

Special election issues planned

The next issue of *The Sault Tribe News*, (Vol. - 27 No. 6), will contain profiles of all eligible candidates in the 2006 general election.

Free space will be available to all registered candidates to present a 400 word biography with a 2 x 2 1/2 inch photograph.

All candidates are reminded that they are required to submit their profiles and photographs by 9 a.m., April 18. Delivery

date for the next issue of *The Sault Tribe News* is April 28, one day after the primary ballots are mailed. For our readers who live outside of the seven-county service area and receive the paper at a later date, you can log onto the Sault Tribe's official Web site, www.saulttribe.com, and read the candidate profiles that will be posted on April 26.

The following edition of *The Sault*

Tribe News, (vol. 27 - no.7), will be published one week late to allow us to carry the results of the primary election.

Deadline for submissions for the June 1 issue is 9 a.m., May 15.

Only primary winners will be allowed to place ads in the June 1 paper. Free space will be provided for a 1/2 page profile for primary winners. The primary results will be released on May 18, 2006. All candi-

dates are required to submit their profiles and advertisements by May 15. Those who fail to win the primary vote will have their profile and ads withheld from publication.

DO NOT WAIT TO SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER THE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS ARE ANNOUNCED. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE DATES.

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Win Awenen Nisitotung "One Who Understands"

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JKL Bahweting continues to provide quality education

By CORY WILSON

Recent MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test scores indicate the Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishinaabe School continues to meet and/or exceed the state's standards in education. MEAP testing was conducted with grades three through eight this past fall, which focused on subjects such as reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Bahweting School met or exceeded the state's standards in 24 out of 27 testing categories separated by subject and grade level. The school reached 100 percent proficiency in four areas, which included sixth-grade reading, language arts and social studies, and fourth grade math.

One hundred percent proficiency is defined when all the students in a particular grade and subject, meet or exceed the state's test standards. Test results indicating 100 percent proficiency, showed that Bahweting's sixth grade students exceeded the state standard by 20 percent in reading (80 percent state standard), 27 percent (73 percent state standard) in language arts, and 22 percent (78 percent state standard) in social studies. The school's fourth-grade students exceeded the state level of 82 percent by 18 percent on their way to a



Fifth-grade teacher Vincent Gross works with students Josh Dumont and Allie Sayasky, both 11.

Photo by Brenda Austin

perfect proficiency rating in math.

Based on the school's combined test scores, Bahweting is again on track to receive its AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) accolade, which is awarded to schools that exceed the state's average in overall MEAP testing.

Since the school's inception, Bahweting

has been recognized for their commitment to excellence in education by receiving the 2000 Golden Apple Award, 2000 Safe Tribal Communities Award, 2001 Title I Distinguished School Award, 2003 No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon School Award, 2003 Outstanding School-wide Program Award, 2003 Education for

the Arts Governor's Award, 2004 4C's Award, and the 2004 Best Tri-county Elementary School of the Year Award.

Bahweting School opened its doors to students for the first time in September of 1994. During the school's first year of operation, the enrollment consisted of 143 students with an average of 20 students per grade level. Today, the school's enrollment is now 324 and still averages 20 students per class room. The school began operating with grades K-6 and has expanded to include grades seven through eight. The school has three first-grade classes, three kindergarten classes, while second, third, fourth and fifth-grade classes each have two classes. The student body is expected to grow by thirty-eight children next year, which enticed the school to add a second sixth-grade class. Despite the addition of another class, the school still has 38 children on their waiting list.

Talks regarding the school's original plan to eventually expand up to grade 12 have surfaced recently; however, an official plan and timeline needed to make the expansion a reality have not been made public. To obtain public opinion on the matter, the school is conducting a survey which will be circulated this spring.

Permanent Greektown Casino plans move forward

Casino gains revenues and market share

By ROGER MARTIN

Plans for Greektown Casino's permanent casino complex are moving forward as the casino's annual revenues and share of the Detroit gaming market continue to climb.

The Sault Tribe Board and Greektown Casino officials recently presented revised plans for the permanent casino resort to Detroit planning and zoning officials. A hearing on the new plans is scheduled for April 6 in Detroit. The Detroit City Council is expected to take action on the plans in the coming weeks.

The revised plans call for Greektown Casino's 400-room hotel to be built atop a new permanent parking garage, which will



be located on Monroe Street between St. Antoine and I-375. The structure would include a 13-floor parking garage with 20 to 22 stories of hotel rooms on top. The new resort will also have a spa and pool area, a 1,300-seat multi-purpose entertainment theater and ballroom and meeting

space. The revised plan will also add 25,000 square feet of gaming space to Greektown Casino's existing facility, which today has 75,000 square feet of gaming space. Visitors will be connected to the casino floor from the hotel/parking garage via an enclosed moving walkway.

All three Detroit casinos are required to build 400-room hotels and add gaming space under their development agreements with the city of Detroit.

The new Greektown Casino hotel, parking garage and gaming space will cost about \$200 million, financing that already has been approved by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. Pending approvals from the city of Detroit, construction

teams should break ground on the permanent Greektown Casino resort sometime in April.

Meantime, Greektown Casino revenues increased \$16.7 million or 5.3 percent last year, to \$336.6 million in 2005 from \$319.9 million in 2004. The casino is also off to a strong financial start in 2006.

Spurred by an exciting Super Bowl week, Greektown Casino's February revenues totaled \$29.97 million, up more than 12 percent over February 2005. Greektown Casino's market share also climbed to nearly 28 percent.

The increase in revenue and increase in market share can be attributed to a new, aggressive marketing strategy.

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Education and jubilation at the 12th annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Conference



Anishinaabemowin Teg, Inc., President Isadore Toulouse (Left) addresses people after opening ceremonies on Thursday morning, March 30, at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center during the organization's 2006 annual conference. Beside him is language professor Shirley Williams.

By RICK SMITH

They began trickling in at the Kewadin Casino and Convention center in Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, March 29, for pre-registration on that evening. Some were scholars, some were singers, some were dancers, some were vendors, most were Anishinaabe and all were arriving in support of

the 12th annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference. The trickle turned into a stream by the following morning. Young and old, male and female, coming together to conduct workshops, seminars, explore and experience Anishinaabemowin, the original language of the Anishinaabek. The day started with a sunrise

ceremony and on-site registration at the Dream Makers Theater.

Some of the morning workshops were on learning Anishinaabemowin through songs, numbers and games, creating change through a non-threatening approach, understanding the process of a common writing system, building pride and self-esteem with youth, revitalizing culture and craftmaking.

Classes continued in the afternoon on subjects such as the Ojibwe moccasin game, storytelling as a means of discipline and respect, starting an Ojibwe community library and natural experience among others. A traditional social feast was sponsored by our tribe later in the evening at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building along with shuttle service between the hotel and the feast. The feast was followed by a country ho down and fiddle music fest along with step dancing at the grand ballroom at the convention center.

Classes, workshops and seminars continued on Friday, March 31. A meeting of the Union of Ontario Indians met to discuss the restoration of jurisdiction over governance and education. The primary topic was working to establish an Anishinaabek education system in Canada that would concentrate on kindergarten through grade 12 with an eye on establishing universities. Classes continued in the afternoon and a scholarship presentation banquet followed later in the evening.

Classes continued all day on Saturday, April 1, along with a meeting of the Anishinaabemowin Teg, Inc., Board of Directors.

The language organization hosted a breakfast in the Dream Makers Theater on the following morning of Sunday, April 2, along with arranging for an hour of entertainment and presentations afterwards. Closing ceremonies were observed ending the conference.

One of the workshop speakers was Sault Tribe member Tessa Reed, formerly of Manistique, who now lives in Peterborough, Ont., working on her doctoral degree in indigenous studies at Trent University. She is writing her dissertation on the topic of understanding the Anishinaabek process of finding a common writing system, expected to be completed by April of 2007.

Her workshops discussed the various issues of standardization and made clear distinctions



Sault Tribe member Tessa Reed fields a question from an observer in one of her workshops on understanding the process of a common writing system. Reed hails from Manistique and has studied Anishinaabemowin in Michigan. She is currently working on a doctorate at Trent University in Petersborough, Ont.

between possible standardized options and chosen paths. She sketched an interview of her understanding of how the Anishinaabek are moving to a common writing system and its benefits. Participants were encouraged to share their perspectives, experiences and suggestions.

It appears the conference will

return next year about this time as the president of Anishinaabemowin Teg has expressed in the past that the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center is the best facility in the area for the event.

Photos by Rick Smith



Rhonda Hopkins (Left) and Nancy Debassige perform a skit using Anishinaabemowin to demonstrate one of the ways our tribe teaches our original language to our members.



Some basketry and quillwork are displayed in a traditional crafts workshop as attendees build their own projects as part of the annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference.

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Tribe police train with non-lethal weapon

The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department joined the ranks of the top law enforcement agencies in the county by completing the training required to enable them to carry the state of the art non-lethal Taser X26 electronic stun device.

The Taser fires two small needle like probes into the clothing or skin of the perpetrators who are non-compliant with officers who are moving in to arrest them.

"These non-lethal weapons send a high voltage low amp electrical charge through the perpetrators body which immobilizes their central nervous system and allows officers to restrain them without risk of injury to those involved," said Police Chief Fred Paquin.

For five seconds the 50,000 volt charge races through the perpetrators body causing them to completely lose control of all their muscles and usually fall to the ground. The charge will not flow to another body, even if a hostage is being held by the suspect.

"This device allows us to safely approach and restrain any individual who has become a threat to the safety of others," added Paquin.



Chief Fred Paquin, left, and Officer Burt Menominee hold up Officer Mike Pins. The probes hit Pins on the backbone.



Police Officer Bob Marchand reacts to being hit by the Taser probes and 50,000 volts being sent through his body.



Officer Derek Black takes a Taser hit in the back.

The training for officers requires they experience the effects of the Taser stun gun before they are allowed to carry them.

Each officer was shot with the weapon which applied the electric shock to his body for five seconds.

"That feels worse than being run over by a car," said Officer Tom Mooney.

The shock ends as abruptly as it starts and there is no lingering effects, except for the memory of the five "longest seconds in my life" as one officer put it and a determination to not have to go through it again.



Officer Richard Cullen, above, who completed the training in Marquette, fires the Taser probes, below, during the class.



Sault Tribe employee pay-roll deduction being set up for donations to the Community Foundation

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Do you know what the Chippewa County Community Foundation is and what it could mean for you?

The Community Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt charitable organization whose primary purpose is to hold in trust endowment funds. The foundation invests the funds in stocks and bonds and uses the investment income to fund grants back to the community.

An endowment fund is a pool of money which is invested for long-term growth and income. An endowed fund, such as the Rosemary Gaskin endowment fund, is a fund opened by an individual or a group of people to generate income which is then used to fund a grant, scholarship or project.

When a gift is made to an endowed fund through the foundation, a special 50 percent Michigan community foundation tax credit is offered. In addition to the community foundation tax credit, the State of Michigan offers a public contribution credit if your gift is given to one of Michigan's public institutions such as state museums, public broadcasting stations, public libraries and colleges or universities. You also receive a state income credit if you give to a non-profit homeless shelter or food bank.

According to the executive director of the Chippewa County Community Foundation, Sue Atkins-Wagner, the foundation holds two tribal endowed funds in trust; the Rosemary Gaskin Scholarship and the Sault Tribe Youth Activities Endowment. Sault Tribe board member Paul Shagen and his wife Emily also have an endowed scholarship program with the foundation called

the Paul and Emily Shagen Scholarship.

"The youth endowment was a challenge grant from Kellogg Foundation to the local community foundation that said if we could raise up to one-million they would match 50 percent to be used for a general youth fund," said Atkins-Wagner. "We approached the Sault Tribe and they donated \$200,000 and endowed that money into a Sault Tribe youth activity fund. The investment income is spent every year directly on Sault Tribe youth activities," she said.

"In the past, the youth fund has helped fund the LSSU Robotics Club and helped pay for expenses associated with the Native American Family Olympics," Atkins-Wagner said.

The foundation represents all of Chippewa County with the exception of Paradise. "We are looking for donations from the community to the foundation. There is a list of over 60 different endowed funds to choose from. There are funds for Sault Area High School, Riverside Medical, memorial funds and funds for Brimley, Pickford and DeTour," she said. "You can look through the list and contribute to any of the endowed funds or you can contribute to the general fund and designate your contribution for operating costs or for the upkeep of Project Playground," Atkins-Wagner said.

The foundation also offers an extra service to the community in the form of pass-through funds. "Special projects such as the Boys and Girls Club sometimes temporarily use our services. We can assist other non-profit organizations when they are getting started and don't yet have their non-profit status. We act as their fiduciary

agent and allow people to make donations to the foundation in their name and that way receive their tax deductions. It is a temporary endowment fund and once the non-profit is up and running they take back control of their funds," Atkins-Wagner said.

Another important part of the foundation is the Youth Advisory Council (YAC). A youth representative is chosen from each high school to represent the YAC which meets two or three times a year to review and make decisions on funding disbursements from the tribal youth activities endowment fund. "Kellogg stipulated that the adult board was not to make decisions on where the money was spent, the youth committee makes those decisions. It is an excellent opportunity for the kids," Atkins-Wagner said.

The students involved in YAC also conduct needs assessment surveys, assist with fund raising and perform community service.

Sault Tribe executive director, Kristi Little, said tribal members also benefit from some of the other programming and grants the foundation gives out. "The tribe sponsors the foundation's annual fund raisers and in the past donated a bus for the YAC students to attend regional training in St. Ignace. We are working on setting up pay-roll deduction for tribal employees who choose to donate to one of the endowment funds through the foundation.

The Chippewa County Community Foundation can be contacted at (906) 635-1046, or fax (775) 417-7368. E-mail cccf@lighthouse.net or visit their Web site at www.cfup.org.

The Chippewa County Youth Advisory Council: Introducing youth to philanthropy

BY RICK SMITH

Webster's defines philanthropy as a desire to help mankind, especially as shown by gifts to charitable or humanitarian institutions; benevolence. A philanthropic act, gift, institution, et cetera. In other words, the sharing of one's time, treasure and talent.

The young members of the Chippewa County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) practice philanthropy. The council is a standing committee of the Chippewa County Community Foundation, according to Sue Wagner, the foundation's executive director. She said the council was started about seven years ago with five members. These days, it has about 72 members representing communities throughout the county, 17 of those on the council are Sault Tribe members. The foundation was formed in 1994.

The council receives funding and applications through the foundation for projects benefiting families and youth in Chippewa County. At a recent meeting, for example, the council reviewed and weighed the facts of seven applications for funds. Amounts requested ranged from \$500 to nearly \$10,000.

Among the proposals considered were funding to offset costs of a youth summit, supportive housing for youth, lessen a learning center's expenses, cover costs

for 10 eighth grade students from JKL Bahweting PSA to take a three day-trip to Washington, D.C., support a robotics team in a competition, provide operating funds for a fine arts school and to build courts for volleyball and basketball.

At this particular meeting, the youth had \$6,800 in their grants budget. They had to hammer out how to get the greatest good with the available funds.

Wagner was aided by Paula McKerchie, coordinator, and Pat Ames, of Sault Area High School, in steering the council on how to reach decisions. It was up to the council as to where those decisions went.

Members of the council meet at their own schools throughout the county once or twice a month and most schools have volunteer advisors to assist them. The council meets as a group two or three times a year to work out who receives grants for projects. Once the council has reached a consensus, the decisions are forwarded to the Chippewa County Community Foundation where they put a stamp of approval on the decisions and they become final.

Council members also sponsor other functions for youth in the county. One example was a day of free tubing at Minneapolis Hill in Sault Ste. Marie for those involved in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentoring program.

Sault Tribe Board travels to Washington DC



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

I need to begin this report by clarifying that my intent in my previous report was not to endorse or oppose any candidate. I published an email because the content urged Tribal Members to come together and to move forward in a positive way past personal politics. In hindsight, given the email (written by a third party) did take issue with select Board members, I should have left names out of the email. For that I apologize, but please realize it was not my intent to support or oppose any candidate.

A POSITIVE DIRECTION

Below is a letter sent to me that has a similar message without mentioning or even alluding to any names. The message is a good one for all to hear if we are to move forward in a positive direction

Boozhoo Anishnabe.

This is important to me, to write the words down that I feel need to be said at this time. First I will take this opportunity to apologize to anybody that I may offend in writing these words. This is not my intention and I am trying not to disrespect anybody.

I am going to start by touching base about the political part of our tribe. We all want to see our tribe move forward and not backward. I have seen many changes already the last two years, for this I am thankful. It will be a slow process to get things under control. Everything that our board is dealing with didn't happen over night and won't be solved over night.

I have heard many of our people say that it is time to put personal differences aside. I agree, it is time to keep the personal stuff out of the decision making. We all are entitled to believe what we feel is right, but don't forget that you, the board, are making decisions for we, the people. Make decisions for the best of all Anishnabe.

Members, become part of the solution, get involved any way you can, don't continue to be part of the problem by writing angry words. Look at our ancestors and how they made decisions for our people. They gathered together and went into counsel, smoked their pipes, and did the best they could. Let's not hear any promises that we know nobody can keep. The only promise a human can make is to do their best and be honest, and honesty is very important to our people.

I can't tell people how to live or how to believe, this is not my intention, but I do have some thoughts. Maybe it is high time that we, the people, start taking it into our own hands, and see that maybe others should start learning more of our traditions. I feel that if there was more traditions and spirituality into our decision making that maybe more could be achieved.

Could our board members start coming to peace within themselves first and then with others, so that they could start directing our tribe in the correct way, without so much turmoil going on. Maybe they could get in contact with one of our healers and start having a monthly sweat, and prayer time with each other. I know it is tough to combine politics with tradition, but who knows, it couldn't hurt. With the coming elections, I am sure that there will be much going on. I will be voting for someone with a clean heart, and that I feel can be a honest person that will help lead our people.

I say Chi Miigwich to you board members that care enough about your people to walk amongst them. In closing I want to ask the board members or the people that are running for the board a question? Are you honestly worthy to lead us?

Miigwich

Kris LeVeque (Pdatkumkwe)

In a previous report, I noted that I was reading from a verse inspired book on leadership and would publish excerpts from time to time. I found one passage that helps to keep a positive framework to deal with the constant negative that seems to emanate from certain individuals.

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too, can become great."

Mark Twain

How do most people feel when they're around you? Do they feel small and insignificant, or do they believe in themselves and have a great hope about what they can become?

Leadership: Promises for Every Day, John C. Maxwell

TRIBAL DELEGATES' TRIP TO DC



United States Capitol Building

At first, I was reluctant to take an entire week out of my Tribal schedule to attend a conference in DC. However, the Spring M.A.S.T (Mid-West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes) conference turned out to be a very productive trip. Tribal Board Members Denise Chase and Tom Miller (Unit 4), Lana Causley (Unit 2), and Cathy Abramson (Unit 1) all made the trek to DC to participate in the M.A.S.T. conference and to make our rounds on capital hill.



Lincoln Memorial

Additionally, Fred Paquin (Unit 3) also traveled to DC just prior to this conference where we visited a few regulatory offices together.

All in all, this trip was highly successful. Though we have our differences some times, we all seemed to be committed to wanting to protect and advocate for the resources we currently receive and the assets of our Tribe. This trip also gave me an opportunity to demonstrate to Tribal Board members that I am of value when representing our Tribe at the highest levels. Each individual contributed and our approach was very complimentary.



United States Supreme Court

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the efforts of several additional individuals who attended as staff and/or as Tribal members. First, Megan Kelly Powell (a Sault Tribe Member) played a valuable role in coordinating the Board visits on the hill. Megan represent our Tribe's interest at the federal level regarding gaming issues. You might recall Megan as one of our first Tribal interns way back in 1992. She did wonderfully.

I also want to give a special acknowledgement to Angeline Bouley Matson. Angeline (a Sault Tribe Member) attended the conference as the Education



National Museum of the American Indian

Director for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi as well as, the Vice-Chair of the Michigan Indian Education Association. She and two others presented Indian education issues. The presentations included primary data Angeline collected to show the use of and the continued need for J.O.M (Johnson O'Malley Act) dollars. The President is proposing to eliminate J.O.M. entirely. After doing her part presenting education issues during the M.A.S.T. conference, Angeline volunteered to accompany our Tribal Board to

share our education issues with members of congress and their legislative staff. The Tribal Board was very impressed with Angeline's professionalism and skill.

There were several additional Tribal members present and in key administrative positions. Dr. Mary Beth Skupien is back working with the Public Health Service advocating for Indian Health Issues at the highest level. Stacy Bolan, another Tribal member was recently selected as the Executive Director of the American Indian Health Board. Stacy attended several meetings with us on the hill. Nina McFadden, Self-Determination



Washington Monument at night

Director for the Bemidji Area Indian Health Services also attended the M.A.S.T. conference. Each of these Sault Tribe women represented the Tribe very well at the national level. They serve as a testament of what our people can achieve and are an inspiration to others.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR JKL?

In the past, I have reported that though I am a 'public school failure' (drop out at 15) I have gone on to earn my GED, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, and 2/3 of the coursework for my doctorate degree. Many other successful



U.S. Botanical Gardens

Tribal members I know dropped out of high school but earned graduate degrees. This suggests that we each had the potential but the public schools failed to notice.

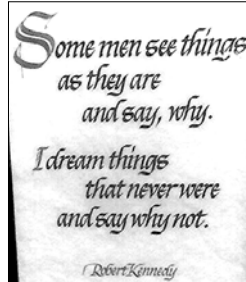
In the past, I have also reported that our relationship with the public schools has never been better. The public school system in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan is working very hard to implement recommendations from the Native American Retention Task Force. For that I am grateful.

The Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting school has provided a great public service to our Tribal members by offering a unique quality education exceeding that available in all local public schools in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In this edition, look for a featured article that shows the performance of our Tribal youth at the JKL School.

In the coming months, Tribal members in the Sault Ste. Marie area will receive a written survey to determine the level of support for expanding the JKL School to include a high school. Even

though every plan the Tribal Board has ever passed shows we intended to operate a high school eventually, some Tribal Board members refuse to go forward without a current survey. Please take the time to complete the survey.

I would like to leave you with some very profound words spoken by Robert Kennedy when he campaigned against racial divisions in the late 1960s. This was taken from a plaque and personal letter to Bart Stupak's father which is displayed in our Congressman's office in DC.



Quote from Robert Kennedy

Bart Stupak, a long time friend of our Tribe and a friend of mine personally, is the only legislator who actually sat down with us. At other legislative offices, we met with staff. Bart took the time to sit down with us and even affirmatively ask how he could be of assistance to us on a number of items.

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.

TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON Open Office Hours Schedule

The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the Tribal Administration Building at 523 Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie.

Open office hours with the chairperson are held the Monday prior to board meetings from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

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Tribe gains 20-year lease of Camp Bodne Bay in Moran, Michigan for a dollar

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Thanks to the efforts of Sault Tribe Chief of Police Fred Paquin and his staff, kids attending the Junior Police Academy this July will be back at Camp Bodne Bay on Brevort Lake in Moran, Mich.

Camp Bodne Bay is located in the middle of federally protected forest lands and is where the Junior Police Academy held their camp every year for their first three years. "The fourth year of the academy, the camp was shut down by the federal Forest Service because the well went dry and the camp also needed some repairs," Paquin said.

That year the Junior Police Academy was held in downtown St. Ignace.

"We went to the Forest Service and after about 18 months we signed a 20-year lease for one dollar. The only stipulation is that we have to maintain the camp," said Paquin.

With a new well and repairs needed, some fundraising events were held last year. The tribal Law Enforcement Department raised over \$15,000 and the Drug Elimination Program matched their efforts with a donation of



The 2003 Camp Bodne Bay summer class.

\$15,000. Paquin said he dared Chairperson Payment to donate \$1,000 to match his own donation of \$1,000.

"We have been real fortunate with our fundraising efforts. We haven't used any tribal dollars on this project, it has been strictly volunteer work," Paquin said.

The new well was installed last fall and some repairs were started. "Right after we got the well put in the power line kept breaking. We worked with Cloverland Electric to have a new power line put in. The water

heaters were rusted out so we put one new water heater in last fall and the other one will be installed sometime this spring," he said. "There were cabin tents at the camp with wood benches and tent tops the kids used to sleep in. The tents had rotted and the mattresses were full of field mice. We took everything to the dump and the Forest Service tore the cabins down."

Two 24' by 48' bunkhouses will be built by volunteers this spring and early summer. The bunkhouses will be on separate

sides of the camp, one for the girls and the other for the guys. Each bunkhouse will shelter about 22 kids on individual bunks with mattresses.

"The \$30,000 we were able to raise sounds like a lot of money, but the problem is that it's not. We are looking for free labor to build the bunkhouses. The chairperson has offered to allow a few Fridays off paid for staff who can do carpentry work to come out and help us. It would first have to be approved by their supervisors. We also plan to have a picnic for the volunteers on the last weekend work is being done," Paquin said.

Once the work at the camp is completed it will be available for cultural activities and different weekend events for kids. "We have already had other organizations asking about the use of the camp. The camp will be operational by mid-July in time for the Junior Police Academy but I think improvements will be on-going," he said.

Additional fundraising is planned with a fish fry, spaghetti dinner and other activities. "Our goal is to also be able to construct

two small structures next to the bunkhouses for staff lodging which would sleep about six each," Paquin said.

An existing structure is already located on site and includes a commercial size kitchen, bathroom and an eating area that seats about 50 people. "I call it the lodge. We are going to upgrade it a little and do some minor repair work. There is also another building with bathrooms and showers. That building is in good shape but needs new doors and windows," he said.

Camp Bodne Bay is in the middle of the woods with the water of a beautiful lake within a stone's throw. For the cost of one dollar, a few sun burns, a little sweat and a lot of good food, our kids and other organizations will now have a beautiful retreat in the St. Ignace/Moran area to use for their events.

Please take the time to volunteer and help make it all happen. Call the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Department for more information at (906) 635-6065.

Exciting opportunities await our tribe

By **RICK SMITH**

The Western American Indian Chamber of Denver, Colo., was one of the hosts of the first annual American Indian Business Expo in Denver last March 20 to 23. Ben Sherman, Lakota president of the chamber's board, invites tribes from across the nation to contact the chamber to become part of an association that would work for the common benefit of the members.

The Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce, also based in Denver, also hosted the event. The U.S. General Services Administration, which awards government contracts, served as a partner.

Some of the corporate sponsors included Xcel Energy Inc., Denver-based Native American

Bank, IBM Corp., Wells Fargo Bank and M+O+A Architectural Partnership of Denver.

The inaugural expo's theme was "Building Economic Strength in Indian Communities," by bringing tribal and other Indian businesses together with federal government and corporate representatives who do business with the government. The event's ultimate goal was to help Indian enterprises succeed over the long term, so they can help strengthen the economies of tribes and other Indian communities.

"We would be interested in hearing from any tribes," said Sherman. "We're doing quite well and we would like to share the wealth, so to speak."

The purpose of the Western American Indian Chamber is to

assist American Indians (tribes or individuals) in the pursuit of self-sufficiency through business success. To this end, the chamber will actively support and nurture well-planned, long-term business growth for members. The chamber will promote and stimulate business opportunities for members by providing organized access to public sector agencies and private industry. They will also provide a forum for members to address legislative issues and government concerns of American Indian business.

The chamber was formed by a group of American Indian individuals and businesses in 1989 in response to a real need for an association that would work for the common benefit of the members. It is now fully organized and

actively involved in a number of programs to help build a stronger American Indian business community constituency. The diverse membership roster of the chamber consists of American Indian individuals and businesses, mainstream individuals and businesses along with representatives from public agencies and corporate industry.

A few of the topics addressed at the expo were tribal business development, alternative energy development, economic advantages of responsible architectural design, access to capital for tribes and American Indian businesses, American Indian tourism, tribal business opportunities in satellite technology and marketing of tribal or Indian businesses.

Representatives from organiza-

tions such as the U.S. Small Business Administration, General Services Administration, Hochunk Incorporated and Mardee Enterprises worked with attendees in break out sessions.

"We did well," said Sherman, "But we're planning for a bigger and better expo next year." Next year he wants to see the expo better tied with the annual Denver March Powwow staged from March 24 to 26.

Contact information for the chamber is Western American Indian Chamber, 1900 Wazee, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80202, phone (303) 620-9292, fax (303) 664-5139 or e-mail bsherman@indiancountry.org.

AP reports zero in on Michigan casinos

By **RICK SMITH**

Widespread reports from the Associated Press (AP) surfaced last February about Michigan casinos, including casinos owned by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, spending millions of dollars on lobbying and political campaigns since 2000 to protect their interests. The reports are originating out of Lansing and are found in newspapers and Web sites from across the nation to Europe.

According to the reports, most of the \$32 million found in an AP analysis of state and federal records was spent to block development or expansion of new casinos and "racinos" around the state. Racino is a term coined to describe a horse race track that also has slot machines.

Reports state Michigan is one of the nation's gaming leaders with 20 casinos, 17 of them run by American Indian tribes, which garnered an estimated \$2 billion last year and at least a half-dozen more tribal casinos are planned.

The AP reported, "Michigan casino owners have shown they're willing to dig into their profits to keep the cash flowing." Further, "Detroit and tribal casinos spent about \$19.5 million promoting a 2004 ballot proposal requiring voter approval for most types of nontribal gambling expansion in the state.

"The successful measure derailed an effort by horse-racing track owners to add slot machines to their gambling lineup.

"Tribes that have wanted to open new casinos claim their

rivals also have worked to delay — or even stop — their casinos from opening with lobbying and lawsuits."

"Millions of dollars have been spent on these lawsuits (restricting casinos), and no one has stepped up and taken responsibility for paying the bills," the AP quoted Tom Shields, whose Lansing-based firm, Marketing Resource Group, helps handle public relations for two Potawatomi bands planning to build casinos in southwest Michigan. "The question is, who is paying for it?"

The Associated Press reports Michigan casino interests or American Indian tribes seeking to open a casino in the state have spent more than \$32 million since 2000 on lobbying and politically

related campaigns including Michigan ballot issues, federal politician campaigns, political action committees and political parties. According to the AP, here is a breakdown, according to estimates compiled from federal and state lobbying records and PoliticalMoneyLine reports:

- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe: \$15.3 million.
- MGM Grand: \$8.8 million.
- Sault Ste. Marie "Band" of Chippewa Indians: \$2.3 million.
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians: \$2 million.
- Bay Mills Indian Community: \$1.3 million.
- Gun Lake Tribe (Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians): \$684,000.
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians: \$582,000.

- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians: \$343,000.
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: \$336,000.
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians: \$258,000.
- Motor City Casino/related interests: \$200,000.
- Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians: \$180,000.
- Greentown Casino: \$175,000.
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians: \$100,000.
- Keewenaw Bay Indian Community: \$47,000.
- Hannahville Indian Community: \$3,000.

Tribal board meeting briefs

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians met for a general meeting in Hessel on March 21. Board member Robert Lambert, Sr., was absent. The minutes of a meeting on March 7 were approved.

Approved resolutions: *Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.*

The board approved an application for federal funds to continue support of the Sault Tribe Victim Assistance Program for 2006.

A federal grant application was approved to obtain funding through the Administration for Native Americans social and economic development program for architectural services to design development of an Ojibwe museum.

Another grant application was approved for general assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect tribal natural resources.

Carol A. Andary was appointed as interim associate judge for the tribal court until a permanent

judge is hired. Board member Lana Causley opposed the appointment.

A grant application was approved for federal funds to support tribal juvenile accountability for 2006-09 through the tribal court.

A fiscal year 2005 year end reconciliation was approved for an increase of \$3,028,830 in tribal support. Board member Paul Shagen abstained.

The board established a fiduciary committee for the JKL Bahweting School composed of board members Cathy Abramson, Dennis McKelvie, Joe Eitrem, Todd Gravelle, Tom Miller, Lana Causley and Aaron Payment.

The board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and Sault Tribe members are invited to attend.



There are many reasons to be optimistic



Bob LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

A popular phrase in life is, you can look at the glass "half empty or half full." I think about this when I get up in the morning and ask myself, are we at the starting line, or the finish line.

I think there are many reasons to be optimistic.

I have been very busy working and traveling. I took a trip to Cornwall, Ontario, drove 750 miles to attend a Homeland Security Conference. Attendance

was limited to only 50 people. It was sponsored by the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, U.S. Customs, and officials from the B.I.A.

Because our Tribe is part of the international border port, we have a role to play in border security. The three day conference brought many of the border tribes together to hear what is being planned to improve border security. Because of the limited space to report all the details, lets just say, it could mean some good jobs for our members. Perhaps as many as two dozen or more along the border, especially Sugar Island.

There would be a system of electronic equipment installed that would have to be monitored. I suggested a North American Indian ID (Pass Port) and they really liked the idea. We have Aboriginal Rights to cross and trade, this has been guaranteed by the Treaty of Amity, known as the Jay Treaty. Jobs for our members doing security is what I am interested in.

Another item of interest I

would like to report is I have located a potential buyer for our motel property in Manistique. This would involve a real estate swap for two buildings in the Cheboygan Industrial park. The two building have a lot to offer. One is 80' X 120' and the other is 40' X 60'. The big building is two stories with a full basement. This could be the beginning of something in the Cheboygan area. We need to develop an economic policy that will help create jobs for our members.

Thinking that the tribal government is the only way to support our members is not the road we want to travel. The buildings have great potential and one idea that came to me right away was a bottled water plant. Maybe a E-commerce center where we could explore global opportunities. One of the buildings could be used as a community center.

Two years into this new administration, I would say, the glass is still half full. For more information or questions, please call Bob LaPoint, vice chairman and Unit II representative, (906) 493-5311.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HOUSING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CHILD WELFARE

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

I have always supported our fellow tribes



Robert Lambert Sr.
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I want to thank the overwhelming number of members that have contacted me since my last unit report to let me know they appreciated being informed when wrong doing occurs on a board level. I do not enjoy reporting about such things but I am also not afraid to say it when it does. I hope there is never again a need to report to you that our money was used for personal gain by one of our elected leaders.

I would like to elaborate on an issue that was brought to my attention while I was on the phone with one of our fellow

members. This member was under the impression that I was against the formation of the Mackinac Band. I would like to say loud and clear to this member and all members that I have always supported the Mackinac Band and the formation of it. I have never stated I was against their fight for federal recognition. Currently more than half of our 32,000 members trace their blood line to the Mackinac Band. I have always supported our fellow tribes. We should never have fought Gun Lake's attempt to get a compact with the state of Michigan. We should not have tried to muscle Little Traverse Bay Band when they fought to better themselves. Our Tribe has made a terrible name for itself under the Bouschor administration by bullying weaker tribes. I fought against that behavior then and I will defend the Mackinac Band now. These are our brothers and sisters. These are our children and grandparents. They need our encouragement. They do not need a kick in the side. Our board of directors recently voted to remain neutral when it comes to the formation of the Mackinac Band. That was far better than openly opposing their struggle to have what all tribal citizens want. The Mackinac band may end up

as one of the base bands on our Tribe's Constitution or they may seek individual federal recognition independently. Either way I hope that I have been very clear that my personal opinion on the Mackinac Band is that they acquire the federal recognition they seek.

I reported to you that there was a movement under way to enact unconstitutional legislation that would lock our members at large into a voting unit for life. The language in our Constitution is very clear and says that our members at large have the right to vote in their unit of choice during each election. I am sorry to have to report that resolution 2006-08 passed and now our members at large are in fact locked into a voting unit for life. I explained to the board that it was unconstitutional but it was more important for them to stop the possible added competition than to follow our governing document. I voted no on this resolution. The following board members voted yes. Todd Gravelle, Paul Shagen, Bob Lapoint, Denise Chase, Tom Miller.

Rob Lambert, 23 Stockbridge St., St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-8840, (800) 484-7919 pin 8106.

Membership Q & A

Q: I am a Sault Tribe member who lives in Oakland County, Mich. I know that I can travel to the Upper Peninsula and be seen at one of the tribe's health centers but the trip takes a lot out of me. Are there any clinics in the southern part of the state that I can go to?

A: Sault Tribe members who live in southeast lower Michigan can use a health service in Detroit. It is not a Sault Tribe clinic (meaning not owned, funded or operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians).

Medical and dental services are offered by American Indian Health and Family Services of SE Michigan, 4880 Lawdale,

Detroit, MI 48210, phone (313) 846-3718.

Q: I am planning a trip back to the Sault this summer and I would like to attend the tribe's powwow. Is it still held on the Fourth of July?

A: The powwow is held on the weekend that is closest to July 4. This year, that is June 30 through July 2. Last year, the Sault Tribe hosted one of the largest assemblies of dancers in recent history and the Powwow Committee, led by Bud Biron, is working very hard to insure another magnificent gathering for 2006.

Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

Marquette and Alger Counties
6:30 to 11 p.m., Channel 8, Fridays

Sault Ste. Marie
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mondays and Thursdays
St. Ignace

9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays
Escanaba and Manistique

3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8, Wednesdays

Important issues affecting Indian Country



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

In last month's issue, I reported that the chairman and board members would be attending the Midwest Alliance for Sovereign Tribes conference in Washington, D.C. the week of March 13 through the 17. We had an aggressive schedule put together by Megan Kelly Powell and Mike McCoy. Both these individuals are tribe members and are employed by the tribe. We had an opportunity to meet with administration officials, congressmen and key congressional staffers: Chris Redman, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs; Patrick C. Grant, legislative correspondent for Senator Christopher J. Dodd (D-CT); Janet Erickson, senior counsel for the democratic staff of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Christina Hamilton, chief of staff

for Congressman David R. Obey (D-WI); Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI); Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI); Rachel Bornstein, legislative assistant for Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy; and Scott Parman, legislative analyst for Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK).

During these sessions we spoke about the desperate need for the Johnson O'Malley program to be reinstated. The program across Indian country is slated to be cut in 2007 by about 16.4 million dollars. For our youth education program, it assisted with about a third of the budget. We not only discussed the impact it would have on us but we also urged them to increase the funding by at least five percent. Indian children in Michigan who benefit from the J.O.M. program is an estimated 6,000 students. We met with Patrick Atagi, deputy director of intergovernmental affairs and acting director of the Office of Native American Programs. We discussed our fishing concerns with the deputy director, such as the imbalance there is with the Canadian fishing industry vs. our tribal commercial fishermen.

During the meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Roger Boyd, we discussed the need for increased funding for our housing programs. Tribe members are still the lowest in percentage when it comes to inadequate housing.

Overcrowding is a problem and there are still members within our own tribe and those across the United States who do not have adequate plumbing in their homes. The funding issues that were discussed in Washington by us and many other tribal leaders are real and increasing throughout Indian Country.

One of the priorities for tribes is to educate the government officials and make them understand that just because we have casinos does not mean we are rich. We aren't looking for handouts; this is the government's portion of its responsibilities to Anishinaabe communities established through the treaties made with us. We cannot let the trust responsibility become unrecognized. It is estimated that the poverty rate among Indians is still 26 percent greater than non-Natives.

There were many issues that we covered in our week in D.C. Its crucial that elected officials are aware of these statistics so that we can truly be the voice for our people and advocate not only for the funding needed to provide services but also be aware so we can be part of the solutions to overcome them.

For me, one of the highlights of the trip is when I had an opportunity to sit in on a Legislative hearing with the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Senators John McCain and Byron Dorgan chaired the hearing on the issue of prevention for Indian children and family

violence. Drug use and alcoholism is still on the rise, therefore child abuse and neglect is found to increase as well. Witnesses at this hearing included Pat Ragsdale, director of the Bureau of Indians Affairs, Christopher Chaney, deputy director for Law Enforcement Services, Jon Perez, director for Indian Health Services, Terry Cross, executive director for the Indian Child Welfare association and Honorable Ron Suppah, chairman for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Ore.

All these gentlemen testified about the need for increased funding for the planning and reduction to prevent child abuse and neglect in Indian country. We have funds available to assist families after the crimes are committed, but there is also a need to have preventative measures for reducing child abuse and neglect. It's not always recognized but when a parent is using drugs, child neglect is more common than we want to believe. We are all well aware that our people have had many more troubles than non-natives. We have overcome many problems but we still have a ways to go.

There were many other issues that we discussed with members of Congress, such as the current bills in the House and Senate that would affect Indian gaming in Michigan, again for us to be there is very important.

Members asked me when I came home, "How was the trip?"

I responded, "It truly felt like I was doing something productive and beneficial for our tribe and its members!" Educating congressmen about our needs and concerns, listening to solutions other tribes have used to assist in overcoming their problems and advocating on behalf of our tribe is exactly what needs to be done. Politics can get petty and ugly here, focusing on the bigger picture and securing the future of our next generations is exactly why I wanted to become your representative. My hope and goal is that, years from now, we will not be in the number one spot for inadequate/overcrowded housing, high school drop out rate, drug/alcohol abuse, poverty and high unemployment. There are plans for the board and chairman to address congress on a more regular basis and I look forward to being part of that.

In this edition of the paper you should find the schedule for the Constitution Convention Committee meetings. The next meeting in our unit will be in Hessel on May 5 and 6. This fall and winter there will be meetings in Naubinway and Newberry. Please remember all meetings are open to our members and I encourage you to attend and give your input.

I have a new email address which is lcausley@saulttribe.net, please contact me either by phone (906) 484-2954 or email if you would like to meet. Baamaapii. Lana Causley, Unit II board of directors representative.

Buy high, sell low



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

This seems to have been the pattern of the Tribe for the past 6+ years. The Tribe has consistently purchased properties for large sums of money, and then turned around and sold them for fire sale prices. We must learn from the mistakes of the past, so that we do not continue to make them in the future.

We cannot continue to deplete the assets of the Tribe by liquidating and creating short term cash flow. We must be fiscally sound in our decision making. We must have the proper information, and planning to determine not only what is good for the short term, but what is best for the long haul.

In the past we used to have

quarterly briefings at workshops to keep us informed on where we are at, and how we are doing. This no longer happens! Department heads report directly to administration, they rarely report to the board of directors. When they do, we are limited to the questions which we can ask. How can we, as board members, lead without the proper knowledge?

The last regime took power because the board didn't care. The Detroit casino negotiations, new ventures, and many other decisions were made hasty last minute decisions with limited information. It was portrayed as a hurry up or we'll miss out scenario.

This is being done now!

Take our Detroit casino operation, for example. The board used to meet once a month in Detroit. Once the board became a part of the management board, this process became a very efficient form of communication on the progress of our operation.

However, the meetings have now been relegated to every other month, to be cost prohibitive. Instead of meeting with departments in Detroit, we are relegated to condensed briefings located here in Sault Ste. Marie. Multi-million dollar operations need more attention that just periodic updates. If board members cannot

spare time to attend these board duties, maybe they should seek a different position elsewhere.

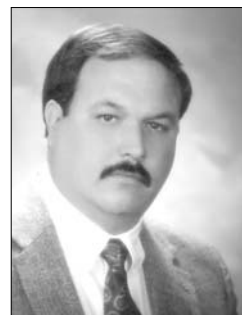
The board needs to take control! We cannot allow the administration to run the show. For as it has been said, the day of the one horse show must end. Some feel that asking questions is wasting people's time. Those individual board members need to ask questions to ensure that they are looking out for the best interests of their constituents, the membership.

Sometimes it appears that I am constantly fighting with the administration. I believe that an open and honest relationship between the board, the administration and the membership is vital to the long term success of the Tribe. When the administration fails to include the board, as well as the membership, in the decision making process, then I have a major problem.

Open and honest communication are the keys to a successful board/administration relationship. This is not how things are currently operating. I have fought this type of behavior in past administrations, and I intend to continue fighting until it ends.

Sincerely, Dennis McKelvie, Unit I board of director (906) 632-7267.

One person can not make changes



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

It is election time again and I have been reading the campaign information. There was an article that listed individual's income by a candidate. I'm not sure where the information was obtained, but it was not totally accurate.

These are the things that voters should be looking for. If a candidate is running and states he or she is going to work in a certain direction that is good, but if a candidate is throwing mud or

slamming other candidates I think the membership should be aware. I think members should contact that candidate and ask what their plan is if elected.

When a candidate says that they will do or change something, remember one person cannot make that change. It takes the entire board. If a board member brings a strong issue to the board that is in the best welfare of the tribe, that board member is doing their job.

If a candidate has nothing good to say and only makes negative comments is that what the membership needs or wants. There have been several positive things happening with the tribe the past several years, new casino in St. Ignace, Health Center in Manistique, and negotiations with U.S. vs Michigan over hunting and fishing rights. These are just a few issues that the tribe has addressed.

I would hope that the tribe would continue to move in a positive direction.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is 9 a.m. April 18.

Tune in to the **Sault Tribe This Week**, the Saturday Morning Show with George Snider from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews, music and other great features.

Our tribe represented well in Washington



Cathy Abramson
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

It was an honor to represent our tribe together with a delegation of our board with Directors Chase, Miller, Causley and Chairperson Payment at the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) in Washington D.C. during the week of March 12-16. It was exciting to be at the table with the tribal leaders from Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana and Iowa.

We were briefed on issues including health, education, the budget, water rights and proposed bills in Congress that would impose limitations on our sovereign rights. The speakers made it clear that congressmen need to

hear directly from tribal elected officials. By doing so, we are representing our peoples' best interest and these legislators are seeing Indian people raise their own issues and concerns. These are the times when we are able to educate them about who we are and the concerns of our communities. The Abramoff scandal has shown that when tribes give too much control to lobbyists without proper oversight, we (all tribal people) will have to deal with the negative repercussions of their actions.

I was especially proud of the number of Sault Tribe members, who in addition to our delegation and staff, were on the program for the MAST presentations.

1. Stacy Bohlen, executive director, National Indian Health Board.
2. Nina McFadden, consultant for IHS in tribal affairs (wasn't able to speak).
- 3) Mary Beth Skupien, deputy director, Office of Public Health Support, IHS Headquarters.
- 4) Angeline Matson, education director for Pokagon Band-limination of JOM funding

In addition to the MAST meeting and presentations, Megan Kelly Powell, Sault Tribe member and consultant, working with Mike McCoy, Sault Tribe legislative director, and Ken Ermatinger, executive director of Gaming

Commission, arranged several meetings for our delegation with the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Indian Health Service- Office of Native American Programs. We also met with our Congressman Bart Stupak and Senator Carl Levin's office, Senator Christopher Dodd, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, and Congressman Cole to name a few.

Our board delegation and chairman worked as a team and the presentations by our delegation went very well. Needless to say, our week was full and we made sure that all meetings were covered while still being represented at MAST. I did join a MAST environmental group and took this opportunity to share with and request support for our on-going efforts to clean up the waters of the St. Mary's River. I'd like to thank our program staff at home for putting together a brief for us to bring with us.

While we were in DC, we discussed creating a formal legislative committee of board members. Staff would help us implement things that need to be done. Board members would either chair or co-chair program issues such as health, education, environment,

housing and so on. This would enable us to work more closely with our division and program directors on issues that impact our membership service. If each board member chaired a committee we would be better informed and kept up to date with the issues. By working together with our division directors, we would be more informed and we could bring issues directly with elected officials at the state and federal level. This is one of our primary duties as your elected officials.

I look forward to being a part of this working committee and its development so that we may create better communication between our chairperson, our board and our division and program directors. It is an absolute necessity so that we can be most successful as your governing body. Our role as an active, effective board member must continue to be developed. Our membership deserves the best representation that we can give them. Our division and program directors could use our help communicating at the state and federal level for our programs. In order to do this we must take the time to learn about and keep on top of various issues. We must strengthen our presence in DC and Lansing and meet with local, state and federal governments to pro-

tect and secure what we have.

At the state level, we have been working with the Pokagon Band and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to create a coalition of tribes in Michigan to focus on state issues that we can all agree on. We have formed an association called the United Tribes of Michigan. As MAST does at a federal level, our Michigan tribes will work together at the state level. We are stronger and more influential when we work together in a united effort at the state and federal level.

I hold office hours every Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at our tribal administrative building located on Ashmun Street in the Sault. My office is located on the second floor. I have designated every Monday to be available to meet with tribal members. Our tribal government is based on your input. We are trying to meet your needs. Please come in to talk about what's working, what's not working and together we can help build a better tribe. You may reach me at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0669. My home phone number is (906) 635-3054, my cell phone number is (906) 440-7613 and my e-mail address is: abramson410@charter.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Important issues discussed in Washington



Denise Chase
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Tribal board members Tom Miller, myself, Cathy Abramson, Lana Causley and Chairman Aaron Payment attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week in Washington D.C. March 12,

through March 15, 2006.

MAST was formed to educate congressional and federal agency leaders on the current needs of tribal communities and to influence and gain congressional support for legislation pending in Congress that will impact tribes such as protecting tribal sovereignty and self-governance, advancing Indian economic opportunity, protecting the rights of individual tribe members pursuant to treaties with the United States, protecting Indian lands and natural resources including the right to place land into trust, improving education opportunities and health and well being of Indian people, protecting the cultural and religious resources, ceremonies, events, lands and rights of Indian people.

Issues and concerns addressed were — Educational: President Bush's \$ 16.7 Million budget cuts for 2007 which would zero out the Johnson O'Mally Program.

This would affect 6,000 students directly in Michigan, and to restore decreased funding for Headstart and Early Head Start Programs.

Gaming issues — Congressman Pombo's legislation that would not treat tribal governments as true sovereign entities and would restrict tribal gaming and curtail off reservation gaming expansions. Campaign finance Reform Bill H.R. 4696- restricts tribal gaming industry, Congressmen Bart Stupak, Tom Cole and Patrick Kennedy pledged to work with the tribes in opposition to these pieces of legislation.

Housing and economic development: — Met with Patrick S. Atagi, deputy director of inter-governmental affairs and acting director of Native American programs. Asked to form a Rural Development Tribal Advisory Committee.

Discussion about various fishing concerns — NAFTA ruling

caused a trade imbalance with Canadian fisherman and tribal fisherman marketing assistance - USDA whitefish purchases for schools.

Grant opportunities, food nutrition services, subsidies, unique needs of Indian Country.

Identify programs and grant opportunities that would enhance tribal whitefish marketing and sales.

Met with Roger Boyd, deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs, and Francis Harjo, acting director of field operations.

Indian housing block grants and unmet needs. Asked for increased funding for Indian housing. Urged that technical assistance and training program funds be restored

Opportunities for the tribe to become a lending institution. Tribal health care — Mike

Mashteki, legislative director of the Indian Health Service, and June Tracy, legislative analyst for Indian Health Service. Urged that contract health dollars be fully funded

Discussed about the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Talked about how the tribe is impacted by under funding.

Escanaba Tribal Center — Last week, the board of directors authorized the chairman and treasurer to perform the sale of a piece of property and tribally owned building. With the revenue realized from the sale of the property, funds have been earmarked for eight projects. The one that would benefit our area is that \$450,000 will be used towards the purchase and renovation of a building or towards building a new one in the Escanaba area.

If I can be of any assistance, please call me at 341-6783 or 1-888-667-3809.

Thank you.

Board of directors open hours

Tribal members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- April 18-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.
- May 2-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.
- May 16-Manistique Health Center.
- June 6-Escanaba, Bay de Noc College (Herman Center).
- June 20-Marquette to be determined.
- Aug. 1-Munising American Legion.
- Aug. 15-Newberry Comfort Inn.
- Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.
- Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center.
- Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.
- Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear.
- Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.
- Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.
- Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

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-----

Dear Mr. Payment,

I have received my Chippewa Indian card and I'm very thankful to be given Sault Tribe membership. I moved to Indiana over the summer because my husband took another job. I was worried you wouldn't find me because I hadn't heard back. I was so happy to get the letter in the mail!

Thanks to all the board members for all the good work they do! Sincerely,

—Angela Blanchard

Dear Aaron Payment,

How proud and thankful to you and all your board members, for all your work, concern, and devotion, to make it possible for myself, and my other family members, and also all the other enrollees, to become registered as a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I am so proud to be a registered member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. It has been a dream for many years.

My father Fred Mastaw, took my brother and myself back to Michigan in 1945 to visit my grandparents Raymond and Sophie Mastaw and all my aunts, uncles, and cousins. It was thrilling. I wanted to move to Michigan.

My husband Dale and myself came back in 2003, and returned again in 2005.

Our whole family met there for a family reunion. We came from all corners of the states. We had not been together for almost 40 years. We attended the powwow on fourth of July weekend 2005. What a blessed event.

We met our cousins and our beloved Aunt Isabella. It was a life long wonderful memory for all seven of us.

My father and mother would have been so proud of us. All of us are registered Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Thanks to you and your board of directors. We will return soon, Lord willing.

Chi McGwitch, from the bottom or my heart.

—Lovingly, Patsy Elaine Rolph

Dear Aaron,

Thank you for sharing part of the 2% monies with Special Olympics. This money will help put our swim meet on April 15, 2006. We received a check for \$1,247.31

—Laura Aikens

Area Director
EUP Special Olympics

Dear Mr. Payment,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you, from everyone at the Delta County Sheriff's Department, for the recent payment of \$8,000 received from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe.

We are pleased to offer our services and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,

—Sheriff Gary A. Ballweg

Dear Mr. Payment:

The Garfield Township Board and Ambulance Corp. would like to extend a huge "Thank you" for granting us funds to update our current Ambulance Building.

As you know, this takes many dollars to keep our ambulance running and funds are limited when it comes time to keep up with all the mandates required and upkeep.

Township budgets alone cannot afford these bills and so your help really makes a difference.

We look forward to continued good communication between the Tribe and the Township.

Thanks again!

Sincerely yours,
Garfield Township Board
Garfield Township Ambulance Corp.

—Cleo Smith
Garfield Township Supervisor

Dear Chairperson Payment:

We are in receipt of your correspondence and checks written to our school system totaling \$16,380.75. The purpose of this letter is to convey our thanks to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for its financial assistance and generosity. Your check of \$ 6,380.75 will allow us to operate both baseball and softball programs next spring. The check for \$10,000 provides assistance to our schools in funding our student advocate position.

The working relationship between the St. Ignace Area Schools and the Tribe has always been very positive. It is our goal to provide the best possible educational opportunities to all students. The school is a reflection of and exemplifies the commitment from the community towards its youth. This community, which is at least 50 percent Native American decent, has always shown strong support for its youth and the schools. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians through its various financial endowments typifies that commitment. On behalf of the students of our school system, the parents of those students, our school staff, and our school board I offer my sincere thanks.

Sincerely

—Michael Springsteen
Superintendent

Dear Aaron Payment,

We would like to offer you and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians our sincere thanks for your financial support in the amount of \$6,791 towards the Manistique Public Safety Department Firefighting Infrastructure Project and \$2,500 for law enforcement support. The donations are greatly appreciated by our city and were noted by the mayor of Manistique for public acknowledgment during the regular Manistique City Council meeting which was televised in Manistique on December 12, 2005.

Sincerely,

—Kenneth C. Golat, Director of Public Safety
—Sheila Aldrich, City Manager

Dear Chairman Payment,

The Chippewa County Sheriff office acknowledges the payment of \$25,000 for services provided. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

—Jeffery L. Moran, Sheriff
Chippewa County

Dear Mr. Payment:

We are extremely happy to have received another check from the Tribe towards the purchase of two new fire trucks for our township. This \$3,000 plus the \$5,000 we received last year will give a much-needed boost to our financial picture. Total cost of our project is estimated at \$399,020. While \$8,000 doesn't seem like a great deal of money, it certainly helps.

We are pleased to participate in the 2% funding program and are glad you are able to offer us the opportunity to submit a request. We will notify you when we take delivery of our new equipment. We would love to have you and your staff come to Portage Twp. So we can meet you and have some pictures taken.

Sincerely,

—Donald D. Ferris, Supervisor
—PJ Costa, Fire Chief

Dear Aaron,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. The children of Munising and surrounding areas will benefit greatly from this skate park.

Thanks again,

—Kathleen Quattrin

Dear Aaron:

On behalf of Consolidated School Services (CCSS), I want to thank you and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors for the generous allocation of 2% funds to assist CCSS in providing Adult Education in Sault Ste. Marie. The opportunity for individuals to complete secondary credentials not only can be personally satisfying, but also contributes to the areas economic growth potential. Again, I thank you and the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

—William Sutter, Director
Consolidated Community School Services

Dear Chairman Payment,

For the past two years Trout Lake Township has received tribal contributions in consideration of a new town hall and community center. As this project nears fruition I would like to report on its progress and express township gratitude for the monetary assistance Sault Tribe has provided. We have recently received bids for construction and plan to begin as soon as spring breakup allows. Our new facility will be located close to the township park/campground and ball diamond. There is ample space for incorporating additional recreational resources in the future. The building design is a 4,125 sq. ft. structure providing office space and conference room, community assembly room measuring approximately 60 x 38, and a kitchen facility capable of serving a maximum capacity crowd.

For financing, a low interest loan through USDA-Rural Development for \$300,000 has been applied for and approved. This represents approximately two-thirds of the initial projected cost. The balance will be met from the township's building fund of which tribal contributions are a significant part. One minor hurdle has developed in that, probably

due to escalated cost of building materials, the low bid came in \$30,000 over budget. We are now exploring ways to cover this additional cost.

We are excited and anxious to move into our new home and greatly appreciate the tribal contributions that have helped make it possible. On behalf of the entire township populace I extend our most profound gratitude to Sault Tribe and especially to those members who saw fit to include our little township in your program of giving. Our hope is to continue to benefit from that generosity in the future.

Sincerely,

—Ronald McMillan, Township Supervisor

To the Editor,

We would like to thank all our family and friends that were there in our time of need. We love them all.

—Ken and Gloria Bazinaw

To the Editor,

The family of Dawn Goetz would like to thank the whole crew at the Hessel Tribal Center for the beautiful luncheon and all the work and time involved.

Thanks to everyone for their kind words and expressions of sympathy. A special thanks to Dorothy Currie who came out of retirement and helped us in many ways.

Thank you all,

—The Goetz family

To the Editor and Higher Education Department,

I wanted to personally thank you for the educational funding that I have received from you and your department on behalf of the Sault Tribe. I really don't think that I would have been able to continue with the U.P.S.O.C.S. program if it weren't for the tribes generosity.

I plan to stay and work in the Sault area and because the Tribe has contributed to more than half of my education I was thinking that I could give back to the Sault Tribe community. Would you happen to have any suggestions on who to speak with about a possible internship at IHS?

Again, thanks a ton for everything you and your department does for its tribal students.

—Holly Greeley

Dear Editor:

I would like to write this letter for many reasons. I was laid off from my beloved position of 10 years last fall. I loved that job like another part of the family - it was like a marriage. I was deeply depressed, emotional and hurt. Time didn't help as it was nerve racking not having a job and becoming further and further in debt. To make matters worse when Christmas time was hit, my husband was laid off too. Then we were both out of work and only living on my unemployment. It was awful and yes I know there is always someone worse off; I respect that and understand it. I have had my propane run out twice, delinquent loans, bill collectors, etc.

I applied for every job that I was suited for and was becoming more upset that no job was com-

ing for me let alone an interview. I stumbled upon a listing one day at the beginning of February. Although it took a month, just like they say, I got another door to open!

I got another chance at not only a job, not only a paycheck, but a real job, a good job that I am very proud of. The day I got the instinctive call I was on cloud nine. I am still on cloud nine and have a permanent smile upon my face. Finally, someone was going to give me a chance to work for them; a chance to please them; a chance to succeed!

The first and foremost reason I want to share all of this is a thank all of the people who got me where I am today. I need to say thank you and give a smile to Diane Dias, who screened my information and enabled me an interview; Renee Robinson, Joni Talentino & Ken Hemming who interviewed me; Jenny from HR who got the ball rolling; Linda from HR who gave me the best phone call I have got in a long, long time. I also need to thank my 3 - D friends (you know who you are) who put up with my sadness, pain and agony for the last 6 months. Finally, I thank my children, parents and my wonderful husband for supporting me, helping me and loving me.

The reason I write this lengthy message is because I want the tribal members to know a couple of things. The first, jobs are posted, people are interviewed and then someone is hired. I didn't know any of the people who interviewed me - never met them. It's true that people aren't just given jobs because of who they know or who they are. I can certainly attest to that. I also want people to know that battling depression is manageable. When Linda called me to tell me the good news, I don't think she knows how truly momentous her phone call was. I don't know her or her last name but I hope she reads this and knows how much it meant to me. Furthermore, the final message here is how elated I was driving my vehicle to work on the first day and how refreshing the tribe has become.

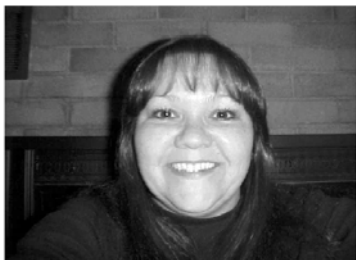
I owe this great opportunity to everyone who played a part in making this a life changing experience for more reasons than one. It was like a weight lifted off me (no I am not any lighter) but mentally, emotionally and spiritually I am ecstatic. This opportunity is a blessing that I will cherish.

My new position will enable me to research, document, follow-up and provide feedback to meet the needs of the programs the tribe operates for you. These are your programs and I am going to do my very best and meeting those needs by obtaining and securing available funding opportunities. I am here for the membership and am dedicated to getting services and programs that you want and need. Thanks so much for having me!

Respectfully,

—Roberta Lewis
Grants Specialist
For my own tribe

A Great Leader Leads By Example Not By Words



VOTE

Sheila D. Berger (Clement)

Unit 1

Board of Director members should serve the membership as a whole, not themselves or their personal agenda

My personal agenda no longer exists - My agenda is what the majority of the membership wants it to be

Even if I disagree with an issue, I will still present it to the Board with documentation as to how it will benefit the membership as a whole

I can not and will not make any false promises that I can't keep. I am only one vote out of 12. BUT I will promise to represent the majority of the membership's wishes.

Utilize your RIGHT - Let your voice be heard - VOTE!

Please feel free to contact me with any issues, concerns or questions at: sheschenk@hotmail.com or call me at 906-632-2810

Thank you for your anticipated support.

This advertisement is endorsed by Sheila D.

Anonymous phone survey pesters local residents

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.—Local residents should be cautioned that an anonymous telemarketing survey is being conducted throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula pertaining to Governor Granholm and the Sault Tribe.

Some versions of this phone survey have insinuated that the Sault Tribe is sponsoring this survey through a so-called UP Jobs survey. The Sault Tribe is in no way affiliated with conducting this survey, nor does the tribe condone such a violation of privacy by administering such a survey in this manner.

In most cases, the automated voice message does not reveal the identity of the caller and/or organization they represent and fail to divulge to the unwilling recipient the reason for conducting the survey.

The Sault Tribe's legal depart-

ment is investigating the situation to determine if any applicable laws and/or regulations were violated and will report these actions to the proper authorities if determined necessary.

The public may field these calls if they wish, however, the Tribe is advising local residents to participate at your own risk. The organization responsible for this type of survey is unreputable based upon their actions, maybe in violation of applicable laws, and could be violating your right to privacy. Participating in the call could also subject residents to further unwanted solicitations and surveys.

If you have been an unwilling target of this telemarketing survey, and would like to report your opinion, call the Sault Tribe's Administration Office at (906) 635-6050.

Attention artists

NCAI is holding its 2006 Mid Year Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI June 18-21, and is seeking artwork for the conference program cover. Please submit original art digitally by April 15. Art will be featured on cover with the artist's biography appearing on the back cover. The theme for the conference is, "Not Our Borders: Culture & Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security." If you have any questions contact Adam McMullin, communications director at (202) 466-7767 or email: amcmullin@ncai.org. Submit to: NCAI, c/o Adam McMullin, 1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C., 20036.

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The Board or Chairman can not do anything without the approval of the Board through directive, motion, or resolution. Only in the collective group does the Board have any authority.

I Support the following accountability measures for the Board

Fines for not submitting a unit report to the tribal newspaper.

Fines for missing regularly scheduled meetings or workshops.

An automatic referendum if Board members miss 10% of scheduled meetings within a rolling 12-month period. Let the members decide if the Board member should keep their seat.

I Support

Strict Financial Accountability and Open Government

Term Limits

Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP)

Paying the Elders First, not Last

At-Large Board of Directors

Employing Tribal Members First

Job-Mentoring Program

Leadership Development Program

Efficient Delivery of Healthcare and Educational Opportunities



"I believe in our right to voice our opinion through the referendum process. As a Board of Director, I will never oppose the opportunity to have the membership decide their future"



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Unit 1

Scam artists targeting elders

With the start of the Medicare Part D enrollment, scam artists have already begun targeting elders. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs warns Massachusetts elders to be cautious of unscrupulous people specifically those asking for banking information.

Elder Affairs has received calls from caregivers of elder parents reporting that their family members have received telephone calls from people asking for their bank information. Usually the caller states that they can "sign you up for a Medicare plan for a one time charge." **Please note: There is no one time fee to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan.** Thus far, the reported charges from these scams have varied from \$249 to \$398.

Citizen's Bank has verified in one instance that an amount of \$398 was automatically removed for an elder's account.

Another scam being perpetrated on the elderly involves people posing as Social Security Administration (SSA) personnel in an effort to get personal information. An SSA employee may contact an applicant if information is incomplete or there is a question about information contained in the application. SSA employees, however, will not ask for social security information, mother's maiden name, date of birth, or any other

personal, identifying information. In addition, elders should be aware that state and federal mailings are branded by official state or federal logos and are written on official stationery.

"Scams have been on the rise since enrollment into the new Medicare prescription drug benefit has begun and many federal and state agencies, including Elder Affairs, have disseminated materials containing Medicare Part D sign-up information," said Elder Affairs Secretary Jennifer Davis Carey. "It is extremely important for elders to keep in mind that the SSA already has your personal information, like your social security number, and will not ask you for this information over the telephone. Be extra vigilant with callers asking for personal identifying information."

The scam artists that are contacting the elderly are perpetuating Identity theft and fraud. Identity theft involves a person obtaining and using your personal identifying information without the consent of the targeted person in order to commit fraud and other crimes.

Elder Affairs offers the following tips to avoid being scammed:

Keep all of the following personal information safe and available only to yourselves or your trusted caregiver:

- Social security number.
- Medicare or Medicaid number.
- Mother's maiden name.
- Credit card and checking account numbers.
- Date of Birth.

Do not give out any personal information until you are sure the person you are talking to is an Elder Affairs SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor, a SHINE Counselor from your local Council on Aging or senior center, or a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or Social Security Administration personnel. SHINE is a free health insurance counseling and assistance program for Medicare beneficiaries of all ages. There are 450 SHINE counselors throughout Massachusetts. An additional 809 were trained, statewide to aid with counseling, specifically on Medicare Part D.

Finally, if an elder is in doubt, confused, or just "gets bad vibes" when contacted by a scam artist, the elder can always hang-up the telephone and call a relative, trusted caregiver, friend, or their local senior center for assistance. Other Helpful telephone numbers are: Social Security 1-800-772-1213, TTY: 1-800-325-0778 or Medicare 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

In addition, the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services offer the following tips:

People who are really working with Medicare:

Cannot come to your home uninvited to sell or endorse any Medicare-related product, but they can call you about their plan.

Cannot enroll you into a drug plan or ask you to pay for a drug plan over the telephone, unless you are adding prescription drug coverage to a Medicare Advantage Plan or other Medicare Health Plan you already have.

Note: State Health Insurance Assistance Programs and other local organization may help you enroll over the telephone. (In Massachusetts, that is the SHINE program).

Cannot ask for payment over the Web. The plan must send you a bill if you enroll over the Web.

Massachusetts elders do not have to fall prey to scam artists. SHINE counselors are available to assist elders with Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit, at Councils on Aging, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging or by calling 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636). Seniors should report suspected scam perpetrators at the SSA Fraud Web site: www.ssa.gov/oig/hotline or by calling 1-800-447-8477.

Police looking for Shane Page

Over a dozen police agencies throughout northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula have over 30 open warrants seeking the arrest of Shane Patrick Page, age 30, of Farwell, Mich. The Sault Ste. Marie Police Department just became the latest.

Chippewa County Prosecutor, Brian A. Pepler, authorized two felony charges of forgery against Page for passing checks at a local grocery store on a bogus account. The checking account appears to be a Dow Chemical Employees Credit Union out of Midland, Michigan, but no such account with the credit union exists.

"There are some 30 outstanding warrants for Page, according to Sault Police Detective Michael Whitney's investigation," said Pepler, "28 of those warrants are for crimes of fraud, such as counterfeiting, forgery and non-sufficient funds checks and have been issued over the past six to seven months. These cover areas from Midland and Saginaw through the northern Lower Peninsula to as far west as Munising."

Police are not sure if Page is still in the Sault Ste. Marie area or elsewhere. Law enforcement is trying to locate him.

Anyone who may have seen Page or might know where he is are asked to contact their local police at once. Page is 30 years old, 5'11" tall, weighs 140 pounds, blue eyes and brown to light brown hair.



REMEMBER: Make Your Voice Heard: VOTE!

EAGLE

Unit 1 - Tribal Board of Directors (2 seats open)



WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON THE 7 + 1 LITIGATION?

I support our tribe's continuing effort to recover the \$2.66 million taken on election night in 2004. I will NOT vote to dismiss this case! I supported holding the most recent referendum and I respect the will of the people as clearly demonstrated in the outcome. You spoke loudly on this issue and I for one will listen. More of our big decisions should be made this way so there is no question where members stand on issues. Each candidate, during this election cycle, should make their position on this issue clear by stating their position such as I have. **- Ken Eagle**

I Pledge to Represent You by:

Campaigns: are about hope and promise, but should not be about promises that cannot be kept. I will not make empty promises. I will advocate for expansion of services (including outside of the service area). My experience managing budgets, personnel, and benefits should aide me as a board member to help make our Tribal dollar go further.

Improved Governance: I support the constitutional convention to institute a true balance of powers between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of tribal government. This will bring stability and increase individual rights and due process. I will promote a professional and cooperative relationship between the tribal chairperson and the tribal board. It is time to move forward in a positive direction that benefits all members everywhere.

Elders: Increase the elder dividend checks, improve elder care services and raise standards of living. Our elders don't often ask for help. When they do, we should be prepared to assist them and should make sure they get the help they deserve.

Health Care: Increase and improve our health delivery system including providing more funding for contract health care. We should study the feasibility and implement a program to work with other tribal health delivery systems to offer prescriptions to members where they live.

Education: Increase educational opportunities by establishing new college scholarships and community based programs with increased funding for vocational technical training to help members become gainfully employed.

Employment: Hire and promote tribal members in management positions and increased wages for front-line workers. I support a member employment referral network to assist you in finding employment within our tribe, or with companies seeking to hire Natives.

Growth: Expand gaming opportunities and non-gaming ventures to increase revenues and diversify employment opportunities. We should approach this through a more conservative effort than in the past to ensure we do not waste valuable tribal resources.

Diplomacy: I will cooperate when it is warranted. I will challenge what I don't feel is right, but will do so with diplomacy - looking to resolve matters rather than finding ways to be contentious and resolving nothing.

Ken Eagle Endorses and Paid for this Ad

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If you have any questions, please contact me at my home at (906) 635-0068

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ELECT SHARON FEGAN

Unit One Representative



My name is Sharon (Wilcox) Fegan; I am a Christian and Sault Tribe elder. I am a daughter of a commercial fisherman, the late Woodrow and Hazel Wilcox. I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie since August 1975.

When I opened my Tribal paper this past week I saw all of my opponents wanting you VOTE. My first thought was of my late father, He would have laughed and said " it looks like you already missed the first BOAT but I hope it's not too late for you to ask for their VOTE."

Now let me tell you a little about myself. I was raised in poverty but we didn't know that because we had so much LOVE in our home. What we didn't have we didn't miss. We carried our water from a community well and had an out house just like everyone else. I have one brother Ralph (Shirley) Wilcox, owners of Wilcox Fish House and Restaurant 10 miles West of Brimley where I grew up. I have two sisters Barbra (Bill) Anderson and Katherine (George) Tull. I married Keith Fegan right after graduation from Brimley High School in 1962. I have one daughter Kimber Lee (Chris) Kirby of Tennessee and one son Patrick (Liz) Fegan of Sault Ste. Marie. God blessed me with six wonderful grand daughters, Danielle, Abigail, Josie and Maddisyn Fegan, Kallee and Courtney Kirby. I divorced in 1980 after 18 years of marriage. I never did remarry.

EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION TO SERVICE

I am presently employed by the State of Michigan as an Indian Outreach Worker and will be retiring April 28, 2006. I will be able to devote full time to representing you.

Previous to my job with the State of Mich.,

I worked for Sault Tribe Social Services.

SERVED ON MANY COMMUNITY BOARDS

- Diane Peppler Domestic Violence Shelter 15 years
- Chippewa County Foster Parent 15 years
- Decisions to Actions Advocate 11 years
- Bay Mills Child Protection Team
- Sault Tribe Domestic Violence Task Force
- Chippewa County Health Dept. Task Force

What I bring to the board you can't buy. I am not a politician and I am not running for my own agenda. I just want to be a representative for you, the Tribal members. I feel I have lots to offer from all the knowledge and resources that I have gained over the past 20 years. I will give 110% of my time for the betterment of our tribe and community. I am used to working as a team player. I feel there has been too much energy spent on attacks and now it is time to move forward. I will not make false promises that I know I cannot follow through on. I feel I possess the Wisdom, Humility, Truth, Honesty, Respect, and Love for the Tribal members and that I can do a great job. Thank You For Your Vote.

This Advertisement is endorsed by Sharon Fegan

The new Dream Catchers Restaurant

BY BOB FLOWERS

Well friends, I did it, and I did it for you. I stuffed myself at the new Dream Catchers Restaurant buffet. It was a challenge.

The new restaurant is the culmination of hard work by a host of construction workers, designers, engineers, plumbers, air-handling experts and your friendly neighborhood Telecom workers (that's me and my partner Dave Calder). To be honest, as a cook, the first thing I checked out were the two giant woks, with something like a small jet engine underneath each, providing more cooking power than three household gas stoves combined.

The new Dream Catchers boasts a complete salad bar that has everything you need to create the supreme salad of your dreams. There is also a soft-serve ice cream machine that oozes chocolate, vanilla, or a half-n-half mixture of both. The toppings include hot fudge and hot caramel, well all I can say is that it's amazing stuff, rich and flavorful, something to make your knees go weak.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Let me get to the entrees.

My first course consisted of grilled Tuna, grilled veggies (zucchini and sliced carrots), inside round of beef, beer-battered Whitefish, meat ravioli, and pizza. The grilled Tuna surprised me. It had just a hint of fish flavor. I almost thought it was a very tender piece of grilled pork tenderloin. It was very tender, with a mildly smoky flavor that tantalized the palate. The inside round was moist, tender and had a wonderfully beefy flavor. It was cooked to perfection. The whitefish coating was light and complimented the sweet, mild flavor of the whitefish wonderfully. The meat ravioli was spicy enough to stand on its own without overpowering the taste buds. The spicy meat filling was tempered by the naturally sweet pasta noodle covering it.

Along with all of these protein dishes were the stir-fried vegetables. Normally, on a buffet steam table, the veggies are either dried out, rubbery chunks of something resembling vegeta-

bles, or colored mush. These vegetables, a combination of sliced carrots and zucchini were cooked to perfection. I have prepared a lot of stir-fries, and eaten the same and I have never had any better.

To their credit, the restaurant chefs now make their own pizza dough. Unlike the pizza crusts you may be used to from our local pizza establishments, this crust is more tender. It literally melts in your mouth. In fact, it is so tender that I was very surprised by the texture. I would have expected it to fall apart under the savory toppings. Instead, it had enough body to carry any topping you might want on a pizza, and a delicate flavor that enhances them.

As to the toppings, they were well balanced, with a mixture of herbs and spices, together with a flavorful, but not overpowering sauce. There were two varieties to choose from, a zesty cheese pizza, and a supreme pizza. Both were excellent.

Another wonderful addition to the buffet was cheesy, saucy lasagna. It combined a well flavored, oregano/tomato sauce with a combination of ricotta, and mozzarella cheeses (I may be wrong on the cheeses, but that's what it tasted like to me). The flavors blended perfectly. A tomato sauce flavored primarily with oregano can be overpowering. This sauce was bold without hitting your palate like a jackhammer. Instead, it danced with wild abandon across the tongue, meeting and balancing the thick cheese filling. And, folks, that was just the first course.

Course II
The head chef, Doug, is a friend of mine. He asked me if I'd critique the Asian fare. How could I say no? So I loaded up my plate with small samplings of ginger pork and green beans, General Tsao's chicken, garlic shrimp and broccoli and sweet and sour chicken. Here's the honest critique, just like the critique for the first course items.

The ginger pork had a mild, yet pronounced ginger flavor, with a sauce that hinted at both the sweet and savory. The green beans were not overcooked, which is a problem on most buffets, but had a light crunch to

them. The whole thing was delightful.

Like the ginger pork, General Tsao's chicken was a balancing act of soy, pepper, garlic and onion with colorful chunks of sweet red pepper to add variety of both color and flavor. I could taste every part of the dish. The soy sauce wasn't overpowering, and yet it was there. The same was true of everything in the serving.

I didn't care so much for the garlic shrimp and broccoli and, yet, I heard people at a nearby table rave about it. I know that this combination is very popular. It's just my taste buds. The shrimp was well flavored, perfectly prepared, tender, juicy and cooked through. The light sauce that covered everything was very good in its own right. I also enjoyed the broccoli, but by itself. It too was cooked to perfection. I just didn't find the pairing complimentary. But, as I said, the table next to mine raved about it. And the individual parts were cooked to perfection. You'll have to just try it and make up your own mind.

The sweet and sour chicken was very good. It wasn't a standard sugar and vinegar sweet and sour sauce, thickened with cornstarch. This sauce contained chunks of sweet pineapple, a hint of garlic, onion, and maybe a touch of ginger. The chicken was fried in a light tempura batter and covered with the flavorful sauce.

All in all, the meal was outstanding. I was impressed with the variety, the quality and the obvious attention paid to each menu item. The salad bar was fresh as were the various buffet items. And the deserts, well, being sugar impaired, I had to forgo most of them. But they sure looked amazing. And from the conversations I heard around me and the obvious pleasure my wife showed while eating a modest piece of chocolate crusted cheesecake, the deserts were every bit as good as the other buffet items. If you haven't treated yourself to an evening out lately, try the new Dream Catchers Restaurant. You won't be disappointed.

Constitutional Convention schedule

Date	Time	Unit/Meeting Location	9/9/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion
3/31/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, room TBA	9/22/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
4/1/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	9/23/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
4/21/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit IV/Manistique	Comfort Inn	10/6/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/St. Ignace
4/22/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit IV/Manistique	Comfort Inn	10/7/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/St. Ignace
5/5/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Hessel	Community Center	10/20/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
5/6/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Hessel	Community Center	10/21/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
5/19/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Cheboygan	Location TBA	11/3/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Petoskey
5/20/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Cheboygan	Location TBA	11/4/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Petoskey
6/2/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit V/Marquette	Location TBA	11/17/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
6/3/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Marquette	Location TBA	11/18/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
6/23/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/1/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry
6/24/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/2/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry
July	NO MEETINGS HELD IN MONTH OF JULY, 2006			12/15/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
8/4/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA	12/16/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault
8/5/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit I/Sault	Casino, Room TBA			
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8/19/06	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Unit V/Munising	Location TBA			
9/8/06	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway	Pavilion			

Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman.

SEND A MESSAGE TO THE BOARD - NO MORE DOUBLE DIPPING!



Though most tribal members feel the board is being paid a full time salary, many of the directors continue to work at it part-time.

ELECT



Chuck

Forgrave

Unit One Director



It's Your Money - You Decide

Board Positions Available: Paying \$70,000 Annually

It's tribal money and it's your money, and you have the right to set the terms by which the members of the board work for you. You have the right to ask forty hours work from them, if that's what you want. You also have the right to tell them that you will be their sole employer while they are in your employ, and that you're not going to allow any double-dippers, otherwise employed, conflicted, or part-time directors. Referendum Committee 1-810-299-5107

It's time to put a stop to:

A. Double-dipping Directors: It's public money, and one job with the tribe per member is enough.

1. Denise Chase....board member and Manistique Tribal Center.....\$100,000
2. Fred Paquin....board member and Tribal Police Chief.....\$150,000

B. Double-employed directors: Don't let anyone fool you, if they're working full-time somewhere else, they are not working full-time for you

1. Tom Miller....board Member and School Supt.....\$170,000

C. Unit One Candidates: (Future Part-Time Directors if elected)

1. Ken Eagle....board, City Fire Department.....\$130,000
2. Kim Gravelle...board & B.I.A.....\$100,000

D. Part-Time Directors:

Denise Chase, Fred Paquin, Tom Miller, Rob Lambert, Again, don't let them fool you, if they're working full-time somewhere else, or at another job for the tribe, then they're working part-time for you.

E. Conflict of interest directors: If they're a board member and work at another job for the Tribe, then they have a conflict of interest and need to quit one job or the other.

1. Fred Paquin....board Member & Tribal Police Department.
2. Denise Chase...board Member & Tribal Center. Receptionist.

You're paying them \$70,000 a year to work for you as board members, plus thousands in benefits. That's not bird feed. They're public servants, and they work for you, and it's not the other way around, though some of them would like you to think so.

THE FIGURES USED ABOVE IN THIS ARTICLES ARE ESTIMATES. IF YOU HAVE SOME HARD NUMBERS, PLEASE FORWARD THEM TO ME. OR, IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON SOMETHING I HAVE OVERLOOKED, OR SOMETHING I GOT WRONG, PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU. PHONE CALLS TO ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY RESULTS.

CALL TO BE ON BOARD

OVERSIGHT REFERENDUM COMMITTEE

1-810-299-5107

ROLL BACK BOARD COMPENSATION

If tribal directors will not give up working full-time at other employment in addition to their board work, and they want to work part-time for the board, then should be willing to take a fifty per cent pay cut. If they're working forty hours a week someplace else, then they're not working forty hours a week on the board. It's unethical for the double-dippers and those directors otherwise employed to be drawing full-time board pay while working only twenty hours a week or less, when other directors are working full time at their positions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMAN COST ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY

Board Salaries \$70,000 X 12 = \$840,000

Chair's Salary \$100,000

TOTAL

\$940,000

Add in benefits

- Health insurance
 - Travel & meals
 - Computer
 - Cell Phone
 - Retirement
 - Other perks
- If you think the tribal government is being paid too much money
- Call to be on the board oversight REFERENDUM COMMITTEE
1- 810-299-5107

Is Over \$1,000,000 Million Dollars

RATIONALE'S TO JUSTIFY THEIR EXCESSIVE SALARIES INCLUDE:

1. Government work is in itself thankless and that justifies it.
2. The temporary and short term nature of the elective office justifies it.
3. The \$70,000 is needed to attract qualified people to the board.

Many members feel, the addition of college degree holders on the board hasn't in turn meant a more ethical board.

BY COMPARISON - CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE* - AND THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE AND GREAT LAKES REGION

1. City Council Members get paid \$3,600 per year
2. Mayor of the City get paid \$6000 per year
3. Michigan Legislators get \$77,000 - \$90,000 per year
4. Adjacent States pay their legislators \$45,000 to \$55,000

*The contention that the City has a smaller budget doesn't figure here either. The difference in the budgets does not reflect the huge disparity in their salaries. State budgets are in the billions.

SOME BOARD MEMBERS ARE SIMPLY UNETHICAL AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION

I simply can see no justification for the director's getting \$70,000 Especially up here in the U.P. where the average income for a family of four is \$32,000 The directors are being paid \$35 per hour, if based on a forty hour week. About half of the board is working just 15 - 20 hours a week, if even that much, that equates to about \$80 - \$90 per hour. Not a bad part-time job.



There is still too much poverty in our Tribe New Economic Philosophy

The Sault Tribe over the last fifteen years has failed at diversifying it's second economy. But is it any wonder; the businesses were managed by bureaucrats and staffed with government workers The perfect recipe for small business failure. Most of our board members have little or no business experience.

With your help and my election to the board, I will push a new economic philosophy of diversification: Joint Ventures and Stand Alone service and retail economy that will flourish with tribal entrepreneurs at the head of the table, their eyes always on the profit margins.

The Tribal Administration will set-up reservation incentive programs to get the services built and operating. An equity start-up fund will attract businessmen, and tribal developers will be brought on board. Venture capitalist, fund managers, bond offerings, and investment firms will all figure prominently in the plan. Let's get out of the welfare state and create a real tribal economy.

The reservation can attract new businesses with tax free land as an incentive, no local property taxes or state sales taxes, federal incentive programs for minority business owners and training programs to train workers...all incentives necessary to grow businesses.

Build it and they will come: Think about it: An investment and growth philosophy will succeed where a socialist economy has failed. Today's global economy is a testament to private development. The Sault Tribe government needs to have more faith in the members and it's time for a real tribal economy.

~NEW~
**INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP
 BASED ON THE
 MEMBERSHIP AS A WHOLE!**
 AND NOT ONE SIDE OVER THE OTHER



HOFFMAN

UNIT 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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A VOTE FOR DJ HOFFMAN REPRESENTS LEADERSHIP BASED ON:

- ✓ **BOARD EXPERIENCE**
 - *I have served on many Tribal, as well as Local, Committees and Board's which has provided me with extensive Parliamentary experience*
- ✓ **COMMUNICATION**
 - *Answering your phone calls*
 - *Returning your letters and e-mails*
- ✓ **A willingness to set aside personal differences for the Betterment of the Membership**
- ✓ **Independent decisions based on what is best for the Membership**
- ✓ **Professional and respectful behavior relating to the Membership, Team Members, and Fellow Board Members**
- ✓ **Active involvement in making the Tribe and Community better for everyone**
- ✓ **Involving the Membership in Planning the Direction of the Tribe**
- ✓ **Diversification of Economic activities**
 - *My tenure as Economic Development Director for Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan has provided me with a vast amount of experience regarding the many potential opportunities for new business development*
- ✓ **Establishing, developing, and maintaining positive relationships with Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Officials.**
 - *My Michigan Political Leadership Fellowship, as well as work experience within Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, have provided me with a vast amount of experience with various types of Inter-Governmental relations. I have established contacts in these various government agencies.*
- ✓ **Protecting the Services, Treaty Rights, and Sovereignty that we have**
- ✓ **RESPECT for our most valuable assets: Our Children and Our Elders**

PROVEN BOARD EXPERIENCE	EDUCATION	CURRENT EMPLOYMENT
Sault Area School Board Planning & Development Committee, City of Sault Ste. Marie Health Committee Member, Sault Tribe Higher Education Committee Member, Sault Tribe Pow Wow Committee Member, Former Conservation Committee Member, Former Community Service Board, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Former Michigan Workforce Development Board, Former	Northern Michigan University <i>Masters Degree In Public Administration (Recently finished final course)</i> Michigan State University <i>Bachelors Degree Human Resources</i> Lake Superior State University <i>Bachelors Degree Business (IS)</i> University of Michigan <i>Executive Management Certificate</i>	Economic Development Director Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. <i>"I will resign my position to be a full time representative, and hold daily office hours to serve the needs of the membership."</i>

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-DJ HOFFMAN ENDORSES THIS ADVERTISEMENT-

\$20 Billion sought to restore Great Lakes

By RICK SMITH

A \$20 billion plan to save the Great Lakes created by a coalition of federal, state, tribal and local leaders is in jeopardy because of a lack of federal leadership and funding, Great Lakes advocates charged during a Senate committee hearing last March 16.

Environmentalists and others rendered expert testimony when they told the Environment and Public Works Committee, a Senate committee, on March 16 the Great Lakes are ecologically ill and pleaded with the committee to help fund a \$20-billion long-term effort to restore and protect the five lakes.

Sen. James M. Inhofe (R-Okla), chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee said the proposal is too ambitious in face of the current federal debt.

While conceding the federal budget is strained, proponents of the plan called the money a necessary investment in an ecosystem that makes up 20 percent of the planet's fresh water.

"If we don't spend a little money now, we're going to spend a lot of money later, which would be completely unnecessary," said Andy Buchsbaum, a National Wildlife Foundation official whose focus is on Great Lakes issues.

This funding would support the Great Lakes Restoration Plan which, among other things, would halt sewage contamina-

tion of the lakes and eradicate industrial pollution.

President Bush's 2007 budget contains around \$2.2 billion for the restoration of the Great Lakes, that is about \$220 million less than in previous budgets and is far less than Bush's own Great Lakes study group recommended.

Some proponents compare their efforts to restore the Great Lakes back to health to the massive restoration of Florida's Everglades in the 1990s. Representatives from Great Lakes states are following the example of that action, said Rep. Mark Steven Kirk (R-Ill.). "The Everglades effort took a number of years," Kirk said. "For a project this big, it will take that long as well."

Frank Ettawageshik, a chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians told a crowd how the \$20 billion was needed to help his ancestor's tradition of planning for seven generations into the future. He said the need for the cleanup funds is real, especially because many of the Odawa Indians he represents rely on fishing to make a living. Polluted waters have decreased the size and populations of the fish.

"Fishing — it's a way of life, it's dealing with the elements of creation. It's eating our traditional foods," Ettawageshik said. "There's a knowledge that goes with the lakes and the waters. It's as much cultural as economic."

Donna Marble
 Unit 1
 Board of Directors



Unity Is My Goal!

We need unity on our current board of directors! We need unity within our Tribe! I am currently employed by Kewadin Casino. In the past five years I have worked at all five Kewadin Casino locations. I understand the need for change within the gaming industry and the tribe. I have lived both inside and outside the service area. The need for meetings, gatherings and services outside the service area is essential. I am a mother of three wonderful children. I realize the need for educational and social services both inside and outside the community.

"We are a sovereign nation, that does not mean we stand alone, it means we stand united."

Email: dmarble@lighthouse.net
 Phone: 906-635-1318
 Paid for by the committee to elect Marble

Re-Elect

Dennis McKelvie

Unit 1 Board Of Directors



Please give me one of your two votes for Unit 1

We need to get our Tribe on solid ground so our children will have something. We get stronger by you becoming involved. You can make a difference. With your vote I won my board seat, Just three votes made the difference.

Now I need your support to keep the fight going to keep this board accountable, to do what is right for our Tribe.

"We need to stop excessive expenses without taking into account their long term financial affects on our budget." I have voted no on all questionable items. We can't spend our way into prosperity but there are places where we can cut spending."

Don't Be Fooled By Campaign Promises That Offer Expensive Programs

The Tribe's Credit Card Is Almost Maxed Out. **\$600,000,000** million in debt.



"We need to get back on solid ground so our children will have something" *D. McKelvie*

The Membership Is The Tribe



DEPENDABLE
Never Missed a Board meeting. Hold Unit 1 meetings every month, not just at election time

HONESTY
Kept all promises from the last election, I only made two.

- 1.) Wouldn't work for the Tribe.
- 2.) Resigned my job with the Post Office after 9 yrs.

INTEGRITY
Works for the Tribe, not myself or family. I'm not a yes man, I vote for what I feel is right for the Tribe. I say what is on my mind no matter who is pushing the issue. I have never run a negative campaign and I won't do it now

Paid Adv. Endorsed by Denny McKelvie

Sault Tribe remains highest United Way contributor

Heather Smith recognized with inaugural top honor

By RICK SMITH

For the ninth year running, the Sault Tribe is the number one contributor to the annual United Way of Chippewa County fund raising campaign. This year, the first year for such awards, our tribe's workplace coordinator was one of two selected as a United Way Workplace Coordinator of the Year.

Sault Tribe employees raised \$18,512 during the 2005-06, this amount was matched by the tribal board of directors for a total of \$33,933. This with only an eight percent of all tribal employees participating, the most ever to contribute. This year, eight "leadership givers," those who contributed \$500 or more, showed their support and generosity.

Heather Smith, the Sault Tribe United Way workplace coordinator, presented the matching funds to the organization's 2005-06 co-chairs at a recognition reception at the Strahl Theater in the Sault Area High School on March 14. Randy and Cindy Peterson, constitute one pair on the co-chair team, and Scott and Karen Shackleton are the other co-chair team.

Smith and Lee Batz were named the inaugural United Way of Chippewa County Workplace Coordinators of the Year later in the evening. Batz was the workplace for Edison Sault and the United Way board president.

"Workplace coordinators are individuals who work within a company or business and create awareness, enthusiasm, handle all of the pledge processing and work to gain the support of the CEO and board so that the United Way campaign is part of the culture of the organization," said Barb Reed of the United Way of Chippewa County. "Every workplace coordinator deserves this

award, but these two have stood out over the years for their long time commitment and hard work."

Reed added, "The tribe has consistently been the highest dollar campaign contributor with strong support of the tribal chairmen, the tribe's board of directors and the employees themselves. Heather worked hard this year to have employee incentives such as a big screen TV and drawings for dinners out. Heather has helped keep the United Way campaigns strong within the tribe and has been the workplace coordinator for many years."

There are 54 workplace coordinators, according to Reed.

At the time of the recognition reception last March, the United Way was at 99.1 percent of their \$365,000 goal to benefit 18 local agencies who provide health and human services to area residents in need.

A dessert buffet, sponsored by Kewadin Casinos, and music by students from the Soo Theatre Arts Resource Studio gave those attending a chance to socialize before the awards ceremony. Other event sponsors included Cup of the Day, Wal-Mart, Glen's, SuperValu and Soo Co-op Great Lakes Foods.

The top 70 corporate givers were recognized, with the top five corporate awards presented to Sault Area Public Schools, Bay Mills Indian Community, War Memorial Hospital, Edison Sault Electric and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Spencer and Angela Nebel were announced as the 2006-07 campaign co-chairs. The fall campaign will begin United Way's 50th year of service to the area.

The 2005-06 United Way campaign began last August and will conclude in April.

First Honoring Our Children Powwow

By NICHOLE CAUSLEY

Boozhi, community! Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start Parent Committee would like to invite the community, family and friends to our first Honoring Our Children Powwow. The children's powwow will be at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center on Saturday, April 22, with a grand entry at 1 p.m.

We will be having a feast for all the dancers, drummers and community of the powwow. We have a couple people in mind for our head dancers of the children. Our drums lined up are the Bahweting School Drum, Bahweting Singers and Aabizii. Our master of ceremonies is Ted Holappa. There will also be a give away for participants.

If anyone would like to donate gifts (handmade or bought) please

feel free to drop items off at the Sault Tribe Head Start building at 2076 Shunk Rd.

The Honoring Our Children Powwow is made possible by various community volunteers and donations. We send out a sincere chi megwetch to everyone making this possible. A huge chi megwetch to Phyllis Thomas for showing the parents how to make regalia items at the Saturday sewing sessions. We would also like to thank Kewadin Casino and Virginia Vesper for their contributions.

We hope to see all of our young children with their new regalia items, their family and friends at our first powwow in honor of our children. If you have never been to a powwow before, this is a great opportunity to get started.

ACCOUNTABILITY?

I am your candidate

Role of a board member

- * Provide leadership
- * Set goals and policies that reflect tribal values and aid in providing for the perpetuation of our way of life as well as the welfare and prosperity of our people

Direction From Tribal members

- * I will hold bi-weekly meetings to discuss legislation, and update tribal citizens on issues facing Sault Tribe and Indian country today
- * Membership will be informed of upcoming proposals so that decisions are proactive rather than reactive
- * Establish tribal wide seasonal Grand Council meetings so that ALL tribal members are included in decision-making, and needs are being met

Campaign Commitment

- * I will not make a campaign promise; I will advocate and work towards building positive relationships and collaborations for tribal members that will enable and afford us a quality of life that is elevated-both financially and spiritually

I have a lifetime of positive community involvement!



I worked on the initial YCCA crew that cleared the land for the Sault Ste. Marie reserve. Since that time I have attended Board meetings and committee meetings regularly so that I am informed and able to make decisions based on knowledge of our tribal community. I have worked with your children to promote positive self-worth and self-esteem, and have always sought out the wisdom and life experience of our elders. I have been here for the past 27 years, I am a young woman that you know and have watched grow.

(906) 495-5165

Elect Jackie Minton
(Halfaday)



Minton

minton4bod@yahoo.com

pd for by committee to elect Jackie (Halfaday) Minton endorsement

Steve Morello



Courageous Leadership for Change

Unit 1 - Tribal Board of Directors

Today I announce my candidacy for one of the two open seats for Unit 1 - Tribal Board of Directors. For the past year and a half I have lived in Sault Ste. Marie and have served as General Counsel of your Tribe. This has given me the opportunity to learn the issues and watch the current leadership style. Clearly, the one style which I have found in short supply is courageous leadership. That is why I have decided to run for the board. I will be a courageous leader for change.

Please allow me to demonstrate my qualifications for this important position.

Educated...

Associate of Arts Degree in Pre Law, Delta College - University Center, Michigan
 Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Service, Georgetown University - Washington DC
 Juris Doctor Degree, University of Detroit School of Law
 Master's of Art in Business Administration, Boston University - Boston, Mass
 Master's of Art in Pastoral Studies, Sacred Heart Major Seminary - Detroit, Michigan

Experienced...

Former General Counsel of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
 General Counsel of the Department of the Army, The Pentagon, Washington DC (Nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate to this 4 Star equivalent position)
 General Counsel of "the Prechter Holdings" family of companies with more than 1 billion dollars of collective revenue in such diverse industries as automobile, newspaper, hotel and commercial real estate, and cattle ranching
 Managing Attorney Digital Equipment Corporation where I provided solutions oriented legal advice for multi million dollar system integration programs
 Contracts Attorney for Northrop Corporation, managing the B1B Defensive Avionics multi million dollar contacts

Leader...

Served a combined 7 years on active and reserve duty in the United States Army as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps
 Ordained a Roman Catholic Deacon by Adam Cardinal Maida, Archdiocese of Detroit, in 1991

Heritage - Integrity - Enterprise

Kewadin Shores opening in June — the hype is up!

By LYNN TROZZO, RECRUITER
The Hype is up for the new Kewadin Shores opening for June and the hiring is moving along just as planned. It's not too late to get your applications in online at www.saulttribe.com for Cool Places! Cool People! Cool Jobs! at the brand new casino and hotel in St. Ignace.

We are still accepting applications for most positions and expect that all new team members will be ready to jump on board for the last week of April for orientation and customer service training. Then our plan is to bring everybody in for training the first week of May.

With the hiring of 80 new team members we expect the process to go smoothly for the departments that are hiring and for the team members to have time to get to know their jobs, coworkers, supervisors and the culture we work in. The transition into the new site will be just as planned months and months ago. With any large expansion there is a lot of planning and forecasting that is involved from the very beginning and with the management teams, and human resource

teams working closely together the obstacles are overcome with ease.

The job fairs to recruit for the new "gem of the north" have gone on and passed but the hype is still so high that people are still applying and we expect to see that continue. In order to assist applicants in their interviewing skills, the HR training department is hosting an open class called JumpStart Your Career for all those interested on April 10 in the Whitefish Pt. Room at the Sault Kewadin Casino from 1 - 4 p.m. Interested applicants call the training department at (906) 635-4937 to sign up for this great offer.

We will also be present at the following sites for job fairs in the month of April: April 11 at the Sault Kewadin Casino from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Whitefish Pt. room, next door to the

Employment office (recruiting for all Spring/Summer positions for the Sault and Hessel); April 19 at the Cheboygan County Spring Job Fair from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. which is sponsored by N.E. MI Works!, Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce, Mackinaw Area Chamber and Indian River Chamber of Commerce; then the final job fair is on April 29 at Little Bear East in St. Ignace from noon - 3 p.m. This job fair is sponsored by the St. Ignace Chamber, MSU Extension of Mackinac County, EDC of Mackinac County and the Consolidated Community. Schools.

For more information on employment opportunities and job fairs, please call Sault Tribe Employment toll free at (866) 635-7032 or apply online at www.saulttribe.com.

Job fairs

- Kewadin Casino Job Fair April 11 from 10 - 2 p.m.
- Cheboygan County Spring Job Fair April 19 from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Cheboygan Armory
- MI Works! and MSU Extension Job Fair in St. Ignace April 29 at Little Bear East

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

Jump Start Your Career with Nick!

What are we talking about you ask? Sault Tribe Employment and Training Departments are putting together a combination of Dress for Success and Interviewing Skills.

When: April 10, from 1p.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie

Location: Whitefish Point Room

Why: To help you brush up on interviewing skills, so you can land the job you really want.

PEASE CALL TO SIGN UP (906) 635-7032

OR TOLL FREE (866) 635-7032

Door Prizes, Refreshments!

Sault Kewadin Casino job fair

At Kewadin Casino's we offer excellent benefits, 401k and much more!

Where: Whitefish Point Room

When: April 11

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For further information, call: (906) 635-7032

Or toll free: (866) 635-7032

Visit our Web site at www.saulttribe.com

Health survey paints new picture of Native American communities

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich — Some long-held beliefs surrounding health behaviors of Native Americans were recently shattered by Upper Peninsula tribal members who participated in a survey conducted by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM) and Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Though many health problems still exist among tribal communities, including the fact that 75 percent of the Native respondents in this survey reported being overweight and 13 percent reported a doctor's diagnosis of diabetes, other results were promising.

Over 80 percent of Native American women over the age of 40 reported having had a mammogram within the last two years, which is higher than the Michigan general population.

This achievement is largely credited to the fact that a large portion of survey respondents were from the Sault Tribe which offers on-site mammography at its main health center. At the same time, only 51 percent of Native American men over the age of 40 reported having had prostate screening within the last two years.

This survey, called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), was a randomized phone survey focusing on adults' health in Native American households. The BRFSS survey is conducted within the general population every year in all 50 states. The general population BRFSS in Michigan has never surveyed enough Native Americans to provide any meaningful data. That is why a separate BRFSS survey

focusing or focused solely on Native Americans was needed. The ITCM's Steps to a Healthier US Initiative worked with its member tribes and the Michigan State University Office for Survey Research to create this unique survey.

Nancy Williams, CDC Project Officer, believes this initial BRFSS was exciting because "such data has never existed before, it's scientifically sound, and the test was so welcomed that the ITCM received several letters from tribal members who wished to answer the survey."

Chief Kenneth Meshigaud of the Hannahville Indian Community heralds its success saying, "I'm very pleased with the willingness of our people and their high participation rate. The benefits of this data are far-reaching and integral to future

health planning. I'm very pleased that tribal members saw the importance of disclosing their phone numbers. It's comforting to know that discretion is strictly maintained, and all data belongs to the tribes."

The second BRFSS of this year, completed in December 2005, had more respondents and more participating tribes than the first BRFSS which included four U.P. tribes. Such surveys will be conducted annually to increase knowledge concerning Native health issues. The survey's ability to differentiate tribal specific data, which encouraged tribal participation, is an added bonus. The Inter-Tribal Council now has the ability to provide tribes with a very clear picture of their community's health related issues, something never before seen.

Cathy Edgerly, ITCM's Steps

Program Manager, is very enthusiastic saying, "now that a Native American specific Behavioral Risk Survey exists, tribes can use this self-reported data to concentrate on reducing health risk behaviors, such as smoking. I'm concerned that 34 percent of our respondents reported being current smokers. This is nearly 50 percent higher than Michigan's general population. We can now face such challenges by increasing health awareness among members, improving health programming, and increasing funding by using the valuable data from grant writing purposes."

The ITCM also encourages tribal members to participate in any future BRFSS. If you have any questions or comments, please visit the ITCM Web site at www.itcmi.org/itcprojectsteps.



TONI OSTERHOUT
Unit One Director

Let My Experience Work For You

Job Opening: Unit One Board Member (Two Positions Available)

Job Duties: As a Board Member you will serve the Tribal Membership by working FULL-TIME (40+hrs/week). Review and learn all aspects of the Tribal Government and Enterprises. Make responsible educated decisions to REDUCE needless spending, INCREASE tribal services to improve the quality of life for ALL MEMBERS and future generations. Hold regular hours and be on-call to the membership.

Qualifications Needed: Working knowledge of Sault Tribe structure, programs, funding budgeting; commitment to the SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY; hardworking, dependable, honest, competent, independent, and dedicated; etc.

Experience: A minimum of 16 years in Sault Tribe program management, budgeting, strategic planning, policy and procedures development. Sault Tribe Community Volunteer; Children's Christmas Parties, Elder Dinners, Elections, Fund Raisers, etc.

VOTE FOR ME...TONI OSTERHOUT,

THE QUALIFIED, DEDICATED, AND EXPERIENCED TRIBAL CANDIDATE FOR UNIT ONE

★ A Voice For The Members ★

It didn't happen overnight. Years of mistakes, bad business decisions, no accountability for those actions, favoritism, flagrant abuse of power, misappropriation of your tribe's funds, excess, wastefulness and greed have left us wondering if there is a future beyond the mountain of debt we inherited.

It is our debt whether we contributed to it or not, whether it was our choice or not, whether we benefit from it or not...we own it, we are saddled with it and we will recover if we work together.

Working together is not happening right now. Our tribe has been in turmoil over who is a fault. The Board of Directors should be on the top of things and assist the chairman in researching the options to increase revenue and discover savings without causing more financial harm to the members. The tribal members did not get us into this mess...the Board of Directors and the former chairman did!

There are no easy solutions but...we will never find any solutions if the board doesn't stop the war they have going on in their struggle for power over each other. Those that have abused the system need to be replaced with those who will work for the tribe and its members.

But how do we know who that is if we have been fooled so many times before and....

WHAT CAN WE DO TO RECOVER?

Lower the paycheck and see who sticks around for the headaches. That is the first step...who is willing to take less and do more? At least expect to get what you pay for by electing those that have knowledge or experience in business to be able to act in the best interest of the tribe.

Hold the board responsible for their position we are in now. Stop electing the same people to continue what they have been doing. Some of the directors finally realize that we are holding them accountable for their accomplishments to date. Their response is to say "I voted to...or I motioned to..." That means nothing...absolutely nothing!

Is the board of Directors researching new business that would provide long term employment and a decent wage for tribal members or a prescription plan for members outside the service area?

Has the board researched alternative higher education such as online courses for those with little time to travel back and forth to classes or trade schools to achieve certification in careers such as plumbers, welders, computer technicians, accounting etc...? Are we providing high quality on-the-job-training to tribal members with untapped potential?

We should consider selling our services to the surrounding communities. Those profits can be circulated back into education, increases to the Elder fund and lower our debt if the board worked as a team and did the research necessary to make it happen.

How much waste is occurring every day just because "that's the way it's always been done"? Is there a program in effect to eliminate waste? Ask our tribal employees to point out sources of waste or savings and reward them if there is value to their suggestions. We need a team of experts looking into areas that are wide open for misuse and misappropriation of funds.

The board should be spending their time finding ways to increase our profits in our existing casinos, researching new revenue sources and eliminating waste so that we can pay down our debt, provide better health benefits, make higher education a reality for more tribal members, increase the Elder fund and provide better jobs with a living wage. We can't do the latter if we don't put the effort into the former.

Another necessary part of the solution is to ensure that those you elect to represent your interests understand that they are working for you. Your director should consult with their constituents about important issues and vote according to the wishes of the majority, but first and foremost, careful attention needs to be paid to details that will have lasting effects on the future of the tribe.

It's time for change in the way our government operates and it's time that someone listened to your voice and acted in the best interest of the entire tribe. Look for fearless leaders who are not afraid to tell it like it is. If they haven't had anything to say before, why now?



Elect
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Unit One Board

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Higher education programs

**JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

Important message:

Because many students will be moving after the school year ends, it is very important to update your mailing address and telephone number. Send us a note when you send in your grades.

2005-06 School year higher education Self-Sufficiency Fund:

Effective immediately students who are first time participants to this program will have to complete a "Taxpayer Identification Number Request (Substitute Form W-9)" before any checks are processed. This form will be mailed to the students, only if necessary.

2006-07 School year higher education assistance application: Notice to the current 1,383 2005-06 school year applicants. By the time you read this, you should have already received your 2006-07 school year application. If you did not get one, please let us know.

First-time Participants for the

2006-07 School Year - Please contact our office to request an application. Call (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education or (906) 635-7784.

If you live outside of Michigan and do not plan on attending a Michigan state-supported school, you can go to the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com and under "Education" complete the online application. e-mail addresses. Occasionally we would like to send students information via e-mail, such as other grants and scholarships (outside of Sault Tribe's). Web sites, etc. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 and ask for Higher Education or email: jl Lewton@saulttribe.net. Our mailing address is: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783.

Sault Tribe Head Start Fatherhood Initiative

**SUBMITTED BY JANET FARRISH,
FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Head Start agencies across the nation know the importance of both parents being involved in a child's life. Recently, there has been an undertaking by the Head Start agencies to focus on the special contribution fathers have to the healthy development of their children.

Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start programs are actively promoting fatherhood involvement. The program was given the opportunity to send fathers Bill Dowd and Chris Benoit (fathers of Sault Tribe Early Head Start children) to the fourth annual fatherhood conference in Grand Rapids. The fathers exchanged stories of potty training and discipline while en route to the conference. The conference was attended by over 175 fathers and practitioners across the state and included such topics as full time fatherhood, panel discussions, parenting time and discipline.

Sault Tribe Head Start has also contracted with the Dads Matter! Project where a father is inter-

viewed each month and the interview is published and sent home as part of a Dads Matter! Newsletter. There has been a very positive response to these newsletters both by the parents interviewed and by the community. The articles are inspirational stories from real dads and their lives with their children. The participation of fathers in the program has increased since the implementation of the newsletter. To access the newsletter on line go to

www.downtoearthdad.org/Sault_State_Marie_Page.

Both parents have unique contributions to the development of their children. It is important to recognize the essential role that parents play in the development of their children. Parents are their children's first teacher in life and provide a service that cannot be duplicated. Sault Tribe Head Start is actively searching for new ways to get parents involved in the educational part of their young child's life. The first years are the building blocks of years to come.

Summers Captain makes Dean's List

Congratulations to Summers Jean Captain of Rudyard, Mich., for making the Dean's List for the fall and winter semester at Baker College in Owosso, Mich. Her proud parents are Thomas and Diane Captain of Rudyard, Mich., grandparents are John and Shirley Nolan and Jean Captain all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Thomas and Ellen Cannarile of Laingsburh, Mich. But most of all who is proud of her are her two best friends - her sisters, Sheena and Kylee Nolan.



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 (800) 251-6597 or (906) 635-3396.

Applications open for Bollin Scholarship

Lake Superior State University is taking applications for a scholarship earmarked for students overcoming the challenges of epilepsy.

Incoming freshmen who have been accepted by April 1, and currently enrolled LSSU students, have until May 5 to apply for the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award.

Leah Bollin, a former LSSU student and member of Alpha Kappa Chi sorority, was killed in an automobile accident in August 2001 shortly before attaining her baccalaureate degree. Her parents, William and Sharon Bollin of Farmington Hills, chose to memorialize their daughter in 2002 by starting the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award, an endowment to benefit an LSSU student who has epilepsy or a similar disorder.

Leah dealt with epilepsy, a neurological condition resulting in

seizures, but her parents said she never let it hold her back.

By means of the award, the Bollins hope to enable up to four students to continue their education and move on with their lives in spite of a debilitating physical condition.

Applications may be obtained at the LSSU Financial Aid Office, Foundation Office or Counseling Center. Each applicant should complete a questionnaire and provide the University with three letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy, counselors or leaders of the community.

Financial need is a consideration, yet all interested students are encouraged to apply. Candidates must carry a minimum GPA of 2.0. Students with other seizure disorders will be considered. For more information on the Leah Marie Bollin Memorial Award, call the LSSU Foundation Office at (906) 635-2665.

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 27, 2006--Accenture (NYSE:ACN - News) is now accepting applications for its scholarship fund program for American Indian students.

The Accenture American Indian Scholarship Fund supports students with financial need entering fields of professional study. Last year, Accenture became the management consulting and information technology services advisor to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

In 2006, the Accenture American Indian Scholarship Fund will award seven scholarships in total. Successful candidates will have excelled academically and demonstrated leadership ability, as well as commitment to community.

Specifically, Accenture will award three types of scholarships to high-achieving American

Indian and Alaska Native students seeking degrees and careers in the teaching, social services, high technology or business fields:

Accenture Scholars - three undergraduate scholarships of \$20,000 each will be awarded to high school seniors pursuing a four-year undergraduate program at a U.S. university or college. Applications are due on May 2, 2006.

Accenture Fellows - two graduate scholarships of \$15,000 each will be awarded to undergraduate students pursuing an advanced degree at a U.S. accredited university or college. Applications are due on June 1, 2006.

Finalist Scholarships - two undergraduate scholarships of \$1,000 per year for four years and one graduate scholarship of \$2,500 per year for two years will be awarded to candidates for the Accenture Scholars and Fellows scholarships.

This year, Accenture is once again partnering with the

American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) to administer the scholarship fund. For more information on how to apply for these Accenture sponsored scholarships, visit:

<http://careers3.accenture.com/Careers/US/DiversityInclusion/aigc>

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company. Committed to delivering innovation, Accenture collaborates with its clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments. With deep industry and business process expertise, broad global resources and a proven track record, Accenture can mobilize the right people, skills and technologies to help clients improve their performance. With more than 126,000 people in 48 countries, the company generated net revenues of US \$15.55 billion for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2005. Its home page is www.accenture.com.

Accenture opens application process for 2006 scholarship

Weather spotter program offered

The National Weather Service in cooperation with the Chippewa County Office of Emergency Management presents a Weather Spotter and Safety Program on April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the DeTour Village Hall, 260 Superior Street, in DeTour.

A meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Gaylord will be in town to discuss Michigan weather safety.

This program is intended for anyone interested in weather, weather safety, cloud features, thunderstorms and tornadoes. The presentation will last about two hours and consist of power point slides and videos. Included will be radar and video images of the Gaylord wind storm of 1998, the Posen hail event of 2004 and the Alpena flood of 1997. After the meeting, there will be time to speak one on one about local weather and individual concerns. Those wanting to become official National Weather Service spotters will be given a spotter card and an advanced spotter guide book.

This workshop is offered free to the public and all are welcome. The program is intended for persons of all ages. Seniors, school children and Ham Radio Clubs are encouraged to attend as well as scouting groups.

- The program will cover:
1. Weather safety, a description of weather threats/hazards.
 - How to protect yourself.
 - Watches and warnings.
 2. How thunderstorms form.
 - Why some become severe.
 3. Review of hail, tornadoes, lightning, downbursts and safety.
 4. Spotting severe weather and tornadoes.
 5. Tornado look a likes.
 6. Question and answer session.

At the presentation, interested individuals can complete necessary forms to become an official National Weather Service Spotter!

If you have additional questions, you can contact The National Weather Service in Gaylord, Michigan at (989) 731-3384 or visit www.crh.noaa.gov/apx/

Vote *Unity will keep us strong*



Nathan Wright!

Unit I Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Full time BOD - common sense - experienced - diplomatic

As your Unit I representative, I will work towards empowering our people. We as a nation need to focus on providing for today and the future. We need to:

Understand who we are

- ⇒ Learn our history and continue to live our culture.
- ⇒ Share our knowledge.
- ⇒ As a tribe we need to educate and support each other.

Honor our gifts and talents

- ⇒ Each one of us brings many talents to our tribe.
- ⇒ We need to recognize those gifts and believe in one another.
- ⇒ Lead by example. We are all leaders in some way as members of the tribe.

Respect one another

- ⇒ We may not always agree on issues, however each viewpoint should be heard.
- ⇒ We need to decide what is best for the collective whole rather than a privileged few.

Unite as people

- ⇒ Regardless of where we live, we need to work together.
- ⇒ Positive objective communication is necessary. Open lines of communication is the key to unifying and strengthening our tribe.

A goulash dinner with a fiddler jam session in support of Nathan Wright, will be held Saturday April 22, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the American Legion in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Vote your conscience, vote Wright

For additional information or questions please call (906) 632-4320 or visit his Web site: www.wright.net



Educated by elders, enlightened by awareness, driven by integrity



This ad is endorsed by Nathan Wright

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Unit 2
TRIBAL BOARD



ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

We Need To Establish Mailing System For Prescription Medicine For All Members Nation Wide

We Need Fair Employment Practices For Tribal Employees

We Need Protection Of The Elders Fund and Develop New Ways Of Adding Money To The Fund

We Need To Increase Education Funding For Members

We Need To Explore More Benefits To Members Who Live Outside The Seven County Service Area

REFORM

We Need Expansion Of Wage And Benefits For Employees

COMMITMENT

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

AHNI My Name is
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and I'm running for
Unit II Board of Directors

**"As an elected Director, I believe you
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I will work for you!"**

If Elected I will:

- * CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TRIBAL YOUTH
- * SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF OUR ELDERS
- * WORK TO EXPAND SERVICES TO ALL AREAS OF UNIT II
- * WORK FOR YOU, THE PEOPLE
- * CONDUCT REGULAR SCHEDULED UNIT ALL OF UNIT II
- * RESIGN FROM MY CURRENT POSITION AS YOUTH SERVICE COORDINATOR
- * ENCOURAGE MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Title VII Indian Education
Co-Chair Hessel Ow Wow Committee
Co-Treasurer Hessel Community Drum Committee
Volunteered with the Youth Sports Drug Elimination Program
Employed with the Sault Tribe as Youth Service Coordinator
for J.O.M. / Y.E.A. Program since 1996

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adv. approved by
candidate Lisa Burnside

From the kitchen of Bob Flowers

Honey-mustard glazed ham

With Easter just around the corner, many of us are thinking ham. Weather permitting, there is no better way to prepare a ham than on the grill. This honey-mustard glazed ham is sure to bring smiles to the Easter dinner table and, as a bonus, the leftovers will be available for everything from scalloped potatoes, to omelets and sandwiches.

Ingredients:

Boneless or spiral-sliced ham
4 cups Clover Honey
3 tbs. yellow prepared or dijon mustard
2 tbs. water
4 tsp. mesquite flavored liquid smoke seasoning, or

apple or maple branches cut into suitable size to fit on the fire.

If using a covered charcoal grill, fill with enough charcoal to cover the bottom. Divide the charcoal into two piles, opposite each other and with a clear space of six inches between. Make a drip pan from aluminum foil, or use a disposable loaf pan. Ignite the charcoal and allow to get very hot.

If using a gas grill, light one burner on highest heat setting.

Remove the ham from its packaging and dry with paper towels. Mix together the honey, mustard, liquid smoke, and water.

When the fire is hot, if using charcoal, place the drip pan between the coals and fill half-full with water. Put the wood on

the fire, and place the cooking grill in its place. Center the ham above the drip pan. Cover and close all vents to the half-open position.

On the gas grill, place the wood into the drip pan and place above the flame. Turn the heat down to medium. Put the ham over the unit side of the grill and close the cover.

After ten minutes has elapsed, brush the ham with the honey-mustard glaze. Baste the ham every fifteen minutes. Cook for ten minutes per pound.

Serving suggestions: serve with good dole slaw, riced potatoes, steamed fresh green beans, whole wheat bread rolls, Jello salad.

Bob's perfect mashed potatoes

Mashed potatoes go well with so many meals. They are also a versatile dish that can be tailored to the other meal ingredients. Here is a recipe for perfect, lump free, smooth as silk, very creamy mashed potatoes.

Choose Yukon Gold, White Rose, or Red Rose potatoes for this recipe.

Ingredients:

2 potatoes per person, um wait, this is for a holiday meal, make it 3.

1/2 tsp. salt
8 oz. cream, or evaporated milk
1/8 lb. butter (1/2 stick)
water

1 tbs. soup base (choose ham, chicken, beef, or seafood, depending on what else you're serving)

Peel and wash the potatoes, leaving each peeled potato immersed in water to keep it from turning brown. Quarter the spuds (potatoes). Place all of the potatoes into a large cooking pot or dutch-oven. Cover with water. Bring to a boil and cover.

Reduce heat to simmer and cook for about 25 minutes. Test with a fork. The texture should be firm, but soft enough to easily insert the fork.

Now, just drain the potatoes, add the salt and butter, and mash. If you have a ricer, or a chenois, use it to make the spuds absolute-lump free. Otherwise use a hand mixer or blender. While the potatoes are mixing, slowly add the cream or evaporated milk, a

little at a time. You will probably use a full 8 ounces for this. Add the soup base at the same time. Mix until everything is smooth and evenly mixed in. Remove to your serving bowl and cover. Serve with gravy, or sauce of choice.

Hint: In place of the soup base, and if you have time, place one whole head of garlic into a 350 degree oven and bake for 15 minutes. Mash the roasted garlic through a wire-mesh strainer to remove the skins. Add to the potatoes as you are mashing them. Roasting the garlic removes the "bite" and makes it sweet, with a mild garlic flavor. It's really good stuff.

My Name Is Frances LaPoint-Hank

And I am running for
Unit 2
Board Of Directors



After speaking with several Tribal members, these are just some of their concerns that I also feel strongly about and will work relentlessly towards changing

- * Small business loans
- * More financial help for education
- * Term limits
- * All Tribal members should be eligible for emergency assistance
- * To represent the Tribal people properly being on the Board of Directors should be your only job.
- * Renegotiate the tax agreement with the state of Michigan to encompass all Tribal members
- * Money set a side for Tribal Community centers

**If you want a voice and not an echo vote
FRANCES LaPOINT-HANK**

Paid Adv. Endorsed by Frances LaPoint-Hank

Workshop for entrepreneurs in food and agriculture to be offered in Escanaba

Agricultural producers and others with business ideas utilizing food, fiber, or natural resources are encouraged to develop new ventures at a workshop offered by the MSU Product Center, in conjunction with the Delta Chamber of Commerce and Michigan State University Extension. The workshop will be held at the Joseph Heirman University Center on the Bay College Campus on April 10 from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m. The workshop is open to the public and is offered at no charge. Topics include developing a winning business idea, finding markets, mapping out a plan for business success, and resources available to new ventures. Pre-registration is requested by calling (517) 432-3287, or online at www.aec.msu.edu/product/ed.htm.

Financial Accountability

All We Have Is Economic Freedom - If We Lose That, We Lose Everything!



Straight Talk



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IS A PRIORITY

As elected representatives, it is our responsibility to leave our Tribal economy better than we found it. Right now the members have very little say on budget matters. Our gaming revenue is not looked at as taxes but that is the way it should be treated as. I believe that by telling you the financial truth, we may then have an opportunity to fix it. We need economic policies to pay down our debt. Constitutional reform is not going to fix our budget. I have been making suggestions to make things better. We have financial limitations and members need to know this. All we have for Sovereignty is our economic freedom, if we loose that we lose everything.

Our Tribal debt is

\$587,000,000 MILLION

That is **\$19,567 dollars** owed per member.



RE-ELECT

Bob LaPoint

Unit 2 Director
906-493-5311

Effective Leadership
Full Time Board Member
Experienced Businessman
Elder Statesman

Compared to the debt of the U.S. national economy
\$30,000 dollars is owed by every citizen.

Cheese Cake????



Bill board on the left side of highway at the 3 mile exit on I-75

Advertising Dollars Are Being Wasted

This bill board is just one example of what needs to be fixed. You can hardly see the Kewadin logo. What you see is cheese cake and a bed. This sign location should be promoting the EXIT with an arrow. (1.) Our bill board messages and locations need a complete overhaul. (2.) Our television advertising also needs an overhaul. Every member I talk to agrees, our television ads are stupid and that is a waste. (3.) Our advertising agency is costing us a bundle, are these TV ads their idea, who signs off on this stuff? **We can only cut so much from the budget. We need a advertising campaign that will make us money. There are many opportunities to improve our casino business. We need more accountability from our marketing and advertising.**

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING COST IS OVER FOUR MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY SHOULD BRING US WAY BETTER THAN WE ARE GETTING

ENERGY SAVINGS SECURITY PLAN

We need to understand how dependent we are on foreign oil. I recently suggested that we convert our heating system at the Big Bear arena to a "state of the art" wood burning system that burns sawdust or wood chips. Not only does this potentially save us \$100,000 per year, this would also provide us with a emergency shelter in case of a national fuel crisis in the middle of the winter.

LOW COST PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE

We should be looking for ways to save money on our prescription drugs for the elders. One way is to use the list of 120 drugs already approved in the State Of Wisconsin, then order them in Canada.

NAME CHANGE FOR GREEKTOWN

We should consider changing the name of our Greektown casino to "KEWADIN GREEKTOWN" This will help in cross promotions and help give greater identity to our gaming operations here in the north.

SOVEREIGN NATION ID CARD

We need to establish our national identity better. We should propose the idea of a "NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN PASSPORT" that could be recognized by both the Canadian and the U.S.A. Government.

RECOGNITION OF OUR TRIBAL MILITARY

We need to do more to recognize the contribution of our tribal members who serve in the military. As our own sovereign nation we could create a "TRIBAL MEDAL FOR MILITARY SERVICE" and 'A SACRED MEDAL OF HONOR" For those who get wounded or lose their life in battle.

ELIMINATE BLOOD QUANTUM

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver needs to be addressed. The 1/4 blood quantum is wrong. We should not be forced by the State of Michigan to discriminate against our own members. We need to start a process to remove the blood quantum so our children will not be left behind.

HELP RESTORE THE MACKINAC BAND

Exploring the advantages of acknowledging the Mackinac Band as a seventh affiliated group in our Tribe is something that needs to be considered. As the constitutional committee debates the possibility of a name change, they might consider "THE SEVEN AFFILIATED BANDS OF ANISHINABE" If this will help make the Tribe stronger, we should do this. Perhaps as many as 14,000 or half of our Tribe are descendants of the Mackinac Band. Adding their name into our constitution should have been done a long time ago.

RE-ELECT Robert (Bob) LaPoint

Unit 2 Board Of Directors and Vice Chairman

Maple syrup making on Sugar Island

Photos by Brenda Austin



L to R: Eyde Nichols, Ed Cook, Josh Homminga, Ah-nung and Neemin Matrious, and Rachael Steevens. Josh, Ah-nung and Neemin were on their way to haul more logs when the girls hitched a ride.



As the sap runs drop by drop into the collection pails it is emptied into larger buckets for storage until it is boiled down into syrup.



Culture Camp Assistant Melissa Causley volunteered to split wood for kindling for the fire.

Tradition, team work, some elbow grease and fun all came together at the Sault Tribe Culture Camp on Sugar Island to make a perfect batch of maple syrup. Maple syrup making is a long, hot, smoky process which is repeated every day until all the sap collected from the Maple trees is boiled down and bottled. Each spring, usually the last week of March, the sap begins to run and small holes are bored in the trees and taps inserted over a pail which collects the almost water like sap. It is then placed in large kettles over an open fire and boiled down until it reaches the right consistency. Programs offered at the Tribe's Culture Camp such as Sugar Bush are a wonderful way to keep our culture alive and pass it on to our youth.



Neemin Matrious pours sap which has been collected from the trees into the container above for storage until it is time to make the next batch of syrup.



Five-year old Jenna Homminga helped collect and empty pails of sap. A heavy job for a little girl.



As the sap boils down it changes in color from clear to an orange and then almost brown. As it boils it is checked for progress as shown above.



Jenna Homminga and Alysia Brewer empty the collected sap into a larger bucket to haul back to the collection containers.



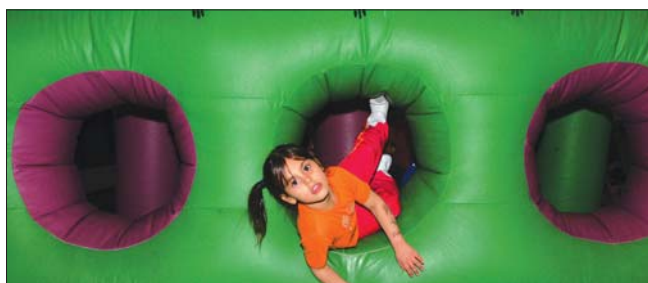
Five-year old Jenna Homminga holds her breath and closes her eyes to keep the stinging smoke out as she helped Bud Biron with wood for the fire



Josh Homminga roasted a piece of salt pork over hot coals and had a late afternoon snack.



Jocelyn Peterson, 5, and her brother Alex, 2 pick out beads to string together at the Girl Scouts table.



5 year old Alexis McLeod crawls out of the obstacle course at the ACFS Family Fun night.

A full night of Family Fun at Chi Mukwa



4 year old Charlie Lounds gets help from his sister Stephanie, 11 as he learns to skate. Free skating was offered as part of the Family Fun Night.

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Above; 6 year old first grader Ashley Robinson reaches for the first place blue ribbon she won for the story she wrote on her "Special Family". Dad John helps her reach her prize. Below; Angelina Fabry does some drawing on Chi Mukwa cloths stickers with mom, Loriann.



The Gardner Family donated a bike to the Family Fun Night in the name of Fredrick Gardner who walked on a little over a year ago. Surrounding bike winner Tanner Bradley, 8 of Rudyard are, left to right, Sault Tribe Police Sgt. Sam Gardner, his son Travis, brother Dan, mom June, who was married to Fredrick, Gabrielle Erickson and grandmother Suzzette Plummer, Sam's sister and his son Sam Gardner Jr. who just completed basic and Advanced Individual Training in the United States Army National Guard.

Over 450 people showed up for the first Children's Celebration Family Fun Night at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in the Sault.

"This started a long time ago as part of March Parenting Awareness Month to bring families together and give them an event to share activities," said Julie Menard, co-chair of the event.

Games and educational tables were set up for the night by 29 local groups where the children could work at craft tables, decorate cookies, have face paints drawn on and spin the fun wheel and play fishing games for prizes.

"We would really like to thank the local businesses that gave donations and the ones that set up booths and activities for the families," adds Menard.

"Everyone had such a great time," said Lori Desrocher, coordinator of the 4 C/UP program of the Michigan Department of Human Services. "We really look forward to next years celebration."

USDA announces conservation reserve program signup

Bruce Weir, state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency announced that general sign-up for CRP will begin March 27 and run through April 14. CRP is the country's largest conservation program on private lands with a current enrollment of 35.9 million acres nationally. Currently, Michigan has approximately 270,763 acres enrolled into the program.

"The CRP is designed to improve the nation's natural resource base," said Weir. Participants voluntarily enter into contracts with USDA to enroll erodible and other environmentally sensitive land in long-term

contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments (Most of Michigan's CRP soil rental rates have recently increased), up to 50 percent cost-share to establish the practice and technical assistance.

The program protects millions of acres of topsoil from erosion. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, it also protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving (vegetative) covers, greatly increasing wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

USDA will continue to evaluate and rank eligible CRP offers using and Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which is based on the potential environmental benefits gained from enrolling the land in the CRP. Decisions on the EBI cutoff will be made after this sign-up ends. The EBI cutoff used in previous sign-ups may be different for this sign-up. The cutoff is determined after analyzing the EBI factors of all the offers. Those who would have met previous sign-up EBI thresholds are not guaranteed a contract under this sign-up.

In addition to general sign-up, producers may enroll the most

environmentally sensitive land under CRP's continuous sign-up program. Under the continuous sign-up, relatively small amounts of land serving to protect much larger areas, such as filter strips, riparian buffers, and grass waterways, may be enrolled at any time.

"This may be the last whole field general CRP sign-up under the current Farm Bill, so don't miss out!" said Weir. For more information on the CRP program, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA Web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm.

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) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

Secretary of State promotes decal to protect Michigan waters

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced Michigan boaters can strike a blow against invasive aquatic species by purchasing a 2006 Great Lakes Protection Fund decal.

Order forms are included with this year's watercraft registration renewal notices. The decal, which costs \$35, supports research and education efforts to control invasive species such as zebra mussels in the Great Lakes and other Michigan waters. More than 250,000 renewal notices are in the mail to boat owners. Decals may also be ordered online through the Michigan e-Store at www.michigan.gov/michigan-mall.

"With the Great Lakes and nearly 11,000 inland lakes, Michigan holds a special place in the hearts of boaters," Land said. "Controlling the spread of zebra mussels, sea lampreys and other invasive creatures is vital if we are to continue enjoying all the benefits our beautiful waterways provide. The decal is available to anyone interested in supporting this worthy cause. Please help stamp out all unwanted, pesky, marine intruders by purchasing one today."

The 2006 decal features a sailboat and a lone leaping fish against a backdrop of still, blue waters, majestic pink clouds, a deep orange sun and the silhouette of a lighthouse. A call to "Protect Michigan's Great Lakes" across the top completes the design. The decal is for decoration only and does not replace any required registration or identification stickers.

As boat owners prepare to renew their three-year registrations, Land encourages them to take advantage of the convenience and timesavings provided by the Department of State's online watercraft registration renewal system. The online program is found at www.Michigan.gov/sos from March 1 to August 31. Registration decals are mailed within seven days after an online renewal is processed.

The Web-based program allows residents to renew from their homes or offices anytime of the day or night. Payment is by VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. Watercraft registrations may also be renewed by touch-tone telephone, mail or at a branch office. Touch-tone renewal is available March 1 through August 31.

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered unless exempt. Some registration exemptions include:

- Watercraft 16 ft. or less, propelled by oars or paddles, and not used for rental or commercial purposes.
- Non-motorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes, rafts, surfboards, sailboards, and swim floats, regardless of length.
- Watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan. For most watercraft, the registration is based on length.

Signup begins for extended milk income loss contract program

Bruce Weir, State executive director is pleased to announce the extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract Program. This reauthorization of the MLC program is being referred to as "MILCK," and allows the continuation of financial assistance on a monthly basis to dairy operations in connection with production sold in the commercial market when domestic prices fall below the Boston Class 1 (BC1) fluid milk price. The program will cover milk which is produced and commercially marketed form Oct. 1, 2005 through Sept. 30, 2007.

According to Weir, there are two signup options available. The first sign-up period is referred to as the initial sign-up period. This initial sign-up period began March 13, 2006 and goes through April 14, 2006.

The second sign-up period is referred to as the extended sign-up period. The extended sign-up period begins April 15, 2006.

For further information, contact your local USDA Service Center located in the telephone directory under government or visit: www.fsa.usda.gov/mi.

Anybody Running For the Board Should Not Be Making Promises They Can Not keep

Elect

Basel Willis

Unit 2- Board of Directors



I. As a member of the Board of Director's, I believe it would be my responsibility to fight for the rights of all our tribal members regardless of where they live or reside.

II. It is kind of hard to make an agenda with a board that seems in such disarray that this board is in. It seems like if you disagree with or say don't say what the echelon wants, they sure try to make it miserable for certain board members that disagree with them. We have to elect a board member that has the perseverance to fight for the people. There are a lot of programs that needs to be brought to the table and stick to their convictions. This board has a lot of very good people that does not walk lock step and we have those who only do what they are told. Anybody running for the board should not make a bunch of promises that cannot be kept. To tell people what they want to hear, a member has only one vote. They should use it to work with the other members that need help. A lot of our money goes to the top, while the lower end seems to be neglected or told, "I'll look into it." and the forgets it. We have a lot of people who are down on their luck or not fortunate enough to have got a good education because of being born poor. I will fight for the rights of people. Won't make promises I can't keep. Get out to people and listen to what they have got to say and follow up on it.

III. Department head's within our various tribal units know how to run them. They should be asked how to operate them instead of being told. Help them them instead of trying to hinder them and give credit where credit is due and a little "thank you" goes a long way.

IV. I am not a man to make promises I can't keep. Our [people need truth to uphold their votes on issues. Each of your tribal members has one vote to show their choice in an issue. I believe it is extremely important that those elected to this board respect each vote and consider the thought behind each one and the thought behind the vote and make sure that the members have faith that it will be brought to the table. I will make sure every phone call is answered and every request is looked into.

Please Consider Me For This Election
(God Bless - Please Vote)

Basel Willis

This advertisement is endorsed by Basel Willis



ELECT

Mike
"Chico" Belonga

Proven Positive Leadership

Unit 3 Candidate Tribal Board of Directors

Tribal Experience...

- 3 yr. Director Native Employment Work Program Assisting Tribal Members Seeking Employment with a 90% Success Rate
- 2+ yrs. Director Lambert Health Clinic The 2nd Busiest Tribal Health Clinic - 30 employees in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, optical, contract health & billing

Commitment...

- *Our Positive Agenda Includes*
- Membership Issues & Concerns First & Foremost They have been Neglected for Too Long
- Position will be Done FULL TIME by Attending ALL Tribal Functions - Not Just When Other Job or Business will Allow
- We Will Hold Regular Office Hours in St. Ignace, Mackinac Island & Cheboygan County
- Positive Alternative for Membership in Unit 3

This advertisement endorsed by Mike "Chico" Belonga and paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike "Chico" Belonga Tribal Board of Directors Unit 3, 906-643-8345.

Re-Elect

Rob Lambert

Tribal Board of Directors, Unit Three



The true test of whether someone is worthy of re-election is to ask yourself if we are better off now as a Tribe than we were when that person was first elected. I have worked hard as your Board member to make our Tribe a better place for all of us. I have represented you in an honest and ethical manner. I never once used my position on the Board of Directors to better myself or to give political favors to family or friends. This is our Tribe and we all deserve good things equally.

Four years ago we had an election ordinance in place that discriminated against a majority of our membership by requiring that anyone running for elective office must be a quarter (1/4) blood. This requirement was unconstitutional and was only put in place 20 years ago to eliminate the competition.

Today we no longer have the quarter (1/4) blood requirement to run for elective and I am proud to say that I championed that fight. I fought to abolish the quarter blood requirement because it was the right thing to do. We should not be putting up walls. We should have a level playing field so that no member feels like a second class citizen. We are over 30,000 members strong and each and every one of us has something to offer. I will never vote to restrict our members right to run for elective office. Our Constitution does not allow it and the board is not in place to take our rights away. They are there to defend them.

Four years ago just before I was elected, the Board of Directors gave Bernard Bouschor the authority to enter into employment contracts. These are the contracts that Bernard used to funnel 2.6 million dollars from our Tribe on election night 2004.

Today the Chairperson no longer has that authority. I was instrumental in abolishing this practice one month after taking office. If we had not stripped Bernard Bouschor of that authority, we would probably be fighting to get back much more than 2.6 million. These contracts were employee friendly and did nothing to protect our money. They only protected the employees that got them.

Four years ago we did not schedule board meetings on Mackinac Island. Board of Directors meetings were not aired on local cable and there was no uniform way to address your concerns face to face with your elected representatives.

Today we hold our July board meetings on Mackinac Island. All board meetings are aired on local cable and monthly unit meetings are held to address the concerns of Tribal members in a face to face relaxed setting. Each of these accomplishments made for a more informed Tribal community and they are in place because I assisted in making it happen.

Four years ago our Tribal youth group needed more funding for activities. Our elders wished for more funding for recreation and a year round lunch program for our elders on Mackinac Island.

Today my initiatives have allowed our youth group to attend Tribal Unity in record numbers. Funding I secured has allowed our youth to attend drum, Regalia, flute making classes each summer and are blessed with teachings by our elders. It was my legislation that has given our elders additional money for their recreation fund. I assisted in getting our elders on Mackinac Island a year round lunch program.

Tomorrow is the beginning of our future and we must always treat each of our members as an equal. I would like to see our Tribe take a huge step forward and provide two new board members to represent the members that reside outside of our units (members at large). These members at large make up the majority of our membership and they deserve their own representation. I look at this as a win-win. The members at large will finally have the representation they desire and the members in the units will no longer worry that the members at large are going to run the election. The 5 election units will have their representation from within their own boundaries and the members at large will have theirs.

Endorsement: My re-election bid has been given the endorsement of the Unit Three Elder Committee Chairperson. I am very proud of this and I take it very serious. Our elders are the window to our past. They have a lifetime of wisdom and are always ready to share it with anyone who will listen. They have earned our respect and are looked up to in our Tribal community. I am humbled by the fact that our Elder Chairperson has the faith in me lead our Tribe in a good way. It is my hope that if the leader of our Elders can trust me to do the right thing, you can to.

I have stood up to the past and present Tribal administrations when they acted in a selfish and self serving manner. I will continue to defend what is in the best interest of our membership because it is the right thing to do.

I am the son of Willard (Chief) J. Lambert Jr. and Elaine (Lozon) Mann. My six siblings are Ron, Mike, Tom, Tim, Lynn and Larry. My maternal Grandparents are Edward Lozon and Nellie (Reno) Lozon. My paternal Grandparents are Willard J. Lambert Sr. and Helen (Kosquot) Lambert. I have been married to Colleen (Rushlow) Lambert for 22 wonderful years. My children are Rob Jr. and Amy.

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Traditional IRAs – tax advantagesBY BOB BERGLIN,
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There are many ways for you to build a retirement nest egg. One of the more popular is the Traditional Individual Retirement Arrangement, or IRA. Deferred taxes is one of the reasons for that popularity.

Contributions to a Traditional IRA may be deductible from your income, lowering the federal income tax for which you are responsible. Federal income tax on your IRA will be deferred until you begin taking withdrawals, usually when you have retired and may be in a lower tax bracket.

Generally, you can qualify for a tax deduction if you are not a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2005, if you are covered by a retirement plan at work, your deduction for contributions to a traditional IRA will be reduced (and then phased out) if your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is:

- * More than \$65,000 but less than \$75,000 for a married couple filing a joint return or a qualifying widow(er).

- * More than \$45,000 but less than \$55,000 for a single individual or head of household, or

- * Less than \$10,000 for a married individual filing a separate return.

You must begin taking minimum annual withdrawals from your Traditional IRA by April 1 of the year after the year you reach 70 1/2 years of age. Those withdrawals will be taxed as ordinary income.

There are a number of options available to you when you opening an IRA. Various investments may be used and should be chosen based on your circumstances. Talk to a qualified financial professional to find out how you can take advantage of the tax benefits of a Traditional IRA.

The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is April 18, at 5 p.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

Viewer beware: Local TV news covers health a lot, but not always well, study finds

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Local television newscasts, where most Americans get most of their news, are packed with medical stories and health information. But the first-ever national study of that coverage finds many problems with it, and sees room for improvement by both TV stations and the health experts whose work fills the news.

In the March issue of the American Journal of Managed Care, researchers from the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin-Madison report results from an in-depth analysis of health coverage on local TV newscasts from across the country.

In all, health and medical stories comprised 11 percent of the news portion of late-evening newscasts in the one-month period studied, with 1,799 such stories carried on 2,795 broadcasts captured from the representative sample of 122 stations in the nation's top 50 media markets.

The average story was 33 seconds long, and most did not give specifics about the source of the information presented. Items about specific diseases tended not to contain recommendations for viewers, or information about how common the disease was - which could help put the news into perspective with other health issues.

But most disturbing, the study's authors say, were the egregious errors contained in a small minority of studies - errors that could have led to serious consequences.

For instance, a story that aired on several stations reported on lemon juice's effect on sperm and speculated about, or presented as fact, the use of lemon juice as an effective contraceptive, and its potential effect on preventing sexual transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Despite the fact that the study was done in a research lab, nearly all the stories failed to mention that it had not involved humans. Even more alarming, one of the stations

misinterpreted the study altogether and stated that lemon juice may be a substitute for "costly" HIV medications.

Thousands of hours of local news broadcasts were recorded and compiled by NewsLab, a unique UW-Madison facility directed by Goldstein that was originally developed to study TV coverage of political campaigns. The new study is the first time NewsLab has been used to study a non-political topic, and the first exhaustive study of health coverage on local TV. Most studies of health and medical coverage have focused on newspapers and national network television shows.

The study focused on broadcasts from October 2002, which had been stored in NewsLab's servers for analysis pertaining to elections held that November. They offered a goldmine of health stories.

Goldstein and Pribble are currently studying how local news covered health in 2004. UW-Madison is currently pursuing funding for further data collection and studies in 2006. For more information on NewsLab, visit www.polisci.wisc.edu/newslab. Reference: American Journal of Managed Care, March 2006, pp 170-176

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Board of Chippewa Indian
UNIT 3

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Always available to Constituents

1. I will not work full time anywhere else. This board seat will be my full time job.
2. I will set up an office so you can meet me in private. I will hold office hours twice a week, 3 hours at a time so you will always know where to reach me.
3. I will call back with-in twenty four hours. I will respond. I will care.

Elder Commitment

To be involved, to go to elder meetings, go to elder events, to listen, to help, to bring their spirit to the Board of Directors.

To make sure the Elder dividend never goes down and will always increase.

To record our past so others may understand who we were and who we are so we can remain true to our heritage and culture.

To help elders establish local goals that will improve tribal awareness and communication with all facets of our community.

Health Care

To make the new hospital and Tribal Health Center dream a reality so we will have increased access to health care locally.

To tirelessly work on budgets so we can best utilize the money we have in the best places and direct a fair share of Tribal revenues toward health care. I believe that health care for elders and children should be one of our highest priorities. I'm committed to improving and extending all types of medical services to all Tribal Members



Keith Massaway
Ph. (906) 643-6981
E-Mail kmassaway@msn.com

Higher Education

Increased funding for vocational and technical job training for our youth and our tribe at large.

Increase job assistance, training and procurement of jobs for our tribal community first.

Work to have a merit based tuition waiver for all aspiring youth.

Social Services

Our Tribal youth programs are on the chopping block at the federal level and we must make sure that we retain them because our youth are our future and we must help them all we can.

Listen and support our elders. The elder group in St. Ignace area is doing great things and they are working well together putting on their programs. We as a board must encourage and participate with them.

I will not be a tribal employee while I am your Board member
I will not be a full time employee anywhere else while I am your board member
I will represent Unit III at all local meetings including, city government, Chamber of Commerce, youth and elder meetings.

Benefits of working longer

By EDWIN DWYER
SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT MANAGER ESCANABA, MICHIGAN

A recent study asked this interesting question: Why do women claim Social Security benefits so early? The study pointed out that nearly 60 percent of women choose to apply for Social Security retirement benefits as early as possible, at age 62.

While most of us can understand the desire to pursue retirement dreams as soon as possible, the truth is that working an extra year or two before retiring can provide extra money to help you realize those dreams.

Let me focus here just on the Social Security considerations. While you only need 10 years of working and paying Social Security taxes to qualify for retirement benefits, your Social Security retirement benefit payments will be based on your 35 years of highest earnings. If you don't have 35 years of earnings, then we use a zero for each year without earnings when we do our calculations to determine the amount of retirement benefits you are due.

Many women, because of lower average wages and interrupted work histories to care for children and older relatives, can have a number of low-earning years or "zero earnings" years figured into their computation. Working an extra year or two allows you to replace a year or two of low (or zero) earnings with higher earnings. Do you know how many years of low earnings you have under Social Security? You can find out if you check the Social Security Statement that is mailed each year to every worker age 25 and older. You can also visit Social Security's financial planning website at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners.

Social Security has a special For Women website that you may find useful. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/women.

Spouses hospitalization increases partners risk of death

National Institute on Aging (NIA) News— Most people have heard stories about an older person who "dies of a broken heart" shortly after their partner's death. A new study finds that hospitalization of a spouse for a serious illness also increases their partner's risk of death. Further, the risk is greater with certain diagnoses, such as dementia, stroke and hip fracture. The study was sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The report, by Nicholas A. Christakis, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., of Harvard Medical School, and Paul D. Allison, Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania, is the first to measure a link between a spouse's hospitalization and increased mortality of their partner across a comprehensive range of spousal diseases. The findings, says Christakis, were striking. "When a spouse is hospitalized, the partner's risk of death increases

significantly and remains elevated for up to two years," he notes. The study is published in the Feb. 16, 2006, issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"This highly innovative study - in an enormous sample of older people - demonstrates yet another important connection between social networks and health," says Richard M. Suzman, Ph.D., Associate Director of the NIA for Behavioral and Social Research. "We don't yet know the full extent to which social networks affect health. We need to explore the mechanisms behind the stresses associated with these hospitalizations as we look for ways to protect people when their central relationships are disrupted."

Christakis and colleagues studied more than half a million couples over 65 years old who were enrolled in Medicare from 1993 through 2001. Over that period, the study found that, overall, having a sick spouse is about one fourth as bad for a

partner's health as having a spouse actually die. Some spousal diseases, such as hip fracture or psychiatric conditions, were nearly as bad for partners as it would be if the spouse actually died. The period of greatest risk is over the short run, within 30 days of a spouse's hospitalization or death, the researchers noted, when the risk of death upon a spouse's hospitalization is almost as great as that when a spouse dies. The mortality risk increased with age and, for women of a hospitalized husband, with poverty.

The illness responsible for the spouse's hospitalization also matters. For example, among men with hospitalized wives, if their wife is hospitalized with colon cancer, there is almost no effect on the husband's subsequent mortality. But if the wife is hospitalized with heart disease, the risk of death for a husband is 12 percent higher compared to the wife not being sick at all. If one's wife is hospital-

ized with psychiatric disease, a partner's risk of death is 19 percent higher. And is one's wife is hospitalized with the principal diagnosis of dementia, mortality risk for the husband is 22 percent higher. Similar effects are seen in women whose husbands are hospitalized.

The more a disease that causes a hospitalization interferes with the patient's physical or mental ability, regardless of the extent to which it is deadly, the more of an impact it may have for the partner of the ill person, the researchers suggest. "The study suggests that diseases that are more disabling are more likely to result in disease and death in the caregiving spouse," Christakis says. Spousal illness might also deprive the partner of emotional, economic or other practical support, or might impose stress on the caregiver which may contribute to their risk of death, the investigators theorize.

Christakis and his colleagues

are interested in the health consequences of social networks. The impact of the death of one spouse on the mortality of the other is one well-known example. The impact of illness is a further example. "People's health is interconnected," Christakis says. "When we take care of people when they're sick, we're also taking care of the patients' spouses. So helping one person might help others. Such benefits should be included in any cost-benefit analysis of interventions."

The NIA leads the federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging and the medical, social and behavioral issues of older people. For more information, call (800) 222-2225 or go to the NIA website at www.nia.nih.gov.

Reference: NA Christakis et al. Mortality After Hospitalization of a Spouse. *New England Journal of Medicine*; vol. 354, issue 7, 719-730 (2006).

Walking On



Seaside, Oregon — **Tari Lynette French** (Leask), 43, passed away on March 8, 2006 after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer.

She was born December 14, 1962 in Frankfort, Michigan to Shirley and Paul Leask.

Some of her school years were spent in Kalkaska Schools, but she graduated from Frankfort High School in 1981.

Tari had a zest for life and enjoyed it to the fullest. She enjoyed the outdoors, reading, and spending time with her family and friends. Tari was proud of her Native American heritage as a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She did extensive research on her parentage, and enjoyed making Native American crafts.

Tari is survived by her father Paul (Elizabeth) Leask of Kalkaska, and her mother Shirley Wollam of Beulah; her children Bari, Dylan and Marina of Seaside; her siblings Denise, Michelle, Christopher, Kevin, Mark, Robyne, and Michael. Tari also leaves behind the light of her life, granddaughter Nevaeh also of Seaside; and grandmother

Lillian Ludka of Traverse City. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Tari was preceded in death by grandparents, which include Paul L. Leask, her paternal grandfather who was a native of Sugar Island, and an infant sister, Angela.

Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time.

Memorial contributions in Tari's name may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at P.O. Box 65039, Dallas, TX, 75265-0309.

A memorial service for **Dawn Marie Goetz**, 25, of DeTour Village was conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2006 at Northhills Baptist Church on Chard Road in Hessel, with Pastor Floyd Lamoreaux officiating. There was a luncheon follow-

ing the service at the Hessel Tribal Center.

The late Dawn Marie Goetz passed away Friday, February 17, 2006, at Siani Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Dawn was born August 6, 1980 in Sault Ste. Marie to Donald and Shirley (Lee) Goetz of DeTour Village. She grew up in Hessel and DeTour. After school, she worked as a server at the Dream Catchers Lounge at Kewadin Casinos. Then she moved to Montana where she worked chinking new log homes. For the past few years, Dawn has been living in Vero Beach, Florida, and working as a secretary at an auto repair facility. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Dawn loved camping and being outdoors.

Dawn is survived by her daughter, Jada Lee Marker; her common-law husband, Jason Marker of Montana; her parents, Donald and Shirley Goetz of DeTour Village; one sister, Sheila Goetz (fiance' Jon Crawford) of DeTour; a brother, Andrew Grogan of Denver, Colorado; one niece, Kaalin Goetz; her grandmother, Charlotte Goetz of Grand Rapids; her mother-in-law, Marlene Warden of Montana; and by many aunts and uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Phillip "Junior" "Dutch" Goetz and Forest and Barbara Lee.

Interment will be in Rockview Cemetery in Marquette Township in the spring.

The Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is serving the family.

Katherine Margaret MacArthur, age 71, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2006 at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care in St. Ignace.

Katherine was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on September 7, 1934 the daughter of the late Tony and Margaret (Ripley) Reicher. She worked as a bookkeeper for Bayliss Public Library from December 1964 to April 1992, retiring after 28 years

of service. In February 1993, she entered Nokomis Elder Care and then in March 1995, she made her home at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care. Katherine was an avid reader, who loved dogs and cats, and spending as much time as possible with her grandchildren. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She will be greatly missed by all family and anyone who knew her.

She is survived by her loving children; Steve MacArthur of Estro, Flor., Dave (Helen) MacArthur of Traverse City, Mich., and Sharon (Jim) Sutton of Brimley, Mich., one granddaughter; Robin Sutton of Brimley, Mich., and three grandsons; Steven Sutton of Brimley, Mich., and D.J. and Bob MacArthur both of Traverse City, Mich. Katherine is also survived by three wonderful and loving sisters; Mary Ann (Collia) Naeitz of Cape Coral, Flor., Doris Poulakos of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Betty Prout of Oconto, Wisc. and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband; Harold "Mac" MacArthur (11-29-1992).


A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends gathered at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. Final resting place is at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

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

Joan Annette Stevens, age 82, of Flint, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at her residence. A funeral mass was held Friday, March 17, at All Saints Catholic Church, Fr. Anthony Majchrowski officiated. Mrs. Stevens is survived by her husband, Russell of Flint; daughter, Catherine Turnbow and husband Ken of Linden; granddaughters, Tammy Atkinson and husband David of Grand Blanc and Joan Turnbow of Linden; great-grandsons,

Spencer and Andrew; sisters, Leora Sunderland, Monica Vallance and husband Lawrence "Dag," Judy Maxwell and husband Fred, Gerry Bussler and husband Tim; brothers, Orville Leask and wife Lorraine, Jack Leask and wife Pat, Angus "Skip" Leask; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and neighbors. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Addie; sisters, Wanda "Teeny" Foley, Dorothy Spray and Grace Doyle; sister-in-law, Evelyn Labranche. Joan loved all wildlife. She also enjoyed cooking, painting and times on Sugar Island, as well as volunteer work at the North End Soup Kitchen, Krapohl Senior Citizens Center, Westwood Heights Senior Citizen Center, Sugar Island Senior Citizens Center and Retired Senior Volunteer Program were especially close to her heart. Joan was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She was a devoted Catholic, who attended mass often and lived her faith daily. Fr. Anthony was a dearly loved friend who ministered to Joan through frequent visits with communion. Joan loved her entire family dearly and will be missed by all who knew her.


Jesse James Smart Sr. born in Gideon, Mo. on December 25, 1930, died on March 26, 2006. He resided in the Sault for most of his life and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was proceeded in death by wife, Theresa Shannon Smart (Willis), sister, Ruby Smart and brother, William Smart. He is survived by his children; Dennis, Theresa (Tim) Flandrick, Jesse (Sherrie), Robert (Marie), Richard (Kelly) and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Virgil and Everett Smart and sister, Pearl Lowery. Visitation was at the Culture Center on Tuesday, March 28 from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Church services were on Wednesday at the Cultural Center at 1:00 p.m. Burial followed at Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island with a luncheon at Culture Center after services.



ELECT

Ilene (LaVake) Moses

Unit 3 - Board of Directors



EXPERIENCE


- ** Life long residence of St. Ignace
- ** 8 yrs. Teacher Aid (CAA) Head Start Program
- ** 17 + yrs. State of Michigan (retired) Indian Outreach Worker (IOW)
- ** 4 yrs. Former Sault Tribe Unit 3 Board of Directors Representative (1998-2002)
- ** 4+ yrs. Sault Tribe Contract Health Coordinator
- ** 3 yrs. Sault Tribe Elder Health Coordinator
- ** Past Chairman of Title IV Indian Ed Program St. Ignace Schools (1975-1978)
- ** Member of Title IX Indian Ed Program Parent Committee/St. Ignace Schools
- ** Member of Unit 3 Elder Subcommittee
- ** Alternate of Elderly Advisory Committee/Unit 3 St. Ignace
- ** Member Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee
- ** Member Sault Tribe Health Board
- ** Sault Tribe Delegate of Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA)
- ** Member of the Jewel of Mackinac Golf Tournament
- ** Member of the Moses Dialysis Board / Mackinac Straits Hospital

COMMITMENT

- ** I will work hard to serve the Tribal Members and Members of Unit 3 to the best of my abilities.
- ** To vocie your issues and concerns.
- ** I will not make promises that cannot be kept.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect
Ilene (LaVake) Moses


Job announcement - Policy analyst, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). Division of Intergovernmental affairs. Closing date: May 5, 2006 (Letters of interest must be received no later than 4 p.m.) Classification: Permanent, full-time (1 year initial probationary period). Salary: Starting salary range: \$37,000 - \$42,500 (dependent on qualifications). Qualifications: Juris Doctor (JD) required, plus at least three years of experience in a field relevant to the positions responsibilities and GLIFWC's mission. Call (715) 682-6619 or email: ggcloud@glifwc.org.



VOTE

BRIDGETT SORENSON

FOR UNIT 3 SAULT TRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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3 YEARS WORKING HUMAN RESOURCES
CURRENTLY WORKING IN CASINO ADMINISTRATION
CHAIRPERSON FOR SAULT TRIBE HEAD START PARENT COMMITTEE FOR 2 YRS
POLICY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR SAULT TRIBE
HEAD START FOR 2 YRS

THE AMBITION, EDUCATION AND ETHICS TO GET THE JOB DONE

BRIDGET SORENSON ENDORSES THIS ADVERTISEMENT
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The Sault Tribe News welcomes submissions by mail c/o Communications, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or via e-mail at saulttribenews@saulttribe.net. Any questions concerning submissions can be answered by calling (906) 632-6398.

The next deadline is April 18 at 5:00 p.m.

JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meetings are scheduled for every second Tuesday of every 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 635-5055.

Michigan student financial aid programs

Please Note: The following programs are available through the State of Michigan for the 2005-06 academic year.

Additional information about all of these programs is available on the website

www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

Michigan competitive scholarship (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Michigan Competitive Scholarship provides scholarship assistance for Michigan students attending eligible Michigan postsecondary institution. Recipients must achieve a qualifying score on the ACT prior to college attendance and must demonstrate financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Priority consideration is given to incoming freshmen who file the FAFSA by March 1. Questions regarding this program can be directed by e-mail to osg@michigan.gov.

Michigan tuition grant (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Michigan Tuition Grant provides grant assistance to Michigan students attending private independent

Michigan postsecondary institutions.

Recipients must demonstrate financial need as determined by the filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Questions regarding this program can be directed by email to osg@michigan.gov.

Michigan merit award (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Michigan Merit Award Program is a merit-based scholarship awarded to students who perform well on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. These scholarships can be used at in-state or out-of-state postsecondary institutions. For additional information, visit the Merit Award website at www.michiganiv/mertaward.

Adult part-time grant (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Adult part-Time Grant provides grant assistance for independent undergraduate students who have been out of high school for at least two years. Qualifying students must enroll at an approved degree-granting public or private Michigan college on a part-time basis. Awards

are based on financial need. Grant availability is limited to two years of student with a maximum award of \$600 per academic year. To apply, file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For further information, contact your college financial aid office.

Michigan educational opportunity grant (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant program provides awards of up to \$1,000 per academic year for needy undergraduate students who enroll at least half-time at public Michigan colleges. To apply, file a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Michigan work-study (888) 4-GRANTS (888) 447-2687. The Michigan Work-Study programs afford work opportunities for needy undergraduate or graduate students who enroll at participating degree-granting Michigan colleges on at least a half-time basis. These jobs may be on campus or with private, off-campus employers. Award amount varies depending on need

and hourly wage. To apply, file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. For further information, contact your college financial aid office.

Guaranteed student loans (800) MGA-LOAN (800) 642-5626. If scholarships and grants do not meet your entire educational need, call the Michigan Guaranty Agency for information about obtaining a guaranteed student loan through the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans, Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, Federal PLUS Loans (for parents of undergraduate students).

MI-Loan® Program (888) MHESLA-1 (888) 643-7521. The Michigan Alternative Student Loan (MI-LOAN) Program is available for students attending Michigan degree-granting colleges and universities. It is intended to provide assistance to students who do not typically qualify for gift aid and/or the subsidized Federal Stafford Loan, or to those who need funds in addition to this aid to meet postsecondary educational costs. The applicant

may be either the student or his/her parent. The MI-Loan program consists of two programs: The Creditworthy Loan Program and the Credit Ready Loan Program. Applications are available through college financial aid offices or online at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

Michigan education trust (MET) (800) MET-4-KID (800) 638-4543. The Michigan Education Trust is a guaranteed tuition program and provides parents, grandparents, and others the opportunity to pre-purchase tuition at today's rates for a Michigan child to attend college in the future. Those with questions regarding this program can e-mail to treasmet@michigan.gov or visit the website at www.met4kid.com.

Michigan education savings program (MESP) - (877) 861-MESP (1-877-861-6377). The Michigan Education Savings Program is an investment/savings program that provides families with a flexible way to save for a child's higher education expenses. Detailed program information is available online at www.misaves.com

President releases FY 07 budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NAIHC applauds a positive change in level funding for Indian housing in the President's budget for FY 07, compared to FY 06. The Native American Housing Block Grant proposed funding is at \$625.7 million from that \$2 million is directed to the Title VI Loan Guarantee Program. The Indian Community Development Block Grant budgeted amount is 57.4 million. Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program is proposed at \$5.9 million. The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) training and technical assistance is zeroed out again.

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) created the block grants for tribes to address their own housing needs. The primary goal of the Title VI program is to encourage private lending in Indian Country. According to the U.S. Census, Native Americans are three times more likely to live in overcrowded housing, and 12 percent of Native American homes lack complete plumbing, which means a lack of running water or sewage systems compared to 1.2 percent of the general population.

NAIHC Technical Assistance and Training were zeroed out in the President's FY 07 budget. After being zeroed out in the FY 06 budget, Congress restored \$2 million to NAIHC's vital programs. The technical assistance and training that NAIHC provides is essential to the effective implementation and success of NAHASDA.

Since the passage of H.R. 797 in December of 2005, tribes are able to access YouthBuild funds; a federal program that integrates leadership skills with home construction. The Presidents FY 2007 budget proposed \$50 million for Youthbuild and moves it funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Department of Labor.



Re-Elect

Denise Chase

Unit 4 - Tribal Board of Directors



ELDERS:

Support increasing elder heating dollars
Support increasing annual elder dividends
Expand elder meals/delivery to homebound elders

HEALTH CARE:

Increase health services for Unit 4
Expanded physician access
Support daily prescription deliveries to Escanaba and Marquette
Mobile health screening for early detection

EDUCATION:

Increase funding for higher education
Support making the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver

YOUTH:

Increase youth employment opportunities
Recreation programming for all ages
Expand tutoring program

& MORE:

Loosen eligibility of need based services
Expand services to help prevent juvenile delinquency

Dear Tribal Member

Being one Board Member on a Board of eleven others others, makes it a challenge to compete for tribal resources for our unit. Too often when new services are announced, the outlying units are not fully considered. We need to prioritize the expansion of services to all units based on identified need. It is our turn to share in the services offered by our Tribe. If you re-lect me, I will continue to work hard to represent your needs. I need and would appreciate your support.

Thank You
Denise Chase

You Can Contact Me At
906-341-6783
1-888-667-3809

VOTE

Denise Chase

Unit 4 - Tribal Board of Directors

This advertisement is endorsed by Denise Chase

VOTE Joe Gray



**As your Unit 5 Representative
To the Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

Strong, Independent and Experience Leadership

Devoting my FULL TIME to your needs

Promise to honestly and responsibly represent
all Tribal members to the best of my abilities

Your concern are MY concerns

Joe Gray endorses this advertisement
(906) 249-3303



Happy birthday, mom!
Lu-Ella Spang
May 30
Love,
Debrah and Russ



Elect
**SHIRLEY
PETOSKY**
to represent Unit 5

- * Regular Unit 5 meetings
- * Strive to insure our unit is aware of all benefits
(No more word of mouth)
- * Promote term limits
- * Transportation for west-end members to attend
our tribal functions
- * Fight to eradicate double dipping
- * Work first and foremost for Unit 5
- * No more years of stepping aside
- * Will be available to members



This ad is endorsed by Shirley Petosky

Tune in to Sault Tribe This Week

Tune in to the Sault Tribe This Week, the Saturday Morning Show with George Snider from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews and music and other great features.

Listen for Sault Tribe This Week with Tom Ewing scheduled on Tuesdays on AM 1230 WSOO at 9:35 a.m., WNBY-FM12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. in Newberry and WIDG-AM 9:04 a.m. in St. Ignace.

Wednesdays WNBY-FM 12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. and Thursdays on WSUE-FM (Rock 101) at 10:25 a.m and 4:25 p.m.

ELECT

Dedicated To Our Culture And Treaty Rights

Charles Matson

Unit 5 Board of Directors

**Committed and Passionate for the
Rights of Tribal Members**
Experienced Private Business Owner
Lifelong Resident of Unit 5



Charles Matson

(906) 387-4728

- Serving On The Conservation Committee for the past 14 years
- Served on the Gathering Committee
- Presently Serving on the Inland fishing and hunting Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Traditional Land Use & Ecology Committee

Experienced With Tribal Governments

“ I am familiar with and have a good working relationship with many of the other Federally recognized Tribes. I also understand many of the departments within the Tribe and I know how to communicate with the current Board of Directors and Administration through over twenty years of a working relationship with them.”

Main speaker for 13 Community input sessions to hear the concerns of approx. 400 tribal members on Inland Fishing, Hunting & Gathering Rights

This quote is from one of our respected Ogasas during the treaty of 1855.

“It is our wish that we may not be advised by any white man in settling our affairs. It is our wish to do our business with you ourselves.” AS SA GON

INITIATIVES THAT I SUPPORT

I support the Lincoln school project to help ensure its path towards completion.
We need more land acquisition so we can increase the tribally owned land base.
Establish a nation wide prescription plan for elders.
Work to ensure the preservation of treaty rights
Work to eliminate tuition waiver blood quantum

I support increasing housing availability in Unit 5
Increase higher education & trade school funding
Increase visits available at Marquette Health clinic.
Reinstate use of YMCA facility in Marquette
Increase youth activities through 2% payouts by co-operating with local government units. example Little League, hockey assoc. 4H, and Archery.

This Advertisement endorsed by Charles

“ We Need To Have More Faith In Our Own People And Stop Relying On High Paid Consultants, Lobbyist, and Attorneys That Negotiate For Us.”

Charles Matson - Ojibwa
votecmatson@hotmail.com

HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING PERMIT APPLICATION

To apply for a hunting/inland fishing permit, you must have a current enrollment card and be 18 years of age.

The game is only to be used to feed your family and not be sold or traded. Anyone caught selling subsistence game will be fined and will not be eligible to receive a hunting/inland-fishing permit in the future.

You must make an appointment to come in and pick up your permit. You must have a valid driver's license and a current enrollment card to submit at this time.

APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SEX: _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

As a permit holder you MUST submit a monthly catch report. Tribal Code Chapter 21 requires all permit holders to file a monthly report, even when there is no activity. Failure to submit a hunting and inland fishing report will result in a citation from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

If you are issued a permit, you may be subjected to prosecution by the state courts. The tribe will not provide any defense counsel. The tribe will not be responsible for any fines and costs incurred.

Permits must be picked up at the Sault Ste. Marie office or at one of the designated tribal locations. You must contact the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement office at (906) 635-6065 after the April 28 deadline for the dates, times and the designated tribal locations where the licenses can be picked up. You are required to pick up your own permit or contact the Sault Tribe Police Department for mailing. There is a \$4 shipping and handling fee.

This application must be returned to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Law Enforcement Department at 2715 Shunk Road, Post Office Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or by fax (906) 632-0691 no later than 5 p.m., April 28, 2006.

If application is not completely filled out, it will not be processed. Make sure all application information is completed upon submission.

Please designate the type of permit you are requesting by checking one of the following:

- Hunting only
Inland fishing only
Both hunting and inland fishing

Honoring Our Past . . . Preparing for our Future
Karl Weber
Unit 5 - Tribal Board of Directors
Never in our history has it been more important that we have leaders who have a vision for our Tribe's future and are prepared to lead. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to represent you. Karl Weber

Recognizing Director Vic Matson's Leadership

After 22 years of service, I wish to acknowledge and thank Mr. Matson for his commitment to advancing the interests of our Tribe. His contributions are many, but a couple that stand out include the endless hours he spent representing our rights — negotiating the 2000 Consent Decree, and his dedication to asserting and affirming our inland hunting and fishing rights under the 1836 Treaty of Washington. If elected, it is my hope to carry on Vic Matson's tradition of dedication to the advancement of our Tribe.



Vic Matson presenting a \$5,000 check to Karl Weber, President of NMU Board of Trustees & Steve Knauf, President of the NMU Native American Student Association for the annual NMU Pow Wow

Education, Experience, & Governance Qualifications

EDUCATION
University of Michigan, B.A. 1986 (English and Political Science)
University of Michigan, Juris Doctorate, 1990

QUALIFICATIONS
Chief Appellate Judge, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, (2005 to present.) - will resign from bench if elected
Law Partner, Plunkett & Cooney, P.C (1996 to present.)
Admitted to practice law in the States of Michigan and Minnesota
Board of Trustees, Northern Michigan University
Chairman of Board, (2005 – present.)
Vice Chair, (2003-04.)
Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, (2003-04)
Special Assistant Attorney General, State of Michigan, (2003)
St. Peter's Cathedral, Member of Finance Committee, (2004 – present)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Past and Present)
Marquette-Alger Youth Foundation, Board of Directors
Marquette Community Foundation, Board of Directors/ Treasurer
Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
St. Peter's Cathedral, Member

Cornerstones of My Campaign Are:

Expansion Of Elder Services and Benefits: Our elders represent a small minority of our membership – approximately 8% and while our Tribe has come a long way in improving services, we must do more, especially for the needy. I support an increase in the elder dividend checks and the expansion of elder services including meals and programs for those who are in need.

Education: We need to do everything possible to ensure that our children and returning students have a quality education at all levels. In particular, I support increased funding to expand our higher education assistance programs and scholarships so we can ensure that today's youth become tomorrow's leaders.

Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Integrity: I fully support the balanced budget initiative for the long-term viability of our Tribe. There are many positive things happening within the tribe and many opportunities lie ahead, but no matter the cause or opportunity, I will always support a balanced budget that requires us to live within our means.

Economic Development: Our Tribe has made significant social and economic gains over the years in large part due to tribal self-determination. In order to preserve and expand these gains, I support the continued, but prudent, expansion of gaming opportunities and, in addition, a greater emphasis on the expansion of non-gaming ventures. This will allow our Tribe to diversify and create other channels of revenue streams that will sustain our tribal programs and services.

Karl Weber Endorses and Paid for this ad

Tool helps citizens prepare for emergencies

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is providing a public emergency handbook free of charge to citizens that outlines preparedness steps for public health emergencies, state officials announced today.

"Preparing For A Public Health Emergency - What You Need To Know" will be made available through local health departments and other community locations this week, said Janet Olszewski, MDCH Director. Federal preparedness dollars paid for the booklets, which have been shipped to local health departments throughout the state.

"It is important to remember that each type of public health situation is very different and requires a unique response," Olszewski said. "Just as families in Michigan must prepare for winter storms, tornadoes and power outages, we want citizens to have appropriate information to prepare them for possible biological, radiological, and other types of public health threats."

The passport size booklet, created by MDCH's Office of Public Health Preparedness, contains useful emergency preparedness tips and a fill-in-the-blank area to record personal health information necessary for receiving medical services during an emergency.

Recent emergencies have taught us how important it is for individuals and families to take time to plan and prepare for the unexpected, Olszewski said. "Preparing For A Public Health Emergency - What You Need To Know" is available through your local health department. Check www.malpb.org/page.cfm/108/ for your jurisdiction.

Other sources of family preparedness information are available at the federal Department of Homeland Security web site www.ready.gov.

The handbook is available at the Chippewa County Health Department. Call (906) 635-3646 or 635-3627.

Grant specialists hired

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Planning and Development Department is pleased to announce the recent addition of two new employees. Roberta Lewis (nee Sterling) and Stacey Tadgerson have returned to work with the Tribe as our new grants specialists. Stacey will be focusing on housing and community development grants and Roberta will work with the remainder of membership services and governmental programs to seek additional funding to expand and enhance tribal programs and services.

Roberta Lewis, a Sault Tribe member, brings to the Tribe well over ten years of specialized training and a vast knowledge of grants and grant-funded programs. She was previously employed by the Tribe over ten years ago as an election secretary working under Joanne Carr. Roberta further enhanced her skills with over eleven years of service to Tribes across the state as the head manager/PIR specialist for Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. She has extensive experience with budget management, grant applications, negotiations, computer applications, and systems development, incorporation and monitoring. "We expect her to be a great asset to our department and to the Tribe," Renee' Robinson, director of Planning and Development stated. "Roberta is very excited to be back with the Tribe and we are thrilled to have her. She is bringing a fresh new enthusiastic attitude to our department and we



Stacey Tadgerson and Roberta Lewis

Photo by Brenda Austin

know that the entire Tribe will benefit from her dedication, professionalism and aggressive grant-seeking abilities. We are looking forward to many successful new ventures as a result of the addition of Roberta to our staff."

Tribal member, Stacey Tadgerson, has accepted the new grants specialist position with the Tribe that will be specifically involved in increasing home ownership and home improvement opportunities for Sault Tribe members. Previously employed with our ACFS Division, Stacey brings a strong educational background with a Master in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University. Stacey's academic background includes several years of advising, instruction and curriculum development. "Stacey has proven herself to be an extremely professional, qualified individual. She will certainly bring a high level of expert research and grant writing skills

to our Tribe that will benefit our members for years to come," Renee' stated. "I have worked with Stacey in the past and know that she is an energetic, result-driven individual who will bring her education and skills to work for our Tribe. Her diverse employment background will allow us to increase our level of collaboration with many local, state and federal agencies."

Roberta and Stacey will be working with all of the departments within the Tribe in an effort to substantially increase our successful grant and alternative funding acquisitions. The Sault Tribe Planning and Development Department is located at the Sault Tribe Administration Building, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. To contact any of the Planning and Development staff, please call the main Sault Tribe Administration number at (906) 635-6050.

Bryan Viau Jr. honored with leadership award

SUBMITTED BY ELEANOR ARTLEY

On February 3, 2006, the Minnesota Chapter of Huntington's Disease Society of America honored Bryan Viau Jr., with the Individual Leadership Award. B. J. is the grandson of tribal elder Eleanor and Harold James (deceased) Artley of Gladstone, Michigan. His parents are Bryan and Debbie Viau of Apple Valley, Minnesota. B.J. is 19 years old and is a freshman at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is studying business and participates in the boys varsity basketball program.



instrumental in educating and motivating a new generation of leaders. Viau has spoken on behalf of the cause to find a cure for Huntington's Disease to classrooms, adult business breakfasts, sales meetings and to whomever would listen to the message.

Viau began his participation in the cause to find a cure for Huntington's Disease in the fourth grade when he attended a free throw shooting contest in Richfield, Minnesota. In the fifth grade he suggested that a Hoopathon be held at his grade school in Apple Valley which raised \$5,000. In March 2006, the Ninth Annual Twin Cities Hoopathon was held.

His efforts toward raising money for finding a cure included fun and competition. Door to door requests for donations and distribution of flyers in Apple Valley by Viau and his friends raised thousands of dollars for the society by way of the \$1,000 Club. B. J.'s mother has Huntington's Disease.

Three years ago, the Hoopathon partnered with Leaders Invested in Community Program at the Eastview High School where B.J. as founder of the original Hoopathon event was

instrumental in educating and motivating a new generation of leaders. Viau has spoken on behalf of the cause to find a cure for Huntington's Disease to classrooms, adult business breakfasts, sales meetings and to whomever would listen to the message. In a short time he has received numerous citations and awards including: Youth Alliance Award from the Huntington's Disease Society of American, Heros in Making Award from the Minnesota Timberwolves. His academic awards include Outstanding Academic Achievement 2004, and Distinguished Academic Achievement, 2005 by Minnesota State High School League. Among his citations are many sport related honors. In March 2005, he appeared in Sports Illustrated Faces in the Crowd segment that pays tribute to men and women who represent the ideals of sportsmanship.

Housing Team Member of the Year

The Sault Tribe Housing Authority has selected Catherine Menard, Resident Service Specialist, as Team Member of the year for 2005. Cathie is in her 15th year of working for the tribe and almost 13 of those years with the Housing Authority.

She began working for the Accounting Department in the casino in 1991, then known as Vegas Kewadin. In 1993, she accepted the position of Accounts Payable Clerk for the Housing Authority. In 1999, she decided she needed a change but wanted to remain with Housing thus accepting the position of the Resident Service Specialist.

Cathie was chosen for her dedication and superior work performance within the Resident Service Department. The resident's that Cathie works with have nothing but good things to say about her. She maintains excellent rapport with fellow team members and the residents. Cathie says her job is very fulfilling and she enjoys all her residents, especially the elders.

Cathie resides on Sugar Island and is the youngest daughter of Al and Pearl Menard. The



Housing Director Carolyn O'Neil, Resident Service Specialist Catherine Menard and Deputy Housing Director Joni Talentino.

Housing Authority team would like to congratulate Cathie on her selection of Team Member of the Year.

Students participate in "My Special Family" contest



Above: Some students from Mrs. Barb Rogers-Carle's third grade class participated in a writing contest sponsored by the Sault Tribe Parenting Awareness Committee. The theme of the contest was "My Special Family." Students Hannah Bauman, Andrew Dale, Matalie Dale, Charles J. Dunton, Jorayn Jezewski, Erin Knight, Deiontre' Lizzamore, Michael Payment, Jolene Pine, Colin Santos-Waley and Kelsey Smith all received a best effort award. Right: The contest winner was fourth grader Zachary Jodoin.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Stork Report...

Proud parents Jill Marie and Courtney A. Kachur welcomed **Eleanore Rose Kachur** on Feb. 21, 2006 at 3:05 a.m. She was born at War Memorial Hospital weighing eight pounds and 3.3 ounces and was 21 inches in length. Grandmother is Jean Kachur and great-grandmother is Mildred Roy.



inches long. Proud parents are Lisa McKelvie and Adam Rutledge and sister Leah Kabke, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Grandparents are Karen VanWormer, Patrick and Julie McKelvie all of Sault, Mich., and Myra Micalizio of Reno, Nev. Great-grandparents are Lorraine Rutledge of Sault Mich., Myrna Wilson of Rio Linda, Calif., Myra Widener of Oroville, Calif., and Kent and Karen Moore of Rio Linda, Calif. Great grandparents are Ada Lee Elder of Sacramento, Calif. He also has many aunts and uncles all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

We would like to welcome the birth of our son, **Eric Ransford Rutledge**. He was born Jan. 13, 2006 at War Memorial Hospital at 12:41 a.m. weighing eight pounds 8.1 ounces and was 20 1/2

Hansen and Watson wed

On Dec. 3, 2005, family and friends witnessed Heidi Hansen and Kenneth Watson pledge their love to one another during a snow flake themed wedding and reception at TreeTops Resort in Gaylord, Mich.

Heidi is the daughter of Jan and Jim Sorensen of Clarkston, Mich., and Rod and Chris Hansen of Canton, Mich. Ken is a Sault Tribe member and the son of Fred and Pam Watson of Newberry, Mich.

The couple makes their home in Northville, Mich. Congratulations can be emailed to kwatson882012@yahoo.com.



Cheboygan girl loves to competes in dog sled racing

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Eran Menard, 10, loves to race sled dogs. She participated in her inaugural racing season last winter which included four racing events.

In her first taste of racing, she was in one-mile dashes in Kalkaska Jan. 21-22 where she came in last on her first try and fifth during a second event landing her in seventh place overall.

In Kinross on Jan. 29, she claimed second place in a half-mile event with her two dogs. The third racing event was in Mackinaw City on Feb. 4-5 over a 1.8-mile course where she swept up first place on her first run and took fourth on the next day leaving her with third place overall. Then, returning to Kinross last Feb. 25-26 for a clean sweep of first places in both races leaving her with an undis-



Eran Menard

putable first place overall.

"I lost the first race because the dogs wanted to stop and look at the photographer who was near the trail. The other races went fine," said Menard. "The second race I got second place and I got a plaque for it. My time was 1:50.44. I was six seconds from

the first place team. The third race in Mackinaw City, I got third place and I got a plaque for it. My fourth race, I got first place. I am glad I am in dog sledding. My dogs are Kway and Ben. They are the best dogs anyone could ever have."

Gaylord mini-mites play in Sault hockey tournament



Brendan Baker, Sault Tribe member and son of Nick and Dawn Baker, who reside in Roscommon, Mich., is shown wearing his medal.

The Gaylord mini-mites hockey team competed in the Kaine's Klassic Hockey Tournament in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., over the weekend of Jan. 28. Teams in the tournament came from Sault Ste. Marie, Escanaba, Gaylord, Mackinac City and Escanaba. On Saturday, the Gaylord Cobras played against the Sault Mercers' Mavericks team winning a close game, 5 to 4. That afternoon, they played the Sault Lakers team and



won 9 to 2.

On Sunday, the Cobras played against the Sault Blackbears winning 10 to 1 and, in the afternoon game, they shut out the Sault Blue Devils by a score of 10 to 0. The Gaylord Cobras hockey team received medals at the completion of the tournament. Team members include Quade Adams (1 goal, 6 assists); Brendan Baker,

son of Nick and Dawn Baker (6 assists); Corey Doucette (10 goals, 2 assists); Lauren Gibson; Sam Johnston (1 goal, 4 assists); Dustin Manz (6 goals, 2 assists); Wade O'Dell, Michael Peters (2 assists); Joey Ross (4 goals, 2 assists); Tanner Siwecki (3 goals, 3 assists); Tristan Smith (9 goals, 2 assists); Coach Chris Kelly and Coach Brian Ross.

Marlene Scruton celebrates birthday

Marlene Scruton (nee LaFaver) shown here with Great-Granddaughter Ashley Robinson was joined by family and friends as she celebrated her 67th birthday. Marlene had a wonderful time as four generations of family members gathered to laugh and reminisce with long-time friends. Grandma Mar was very touched by the thoughtful wishes and gifts and was especially grateful for the pure joy of the company of dear friends. Thankfully one guest



even thought to provide Marlene with a much needed tissue! Thanks to everyone who showed up to make this a wonderful celebration!

DANB certification, the mark of dental assisting excellence

The Dental Assistant National Board, Inc. (DANB), and The Sault Tribe Health Center, would like to announce, that Connie Stahl, a Sault Tribe member and employee of the Sault Tribe Dental Department, having fulfilled the requirements approved by the board of directors of the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc., and having successfully completed the qualification examination is recognized as a Certified Dental Assistant.

Connie has passed a three component exam in general chair-side, radiation health and safety and infection control in order to receive the credentials to be a certified dental assistant.

DANB certification, is a symbol of a commitment to excellence. Dental Assistants are valuable members of the dental health team and play a key role in



increasing the efficiency and quality of care in the Sault Tribe dental offices.

We would like to congratulate Connie on her commitment to better serve the Sault Tribe community.

Trembath on gold medal figure skating team

Selected by the United States Figure Skating Team to represent the United States, Andrea Trembath skated with the Chicago Jazz synchronized novice skating team in the International Czech Open held in Pardubice, Czech Republic in January. Skating to music from Bizet's "Carmen," the team bested others from Russia, Finland and the Czech Republic to win the gold.

At the United States Synchronized Skating Championships held in Grand Rapids, Mich., in February, the team executed their best skate of the season to come in first to win the gold medal. Winning the national championship will help determine who the U.S. selects to send to international competitions next year.

Synchronized skating is a sport in which 20 skaters take to the ice to perform challenging close-order maneuvers with the focus on intricate footwork, speed, geometric formation and agility as a



unit of skaters. Perfecting each routine takes dedication, teamwork and months of practice. In competition, novice skaters do a three minute program with seven required elements.

Andrea is an honor student at Hinsdale Central High School and lives in Clarendon Hills, Ill., with her parents, Rich and Clydena Trembath. She is the granddaughter of Clyde Bonno.

Wellness for Kewadin team members

BY DONNA BURGE NORKOLI SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Team Members at Kewadin Casinos will have an opportunity to participate in an on-going wellness program provided by Kewadin Casinos management, Sault Tribe Community Health Services, and the All-in-One Fitness Center. During the month of April, health screenings for blood pressure, total cholesterol, blood sugar and carbon monoxide level will be available at Kewadin Casinos. Nutrition and Community Health Education staff will also provide a variety of health information and will be available for questions related to team member screening results.

In addition, a physical activity program, called Let's Get Moving Kewadin!, will begin on May 1. This program challenges team members to "get moving" and log the physical activity and healthy eating choices they make each day. The casino with the most physical activity "miles" logged will receive a special plaque to display. The Let's Get Moving Kewadin! campaign is designed to motivate Kewadin team members to improve their health by encouraging them to be active on a regular basis.

With this team member program, five lucky, active people will win grand prizes of \$50 at the end of the campaign. Registration for this program

will be held at team member parties the week of April 24th- 28th. Each casino will also be hosting a health information display on healthy eating, weight management, and stress management at designated times during the months of May and November 2006.

The Kewadin Wellness Program began with a survey that was completed by team members. Forty Percent of employees who returned their surveys indicated that they would be interested in health screenings to find out blood pressure and cholesterol readings. Thirty eight percent of employees wanted weight management education, thirty seven percent wanted healthy eating

educations, and thirty five percent wanted stress management education. Also thirty four percent stated that they would like a physical activity program, specifically a walking challenge.

Many studies have documented the effectiveness of work site health promotion programs in health care cost savings to employers. Other benefits often cited as more important than savings in healthcare costs, are: improved employee morale, decreased absenteeism, increased productivity and decreased employee turnover.

Committee members working on this project include Michelle Bouschor, Public Relations Director for Kewadin Casinos;

Connie Hill, Director of the All-in-One Fitness Center; Kim Sakis, Supervisor of Community Health Education; Kristy Fox, Sault Tribe Nutritionist; Michelle Willis, and Donna Norkoli, Community Health Educators. There is no charge for the team member wellness programs and no registration is required for the health screenings. Flyers with dates and times for the screening will be posted at each casino and on the Kewadin Intranet site. For more information about these programs, please call Donna Norkoli, Community Health Educator, at (906) 635-8844 or ext. 58844 or Michelle Bouschor at (906) 635-7732.

Breaking down barriers to activity

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

Rudyard School was host for this year's Annual Teen Health Fair. Interactive booths covered a variety of issues including alcohol, child planning, smoking, and physical fitness. Using models, displayed by Sault Tribe Community Health staff, students attending the fair compared the size of five pounds of fat as compared to five pounds of muscle, and saw tubes filled with the different levels of fat found in some of their favorite fast foods. Our bodies only need a little bit of fat. Unfortunately, too many people get too much fat from the foods they eat and are not active enough to burn off the extra calories. This can potentially lead to many serious health problems including diabetes, heart disease, obesity, high blood pressure, and high

cholesterol. Over 100 health fair students had an opportunity to get active and learn how simple exercises can affect different muscles in our bodies. For many people, adding more physical activity seems impossible. Try some of the following ideas, shared by the Weight-control Information Network (WIN) to defeat the barriers that may be keeping you from being more active.

Barrier: I am too busy to exercise and have no one to watch the kids.

* Make activity a priority. Put it on your calendar or take a class.

* Build Physical activity into your chores. Rake, wash the car, be energetic when you move around the house cleaning.

* Make family time physically active. Plan hikes, play catch, basketball, or evening walks.

Barrier: By the end of the day, I am too tired to work out.

* Break your workout in three 10-minute segments each day.

* Find another time of the day. Walk at lunchtime or ride a bike before breakfast.

* Sneak activity into your day. Take the stairs, park further away, walk in place while watching TV.

Barrier: Exercise is boring.

* Grab a buddy and visit while you exercise.

* Listen to music, books on tape, or the TV while you walk, pedal, or stretch indoors.

* Do things you enjoy and change it up once in awhile.

To read more solutions for the barriers that might be keeping you from exercising, you can go to: <http://win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/tips.htm> or call your friends at Sault Tribe Community Health, (906) 632-5210.

Healthy communities, healthier kids is the focus of National Public Health Week

BY DONNA NORKOLI

During the week of April 3-9, 2006, National Public Health Week, Sault Tribe Community Health Services will be promoting a greater understanding by community members of the relationship between the built environment — buildings, schools, roads, sidewalks and parks — and the health and safety of our children. There are some strategies that families, communities, and schools can use to improve children's health. Across the country the modern built environment negatively affects the health and safety of our children.

Healthy communities for our children are on the verge of being engineered out of existence. Children who live close enough to school to walk often do not because there are no safe routes between their home and school. Our heavy reliance on cars has contributed to increased pedestrian fatalities and increased asthma rates. Lack of access to fresh foods has led to increasing childhood obesity and other health problems.

The good news is that we created these built environments and we are equally able to create healthier ones. Many communities are beginning to do just that, banding together to create better public transportation, bicycle paths and sidewalks, and more parks. Balanced solutions exist that create healthier communities and healthier kids.

Problem: Lack of sidewalks, safe play spaces, and access to fresh foods contribute to increases in childhood obesity and related diseases like diabetes. According to the 2003 Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 12 percent of Michigan high school students are now overweight and another 15 percent of Michigan high school students are at risk for becoming overweight. One third of Michigan high school students do not participate in the recommended amount of moderate and vigorous physical activity and 11 percent of students do not participate in any physical activity.

Possible Solutions: Increase the number of sidewalks, bike paths and safe places to play in our communities. Provide incentives to businesses so that every neighborhood is served by grocery stores with a wide selection of fresh and

healthy foods. **Problem:** Poor indoor and outdoor air quality leads to asthma, now the most common chronic childhood disease in the nation. According to the Asthma Initiative of Michigan, 3389 children currently have asthma within the Sault Tribe seven county service area. Asthma is the number one reason for preventable hospitalizations in children in Michigan.

Possible Solutions: Encourage use of the EUP Public Transit System to decrease motor vehicle emissions. Improve standard housing so children are not exposed to indoor allergens that cause asthma. Build new neighborhoods where air is cleaner, away from highways and industry.

Problem: At home, at school and outdoors, children are exposed to toxins that can cause serious diseases. According to the Final Report of the Task Force to Eliminate Childhood Lead Poisoning, one million homes in Michigan are estimated to have lead-based paint hazards. If particles of this paint are ingested or breathed in, it can have a negative effect on children's development. In addition, an estimated 31 percent of children in Michigan are living in a household where one or more individuals smoke, according to the Michigan child Health and Safety Risk Survey, 2001.

Possible Solutions: Launch an effort to clean up toxic homes and schools to eliminate lead, mold and other toxins that poison kids. Pass smoke-free ordinances like Chippewa County's Clean Indoor Air Regulation passed in October, 2004, so children are not exposed to second-hand smoke in businesses or day care centers.

Problem: The lack of safe places to walk, bike and play leads to preventable injuries in children. On average, from 1999-2001 in Michigan, 46 child pedestrians and bicyclists were killed by cars each year.

Possible Solutions: Build sidewalks, bike paths, and safe playgrounds so that our children can play with less risk of injury. Work with the local police department to recommit to enforcement of school speed zones.

For more information, contact Donna Norkoli, Coordinator of the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program at (906) 635-8844.

Watching too much TV may be hazardous to your health

BY DONNA NORKOLI

TV-Turnoff Week 2006 will take place April 24-30, 2006. The purpose of the week is to create awareness of the way television affects us, our kids, and our society.

Many of us say we do not have enough time to increase our physical activity, cook and eat healthy meals, or spend quality time with family and friends, yet Americans report watching an average of more than four hours of TV a day, according to Nielsen Media Research, 2000. Nielsen Media Research also reported that in February 2006, TV viewing levels among children aged 2-11 were 26 percent to 33 percent higher than during February 2005. So join others around the country in turning off the TV as well as video and computer games through the week of April 24 - 30. If you can't do it for a whole week start out with one day.

Some interesting facts related to TV habits include:

always or often watch TV while eating dinner.

* 56 percent of children ages 8-16 have a TV in their bedroom.

* By age 18, American children have seen an average of more than 200,000 acts of violence on TV.

* 35 percent of Michigan students grades 9-12 watch three or more hours of TV per day on an average school day.

* 28 percent of Michigan students are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight.

* One third of students had not received the recommended amounts of both moderate and vigorous physical activity during the previous week.

According to the TV-Turnoff Network, TV undermines family time, harms reading and academic performance, encourages violence, and promotes sedentary lifestyles and obesity. When is the last time your family played a game together or took a family hike? Do you come home from work and turn on the TV while your kids watch TV or play video

games in their rooms? If so, be open to some ways to reduce time in front of the TV or computer and increase time spent in social interaction.

Some useful tips to help with reducing TV time are:

* Move the TV to a room not used as often. For example, move the television from the living room to a den or the basement.

* Turn the TV off when the family sits down to a meal.

* Choose certain days of the week as TV-free days.

* Cancel your cable TV subscription and use the money for books, games or a family vacation.

* Don't give in when your children say they are bored. Boredom will pass and often lead to more creative and active pastimes.

For more information on how to lead a more active, healthy life without TV, call Donna Norkoli at Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 635-8844 or log on to www.tvturnoffweek.org.

Tobacco Cessation Program, help for quitting smoking or chewing tobacco

By KIM SAKIS, BS, CHES

Cessation is a pretty big word. What it means is to quit or to stop. The Sault Tribe Tobacco Cessation Program does just that, assists you in quitting smoking or chewing tobacco. Cigarettes and other tobacco kill more than 400,000 people per year. Ephedrine, an over-the-counter energy enhancement that some athletes used for better performance, killed a handful of people a few years back. You can no longer buy ephedrine over-the-counter. If it were not for making so much money from cigarette taxes, the government would have banned tobacco sales a very long time ago. Second-hand smoke kills about 4,000 people per year, but you can still smoke in many public places, like restaurants, bars, and casino's, even though cigarette smoke is a Class A carcinogen. If OSHA regulated this Class A cancer causing agent, it would be banned from any public building, just like asbestos was long ago. But again, the federal government will not allow OSHA

to regulate this product for the sake of money.

Even though there are a few regulations in place to protect others who work in public places, it is still an individual decision to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. For many people, this decision comes when they begin to get sick from the horrible effects of formaldehyde, arsenic, carbon monoxide, cyanide poisoning, polonium, and the other almost 4,000 chemicals that they are smoking or chewing each time they do so. They realize it isn't really their friend. That it isn't really something to just pass time, and it isn't really a positive way to handle stress. They look at cigarettes and chew for what it really is - an abundance of chemicals that can kill 400,000 people per year. What a great job the tobacco companies have done in becoming multi-billionaires from manipulating and addicting people and the government to its product! Quitting smoking may not be easy, but it is manageable. Sault Tribe health centers offer medica-

tions, problem solving and support in assisting those who wish to quit. This service including the medications, are free for anyone who can utilize our healthcare services. Free medications, such as the nicotine patch, nicotine gum or lozenge, or Bupropion (Zyban), are virtually unheard of in any other public or private healthcare system. This is a tremendous tribal benefit.

The first step to get started in our tobacco program is that you must be established with one of our tribal clinic healthcare providers and have seen them in the last year. If you haven't, schedule an acute appointment for tobacco cessation. You can talk with your provider about a plan to quit. If you have seen your provider, you may directly call a tobacco counselor for getting started. Ultimately, you will be required to see one of the counselors a minimum of three times during the course of receiving medications for quitting. You must also see a pharmacist (or counselor if you are in the west-

Are you trying to quit smoking or chewing tobacco? Thinking about it? Already quit? Having support in ending nicotine addiction is a necessary part of quitting. The Sault Tribe Health Center, in Sault Ste. Marie, will be offering a tobacco support group to help those who need some extra support.

Some of the times a person may need more support are when they live with other smokers, work in an environment that allows smoking, or they have no other support person to understand their journey to quit for good. Some others struggle with staying quit because of the many triggers such as socializing, work

breaks, travel time to and from work, or stress. Whatever your reason is, we'd like to help and support you.

The support group will run every second and fourth Monday, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., beginning April 10. It will be held in the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium and facilitated by Community Health Tobacco Counselors. Please feel free to just show up, no registration required. Bring a friend or family member! Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Kim at (906) 632-5241 or e-mail ksakis@sault-tribe.net. Hope to see you there!

ern counties) the first time you pick up your cessation medications. This is to make sure you know how to use the medications correctly. This comprehensive one-on-one program helps us to individualize a plan that will work for you and insure you get the support needed to end nicotine addiction before it ends you

and your pocket book.

Remember, there may not be a "good" time to quit, so why not now? We are here to help you when you are here ready. For more information, please contact your health care provider, or call (906) 632-5241. You may also e-mail ksakis@saulttribe.net

Keeping patients from falling through the cracks: medical imaging study shows how

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Every day in hospitals around the country, thousands of patients undergo CT, MRI, X-ray and other kinds of scans, producing detailed images of their bodies. Specially trained doctors "read" those images to look for problems, and then send a report of what they've found to each patient's own doctor.

But every once in a while, a new study finds, a patient falls through the cracks the victim of an incomplete handoff between doctors. If that patient's scan happens to show signs of cancer or another serious problem, the results could be disastrous. Fortunately, the study also shows, it may be possible to prevent such occurrences.

In a paper in the April issue of the *American Journal of Roentgenology*, a prominent journal for medical-imaging specialists, or radiologists, researchers from the University of Michigan Health System and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System report the results from their first year using an innovative automatic system at the Ann Arbor VA hospital.

In all, they show, the system kept eight patients with serious signs of trouble on their scans from falling through the cracks, including five who turned out to have cancer. And while the handoff between radiologists and other physicians took place correctly for the vast majority of 395 patients whose scans revealed potential cancers, the authors say their findings show the value of an inexpensive "safety net" system to catch those few patients who might otherwise be missed.

"We know anecdotally that these problems happen around the country, and in fact they are the source of abundant malpractice litigation," says author Charles Mam,

M.D., chief of radiology at the Ann Arbor VA and an associate professor of radiology at the U-M Medical School. "We developed this system after a situation that occurred at our own institution, and this one-year experience already shows that it has helped. We hope that other hospitals can use these findings to develop their own responses to this issue, especially as they implement computerized radiology systems."

Mam and his colleagues, including lead author and U-M radiology lecturer Vaishali Choksi, M.B.B.S., D.M.R.D., D.N.B., developed a system of codes that radiologists could assign to each medical image as electronic "tags." The study focused on scans that received a "Code 8" tag, meaning that the radiologist spotted an unexpected sign of cancer that required immediate follow-up by the patient's own physician.

Such scans were reported to the patient's physician via a written report and a direct phone notification about the unexpected finding that might indicate cancer. But as a backup, each week a staff member pulled up the computerized records tagged with Code 8s and checked if each had received follow-up care. If they hadn't, she contacted the patient's physician, as well as the hospital's cancer-care group.

Of the 37,736 medical images made at the VA in the one-year study period, 395 received Code 8s, and 360 of those patients' computerized records showed that they had appropriate follow-up within two weeks.

For the 35 patients whose records showed no sign of follow-up, the staff member's contact with the doctors revealed that there had been follow-up for 25 of the patients, but it hadn't been noted in the computerized records yet. One

other patient died soon after the Code 8 scan, and another elected not to have follow-up care.

But for eight patients, the doctor who had ordered the scan had not reacted to the Code 8 report from the radiologist, for whatever reason. Once follow-up care was initiated, five of those patients turned out to have malignant cancer, making up two percent of all cancers detected in the study year and 0.02 percent of all scans performed during the year.

Why would doctors fail to react to a radiologist's report about a potential cancer? There are many reasons, Mam says. For instance, an unexpected finding of cancer on a scan that had been ordered for an entirely different reason - for example, to guide a surgeon performing a hip operation - might not get immediate attention from the surgeon.

Or, the medical resident who ordered the scan originally might have finished his or her rotation in the hospital by the time the scan results came back, and the resident's replacement might not immediately process the report. Or, they say, the report might just simply get lost in the "crush of clinical information" that bombards physicians each day.

That's why the automated coding and reporting system developed at the Ann Arbor VA could be so useful in any hospital, Mam explains. The rapid increase in medical imaging in recent years, combined with the increased use of computerized medical records systems and digital medical-image systems called PACS, means the time is right to use digital technology to keep patients from falling through the cracks.

Reference: AJR; 186, April 2006.

Audeo's Banana Bread

FROM THE KITCHEN OF BOB FLOWERS

A couple of years back, I was on a popular cooking forum on the internet, trading advice and recipes with others who are passionate about food. One of the members posted a banana bread recipe that she had been given by a friend. She said that it was the best banana bread recipe she'd ever made, and shared it with the rest of us. Now, you know that I am one of those people who just can't leave well enough alone. I modify every recipe in an attempt to make it better, to make it my own. But I have to tell you, I've not changed anything in this recipe. I don't think I could make it better.

Coat the inside surface of a bread pan with a thin film of butter. This helps the bread to "climb" the sides of the pan.

Combine the following dry ingredients in a bowl, mix with a

wire whisk, and set aside:
2 cups all-purpose flour
4 cups sugar
2 cups toasted coarsely chopped walnuts
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons salt

In another medium bowl, coarsely smash four ripe bananas (I used a potato masher, but you can use a large spoon or spatula. Leave chunks of banana; the batter needs to be chunky).

Mix together in a separate bowl:
2 large eggs, beaten
6 Tablespoons melted butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 cups buttermilk or plain yogurt

Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and gently fold until the flour is thoroughly moistened. Fold bananas into batter. Pour into prepared bread pan. Bake in a preheated 350-degree (F) oven for 45-50 minutes.

2nd Annual Walk for Justice April 22 - 10:00 a.m. Chi Mukwa Recreation Center

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., date of event. Race will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Event will take place at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, across from Kewadin Casino on Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

All participants must register. Cost is \$10; fee is waived for students. Registration form may be completed and mailed to Advocacy Resource Center, P.O. Box 1576, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Medals to top three runners in each age division. Overall Male and Female will receive \$75 certificate for new Running shoes! Certificates for all participants.

The 11 Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety will be held on Saturday, June 10 at 8 a.m., at the Sixth Street Bridge Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following a brief ceremony with local speakers, participants will start the 2.5 mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires powwow grounds at Riverside Park. Prizes will be awarded to walkers. Contact Liz IsHak at Native American Community Services for more detailed information at (616) 458-4078 ext. 105.

Where the kids are in Kinross



The Kinross cheerleading squad. Left to right, back row, Tomantha Sylvester, Merissa LaJoie, Erin McPhee, Shanna Robertson, front row, Malory McKechnie, Danielle Petingelo and Paige.

BY PAT BISSELL, COMPUTER LAB COORDINATOR

On a recent field trip to the Kinross Recreation Center, the Sault area Youth Education and Activities team got to witness firsthand the grueling job that our Coordinator Tim Haller has.

There were groups of kids doing different activities everywhere I looked. The excitement level was very high and Tim had to keep moving the whole time we were there. The building is big and he has a lot of ground to cover in overseeing everything.



Coordinator Tim Haller meets with the youth after school.

As he was showing me around I noticed all kinds of interesting artwork gracing the walls. I later found out that most of the wall art was done by someone named Jaimie Stemasick. A couple of large windows have many sketches of smiling children stuck on them. It turns out Tim is quite an artist and has sketched about thirty of the kids so far. We made our way past a group of young girls working on some cheerleading techniques. Tim explained to me that the ringleader was Danielle Petingelo and that she had orga-

nized the troupe on her own initiative.

Farther on down the hall I peeked into the thrift shop room where there are donated items for sale. I found some pretty good bargains there. At the end of the hall, we came to the computer lab where there are eight computers with Internet access.

Three on three basketball tournaments were organized over spring break, and that attracted a very large group of competitors. We inspected some castles that were being made from painted cardboard boxes.

Some girls were making signs from a huge pile of sticky back letters that were laid out on a table, a couple of kids were making Easter bunnies from wash cloths, and another was making a sun catcher from beads and wire. There is an Easter egg tree by the window in the entrance area, and a large sign painted on the wall, with an elephant, hippo and other jungle animals, giving the message "Drug free is the way to be."

The recreation center also boasts a weight room, which was recently stocked with new equipment purchased with 2 percent funds from the tribe, and provided through the hard work of our do it all man Tim. Other areas of the rec center include a full kitchen, rooms that are rented out for activities, a snack bar and a game room.

If there had been anything like this available to me when I was young, I would have been hanging out there every day. It's a great chance to socialize, participate in activities and have fun. For more information or a schedule of activities, call (906) 495-1082.

Compact disc reviews



Dangerdoom — "The Mouse and the Mask" 8.7 out of 10

Super groups rarely live up to their hype. The Highway Men, Jay-Z and R. Kelly, Blind Faith, and the Blues Breakers, all of these all-star line-ups never lived up to the expectations everyone had of them. So what would make this album different, combining two of the most innovative and creative people behind underground hip hop, Danger Mouse and MF Doom.

For those not familiar with Danger Mouse, he's the DJ and producer who brought out the Grey Album. It was a mash up of Jay-Z's Black Album with The Beatles' White Album, it created a unique sound. A true sound collage. The album was received well around the world from peer to peer file sharing. But Capitol Records put the kibosh on the distribution of the album because Danger Mouse didn't receive permission to sample the Beatles work. Oddly enough, he's helped make Capital Records a lot of money recently through his role as producer for the Gorillaz.

MF Doom is the strangest rapper anyone has ever heard or seen. He goes by Viktor Vaughn, Madvillian and King Geedorah. Each of his alter-ego's raps about how bad the other alter-ego is, as if they are competing for Doom's attention. Another idiosyncrasy of MF Doom is he always wears a metal

mask, I mean always. This was inspired by his obsession with the Fantastic Four comic books when he was growing up. Dr. Doom the villain in the superhero story always wears a metal mask.

So you take one of the most unique and groundbreaking producers of our time and combine that with the most idiosyncratic and humorous emcee, expectations are going to be pretty high. The other strange thing about the album is it doubles as a promotional tie-in to Cartoon Network's Adult Swim programming which includes such cartoon cult classics such as Aqua Teen Hunger Force, Sealab 2021 and Space Ghost.

You'll probably find this album a lot more interesting if you've seen at least a couple of episodes of Aqua Teen Hunger Force. Rap has grown a bad habit of infusing skits in-between tracks to try to add some humor, but their attempts usually get foiled in trite hip hop jokes or discriminatory and sexist remarks. But in The Mouse and the Mask, they show how to truly use the 'hip hop skit' by parodying it.

Every track on the album is boiling over with wit, cryptic lyrics and humorous one liners. Doom is at his best, probably, because he's given some idea of what to rap about (the cartoon shows). His past projects had faltered a bit because of the randomness he infused into his lyrics, understanding the lyrics would require hours of interpretation because he would jump from subject to subject so quickly. But on this album quick wordplay, interesting rhythm and strange rhyme patterns fit Danger Mouse's beats like a glove.

Speaking of Danger Mouse, his beats are fresh and strangely funky. They have a strange

bounce to them. Sounding a bit like an upbeat song that hasn't showered for a couple of days and has a familiar grimy feel to it.

There are some great guest spots on the album featuring Ghostface Killah, Talib Kweli and Cee-Lo. Overall it's most definitely an entertaining rollick through an animated world filled with idiosyncratic wordplay and grinding, entertaining beats.

—BY ADAM KHALIL



Clap your hands, say yeah! 9.8 out of 10

Music so large it's bursting at the seams, threatening to break into every direction and explode out of your speakers with energy. This is an amazing album channeling all different kinds of great musical influences past and present.

The lead singer's voice possesses the jangle yelling quality of Neil Young or Jeff Mangum. The lyrics boarder on either pretentious or childlike (depending on how you look at it), but who cares with such an intriguing voice and excellent musicianship.

The greatest thing about the album is the promise the band shows, infusing Talking Heads dance rock with David Bowie oddness, mixed with a healthy dose of inspiration from such modern bands such as Arcade Fire and Modest Mouse. It truly is a unique sound, definitely worth checking out.



Chamillionaire — "The Sound of Revenge"

Chamillionaire's freshman album "The Sound of Revenge" comes out swinging with hot tracks such as "Ridin'" featuring Krayzie Bone, "Turn it up" featuring Lil Flip and a list of other banging tracks straight from the Mixtape Messiah.

Chamillionaire's style is fast, edgy, R&B flow, anyone who is a hip-hop baby will fall in love with this album. 4.5 stars.



The Notorious B.I.G. — "Duets: The Final Chapter"

The Notorious B.I.G.'s "Duets: The Final Chapter" is Biggie's last escape into music, ten years after his death, his long time friend Sean "P Diddy" Combs releases this album. The first single, "Nasty Girl," featuring P Diddy, is a solid track with a sick beat. The second single, "Spit Your Game," featuring Krayzie Bone, Twist and MJG, is a look back at the "gangsta rap" age. The beat produced by Swizz Beats, is a recreation of

the Bone Thugs N Harmony and Biggie's track, "Notorious Thugs." This album is a must have for any long time rap fan, and also a new comer into the hip hop world. Five stars.



Bizzzy Bone — "Thugs Revenge"

The former Bone Thugs Harmony member, Bizzzy Bone, recently released his senior album "Thugs Revenge." This album is a totally different style compared to his East 99 days, his style has transformed into something the rap community has never heard before, Bizzzy signed with Hi-Power Entertainment to do this album. Some guest appearance include Mr.Criminal, Mr.Capone-E, and the rest of the Hi-Power clique. The first single off the album is "We Ride" that features Mr. Criminal, the beats are average but the rhyme flow makes up for where the beats fell. This album is not for everyone though, if you're a long time Bone fan, get it; if you like Hi-Power, get it; if you're a 50-Cent fan, this is not an album you will appreciate. Four stars

—BY MIKE LEON

Report child abuse and neglect



Safe children and healthy families are a shared responsibility. This is the meaningful slogan of the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information. Locally, the Sault Tribe Public Awareness Committee recognizes April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month and considers what can be done for our communities.

Regardless of what effort the committee makes, the most important factor is the people in the community who report suspected abuse and neglect or those who help reduce a parent's stress. There may not be anyone else who is concerned about a child or what is happening at the child's home. It generally means the reporter will be someone close to the child or family, a teacher, neighbor, day care provider or

relative.

Children who are mistreated at home are frightened and are often afraid to say anything.

Professionals who investigate abuse and neglect have contact with a limited number of families. The community becomes the protectors of the children who live there.

The theme *Safe Children and Healthy Families is a Shared Responsibility* is a reminder that anyone can help. Anything you do to support kids and parents can help reduce the stress that often leads to abuse and neglect.

- Be a friend to a parent you know. Ask how their children are doing. Draw on your own experiences to provide reassurance and support. If a parent seems to be struggling, offer to baby-sit or run errands, or just lend a friendly ear. Show you understand.

- Be a friend to children you know. Remember their names. Smile when you talk with them. Ask them about their day at school. Send them a card in the mail. Show you care.

- Talk to your neighbors about looking out for one another's children. Encourage a supportive spirit among parents in your apartment building or on your block. Show that you are involved.

- Give your used clothing, furniture and toys for use by another family. This can help relieve the stress of financial burdens that parents sometimes take out on their kids.

- Volunteer your time and money for programs in your community that support children and families, like parent support groups or day care centers.

The safety of the child is the first priority and strengthening the family is a desired outcome.

When reporting is necessary, people don't know what will happen and may be reluctant to report concerns. Here are some of the most common outcomes from child abuse and neglect reports:

1. The investigation determines the report is a misunderstanding or an isolated incident and the child is safe.

2. The family receives suggestions and referrals for resources to strengthen the family and the child remains at home.

3. The family may be assisted for a time with in-home services.

4. The home or family may be determined unsafe for the child and placement with a relative is investigated or, if necessary, the child is introduced to a foster family with a plan developed outlining what needs to happen for the child to return home.

Besides befriending a family at risk or reporting neglect or abuse, families and individuals could assist by becoming foster parents. Sault Tribe needs caring tribal families and relatives for children who cannot return home right now and may need new homes.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services would welcome inquiries about foster parenting and adoption. ACFS has training materials available for child abuse and neglect reporter training. For more details on the topics above contact the ACFS office in Kincheloe at (906) 495-1232.

ACFS also offers an in-home parenting skills education program to tribal families of children age 0-12. This program is designed to work with parents and children in their own home to help strengthen their skills and promote positive interaction within their families. For more information on this program, please contact the Dawn M. Eavou Child Advocacy Center at (906) 632-4001.

For reporting child abuse and neglect, here's a list of local numbers and national hotlines to clip and save for future reference.

Realize there are several ways to reach out and get involved!

Report child abuse and neglect phone numbers:

Chippewa County State Protective Services (PS) (906) 632-4545 (24 hrs).

Sault Tribe ACFS (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.

Bay Mills Indian Community (906) 248-3204.

Mackinaw County State PS (906) 643-9694.

Sault Tribe ACFS (906) 495-1232 or (877) 444-5608.

Luce County State PS (906) 293-5144.

Alger County State PS (906) 387-4440.

Delta County State PS (906) 786-5394.

Schoolcraft County State PS (906) 341-2114.

Marquette County State PS (906) 228-9691.

Sault Tribe ACFS for Luce and Marquette (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

Hotlines:
Michigan toll free hotline (800) 942-4357.

Native American child abuse hotline (800) 633-5155.

The tribe has jurisdiction over Native American children on tribal land and the right to intervene when a tribal child is removed from their home. Sault Tribe has a contract with the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency to respond to tribal cases after 5 p.m. and when tribal workers are not available.

Protecting the unborn spirit

Historically, a fetus had no rights under common law, but more than 20 states have amended laws in recent years to protect potential human life and hold women responsible for actions taken during their pregnancy. What began as legislation requiring hospitals to report an expectant mother's drug use has expanded to laws that allow pregnant women to be legally charged for using drugs that may harm their developing fetus.

This relatively recent concept is referred to as "fetal rights" and describes the notion that unborn babies deserve the same legal protections as children.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) has joined this movement of guarding the unborn spirit of Native American children living on trust land via the filing of child abuse and/or neglect petitions in Sault Tribe Court against women using alcohol and other drugs while pregnant.

In order for ACFS to consider filing a child abuse and/or neglect petition with the Sault Tribe Court, specific criteria must be met based upon The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Child Welfare Code.

Within the Child Welfare Code, the definition of a Child-in-need-of-care (Section 30.311(9)) states a parent's "... alcohol and other drug abuse/addiction interferes with a person's ability to meet parental responsibility and/or causes harm or threatened harm to the child.

The Child Welfare Code

defines a "Child" (Section 30.308) as "... a person who is less than eighteen (18) years old and who has not been emancipated by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or a child not born yet especially at the happening of some event." (An example of a "happening event" is a pregnant woman testing positive for alcohol or other drugs on a drug screen).

If your unborn baby could speak, he or she would most certainly advocate for clean and balanced living. Your fetus is most vulnerable very early in the pregnancy, often before you even know you're pregnant. Use of alcohol and other drugs when pregnant may cause irreversible harm to your unborn child. The most common drugs and their potential effects on pregnancy are described below.

The commonly used illegal drug marijuana has been the subject of numerous studies. But because these studies rely on the reports of users themselves, and because regular users frequently consume alcohol and/or tobacco in addition to marijuana, it's difficult to assess this drug's effects on pregnancy with certainty. Studies suggest that using marijuana during pregnancy may result in low birth weight, malformations, poor growth, and neurological problems.

Cocaine is another commonly abused drug. Studies indicate that use of this potent stimulant may affect the fetus while it is in the uterus and also after birth. In the first 12 weeks, using cocaine can

lead to miscarriage. Fetal and uterine activity increase after use of this drug, and premature labor and separation of the placenta may occur, probably because the drug constricts the mother's blood vessels and causes a sharp rise in blood pressure. Those women who use cocaine during pregnancy have babies who grow poorly and have a wide variety of malformations. The children of cocaine users may also suffer permanent brain damage. Crack, which delivers higher doses of the drug into the mother's bloodstream, has similar effects.

Heroin and methadone are believed to affect the developing brain and may cause behavioral abnormalities later in childhood. The drug reaches the fetus in the uterus, making the developing baby an addict as well. Babies born to addicts often suffer severe withdrawal symptoms after birth and require intensive support.

The medical effects of babies being born exposed to meth are just now being studied. Mothers who use meth even moderately during pregnancy can in extreme cases trigger strokes or brain hemorrhages in the infant before birth. Risk to the embryo and fetus during pregnancy can occur both in the production and use of meth. Many of the toxins used in making meth can cause malformation of an embryo and result in congenital defects and stillbirth. Meth use during pregnancy can increase maternal blood pressure and heart rate, increasing the risk of premature delivery or spontaneous abortion. Meth also con-

stricts blood flow to the fetus, and, thereby, a reduced oxygen and nutrient supply. Meth passes through the placenta and can cause elevated fetal damage to the heart or other major organs. One study showed that for every twenty minutes the mother is high, the fetus feels the effects for 72 hours

In as little as 15 minutes, alcohol can pass through the placenta membrane of a pregnant mother, causing the fetus' blood alcohol content to equal that of the mother. But unlike the mother, the fetus is not able to quickly metabolize the alcohol and eliminate it from its system. Instead, the toxin lingers within the placenta, disrupting formation of the fetus by impairing fetal oxygen supply and disrupting normal development.

Fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) is a set of physical and mental

birth defects that can result when a woman drinks alcohol during her pregnancy.

FAS is characterized by brain damage, facial deformities, and growth deficits. Heart, liver, and kidney defects also are common, as well as vision and hearing problems. Individuals with FAS have difficulties with learning, attention, memory, and problem solving.

The message is quite clear: if you want to have the healthiest baby possible, alcohol and other drug use has no place during pregnancy. If you or someone you know is subjecting an unborn child to the crippling effects of drug and alcohol use, please contact us at (906) 495-1232. We have programs to help.

Addictions counseling now available in outlying areas

The American Indian Substance Abuse service is proud to announce that confidential-certified addictions counseling is now being provided in the Manistique, Escanaba, Munising, and the Marquette area by Mr. Robert (Bob) Ruuska, CAC-I. Currently, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays services are provided at the Manistique Health Center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On Wednesdays he will be at the Escanaba Health Center from 8-5. Fridays he will either be in Marquette or Munising as services are needed. If you are in need of services or are referring someone for services, please call Selina at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105 for an appointment or further service information.

A healthy and happy life is possible through positive thinking and choices. There is no person better than another, the only difference between people is the choices they make and the power they have to carry out those choices.



News of other nations

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Nez Perce youth reclaim bison hunting tradition

MONTANA — An 1855 treaty with the Nez Perce gave the United States thousands of acres of land. That same treaty gave the Nez Perce the right to "forever" hunt buffalo on the tribe's hunting grounds. However, with tragic declines in both the bison and tribe's populations, the Nez Perce buffalo hunts ended in the 19th century.

This year, those hunts resumed. On Feb. 4, 2006, 17-year old Justin Gould became the first Nez Perce Indian in 140 years to shoot a buffalo on his tribe's ancestral hunting lands.

"There was so much adrenaline, I had to wait to make sure my hands didn't shake," Gould said. "I wanted to make sure I got a good shot." It wasn't only a good shot; it was a historic shot. It was called a "great day for Indian people" by the hunt's quality control officer. "I pray that we will be able to connect with our past," he said. "I pray for our future, that this will be taken in a good way and not a negative way. I hope people can learn by having our children at the forefront of something historic. This is a day that can never be taken away from them, something they'll take when they meet their maker and will be able to report to their ancestors and make them proud."

— *American Indian Listserve*

Running down through the centuries: The Hopi way

ARIZONA — Recently, Hopi runners traveled 2,000 miles to the fourth World Water Forum in Mexico City. They carried jubilant messages about Black Mesa Trust forcing the world's largest coal company to stop pumping and polluting Hopi water for their business. They are also honoring 19 Hopi leaders imprisoned at Alcatraz in 1895. The Hopi had refused to let the government take their children to schools for the "civilizing" process.

Some history of Hopi Runners: For centuries Hopi men and boys have run back and forth from mesa-top pueblos to their cornfields 500 feet below;

Running is a part of many Hopi ceremonies, it is connected with bringing life-giving rain to the land;

Before horses, Hopi hunters ran great distances at great speeds to capture game;

Running was also a way to carry messages long distances. In 1903, Charlie Talawepi ran a message from Orabi to Keams Canyon. The round-trip distance was 72 miles. He ran it in 36 hours.

At the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, Hopi runners carried messages to nearby pueblos that called all warriors to battle. The pueblos defeated the Spanish missionaries;

In 1912, Louis Tewanima won an Olympic silver medal for distance running;

In 1927, Hopi runner Nicholas Quamawahu won the Long Beach-New York marathon.

— *Indian Country Today*

Navajo sees Miss USA pageant as step in her journey

NEW MEXICO — Owana Lacy will wear the Miss New Mexico sash during this year's Miss USA contest. Owana, who is half Anglo and half Navajo, is the first member of the Navajo Nation to compete in the Miss USA pageant. The University of New Mexico student says the Miss USA contest is another step in her journey to learn about herself through the pageant stage.

Raised mostly with her non-Navajo relatives, Lacy longed to understand her Indian side, and took elementary Navajo as a language credit in high school. "Being biracial, it has been a struggle for me to know who I am," Lacy said. "That is when I really thought of pageantry as an avenue to learn the language and culture."

Lacy entered several contests and won 2003's Miss Indian World pageant, the most prestigious contest in Indian Country. After her reign was over, she decided to enter mainstream pageants where she earned the Miss New Mexico title.

Now she is preparing for the Miss USA pageant. "Being the first American Indian Miss New Mexico USA has really opened my eyes to the lack of knowledge of American Indian culture in mainstream America," Lacy said. If Lacy wins, she'll make national history as the first American Indian Miss USA.

"I want to enlighten people about how we live on a day-to-day basis and share that cultural knowledge," Lacy said. The Miss USA Pageant will be televised on April 21.

Following her reign as either Miss New Mexico or Miss USA, Lacy will return to UNM and study law.

— *Indigenous News Network*

Sacred Run from California to Washington, D.C.

CALIFORNIA — The Sacred Run has its roots in American Indian tradition of running to share knowledge and join in partnership.

On Feb. 11, runners and supporters gathered on Alcatraz, then rallied at a university, before beginning a three-month Sacred Run to Washington, DC. This Sacred Run promotes the need to honor and protect the sacred relationship between Mother Earth and all other living things.

"I am running for my loved ones and family, and to represent my people and where I come from," said 20-year old Greg Feather of the Pit River Nation. The Sacred Run includes people from many American Indian nations, states and foreign countries including Japan, Ireland and Australia.

Runners will cover 12 states and many American Indian communities before arriving in Washington, D.C. on Earth Day, April 22, 2006. Sacred Runs have taken place in California, Alaska, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Kansas, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Russia, Japan and other places.

— *Indigenous News Network*

Oldest moccasin in Canada found in Yukon ice patch

YUKON — A 1,400-year old moccasin has been discovered in a Yukon ice patch. "This is truly an amazing discovery," said Elaine Taylor, Tourism and Culture Minister. "It is a significant addition to the wealth of archaeological artifacts that have been found at Yukon ice patches. We are pleased that work being done in partnership with our department and six First Nations has produced an artifact of such importance."

Named "The Ice Patch Moccasin," it's Canada's oldest moccasin and was found in 2003 by Cody Joe of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. "We are delighted that it was one of our young people who found their ancestor's belonging," said Chief James Allen said. "This project gives our young people a sense of belonging and a clear connection to their ancestors."

At first, researchers thought the pieces were a hunting bag. They kept it frozen until conservator Valery Monahan could clean and assemble the pieces. After 240 hours of painstaking work, Monahan realized the pieces formed a moccasin.

Some background on the Ice Patch Moccasin: The moccasin is 1,440 years old (plus or minus 40 years), making it the oldest known moccasin found in Canada;

It is approximately 1,200 years older than known examples of early Yukon footwear;

The Ice Patch Moccasin is among an extremely few pre-European worked-hide objects found in Canada. Most other examples relate to ancestral the Inuit culture;

All "early" Yukon moccasins date from after European contact and trade, so they may have European materials and designs. This moccasin clearly pre-dates any European trade or contact.

The moccasin is even rarer as it comes from the boreal forest;

It was likely made and worn by early Athapaskan people;

The moccasin is the first sewn hide object to be found in an ice patch.

— *AbroriNews*

UNITY sought for local kids

NEW YORK — The United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) plans to hold its national conference in Buffalo on July 13-18, 2006. In anticipation of the event, Rochester's Native American Cultural Center wants to start its own local UNITY Chapter.

"Hopefully, the national conference will be a major event for the group that starts here," said Martha Fahrer.

UNITY requires each chapter to perform four projects a year in the areas of environment, heritage, healthy lifestyles and community service. "We're trying to mentor and develop future leaders. If you just tell them everything to do, you're really not developing them," said Marcheta Davidson, who works with youth.

Warren Skye, Sr., an 83-year old Seneca elder, says UNITY focuses on "developing leadership, instilling cultural pride, building community and self-sufficiency" in American Indian youngsters. UNITY draws 1,200 -1,600 youths.

— *UNITY, Inc. / Democrat and Chronicle*

"Laughter is a necessity in life that does not cost much, and the old ones say that one of the greatest healing powers in our life is the ability to laugh." — *Larry P. Aitken, Chippewa*

Indian educator asks Congress for help

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ryan Wilson (Oglala Lakota) made a plea to Congress to recognize and help solve the problems facing Indian youth. Wilson, who heads the National Indian Education Association, began his address with a history lesson: In 1969, Congress requested a study of the learning conditions in Indian Country. The study, named "Indian Education: A National Tragedy — A National Challenge," was a "stinging critique," Wilson said. "We ranked at the bottom of every social, health, economic, and yes, education indicator in America." Fast forward 37 years, he says, and things have not improved much. "The conscience of America can never be clear, the state of American education can never be strong, so long as Indian Country lives on a lonely island of educational poverty, amidst a vast ocean of wealth and educational opportunity for all Americans, except the first Americans," Wilson said.

Some national statistics: American Indian and Alaska Native children are 300% more likely to live in poverty than white children;

More than 200 percent likely to commit suicide;

200 percent more likely to die in a car accident, because reservation roads are the most dangerous in the country.

A couple of Wilson's commendations include Tribal colleges have produced more Native graduates in the last 30 years than all mainstream universities combined;

Thousands of American Indian children have graduated from Indian Head Start programs and are doing remarkably better than youth who didn't attend.

Wilson requested from Congress: Convene an Indian education summit;

Help tribal language movements;

Create greater teacher support;

More flexibility and acknowledgment of the unique contexts of American Indian schools;

Data collection and research with culturally appropriate design models and methodologies;

Re-authorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act;

Increase and include input from American Indian leaders when Congress debates the No Child Left Behind Act.

— *National Indian Education Association*

Native Americans seek recognition

OREGON — Ten years ago, Stew Young trained for the Olympics. Because he couldn't afford elite training and was becoming older, Young gave up his dream. Now the Tulalip tribe member is leading efforts to get more American Indians into the Olympics. In fact, Young traveled with 1968 Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee to Turin to plead for the inclusion of a North American indigenous Olympic team. The team would be composed of indigenous athletes from Canada and the United States.

Indian groups have thought about creating a North American indigenous team after a Mohawk lacrosse team competed for Canada in the 1904 Olympics.

"This Olympic team is going to happen sometime," Young said. The International Olympic Committee doesn't recognize ethnic groups, said David Wallechinsky, an Olympic historian. It does, however, recognize people who have been colonized by geographic areas, such as Guam and Puerto Rico, Hong Kong, and Palestine. "If territories 20 miles wide can have Olympic teams," Chaffee said, "Why can't sovereign American Indian nations who invented the roots of 10 Olympic sports?"

— *American Indian Listserve*

Navajo herbalist combines the best of her two worlds

ARIZONA — As a youth and teen, Virginia Boone learned about the healing qualities of Arizona's plants and herbs from her father. Today, the Navajo woman walks a fine line — learning to balance her traditional Navajo healing herb company without compromising family and tribal traditions. "We were taught at a young age to respect the medicinal qualities of plants," said Boone.

Using herbs and plants from the reservation, Boone's sales began with teas and dried herbs used for skin problems, backaches, stomach problems and arthritis pain. As sales grew, Boone and a partner created a new company, Medicine of the People. The company's items are sold at local museums, cultural centers and other places. "It can be hard to find quality products that are made by American Indians and produced in Arizona," said Lynn Bullock, a bookstore manager at the Heard Museum. Becoming a large corporation is not part of the plan. "We're still holding onto those grass roots," said Boone's partner. "But we have to grow. It's important to keep that balance and not stray from our vision."

— *Arizona Daily Star*

Kewadin honors three team members

Keith Urban to play at Kewadin Casinos



Kewadin St. Ignace Team Member of the Year Mel Benoit, second from right, received his awards from, left to right, Kewadin Casino Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz, Supervisor Barb Sherman and Kewadin St. Ignace Casino Manager Darcy Chase.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.— Keith Urban has been confirmed to play an outdoor concert at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie on July 14, with opener Little Big Town.

Tickets for the show will go on sale April 8 at 8 a.m. On this day, customers will only be able to purchase tickets at the box office window in Sault Ste. Marie or at the gift shop at Kewadin's St. Ignace site. On April 9, 2006 at 8 a.m., tickets will also be available for purchase through the box office phone at (800) 539-2346 and online at: www.kewadin.com. Ticket prices are \$57.50 for reserved seats and \$47.50 for general admission.

In 2000, Keith Urban, his self-titled debut in the United States featured three top 5 hits, including the No. 1 hit "But For The Grace of God". Urban won the Country Music Association's prestigious Horizon Award in 2001, as well as the Top New Male Vocalist Award at the 2001 Academy of Country

Music Awards. He was also nominated for a Grammy Award.

Golden Road, released in 2002 went Gold(r) in eight weeks and spawned a wildly impressive run of hits including "Somebody Like You," "Raining On Sunday," "Who Wouldn't Wanna Be Me" and "You'll Think of Me."

"Somebody Like You" spent eight consecutive weeks at the top of the charts, remaining at #1 longer than any other country artist in 2002. The album has now gone at least platinum in every country where it's been released and is now double platinum in the United States.

Urban has a new album titled, BE HERE, featuring songs such as "You're My Better Half," "Making Memories of Us" and "God's Been Good To Me." And there are songs that speak to life's darker patches, like "Tonight I Wanna Cry," "The Hard Way" and "Nobody Drinks Alone."



Hessel Team Member of the Year Divina Izzard, left, surrounded by her four children at the awards ceremony.

• Hessel Team Member of the Year

Hessel's Divina Izzard received the 2005 Team Member of the Year award. The most seasoned housekeeper in Hessel, Divina has been working with Kewadin for over nine years and with Hessel for more than eight. "Our responsibilities here are to keep the floor and machines clean, and keep the bathrooms cleaned and stocked," said Izzard. "I like helping whenever I'm needed, that's the best thing about my job." Divina was extremely surprised when she realized she was the award.

"Divina really deserves this award," said Tel Fox, casino manager. "She has great work ethic, is extremely dedicated to her Kewadin Casinos and to our customers."

Divina lives in Hessel with her four children and enjoys crocheting. When asked her number one piece of advice, she said, "To keep smiling and have patience with every customer."

• Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year

Eva Wilson has been chosen as the Team Member of the Year at Kewadin Sault. Eva works in the Upper Deck cafeteria and has been with Kewadin for 10+ years. "Eva is very well liked by her co-workers and management and is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand," said supervisor Robert Captain. "She is an ideal team member and a very deserving person for this wonderful award."

Eva was born in Sault Ste. Marie and has spent her life here and has three children. "I can't believe I won this!" said Eva. "Robert asked me to come in on my day off for a mandatory meeting, so I never expected this."

• St. Ignace Team Member of the Year

Congratulations to Mel Benoit, vault supervisor.

Mel has been working with Kewadin for 13 years. During this time, he has received praise for his work with internal and external customers. According to his supervisor, Barb Sherman, he displays patience, understanding and listening to team member needs and ensures that all necessary information is communicated to team members, co workers and supervisors. Mel has become an expert in his position, yet continues to show growth and strive for improvement in performance of his duties.

Mel was very surprised to receive this award. When asked why he enjoys his job so much, he said he likes people and the surroundings of the casino. "I like change and things happening all the time," said Mel. "There have been a lot of changes here over the years and that makes our jobs more exciting." Mel lives in the Sault and was recently married,

that is located in each casino.



Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Year Eva Wilson with her son Josh.

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

SAULT STE. MARIE,

Mich.— Hard working, dedicated, successful, understanding, knowledgeable, accurate, and exceeding expectations are just some of the words used to describe Kewadin Casinos 2005 Team Member of the Year. The five team members chosen to receive this award each received a personal plaque; \$100, entertainment tickets, dinner and a hotel stay along with a plaque

Final renovation at Kewadin Sault completed



The staff of Dream Catchers Restaurant welcome customers back to the new scatter buffet stations and expanded dessert bar.

Kewadin Casino's Dream Catchers Restaurant is now open and features new flooring, seating, decoration and new scatter buffet stations along with a larger dessert bar.

Highlighting the renovation are scatter buffets which allow chefs to prepare entrees as needed directly behind the buffet line. "The renovations offer our guests the best in food preparation," said Janice Frye, food & beverage director.

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, the deli, and hotel rooms.

The 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, Best Salad Bar, Best Dinner Buffet, Best Fresh Seafood, and Best Seafood Buffet.

For a review of the renovated Dream Catchers Restaurant, please see the article on page 12 of this issue of The Sault Tribe News.

Security goes above and beyond during fire in St. Ignace

On March 19, 2006 security staff responded to a vehicle fire in the upper parking lot at Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace location. They discovered the front seat of a customer car engulfed in flames and a very large dog in the thick of it. "The hard work of our trained staff eliminated the possibility of the situation getting worse," said James McKerchie, security manager.

Upon getting to the car, security supervisor Nick Oliver rescued the dog, while security officers Rich Willis and Brian Steele extinguished the fire. The St. Ignace fire department responded very quickly but the fire was already extinguished by security staff with minimal damage to the vehicle.

"I know how sometimes these types of events can sound minor but I reviewed the Surveillance footage of this incident this morn-

ing and this was a very dangerous situation," said McKerchie.

"Without a doubt the Security Staff went above and beyond on this night. Without their quick response the dog would have perished and I am sure the vehicle would have been a total loss.

In addition to the help of the security staff, housekeeping supervisor Todd Feneley cleaned the dry chemicals and soot out of the customer's vehicle.

"These team members handled a serious and dangerous situation in a professional manner," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "I am very proud of these team members." All four of our team members involved in this situation were treated and released from the Mackinac County Hospital for smoke inhalation.

GOOD NEWS FROM



March 14 - April 18: Passages, a bereavement support group, meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in the Superior Room at Chippewa County Health Department, 508 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI (use the back entrance). The group is open to all members of the community free of charge.

Passages is designed both for those who have experienced a recent loss and those struggling with unresolved grief feelings from the death of someone special long ago. The group can become a source of emotional support and help through education and sharing. Please call the Hospice office at (906) 253-3151 to register for the group. Hospice of Chippewa County Inc. is a United Way Agency.

March 14 - May 1: Yoga for health, relaxation, and stress management is being offered. Instructor is Lee Carlson, a registered social worker and certified yoga therapist with an M.A. in health education. Carlson has taught yoga classes and stress management for more than twenty five years in Lower Michigan and across the Upper Peninsula. Yoga classes will be held Tuesday nights at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Classes may run 15 minutes longer than scheduled) Cost is \$60. Please note that Carlson also teaches at the Sault Theatre Arts Resource Studio at 534 Ashmun on Mon. and Wed. from 7:15-8:45 am; Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Thurs. 10:11-30 a.m.;

Tues. and Thurs. 12:10-1 p.m. call (906) 632-1930. Yoga is a form of exercise promoting flexibility, strength, and relaxation. It is non-competitive and enhances physical and emotional health through the coordination of slow, purposeful movements, deep breathing, and conscious muscle relaxation. Anyone can benefit, regardless of your previous level of experience or flexibility. Wear loose, comfortable clothing or footless tights. There is a class limit of 15. Please bring a blanket to class. For more information, call Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210, ext. 25212.

March 21 - May 2: Active Parenting NOW is designed to serve parents of children ages five years to twelve a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

March 23 - May 4: Active Parenting of TEENS is designed to serve parents of teens and pre-teens in a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

April 7: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting 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.

April 7: Deadline to reserve seats for transportation to the Diabetes Expo. Munising Tribal Health Center is looking for individuals who need transportation to attend the Diabetes Expo to be held in Marquette on April 19 from 10.2 p.m. at the Lakeview Arena. We are able to provide bus service from Manistique and Munising and back home if enough interest is expressed. Please call Munising Tribal Health Center at (906) 387-4721 by April 7 to reserve your seat.

April 7: Hessel community drum meeting and teachings. All meetings are held at the Hessel Tribal Center at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. Any questions please call Lisa Burnside, Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2298 or Basil Willis at (906) 647-8943.

April 7 - 8: Jake Agoneh will be holding clinic hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic at the Munising Tribal Health Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 387-4614 or (800) 236-4705.

April 8: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold the monthly meeting and potluck lunch will be held the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Escanaba Civic Center 225 No 21st Street, Escanaba, MI. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

April 9: Jake Agoneh will be holding clinic hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic Sault Ste. Marie from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

April 9: Mikina Squanganing migizi gikiwis (People of the eagle staff) feasting. The eagle staff is resting for the winter moons, awaiting its rebirth in the spring. Part of this rebirth is to feast this staff with the people. All people of the Mackinac decent are welcome to share in this feast at Little Bear East in St. Ignace, Mich. There is no charge but any donations are appreciated. Anyone wanting to add feathers to this staff should bring semah (tobacco) and the feather or feathers and the reason for wanting them added to the staff. Offer the semah to the staff carrier, and we will discuss that feather being added.

April 10: Jake Agoneh will be holding clinic hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic at the Newberry Health Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 293-8181.

April 10: Free! Jump start your career with Nick!

Employment and the training department are putting together a combination of Dress for success and interviewing skills at Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie, in the Whitefish Point Room from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This training is to help you brush up on interviewing skills, so you can land the job you really want. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. For more information and to call and confirm you will be attending call (906) 635-7032 or toll free at (866) 635-7032.

April 10: Would you like to quit? Trying to quit? Already

quit? If you need help in quitting smoking or chewing tobacco, we can help! Tobacco Cessation Support Group at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Just show up! Friends and family welcomed. The facilitators will be Community Health tobacco counselors. If you're unable to attend, and would like to quit, please contact your healthcare provider or a tobacco counselor in your local tribal health clinic. We're happy to guide and support you through the quitting process. There may not be a good time to quit, why not now? Education, support, snacks and refreshments. No fees, registration, or sign up. Just show up! Call (906) 632-5241 for more information.

April 11: Jake Agoneh will be holding office hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic St. Ignace from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lambert Center. For appointments call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

April 11: Sault Tribe employment job fair, Kewadin Casino from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We offer excellent benefits, 401k and much more. Cool places! Cool people! Cool Jobs! For further information, call (906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032. Visit our website at www.saulttribe.com.

April 11: 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.

April 11: 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 Schlehuter at (906) 643-7489 or Janet Yoder at (800) 272-3900.

April 12: Jake Agoneh will be holding office hours as follows, traditional medicine clinic, Hessel clinic from 8 a.m. to noon. For appointments call (906) 484-2727. Traditional medicine clinic, Kincheloe 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 495-5745.

April 12: 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.

April 12: Registration for the Annual Teen Lock-In at 5 p.m. the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center at (906) 635-RINK.

April 12 - 14: Michigan Indian Elders Association April Conference Gathering, Petoskey, Mich. Hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. To make reservations, call the Victories Hotel at (231) 347-6041. Request the block of rooms reserved for MIEA Conference. For further information call Warren Petoskey, Little Traverse Bay, Elder Director at (231) 242-1422. Note: Sault Elder Recreation funds will sponsor two elders per unit to cover travel

expenses. For more information contact Elder Services Division at (888) 711-7356.

April 13: Video on "Making Sense of Common Heart Rhythm Disorders" at the Heart Support Group 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribal Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street. Speaker is Dino Recchia, M.D., F.A.C.C. Medical Director, Cardiac Rehab and Prevention. Tape courtesy of REMEC TeleHealth Network from Munson Medical Center. Disorders of heart rhythm are common and can affect people of all ages. Rhythm problems can range from benign to life threatening. Dr. Recchia will review the heart's normal rhythm and the various factors which control it. He will discuss a variety of commonly seen heart rhythm problems including atrial fibrillation, premature beats of various types, supraventricular tachycardia. Slow heart rhythms, and ventricular tachycardia. The various approaches to diagnosis and treatment will be reviewed and ample time will be allotted for a question and answer session at the conclusion of the seminar. For more information call Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210. This is a free service made available to all members of the community by Sault Tribe Health Center, War Memorial Hospital, and Chippewa County Health Department. There is no need to pre-register.

April 14: 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.

April 15: Easter Public Skate 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

April 16: Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center closed for Easter.

April 17: 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.

April 17: 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.

April 17: Lesson 6 - Acts of War and Policies of Oppression. To understand how policies, control, and power was used to destroy cultures and to understand Anishinaabe teachings of the relationship between Native and Non native peoples. What Was Never Told class 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kewadin Casino Whitefish Room. Contact Elaine Wright, cultural training specialist at (906) 632-7494 or ewright@saulttribe.net.

April 18: The Sault Tribe News deadline is 9 a.m. If you have any questions please call the Communications Department at (906) 632-6398.

April 18: Lesson 6 - Acts of War and Policies of Oppression To understand how policies, control, and power was used to

destroy cultures and to understand Anishinaabe teachings of the relationship between Native and Non native peoples. What Was Never Told class 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. at Kewadin Casino Whitefish Room. Contact Elaine Wright, cultural training specialist at (906) 632-7494 or ewright@saulttribe.net.

April 18: Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs - Know Your Risk, 1 to 3 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session one, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

April 18: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

April 19: Sault Tribe Employment will be at the Cheboygan County spring job fair, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Cheboygan Armory. We offer excellent benefits, 401k and much more. Cool places! Cool people! Cool Jobs! For further information, call (906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032. Visit our website at www.saulttribe.com.

April 19: Diabetes Expo 2006, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lakeview Arena located at 401 E. Fair Ave., Marquette, Mich. The U.P.

Diabetes Outreach Network is a nonprofit agency with a mission to promote innovative partnerships to strengthen the prevention, detection, and management of diabetes across the Upper Peninsula. For more information contact Paula Ackerman, U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network, at (906) 228-9203, fax (906) 228-4221, email yoooperfive@hotmail.com, or visit www.diabetesinmichigan.org.

April 20: Act in Time to Heart Attack Signs - Know Your Risk, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series two, session one, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

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FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

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Julie Roberts &
Jessica Andrews
May 27th - 7 p.m.
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