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Briefs

Constitution meeting scheduled in the Sault

The Constitution Committee recently announced an addition to their meeting schedule. The committee would like to inform all Sault Tribe members there will be a meeting on Sept. 29-30 in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino. Friday's meeting will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday's meetings will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The committee encourages all tribe members to attend each meeting to give their input regarding amendments to the Sault Tribe's Constitution. Time is set aside at each meeting for the membership to express their concerns.

The Constitutional Convention Committee is a group of tribe members who were voted to represent the general membership regarding improvements to the Sault Tribe's Constitution. The committee is charged with collecting membership input and drafting proposed amendments.

For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Greektown Casino saves \$43 million; ready to build in October



An artist rendering of the Greektown Casino Hotel and parking garage.

By CORY WILSON

DETROIT, Mich. —In the past five months, the Greektown Casino's new gaming expansion,

hotel, and parking garage has progressed by leaps and bounds. The expansion is projected to be completed five months earlier

than originally planned due to an accelerated construction schedule. By cutting construction costs, the Sault Tribe will also save over \$43

million.

Although, the new hotel and parking garage site remains a cleared lot, construction is scheduled to begin soon. The casino was able to begin demolition on June 9, which included the removal of an old parking garage and apartment building. With the site now cleared, the casino can begin constructing the foundation for the garage and hotel. The construction crew is scheduled to begin installing caissons on October 2, followed by pile caps and grade beams for the new garage and hotel.

The project also experienced significant gains in planning, which included finalizing all the major approvals, cutting costs, and improving the construction schedule.

The estimated \$228 million construction budget (excluding land acquisitions) was reduced to \$185 million in April 2006. The ending project cost, which includes land acquisitions, is estimated to be \$226 million. The majority of the cost reductions were identified in the building plans for the hotel and parking garage.

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Tribe unable to assist members who fail to pay Michigan cigarette taxes

By COURTNEY KACHUR

Several tribe members have contacted the tribe in recent months, and surely more will in the future, after receiving tax bills from the State of Michigan in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000. These members are learning first hand that the State of Michigan has begun a crackdown on the illegal sale of un-taxed cigarettes.

All tribe members can purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products without paying the tobacco products tax, but these tobacco products must be purchased from the Midjim Stores and the Kewadin Casino gift shops. Under the agreement between the tribe and the State of Michigan, which was negotiated and signed on

Dec. 20, 2002, the tribe secured for its members the right to obtain cigarettes and other products free from state taxes. However, the cigarette and tobacco products tax exemption is strictly limited to tribe members making purchases from tribally owned retailers.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has sent hundreds of letters to Michigan residents, some of whom are tribe members, who have purchased untaxed cigarettes from Internet-based companies.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has requested that online cigarette purchasers send to the state any applicable cigarette tax, use tax and interest associated with their purchases or they may face significant penalties.

Under Michigan's Tobacco Product Tax Act, it is illegal to purchase cigarettes over the Internet or through any other source outside Michigan, unless the purchaser is registered by the State of Michigan or the seller complies with the act by applying, collecting and remitting appropriate cigarette and use taxes. Michigan has specifically designed a system to identify and penalize the purchasers of Internet cigarettes.

Under federal law, Internet cigarette vendors are required to provide the Michigan Department of Treasury with names and addresses of all Michigan residents who purchase their products,

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Michigan Indian elders conference coming to the Sault

By BRENDA AUSTIN

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) will be celebrating its tenth anniversary during their annual conference held this year at Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center. (Please see the conference agenda and registration form on page 13).

Ishpeming resident and Sault Tribe member, Bob Menard has been president of the MIEA for the past four years and is up for re-election after his term expires this October.

The tribal board of directors appoints MIEA delegates representing the Sault Tribe; our current delegates are Bob Menard, Ilene Moses and alternate Jerry Miller. Menard has been active in MIEA since about 1998. "For many

years I was not involved in Native American matters and when I neared retirement I was interested in giving back to the community. I developed skills during my working years that I felt I could use for the good of the community so I ran for office and was elected president. When the elders get together they are like a big family and work enthusiastically to represent our goals and communities," he said.

The MIEA board of directors has 22 voting members, two from each of its 11 member tribes. For the past four years, the MIEA has been focusing on ways to bridge the gap between youth and elders, according to Menard.

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United Way chili cook-off



Recently, under the cooking talents of "Chef" Bob Flowers, the Sault Tribe team participated in their fifth chili cook-off. This annual Chippewa County United Way Campaign was held inside for the first time at the Pullar Arena making the so-so weather a non-issue. Profits are still being totaled, but it appears to be \$2,500, which is \$400 over the previous year. Left, Angie Spencer, Heather Smith, Bob Flowers, Eric Flowers, James McLeod and Officers Brian Savard and Bob Marchand.

Photo by Brenda Austin

Sault Tribe veterans memorial



Sault Tribe member and veteran Ed Cook, a principal proponent behind the Native American Veterans Memorial Wall, posts an eagle staff at the dedication of the monument on the tribal reservation in the Sault on Sept 11. "Dedicated to Sault Tribe veterans and all Native American veterans," the inscriptions note past wars from World War I to the present day war in Iraq.

Tribe unable to assist members who fail to pay Michigan cigarette taxes

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as well as the quantity purchased and the price paid. The Department of Treasury has issued subpoenas to several online vendors who did not report sales into Michigan, in violation of federal law.

Cigarettes sold directly to consumers in Michigan, other than sales at tribally designated retailers, must include the \$2 per pack cigarette tax and must display a

Michigan cigarette stamp on each package. Anyone purchasing cigarettes, which have not been properly taxed and stamped, is liable for the cigarette tax and any penalty. In addition, a six percent use tax will be assessed on the cost of the cigarettes plus the tax.

The tribe's legal department has received several calls from members who have received huge tax bills from the state. Unfortunately, the legal department is unable to

assist these members, in part due to the complexity of the legal issues and in part due to the number of members seeking assistance.

Individual members may obtain further information about the cigarette tax exemption, or the tax agreement generally, by contacting administration at (906) 635-6050 and requesting a copy of the booklet entitled *Tax Agreement, Tribal Member Benefits and Obligations*.

non-profit events. All submissions are printed at the discretion of the editor, subject to editing and are not to exceed 400 words. Unsigned submissions are not accepted.

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Greektown Casino saves \$43 million

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According to Vice President of Development and Management Board Representative Greg Collins, "We made necessary scope changes that reduced construction costs in the amount of \$43 million to ensure we complied with the Michigan Gaming Control Board's financial covenants. We were able to do this without eliminating any of the necessary items that were detailed in the plan."

The \$43 million scope changes are considered savings as they have no effect on future revenue projections.

Collins added, "I am pleased to announce that with the accelerated construction plan we are currently on schedule and are more than one million dollars under budget."

Improving relations and communications with the City of Detroit and the Michigan Gaming Control Board, has also proved to be a significant factor regarding the project's development.

Collins, who began serving as the Vice President of Development for Greektown Casino in April, has worked diligently for the past several months with city officials and the Michigan Gaming Control Board to complete all the major approvals necessary to begin construction.

On July 25, the site plan and SD5 "casino" zoning was approved by the city of Detroit. The Michigan Gaming Control Board followed suit with their approval this past August.

All the necessary land required to proceed with the hotel and casino expansion has also been acquired. The Greektown Casino now has the property needed to proceed with the construction of the pedestrian bridge, which will

connect the hotel to the casino.

The parking garage and walkway is scheduled to be completed in October of 2007, at which time the casino expects to see an increase in revenue.

The location of the parking garage and hotel remains the casino's most significant attribute. Patrons will be able to enter the parking garage strait off the main highway, which allows for easy access into the 2800 car parking garage and 400 room hotel.

The casino renovation, which is set to begin this coming December or January, includes expanding the casino out and up, over Lafayette Street. By expanding the casino, the gaming floor will increase by 30,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft. and will include 2700 slot machines.

Though many preliminary renderings for the exterior of the new hotel, parking garage, and casino have been proposed; the city and Michigan Gaming Control Board's final approval of the most recent plan now gives the public a clear picture of what the new casino and hotel will look like.

With the new "fast track" schedule, the Greektown Casino and hotel is projected to open in September 2008, as opposed to February 2009, which is a full five months ahead of the old project schedule.

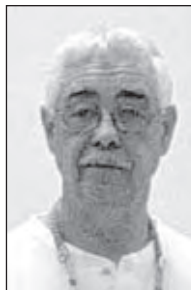
If the construction team can stay on task, the casino would be entitled to a 5 percent tax rollback savings of \$1.6 million per month, equating to an \$8 million savings, which would bring the grand total of savings to a cool \$51 million.

Tribal elder is president of MIEA

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"We have a scholarship program and each July award between three and six scholarships, depending on how much money

we have at the time. We also offer student incentive awards for perfect attendance and straight "As." Winners are determined at our April meeting," he said.



Bob Menard

Since 2002 MIEA has distributed \$20,000 to 302 students either as an incentive to go to school every day or to achieve good grades or to students continuing their post high school education.

The MIEA holds three meetings a year in April, July and October hosted by alternating member tribes. "We are politically active on the state and national levels and assign representatives to attend meetings. We have established a dialogue with Governor Granholm's office on issues affecting Michigan elders and the MIEA

has also submitted resolutions which have been endorsed by the National Indian Council on Aging," Menard said.

"The MIEA is an enthusiastic group, it has evolved into a proactive force culturally, politically and socially. I think we are doing great things together and it brings our communities closer. We are looking forward to having one of our member tribes host the National Indian Council on Aging 2008 conference. The Grand Traverse Bay Band is hoping to host that event which draws about 1,200 participants."

The MIEA conference will begin Wednesday, Oct. 11 with a delegate meeting at 5 p.m. at Nokomis Mishomis Place on Shunk Road.

Conference registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Kewadin Casino.

For more information contact Bob Menard at (906) 485-5364, by email at rmenard@chartermi.net or check the MIEA Web site at michiganindianelders.org.

Bay Mills Community College offers free tuition to members of federally recognized tribes in Michigan

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Members of federally recognized Michigan tribes, regardless of blood quantum, now receive free tuition at Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) under a new scholarship program offered by the college's board of regents.

Hoping to increase access to higher education for Native students, the Board of Regents Scholarship covers tuition for up to 66 credit hours. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 and at least fifty-percent of classes must be taken on campus each semester. Students are also expected to display good moral character while attending school.

BMCC is the only accredited tribal college in Michigan. Bay Mills Tribal Communication Director and member of the college's Board of Regents, Allyn Cameron said, "This is an incredible opportunity for Native students in Michigan; it's a hard deal to pass up. If you have wanted to attend college and couldn't afford it now you have the opportunity. With the rapid increase of overall household and necessary living expenses rising so quickly (electric, natural gas, fuel for vehicles, health insurance and pharmacy costs) it is difficult to keep up, especially when wages in the area



are staying relatively constant. This scholarship is going to greatly benefit those individuals that are feeling that particular kind of pinch. It is a good feeling to know that we can make a difference and help tribal members."

BMCC offers an associate of applied science in computer information systems with an emphasis in computer technology or office; construction technology and Ojibwe language instruction: Nishnaabemwin.

An associate of arts degree is offered in business administration (also available on-line); criminal justice corrections emphasis; education; early childhood education (online only) with specialization areas in administration of early childhood programs, family services, and teacher preparation;

Great Lakes Native American studies; health and fitness and social science.

They also offer an associate of science degree in general studies.

Certificate programs include: Great Lakes Native American studies; medical office; natural science and office systems.

Certificates of completion are offered in corrections, frontline training for financial institutions, Nishnaabemwin Language Institute Ojibwe language immersion program; Nishnaabemwin immersion instruction program.

Diploma programs are offered in Ojibwe language instruction and also the Nishnaabemwin Pane immersion program.

There are currently over 70 students enrolled in the Board of Regents Scholarship; about 25

Bay Mills Tribe members and 50 from the Sault Tribe. Of the 50 Sault Tribe students, 20 are new this year.

Nick Ferro, director of development, said he anticipates an increase of at least 50 new students attending under the scholarship next semester. "For the short period of time we have had this scholarship available it has made a significant impact. Our staff is excited, not only are we picking up more students but it is changing the demographics. We are getting kids right out of high school now in addition to our non-traditional students who have been out of school for ten years or more," he said.

In addition to programs offered on campus, BMCC has a strong online program with students from at least 42 states signed up for online classes. "As a demonstration of our commitment to providing educational opportunities to students throughout the United States, BMCC is offering three, three credit, online courses in Native American cuisine, culture, and art and artifacts at no charge," Cameron said. "This is a great chance for students to try one of our online courses and earn nine college credits."

BMCC has sent students to the North Pole with Russian pilots to

do testing on the polar ice cap; students have traveled to Hawaii to study volcanic activity; they have gone to Goddard Space Flight Center and also visited Toronto and Chicago. "We have students who had never left this county that experienced things by coming to BMCC that they may never have had an opportunity to experience otherwise," Ferro said.

The Board of Regents Scholarship currently has no time limit or limit on the number of students who can attend. "Right now we are seeing what we can handle and what the response is going to be. We have Saturday scheduling to fall back on if we need it due to a major increase in the student population. For as small as we are we are a very progressive community college," Cameron said.

"It is because of the leadership of the Board of Regents that these opportunities are available," Ferro added.

Visit their Web site at: www.bmcc.edu for more information or to register for the free online courses. BMCC can also be contacted at (800) 844-BMCC or (906) 248-3354; or by mail at Bay Mills Community College, 12214 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, MI 49715.

Update on St. Mary's high bacteria levels

By RICK SMITH

Earlier this year, the Chippewa County Health Department issued advisories to prevent physical contact between humans and the alarmingly high bacterial count in the contaminated waters of the St. Mary's River running through the channel between Canada and Sugar Island. The local media keeps everyone aware of the numbers resulting from regularly scheduled monitoring by the county.

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners formally

demanding, at an Aug. 14 meeting, an investigation into the source and cleanup of raw sewage in the north channel of the St. Mary's River flowing between Canada and Sugar Island, Mich.

Congressman Bart Stupak, citing a Michigan State University report by a world-respected expert on water quality, blamed the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., East End Sewage Treatment Plant for the unacceptably high levels of bacteria in the river.

Beaches are closed to prevent physical contact with humans

when bacterial levels exceed a count of 300. The numbers in the river recently have been hitting highs in the neighborhood of 2,400.

Stupak said the report clearly demonstrates the Canadian government needs to act fast to monitor and prevent harmful bacteria from entering the river system through the suspected sewage treatment plant. Canadian authorities continue to steadfastly deny the source of sewage.

Bacteria counts dropped dramatically two days after Sault,

Ont., started its new secondary sewage treatment plant sharing the site of the old East End Plant. At least one Michigan health official said he is "optimistically cautious" about the situation as it stands but keep monitoring the sites.

On Sept. 15, a local newspaper, *The Evening News*, reported bacteria count numbers skyrocketed again hitting in excess of 2,419 in the outflow of the new discharge pipe from the Sault, Ont., East End Sewage Plant.

Local media in Sault Ste.

Marie keep reporting the regular monitoring results to the public and this will likely continue until some stability is seen in the low bacteria counts or winter freezes the river surface. The physical contact prevention advisories remains in effect as does the monitoring and media relays of results.

Another matter to be addressed in this situation, presumably sometime in the future, is the cleaning of the sediment on the bottom and beaches of the river.

Photographic exhibition, Faces of Asia, now at LSSU library

A photographic exhibition, *Faces of Asia*, will be on display at the LSSU Library for the month of September. The show, featuring portraiture by Dr. Bruce Anderson from trips to Asia over the last 11 years, can be visited during normal library hours.

"My first trip to Asia while volunteering in Nepal in 1994 got the ball rolling as far as my interest in the continent. It was so different than my experiences traveling in Europe and North America." Anderson, Dental Director for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault, Michigan, has been to 45 states and 32 countries and described his first trip to Nepal as "eye opening."

"I was raised in Iowa and attended Iowa State University (BS) and the University of Iowa

(DDS) and also the Royal College of Dentistry in Aarhus, Denmark in the 80's. After my 'Grand Tour' of Europe in 1987, I felt that I had seen a lot of the world. Upon arrival in Kathmandu, I felt like I was on a different planet. I wasn't sure that I was going to like spending a month in the Indian Subcontinent."

However, after trekking into a remote part of Nepal near the Tibetan boarder and mixing with the local villagers there, he said that he felt much more at home. "The country of Nepal is just beautiful, the mountains, animals, and people were just great." The trek took fellow doctors and dentists to a village called Tipling, where they worked for 5 days without any running water, electricity, or proper equipment. At the end of the trek, Anderson

journeyed to India and Pakistan before returning home.

Further trips to the Asia have included the countries of Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Bhutan, China, Laos, and Mongolia. He and his parents recently returned from an independent trip to Egypt and Jordan.

"I have enjoyed travel photography since I was very young, but friends and family were not always interested in seeing pictures of just a castle or mountain peak. When I began to give travelogues of my trips, I found that what did keep people's attention were stories about people that I had met along the way, especially if they were featured in a photograph. Really, people are very interested in what other people are like, especially when they are halfway around the world."

Anderson had a special opportunity when he traveled to Bhutan in 2003 with National Geographic photographer, Nevada Weir. "This was a great opportunity to learn from a master of the art. She is one of the best in photographing people and I learned a great deal from her." Last year's trip to Mongolia with two university friends employed a woman who turned out to provide wonderful opportunities to meet people. "Urna, our guide and translator, amazingly opened doors for us by gaining access into local people's homes and lives. We spent a wonderful day with a camel herding family in the Gobi desert and literally rode camels into the sunset."

Another trip not quite as picturesque was a solo journey to Laos in 1994, in which he contracted

amoebic dysentery. "I usually do carry a lot of prescription drugs, just in case, but it is sometimes difficult to diagnose yourself. I initially started myself on a course of Cipro, but switched drugs at the advice of a doctor at an international hospital in Bangkok. I believe that a bad fish salad in Vientienne was the cause of the illness."

"I am very interested in sharing a little bit of what I have seen and hope that it will entertain and inform exposition-goers about some of the people and places that I have seen. I have found that people around the world all have the same dreams, hopes and desires for peace and a better world for their children." Another exhibit on Bhutan is planned for November, 2006.

Elder's address board's 'hateful and mean spirited behavior



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

At the September 5, 2006 Tribal Board meeting, the Elderly Advisory Chairperson read a letter to the Tribal Board as directed by the Elder Advisory Committee. The Elderly Advisory Board is made up of representatives from each of the Tribe's eight Elderly Advisory Subcommittees representing Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Manistique, Escanaba, Marquette, and Munising. Again, the vote was unanimous to address the Board with the following letter:

This matter was discussed with great passion at the August 28th meeting and there was a unanimous vote that the Chairperson (of the Elderly Advisory Board) address the Board with the following concerns.

The hateful and mean spirited behavior of some of our board members at board meetings has become an embarrassment to each of us personally and to our entire Native American community. The previous two meetings

The hateful and mean spirited behavior of some of our board members at board meetings has become an embarrassment.

(Munising, Newberry) are prime examples and probably epitomize the unprofessional demeanor and bad taste displayed by some board members. It is also felt that board members should dress appropriately as they represent our 30,000 members and our \$35 million enterprise.

Charles E. Cleland, Ph.D. in his 'Report on the treaty relations between the Ottawa and Chip-

...epitomize the unprofessional demeanor and bad taste displayed by some board members.

pewa of Michigan and the United States", makes an observation from his research on relocating Indian tribes from their homelands in the period immediately preceding the Treaty of 1836:

"Many others, including some of the most powerful politicians and influential scholars and clergy of the days, believed that Indians were inherently ignorant, warlike

...members are subjected to the childish antics of some of our elected officials...

and incapable of civilized life and should therefore be entirely removed from the region of settlement."

It would appear to the modern day 'white man' that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa

Indians has not progressed far, if at all, in the last 143 years. It is bad enough that tribal members are subjected to the childish antics of some of our elected officials, but anyone viewing the board meetings on public television is subjected to the same disgusting behavior. Outsiders watching the meeting have to wonder if what they are seeing portrays the brightest and most

talented that the Indian community has to offer. Unfortunately, the behavior of a few paints all 30,000 members with the same brush.

There are those board members who will say, in their defense, that how they act is necessary and that they are just fighting for their constituents. Or, that how they dress is no measure

...it's time that you clean up your act and work together for the betterment of the Tribe.

of their ability to make decisions. Those are examples of little minded people.

We elders of the community, and the vast majority of our entire community are embarrassed. We think that it's time that you clean up your act and work together for the betterment of the Tribe. You don't have to like the person sitting next to you on the Board, but you have an obligation to the Tribe to conduct yourself in a civilized manner while representing us. We strongly suggest that, in your interaction with each other you sincerely observe the 7 Grandfather Teachings that you have displayed in front of you on your tables."

There is so much good we could be doing if only personal animosity and political posturing were put aside. Ask yourself how the Board's infighting is benefiting the neediest of the Members. How are you represented when Tribal Board members attack one another? The Elders have spoken, now it is your turn. Call your Board members and insist they move past personal jealousy.

ELDER CHECKS NOT IN DANGER

I have received several calls to ask if the annual Elder checks would be cut in January. A few suggested they heard this rumor from a few Tribal Board Members decrying our supposed deficit. The Board has not even seen the budget at this point as we generally don't finalize our main budget until late September early October. Next, the Board (as a whole) is absolutely committed to our Elders. Though we may need to make some reductions in our operations (top executives make substantial salaries) we will undoubtedly preserve the Elder checks.

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.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The first month of regular meetings went well with a great turn out. There was some confusion in the materials we published suggesting that you needed an appointment to attend these sessions. You do not need an appointment. We open up the floor for questions from Members and updates are given. If you have any questions about the meetings, please call me toll free at: (888) 94-AARON.

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(Sault at Kewadin Casino)

Unit 2: 6 p.m. - 10/18/06
(Newberry at Best Western)

Unit 3: 6 p.m. - 9/27/06
(St. Ignace at McCann School)

Unit 4: 6 p.m. - 10/4/06
(Manistique at Tribal Center)

Unit 5: 6 p.m. - 10/11/06
(Munising at American Legion)

Tri-County Detroit Area
6 p.m. - 10/12/06
(Detroit at Greektown Casino)

Northern Lower Michigan
6 p.m. - 10/27/06
(Cheboygan High School)

Mid Michigan
6 p.m. - 10/26/06
(Okemos, MI/ Nokomis Center)

TRIBE AND CHAIRPERSON GIVE TO: UNITED WAY



2006 United Way Tribal Chairperson shows his support to the United Way in the form of a personal check for \$1,000 for the many programs in which Tribal members benefit.

At the September 5, 2006 Tribal Board meeting, a resolution was introduced to continue to support the United Way and the agencies it supports through a corporate contribution and through coordinating our employee giving program. I am proud to say that for several years, the Sault Tribe has been the largest contributor in Chippewa County.

On a personal level, I support the United Way because many Tribal families have benefited from this social network to catch people who fall through the cracks of social welfare programs. We have all had hard times and occasionally, we need the assistance of these programs. Often, when Members have exhausted Tribal programs and services, we work

closely with other agencies including those financially supported by the United Way. Just some of these include:

- American Red Cross
- Bay Cliff Health Camp
- Big Brothers / Big Sisters
- Boy Scouts / Girls Scouts
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Catholic Charities
- Diane Peppler Shelter
- EUP Food Bank
- New Hope Recovery
- Habitat for Humanity
- Salvation Army
- Chippewa County Hospice

Please consider contributing to the United Way. You can give a

KEWADIN CASINOS SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



2006 Torch Run Tribal Members pictured include: Chairperson Aaron Payment (far left), Eric Morgan (second from left) who represented the traveling team and Kinross Corrections, and Officer Jason Marshall (far right) from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

general donation or can target it to the agency you wish to benefit directly. To find a United Way agency near you, just call directory assistance or look in the yellow pages. It feels really good to give and who knows, you or a family member may need their help some day.

The photo above right is a group photo of volunteer runners participating in the annual annual Torch Run for Special Olympics. Kewadin Casino graciously agreed to contribute as a sponsor. Besides supporting such a wonderful cause, Kewadin Casino's earns a great amount of positive marketing throughout the entire State of Michigan through sponsoring this event as runners for the Torch

Run, make their way from the Keweenaw Peninsula to the Sault and then down Mackinac Trail, across the Mackinac Bridge, and south to Sterling Heights, Mich.

Last year, I ran the portion across the Mackinac Bridge with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer Rich Cullen (14.3 miles) and Tribal Member Eric Morgan (total of over 60 miles). This year, Officer Cullen could not join us for the run due to a broken ankle but will be back next year. He did join us on his community police bicycle for the three mile kick off event in Sault Ste. Marie.

If you would like to contribute to the Torch Run or Special Olympics, please call my office at (888) 94-AARON.

LSSU Native American Center offers students help and hearth



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

The LSSU Native American Student Center offers students a haven between classes and just about any type of academic and non-academic help a student would need.

Stephanie Sabatine, director, is a very energetic go-getter and a staff of one. "It is trying at times but is very rewarding. I take out the trash and go to budget meetings all on the same day," she said. Sabatine has three students on financial aid work-study programs that will soon be joining her at the center. "They know the ropes and have some really good ideas. The center is student owned and I want to present it as such; it's important the students feel ownership."

Students who commute from Newberry, Paradise and Canada use the center as their home away from home. Sabatine said there are about 25 students who use the center consistently. "I tell students who ask me if you have to be Native to use the center, 'No, you just have to have a pulse.' Anyone is welcome."

The center offers a full computer lab with access to internet and e-mail, a copier, telephones and message machine, kitchen with all amenities, study space and televisions to watch instruction videos on or catch up on the news or weather.

In addition to students who drop in during the day, professors have been known to use the center to hold classes and student study groups meet after hours and on weekends. Campus organizations such as the psychology club and the Student

Organization for Diversity (SOFD) also use the center; SOFD is located in the Native American Center. Grand Valley State University recently used the center to host interviews for their Masters in Social Work program. "It is a very active place. We have some forward thinkers and self-starters this year. Fresh perspectives are always good," Sabatine said.

Sabatine said she helps students with a wide range of needs including advising, scheduling, registration, financial aid and has even helped students find housing, child care and transportation. "We offer help with anything that will help enhance their education," she said.

The center is community orientated with people dropping in to use the computer lab and ask about classes. Potlucks will be held one or more times a month at the center to provide networking opportunities for students. "Another service we offer is to connect students with employment opportunities. We can also provide employers with student referrals and students looking for internship opportunities.

The LSSU Native American Center is located at 650 W. Easterday Ave. on the corner across from the campus library. For more information call (906) 635-6664 or visit their Web site at nac.lssu.edu.

The LSSU Native American Center will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 18 from noon until 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by to learn about our services and what we can offer students. Refreshments will be served.

Potential threat to Indian tuition waiver looming

Part I of II — A glance at the history of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver

BY RICK SMITH

The so-called Michigan Civil Rights Initiative is a measure some are trying hard to get on state ballots in November. Essentially, if passed, it would mean the end of affirmative action hiring and admission practices in state-supported colleges and universities, among other areas.

Technically, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is not an affirmative action policy. However, if the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative passes, the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver will undoubtedly be, as one university administrator put it, "threatened, if not killed outright."

The waiver was born by treaties with the U.S. government, the origin in the 1817 Treaty of Fort Meigs, later placed into the responsibility of the state as part of a land deal between the state and federal governments. Later still, a switch to a more expedient accounting practice resulted in state-supported colleges and universities sharing in the responsibility for the waiver as well.

According to documentation at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, the federal government withdrew financial support as a practice for Indian tribes in Michigan in 1934. In the early 1930s, as the federal government prepared to abandon the Indian School it had operated in Mt. Pleasant, the state expressed an interest in taking over the buildings and property. Negotiations ensued and, in 1934, Congress passed the necessary legislation

to transfer the property from the federal government to the state. As part of this transfer of land and buildings, then Michigan Governor William Comstock wrote to the Secretary of the Interior: "As governor of the State, in accepting this grant (of the Indian school) I acknowledge the condition that the State of Michigan will receive and care for in state institutions Indians resident within the state on entire equality with persons of other races and without cost to the federal government."

The Bureau of Indian Affairs believed that, by virtue of this letter, the bureau's role in Michigan was reduced to little more than serving as a custodian of Indian lands. The federal government took the position that in return for the Mount Pleasant Indian School, Michigan would make good on all the other practical and financial obligations the federal government owed Indians in the state. For a period of nearly 30 years, however, the state government, in practice, did little or nothing to assume the responsibilities the Comstock agreement seemingly transferred to the state.

By the middle of the 1960s a growing realization occurred that a very significant problem existed. This realization grew in large part from successful efforts by a newly energized Indian community to voice perceived treaty rights and demand their enforcement. By 1968, one part of this new assertiveness on the part of Indians involved claims regarding the right to free college educa-

tion at state institutions of higher learning.

Many asserted that Michigan American Indians were entitled to a free education at state supported colleges and universities. The Governor's Commission on Indian Affairs, which was founded in 1965, took up the issue and became an advocate and champion for American Indian education. Not surprisingly Indian college students were particularly concerned with this issue. Although many students spoke in favor of free tuition, the most dramatic example of student activism was a class action lawsuit filed against the University of Michigan.

Paul Johnson, as part of a graduate education course in Ann Arbor, researched the relationship between the university and American Indians. Through this research, Johnson came to believe that the university could be compelled to grant free tuition to Indians based on language found in article 16 of the Treaty of Fort Meigs (Foot of the Rapids) signed in 1817. Johnson concluded that the treaty traded away land for a guarantee of education. Johnson was successful in creating a consensus among students and Indian leaders throughout the state in support of a class action lawsuit. The lawsuit was filed in August of 1971 but ultimately failed.

While the courts were slowly forming their opinion that Michigan's Indians had no explicit right based on the Treaty of 1817 to free post-high school education, advocates of this position were at work in the state

legislature. The same group of students who had pushed forward the lawsuit also had contacts with members of the state legislature. In particular Representative Jackie Vaughn, a long-term and very sophisticated member of the state legislature, saw a need for the legislature to address the problem raised by the students.

Vaughn recognized that if he presented an Indian tuition waiver bill as yet another Affirmative Action program the legislation would not gather the necessary votes to pass. However the peculiar status of American Indians and the unhappy history of their relationship mainstream society created an opportunity for Vaughn to exploit. As the legislative battle began, Vaughn carefully defined the bill as a measure to rectify, in part, past injustices towards Indians rather than a piece of a broader Affirmative Action agenda. Over the course of four years, Vaughn developed legislation based on a tuition waiver program in place in Minnesota. In 1975 he introduced his bill into the state house. In the summer of 1976, Public Act 174, 1976 created the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver program.

Public Act 174 remains in effect. In 1976, an amendment to the law significantly expanded the number of individuals eligible to receive the waiver by lowering the required blood quantum from one-half to one-quarter. Through this change any individual with one, full-blooded Indian grandparent became eligible to receive a tuition waiver.

In 1996 funding for the program was modified so that it no longer appeared as a separate line item for the state's colleges and universities but rather was incorporated into the schools "base appropriation." This change caused considerable concern among the law's supporters. Some supporters were concerned that the waiver might be entirely eliminated based on the legislature's perception that newfound Indian income, largely based on gaming, made the program unnecessary. Responding to this point, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe noted in their written statement to the legislature that despite a public perception of new wealth among American Indians, the 1990 census revealed that 49 percent of Michigan's Indian population live at or below the poverty level.

Other supporters of the law worried that without a clearly defined fund to pay for American Indian tuition expenses, colleges and universities might be less willing to honor the state's commitment created through the law. These supporters drew their concerns from seeming inconsistencies in how the law is administered at the various state colleges and universities.

In November, voters may be asked if the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative should be adopted. In the next issue, we will examine this movement and how it may impact the Indian waiver.

Tribal board meeting brief

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians met for a general meeting on Sept. 5 in the Sault at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center. All board members were present. Minutes from board meetings on Aug. 1 and 15 were approved.

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

The board approved creating a committee consisting of elders from the Naubinway area of Unit II to aid the board in meeting the needs of elders in Unit II and adopted bylaws for the Land of Echoes Unit II Elderly Advisory

Subcommittee.

The bylaws of the Elderly Advisory Committee were amended to allow each member, including the chairman to be entitled to one vote for the adoption of any matter. Board members Dennis McKelvie, Robert LaPoint, Fred Paquin and Shirley Petosky opposed the measure.

The board approved an application to the U.S. Department of Justice to provide equipment and technical assistance to establish a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center to provide income tax preparation help to low income tribe members.

A tribal contribution was approved for the 2006-07 United Way campaign for a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$20,000 for Chippewa County along with a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$2,000 for Delta County. Board member McKelvie opposed the move and board member Gravelle abstained.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and all tribe members are invited to attend. Call (906) 635-6050 for meeting sites.

Board of directors open hours

Tribe 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:

- Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.
- Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear Arena.
- Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.
- Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.

Membership Q & A

Q: I recently received my membership identification in the mail and I am so happy and proud to be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. As I understand it, I will have to register to vote in an election unit. How do I determine what unit to vote in?

A: If you reside in the seven eastern counties in the Upper Peninsula then your residential address will automatically determine your election unit. If you reside elsewhere, then you will have to pick a unit of your choice. Many members will choose a unit that has a town they grew up in while others may currently have family living in one of the units. For more information contact Mike McKerchie, Election Committee chairman, at (906) 635-7035.

Q: I have been told that the tribe holds youth camps to teach the children cultural activities. Who would I contact for more information on the times and locations of these camps?

A: You may contact Bud Biron, camp coordinator, or Melissa Causley, assistant camp coordinator, at 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783. Phone number (906) 632-7494,



Fax (906) 632-7059.

If you have any other questions regarding history or culture, contact the tribe's Cultural Department at 206 Greenough Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783, (906) 632-7494.

—*Miigwetch, DJ and Clarence.*

Have a question about the tribe? You can write DJ Malloy or Clarence Hudak, executive membership liaisons, at the office of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal Chairperson, 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783 or email them at: dmalloy@saulttribe.net and chudak@saulttribe.net; or call them at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26021, toll free at (888) 942-2766, cell Phones, DJ, (906) 440-6861 and Clarence (906) 440-6855 or fax at (906) 632-6086.

Lincoln School moving fast



Shirley Petosky
Unit V Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

It's that time again. I get to talk and you are my captive audience. Ha!

I've been busy trying to find out how to assist people in their quest for help regarding health, housing and tribal enrollment.

I got to meet different school personnel in the Native studies classroom. Several of us were there for the 2% pictures. Also we went to the Women's Center in Marquette for pictures. The 2% money from the tribe is greatly appreciated in our communities. I've attended workshops, board meetings, elder meetings and dinners. I'm having a wonderful time meeting everyone.

The M.I.E.A. Conference is being hosted at the Sault in October.

Oct. 12-13 to be exact. Elders try to attend. Perhaps you can be a delegate.

Speaking of elders — The Elderly Westend Picnic was well attended by the Munising group — We didn't make the pictures, but we were there!

Again we have had good news on Lincoln School. It's moving along at a great pace.

Munising Tribal Housing is getting some much needed attention. Hopefully all things can be taken care of in a timely manner.

Snowballs are coming! I attended a meeting in Marquette that Aaron held at the University Center — small gathering — but a great meeting. Lots of concerns were raised, such as needed law enforcement at the tribal housing sites in the outlying areas. This is a big territory they have to cover. Then you add bad weather and deer to the equation and you can see why calls can't be answered in a short period of time. Many ideas were tossed around on ways to remedy this. My bet is "where there's a will there's a way" — we'll figure it out!

Please remember all of us in prayer. A lot of time is spent on the highway. Remember be good and fight nice — and may you receive a blessing today.

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Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

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6:30 to 11 p.m., Channel 8,
Fridays

Sault Ste. Marie
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mon-
days and Thursdays

St. Ignace
9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays

Escanaba and Manistique
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8,
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SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HEALTH COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies (different units)

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Commercial Fisherman Vacancy

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

ELECTION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

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

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Email: jcarr@saulttribe.net

Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

Date	Time	Unit/Location
Sept. 29/30	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino. Room TBA
Oct. 6/7	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit IV/St. Ignace Little Bear Facility
Oct. 20/21	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Nov. 3/4	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Petoskey/Location TBA
Nov. 17/18	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Dec. 1/2	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry Location TBA
Dec. 15/16	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA

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. For more information call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Planning — key to our future



DJ Hoffman
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

"Whatever failures I have known, whatever errors I have committed, whatever follies I have witnessed in private and public life have been the consequence of action without thought." — Bernard M. Baruch

It is imperative that we, as board members take each and every viewpoint into consideration when making decisions for the betterment of the membership of the tribe. Differing opinions often lead to constructive dialogue and productive results. Now, I would like to tell you that this has been the case with board functions, however, that is not the case. One essential element has been missing, RESPECT. It is OK to agree to disagree, and be respectful of those opinions that may not be your own. It is OK for board members to cast their votes differently. We must maintain a professional demeanor when

representing the membership of the tribe, and respect the positions that you have entrusted upon us. We must be knowledgeable of the issues at hand, and **we must have a plan** for the short and long term.

Over the past two months many difficult decisions have been made, and there will be many more in the months, and years to come. Among the issues that have become personalized are double dipping and the Escanaba Health/Community Center.

Double dipping

This is not a new issue. It has been discussed many times over the years. In fact, many of the individuals now serving on the tribal board of directors, including myself, have campaigned on eliminating this practice. The one thing that must be noted is that this issue is not personal. It is policy oriented. To some it may seem directed; however, to truly function without conflicts this issue must be addressed. To address this issue, I believe we must allow our membership the opportunity to vote on it once and for all.

Escanaba

A few years back the tribe built a beautiful facility within Unit IV, in Manistique. This facility was built to service the health needs of the unit, and left room for expansion. At a price tag of over \$4 million, it is truly the newest, and one of our finest facilities.

In the past two months the tribal board has had to make difficult decisions to benefit the entire membership of the tribe. Escanaba

was slated for a new health/community center. However, with current state of the tribe's finances, it is imperative that we scale back on facilities, and concentrate on services. In hindsight, it would have probably been much more effective, as well as efficient, to build a \$3 million facility in Manistique, and a \$1 Million dollar facility in Escanaba. **We must plan** more effectively to serve our Membership. It would be easy to refrain from difficult decision's, however, "The easiest path is not always the best path."

Strategic planning is an area that we must concentrate on in the near future for our tribe to ensure a successful future. **We must plan** where we want to be, where we want to go, and how we are going to make it happen. **Planning is essential** to this tribe's present and future successes.

Economic diversity and development must be a part of that plan. We must implement a "new" Economic Development Commission. Now, whenever one mentions the tribe's EDC discussions of the failures of the past are sure to resurface. We must learn from past mistakes, **plan appropriately**, and incorporate the expertise of our membership to ensure success. Diversification is the key to our tribe's long term success. Our tribes existing business can, and will remain successful if we properly promote, and develop their strengths while diminishing their respective weaknesses. For example:

- We utilize payroll deduct services for employee's at Northern Hospitality, why can't we use this same option for our Midjim store's.

- We give away cars and motorcycles in our casinos, why can't we give away recliners, and complete bedroom sets — thus cross marketing our businesses.

We can be successful!!!!!!!

Another key to our tribal membership's future success also lies in educational opportunities. I am extremely encouraged by the actions, and carefully **planned** approach by our new Education Director. I feel confident that she will be extremely successful in assisting our membership in achieving their respective educational goals.

On a similar note, I was recently informed that Bay Mills Community College is offering Regents Scholarships for tuition for members of Michigan tribes. The first 66 credits of the program are free of charge to any tribal member, regardless of blood quantum. For more information on this program visit them on the Web at: www.bmcc.edu.

While campaigning during the last election, I had the opportunity and distinct privilege of meeting many great people, and one such individual member was from the Grand Rapids area. After sitting and speaking to her and her daughter I learned many insightful things about the concerns of those out of the service area. One issue that some may take lightly is the timely receipt of their tribal

paper. I brought this issue up at my very first tribal workshop as a board member, and am please to see that the chairman is currently stressing this issue. As previously stated, it is imperative that we keep our membership informed, and in a timely manner. We must do this in the most effective and efficient manner. An easy solution would be to add funds to mail out the paper first class, however as stated: "The easiest path is not always the best path." **We must plan** accordingly to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. To those of you that gave me your insight, I thank you and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Finally, in my last report I spoke about blame. Now there is a distinct difference between blame and accountability. We must be accountable to our membership. We must keep you informed. We learn nothing from blaming each other. We progress by being held accountable for our actions or inactions.

"Don't throw stones at your neighbors, if your own windows are glass." — Benjamin Franklin

Sincerely,
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What you pass is what you have to follow



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

During our last two or three meetings an old issue has once again reared its ugly head — double dipping.

During a (2005) Hessel meeting, the board voted to send the double dipping issue to the constitutional convention. I thought they would take care of the issue — but that is not what the referendum stated.

The referendum stated:
"The issue of double dipping shall be put to a vote of the membership at the time of a constitutional convention."

Some say let the Constitutional Convention Committee take care of it. Others say that whether they put it in or not the members de-

serve to cast a vote on the issue.

So now a board member has brought it forward again, in three different forms, and it has been turned down by the board. There is a very split board. It has taken many hours, on many occasions to discuss this issue.

Now it is being brought forward as an amendment to our Constitution. By the time you read this report we will have addressed the issue once again, and I don't know what the outcome will be.

Even though I understand the board's vote, that is not what the voters voted on. With the referendum being final and binding, I believe we must follow it to the word just like when we discussed the election ordinance to see who could run. The intent was to have residency addressed in the requirement clearly. However, the wording in the document that was passed left room for exceptions to the intent. We followed the wording in its approved form, not the intent. We must do so again.

What you pass is what you have to follow.

Intent doesn't mean it when you want it to and not when you don't. We cannot pick and choose.

Now I am going go back in history. An elder came to our last meeting and read a letter about the board's conduct. I don't disagree

with the board being confrontational, but if the board would've been this confrontational in past we wouldn't have the problems we have today. There is no more yes board.

If the leaders of the past and present, Bernard, Aaron, Paul, Mike and others, would've put all of their energy and talents into the tribe we'd be so much further ahead. All that energy and hatred needs to be directed to the problems that we have today.

The 7 + 2 litigation is moving forward. The more and more that I hear, the more worried I get! The money belonged to our members and I'd like to see it back. However, when our leadership talks about violating individual Constitutional rights at public meetings, this may not have helped our case. When the board voted to restrict people from outside, and others, from running with litigation it is now deemed unconstitutional. And now it's unconstitutional to talk about double dipping. How do you correct it? Let the members decide!

A lot of people think we have a cookie cutter Constitution. I believe we have a good one that needs corrections. We now have to go through the BIA to get it done. How long it takes is still up for debate. Our Constitution allows

the people the right to referendum. It is binding and final, nobody can override it. So if you want to separate the powers or address double dipping — put out a referendum. It would be nice to see what the members think. We do not need to pay lawyers hundreds of thousands of dollars to find out what you think.

On Sept. 11, we dedicated a monument to all Native veterans. Somewhere in this paper you'll probably see a picture of its dedication. The colors of our flag are red, yellow, black and white — these are the colors of the people who fought for all of us. Some of us came home and were spit upon. Do not allow our members/soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan come home to a divided country or tribe. Right or wrong they are heros and should be treated as such. As a veteran it is very moving and emotional to see all of those veterans at the memorial and look at something that is rewarding. We have done something other than the 7 + 2 litigation. We put a tribal member in charge and he excelled. Many thanks to Ed Cook!

The idea of expansion will continue in the tribe. I am of the firm belief we cannot afford to expand. Casino dollars are drying up; federal dollars are not

what they once were, as well as increased expenses. I'd rather do it smartly than have to cut it again tomorrow.

Leadership traits

Leadership is more than a position and power. Leadership is not always fun. Doing the right thing is not always the most popular. When you are put in the position of leadership you must lead. Do what is best for all, and not a select few.

An old saying in the military is, "lead, follow or get out of the way." This might sound cold, but we have members counting on us to do what is best for the tribe. What is best for the tribe might not be best for certain units, or certain groups. That is what leadership is. Making the hard decisions, standing up for what you believe in. Even though others may not feel this way, I do! I believe that people were put in office to serve the people; it's not just a popularity contest.

My next unit report will break down the flaws, contracts, who did what and when. I will be writing about it all.

Until then, thank you!

Sincerely,
Dennis McKelvie,
(906) 632-7267.

We must improve the way we do business



Bob LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

As the overall economy has slowed down, the gradual impact this will have on our gaming revenues will be a new problem we will have to face. Even Las Vegas is beginning to feel the pinch. It is being reported that Las Vegas casinos are down as much as 4 percent this past summer. Las Vegas has not had a decline since 1974. Recent evidence shows that Michigan unemployment is the highest in the nation. I believe there is a way we can increase our business but this will take developing some new ideas on how to attract visitors to our area.

The down turn in the economy could last for years and this will

impact all of our expenditures. Adjusting to the adverse effects of the total economic change is going to take some creative ideas so we can remain a dynamic and productive organization. If we don't move in another direction we may have to impose relative hardships on our budget. Right now the dollar is weak against the Canadian dollar. I think we should offer incentives for Canadians to cross the border. We could invite them to visit our casinos and to play at par. I think the difference is only about nine cents on the dollar.

Another thing we need to do is get rid of those stupid TV ads. I just cringe when I see them, I even change the channel because I think they are so bad. I don't know what the message is, they appear dishonest to me. The one where the crazy guy lies to the dog and then lies to the woman. Are we trying to promote getting lucky in the casino or getting lucky with finding a woman. The one where the crazy guy steals the candy from the machine seems very unethical to me. We can do better. There is a lot of public dissatisfaction right now and our performance and service needs to be extra special. We are even getting some bad raps on the travel blogs. One travel blog that averages about 20,000 hits per

day is not being very kind to our mess at the St. Ignace casino. The consequence of this is going to put more stress on our management and they are going to have to readjust to deal with this negative publicity.

This was a major business investment and was designed for capital formation over the next five and ten years. We can't continue to be competitive and sustain our comparative advantage if our reputation is being raked over the coals. We can't just sweep this under the rug.

Many members are asking some real tough questions about the need for various programs. I think more can be accomplished but we may have to use some different approaches. There is a Tribal member who is operating a business in the Detroit area. The name of her business is American Heritage Employment Services. I have been evaluating her program for sometime now. There is a strong need to help our members in that part of the State. She has a program where she can help Tribal members find jobs, help native contractors get minority preference, and even help those with disabilities find help. She is not asking for any funding from the Tribe, on the contrary, she has volunteered the use of her office

to effectively coordinate whatever programs we can offer. This is the kind of cooperation we need. Maybe more emphasis on working with the private sector within our Tribe will help develop a long range perspective on supply related policy.

As we move away from this last election we now must make effort to improve the way we do business. I think it is time to stop all the politics and get down to business. Part of the debate is likely to focus on whether particular economic goals can be achieved. I would like to see increased cooperation so we can tackle some of our common problems in promoting the Upper Peninsula. There is one such project underway and that is the preservation of the Fort de Buade museum in St. Ignace. I read where director Massaway is supporting such an effort. I recently visited the museum and I agree, it is worth saving. The meeting I attended was very enlightening. The meeting was visited by Pam Tessler from Pemmetang, Canada. Ms. Tessler is the director of programs and research for a museum in Pemmetang and she said "there is not another Indian museum like Fort de Buade any where in the state or Canada." She said "that the collection at the St. Ignace museum is priceless." The ap-

praised value is around \$600,000 dollars but "if you tried to replace it today it would cost over five million dollars." The Tribe had the opportunity to purchase the building and the collection a year ago and we declined. It may be possible for us to now help in another way. The Michilimackinac Historical Society has purchased the operation and have taken local responsibility for the day to day management. The museum is a magnet to attract visitors to the area and we should support their efforts. It may take some public and private subsidies. The Tribe should be willing to help and I would support a portion of the 2% money to help in this effort.

The key issue that needs to be addressed is how can we expand our business and promote our interests. One way is to partner with other organizations and develop some methods in marketing where we share the cost. A broader approach to advertising is in everyone's best interest. If you have any ideas or comments, please feel free to contact me, Bob LaPoint, (906) 493-5311.

Board has nowhere left to hide



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

At the Sept. 5, 2006, board meeting in the Sault, as promised, I brought forward yet another resolution that banned board members from also being employees

of the Tribe. As a compromise, and in order to finally address this issue once and for all, this resolution would have allowed those board members who are now employees to be exempted (or grand fathered in) from this resolution until the next election. The board once again failed to address the issue and punted the football to the constitutional conventional committee.

The board has let down the membership again and is running for cover by sending this issue to the constitutional convention committee. Everyone knows that this is simply another delay tactic so when you talk to your board members simply ask them why don't they just be honest and just tell you the truth--- that they do not have the courage to do the right thing. They say that they want to address the issue yet they

keep finding excuses to not deal with it. Well, I plan to submit a resolution at the September 19, 2006 board meeting that calls for a "vote of the people" to amend the constitution to ban this practice. The board members say that is what they want so here is their chance once and for all.

The resolution that the membership voted upon states quite clearly that the board will send "to a vote of the people at the time of the constitutional convention" the issue of whether employees may also serve as board members.

It is my position that under our constitution a referendum is "final and binding" on the Tribe. To not send this issue to a vote of the people in accordance with our constitution would violate our constitution. If the board members continue to delay and waiver and

find excuses to not address this issue by a vote the membership must start to ask themselves if these board members are violating our constitution by not allowing the membership an opportunity to simply vote on this issue.

If so, then the membership can neither trust these board members to uphold the constitution and continue to "cut-and-run" on the issue and never be held accountable. In the end, it is really up to you to make sure that your board members follow the constitution. If you do not hold them accountable, then you surrender your constitutional rights to the convenience and whims of tribal politicians.

I also plan to ask the board to create an Editorial Advisory Board for our Tribal Newspaper. This board would be created to ensure that the stories presented

in our newspaper are both objective and informative and not just political rhetoric. Nearly every newspaper in this country has such an advisory board to oversee and ensure that the stories presented in their newspapers are free from bias and present a complete picture of the news.

I truly hope that the board can agree that this advisory board is needed to ensure that we have sufficient oversight of the tribal newspaper by the community to instill confidence by the membership that the news presented in the paper is objective, reliable and relevant to the membership.

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

Veterans Memorial for Native Americans: A very moving image



Keith Massaway
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

On 9/11 we dedicated a beautiful Veterans Memorial honoring our Native Warriors. The ceremony was well attended by veterans and supporters. After the dedication a soup and frybread meal was served and stories and experiences were relayed and enjoyed amongst all in attendance. One piece of information that stuck with me the rest of the day was the fact that no other nationality had a higher per capita percentage of participation in WW II than the Native Americans. My father was in the Navy in WW II and would have been very proud that the tribal community has honored its people for the service they pro-

vided to keep this country free. I have been asked by a few people why the Vietnam War is not on the monument. The whole center of the memorial is dedicated to Vietnam. In the center is the Vietnam Service Ribbon and the image on the large black piece of granite is of the Vietnam Wall in Washington. It is a very moving image, one that has to be seen in person.

I have been to many meetings in the last month including and elder sub-committee and a tribal youth meeting. The youth meeting had upwards of 15 in attendance. They have begun their election process of their president and vice

president along with the other officials. This is a great experience for our youth and a chance to understand first hand how a governing body works. The group also deals with acquiring and administering of grants. They are in the process of executing one now. This training is invaluable to them whether they return to work for the tribe or not. This program has many more goals and lessons and with all of them are the teachings of the seven grandfathers and our other cultural beliefs. If you have any questions about this program or any other questions please contact me. Thank you for all the calls and your cards.

Please feel free to contact me or leave a message at anytime. Keith Massaway, 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981.

The deadline for submissions to the next issue of The Sault Tribe News is 9 a.m., Monday, Oct. 2.

It is a right for members to vote for who they want



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

First I would like to apologize to the membership. I have never written articles that have sounded negative and I really don't want to start now. This past several weeks the same resolution is coming up, directed at me for being employed by the tribe. I have run for the board twice since being the Chief of Police and my employment is not a secret. I have been a very active officer in the community and have received over \$5.5 million in grant funds and numerous awards of recognition from outside state and federal agencies. I document all of my hours working to show that I put in over my 40 hours in law enforcement. As a board

member I have been very active in my unit and the tribe.

If members choose not to vote because I am employed with the tribe I respect their position. I still believe it is a members right to vote for who they want to represent them.

This issue has already been brought to the members to vote on. As a matter of fact, it is brought up to the members every two years in the election cycle. It is obvious a majority of the members in Unit III are against the resolution 1,034 to 410, the election results when I ran two years ago. This quasi-referendum already states the voters concerns. How can we allow voters in different units to decide who you can vote for and who gets elected. This decision is already in the hands of the members and will remain there every time they vote. Everybody says, "Let the members decide." They already have.

The last several weeks I have been attacked by a board member that continues to bring the resolution up in several different ways. I find it very disturbing that this individual is trying to remove me or eliminate competition; I'm not sure what his objective is. But, I guess we need to look the other way since he is on felony drug charges. I do find it interesting that all of this has started since he

has been charged. Is this because I'm in law enforcement or on the board? I'm not sure.

There is concern that this issue of working for the tribe would not go to the constitutional convention. This is the only issue that seems to be a concern of some board members. If they are worried about each individual issue, then I believe that each issue should be brought to the membership to vote on. I really feel that several issues such as a board member being arrested and not having to step down until adjudication is completed is an issue, but if an employee is caught under the same circumstance while working, they would be suspended or terminated.

Again I apologize for any negative tone this article has taken, but I feel the membership needs to be aware of the possible reasons behind these attacks.

On another note, there has been a lot of rumors regarding the St. Ignace casino. This is being addressed and I hope soon the property issue will be resolved and there will be gaming in our new facility. It should be noted that even with tourism down, the St. Ignace casino revenue was still up 11 percent for the month of August.

Black Bears change name, logo and home ice

By RICK SMITH

The Northern Michigan Black Bears hockey team changed its name and logo to that of the venerable Soo Indians of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) and changed home ice from Little Bear East in St. Ignace to the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Once again, Indians fans can see their team on the ice at Chi Mukwa. Any similarities in the relationships between the old and new Soo Indians and the Sault Tribe stop at that point. While the Chi Mukwa was home of the Soo Indians in the past, the new team is under a completely different managerial arrangement with our tribe. The Soo Indians are now under new ownership, management, staff and players. While Sault Tribe funded the Soo Indians in the past, this new team is on its own when it comes to financing and the Soo Indians team is merely a Chi Mukwa client.

Charlie Perdicaro, a New York land developer and hockey aficionado, bought out the struggling Black Bears last Aug. 2 and he was also able to acquire the Soo Indians name and logo. Viola! The Black Bears become the Soo Indians and remain the only American team in the NOJHL.

According to the Soo Indians Web site, local American Indians and Soo Indians hockey have been closely connected since the team was established in 1939 by former Olympian and Chicago Black Hawks player Taffy Abel, who is Sault Ste. Marie's most

honored American Indian athlete. The Soo Indians team, which was first a senior team and later a professional farm club for the Detroit Red Wings, was the pride of what was then the brand new Pullar Building on Portage Street. A new home, the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, housed the last edition of the Soo Indians.

While under a senior affiliation from 1939-1961, the Soo Indians won one United States Amateur Championship (1940-1941) and various league and playoff titles. The club folded twice during the 1940s, mainly do to World War II, but came back strong in the 1950s and was one of the dominant teams in the NOHA, serving as a feeder program to the National Hockey League. Under owner Whiz McNaughton in 1966, the Soo Indians re-established themselves as a Junior B club and competed in the Northern Ontario Hockey League and International League. They won league playoffs in 1969, 1970, '73, '77, '78, '82, '83, and '85, and four Northern Ontario playoff titles. In 1970, the Soo was the first U.S. team to compete in the all-Ontario Championships.

The Sault Tribe re-introduced the Indians franchise in 1995 and the Indians spent 10 years in the NAHL before folding the team in 2005.

The present owners and coaching staff said they will once again strive to showcase the area's best young hockey talent and gain national recognition while serving as a developmental program.

National Indian Gaming Association issues statements on H.R. Bill 4893 suspension calendar vote

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and a clear majority of Indian tribes nationwide are strongly opposed to H.R. 4893, as marked up by the House Resources Committee.

The bill is wrong because landless, restored, and acknowledged tribes will be treated as second class sovereigns. Before they can use their lands, these tribes would have to jump through many new hoops — the Secretary of the Interior, the state Governor and local governments must all agree before they can even open a bingo hall.

While the Committee tried to improve the local government provision, its effort to provide mandatory arbitration between tribal and local governments is unconstitutional because it forces a state subdivision to participate in a federal regulatory regime.

"While the House Resources Committee left the door open for many off-reservation projects through a grandfather clause and other amendments adopted today, some tribes were arbitrarily cutoff. Some of those had the support of the state governor and local communities. The arbitrary lines drawn by the bill once again show that Congress should stop this bill and let the Secretary do

his job," said Ernest L. Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association.

On Sept. 13, the U.S. House of Representatives debated whether to pass H.R. 4893 on the House suspension calendar. Passing a bill on suspension requires a two-thirds majority "yes" vote. The bill failed to gain the required majority and must proceed through the House regular order. NIGA and its member tribes were concerned about passage of H.R. 4893 without a full debate because we believe the bill is both unnecessary and wrong.

First, the bill is unnecessary because the Secretary of Interior is working on a regulation to better define the procedures for IGRA's Section 20 application process for gaming on Indian lands acquired after 1988. We believe regulations will ensure a thorough federal government consultation process with states, local governments and tribal officials.

Second, the bill wrongly subordinates Indian tribes to local governments concerning the use of tribal lands.

Third, the bill threatens existing Indian land and property rights. In addition, the bill strips the authority of state governors to enter into agreements with tribal

governments.

"We want to thank tribal leaders and organizations who worked very hard to have their voices heard in opposition to H.R. 4893. Amending IGRA is far too important without a full and fair debate on the House floor," said Ernest Stevens, Jr., Chairman of NIGA. "Today's vote gives the Secretary of Interior a chance to issue his regulations on this important matter."

The final House vote was 247 to 171, the bill fell short of the needed two-thirds majority to pass. NIGA and a clear majority of Indian tribes and organizations nationwide are strongly opposed to H.R. 4893, as marked up by the House Resources Committee.

The National Indian Gaming Association is a nonprofit trade association comprised of 184 American Indian Nations and other nonvoting associate members. The mission of NIGA is to advance the lives of Indian people economically, socially and politically.

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Step up to defend our tribe's sovereignty

By KENNETH ERMATINGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GAMING COMMISSION AND MAGHAN KELLY POWELL, FEDERAL LIAISON

Silently and almost without notice, the federal government is poised to take tribal sovereignty rights away from tribal nations of the United States. The United States Senate and House of Representatives are quickly and quietly moving legislation through which would reduce tribal government's status to the level of county leadership positions.

Downgrading tribal governmental status would have far-reaching impacts, effecting interpretation of U.S. tribal treaties, federal and state tax law, tribal economic development rights, tribal religious and cultural rights, and much more.

To many, Senate Bill 2078 and House Resolution 4893 look harmless. On their face, the proposals appear to concern only gaming issues. The resulting precedents of each legislative action however, would likely destroy long-recognized rights of tribes to self-govern. S.2078 requires tribes to hand over many day-to-day economic development contracting decisions to the federal government. H.R. 4893 requires tribal governments to obtain permission from local and county governments to operate economic development

activities off-reservation (even if the activities are on tribally-owned lands). In the end, both pieces of legislation would result in a catastrophic loss of tribal sovereignty rights.

Tribe members, as well as others, who wish to protect our tribe and the tribal nations throughout the United States, must act now. The Senate and House will be voting on these measures soon. People of any age can write their senators and representatives and express their opposition to the legislation. If time is limited, confine letters to the U.S. Senate (the greatest chance of defeating the legislation is likely to be in the Senate). It is important that as many people as possible let Congress know that passage of legislation would be crippling to Indian Country. It is imperative for those wishing to protect tribal sovereignty to take action.

Let your voice be heard. Write Senator Carl Levin, Russell Senate Building, Room 269, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; Senator Debbie Stabenow, Hart Office Building, Room 133, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; and congressman Bart Stupak, Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2352, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Bill may boost indigenous language immersion programs

BY RICK SMITH

Representative Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-Calif.) offered a disturbing prediction that serves as a warning to educators and members of Indian Country that only 20 indigenous languages will survive over the next 40 years.

McKeon, chairman of the U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee, spoke in Albuquerque, N.M., on Sept. 1 during one of the hearings on the Native American Languages Preservation Act. The hearing put the spotlight on the decline of Indian languages and the lack of adequate efforts to curtail that trend.

The legislation is sponsored by Representative Heather Wilson (R-N.M.) and would establish grants for Indian language educational organizations, schools, governments and groups trying to preserve indigenous culture and language by using immersion programs.

She said Indian Country, in some areas, absolutely needs this kind of help. "As a result of this rapid decline, some communities across the country have made language recovery and preservation one of their highest priorities," said Wilson.

Wilson added that once a language is lost, it can never be

recovered and that would be a shame because, she said, "Native languages are part of our rich heritage."

Ryan Wilson, president of the National Indian Education Association, told committee members that indigenous languages are still used for ceremonies, prayers, stories and songs. "Our languages connect us to our ancestors, our traditional ways of life and our histories. For us, the survival of our cultures and identities is inextricably linked to the survival of our languages. "If our languages die, then it is inevitable that our cultures will die next," he said.

Lawrence feted by proclamation

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Sault Tribe member Verna Lawrence, a long-standing local politician, was honored by a City of Sault Ste. Marie proclamation establishing Sept. 7 as Verna Lawrence Appreciation Day recognizing her longevity in local service.

The event featured an afternoon open house at Pullar Stadium with food, beverages and salutations from colleagues, friends, acquaintances and supporters along with the presentation of the proclamation.

According to a press release, Lawrence's political career started in 1971 when she was elected to

the Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools Board of Education. She also served on the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and took a crack at the Senate in 1978. She was elected to the Sault Ste. Marie City Commission in 1975 where she remained until being elected as the first female and first American Indian mayor of the Sault in 2001. She lost a re-election bid after her first mayoral term but she was returned to the commission in 2005 where she remains at this time.

Lawrence also served, or serves, on the Chippewa County League of Women Voters, the Bi-National Public Advisory

Committee, the International Joint Commission, chaired the Chippewa County Cancer Society and sat on the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Committee.

"It was a special day put on for me by my friends and supporters," said Lawrence. She said she also received congratulations from Sault, Ont., Senators Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow, Congressman Bart Stupak and Sault American Legion Post III, "It was a great day, people enjoyed it and there was a pretty good showing."

Asked about what the future might hold, "Who knows," she said. "We'll see what happens."

Bill would provide tribal burial grounds for veterans

BY RICK SMITH

The Native American Veterans Cemetery Act will allow honorably discharged American Indian veterans to be buried on their reservations along with their brethren in arms in special veterans burial grounds. Both the House and Senate included the measure in comprehensive veterans bills approved last month.

The bills are headed to a conference committee scheduled to meet after Congress returns this month.

Representative Tom Udall, (D-N.M.), said the bill would authorize states to receive grant funding through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for developing or improving veterans cemeteries on tribal land. Presently, tribal governments are not eligible for such funding.

According to the VA, the U.S. has an estimated 185,000 American Indians veterans. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, nearly 20,000 people on active duty are classified as

American Indian as of December 2005.

States already receive funding from the federal government to support veterans cemeteries within their boundaries. However, those cemeteries do not allow for certain rituals performed in funeral services for veterans.

"This is about recognizing that it's not just the states that have rights — tribes, too, should have these rights," Udall said.

New brochure makes smart fish choices easy

BY JENNIFER M. DALE BURTON

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — A new publication outlining wise fish consumption in the northern Great Lakes is now available to the public. A family guide to eating fish called *Eat Fish But Choose Wisely* is a brochure on how to choose and prepare northern Great Lakes fish as part of a healthy diet.

Omega-3 fatty acids are plentiful in many Great Lakes fish species, most notably lake whitefish and herring with levels higher than salmon and tuna. But other kinds of fish must be chosen and processed with care by populations who need fish but are vulnerable to contaminants like mercury and PCBs. This group includes children of all ages, expectant mothers and their developing fetus, seniors and people whose diet includes a high percentage of fish, such as American Indians. While the brochure was developed especially for these vulnerable populations, it is a valuable guide for everyone.

Eat Fish But Choose Wisely teaches the reader how to select fish with the least mercury and the most omega-3 fatty acids; how to clean and trim fish properly to reduce other contaminants such as PCBs and how to cook fish to enjoy the highest health benefits.

Choosing fish is made easy by sticking to three key guidelines easily recalled as "source, species and size."

Source — Some lakes and rivers have less contaminants than others do. For example, Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron have lower levels of mercury than inland lakes and reservoirs.

Species — Fish that eat other fish tend to build up more contaminants in their flesh. Also, some species grow more slowly, allowing time for contaminants to build up. For example, the low-mercury lake whitefish eats few fish.

Size — Choose smaller fish of the species. Larger fish eat other large fish, building up even more contaminants.

The *Eat Fish But Choose Wisely* Project is a collaboration between the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. (ITC), Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) and Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). Project educational materials and the scientific research upon which they are based were made possible by an U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) grant.

Individuals, health professionals and educators are all encouraged to use the family guide to eating fish, *Eat Fish But Choose Wisely*.

To obtain copies of the brochure, contact Jennifer M. Dale-Burton at (906) 632-0043, or email jmdale@chippewaottawa.org. To view the brochure online visit www.itch.org/eatfishwisely or CORA's Web site at www.1836cora.org.

Federal program helps needy entrepreneurs

BY RICK SMITH

American Indians are one of several minority groups who long have been socially and economically disadvantaged when it comes to becoming part of the realm of American business. This is changing with the help of the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Business Development Program.

For decades, Congress has sought programs to spur economic development in American Indian communities, but decades of failure demonstrated the difficulty of easing the entrenched poverty in Indian Country. However, American Indian contractors across the nation are realizing the positive effects of the 8(a) program. The program appears to be a rare example of a federal policy that works and is bringing hope back to our communities.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs heard in recent testimony that indicated the program is one of the most successful laws enacted by Congress to bring self-sufficiency and economic development to Indian Country.

Citing literature from the SBA, the 8(a) program is the SBA's effort to promote equal access for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in the business sector of the nation's economy. Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include American Indians, Afro-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific-Americans and Subcontinent Asian-Americans. Individuals who are not members of these minority groups who can demonstrate they are socially and economically disadvantaged also

may be eligible.

Benefits of participation in the 8(a) program include business development assistance. A business opportunity specialist will be assigned to each firm participating in the program. That person is responsible for providing the firm with access to assistance that can help the firm fulfill its business goals in marketing, financing, management, surety bonding, procurement, counseling and training.

Many other counseling resources remain available to participating firms.

More benefits for participating firms come in the form of government contract opportunities. SBA documents indicate the administration makes extensive efforts to provide contracting opportunities to participating businesses. The SBA maintains close contact with federal agencies to keep government personnel informed of the 8(a) program goals and procedures and to request that contract opportunities be reserved for the program. While the SBA cannot guarantee any specific amount of government business for each firm, officials do maintain data on government requirement trends to anticipate the nature and volume of business opportunities.

In addition, the SBA may enter into prime contracts with U.S. departments and agencies to provide goods and services, the SBA then subcontracts the actual performance on the contracts to 8(a) firms. Participating 8(a) firms may also enter into contracts directly with over a dozen federal agencies and departments through memorandums of understanding.

For further details, go to www.sba.gov/8abd.

Health 101: College students need to take charge of their health care

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — When young men and women head off to college, many will think about the excitement and anxiety of being away from home, kick-starting their adult lives, and smaller details such as buying books and finding their way around campus.

With the myriad issues they may face in college — from vaccinations to mental health to alcohol and food consumption — learning about their own health care is one of the most important tasks for college students to take on, says Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School.

"Going to college is a tremendous opportunity and a great time in a young person's life," he says. "It's also a time when students, many of them for the first time, need to really think about their own health and becoming a health care consumer. It's very important that they should be active and begin to be a little more assertive as they take charge of their health care."

The issues faced by many students include vaccinations, depression and other mental health concerns, alcohol consumption, and food and nutrition. Vaccinations — Many colleges and universities now require a vaccination for meningococcal meningitis, a potentially fatal bacterial infection.

Depression — "We all know

that this transition from home to college is a very turbulent time, but I don't think it's the movement to college per se that's really the issue," Schwenk says. "We just know that depression as a biologic disease is appearing at an earlier and earlier age. So, a disease we used to think of as striking in the 30s and 40s is now a disease of the teens and 20s."

Alcohol — Schwenk says parents, roommates and individual students all can play a role in preventing over-consumption of alcohol.

Roommates and friends, he says, share some social responsibility — though no legal requirement — for confronting someone who is consuming too much alcohol. One option is to ask an older student or resident adviser to step in and discuss the potentially destructive consequences of such behavior, he says.

Food and nutrition — The "freshman 15" may be too simplistic, Schwenk says, but it is true that many students experience noticeable weight fluctuations during the first year at college. In other words, be careful at the cafeteria buffet line.

Another problem is the lack of activity. Schwenk suggests that students find new activities — walking across campus with friends, going to the campus gym — to remain active and help keep off extra pounds.

Five a day for better health plan

SUBMITTED BY BETTY NOLAND

Imagine a scientific discovery that could save three to four million people a year from developing cancer; that would reduce your risk of heart disease by 40 percent; that could knock out almost half of neural birth defects; that may help eliminate the need for high blood pressure medication and help control blood sugar naturally. This one amazing development could save us billions of dollars a year in medical costs, lost productivity and lost lives.

And if this one discovery were available, who wouldn't jump at the chance to get their hands on it?

Here's the good news — this health-protecting marvel has already been discovered and it's just sitting in your supermarket waiting for you. Walk down the produce aisle, stroll through the frozen food section and take a look at the endless rows of canned goods. That's right — the wonder-discovery is (are you ready?) plain old fruits and vegetables. Eating five or more servings of produce a day will help you reap a host of health benefits — and much, much more.

Fruits and vegetables are full of vitamins and minerals that keep your body strong and ward off illness and disease. They're packed

with antioxidants, chemicals that protect you from free radicals—substances in your body that go around causing cell damage that may cause cancer, heart disease, cataracts and other health problems. They also contain phytonutrients, natural plant supplements that work with vitamins, minerals and fiber to protect against disease. Add all this to the fact that fruits and vegetables are one of the top sources of dietary fiber, which can do everything from helping lower your cholesterol and control your blood sugar to preventing gastrointestinal problems and helping you lose weight, and you'll realize that no other food or supplement can even touch the prevention and healing power of fruits and vegetables.

From this one easy change in your lifestyle, you'll receive the endless benefit of having more energy to gain a top defense against a host of diseases.

While some may say that fruits and vegetables are a bit pricey, compare them with the cost of supplements, medications, medical bills and gas to travel for medical appointments. It's possibly the cheapest form of proven health protection out there.

To get started, study what you are doing now. How many fruits and vegetables are you eating with

your meals? Gradually increase the amount by trying one of the following: a glass of juice at breakfast, a banana for a snack, carrot sticks and an apple with your sandwich at lunch or a tossed salad and green beans with your chicken and potatoes at supper. Keep a mix of fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables on hand to make your goal of five or more servings a day easier to achieve. Can or freeze fall produce such as tomatoes, squash and pumpkin. To expand your produce horizons, buy one new produce item each week and gradually build up an arsenal of fruits and vegetables in your meal regimen.

For more information or recipes, contact your local nutritionist or visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web site, www.5aday.gov.

Taken from 5 a day — the better health cookbook.



Active Aging Week begins on Sept. 25

"It's never too late!" is the message of Active Aging Week which runs from Sept. 25 through Oct. 1. According to the International Council on Active Aging, a little more activity today can lead to a happier, healthier life in later years.

One of the best ways to increase physical activity is to find someone to be active with. Social support is one of the biggest reasons that people stick with a program of regular physical activity. So why not start a walking group? There are many good reasons to walk with a friend.

- It's safer than walking alone.
- It relieves boredom.
- It's fun and motivating.
- It gives you a chance to interact with others and strengthen relationships.

• It increases your commitment and holds you accountable to your walking program.

The Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie has a great indoor walking track where people can meet and walk together no matter what the weather. Other communities may have similar facilities or places to walk, for instance, schools may have times open for walkers or walkers may meet at malls or stores like Wal-Mart or K-Mart. When the weather is good, there are many

trails and parks where walkers can enjoy the beauty of northern Michigan.

If your walking group is interested, you may want to hold occasional meetings to invite a speaker to talk on a health subject of interest or you could share articles on health and fitness or success stories of health improvement among group members. The group may want to invest in walking tools like pedometers or ski-walking poles.

Some great resources for walking programs are available on the American Association of Retired Persons Web site at www.aarp.org/health/fitness/walking. Two interactive programs, *Get Fit on Route 66* and *Step Up to Better Health*, are great ways to log your steps and chart your progress. They are free to everyone. Just log on and register.

It is also never too late to quit tobacco abuse. If you smoke or chew commercial tobacco you can enjoy health benefits almost immediately after quitting. One year after quitting you reduce your risk of heart disease by one half.

For more information or resources to increase physical activity or to quit tobacco abuse, call Donna Norkoli at Sault Tribe Community Health Services at (906) 635-8844.

Newberry Youth and Family Health Fair



Left: Tom Sauro, community health technician, checks the hearing of Paige Kohnert, 4, who visited the health fair with her father, Nathan. Right: Michigan State Police officer Steve Derusha fits Taylor Bryant for a free bicycle helmet provided by McDonalds. Seven free helmets were given to kids who came to the fair.



Photos by Gail Sulander

Newberry Tribal Health Center hosted their annual Youth and Family Health Fair. Fun and educational activities at the fair included screenings of blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and body mass index by the staff of Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and Wellness Center. Hands-on bead

work and healthy movement with native dance, fishing for prizes, hearing tests and other health and fun exhibits help fill out a busy afternoon with healthy snacks keeping everybody's taste buds happy.

Walking the talk for family fitness

As parents, how many times have you heard yourself tell your children, "Turn off the video games or TV and try running off some of that extra energy," or "Exercise will make you strong and healthy." If you are not physically active yourself, those words can lose their impact very quickly. Kids respond better to parents who are willing to walk the talk themselves.

Physical activity is far more than just jogging and weight lifting. A good activity is one that is fun and gets your body moving. Gardening and raking leaves are two examples of good activities that many people overlook.

Making physical activity a family affair is a sure way to inject healthful changes.

Author Ann Douglas had these suggestions for an ideal family fitness activity in an article she wrote titled *Resolve to Get Your Kids Moving*.

• Activities that will appeal to both children and adults, such as swimming, cross-country skiing, walking, biking and roller skating are activities that appeal to both young and old. They're a better bet than activities that are more suited to members of one age group, but not the other. Remember, the name of the game is to choose an activity that each

member of the family can enjoy together, regardless of age, fitness level or ability.

• Look for activities that are convenient to do. The easier you make it for everyone to be active, the more likely everyone will make the effort. It's one thing to get a family membership at the swimming pool down the street, it's quite another to purchase one at the pool across town. Be honest with yourself, how often are you going to want to pile everyone into the van to make that trek to the pool? Probably not often enough to make that pool membership worthwhile.

• Seek activities that are bud-

get-friendly. There are already enough demands on your pay check. Why put more pressure on your budget when there are so many inexpensive, even free, ways to stay fit? That's not to say that you shouldn't be prepared to invest some money in your family's fitness activities. Just don't make the mistake of assuming that you have to spend a fortune in order to reap the benefits of physical fitness.

• Select activities that can be enjoyed in a family-friendly environment. There's no point purchasing a family membership at your local gym if children aren't particularly welcome there.

Remember, there can be a world of difference between what the fitness facility's brochure says and how the staff members and other clients actually feel about having children at the gym.

To read the entire article, go to www.geoparent.com/health/wellness/familyfitness.htm.

Kick off your efforts toward family fitness. Join us at the Rez Walk and Play at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30, at the powwow grounds across from the Nigaanigiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Michelle Willis at Community Health (906) 632-5210.

Unit V YEA kids visit Oswald Bear Farm and Seney Wildlife Refuge



SUBMITTED BY CINDY BLANK, YEA SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR UNIT V

A Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities service coordinator for Unit V, along with Title VII Native American Education Program students, participated in a field trip to the Oswald Bear Farm and the Seney Wildlife Refuge. There were 15 students who participated in this event along with four adults. Children spent the day learning about bears and the kind of habitat they live in. Above left: Each of the students had the chance to pet a baby bear cub. Above right: At the Seney Wildlife Refuge the students learned what different animal tracks look like in the hands on exhibit. They also had a chance to see different types of birds. This was a great learning experience for the children and the weather was a typical nice summer day!

Stork Report . . .



Ethan Joseph Eggert was born June 21, 2006, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He weighed seven pounds, 10.5 ounces at birth. His proud parents are Elizabeth and Julius Eggert.



Proud parents Jill and Mike Romano announce the birth of their daughter, **Camden Jacklyn Romano**, on July 21, 2006. Camden weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.75 inches in length. Grandparents are Lyle and Cheri Hoornstra and Mike and Teri Romano.



Mason Joe Charles Bird was born June 29, 2006, at Cheboygan hospital to proud parents Ryan and Heather Bird of Moran. He weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Ulmstead and Suggitt engaged



Edmond and Ann Ulmstead of Dearborn, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Ulmstead to Thomas Alan Suggitt, son of Alan and Anne Suggitt of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. A Dec. 30, 2006, wedding is planned.

Young cancer survivor participates in Relay for Life



On July 28, 2006, Gaven Gustafson participated in the Relay for Life Walk held at the St. Ignace High School.

Gaven was diagnosed with a rare cancer called Wilm's Tumor when he was only six months old. He had to have his right kidney removed as well as part of his left. He is a survivor and just celebrated his fourth birthday on July 17.

His parents, Dara and Dave Kellan; brother, Garrett; grandfather, Robert Roger Horn; cousins,

Brittany and Brendan Baker; aunt, Dawn Baker; and family friends Crystal Sayles, and Parker Tracey attended the event and walked in his honor.

Gaven's family is very proud of him and loves him very much and hopes he continues to have many Relay for Life Walks.

Shown in the photo is Gaven Gustafson wearing his Relay for Life medal with his big brother Garrett hugging him, and parents Dara and Dave Kellan.

Joyce Odell retires after eight years with tribe



Joyce Odell, administrative assistant to Associate Executive Director Kristi Little, was honored at a retirement luncheon at the tribal administration offices on Thursday, Sept. 7. Congratulations Joyce!

Photo by Brenda Austin

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Tuesday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.



MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS CONFERENCE

October 11, 12 & 13, 2006

Kewadin Casino Hotel & Convention Center

**Hosted by: The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Elder Services Division**

Agenda

Wednesday, October 11

5:00 p.m. **Delegate Meeting**
Please Note: The Delegate meeting will be held at Nokomis/Mishomis Place at 2076 Shunk Rd. (The red building in front of the Hotel)

Thursday, October 12

8:00-9:00 a.m. **Registration - Continental Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. **Opening Prayer - Honor Song - Color Guard**
9:15 a.m. **Welcome To the Michigan Indian Elders**
Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
9:30-11:00 a.m. **MIEA Business Meeting**
11:00-1:00 p.m. **Luncheon with Special Guest Speaker**
1:00-2:30 p.m. **10 Year Celebration**
2:30-4:30 p.m. **MIEA Auction**

Participants will receive a Buffet Ticket for Dinner at the Dreamcatchers Restaurant

Friday, October 13

8:00-8:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
8:45 a.m. **Opening Prayer - Honor Song**
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. **Historic Presentation - Art Leighton**
10:15- 11:15 a.m. **TBA**
11:30 a.m. **Travel Prayer and Song**
Retire the Tribal Flags and Colors



Have A Safe Journey Home
Thank You For Coming

REMINDER: All Tribes please bring your tribal flag.

Member Tribe/Band Registration Form

Each MIEA member Tribe/Band must submit a \$100 registration fee to the Tribe/Band that is hosting MIEA meeting. Please complete this registration form on behalf of your Tribe/Band, and submit it with the \$100 registration fee. Make check payable to:

**Sault Tribe Elder Services Division
2076 Shunk Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

Conference Registration Deadline is September 30, 2006

Name: _____

Tribe/Band: _____

Number of representatives attending: _____

Contact Person (Name and Phone): _____

Tribe/Band Registration Fee: \$100



Accommodations Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at Kewadin Casino Hotel.
The conference rate is: **\$82.00**

To make reservation call: **1-800-KEWADIN**
To receive the special rate, please be sure to give the reference number **9CI48U** and you are with the Michigan Indian Elders Association Conference when making your reservation.

****Deadline for the special conference rate is September 15, 2006.****

Other places to stay in Sault Ste. Marie:

Best Western 4281 I-75 Business Spur (906) 632-2170 Toll-free, 1-800-528-1234	Super 8 Motel 3826 I-75 Business Spur (906) 632-8882	Quality Inn 3290 I-75 Business Spur (906) 635-6918
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**"FIRE LODGE"
Blessing and Feast**



Come join us on
September 30, 2006

Ceremony will start at 3:00 PM

Feast to follow

Please bring a dish to pass if you can

Hessel Tribal Center, 3 Mile Road, Hessel MI
for further information contact

Lisa Burnside, lburnside@saulttribe.net

Arlene Graham, agraham@saulttribe.net



**Youth Education & Activities
OPEN HOUSE!**

**When: September 25th
from 3:30-6:30pm**

**Where: The East Wing,
upstairs at the Big Bear Arena**

Find out information about our:

- Tutoring
- Super Science Saturday
- Computer Lab
- Art Club
- Cultural Activities

Refreshments provided!

**For more information call Sault Tribe
Youth Education and Activities
(906)635-7010**

Recovery Month — Promise Dance for youth

The second annual Promise Dance is scheduled for Sept. 29, from 7-9 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

The Sault Tribe American Indian Substance Abuse Services is sponsoring this event in cooperation with Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Sault Tribe Public Awareness, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District and Chi Mukwa Recreation Center.

The Promise Dance is held in support of the nationwide Recovery Month. Many other recovery events are held throughout the United States during September.

At the Promise Dance, youth are given the opportunity to make a commitment, a promise, to live drug free. Like last year, students can sign the "promise tree," to commit to a drug free lifestyle, and receive a red wristband which reads "Live Drug Free." At the last event, students received a mood necklace.

The promise dance is a fun way to reinforce a drug free life to youth. Last year, there were a lot of smiles and dancing, with about 150 youth in attendance. We hope to have even more students at the dance this year.

Youth in grades five through seven from local area schools are

invited to attend. Promise Dance fliers have been sent to Sault, Brimley, Pickford and Rudyard Schools. However, students who come from other schools are welcome to attend. Parents are invited to join us as chaperones. The tribal police are invited to bring their impairment goggles to demonstrate to youth how alcohol and other drugs effect judgment and functioning.

If you have any questions concerning the dance, please contact Karen Howell at Sault Tribe Substance Abuse Services (906) 635-6075 or Julie Menard at ACFS (906) 632-5250.

University of Michigan launches new Web site on 1918 flu pandemic

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —

Examining how communities in the United States coped with the 1918 flu pandemic could help today's public health planners in their preparations for the next flu pandemic.

The Center for the History of Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School has unveiled a Web site of primary source materials covering the infamous 1918-1920 influenza pandemic. Called the *1918-1920 Influenza Epidemic Escape Community Digital Document Archive*, the site was created with today's researchers in mind.

"The Web site is the result of a project funded by the federal Defense Threat Reduction Agency to identify and research a very important group of American communities. These are called escape communities and they experienced extremely low morbidity and mortality rates during the 1918-1920 influenza epidemic," says Howard Markel, M.D., Ph.D., George E. Wantz professor in history of medicine

and the center's director.

Researchers at the center identified seven of these types of communities, gathering several thousand pages of primary and secondary source materials from a range of public and private archives, special collections, libraries and other institutions. Using these materials, they composed a report detailing how the escape communities met the challenges of epidemic influenza.

"We believe these documents represent the definitive collection of primary source materials on the 1918-1920 influenza epidemic escape communities. In the interest of scholarly interaction and the sharing of knowledge, we have now made digitized copies of these sources freely available to the public through the new Web site," says Markel.

All the original documents are on the site and are freely available to the public for research or educational purposes.

The Web site is organized around each of the seven escape communities and provides

abridged versions of the community case studies included in the longer report.

Researchers can view or download digital copies of any and all of the almost 2,000 pages of primary source documents that were collected and reviewed as part of the study.

A copy of the entire report, *A Historical Assessment of Nonpharmaceutical Disease Containment Strategies Employed by Selected U.S. Communities During the Second Wave of the 1918-1920 Influenza Pandemic*, is available on the archive Web site.

The archive can be accessed at: www.med.umich.edu/medschool/chm/influenza/index.htm.

Markel's collaborators on the project were Alexandra Stern, Ph.D., associate director, Center for the History of Medicine; J. Alexander Navarro, Ph.D., senior researcher, Center for the History of Medicine; and Joseph Michalsen, research associate, Center for the History of Medicine.

Don't judge a surgeon by his or her age

BY KRISTA HOPSON

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —

Researchers at the University of Michigan Health System say patients should be less concerned about the age of their surgeon and more focused on other factors that really count, like surgical volume, when choosing a surgeon.

These findings, published in the September issue of the *Annals of Surgery*, reveal that for some complex cardiovascular and cancer surgical procedures, surgeons older than 60 with low surgical volumes had higher patient mortality rates than their younger counterparts. However, older surgeons who continued to maintain higher surgical case loads were found to have comparable outcomes to peers ages 41 to 50.

The study also dispels the belief that younger, less experienced surgeons are more likely to have poor surgical outcomes.

Instead, the researchers say young surgeons, ages 40 and under, had similar patient mortality rates to those of their more experienced peers for the eight surgical procedures studied.

"This study's results should be very encouraging not only for patients, but also for younger and older surgeons whose operative skills may previously have been the subject of scrutiny," says lead author Jennifer F. Waljee, M.D., M.P.H., general surgery resident in the Department of Surgery at the U-M Medical School. "The bottom line is that for most procedures the age of the surgeon is not an important predictor of operative risk for a patient. The effect of surgeon age was largely limited to those surgeons with lower procedure volumes."

Based on these recent studies, Waljee and her colleagues wondered if some of the common

mental and physical affects of aging might affect older surgeons' performance in the operating room, as well.

Using data from the National Medicare Inpatient Files, the team reviewed eight major cardiovascular procedures and cancer surgical resections that were performed from 1998 to 1999 on patients between the ages 65 to 99.

For the study, surgeons were placed into three age groups: 40 years and younger, ages 41-50, and 60 years and older.

A total of 460,738 Medicare patients who underwent one of the eight surgical procedures — coronary artery bypass grafting, elective abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve replacement, carotid endarterectomy, pancreatotomy, esophagectomy, lung resection and cystectomy — were used for this study. These procedures were chosen because they

Yoga class Yoga for health, relaxation and stress management

Connect with your inner spirit as you enhance your physical condition in this heart-centered yoga class inspired by the Anusara yoga tradition.

Beginning students and all levels welcome.

Instructor: Lee Carlson

Lee Carlson is a registered social worker and certified yoga therapist with an M.A. in health education. She has taught yoga classes and stress management for thirty years in lower Michigan and across the Upper Peninsula.

Yoga

Tuesday Nights

Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium

2864 Ashmun

Sept. 12 through Nov. 28, 2006, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$68/8 weeks (\$8.50/class), \$90/12 weeks (\$7.50/class)

Fee discounted for second residential family member (spouse or child), \$60/8 weeks, \$78/12 weeks

Please note that Lee also teaches yoga classes at LSSU and at the Soo Theatre Arts Resource Studio at 534 Ashmun. Please call STARS for her schedule: (906) 632-1930

Yoga promotes flexibility, strength, and relaxation. Learn to unite body, mind and spirit as you increase self-awareness and connect with your own heart.

Yoga is non-competitive. Yoga 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. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing or leggings.

You will need a yoga mat, block, strap, and yoga blanket for class. You may bring your own equipment, or mats, blocks, straps, yoga blankets, eye bags, mat carriers, books and instructional CDs will be available for purchase at discounted prices. A limited number of mats and props will be available for loan.

For more information, call Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210 or extension 25212.

Call for booths and supporters

What: Are you a tribal department, willing volunteer or local organization interested in spreading the word about good family health and fitness. If so, we have an event for you.

Sault Tribe's Community Health Education Department is planning a Rez Walk and Play in honor of National Family Health and Fitness Day at the tribe's powwow grounds and we looking for people who are interested in setting up break stations for families coming to walk or play.

Each station may display materials or other resources that support Family Health and Fitness. If you have a program or cause that fits with the theme, we encourage you to attend. In exchange for the free exposure, we are asking for a donation for door prizes that will be given away at the event or a volunteer to help run one of the many family games that will be going on that day. The games will vary and we are only asking about 15-20 minutes.

When: Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: At the Sault Tribe powwow grounds, near the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center and the Negaanigiizhik building in the Sault.

Who: Everyone is welcome.

are some of the more commonly-performed procedures among Medicare patients, says Waljee.

Patient operative mortality — death before discharge or within 30 days of surgery — was reviewed for each patient. Additionally, factors such as surgeon procedure volume, hospital surgery volume and the hospital's teaching status were evaluated.

Overall, surgeons over age 60 were found to have higher patient mortality rates when compared against the rates of surgeons ages 41-50, for three of the eight procedures: pancreatotomy, coronary artery bypass grafting, and carotid endarterectomy. Surgeon age was not related to mortality for elective abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, aortic valve replacement, exophagectomy, lung resection or cystectomy.

More surprising to researchers, however, was that the younger

surgeons — those under age 40 — had comparable mortality to surgeons between the ages of 41 and 50, for all eight procedures.

"We expected to see a significant difference in patient mortality at the extremes of surgeon age, but instead found very little variation among younger and older surgeons," says Waljee, a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar. "Based on these finding, we'd encourage patients not to focus on age when selecting a surgeon. Instead, other characteristics of the provider and practice setting, such as operative volume, are likely better predictors of patient outcome than surgeon age."

Reference: *Annals of Surgery*, Sept. 2006, Vol. 244, issue 3.

Direct assistance brings help when needed



Anishnabek Community and Family Services direct assistance staff, Sheila Kibble (left), Kelly Smart, Melissa Matson, Heidi Cotey, Viola Neadow and Megan Smith.

The Direct Assistance Component of ACFS mission is to provide financial assistance to eligible members, in an effort to achieve self-sufficiency and to assist in removing obstacles that impede or threaten a client's physical and emotional well being."

Direct Assistance case managers' strive to assist tribe members (households) in meeting their goal of self-sufficiency through direct case management services as well as advocacy and referrals in a variety of programs.

General Assistance offers temporary financial assistance to individual and household tribe members. Employable adults are provided with employment services. Eligibility criteria include tribal membership, residency and income.

Native Employment Works will assist tribe members obtain and retain employment through identification of barriers to employment while providing limited supportive services to reduce or eliminate barriers to employment. Eligibility criteria includes tribal membership (includes non-native spouse), residency, income guidelines or referral.

Emergency Assistance is available to those members who are faced with an emergency situation that is of no fault of their own. Ongoing and routine costs that are not of an emergency nature will not be provided, such as insurance's, old bills, utilities.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program offers four distinct types of services;

- Heating Assistance in which

eligible tribe members are provided with a credit on their account with their primary heat provider;

- Crisis Energy Assistance in which members are assisted with disconnect notices for metered services and fills for deliverable fuels (target households receive priority);

- Cooling assistance provides assistance for electrical disconnect notices as a result of increased cost to cool the home and

- Weatherization Assistance provides low cost residential weatherization materials that will reduce to the loss of heat from the home.

- Eligibility includes tribal membership, residency and income.

Elder Heating Assistance is funded by the tribe to assist elders who are not eligible for the federally funded LIHEAP energy program. Eligibility includes tribal membership, residency and income.

Employee Emergency Assistance is offered to Sault Tribe employees who are in need of assistance for emergencies related to fire, death, accident and serious medical that requires out of town travel. This program requires three months of uninterrupted employment prior to applying; there are no income guidelines.

The Self-Sufficiency Funeral Fund provides financial assistance to assist with funeral services for tribe members. There are no residency or income requirements. This program can be accessed by contacting the ACFS office in Sault Ste. Marie.

I.H.S. Sanitation services are designed to assist tribe members that are in need of services pertaining to water or waste systems including home improvement projects that are receiving new plumbing or an addition to the home, newly built or purchased homes, and homes with existing systems that have failed or are failing. Eligibility criteria include residency, income and home ownership. Kelly Smart can be reached at the Sault Ste. Marie office for application assistance.

BIA Home Improvement offers home repair in a manner that is consistent with housing regulations (section 8). In addition, a home may be replaced if found to be beyond repair at a reasonable expense. Eligibility criteria include tribal membership, residency, condition of home and home ownership. Kelly Smart can be reached at the Sault Ste. Marie office for application assistance.

Child Care Assistance strives to increase the availability, affordability and quality (child) care for eligible children. Eligibility includes residency, tribal membership and income guidelines with a sliding fee scale. Sheila Kibble can be reached at the Sault Ste. Marie office for application assistance.

USDA Food Commodities strive to provide the tribal membership with nutritionally balanced food for a healthy living style. Services are provided in Alger, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee,

Marquette and Schoolcraft counties. Eligibility includes income guidelines. Contact staff members at (906) 635-6076 or (888) 448-8732.

Direct Assistance staff members are available in the Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique and Munising offices.

Sheila Kibble, Megan Smith and Kelly Smart offer services at Anishnabek Community and Family Services located at 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Satellite office hours are held at the ACFS office in Kincheloe on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Contact ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093 for an appointment.

Melissa Matson is located at the Lambert Tribal Center at 225 Wa Seh in St. Ignace. Melissa offers satellite office hours at the Tribal Center in Hessel on Wednesdays. Contact ACFS at (906) 643-8103 or (877) 444-5608 to make an appointment.

Viola Neadow is located at the Manistique Tribal Center located at 5698 US 2 West (near casino). Viola offers satellite office hours at the Escanaba Tribal Center on Ludington Street in Escanaba on Thursdays. You can make an appointment with Viola by contacting ACFS at (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137.

Heidi Cotey is located at 418D Mill Street in Munising (behind JC Penny) and offers satellite hours in Marquette on Friday by appointment. You can reach Heidi at (906) 387-3906.

Coats for Kids

The eighth annual "Winter Wear Giveaway" will be held Oct. 6 at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in the Sault. Everyone is welcome to attend this event and everything is free, with the intent to assist families in the tribal community who may have difficulty purchasing outdoor wear for their children.

From Oct. 2 to Oct. 5, we will be accepting donations of quality used or new children and youth winter outdoor wear. There is a high demand for children's coats, jackets, snow pants or bibs, boots, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves in good condition; adult coats and jackets appropriate for youth and young adults are also accepted. This is for outdoor winter wear, other adult clothing is less in demand and thrift shops are not always able to accept the adult clothing that is left over.

Collection boxes will be at the following locations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: the Sault Tribe Health Center, the Sault Tribe Child Care Center and the Sault Tribe Head Start, with early and later hours at Chi Mukwa on the second floor by the Sault Tribe Youth and Education Department and YEA.

The "Winter Wear Giveaway" runs Oct. 6 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center on the second floor in front of the YEA area. This is an extremely popular event and is offered on a "first come, first served" basis. It is recommended families come early to avoid disappointment. More donations for youth would improve the Winter Wear Giveaway cause. Each year some families who come later, leave without outdoor wear for their children.

This event is hosted by Anishnabek Community and Family Services, Chi Mukwa Recreation Center, Sault Tribe Public Awareness and Sault Tribe Shipping and Receiving. For more information call ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093 and ask for Roberta Fischer or Julie Menard.



**ANISHNABEK
COMMUNITY
AND FAMILY
SERVICES**

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*Bringing news
from ACFS*

ACFS Fundraising Committee

held a yard sale and silent auction on Aug. 25 at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center. The yard sale and the silent auction raised \$445.64 which will be used for youth and family community events in 2007.



Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin offering heating assistance to eligible Sault Tribe households starting Oct. 1.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program offered to states and tribes. Anishnabek Community and Family Services is responsible for administering the LIHEAP program, which includes preparing an application. The funding agency offers four separate components that may be funded throughout the year, all of which are chosen. Those components are heating assistance, crisis energy assistance, cooling assistance and weatherization assistance. Each component is offered at a specific time of year, see chart on right, in an effort to address home heating needs of a specific population of the community.

Heating assistance is the first component to be offered, beginning Oct. 1, and continuing through May 31, 2007, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. Applicants may be served one time by LIHEAP heating assistance. As required by the funding agency, ACFS coordinates distribution of funds with the Michigan Department of Human Services in an effort to ensure that LIHEAP funds are not duplicated.

Tribe members are not required to be interviewed to apply, however, they may request assistance in completing an application if desired. Eligibility criteria includes household income, service area residency, tribe member-

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
FY2007 – Program Schedule**

October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007

SERVICE	BEGINNING	ENDING	RESTRICTIONS	DIS-CONNECT REQUIRED
Heating Assistance	10-01-2006	05-31-2007	None	No
Crisis Energy Assistance	01-02-2007	01-31-2007	Target Households Only	No
Crisis Energy Assistance	02-01-2007	06-30-2007	Dis-Connect required for non-target households with metered heating service	Yes
Cooling Assistance	06-01-2007	06-30-2007	Target Households only	No
Cooling Assistance	07-01-2007	08-31-2007	Dis-connect required from primary electrical provider	Yes
Weatherization Assistance	10-01-2006	09-30-2007	See Weatherization Guidelines	N/A

Target households are defined as households with one Sault Tribe member who is:

- Elderly (age 60+)
- Disabled*
- Child(ren) age 5 and under AND
- At or below 100% of poverty

*Disabled is defined as receiving those applicants who are receiving SSI and/or Social Security Disability (in their own name) regardless of age.

Applications are available at all Anishnabek Community and Family Service offices;
 Sault Ste. Marie; 2864 Ashmun Street, Health Center 632-5250 or 800-726-0093
 St. Ignace; 225 Wa Seh Drive, Lambert Center 643-8103 or 877-444-5608
 Manistique; 5698 W Highway US2 (Tribal Center) 341-6993 or 800-347-7137
 Munising; 418D Mill Street (Behind JC Penny) 387-3906

ship and an active account in the household member's name.

Eligible applicants will be provided with a credit on their account with their primary heating assistance provider.

Applicants should bring or provide copies of the household

income for the past 12 months, Sault Tribe membership cards for all household members, Social Security cards for all household members and proof of an active account. All documents should be copies, which can be made at all ACFS offices.

**SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
ANISHNABEK COMMUNITY and FAMILY SERVICES**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Income Eligibility Standards
150% of the 2006 HHS Poverty Guidelines for FY2007
Total Gross Income
Effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007

HEATING ASSISTANCE
October 1, 2006 through March 15, 2007
Or until funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first

Household Size	Gross Annual Income
	150% of Poverty
1	\$14,700
2	\$19,800
3	\$24,900
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,100
6	\$40,200
7	\$45,300
8	\$50,400

For family units larger than 8 members, add \$3740 to the 100% column and \$5100 to the 150% column (Annual Income / matrix = Percentage of Poverty)

SUBMIT:
 -A completed application, and copies of the following
 -Tribal Cards for enrolled household members
 -Social Security cards for all household members
 -Proof of household income for the past 12 months (W-2 for last year)
 -Copy of heating statement with account number
 (Send Award letters for SS,SSI, SSD, Veterans, Pensions, Retirement, etc.)

All LIHEAP services are provided as permitted by available funding

ACFS reserves 10 business days to process an application. All applicants are notified in writing by U.S. mail as to the determination of their application.

If you would like to apply for LIHEAP heating assistance or need assistance in making copies

for your application, feel free to contact the ACFS office serving your county.

See the chart above left for phone numbers.

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- ARTS & CRAFTS

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Scavenger Challenge led contestants from St. Marys River to a barn full of goats



Ready, set, run! The start of the Scavenger Challenge saw the whole group running to see who could get a head start on the competition. Photo by Brenda Austin

The Advocacy Resource Center's fourth annual Scavenger Challenge raised over \$1,300 between raffle sales and entry fees. The funds will be used to support activities and services for victims of crime. There were 36 teams with a total of 72 participants. First place winners were Duane Gurnoe and Danny Pavlat, second place was Regina Rolstone and Bonnie Mayer and third place was Lucy Pavlat and Diane Daniels. The Scavenger Challenge took contestants from the Fourth Street Park, where one member from each team had to run into the St. Marys River with a pink air mattress and "swim" around the buoy and attendant to a barn in the country where they had to decide if they wanted to stoop underneath a chicken roost and gather an egg or milk a goat.



Yvonne and Kurt Yacuone doing a figure-eight around the barrels in a barrow of their own. Photo by Brenda Austin



Left, Jeff Neumann and Mark Fenlon push a Jeep to the other side of the parking lot during one of their stops in the competition. Photo by Brenda Austin



Collect an egg from under these guys or milk a goat? Most contestants went for the egg. Photo by Brenda Austin



Contestants either had to walk under a chicken roost, collect an egg and take a chance of getting sky bombed from above, or fill a cup with goat's milk from one of Candice Blocher's goats. This little guy took a nibble out of the contest rules. Photo by Brenda Austin



Left, Roxanne Mannisto mans the buoy while Hulda Moran paddles in the chilly water. Photo by Gail Carr



Tanya Vierra stands in front of the Pudding Stone which contestants had to identify from a selection of many different boulders at Sault Area Middle School before they could move on to their next challenge. Photo by Brenda Austin



First place winner Duane Gurnoe had to score six points to complete this challenge with his team mate Danny Pavlat. Photo by Brenda Austin



While her partner cheered her on, Christy Cleary ran back to shore after taking a swim in the chilly St. Marys River at Four Mile Park. Photo by Brenda Austin

Over \$22.3 million 2% funds given to local governments



Paving the way for safer streets — Nearly \$130,000 was given to the City of Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Kewadin Casinos and Sault Tribe two percent distributions. This money is earmarked for road construction projects throughout the city, improving area infrastructure for all to enjoy. Pictured here on Shunk Road and E. Spruce Street, one of the most recent road projects completed using two percent funds, is Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer; Cathy Abramson, Unit I tribal board member; Aaron Payment, tribal chairman; DJ Hoffman, Unit I tribal board member; Tony Bosbous, mayor of Sault Ste. Marie; David Strickland, city engineer; and Spencer Nebel, city manager.



New play ground for Brevort children — Brevort Township received \$5,000 this past spring to finish a new playground for area children. The Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos donated \$15,000 to the project over the past two years. Shown at the playground are, front row, Darcy Chase, Kewadin Shores Casino manager; Fred Paquin, Unit III tribal board member; Susan Steltzer, Brevort Township clerk; Keith Massaway, Unit III tribal board member; Dan Litzner township treasurer. Back row, volunteers Diana Peterson, Mark Butkovich, Judi Butkovich, Wayne Peterson, Greg Peterson — volunteer coordinator, volunteers Ashley Peterson, Joe Stelzer, Alley Stelzer and Joe Stelzer.



MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich. — Kewadin Shores Casino Manager Darcy Chase, left, along with Unit III Sault Tribe board representatives Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway, present a check for \$24,156.82 to Mackinac Island Mayor Margaret M. Doud and Mayor pro-tem Armand "Smi" Horn. The funds were used to construct this new brick walkway from the ferry docks, behind them, leading up the veteran's memorial.

Since 1994, Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has helped bring additional law enforcement services, educational and recreational programs and improved health benefits to the tribe's seven-county service area. These services and many of the programs benefit our tribe's families as well as families in surrounding communities and are available with the help of the tribe's 2% distributions. The 1993 Gaming Compact, negotiated with the state, mandated semi-annual 2% payments. This requires the tribe to earmark 2% of its net win from electronic gaming machines to area governments. Since the payments began, the tribe has awarded more than \$22.3 million to local governments throughout the entire service area. Watch for more information on the Sault Tribe's 2% contributions to local communities in the next issue of *The Sault Tribe News*.



Raising health awareness to local students — The Chippewa County Health Department's Sault Adolescent Health Care Center, located in the Sault Area High School, recently received nearly \$20,000 from Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Tribe as part of their two percent distributions. This is the only facility of its kind in the U.P. and offers a variety of services to high school, middle school, alternative education and career center students including immunizations, mental health services, substance abuse counseling, educational sessions, career center and sports physicals, asthma care, nutritional counseling, and soon primary care as well. Since opening in 2005, the center has serviced 300 students and this year marks the first full year in operation with an on-site nurse practitioner. Above, Ann Suggitt, clerical outreach worker, shows John Sherry, high school principle; Cathy Abramson, Unit I tribal board member; Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer; Nancy Heyns, RN and supervisor of Chippewa County Health Department; Teri Kowalski, nurse practitioner; DJ Hoffman, Unit I tribal board member; Rosemary Blashill, community health nursing administrator; and Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment. The uses of their wellness screening computer is available to all students. Some of the equipment the center was able to purchase with the two percent money includes an exam table, pediatric table, a wheel chair, vision and hearing screening equipment, a diaper deck and a health storage cabinet.



Bringing fire fighting equipment to rural areas — Bruce Township Fire Department was the recipient of \$19,000 towards the purchase of this new pumper truck thanks to Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Tribe. This truck, purchased from Commerce Township, holds 2,000 gallons of water and brings the number of trucks available in Bruce Township up to six. The 44-volunteer firefighter organization has assisted in three structural fires and four car fires in 2006. Pictured here in front of the new rig are Sault Tribe Unit I board members Cathy Abramson, holding granddaughter Joy and DJ Hoffman; Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino chief operating officer; Denny McKelvie, tribal vice chairman and Unit I board member; Alex Bazinau, assistant fire chief for Bruce Township; and Dan Gallagher, township supervisor.



Kewadin contributes \$5,000 to animal shelter — Keith Massaway, Unit III board representative; George Ford, co-chair of the Mackinac Animal Aid Association; Fred Paquin, Unit III board representative; Ginger Valentine, shelter manager; Jo Ford, co-chair of the Mackinac Animal Aid Association; Darcy Chase, Kewadin Shores Casino general manager; and Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment. In the past several years, the shelter has been able to provide better care for their animals, upgrade their facilities, and raise their adoption rate from 26 percent to a staggering 95 percent, which ranks them as one of the most successful shelters in the state. If anyone is interested in adopting a cat or dog, please call (906) 643-7646.

The men and women behind the slot machines at Kewadin Shores in St. Ignace

When customers think about going to Kewadin Casinos, they think about the great food, awesome entertainment, fun table games and, oh yeah, the slots!

Kewadin offers nearly 2,000 slot machines for customers to enjoy between all five casino locations. With this many machines, Kewadin needs a dedicated team of individuals to maintain and help customers enjoy every spin on every slot machine.

"We have a great team of individuals on staff," said Dave Kucharczyk, slot director for all five Kewadin Casinos. "Every Kewadin Casino has a slot department at their facility to assist customers, repair machines and assist departments with jackpot payouts, fills and accounting systems." This article will take a look at our slot team at Kewadin Shores in St. Ignace.

The slot team in St. Ignace has 26 members and is managed by Dean Auger. Dean has been working with Kewadin for four months in the slot department. He came to Kewadin from Chip Inn Island Resort Casino in Harris, Mich., where he also worked in the slot department. Auger is a certified, licensed class II technician and holds a certified license as a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technician which he earned from Western Michigan University. He is currently working towards a master's degree in electronic engineering with Cleveland Institute of Electronics.

"Customer service is our main responsibility with our slot department here at the Shores," said Auger. "Many times, we are the first Kewadin employees which our customers see and with whom they talk."

There are three positions in the slot de-



Kewadin Shores Casino Slot Department Manager Dean Auger, left, slot technician Robert Smith, and slot attendant Brandy Hough. There are over 80 slot team members at Kewadin's five locations in the U.P.

partment, all with specific task and duties. Kewadin's slot attendant team members work on the casino floor helping customers carrying coin to cage, reloading machines, helping customers with ticket-in-ticket-out equipment and making sure customers are having an enjoyable slot experience.

If a slot attendant notices a problem with a machine, a slot technician is called in. This group of team members is responsible for keeping machines clean and running properly, troubleshooting major and minor

mechanical errors and help with verification of a slot payout. They also assist with security reloads and slot payouts.

Slot technician Robert Smith has been working with the Kewadin Shores slot team for 11 years. "Every day is a challenge," said Smith who lives in the Cheboygan area with his wife and children. Brandy Hough, slot attendant, is also part of the Shores slot team and has been working there for nearly eight years. "Customers are the best thing about my job," said Hough, "I consider

myself a people person and to see people happy and knowing I helped make that person's day, it is a good feeling."

There is always something happening in the world of slots. "Every day there are new machines coming out and new devices that assist us in our job and make the gaming experience better for our customer," said Auger. He adds that one of the most exciting things about his job is being able to keep the gaming floor and games up to date, modernized and fresh. "Just this week we converted eight old games in St. Ignace to some really exciting new games I know our customers will enjoy."

All slot machines at any legal casino in the United States operate the same way. Each machine has a random number generator (RNG). An RNG is a computer chip that allows the machine to make random reel stop selections. The RNG is continuously making random reel stop selections even when the machine is not being played. When a player hits the bet button the RNG is stopped and then the winning or losing combination is shown to the player on the reels or video screen. Every spin is in no way related to the last spin or the next spin. All RNGs are lab tested and state certified.

Kewadin's slot department is extremely important to the entire casino. Team members work continually to keep the machines in operation in order to give customers an unforgettable gaming experience. Overall, Kewadin has approximately 80 team members in all slot departments throughout the five casinos.

Good news from...

Written and compiled by Michelle Bouschor

A royal win

Casino customer beats the odds: dealt a royal flush for \$173,141.99



Sheryl Haynes with her winning hand. The jackpot of the Caribbean stud poker game was automatically reset to its starting amount after Sheryl won.

SAULT STE. MARIE— Sheryl Haynes of Middleville, Mich., now knows the meaning of "Royalty" after she was dealt a royal flush and won \$173,141.99 playing Caribbean stud at Kewadin's Sault Ste. Marie location. "I was in my lucky seat," said Haynes. A royal flush consists of an ace, king, queen, jack and ten of the same suit. "Sheryl receiving a

royal flush like this is against the odds," said Prinny Sawasky, gaming manager at the Sault casino. "This jackpot has been building for four years. She sure is a lucky lady!" Kewadin Casinos offers table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, Caribbean stud, poker, three-card poker, let it ride and two deck pitch.

The heart of the Kewadin facility



National Housekeeping Week was celebrated at all Kewadin Casinos with a variety of functions. "This is a great time for every one to recognize and thank all the team members who work in housekeeping and facility maintenance," said John Cleary, executive housekeeper. "All of us appreciate the efforts of these men and women; however, we very rarely take the time to say **THANK YOU!** to our housekeepers who do so much to provide a clean, safe environment for us to do our jobs."

Pictured here are representatives from all aspects of housekeeping, laundry, guest room attendants and casino porters at Kewadin Sault. Every single housekeeper at the site received a certificate of appreciation and a special pin.

"The housekeeping department does so much to protect the investment in the Kewadin organization by maintaining our image, which is extremely important for the entire facility," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin chief operations officer. "They do whatever it takes to get the job done and they are all greatly appreciated."

Kewadin's Sault Casino begins recycling program

The Sault Kewadin Casino began a recycling program for its departments last month. This program allows any participating department that joins to recycle newspapers, magazines, plastic, corrugated cardboard and non-confidential office paper (colored and white). Each department receives special recycling bins for the products which are then picked up weekly and delivered to the Chippewa County Recycling Center. "In an effort to become more conscious about the

materials we throw in the trash and to encourage recycling, we wanted to begin a recycling program for Kewadin Casinos," said Michelle Bouschor, public relations director for the five casinos. "Currently, this program is directly related to the Sault site but can be adapted to other sites if a recycling center is eventually offered in their areas." Departments participating in the program include administration, marketing, trail deli, group sales, hotel and entertainment.

Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography holds tribal open house

Thanks from the Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography to the tribal education office and to all Sault Tribe members who attended the open house and made it such a great success.

You are all invited to visit the school anytime.

Thanks to Sault Tribe members for their great support.

— Chris Martin
Program director



Left, Evalene Martin, UPSOCS instructor and director of the school, helps prospective student Katie Ackley with a cardiovascular sonogram on volunteer Mike Hendrickson. Right, Ann Pullman, Sault Tribe member and Community Health employee, talks with tribe member and senior in the program, Jessica Gorentz about the 15-month sonography course. The UPSOCS tribal open house on Sept. 9 was held with help from the Sault Tribe Education Department.

Photos by Brenda

Sault Tribe scholarship winners announced

The education division recently announced the recipients of 17 scholarships, which were awarded from seven scholarship programs administered by the Sault Tribe. A total of \$16,150 in scholarship funds were awarded this year.

2006-07 Scholarship winners

Pamela Cable Gershon Memorial Scholarship (One winner for \$150):

Kalvin Hartwig from Sault Ste Marie is a freshman working towards an associate degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan Tech University.

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship (Five winners at \$1,000 each):

Elizabeth Carr from Sault Ste Marie is a senior working towards a bachelor's degree in athletic training at Grand Valley State University.

Ashley Corbiere from Sault Ste Marie is a junior working toward a bachelor's degree in resort management at Ferris State University.

Steven Knauf from Sault Ste Marie is a senior working toward a bachelor's degree in construction management at Northern

Michigan University.

Sarah Leask from Cadillac is a junior working towards a bachelor's degree in advertising at Grand Valley State University.

Danielle Sigelko from Portland, Mich., is a medical Student working towards a medical degree in osteopathic medicine at Michigan State University.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship (One winner for \$1,000):

John Kellis from Sault Ste Marie is a junior working toward a pre-law degree at Michigan State University.

Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship (Six winners at \$1,000 each):

Norma Castro from Sault Ste. Marie is a sophomore working toward a bachelor's degree in social studies at Lake Superior State University

Matt Collins from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a junior working toward a bachelor's degree in education at Lake Superior State University.

Angela White from Newberry is a junior working toward a bachelor's degree in nursing at Northern Michigan University.

Nicholas Bott from Traverse



Left: Education Director Angeline Matson and Chairperson Aaron Payment are shown presenting a \$1000 check from the Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship to Sault Tribe member Jessica Martin (middle). This marks the first year of the Miller Scholarship, which will be awarded annually. Above right: Matt Collins, recipient of a \$1,000 Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship, with his daughter, Eva. Collins is a junior at LSSU working toward a bachelor's degree in education.

Photos by Brenda Austin



City is a freshman working toward a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences at Michigan State University.

Cody Du Pont from Clarksville is a freshman working toward a associate degree in physical therapy at Grand Rapids Community College

Stephan Hall from Fort Gratiot is a sophomore working toward a bachelor's degree in pre-med at Albion College.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship

(Two winners at \$1,000 each):

Jennifer Bosanic from Manistique is a senior working toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Northern Michigan University.

Bernadette Garren from Belleville is a senior working toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Michigan University.

Victor Matson Sr. Tributary Scholarship (One winner for \$1,000):

Nicholas Reo from

Williamston is a Ph.D student working toward a Ph.D in fisheries and wildlife management at Michigan State University.

Martha Miller Tributary Scholarship (One winner for \$1,000):

Jessica Martin from Sault Ste Marie is senior working toward a bachelor's degree in sociology at Lake Superior State University.

Higher education programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Good luck to our college students for a great 2006-07 school year.

Changes: If any time during the 2006-07 school year, you change your name, school or address, please contact our office right away! If you have changed your name or address, you will be required to complete a W-9 form before any funds can be released to you. This form can be found on the tribal Web site under "Education." Complete the form and send it to: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

2006-07 school year applications: If you're looking for college financial assistance, you must complete our Higher Education Assistance Application.

Once you send in your application, that's the only application you'll need for the whole school year.

You can contact our office or go to the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com and file an online application. Our office is located on the second floor of the Chi Mukwa recreation center.

We are out of funds for the 2005-06 School Year Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program (a.k.a. incentive award program) Please do not send in any grade reports.

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

Impact aid and parents of Indian children

BY ANGELINE MATSON, SAULT TRIBE EDUCATION DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR

Did you know eight school districts in the Sault Tribe's seven-county service area receive federal impact aid grants?

Impact aid is federal money paid to school districts to offset the loss of their local tax base due to military bases, Indian lands, low-rent housing properties and federally owned lands.

This money can be used for almost anything the school district wants — teacher salaries, utilities even capital improvements.

However, school districts are required to consult with Indian parents and local Indian tribes and involve us in planning and developing programs and activities to meet the needs of our Indian students enrolled in the schools.

Each school district must have written Indian Policies and Procedures (IPPs) which details how they will meet these requirements.

What are the requirements?

- Indian children are to participate in programs and activities funded with impact aid money on an equal basis with all other children.

- We (parents of Indian children and Indian tribes) must have a chance to say what we think about programs and activities to be funded with impact aid.

- We must have a chance to give recommendations on the needs (academic and cultural) of our Indian children and how the school district can meet these needs.

- We must be consulted and provided an opportunity to help plan and develop programs and

activities to be funded with impact aid.

- We must receive a copy of impact aid applications, evaluations and program plan documents in a timely manner before the required public hearing about impact aid.

- We must have an opportunity to comment to the school district's board of education about the general education plan (we are not restricted to input only on impact aid).

How can you get involved? Contact your school district, request a copy of the IPPs and find out when the Indian Parent Committee meets next. Your involvement is very important! Contact the Sault Tribe Education Department if you have any questions at (906) 635-7010.

Student recognition

The Youth Education and Activities Program and The Sault Tribe News are awarding outstanding achievement recognition to students who qualified for the Young Scholars Program. The following students earned straight A grades or perfect attendance for the Spring Semester of the 2005-06 school year. In addition to recognition, a certificate of appreciation and an incentive award check of \$25 or \$50 were mailed to each student.



Amanda Aldapa, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Webberville, Mich.



Derek Amshey, 15
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Ada, Mich.



Miranda Andress-Morse,
16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
St. Ignace, Mich.



Shelby Baker, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Wayland, Mich.



Travis Behling, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Heather Bellant, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
East Jordan, Mich.



Tyler Bennett, 12
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Naubinway, Mich.



Amber Bergman, 15
Straight A grades
Ninth grade
Newberry, Mich.



Jamie Bott, 14
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Traverse City, Mich.



Nicholas Bott, 18
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Senior
Traverse City, Mich.



Haley Cable, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Wyandotte, Mich.



Chene Cadreau, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Clinton Twp., Mich.



Eric Campbell, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Tucson, Ariz.



Angie Carley, 13
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Cooks, Mich.



Dillon Carr, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Riverdale, Mich.



William Carr III, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Warren, Mich.



Christine Chapman, 15
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Garden City, Mich.



Jessica Coullard, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Pickford, Mich.



Shelby Dale, 12
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Emily DiAngelo, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Germantown, Tenn.



Eric Dinnan, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Durand, Mich.



Samantha Dinnan, 14
Straight A grades
Freshman
Durand, Mich.



Callie Donnay, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Howell, Mich.



Dustin Dube, 16
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Ray Township, Mich.



Rebecca Dube, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Ray Township, Mich.



Megan Eby, 14
Straight A grades
Freshman
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Nicholas Eby, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Evan Everson, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
St. Ignace, Mich.



Bradley Fields, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Noblesville, Ind.



Matthew Fields, 12
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Noblesville, Ind.

Student recognition



Marah Fierek, 18
Perfect attendance
Senior
Goetzville, Mich.



Morgan Fierek, 15
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Goetzville, Mich.



Alicia Gervais, 15
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Brittany Gervais, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Jerome Gervais, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Amber Gill, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Escanaba, Mich.



Jordan Gokey, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Indian River, Mich.



Janelle Grai, 16
Straight A grades
Junior
Oxford, Mich.



Trevor Gregg, 14
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Ypsilanti, Mich.



Jared Grimmer, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Bay City, Mich.



Curtis Grondin, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Cheboygan, Mich.



Courtney Hancock, 14
Straight A grades
Freshman
Cheboygan, Mich.



Jodi Hatinger, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
Manistique, Mich.



Annemarie Horn, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
St. Ignace, Mich.



Toby Horner, 16
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Hilo, Hawaii



Christie Hyland, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Manistique, Mich.



Jesse Jarnigan, 13
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Flint, Mich.



Joshua Jarnigan, 13
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Flint, Mich.



Kayla Jewell, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Cheboygan, Mich.



Keri Jewell, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Cheboygan, Mich.



Cody Jodoin, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Ron Kaunisto, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Dafter, Mich.



Ashley Kelly, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Brighton, Colo.



Brittany Kelly, 14
Straight A grades
Freshman
Cedarville, Mich.



Shawn Kesterke, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
St. Joseph, Mich.



Kacie Kuusisto, 14
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Bovey, Minn.



Erika Laitinen, 17
Straight A grades
Senior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Trevor Lassila, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Wetmore, Mich.



Weston Lawrence, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Swartz Creek, Mich.



Virginia Lee, 14
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Bay City, Mich.

Student recognition



Eric Leveille, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Marquette, Mich.



Ariel Loll, 13
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Montrose, Mich.



Keely Lyons, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Florence, Ky.



Kristopher Lyons, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Florence, Ky.



Austin Madagame, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Wausau, Wisc.



Jamie Maki, 18
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Senior
Puyallup, Wash.



Taylor Maki, 13
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Chatham, Mich.



Heather Marcus, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Dimondale, Mich.



Lacy Martin, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Wolverine, Mich.



Kent Maybank III, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Indian River, Mich.



Sean McGahey, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Brittney McKerchie, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Cedar Springs, Mich.



Anthony Menard, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Negaunee, Mich.



Dillon Menard, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Negaunee, Mich.



Molly Michaels, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Manistique, Mich.



Bailey Miller, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
DeTour, Mich.



Matthew Miller, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Escanaba, Mich.



Teryn Miller, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
DeTour, Mich.



Lauren Minch, 14
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Garden City, Mich.



Benjamin Montgomery,
18
Straight A grades
Senior
Marquette, Mich.



Olivia Montgomery, 16
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Marquette, Mich.



Corey Moses, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
St. Ignace, Mich.



Aimee Muscoe, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Howell, Mich.



Alexandra Myhal, 14
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Parma Heights, Ohio



Natasha Myhal, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Parma Heights, Ohio



Tonya Neuman, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
Cheboygan, Mich.



Allison Nosker, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Morrison, Colo.



Ian O'Neill, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Marquette, Mich.



Tasha Opalka, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Tessa Opalka, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Student recognition



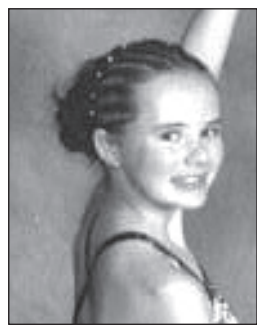
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Alexandra Perry, 13
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Perfect attendance
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Nathan Peters, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Olympia, Wash.



Brynn Peterson, 11
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Houghton Lake, Mich.



Darren Peterson, 16
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Wells, Mich.



Erica Pietrangelo, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Jake Pikula, 11
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Naperville, Ill.



Hillary Pine, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Wetmore, Mich.



Marc Pomeroy, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Tyler Preseau, 12
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Clio, Mich.



Matthew Quereau, 15
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Canon City, Colo.



Renee Rapin, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Fresno, Calif.



Casey Reikowsky, 14
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Raleigh, N.C.



Alyce Rice, 15
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Perfect attendance
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Greensboro, N.C.



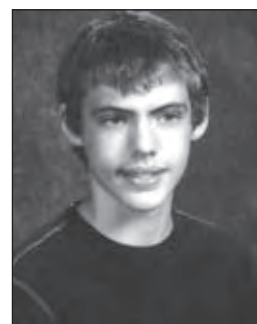
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Greensboro, N.C.



Kaylin Richards, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Lakeworth, Fla.



Max Savard, 15
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Saginaw, Mich.



Calvin Schemanski, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Petoskey, Mich.



Chrystal Schemanski, 14
Straight A grades
Freshman
Petoskey, Mich.



Nicole Schruer, 17
Straight A grades
Senior
Manistique, Mich.



Amanda Schuelke, 13
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
West Bend, Wisc.



Jordon Schwartz, 12
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Rapid River, Mich.



Michael Sierant, 16
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Oakland Township, Mich.



Michelle Sierant, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Oakland Township, Mich.



Stephen Sierant, 14
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Oakland Township, Mich.



Arin Simon, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Oshkosh, Wisc.



Samantha Soden, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Traverse City, Mich.



Sierra Soden, 16
Perfect attendance
Junior
Traverse City, Mich.



Michael Soule, 11
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Bradley St. Germain, 15
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Negaunee, Mich.

Student recognition



Ashley St. Louis, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
St. Ignace, Mich.



Benjamin Stehouwer, 17
Perfect attendance
Senior
Spring Lake, Mich.



Jonathan Stewart, 13
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Scarbro, W.Va.



Robin Sutton, 17
Straight A grades
Senior
Brimley, Mich



Ryan Sypher, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Longmont, Colo.



Johnna Taylor, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
Newberry, Mich.



Corey Thompson, 13
Perfect grades
Seventh grade
Niles, Mich.



Amber Ulasich, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Troy, Mich.



Ashley Valik, 15
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Farwell, Mich.



Emily Valik, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Farwell, Mich.



Beth Vallier, 16
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Portland, Mich.



Gregory Vaughn, 14
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Manistique, Mich.



Leanne Vaughn, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Manistique, Mich.



Catherine Wagner, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Fremont, Calif.



Ronald Whipple, 12
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Ravenna, Mich.



Tawni Whipple, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Ravenna, Mich.

The Education Department will be accepting applications in January for the fall semester of the 2006-07 school year. Look for the applications in *The Sault Tribe News* or on the tribal Web site at www.sault-tribe.org in January of 2007. If you have any questions, please call (906) 635-7010.

Joseph Albert, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Allen Park, Mich.

Shannon Albert, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Allen Park, Mich.

Jessica Allen, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Menominee, Mich.

Adam Amshey, 15
Perfect attendance
Ninth grade
Ada, Mich.

Lisa Baier, 16
Straight A grades
Senior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Tonya Beaudoin, 18
Perfect attendance
Junior
Moran, Mich.

Sara Beck, 11
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
Marquette, Mich.

Ashley Bruno, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Ludington, Mich.

Kelsey Bruno, 12
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Ludington, Mich.

Clifton Campbell, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Gregory Campbell, 13
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Laura Campbell, 13
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Tara Caswell, 16
Straight A grades
Freshman
Newberry, Mich.

Dennis Chase, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Alto, Mich.

Megan Clark, 17
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Junior
Escanaba, Mich.

Allyson Covert, 17
Perfect attendance
Junior
Ewart, Mich.

Valerie Covert, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Ewart, Mich.

Taylor Cox, 11
Straight A grades
Sixth grade
White Lake, Mich.

Amy Dunn, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Rochester Hills, Mich.

Dani Fegan, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Josie Fegan, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Zachary Frazier, 14
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Kalvin Hartwig, 18
Perfect attendance
Senior
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Zoe Johnson, 12
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Lainsburg, Mich.

Kristen King, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Tallahassee, Fla.

Kallee Kirby, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Kodak, Tenn.

Erica Kodramaz, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Concord Township, Ohio

Joshua Koschmider, 15
Perfect attendance
Ninth grade
White House, Tenn.

Kenneth Koschmider, 17
Perfect attendance
Junior
White House, Tenn.

Alexander McKelvie, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Blaine Nash, 14
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Steven Parrish, 16
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Hazel Park, Mich.

Drake Pertuit, 12
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Germantown, Tenn.

Quinn Pertuit, 11
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Germantown, Tenn.

Holly Provo, 13
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Gladstone, Mich.

Tara Regan, 15
Straight A grades
Sophomore
Charlotte, N.C.

Danielle Reid, 14
Straight A grades
Eighth grade
Manistique, Mich.

Christopher Sawyer, 18
Straight A grades
Senior
Wyoming, Mich.

Tyler Smith, 14
Perfect attendance
Eighth grade
Cedarville, Mich.

Ashley Soule, 16
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sasha Spencley, 17
Straight A grades
Junior
Charlevoix, Mich.

Shauna Spencley, 15
Straight A grades
Freshman
Charlevoix, Mich.

Colby Styskal, 13
Straight A grades
Seventh grade
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Alexa Toms, 11
Perfect attendance
Sixth grade
Prudenville, Mich.

Tyler Toms, 15
Perfect attendance
Freshman
Prudenville, Mich.

Curtis Updyke, 17
Perfect attendance
Sophomore
Ravenna, Mich.

News of other nations

New page turns for Alutiiq language

ALASKA — A new book, *Kodiak Alutiiq Language Conversational Phrasebook*, is helping preserve the Native language of Kodiak.

Written as part of a masters thesis by April Laktonen Counciller, the book was edited by University of Alaska at Fairbanks linguist Jeff Leer. Six Alutiiq elders also contributed their time and knowledge to the project.

Only 35 fluent speakers of the Kodiak language remain alive, and the new book is only part of the process to save the language. The Alutiiq Museum, where Laktonen-Counciller works, has created an Alutiiq language daycare with an early language program and provides children's books to local preschools and primary grades.

"It's sad to be the last speaker of your language; please, turn back to your own and learn your language so you won't be alone like me," said Mary Smith, the last remaining speaker of Eyak, her own tribal language. "Go to the young people. Let go of the hate in your hearts. Love and respect yourselves first. Elders, please give them courage and they will never be alone. Help our people to understand their identity."

The public can contribute to the preservation effort by joining the Alutiiq Language Club.

Comparison of some common Yup'ik, Alutiiq, and Aleut words:	English	Yup'ik	Alutiiq	Aleut
food	neqa	neqa	inux	
house	nenglu	engluq	ulax	
ocean	imaq	imaq	alagux	
person	yuuk	suk	angagisinax	
summer	kiik	kiak	saaqudax	

— Kodiak Daily Mirror

At 94, American Indian storyteller tells her last tale to children

NEW MEXICO — Esther Martinez was born the year the Titanic sank and New Mexico became a state. Known as P'oe Tsawa, or Blue Water, Martinez, 94, is a renowned storyteller and Tewa language consultant. She also wrote the Tewa dictionary, still in use in Tewa speaking pueblos.

Recently, Ester made her last public appearance as a storyteller and told the story of coyote and the rabbit — a story full of mischief by the rabbit toward the poor coyote.

Blue Water's daughter helped with the storytelling. She said her mother heard the stories while growing up and wanted to save the stories for the future. Blue Water, who is from the Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, is also the author of a book titled *My Life in San Juan Pueblo*, a collection of personal and cultural stories. Her book offers a glimpse of oral traditions passed from grandfather to granddaughter. It also includes a compact disc of Martinez telling the stories herself.

Among Blue Water's many recognitions, a Living Treasure Award from the state of New Mexico; the Indian Educational Award for Teacher of the Year from the National Council of American Indians; an honorary Bachelor of Arts in early education by Northern Community College in Espanola; and Blue Water was honored with the National Heritage Fellowship Award in Washington, D.C. on September 12 for her work in preserving the Tewa language.

— The Free New Mexican

Arapaho elders learn to teach

WYOMING — Seventeen Northern Arapaho elders have received teaching certificates during an eight-week course at Wind River Tribal College. The elders, all fluent in the Arapaho language, are eager to teach their language to youth.

"We need this language in our ceremonies," said Eugene Ridgely Jr. "We've had elders say without this language we don't have a culture — we'll just be like everybody else, but just with different-colored skin. In a sense, you lose your identity."

The college classes focused on instruction skills the elders need to help elementary and high schools students learn how to speak and read the Arapaho language.

Ridgely, who is the bilingual education director for the college, says bringing the language into the schools is not nearly enough. He also envisions a "Master Apprentice Program" in which nearly all Arapaho children would get one-on-one instruction with a tribal elder for several hours a week. The college is currently working on the program.

— Billings Gazette

OSU faculty member receives White House honor

OKLAHOMA — Dr. Jim Smay, assistant professor of chemical engineering at Oklahoma State University, was recently honored by President Bush at the White House. Smay was among 20 recipients of the Presidential

Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the government's highest award for America's most promising young scientists and engineers. The award came after Smay received a five-year, \$400,000 NSF-CAREER grant in 2005. He is using those funds to develop an innovative technology and outreach program for Native American high school students in Tahlequah.

"There are a lot of impediments in minority communities to higher education, much less going to college to become an engineer or scientist, but the Cherokee Nation must move toward high technology," Smay said. "I try to interact with the students by telling them, 'look, I'm a member of the tribe, too. I grew up over here in eastern Oklahoma, 30 miles from the seat of the Cherokee Nation.'"

Smay earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at OSU and hopes other Cherokee students follow in his footsteps. "I'm not sure people in the Cherokee Nation are necessarily aware of how good this university's record is in producing American Indian graduates. I tell them, 'not only can you make it, but OSU is a great place to do it.'"

— Native Serve

Pension measure surprises tribes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush recently signed the Pension Protection Act. Three lines in the over 900-page document work against tribal self-determination and force tribes to reconsider their pension plans.

The lines revise the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to state that all participants in an Indian tribal government pension plan must be employed "in the performance of essential government functions, but not in the performance of commercial activities (whether or not an essential government function)." This means that tribal government pension funds could be taxed if the IRS is not satisfied with their origins.

Unless swift and complicated changes can be made, this means that on Jan. 1, 2007, tribal commercial interest pension plans may have to become private-employer compliant. Otherwise, tribal employee earnings invested in tax-exempt retirement accounts could be ineligible for tax-exempt treatment.

— Link Center Foundation

Federal help sought to save American Indian languages

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tribal and Indian education officials say federal grants can help save rarely spoken American Indian languages before they disappear. Legislation now in Congress would provide grants for "immersion schools" that would teach Indian languages and use those languages when teaching other courses as well.

"... If we don't do this now, it will be gone," said one Indian official. "These speakers are passing on. When they pass, they take a wealth of knowledge with them."

Ryan Wilson, president of the National Indian Education Association, said the proposed grant program would help undo the damage of cultural assimilation forced upon Indian people for hundreds of years. "We're not playing the role of victims. We don't believe in that," Wilson said. "But the U.S. government made the biggest investment in the destruction of the languages, and it should make a commensurate investment in helping to bring them back."

American Indian Listserve

Frybread: Two sides of a powwow staple

MARYLAND — Frybread is a simple comfort food with a complicated past. Frybread is a staple at powwows where several vendors offer the food. "It's become an icon," said George P. Horse Capture, a retired adviser at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Frybread is a basic dough usually made from flour, water and a leavening agent (yeast or baking powder). The dough is rolled into balls and stretched out on flat, greased surfaces. A hole is often poked in the center, then the dough is dropped into a deep cast-iron skillet of hot vegetable oil. The hole allows the top of the bread to cook at the same time as the bottom.

Some say frybread is a gift. Horse-Capture wrote that frybread is a divine gift in exchange for the hardships faced by native people.

But others remind us that the deep-fry bread, created from government food rations at impoverished reservations, contributes to the epidemic of obesity and diabetes among native people. "Frybread is emblematic of the long trails from home and freedom to confinement and rations. It's the connecting dot between healthy children and obesity, hypertension, diabetes, dialysis, blindness, amputations and slow death," wrote Suzan Shown Harjo in *Indian Country Today*.

But Fernando Divina, a man who spent 10 years researching indigenous foods, says frybread is like all food; best enjoyed in moderation. "It could be a lovely adjunct and one that shouldn't go away. It's something that should be celebrated," he said.

Frybread has grown beyond the festival food. It's South Dakota's official state bread. The Cheesecake Factory restaurant offers a Navajo sandwich on warm fry bread. Frybread is used for Indian tacos (seasoned ground beef, lettuce and tomato) Some serve it at powwows with powdered sugar or pie filling.

— Baltimore Sun

Blueberries equal big business in Maine

MAINE — For generations, Micmac and Passamaquoddy Indians have harvested blueberries in the hot August sun. As many as 1,000 workers — including about 200 Passamaquoddy, many more Micmac, and a smattering of locals — gather in the so-called blueberry barrens to rake.

The rakes — which resemble large dustpans with long teeth — are swept through the plants and gently pulled up, separating the berries from the greenery. Weeds and debris also catch at the rakes, and considerable skill and strength are needed to move swiftly. The work is brutal, but while machines are used in most of Maine's wild blueberry harvest, the two tribes vow never to replace its human rakers with machines.

"I've been raking probably for 40 years," said Mary Francis, a Micmac from Eskasoni, Nova Scotia. "I like it here. I grew up here. My parents brought me here when I was a baby. I brought my children. Now my grandchildren."

In 1980, the Passamaquoddy bought the 1,800-acre Northeastern Blueberry Company 200 miles south of Portland. This year, the company has harvested 3,200,000 pounds in less than two weeks, bringing \$500,000 into the Passamaquoddy's two reservations where poverty is common and unemployment reaches 50 percent.

— Indian Country Today

An ancient craft woven onto Web

OREGON — The indigenous people of North America who wove reed and willow into baskets weren't just making the tools of everyday life — they were writing a history. To help preserve that history, members from the Columbia Basin Basketry Guild recently visited the University of Oregon to go over more than 1,500 baskets collected by school's Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Most baskets are from the 18th and 19th centuries when they became more important as decorative items traded for money after tribal life collapsed due to white invasion. "We've seen some real gems," said Lynn Beard. She said many baskets were often repaired and handed down through the generations. Some were so cherished that their owners would not trade them to Lewis and Clark when the explorers encountered western tribes.

The baskets will eventually be displayed in a digital artifact library available online for all to see.

— Register Guard

Rabbit and Bear Paws

ONTARIO — Chad Solomon, a member of the Ojibway First Nation, is the creator of the humorous comic strip called *Rabbit and Bear Paws*. Published by Little Spirit Bear Productions, *Rabbit and Bear Paws* is created and drawn with the guidance of community elders in collaboration with writer Christopher Meyer.

The first series of comic strips are based upon the teachings of The Seven Grandfathers. As more strips are published, *Rabbit and Bear Paws* is rapidly gaining fans for its vibrant and entertaining images of American Indian traditions and oral history.

The grandson of American Indian traditional healer and justice activist Art Solomon, Chad learned from his grandfather, "no matter how old I become, I should always be young-at-heart and that laughter is the greatest medicine."

The comic strip can be viewed by visiting its Web site at www.rabbitandbearpaws.com.

— Native Village

Longest-serving Gwich'in chief dies at 96

NORTHWEST TERRITORY — Hyacinthe Andre, a respected Gwich'in elder in the Mackenzie Delta region of the Northwest Territories, recently passed away at age 96. He led his Gwichya Gwich'in of Tsiigehtchic from 1942 to 1980. He was one of the last remaining traditional leaders.

In one instance, youth wanted a center for themselves, he got them to cut the logs for the project instead of just giving it to them on a silver platter.

— Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Walking On . . .

Donald "Biz" Cook was born Oct. 22, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie and entered the Kingdom of God on Sept. 6, 2006. He was a loving husband and best friend for 24 years to his wife Debbie (nee Hatch) and adored his three children, Caleb, Rachel and Hannah.

He is predeceased by his parents, Floyd "Cookie" and Catherine (nee Edward) Cook and survived by his 14 siblings, James (Patti) Cook, Sharon (Ronald) Pickett, Thomas (Brenda) Cook, Buck (Carol) Cook, Gary (Lois) Cook, Patricia (Fred) Albon, Janice (Roger) Maxedon, Carol (Michael) King, Wanda (David) Clerc, Debbie (Carmine) Bonacci, Nancy (Bob) Albon, Arlene Foster, Michael (Tammy) Cook, and Kevin (Trishann) Cook.

Biz was a hard worker. He enjoyed his job as dredge superintendent and liked to work on and operate anything that had an engine. He was a very giving person who spent much of his time helping others. He was also a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Visitation was Sept. 8 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services were Sept. 9, 2006, at Community Baptist Church, burial will be at Mission Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may also be left online at www.csmulder.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Cook family or Hospice of Chippewa County.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die." (John 11:25-26). That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9).

Francis "Bud" Bourisaw, retired postal worker in Cheboygan and Mackinac Island died at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Bud was born Oct. 4, 1940, in Chicago and lived on Mackinac Island much of his life. He worked at the Mackinac Island post office for 27 years, and five years at the Cheboygan office. He graduated from St. Mary's Catholic High School in Petoskey and spent nearly two years in the U.S. Army. After he retired from the U.S. Post Office, he was night watchman for the Windemere Hotel on Mackinac Island, working for Jeanette and Margaret Doud for 12 years. Bud was a member of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and St. Annes Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Mackinac Island American Legion. Bud was a quiet guy, but loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his family, one sister, Kitty (George)



Schadel, Arcada, N.Y.; special friend, Sherry Raybe, Mackinac Island and Cheboygan; nieces and nephews, Raymond Schadel, Buffalo, N.Y.; Cathy (Robert) Schadel-Shotwell, Earlville, Ill.; Richard (Dawn Ganele) Schadel, and Mary Beth Schadel, all of Buffalo, N.Y.; great nieces and nephews; Tim, Laura, Brandon, Robert, Jennifer, Angela, Mikey, Vinnie and Carie Ann; and his furry friend, Smokey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morton and Catherine (Schultz) Bourisaw.

Visitation was on Sept. 10 and burial was on Sept. 11 at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island with Fr. Rey Garcia officiating. Burial was at St. Anne's Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the dialysis unit at Mackinac Straits Hospital with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted the family with arrangements. Pallbearers were Raymond Schadel, Robert Schadel, Brandon Davey, Jamie Bynoe, Kevin Levellie and Leonard Batuiak.

Charles Paquin, 73, a long-time resident of Cedarville, entered eternal peace on Sept. 6 at his home with his family at his side.

He was born to the late Eugene and Mary (nee Tamlyn) Paquin on Dec. 20, 1932, in St. Ignace, Mich. On June 20, 1953, he joined hands in marriage to his beloved Dorothy A. Matson in St. Ignace, Mich.

He started the Clark Township Ambulance Corps with Dr. Leonard Delooff where he was the captain of the corps and Dr. Delooff supplied the vehicles. Charles was a member of the church family of Bethel Lutheran Church in Cedarville where he served on the church board; a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge 590 of Cedarville; Shriner's Club in Marquette, Mich.; Clark Township Fire Department; Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; a former member of the St. Ignace Fire Department; and served on the Clark Township Board. His favorite past times were watching his grandchildren play ball, woodworking and he had a great love for playing baseball and softball in St. Ignace, Kalkaska, Pickford and Cedarville.

He is survived by his

beloved wife, Dorothy Paquin of Cedarville; loving children, Charles (Raya) Paquin, Jr. of Cedarville, John (Candy) Paquin of Clinton, Mich., Judith (Lyle) Landreville of Maple Lake, Minn., Mary Beth Paquin of Cedarville, Sonja (David) Duncan of Cedarville and Nicole (Jeff) Rolland of Clinton, Mich.; grandchildren, Mark, Steven, Drew, C.J., Trey, Jason, Jordan, Ashley, Erika, Erin, Mandy, Sara, Alex, James, David, Angela, Keith, Jason, Jordan, Jessica, Joe, Jeffrey, Nicholas, Alexia; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Emma, Chase; two brothers, Bernard (Vi) Paquin and James Paquin both of St. Ignace, Mich. Charles was also preceded in death by two sisters, Arletta St. Louis and Margaret Lester; and a brother, Prentiss Paquin.

The Paquin family received friends Sept. 8 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Cedarville. Funeral Services were Sept. 9, at Bethel Lutheran Church with Pastor David Letscher officiating. His final resting place is at Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville. Pallbearers were Mark, Steven, C.J. and Drew Paquin, Jason and Jordan Duncan and Keith and David Landreville. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Clark Township Ambulance Corps or Masonic Lodge 590. Ross Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the Paquin family with final arrangements. Condolences may be made through rossfuneralhomepickford.com.

Since You've Been Gone

Since you've been gone
So much has changed
New families have begun
And all the faces have changed
The only thing I have left to hold
is the memories we shared
we thought we were so tough,
so strong, so bold
All the attitudes and
tempers that flared.

I miss all those great memories
All the laughing and the tears
the stories of all our victories along
with all our great fears

Remembering all our dreams
The people we thought we would
become

Snapping out of all this with a
dreadful scream
Realizing that you are no longer
here at home

Hoping you are in a
great peaceful place
Finally being rewarded for all
your suffering and pain
at last you have a glow all around
your face

All new life has come and the old
washed with rain.

—We miss you Pat "Jamie"
Compton who passed away eight
years ago this Sept. 12. I forever
miss you, Sis.

13-part television series showcases unique American Indian cultures

FARGO, N. D. — Production schedules have been set for *Indian Pride*, a 13-part cultural magazine to be aired on PBS stations in February 2007. *Indian Pride* will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, N.D., will produce the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, N.D.

"This unprecedented series is the first venture of its kind to be produced for a mass United States audience, stated Bob Dambach of Prairie Public Television. "Previous attempts to tell the story of American Indian culture have been limited to one or two-part episodes that have only been able to provide a small glimpse of the rich history and culture of our Native peoples. We are very pleased to partner with JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing to bring this historic event to the American public. As host for the magazine, JuniKae will bring an in-depth and personal perspective to the stories we tell."

The 13-week magazine will focus on a specific theme each week that will be of interest to all people. Future programs will highlight Indian treaties and sovereignty, spirituality, health and healing, culture and celebrations, as well as the coverage of critical issues of government, economic development, politics and education.

Each 30-minute episode will include three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location at events held on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Indian Pride is the vision of JuniKae Randall, founding director of Circle of Nations Publishing. Randall is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up on the reservation in North Dakota. Randall left the reservation shortly after high school to follow her dreams. That journey led her to pursue a higher education to accomplish her goals. She holds a master's degree in education administration from the University of North Dakota and is a motivational speaker, songwriter and performer. Throughout her life experiences, she has always remembered and honored her Indian pride.

As she perceived the role of

media in our culture, she was disappointed to find no place in the endless coverage of news, entertainment and sports that included American Indians. "I wanted to change the landscape, creating a television program that would showcase the 562 Indian nations and profile our rich heritage with current accomplishments," Randall stated. "Innovative and in-depth content that would receive national distribution and fully integrate with schools via a Web site so teachers could share the knowledge with their students. *Indian Pride* was the natural title for this idea."

The development and production of *Indian Pride* is a major undertaking on behalf of several prominent members of the American Indian community throughout the country.

Harold "Gus" Frank is the chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin. Frank has been selected to serve as board chairman of the Indian Pride Advisory Board. "The *Indian Pride* TV Series is a great opportunity for Indians, Native Americans, and Indigenous people to tell, in their words, why and how we got to be where we are today. With JuniKae's vision, Prairie Public Television can use the media to share our history with the world," said Frank.

The honorary chairman of the advisory board, Chief Earl Old Person, chief of the Blackfeet Nation, welcomes this broadcast opportunity because ". . . It is education and communication that builds bridges, open hearts and creates greater harmony among people. As American Indians, we are known for our strong value of sharing. It is a good time to share our beautiful culture from every corner of Indian Country with the world."

Production schedules and locations along with more information on topics and guests will be announced within the next few months. The program will reach out to a number of reservations and tribes throughout the country as the segments are shot and produced for broadcast this winter. *Indian Pride* will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled for Feb. 3, 2007. Contact your local PBS station for broadcast dates and times.



JuniKae Randall



Harold Frank



Chief Earl Old Person

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.

The Sault Tribe News welcomes submissions from our tribe members by mail c/o Communications, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or via e-mail at saulttribe-news@saulttribe.net. Faxes should be sent to (906) 632-6556. Any questions concerning submissions can be answered by calling (906) 632-6398.

Fisherman's helper referral form

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Human Resource Department is accepting referrals for the captains of commercial fishing boats. When the captains need helpers, they will contact the Sault Tribe Human Resource Department for referrals in their area.

Referral forms may be obtained and submitted at the following Sault Tribe Human Resource Department locations.

Please note these positions are not affiliated with the Sault Tribe.

Sault Ste. Marie 2186 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-7032 Toll Free (866) 635-7032	St. Ignace 3039 Mackinaw Trail St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-4176	Manistique 5698 W. Highway US 2 Manistique, MI 49854 (906) 341-9561
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PLEASE PRINT

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number(s)	Today's Date		

Under Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) regulations, helpers must be a member of one of the following tribes. Non Sault Tribe members must still seek licensing through their respective tribe. Please mark the applicable box. **Documentation MUST accompany this form. Licensing must be obtained through tribe of interested member.**

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Pursuant to the CORA commercial fishing regulations and Tribal Code 20.102, helpers must obtain a license to assist with commercial fishing activity. Members 18 years or older are eligible for a tribal fishing license if available. A member 16 to 18 years of age is eligible for a helper's license

Winter weather training seminars

This fall, the National Weather Service in Gaylord is traveling to several communities across northern Michigan to present a series of winter weather seminars. These seminars will last approximately two hours. There is no charge to attend and they are open to the public. We have added some different topics to this year's seminar, including a presentation on climate change in northern Michigan and another on how to put together a winter weather emergency kit. If you are interested in learning more about winter weather in northern Michigan and what the forecast holds for this upcoming year, then I urge you to attend.

A few of the topics that will be covered include the science of lake effect snow; the proper way to make an accurate snow measurement; what should be in a winter emergency kit; climate change and weather trends in northern Michigan; and the long range forecast for the upcoming winter of 2006-2007.

A list of presentation times and locations will be listed on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards are also found on the Gaylord National Weather Service internet page at www.weather.gov/gaylord.

If you have any questions about these training sessions, please call Jim Keysor at (989) 731-3384 ext. 726 at the National Weather Service in Gaylord.

Winter Seminar locations and dates:
Thursday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.
 Community Center
 US-123
 Paradise, MI.

Monday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.
 Red Cross Building
 2350 Mitchell Park Drive
 Petoskey, MI.

Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
 Mio Community Center
 305 E. Ninth Street
 Mio, MI.

Monday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.
 Leelanau County 911 Center
 8525 E. Government Center Drive
 Suttons Bay, MI.

Regalia sewing day and men's spiritual gathering

Regalia sewing day

Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nigaanigiizhik Ceremonial Building, 11 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck lunch. You must pre-register and children must be accompanied by an adult sewing helper. Space is limited to the first 30 who sign up. Materials for female traditional and male grass dance regalia will be provided. Volunteers needed to help sew. Please contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or 1-800-726-9105 to pre-register or volunteer. Sponsored by American Indian Substance Abuse and the State of Michigan.

Men's spiritual wellness gathering

Oct. 6-7 p.m. at the Mary Murray Culture Center on Sugar Island. For more information, please contact Bud Biron at (906) 632-7494. This event is sponsored by American Indian Substance Abuse programs.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians employment openings

Employment office: 2186 Shunk Rd.
 (906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032
 Current job openings as of Sept. 1, 2006

For a complete list of job openings visit the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com and apply on-line.

GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

- Database analyst - open until filled.
- Employee benefit specialist. - opened until filled.
- Employee relations specialist - open until filled.
- Events worker (2) - open until filled.
- Early childhood programs manager - 10/06/06

SAULT KEWADIN CASINO

- Motor coach driver - opened until filled.
- Guest room attendant - opened until filled.

CHRISTMAS CASINO

- Beverage supervisor- opened until filled.
- Gaming shift manager - opened until filled.

ST. IGNACE KEWADIN CASINO

- Deli manager - open until filled.
- Beverage assistant manager - open until filled
- Busser - open until filled.

ENTERPRISE

- Guest room attendant, St. Ignace - open until filled.

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No openings

Attention Sault Tribe students, parents & community:

"Tell us what you think about the Sault Tribe Education Department"



- What can help our students do better in school?
- What services do we need to add?
- How can our services be improved?
- How can we get more Sault Tribe members to work for the Tribe?

DATE & TIME	COMMUNITY	LOCATION
Wednesday, Oct. 4 6:00 pm	Sault Ste. Marie	Chi Mukwa/Big Bear Arena
Thursday, Oct. 5 6:00 pm	Hessel	Hessel Tribal Center
Tuesday, Oct. 10 6:00 pm	Marquette	Holiday Inn
Wednesday, Oct. 11 6:00 pm	Munising	Mather Middle School
Thursday, Oct. 12 6:00 pm	Manistique	Manistique Tribal Center
Wednesday, Oct. 18 6:00 pm	St. Ignace	Little Bear East
Monday, Oct. 30 6:00 pm	Kincheloe	Kinross Recreation Center
Tuesday, Oct. 31 6:00 pm	Newberry	Best Western
Wednesday, Nov. 1 6:00 pm	Escanaba	Bay de Noc College, J.Heirman Ctr.

For more information: contact Angeline Matson, Education Director/Assistant Membership Services Director at (906) 635-4944 or amatson@saulttribe.net

Spiritual gathering at powwow grounds

Oct. 21: Fall spiritual gathering 12 p.m. at the Sault powwow grounds, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass. Also please bring your dish bag or dishes. Also please bring any sacred items that you would like to the feast. Contact Karen Howell or at (906) 635-6075, 1-800-726-9105 or Bud Biron at 632-7494 if you have any questions. Sponsored by the Sault Tribe substance abuse prevention and cultural departments.

Unit III elders chili and fry bread bake sale

Unit III Elders Committee is having a chili, fry bread, bake sale on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the McCann Unit III Elders site next to the football field. Donation is \$6 a person. For more information contact Joann Smith at (906) 643-9509.

Sault Tribe This Week

Tune in to *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-FM 12:37 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.

Sept. 5-26: Color the Bear contest. There will be two categories (six to ten years and under six years). Tribal and community children are eligible for this contest. The Bear coloring pages are available starting Sept. 5, at Chi Mukwa reception. To qualify for the \$10 gift certificate, entries must be dropped off at the reception area by 9 p.m. on Sept. 26. The (2) winners will be announced during the cake reception at noon on Sept. 27. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 5-Nov. 30: Fall fitness classes begin at the All-In-One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include: early birds, Pilates/yoga combo, kickboxing, lunch crunch II, step'n to the groove, ABD/LAB and Sunday fit. For more information call Connie Hill at (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 8-Dec.15: Open swim. Free for Sault Tribe members. Fridays 5-7 p.m. and Sundays 7-9 p.m. at the Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool. You must show your tribal membership card. For more information, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770.

Sept. 11- Dec. 8: Body Recall — a safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people. Body Recall is held on Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 10-10:50 a.m. in the dance room at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The suggested contribution is \$2. For more information, demonstrations or cost concerns call (906) 635-RINK ext. 51003.

Sept. 12-Nov. 28: Yoga for health, relaxation, and stress management is being offered. Beginning students and all levels welcome. Instructor 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 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$68 for Eight weeks or \$90 for 12 weeks. Fee discounted for second residential family member (spouse or child), \$60 for 8 weeks, \$78 for 12 weeks. Yoga promotes flexibility, strength, and relaxation. Learn to unite body, mind and spirit as you increase self-awareness and connect with your own heart. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing or leggings. You will need a yoga mat, block, strap, and yoga blanket for class. You may bring your own equipment, or mats, blocks, straps, yoga blankets, eye bags, mat carriers, books and instructional CDs will be available for purchase at discounted prices. A limited number of mats and props will be available for loan. For more information, call Betty Noland at (906) 632-5210.

Sept. 12-Dec. 22: The YEA homework/computer lab hours at the east wing of the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Homework Lab, peer tutoring, small group tutoring and reading Mon. through Fri. from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and computer lab, educational games, Internet and snacks from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Available for all tribal students in elementary, middle school and high school. Coming soon: Teen court, book club, and more! For more information call Sault Tribe Youth

Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 13-Dec. 20: Bahweting Anishinabek Tribal Youth Council meetings Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., for eighth through grade twelve students at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 15-Dec. 22: Culture hour will be held Fridays. Learn about powwow dancing, regalia, beadwork and crafts from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 18-27: Please help Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center celebrate their 10th anniversary by attending our free public events:

Sept. 23: Totzone -10th anniversary theme from 10 a.m. -12 p.m., public skate from 2:30-4:20, Soo Indians hockey game 7 p.m., rock n' skate and a balloon drop with Chi Mukwa prizes at 9:30.

Sept. 24: Public skate from 2:30-4:20 p.m., Ice cream social from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Soo Indians hockey game at 7 p.m. and drop-in hockey from 8:45-9:30 p.m.

Sept. 25: Public skate from 12:15-1:05

Sept. 26: Toddler/adult skate 12:15-1:35 p.m.

Sept. 27: Drop-in hockey 12:15-1:05 p.m., cake/ice cream 12-2 p.m. followed by anniversary ceremony and dance room grand opening.

All events will be free of charge to tribal and community members. Chi Mukwa will also be hosting a coloring contest for youth 10 years and under during the schedule of events. Times and events are subject to change. For more details call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 18-29: Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center's 10th Anniversary. The All-In-One Fitness Club has put together a two week free schedule to go along with the Chi Mukwa celebration. Also look for special promotions and drawings in the fitness center. Kristy Hill, RD, will be offering healthy food choice demonstrations including protein drinks, healthy snacks, energy bars, and the importance of dairy at to be determined times during this two week event.

Sept. 23: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 24: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 25: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Early bird from 5:45-6:45, Women's weight training from 12:15-1 p.m. and a demonstration from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Kickboxing, Step aerobics, Pilates, Toning/sculpting and the Cardio mix classes.

Sept. 26: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Beginners Pilates from 12:15-1 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Kickboxing from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Sept. 27: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m. -5 p.m., Early bird from 5:45-6:45, dance room grand opening 12 p.m., Women's weight training from 12:15-1 p.m. and Cardio mix from 5:45-6:45.

Sept. 28: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Kickboxing from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Sept. 29: Open weight room/

walking track from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Early bird from 5:45-6:45.

If you have any questions contact Connie Hill at (906) 635-7465 ext. 54979.

Sept. 22 & 23: Constitutional Committee meeting Sept. 22 from 5-9 p.m. and Sept. 23 from 8-3 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to Sault Tribe members observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning and conclusion of each meeting and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Sept. 23: Fourth annual Oktoberfest on Portage Avenue in downtown Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., featuring a farmers' market and vendors offering fresh produce and unique goods, battle of the bands and kids' games. Come downtown and celebrate the harvest of the season. For additional questions, call Lee Shirey at the Downtown Development Authority at (906) 635-6973.

Sept. 24: The first moon ceremony and teachings will be given by Ogichidakwe, Dorothy Sam at 1 p.m. at the Sugar Island Mary Murray building. All young women, mothers, aunts and grandmothers are encouraged to attend.

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

Sept. 25: Youth Education and Activities programs open house from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the east wing computer lab at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Find out information about our tutoring, computer lab, cultural activities, Super Science Saturdays and art club. Refreshments provided! For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 26: Unit I monthly chair meeting held at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Sept. 27: Unit II meeting to be held at the DeTour Township Hall from 6-8 p.m. contact Lana Causley at (906) 322-3818 for more information.

Sept. 27: Unit III monthly chair meeting held at the McCann School in St. Ignace, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Sept. 28: The basics of diabetes and living a full life class, 4-8 p.m., at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. This is the session to attend if you just found out you have diabetes, if you never received diabetes education, or it's been a while since you have had an update on diabetes. The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, a meal, and the chance to ask questions. For questions or to register call Community Health at (906) 632-5210. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform

you of any changes.

Sept. 29: The Promise Dance from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center for grades 5 to 7. Area schools and parents are invited. Sign the promise tree to "Live Drug Free." For more information call Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105.

Sept. 29-30: Constitution Committee meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at the Kewadin Casino. Friday's meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday's meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The committee encourages all tribe members to attend each meeting to give their input regarding amendments to the Sault Tribe's constitution. Time is set aside at each meeting for the membership to express their concerns. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Sept. 30: Regalia sewing day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Niigaanagiizhik ceremonial building, 11 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Everyone is welcome. All Stars' Seven Strategies for Successful Parenting CD and other positive parenting materials provided free of charge to parents attending this event. Please bring a dish to pass for a potluck lunch. You must pre-register and children must be accompanied by an adult sewing helper. Space is limited to the first 30 who sign up. Materials for girl's/women's traditional, and boy's/men's grass dance regalia will be provided. Volunteers needed to help sew. Please contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075, (800) 726-9105 or sskarenh@saulttribe.net to pre register or volunteer. Sponsored by American Indian Substance Abuse and the State of Michigan.

Sept. 30: Sault Tribe's Community Health Education Department will be sponsoring a "Rez Walk and Play Day" at the Sault powwow grounds in honor of Family Health & Fitness Day. For more information, call Michelle at (906) 632-5280.

Sept. 30: Special event! Call for booths and supporters at the Sault Tribe powwow grounds, near the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center and the Niigaanagiizhik Cultural Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. To register for a break station table or volunteer please contact: Michelle Willis, Community Health Educator (906) 632-5280 or by email: mwillis@saulttribe.net.

Sept. 30: Fire lodge blessing and feast. Come join us. The ceremony will start at 3 p.m. with a feast to follow. Please bring a dish to pass if you can. Hessel Tribal Center, 3 Mile Road, Hessel, Mich. For more information contact Lisa Burnside at lburnside@saulttribe.net or Arlene Graham, at agraham@saulttribe.net.

Oct. 2: Tribal chairperson open office hours on Mondays prior to board meetings from 2-6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. Contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 632-6578 ext. 26640 or (888) 94-AARON.

Oct. 2: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee holds meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 2-5: Donation boxes for the collection for youth winter wear items will be at the following locations: Sault Tribe Administration Building, Sault Tribe Health Center, Sault Tribe Child Care Center, Sault Tribe Head Start, and Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center Youth Education and Activities Program. For more information call Julie or Roberta at (906) 632-5250.

Oct. 3: Culture and Curriculum Conference Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, sponsored by Michigan Tribal Education Directors' Consortium. For more information call (989) 775-4501 or aflaughter@sagchip.org.

Oct. 3 & 5: Enjoy Living Smoke-Free – Yes, You Can!, Oct. 3 from 1-3 p.m. and Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tobacco is a powerful medicine. Just like any medicine, if used properly it has the power to heal. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health six-sessions July 18 – Oct. 5, at the Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium. Come to any or all sessions! Complete all six sessions and receive a certificate and a special gift. Thursday afternoon sessions include a heart healthy meal. Open to the public. For questions or to register call Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

Oct. 3: Board of directors open hours from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the American Legion in Munising, Mich. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshop and meeting. For questions, call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Oct. 3: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Munising at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Oct. 4: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the first Wed. of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 4: Unit IV monthly chair meeting held at Manistique Tribal Center from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Oct. 4: Learn to skate starts at 6:15 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Oct. 5: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Oct. 6: The Winter Wear Giveaway will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center second floor in front of the Youth Education and Activities Program. For more information call Julie or Roberta at (906) 632-5250.

Oct. 6 & 7: Constitutional Committee meeting Oct. 6 from 5-9 p.m. in St. Ignace at Little Bear East and Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Committee meetings open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Oct. 6: Soo Indians vs. Sudbury, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

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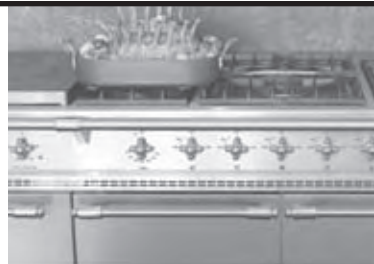
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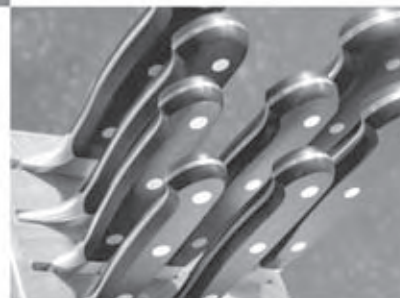
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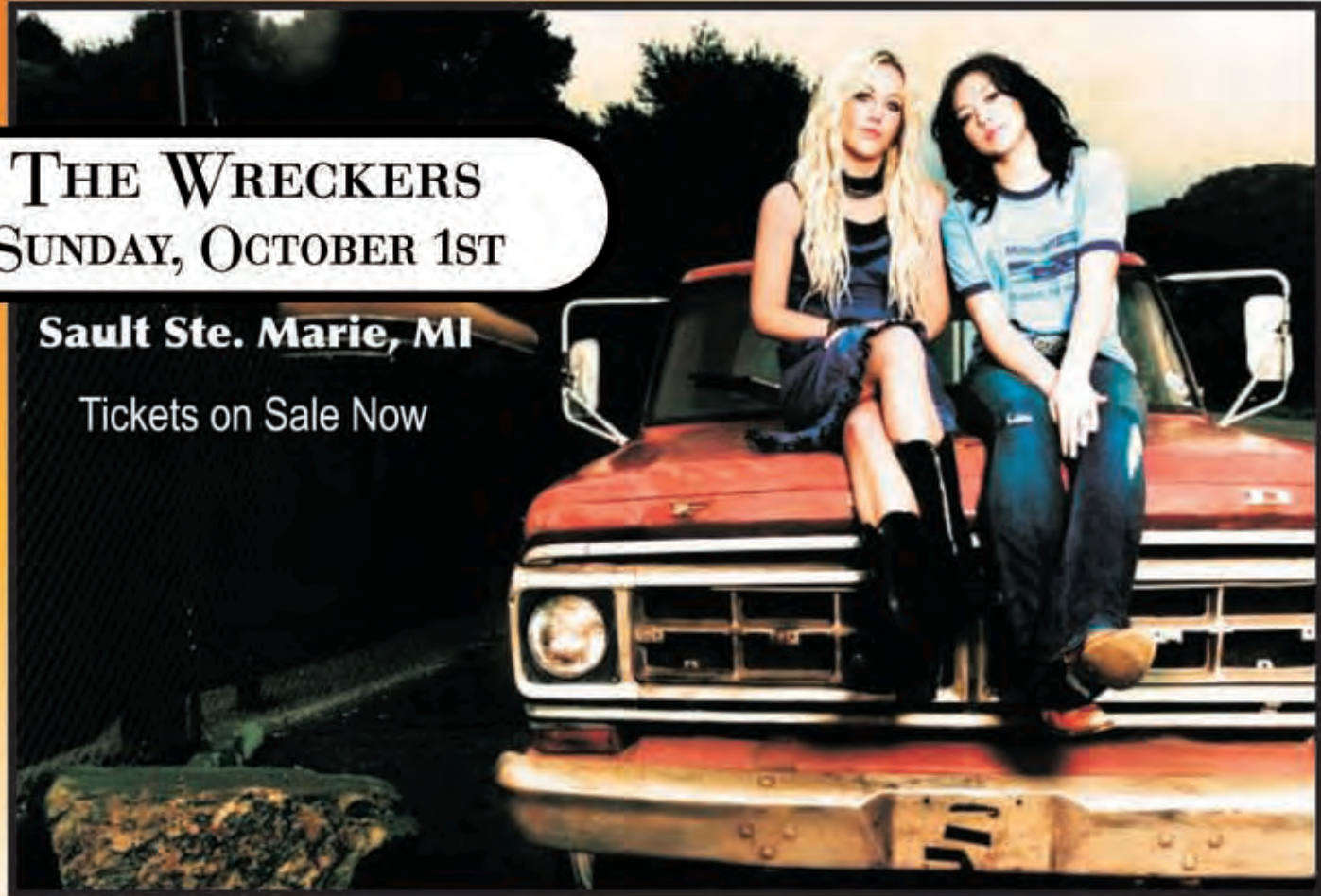
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