mentoring, does everybody good



Working with a youth at the computer lab is one of many examples of ways to mentor. This photo is from the 2004 Elder Month Video.

SUBMITTED BY LANE BARBER, MA, LPC, NBCC AND MICHAEL POWERS, MA, LPC

The topic for this month is mentoring. First of all, what is mentoring? According to the American Heritage Dictionary, "it is someone who could be considered a wise and trusted teacher." In the traditional Anishnabe culture the process of mentoring was common place. Through the mentoring process necessary living skills were passed down from one generation to the next. For example, the men would take young boys hunting and teach them the skills needed to survive and support their family. And the women would teach young girls the skills necessary

to sustain a household. Additionally social norms and rules of society were taught through the process of mentoring.

It is simplest form mentoring is when a more experienced person on a given task or skill, teaches that task or skill to someone else. Typically this is done by an adult teaching a younger child. In our so-called modern society, this concept of mentoring seems to have faded. We believe that it would be important to revive this concept. Many adults today may not believe that children even want to hear from them or would not know were to start.

However, in our community we have several programs were

mentoring is valued and volunteers are needed. The examples are many, Bud Biron and the cultural staff, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Boy's & Girl's Clubs, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America and church youth groups. Joanne Umbrasas of the Tribal Court is in the process of starting up a mentoring program to help our tribal youth. In the Anishnabe culture the community elders are valued members of society, who have so much to offer the younger tribal members. Many of these elders may feel misplaced and unable to fulfill that traditional role for the tribe. Mentoring offers the opportunity to reverse that trend.

The benefits of mentoring are manifold. It can improve self-esteem for everyone involved by giving a sense of accomplishment. By using the mentoring process we keep the oral history of the tribe alive and well. It can help our younger tribal members, who have stepped in the wrong direction, find their way back. Take the time to get involved in your community because there is still an important place for our elders and other community members to get involved and be a benefit to the tribe today. You could contact Bud Biron or the cultural department, Joanne Umbrasas at the Tribal Court or look in the phone book for any of the above named organizations.

Farewell to ACFS team members



Left to right: Chairperson Aaron Payment, Martha Snyder, Karen Lee, Gail Carr, and ACFS Director Christine McPherson.

SUBMITTED BY: KARI O'GORMAN

Anishnabek Community and Family Services will be saying farewell to three of our team members over the next month. Gail Carr, Martha Snyder, and Karen Lee have all opted to take the early retirement offer from the board of directors.

Gail Carr has worked for the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians for twenty-nine years. She started with the Tribe as an enrollment secretary. After a year, Gail transferred to Community Health as a community health representative for two years. Gail relocated to the USDA program in 1980, where she worked as a food certifier for 12 years. In 1992, Gail started with Anishnabek Community and Family Services as a direct service worker with the General Assistance Program.

Martha "Marty" Snyder has worked for the Tribe for 27 years. During her years with ACFS, Marty held many positions. She has been an outreach worker, a caseworker intern, a caseworker, and now the caseworker supervisor. Marty, along with Joe Lumsden, were very active in the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act, a new initiative at the time and currently the driving force in all Child Welfare Cases involving Native American children throughout the United States. Marty received recognition from President Jimmy Carter for her efforts. Marty was the first deputy director of MICWA, the only state licensed agency in the 1970's that dealt specifically with Native American children.

Karen Lee has worked for the Tribe for twenty-two years.

Karen worked as the Johnson O'Malley reading and math aide. She also worked as a coordinator of art and advertising for the tribal newspaper. She had spent some time working at the Sweetgrass Arts and Crafts Shop. Karen was also an Adolescent Pregnancy Program Coordinator and a JOBS Program Casemanager. Karen spent her last eleven years as the EAP representative with ACFS. Karen is the designer of the flag currently used by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

All of these team members will be greatly missed. Anishnabek Community and Family Services would like to wish each one a fond farewell and best wishes in their next endeavors.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center

"Women's Lodge, Lodge of Bravery"

"The Lodge" is a component of Anishnabek Community and Family Services. The "Lodge" was named one of the aspects of the Seven Grandfather teachings, Bravery, which means "To face life with courage is to know bravery. The personal strength to face difficulties, obstacles and challenges. The Courage to make positive choices. Never give in, Never give up." We are shelter for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking victims who need a safe place to stay away from abuse. It is not a homeless shelter.

The Lodge opened on April 15, 2003 and has provided a safe haven for 58 families. Advocates are available to help shelter resi-

dents with locating safe, affordable housing. The advocates also provide assistance with housing applications and with information and referrals for obtaining financial assistance for securing housing.

The Lodge is always in need of personal need items, (soap, shampoo, etc), towels and sheets, and cleaning supplies. If you're interested in donating any of the listed items please contact, Anna Rogers-Stott at (906) 632-1808.

If you are in need of a safe place to stay away from violence contact our 24-Hour Crisis Line at (906) 278-0033. Victim advocates are available to provide immediate assistance.



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Bringing news
from ACFS*

Elder heating assistance available

Elder heating assistance is now available to those tribal elders who do not qualify for assistance from the traditional (federally funded) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

The Sault Tribe Chairman and Board of Directors have authorized tribal funds to be made available to Anishnabek Community and Family Services to administer the program.

Income guidelines are 60 percent of the State Median Income; for one person \$21,404; for two people \$27,900 and three people allow earning up to \$34,575

Elder Heating Assistance may be received one time per calendar year (Jan-Dec). Eligibility requirements include the tribal member applicant to be at least 60 years of age, reside in the tribal seven

county service area and meet income guidelines.

Once approved for assistance, a credit will be forwarded to the designated vendor. The tribal member may use the credit to purchase heating fuels or pay toward expenses incurred.

A direct assistance staff member may assist in completing the application if desired.

Please bring copies of your current energy provider statement, tribal card, social security card and proof of annual income for all household members. Annual income includes earned and unearned income.

Applications are available at all Anishnabek Community and Family Service (ACFS) offices and can also be requested by contacting the Sault Ste. Marie office at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Inland hunting and fishing decision delayed

By RICK SMITH
A trial over the 1836 Washington Treaty inland hunting and fishing rights has been pushed back from last January to sometime next summer. No specific date has been set. Attorney Aaron Schlehuber said the reason for the postponement was because the presiding judge, the Honorable Richard Alan Enslen of the United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, decided to delay the

trial to allow for continued settlement talks between federal, state and tribal representatives. The litigation involves the United States and five Michigan American Indian tribes, whose predecessors were named on the treaty, versus the State of Michigan. Essentially, the 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 water-

ways according to Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty with the United States. The state of Michigan believes the tribes do not have that right. The five tribes involved in the case are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

GLRC amends fishing regulations

On Dec. 1, 2005, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) Great Lakes Resources Committee (GLRC) took action to amend the "CORA Commercial, Subsistence, and Recreational Fishing Regulations for the 1836 Treaty Ceded Waters of Lakes Superior, Huron and Michigan."

The required 30-day notice was given and there were no contests.

An updated set of regulations can be viewed and downloaded from www.1836cora.org.

Those with any questions can contact Beverly Aikens or Jane TenEyck at (906) 632-0043.

The new language—The amendments, in Section III, IX and XXVIII of the regulations, are as follows:

Section III. Definitions, a NEW SUBSECTION (cc) will be added and will read:

(cc) Active fishing boat" means a boat which is used for fishing at least once in any 14-day period (weather permitting) and which is observed at an access site either unloading fish or leaving the site to engage in

fishing. Section IX. Gear Restrictions, changes in subsection (c)(4) and will read (changes in italics): (4) All trap nets used for fishing from ITALICS[September 1] through December 31 within ten (10) feet of the surface of the water shall have a staff buoy on the pot and at the terminating end of the lead, with at least four (4) feet exposed above the surface of the water with a red or orange flag no less than twelve (12) inches by twelve (12) inches bearing the license number of the fisher affixed to the top of the staff. Each net shall have placed at the king anchor and at the end of the wings a red or orange float not less than one (1) gallon in size, or a red or orange PVC float that is at least six (6) inches by fourteen (14) inches in size. Each trap net lead shall have attached along the top edge of the net fluorescent orange floats at least six (6) inches by fourteen (14) inches in size, which are evenly spaced along the length of the lead every 300 feet or less; (provided, trap net fishers may request from their Tribe an exemption from this

requirement for nets located in areas of strong current.) Section IX. Gear Restrictions, additional sentence added to subsection (1) to read (addition in italics): (1) [No tribal fisher shall have unattended nets in 1836 Treaty waters.] Unattended and abandoned nets may be seized by an enforcement officer and forfeited; provided, that if the nets have been reported to the appropriate Tribe as vandalized or lost prior to seizure, the fisher shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to retrieve the nets. Section XXVIII. Use of Access Sites, two new subsections added (b)(9) and (b)(10) to read: (9) Only active fishing boats may be moored at an access site from April 1 to December 31 of each year; provided that such requirement shall not apply during the closed season for whitefish. (10) Unless specified otherwise in the access site permit, no boat shall be left on the beach of the access site.

Survey Winners Announced

The Inland Fishing, Hunting & Gathering Committee recently conducted the drawing for three cash prizes to be awarded to members who filled out and returned the input survey that was mailed to all adult members of the Tribe. The random drawing was done using the Tribe's MIS Department and the lucky winners are: \$ 300.00 won by Nancy Hascall of Brimley, Mich. \$ 200.00 won by Annette Powers of Springboro, Ohio \$ 100.00 won by Shannon Schroeder of Ames, Iowa The Committee would also like to thank all of the Members who participated in the survey. The information gathered is an invaluable asset to the Committee and the Tribe's Negotiating Team who will use it during the U.S. v Michigan treaty rights case.

CORA 2006 holiday office closures

In 2006, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) office will be closed on the following days:	BIA 2006 Holidays —The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) offices will be closed during 2006 on the following dates:
April 14	January 16
May 29	February 20
July 4	May 29
September 4	July 4
September 22	September 4
November 10	October 9
November 23	November 10
November 24	November 23
December 25	December 25
December 26	Please mark your calendars accordingly.
January 1, '07	
January 2, '07	

Sault Tribe and BPAC collect signatures to clean up the St. Mary's River

Prompted by reports of sewage washing up on Sugar Island and other areas of the river, the Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) for the St. Mary's River Remedial Action Plan has been circulating a petition to the governments of Canada and Ontario requesting them to make good on promises to address remaining contaminated sediments. Recent investigations indicate that plenty of contaminated sediments still exist on the bottom of the St. Mary's River and periodically make their way to the surface to cause problems again. Pollution problems in the St. Mary's River, which is listed as one of 47 Great Lakes Areas of Concern by the International Joint Commission, were first reported

in a document published 1992. The second report, which was supposed to list the actions needed to address those pollution problems, was not published until 10 years later and was then found to be incomplete because it did not address clean up of the remaining contaminated sediments. Canada and Ontario have the bulk of responsibility to clean up the river under an agreement with the State of Michigan and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Plans are in the works to dredge contaminated sediments this summer from the Algoma Steel slip which contains layers of pollution released in past years before the steel plant installed pollution control measures.

Dredging of this area will help to clean up one pocket of contamination in the upper river, however, these efforts will not address the layers of sewage below the outfall of the East End Sewage Treatment Plant nor will it address numerous other areas of contamination remaining such as the Bellevue Park Marina and the north shore of Lake George. The full text of the petition reads as follows: "We, the citizens of the St. Marys River Area of Concern, petition the governments of Canada and Ontario to promptly complete a comprehensive plan to adequately identify and remediate contaminated sediments remaining in the St. Mary's River, in cooperation with the governments of the United States and

Michigan, and that the plan be successfully executed in a timely manner. Further, the plan should especially focus on the removal or remediation of contaminated sediments related to the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario's East End Sewage Treatment Plant which continue to threaten the health of residents living downstream of that area." The St. Mary's River BPAC is composed of stakeholders from both sides of the river representing local agencies, American Indian tribes, municipalities, universities, industry and citizens concerned about the river ecosystem and health of its residents BPAC was assisted in the collection of signatures by a new group formed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The St. Mary's River Task Force was formed under the leadership of tribal representative Cathy Abramson with the goal of addressing pollution concerns in the river. BPAC would like to thank the Sault Tribe and all the people who signed the petitions in our community on both sides of the river. Efforts to collect more signatures will continue with a public information session being planned in Sault, Canada for some time in February. For more information on BPAC and the St. Mary's River <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/aoc/stmarys.html> and <http://www.lssu.edu/bpac/>.

Q & A - Questions from tribal members

Q: I live outside of the State of Michigan and I need to renew my Membership card. How do I go about getting this done?
A: Sault Tribe Members who need a card renewal should contact the Tribe's Enrollment Department by calling toll-free at (800) 251-6597. Once the Enrollment

Department confirms the name and address a new card will be sent through the U.S. mail at no cost to the Member. This also applies to lost or damaged cards.
Q: I was wondering if the Tribal newspaper has ever considered adding a classified ads section for Members?
A: The Sault Tribe News does not currently have plans

to add a classified section to the paper. The demand for this type of advertisement has not been great but if request were to rise the Communication Department would certainly consider it. If you have any suggestions relating to classified ads you should contact Darryl Brown at (906) 632-6398, EXT 26330.

Recreation services provided through 2% funds

Tribal 2% funding provides access to recreational services

Since 1994, Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has helped bring additional law enforcement services, educational and recreational programs, and improved health benefits to the tribe's seven-county service area. These services and many of the programs benefit our tribe's families as well as families in surrounding communities and are available with the help of the tribe's two-percent distributions.

The 1993 Gaming Compact, negotiated with the state, mandated semi-annual two-percent payments. This requires the tribe to earmark two-percent of its net win from electronic gaming machines to area governments.

To show their support for this program, many of our tribe's board members have visited the organizations receiving funds.

Since the payments began, the tribe has awarded more than \$20.4 million to local governments throughout the entire service area.

For more information contact Jessica Dumback at (906) 635-7770

Lake Superior State University, 650 W. Easterday Ave., Sault Ste.

Marie, MI 49783. Contact person: Stacey Swanson (906) 635-2381

- Must sign-in with the Norris Center monitor and show tribal membership card for access.
- Must register for swimming classes by calling (906) 635-7770.
- Elder's water exercise fee is \$1 per session, which must be paid at start of class.
- Limited number of LSSU hockey and basketball tickets available for tribe members.
- Limited number of free enrollment in a variety of LSSU athletic camps.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Open Swim	8/29/05 - 4/16/06	Sunday Friday	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Open Weight Room & Gym	8/29/05 - 4/28/06	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	6:00 AM - 9:00 PM 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Learn To Swim	01/16 - 2/22/06 03/06 - 04/12/06	Monday & Wednesday	4:00 PM - 4:50 PM
Elders Water Exercise	01/16 - 04/12/06 01/17 - 04/13/06	Monday & Wednesday Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 PM - 6:50 PM 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

Little Bear West, 180 North Maple, Manistique, MI 49854

Contact person: Judi Reid (906) 341-6853

- Must show tribal membership card for access.
- Open skate hours may vary due to hockey schedules, starts October 2005.
- Open and after-school skates are free to tribe members.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Open Skating	October 2005 - March 2006	Friday & Saturday Sunday	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Pond Hockey for Kids	October 2005 - March 2006	Friday	4:15 PM - 5:45 PM
After School Skate	October 2005 - March 2006	Wednesday	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Women's Drop-In Hockey	October 2005 - March 2006	Monday	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Men's Drop-In Hockey	October 2005 - March 2006	Sunday	8:15 - 9:15 PM

Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle, Marquette, MI

49855. Contact person: Brian Gaudreau (906) 227-2519

- Must sign-in with monitor and show tribe membership card for access.
- Limited number of NMU hockey tickets available for tribe members.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Physical Education Instructional Facility (PEIF)	August 2005 - May 2006	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	6:00 AM - 12:00 AM 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM 12:00 PM - 12:00 AM
PEIF Pool	August 2005 - May 2006	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday & Thursday Tuesday & Thursday Saturday & Sunday	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Superior Dome Open Recreation & Walking	August 2005 - May 2006	Monday - Thursday Friday	6:00 AM - 10:00 PM 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Berry Events Center Drop-In Hockey	August 2005 - May 2006	Wednesday & Friday	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Berry Events Center Drop-In Figure Skating	August 2005 - May 2006	Wednesday & Friday	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Manistique Area Schools, 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

49854

Contact person: Rob Ryan (906) 341-4300

- Must show tribal membership card for access.
- Tribe members have free access to the pool during open times, including open swim, early bird swim and learn to swim classes.
- Contact school for scheduled dates.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Open Swim	2005 - 2006	Monday & Wednesday Saturday	6:30 - 8:30 PM 1:00 - 2:40 PM
Early Bird Swim	2005 - 2006	Monday - Friday (when school is in session)	6:00 - 7:00 AM
Learn to Swim	March 2006	TBD	TBD

YMCA of Delta County, 2001 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, MI 49829

Contact person: Gary Nash (906) 789-0005

- Must show tribal membership card for access.
- Tribe members have free access to the gym, pool and fitness center during open times.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Open Swim	2005 - 2006	Monday & Wednesday Saturday	6:30 - 8:30 PM 1:00 - 2:40 PM
Early Bird Swim	2005 - 2006	Monday - Friday (when school is in session)	6:00 - 7:00 AM
Learn to Swim	March 2006	TBD	TBD

Little Bear East, 275 Marquette Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

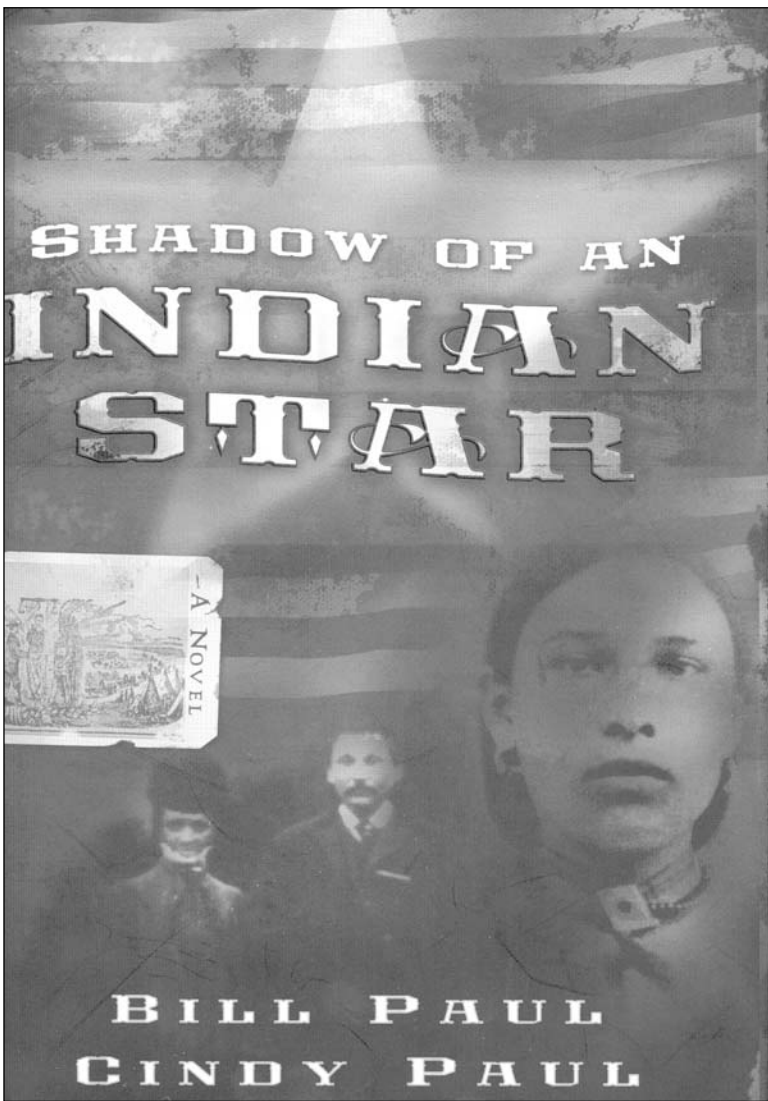
Contact person: Phil Hinkson (906) 643-8676

- Must show tribal membership card for access.
- Open skating is free to tribe members.
- Skate rentals are available for \$4 per use.
- Drop-in hockey is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth, goalies are free.
- Fitness center is available for tribe member use at half price.
- Aerobics classes are free with fitness center membership.
- Open swim, lap swim & water aerobics is \$1 per use. Pool is located at LaSalle High School.
- Learn to swim is \$4 per session.

ACTIVITY	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Open Skate	October 2005 - March 2006	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Tuesday & Friday Saturday & Sunday	4:00 - 6:00 PM 3:30 - 5:00 PM Varied Times
Adult Open Skate	October 2005 - March 2006	Monday - Friday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Men's Drop-In Hockey	October 2005 - March 2006	Monday Wednesday	8:00 PM 8:30 PM
Youth Drop-In Hockey	October 2005 - March 2006	Days Vary	Times Vary
Adult Open Walking	Winter 2006	Monday - Friday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Fitness Center	Winter 2006	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	6:00 AM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Beginner Aerobics	Winter 2006	Monday - Thursday	4:10 - 5:10 PM
Step Aerobics	Winter 2006	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	5:20 - 6:30 PM
Open Swim Lap Swim Water Aerobics	Summer 2006	TBD	TBD
Learn to Swim	Summer 2006	TBD	TBD



Book review — *Shadow of an Indian Star*



By Rick Smith

Shadow of an Indian Star is a tautly written action novel based on the true story, beginning in 1825, of one 16-year-old Smith Paul who ran away from his North Carolina home and experienced adventures before he is adopted by the Chickasaw Nation.

His adopted family is a Rev. McClure and his captivating Chickasaw wife, Ala-Teecha.

Paul travels the Trail of Tears with them to Indian Territory where a forbidden love begins developing between Paul and Ala-Teecha, tearing them between love and honor.

Coming to a pristine valley he had seen years before as a scout, Paul vows to create Smith Paul's Valley where whites, Indians and blacks will be treated equally.

From there, the novel traces the Paul family history up to the

time of the stories told to the author, Bill Paul, by his grandfather. According to a publicity documents, the idea for writing *Shadow of an Indian Star* originated out of colorful stories Bill Paul's grandfather told him as a young boy. After his grandfather died and after years of research, the Pauls discovered that the tales the grandfather had told were true. *Shadow of an Indian Star* is a true story that follows three generations of the author's ancestors who intermarry with the Chickasaw and battle tragedy, government corruption and their own inner demons, all while attempting to save themselves and the Chickasaw Nation from annihilation.

Bill Paul and Cindy Paul, his wife and co-author, live on their ranch near Paul's Valley in what is now Oklahoma. *Shadow of an Indian Star* is the couple's first novel.

Richard Green, tribal historian for the Chickasaw Nation, said of the book, "The Pauls present much heretofore unpublished information in an accessible and entertaining way. It provides scholars of 19th century America with keys and clues to a portion of the Chickasaw Nation that has been neglected for too long. And the novel's plots and complications ensure that readers will complete this intimate journey that consumes nearly a century."

Copies of *Shadow of an Indian Star* may be available in local bookstores or can be ordered through Synergy Books, 2100 Kramer Lane, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78758, phone (512) 478-2028 or via www.synergybooks.com.

Lobbying reform a hot topic

BY BOB NYGAARD

Thanks to the unfolding story of the Jack Abramoff scandal, lobbying reform and the \$19 billion Indian gaming industry will be hot topics as members of Congress returned to work in the new year.

Lobby reform has been the single biggest issue so far, with members of both political parties vowing to take action. Tribes will have to monitor proposed legislation in order to get favorable provisions inserted, according to Robert Nygaard, legislative analyst.

On the gaming front, Senator John McCain has introduced amendments to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

The measures proposed would affect almost every aspect of the industry, from contracts to regulation of lands eligible for new casinos.

According to Senator McCain it has been 17 years

since IGRA has been in place and needs an update.

One controversial provision would overturn a court victory won by the Colorado River Indian Tribes of Arizona by giving the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) the authority to regulate Class III gaming. Last fall a federal judge ruled that NIGC lacked the power to issue minimum internal control standards, also known as MICS, a decision that Senator McCain has criticized.

Another provision of the bill seeks to limit where tribes can open new casinos. It bars gaming on out-of-state lands, changes the standards for land-into-trust applications, removes procedures that help landless, restored and newly recognized tribes, and eliminates the process for off-reservation casinos. McCain plans to hold additional hearings on the subject in the coming months.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of The Sault Tribe News. You can call enrollment at (906) 632-5221.

—From the tribe's mail—

Scholarship recipient thanks tribe

To the Editor,
I would like to thank the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Sault Tribe Education Department, and the family of Joseph K. Lumsden for selecting me as a recipient of the Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship. I truly appreciate all of the support the Sault Tribe and it's members have provided for me throughout my college career.
Thanks again,
—Elizabeth Carr

Grateful to participate in veteran's powwow

Dear Editor,
Miigwitch. I am so thankful our community has so many people who love their heritage and practice their culture. I am thankful to have the opportunity to dance with pride at the November, Sault Tribe Kinross 'Honoring the Veterans Powwow.'
I am a Sault Tribe member and employee, diabetes case coordinator. I am grateful to have the opportunity to participate as a dancer and practice healthy, cultural activity and exercise.

Traditional dancing is excellent exercise and great fun too.

Give yourself the opportunity to have some good fun, Miigwitch to all who planned and participated in that event, I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

—Linda Cook

Family of Donald Shannon offers thanks

To the Editor,
The family of Donald J. Shannon sends sincere thanks to everyone for everything you did for us. Thank you to the tribe for contributing for final expenses and for the use of your ceremonial building. To the ladies who worked so hard providing meals for us and all who helped them and those who provided rooms for us. To Clint Mulder, Father Ted, Brother John, and the man who played TAPS for us. To you who visited Don in the hospital and in our home and who attended his service. Every floral arrangement, card, monetary gift, phone call, prayer, hug, and other gestures of kindness are so deeply appreciated.

With gratitude,

—Sherry Shannon and family

Student grateful for incentive award

Education Department,
Thank you very much for the \$500 incentive award check I received. Since I receive no Federal Financial Aid at all and my parents are unable to assist me financially this helps lessen the burden I have with costs of tuition, books, etc. and enables me to continue my college education.

Greatly appreciated,
—Rachel Carley

Grateful for financial support

To the Editor,
I have successfully completed all requirements needed to obtain a BBA from the University (EMU)! I could not have done this task in the time frame I did without the financial support the tribe has given. I am submitting my last academic transcript to the Higher Education Department to be considered for the \$500 award. Thank you again for all of the financial support.

Sincerely,

—Luke L. Nolan

Incentive award a stress reducer

To the Editor,
Thank you very much for the Fall 2005-2006 incentive award. This past semester was my last; I graduated on Dec. 17! Now I have to spruce my resume and job hunt. Unfortunately, my laptop died two weeks after graduation. The incentive award has greatly reduced my stress because now I have the means to repair my computer and continue my efforts to launch my career.

Thank you,
—JoyLynn Paquette

Senior grateful for lands claim check

To the Editor,
We senior tribe members should have a powwow to celebrate the reception of our lands claim check. In my case, I paid my city taxes and household fire insurance.

I also thank the tribe for my Christmas check of 50 dollars. It helped put a prime rib roast on our family Christmas table.

I'm sure all our elders made good use of both checks.
In appreciation,

—Margaret Robinson

Family of missing adult thanks tribal paper

To the Editor,
We the parents of Yvonne Renee Scott would like to thank you for putting the missing adult flier of her in The Sault Tribe News, November edition.

She is a member of the Sault Tribe, as I her mother am also a member.

May we tell you a little something about Yvonne? She has a husband (Steve), two boys, Dakota, 5, and Michael, 4. She loves her family, that's why we don't believe she just up and walked away from them.

Who knows, maybe she has amnesia and doesn't know who she is, so if you're walking down the street or driving by in a care and you happen to see someone that looks like her just holler "Hey Vonnie." If she looks up or turns around tell her she has a family who loves her and needs her, and take her to the nearest police station.

Thank you,

—Norman and Sharon (Mastaw) Jones

Brittany VanSnepson on an accelerated path to college



By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

A high school sophomore, Brittany VanSnepson will graduate in 2008 from Morley Stanwood High School in Morley, Mich. After graduation she will enter college as a junior instead of a freshman like most high school graduates.

Since age 13, VanSnepson has been a student at the Mecosta-Osceola Math, Science and Technology Center (MSTC). The center serves students from Mecosta and Osceola Counties in

the west central portion of the lower peninsula. "Of the 168 students who applied for the program the same time I did, 40 received interviews and 20 were picked to be in the program," VanSnepson said.

"Students who are in the program receive a higher education in math, science and technology than high schools provide. In the first year of the program we finished all of our high school classes in math, science and technology. The following years we take college courses. I will be done with two years of college by the time I graduate from high school," VanSnepson said.

VanSnepson was inducted into the National Honor Society last October and has a current GPA of 4.0. Her grandmother, Mary Allard-Brown of Sault Ste. Marie, said it doesn't come easy to her. "She really works hard. She is determined to do good and spends all her extra time studying and doing homework."

Two-hours a day are spent at Morley Stanwood High School

taking government, social studies and English. VanSnepson then travels to the campus of Ferris State University for her other course work. The four-year, half-day accelerated program serves about 100 students. Admission to the program is generally the first semester of the freshman year and also includes a nationally normed test, grades, recommendations and an interview.

Participants of the program experience educational field trips, research, internships and university coursework. Students present research findings at regional, state, national and international symposia. MSTC field study trips have taken students to Hawaii, the Florida Keys, Russia, national parks of the western United States and Australia. Class field trips are taken on research vessels, to university research labs, museums, industrial sites and professional conferences. Students participate in competitions ranging from annual regional cardboard boat races to the statewide spaghetti bridge contest and the National

Ocean Sciences Quiz Bowl.

VanSnepson visited a private island in the Florida Keys where her group did research for a week on marine biology and she also took part last year in a national student conference in Atlanta on the Georgia Tech campus where she and team-mates built robots that could speak more than one language. This year, the group will travel to Hawaii and, the following year, Italy. VanSnepson is currently studying the toxicity results of pesticides on freshwater bryozoans, specifically the plumatella repens. As far as anyone knows this is the first such study. Bryozoans are a group of small aquatic animals that live as colonies and are comprised of individual animals. The colonies grow to about 1cm in diameter.

VanSnepson is also involved in community service helping her mother, Julie Brown, at the Department of Human Services and the Good Will.

She is academically involved in quiz bowl and has written a children's book about Native

American culture which was chosen as best of the class. She is currently working to form a writing club at her high school. When she isn't studying she also volunteers in fundraising events, including Toys for Tots, and is a member of a campus church group.

"VanSnepson's mother, Sault Tribe member Julie Brown, is the first person in our family in five generations to be so educationally advanced and now her daughter is following in her footsteps. Last year while Brittany was taking courses on the Ferris State campus her mother was taking classes there as well for her Ph.D.," said grandmother Mary Allard.

In addition to everything else she is already involved in, VanSnepson works part time at a local McDonalds.

VanSnepson's parents are Charles VanSnepson and Julie Brown, and twin brother Blake.

"Every second I have I do homework," VanSnepson said.

Brittany VanSnepson is a Sault Tribe member.

Higher Education Programs

By **Janice M. Lewton,**
Program Administrator

COLLEGE NIGHTS 2006 - Our annual college nights will be Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Big Bear Arena in the Sault and Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Little Bear East Recreational Center in St. Ignace. Both nights will begin at 7 p.m. We will have representatives from Alpena Community College (Feb. 9 only), Bay Mills Community College, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, and Northern Michigan University. Information on financial aid, grants, scholarships, etc. will be discussed for the 2006-07 school year.

HIGHER EDUCATION
SELF-SUFFICIENCY FUND
2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

As of Jan. 20, we have processed incentive award checks for 585 students at \$254,093.65.

It is not too late to turn in your Fall 2005 term/semester grades as soon as they are posted.

When sending in your grades, make sure it shows your name, school identification, Fall 2005, your classes and grades already printed on it. Also, please make sure you have an application on file with us for the 2005-06 school year before sending in your grades.

It is a first-come, first-serve based program which means as

grades come in, checks are done until the award money runs out - so the sooner you get them in, the sooner you'll get a check. It takes anywhere from two to four weeks before receiving your check.

Please send your grades to: Sault Tribe Education Department, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email at jl Lewton@saulttribe.net

Our mailing address is: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie, MI., 49783.

Youth Education and Activities Program and Higher Education Program college nights

Wednesday, Feb. 8
7-9 p.m.

Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Thursday, Feb. 9
7-9 p.m.

Little Bear East, St. Ignace, Mich.

Learn all about financial aid, including FAFSA, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, scholarships, grants and loans, tribal programs and the college application process. Plus, you can speak to many college recruiters right on site.

Any questions please call Sault Tribe YEA at (906) 635-7010 or (906) 643-7262; Higher Education at (906) 635-7784. Prizes and refreshments will be served. College recruiters will be on site.

Art club needs your help

The YEA Art Club meets every first and third Saturday of the month during open lab hours. Donations are needed for art projects. Materials such as fabric, beads, ribbon, yarn, crayons, markers, paint, paint brushes, construction paper, glue, etc., would be greatly appreciated. If you have any supplies you would like to donate, please visit our Youth Education and Activities program in the east wing of the Big Bear during our open lab hours, Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you have any questions, please call us at (906) 635-7010. Miigwetch.

Nominations sought for American Stars of Teaching

The U.S. Department of Education again plans to honor outstanding classroom teachers through the American Stars of Teaching program. The department's Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative is seeking nominations and information about teachers who are improving student achievement, using innovative strategies in the classroom, and making a difference in the lives of their students. Teachers across all grade levels and disciplines will be honored this fall as 2006 American Stars of Teaching. Parents, students, colleagues, school administrators and others can nominate an exemplary teacher who they believe has the qualities to be an

American Star of Teaching. One teacher will be recognized from each state.

To learn more or nominate a teacher to become an American Star of Teaching, please visit the Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative Web site at www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative. All nominations must be completed by April 15.

The U.S. Department of Education received more than 2,000 nominations for the 2005 school year. A list of past years' honorees can be found at www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tools/initiative/american-stars-teachers.

ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE, TEG CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Would you like to attend the Anishinaabemowin Language Conference March 30 through April 2 at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie?

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

If you are interested, please contact:

Cultural Division

Attn: Wendi Pages

206 Greenough Street

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 632-7384 work — (906) 440-3761 cell

(906) 632-7059 fax



Isabella Allard passed away Jan. 16, 2006, with all her children surrounding her. She was born Jan. 12, 1913. The last of 16 children, her parents were Raymond and Sophie Mastaw. She the last surviving member of the original band of Chippewa Indians. She can now rejoice with her people.

We will all miss her, but when we try to remember what she would say perhaps it will lessen the load. She celebrated her 93 birthday this year. Just before she passed she cooked a couple of chickens, chocolate cake, potato salad, Jell-O and topping. Then she sat in her chair and went to sleep by way of a massive stroke.

All her brothers and sisters preceded her in death. When she outlived two of her children she said "no more," unless it's God's will. She was lonesome for Jesus and couldn't wait to see him, hopeful he would be wearing his red and white robe.

As we all spoke of our disbelief we agreed to consult a higher authority. This is what Jesus told us:

Your mother tried in every way on Earth to be faithful, humble and an honest servant to me. She took up her crosses in complete willingness, and she had many. I granted her wish of not taking one of her babies. I also had to deal with the 39 years of your father's longing to see his children and grandchildren. He said that the ones that would follow him first were the most willing. I blessed the families they left behind with gifts of my love each moment of each day. Your father, Cyril, missed his grand babies so much, and when I saw my heart in you I blessed some of his children with an angel to help your father and grandfather. Your father knew it would be hard and trusted in me as I chose the angels. You all know their mother's; Rose, Cathy, Kathy-Jo, Lori and Tracey. I bless these mothers as well for their courage.

Your mother, Isabella, and father, Cyril, rejoice with me now and love the faith they have in their children to keep me first in their life.

Through all of this your mother accepted my will. So for her birthday I gave her heaven.

We would like to express how amazed and grateful we are for those that were able to attend our "momma's" ceremony.

The words we use to describe our feelings of comfort as you all entered seems to be so inadequate. It is not just a simple thank-you, it is "oh my gosh you made it" kind of feelings. Our appreciation is unending. All of the grandchildren, great and

great-great grand children showed their love and respect for a wonderful Grandma.

The inspirational gathering of her nieces and nephews was awesome to be a part of, we so needed your company.

You know how much a mother is loved in the community when the butcher, nurses, elders, and her "main usher" in church came to pay their respects.

She left nine children to finish her work; Mike Allard, Joy Lewis, Mary Allard, Gregory Allard, Rose Allard, Jackie Allard-Sylvester, Joe Allard, Kateri Allard, and Cyril John Allard, all reside in Michigan. Also surviving are some that she called her "other" children that were family friends.

Her husband Cyril and son Tom, daughter Muriel all went before her to make ready her welcoming to Jesus whom she could not wait to see.

Services were held Jan. 19, 2006, at the Holy Family Catholic Church. Officiants were Father John Haskall and Father Miro D. Wiese OFM who helped the family celebrate Isabella's resurrection with joy. Final resting place is Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Rose City, Mich. The family was assisted by Steuernal and McLaren Funeral Home.

Donations may be directed to the Allard family or a charity of your choice.

Isabella Mastaw Allard, 93, passed away on Jan. 16, 2006. Her death was unexpected but peaceful, exactly as she had prayed our beloved Lord would take her. She was born on Sugar Island on Jan. 12, 1913 to Raymond and Sophie (nee Bunno) Mastaw. After moving from the Sault many, many years ago, she lived the remainder of her life in Rose City, Michigan where she was a well known and respected member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Ladies Guild Auxiliary. She also enjoyed her time as a teacher of religion to the children of Holy Family Church. Isabella never tired of telling stories of her faith to the young and old and continued teaching the Catholic faith until the end of her life. Isabella will always be remembered for her simple but tasty meals and her homemade bread. Isabella was preceded in death by her husband Cyril Joseph Allard, son Thomas Anthony Allard, daughter Muriel Marie Lane, and four grandchildren. Isabella was the last surviving child of her parents and 16 siblings. She is survived by nine children, Mike (Nancy) Allard of Sugar Island, Mich., Joy (Tony) Lewis, Mary Allard Brown, Margaret Sylvester, Patricia Kateri Allard, Cyril John Allard all of Sault Ste. Marie, Gregory Allard from Pontiac, Rose Allard from Marquette, and Joseph (Vickie) Allard from Lupton, Mich. She is also survived by her son-in-law Ronald J. Lane of Sugar Island, and over 150 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She will also be missed by many, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were handled by Steuernal Funeral Home in Rose City, Mich. Funeral Mass followed at Holy Family Catholic Church in West Branch, Mich. Officiating was her cousin Brother John Hascall O.F.M. of

St. Isaac Jogues Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Father Miro D. Wiese O.F.M., from West Branch, Mich.

Philip O'Jibway, 85, died Dec. 5, 2005. Philip was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 20, 1920.

He attended Indian School at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., where he joined the Oklahoma National Guard in 1937. On Feb. 10, 1942, he married Emma Gathing, who preceded him in death, Jan. 10, 1989. He entered the Army and served as a Captain and Company Commander in Patton's 45th Division. He was one of the first American Indian company commanders in World War II. He earned two purple hearts in Italy in 1943, and a third on D-Day, June 6, 1944. After the war, he earned a degree in business administration from Trinity University. Phil was employed by Prudential Insurance, Lumberman's Investment Corporation in Austin and became district director of the Small Business Administration in Lubbock, Texas, in 1969, where he served for over 16 years.

Phil married Hazel McNemee on Feb. 17, 1990, who preceded him in death may 26, 2005.

He is survived by his two sons, Jim and wife Kay, of Bellville, Texas, Tom and wife Barbara, of Lubbock, grandsons Jeff, Jay, Joe, and Toby O'Jibway and granddaughter Jill O'Jibway. He is also survived by two brothers Joseph and Jack and a sister, Jeanine Eggert.

Phil was an active member of The Lubbock Rotary Club, Retired Officer's Association, and the West Texas Parkinson's Society and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Parkinson's Society, at 3506 21st St., Suite 402, Lubbock, Texas, 79410, or the charity of your choice.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, with Dr. Ken Horn officiating. Honorary pallbearers were Jeff O'Jibway, Jill O'Jibway, Jay O'Jibway, Joe O'Jibway and Toby O'Jibway.

In Loving memory of **Beverly Ann (Lewis) Davis**, American Indian name — White Dove. Beverly passed away at her home in St. Helen, Mich., at the age of 62. She was born in Pontiac, Mich., on Jan. 8, 1943, and on Dec. 20, 2005, she started her journey to the Creator.

Preceded in death by her husband, Larry Davis, Edith Ethel Matteson (mother), Silver Moon, Elmer Lewis (father), Ethel Opal Perry Matteson (grandmother), Princess Silver Star and the Late David Paul Zanoni (grandson).

Survived by her children, Lorry Thornhill, Larry (Charla) Davis of St. Helen, Mich., Scott Davis and George Davis of Kincheloe, Mich., Edith Davis of West Branch, Mich., Martin (Kim) Davis of St. Helen, Mich., and Goldie (Clifford) Skinner of Pontiac; 20 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; George (Joy) Lewis of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (brother), May (Lewis) Machin of Kincheloe, Mich. (sister), Charles (Linda) Lewis of Dexter, Mo.; several nieces and nephews; and

great nieces and nephews.

Beverly enjoyed spending time with her sister and children, she enjoyed crocheting, bingo, fishing, camping, playing on the computer and going to the casino.

Her favorite TV shows were, CSI, Crossing Jordan, Dr. G. Medical Examiner and she loved to read. She was recognized by the library for reading the most books. She dearly loved her dogs Zimmer and Nakota.

Funeral services was conducted Dec. 23, 2005, at the Steuernal and McLaren Funeral Home, Pastor Lawrence Cook officiated from Soul Harbor Church of Roscommon, Mich., also to help her on her journey to the Creator, Leslie Riddus, Pipe Carrier, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Ronald McClusky (nephew) and Timothy McClusky (great nephew) of Houghton Lake, Mich., and Martin Davis (son).

A poem to her grandmother:

You were a beautiful woman

You made everyone stay brave no matter if they were having a dark day you turned it to light you were loved very much

You melted everyone's heart with your touch

You were a great grandmother, you were always there when needed

No one could ever think of you as conceited.

You were a great grandmother that will never be forgotten

We love you with all our hearts and we'll never be far apart

So I will end this now not to say good bye just to say we will see you soaring high in the sky the only one that can see you is the ones that love you.

Written by her granddaughter Anna L. Maldonado Dec. 20, 2005

In loving memory of our sister Beverly Ann (Lewis) Davis

*White Dove
The Broken Chain
We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name in life we loved you dearly and in death we do the same*

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone for part of us went with you the day

God called you home

You left us peaceful memories your love is still our guide and

though we can not see you You are always at our side

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as

God calls us one by one the chain will link again

You will be missed dearly, Sister dear

—Your family George, May and Charles

Thomas E. Lenhard, 58, loving father who will be greatly missed by his family, passed away on Dec. 23, 2005. He was born on Jan. 22, 1947 in Mishawaka, Ind., the son of Richard and Virginia (Watson) Lenhard.

Thomas had a heart transplant 21 years ago last July. Mr. Lenhard was an avid Wisconsin badger and Green Bay Packers fan. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Virginia Smale and Richard Lenhard; father-in-law, Cecil Maleport; sister Gail Hall (surviving are her children, Tim Hall and Jennifer Bartezak). Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Linda (Maleport)

Lenhard, children, Kenneth "Pete" Lenhard and Kaitlin Lenhard of Ionia, and Tara Lenhard of New Port Richey, Fla.; brother, Jeff (Terry) Smale of Cedarburg, Wisc., and their children, Ryan and Lindsay; mother-in-law, Rosetta Maleport of Sault Ste. Marie; sister-in-laws, Pamela (Jerry) Mortinsen of Perry, Brenda (Tom) Aldapa of Webberville and Patti Jo Maleport of Sault Ste. Marie; brother-in-laws, Tom (Cindy) Maleport of Sault Ste. Marie, Dave (Diane) Maleport of Brimley and Dan (Debbie) Maleport of Sugar Island; several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Harger, Pastor of Shiloh Community Church, on Dec. 27, 2005, at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home in Ionia. Interment followed at Easton Township Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home.

Kenneth A. Howell, 26, of Sterling Heights, Mich., died Jan. 1, 2006, at home. He was born Aug. 4, 1979 in Minneapolis, Minn. He is survived by his mother Patricia Spears of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and daughter Angelique V. Howell of Colombiaville, Mich. Grandmother Dolores (nee Ennes) Schoenherr (Mark) of Sterling Heights, Mich., and a brother Alex Thomas (Donna) Schoenherr and two nephews, T.J. and Andrew of Warren, Mich., and his aunt Melissa (Art) Krusckinska of Shelby Township, Mich., and cousins Ammy Morawski of Oxford, Mich., Aaron Toth of Rochester Hills, Mich., and Judy. He is also survived by his girlfriend Ammy Webster of Sterling Heights, Mich.

Memorial was held at Buehler Funeral Home in Roseville, Mich. Cremation has taken place.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends, and loved very much too.

Douglas J. Dow passed away peacefully Jan. 8, 2006, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. His residence at the time of his death was Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. He was born June 26, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dow was a veteran of the Vietnam War earning five medals for service. He was also a member of the boilermaker union in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., and a member of the VFW.

He is survived by two sons, Jason Dow and David Dow; one daughter, Tracy (Zachary) Irish; three grandchildren, Kali, Vistoria and Mizzie. Many aunts, uncles and family also survive.

He was predeceased by his parents, Alton John and Janette Dow.

Visitation was held Jan. 14 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with a VFW memorial service with the funeral service following. Clergy was Deacon William Piche.

Feb. 4: A birch bark wall pocket workshop is scheduled for ages 12 and older from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ron Paquin a self-taught artist and elder of the Sault Tribe will teach participants how birch bark is used to make baskets, wall pocket, and trays. This workshop is available free of charge and space is limited. Call the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center to reserve space at (906) 786-3833 or visit the center's Web site at: www.bonifasarts.org.

Feb. 5: Football Madness at Kewadin Casinos. Come on in to Kewadin Casinos and watch the most anticipated football game of the year on Sunday, 2006! There will be great prizes including cash at the Dream Maker's Theater in Sault Ste. Marie, the Anchor Pub in St. Ignace and the Team Spirits Bar in Manistique. For more information on any promotion or to purchase tickets for the championship game, call 1-800-KEWADIN (539-2346).

Feb. 6: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 7: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Feb. 8: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the tribes Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 8: The Your Child Coalition "Learn-to-Earn" forum, Kincheloe, Kinross Rec. Center, 6-8 p.m. Parents, students, school teachers, administrators, teachers, business representatives, and others interested in quality education will meet across the state to review various educational issues and propose solutions to these issues through a series of "Learn To Earn" community forums. The public is encouraged to attend the following forums held throughout the state and become a part of the effort to build a true coalition to discuss what our children should learn and the role parents, teachers, and employers must play to improve student achievement and ensure their success in the 21st century. For more information regarding the "Learn To Earn" forums, please contact Project Coordinator Renee Robinson at (906) 635-6050.

Feb. 8: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Education & Activities Program and Higher Education Program college night 7-9 p.m., at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Learn about financial aid, including FAFSA, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, scholarships, grants and loans, tribal programs, and the college application process. You can speak to many college recruiters on site and there will also be prizes and refreshments. Any questions please call Sault Tribe YEA at (906) 635-7010 or (906) 643-7262, or the Higher Education Program at (906) 6357784.

Feb. 9: The Marshall Tucker Band and the Georgia Satellites Concert, 7 p.m. Dream Maker's Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN. Tickets are on sale now, price is \$18.50.

Feb. 9: College Night at Little Bear East in St. Ignace.

Feb. 10: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 10-11: Flute camp at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island, Register with Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033 or Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 ext. 27013.

Feb. 11: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will be holding their monthly meeting the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. This month's meeting is at the Family Inn Restaurant in Wells, Mich. The March meeting will be back at the Civic Center in Escanaba, Mich. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 14: The Sault Tribe News deadline is 9 a.m. If you have any questions please call the Communications Department at (906) 632-6398.

Feb. 14: JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meetings are scheduled for every second Tuesday of the month in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please call Shawnda Kangas, president or Patti Paris, secretary, at (906) 635-5055.

Feb. 14: Mackinac County Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group will meet in the education room of the Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility, 220 Burdette Street in St. Ignace, on the second Tuesday, at 6 p.m. For more information please call Ronda Schlehuder at (906) 643-7489 or Janet Yoder at (800) 272-3900.

Feb. 14: Bring your sweetheart into Kewadin Casinos this Valentine's Day as we celebrate with our "Who Wrote the Book of Love" promotion! Random drawings will take place from 6-10 p.m. for customers to come up and pick a page to win great cash prizes. We're giving away up to \$40,000 between all five casino locations. For more information on any promotion, call 1-800-KEWADIN (539-2346).

Feb. 17-18: Drum Camp at the Mary Murray Cultural Camp on Sugar Island, Register with Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033 or Melissa Causley at (906) 632-7494 ext. 27013.

Feb. 17-18: Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 18: Powwow Demonstration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center. For more information contact the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, 700 First Avenue South, Escanaba, MI 49829 or call (906) 786-3833.

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Feb. 20: The Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 20: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 20-21: Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 21: Unit III Elders Committee soup, frybread and bake sale, 4-6 p.m. at the McCann Unit III elder site, 399 McCann, St. Ignace. Donation is \$6 per person. For more information contact Joann Smith at (906) 643-9509.

Feb. 21: Kewadin Shores Casino Job Fair at Little Bear East, St. Ignace from Noon to 6 p.m. Nearly 90 full time and 45 seasonal team members are needed for the new St. Ignace Kewadin Casino facility which will open in the summer of 2006. For more information call Human Resource Recruiter, Lynn Trozzo at the Sault Tribe Employment Office at (906) 6357032, (866) 635-7032 or apply online at: www.saulttribe.com.

Feb. 21: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in St. Ignace at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Feb. 22: The Chippewa County Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group will meet in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, on the last Wednesday at 2 p.m. For more information please call (906) 632-3363.

Feb. 22: Traditional Medicine Clinic, St. Ignace Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 643-8689.

Feb. 22: Kewadin Shores Casino Job Fair at Michigan Works!, Cheboygan, MI from Noon to 6 p.m. Nearly 90 full time and 45 seasonal team members are needed for the new St. Ignace Kewadin Casino facility which will open in the summer of 2006. For more information call Human Resource Recruiter, Lynn Trozzo at the Sault Tribe Employment Office at (906) 6357032, (866) 635-7032 or apply online at: www.saulttribe.com.

Feb. 23: The Your Child Coalition "Learn-to-Earn" forum, Newberry, Tribal Center, 6-8 p.m. Parents, students, school teachers, administrators, teachers, business representatives, and others interested in quality education will meet across the state to review

various educational issues and propose solutions to these issues through a series of "Learn To Earn" community forums. The public is encouraged to attend the following forums held throughout the state and become a part of the effort to build a true coalition to discuss what our children should learn and the role parents, teachers, and employers must play to improve student achievement and ensure their success in the 21st century. For more information regarding the "Learn To Earn" forums, please contact Project Coordinator Renee Robinson at (906) 635-6050.

Feb. 23-24: Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210.

Feb. 24: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Feb. 25: Richard Marx Concert, 7 p.m., Dream Maker's Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN. Tickets are on sale now, price is \$25.

Valentine's Day fundraiser: Anishnabek Community and Family Services fundraising committee will be selling carnations with baby's breath for Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. Place your order early, limited number available. Payment must be made in advance. Prices are as follows: three in a vase \$7, six in a vase \$14, and 12 in a vase \$25. All orders will come with a small gift card attached. Free delivery within city limits will be available. If you would like to place an order, please call (906) 632-5250 by Feb.10. The proceeds from this activity will be used to help fund the Sault Ste. Marie Family Fun Day.

Special Time to Express your Positive Self, (STEPS), a support group for women to enhance self-acceptance and self-esteem and to promote healthy living meets Tuesdays, except holidays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium. We provide a safe supportive place for education, discussion and sharing. We expect each person to respect others and maintain the confidentiality of the group. Some of us are allergic so please do not wear perfume. We meet every Tuesday and have a talking circle about a topic of current interest to women on their individual journeys to wellness in the bodies the Creator gave them. Drop in to see what we have on the agenda. On the second Tuesday of each month we will discuss a chapter from the HUGS book, Staying Off the Diet Roller Coaster. On the third Tuesday of each month, we will discuss an aspect of Diabetes management, such as nutrition, physical activity, stress and medication. Please call Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210 if you have comments or questions. this is a free service open to all women of the community.

Cultural Monthly/Weekly Activities

Anishinaabe nanawndawichigewin (traditional medicine program) 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 semaa (tobacco). All traditional healing is holistic. The root cause of the condition is addressed while the whole person is worked on. Reminder women on their moon cycle should make an appointment before or after the cycle. For information please contact Ted Holappa (906) 632-5204 or Laura Collins (906) 632-0236 and Peggy Hemenway (906) 632-0220.

Dewege (to drum) 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday Niigaanagiizhik Building. The dewegan (drum) is the heartbeat of our people the Anishinaabe. Bud shares teachings on life, songs and the styles of singing. It's a great time for the family to come down and participate by singing, dancing, or just to listen to the Bahweting singers. Contact Bud at (906) 632-7033.


Ojibwe Language Grammar Class, 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays Lambert Center 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) 632-5204.

Ojibwe Language Immersion Hour (lunch bunch) 12-1 p.m., Tuesdays, weekly at Cultural Division. Bring your lunch and join us for an entertaining comedy/drama in full immersion Ojibwe. Featuring the theatrics of those talented ladies Nancy Debassige and Rhonda Hopkins. Learn Ojibwe as they demonstrate stories on life and legends. Translation language sheets are provided for recognition of words throughout the story. Contact the Cultural Division (906) 632-7494.

Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language class), 6-8 p.m. held Thursdays at the Niigaanagiizhik Building, in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes are taught through immersion in the Ojibwe language. Class begins with a potluck feast with our elder advisory members so bring your favorite dish. Nancy Debassige and Rhonda Hopkins demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story. It's a great time to eat, visit, and enjoy living our culture. Call the Cultural Division at (906) 632-7494 for more information.

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Clarence Hudak

In Tribal self-government there are many issues that need to be thought about. Issues like Tribal citizenship, resources and treaty rights, revenue allocation and programs and services that are fundamental for a strong and vital government. The historical document that gives power and effects the self-government should be a peoples' Constitution. The Tribal Constitution is what gives legitimate authority to our Sovereign nation. The Tribal Constitution is what defines the "Tribal Citizen," along with creating structure to define law making authority. The Tribal Constitution should delineate the powers of the administration and all the political structures. The Tribal Constitution is the fundamental document that expresses the beliefs of our people, our traditions, and our core values. The principles of the Constitution should bring understanding to Tribal citizen to help create good government for our nation and our people.

These are just some of the elements that must be considered by the Constitutional Committee as we embark on this journey to develop our new Constitution. A draft constitution should be by the people, of the people and for the people of each of the five units presently represented and by the members at large who make up almost half of the Tribal population. I come from Cheboygan and I have deep roots and ties to that area. I also know that members who live out side of the five county service area need to have a voice. Reforming the Constitution can have a big impact on our future, we all need to be involved. I will do whatever I can to see that your voice is heard.

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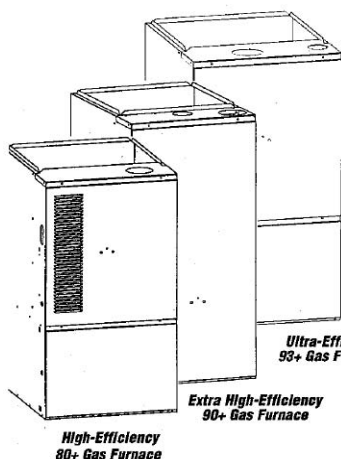
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Sault Ste. Marie
Seniors Day - Thursday
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Hockey Haven - Tuesday
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