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Greektown Casino unveils expansion plan

BY CORY WILSON

The Greektown Casino announced they will ask city of Detroit leaders and the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) to approve the construction of a permanent casino and hotel resort in Greektown.

The new plan will meet all of Greektown's development agreement obligations to the city, reaffirm the casino's commitment to Greektown merchants and downtown Detroit and enables the Greektown Casino to develop a customer-friendly parking deck and a magnificent hotel — all in Greektown.

The Greektown Casino's management board unveiled the expansion plans publicly for the first time at a MGCB meeting on Sept. 13. Both parties participated in discussions regarding the proposed expansion. However, the expansion proposal was not an action item subject to an MGCB vote at that particular meeting.

The Sept. 14 Associated Press story in *The Sault Evening News* falsely reported that the MGCB "rejected" the "expansion plan for the Greektown Casino." The casino did present the new expansion plans to the MGCB, however, the expansion plans were not voted on by the MGCB.

"Our expansion plans were not



An artist rendition of the newly proposed expansion to Greektown Casino. The 400-room hotel, theater and spa will also have an attached 3,500 space parking garage.

officially submitted to the MGCB for approval, so the MGCB could not have possibly rejected them," said Greektown Casino spokesman Roger Martin. "*The Evening News* story made a pretty bad fact error in reporting this."

Under state law, the City of Detroit and the MGCB have some approval authority. Planning and zoning approvals are needed from the city for the expansion to occur. The casino also has plans to purchase a parking garage

owned by the city to make room for the new expansion. The plan is to tear down the existing garage and then re-build a 3,500-space parking garage in its place.

The Greektown Casino man-

agement board also presented one option for interim re-financing for part of the casino's debt. The MGCB said it would not approve the interim re-financing for part of the casino's debt until the casino addressed technical concerns regarding the legal structure of the refinancing.

The casino's management board met later in the week with key MGCB staff to continue the discussions. The casino anticipates having a final refinancing plan in place by late October or November.

"At the meeting, we told MGCB staff and members that if they objected to the proposal we presented, we would restructure it to meet their concerns, which we are in the process of doing," added Martin.

The casino's first order of business is to address all of the concerns of the MGCB to get part of the casino's debt restructured. The casino will then present a financing proposal for the permanent casino expansion to the MGCB, followed by expansion approval from the city of Detroit. The casino's last step will be to finalize the purchase of property needed to execute the proposed expansion plans.

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Team members benefit from operational savings

Full-time regular employees making under \$30,000 per year will save an extra five percent on health insurance premiums after the Sault Tribe reduced the premium from 20 percent to 15 percent.

The funds used to offset the health insurance premiums were acquired through existing budgets and operational savings. The operational savings were distributed back to team members to reflect a significant savings through lower health insurance payments.

With the health insurance adjustment, lower wage earners will be able to keep pace with the constant rise in insurance premiums, therefore, allowing annual wage increases to have a greater impact on team member's take home pay.

Collectively, team members will save over \$320,000 next year and may save between \$300 and \$700 individually per year under

the new system. The new policy will take effect on Oct. 1.

New casino team members will also be eligible for health insurance six months earlier, after the board of directors approved to revise the waiting period from 18 to 12 months.

The policy change may also serve as an incentive for those interested in seeking employment in the casino industry and will help casino management with the recruitment of new team members.

The Sault Tribe is one the largest employers in the Upper Peninsula and employs approximately 2,167 team members. 67.4 percent of team members participate in the tribe's health insurance plan.

The Sault Tribe's employee participation rate for employment-based health insurance is a significant seven percent higher than the national average.



Manistique Dental Clinic opens. . . A special ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a guided tour marked the opening of the Manistique Health Center Dental Clinic Sept. 20. Above, Dr. Brandy Larson, left, a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service, shows the state of the art dental clinic to Chairperson Aaron Payment, Unit IV representatives, Denise Chase, Martha Miller (retired), and Tom Miller. Unit II Representative Bob LaPoint is hidden behind Dr. Larson. For more information on the new dental clinic see the story on page 3.

Photo by Alan Kamuda

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Inland fishing and hunting input sessions scheduled

BY CORY J. WILSON

Tribe members concerned about their inland fishing and hunting rights or regulations are encouraged to attend community meetings scheduled throughout northern Michigan or contact their local unit representative or Conservation Committee member.

Input sessions will be held throughout the region in an effort to gain tribe member's opinion regarding the current inland fishing and hunting code and the ongoing litigation with the state of Michigan regarding the 1836 Treaty rights.

Area tribe members interested in attending should also identify specific inland fishing and hunting concerns. The goal of these meetings is to identify key areas of importance and to document the concerns of members.

Please keep in mind these meetings are set up to gather information. Answers or solutions to member's concerns may not

be immediately available at these meetings. However, a method to follow-up with members regarding responses to issues and concerns will be developed and announced in the near future.

The Sault Tribe Inland Fishing, Hunting and Gathering Code and a copy of the 1836 Treaty with the Ottawa and Chippewa is available online at www.sault-tribe.com. For more information call (906) 635-6050 (toll free at (888) 942-2766) to speak with Conservation Committee members Charles Matson at ext. 26302 or Clarence Hudak at ext. 58644 on weekdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or Henry Grondin at (231) 539-9986 on weekdays after 6 p.m. and during weekends.

Sept. 26, 6 p.m.
Nokomis-Mishomis Elder Center,
2076 Shunk Rd.,
Sault Ste. Marie

Sept. 27, 6 p.m.
Naubinway Pavilion,
Corner of Main and Tuffy Sts.,
Naubinway

Sept. 28, 6 p.m.
McCann School,
399 McCann St.,
St. Ignace

Oct. 3, 6 p.m.
Manistique Tribal Center,
6596 West US 2,

Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
Gold Dust Ballroom,
418 N. Huron St.
Cheboygan

Sept. 13, 6 p.m.
Holiday Inn Express,
1600 US 31 North,
Pellston

Oct. 14, 6 p.m.
TBA
Escanaba

Oct. 19, 6 p.m.
Walstrom's,
5043 US 41 South,
Harvey



Court staff harvests sage

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians court staff, under the guidance of Bud Biron, went on a trip to harvest sage on Sept. 6. The staff was also joined by Elaine and Nathan Wright, Joanne and Wayne Corbiere, and Judy LaJoie.

The morning began by having a circle and prayer to start everyone off in good spirits. When they arrived at the harvest area, the staff was given instruction on how to harvest the sage and what needed to be done with it once it was picked.

Sukodawabuk, sage, which is burned as a purifier and has a spiced air to it, represents the western direction and is used by the original peoples to make their prayers and signal the Great Creator of one's need for help.

There are many varieties of sage and all are effective in smudging. Smudging is a way of using the smoke from burning herbs to cleanse the body, an object or a given area of negative influences. The burning of sage in smudging ceremonies is for driving out evil spirits, negative thoughts and feelings, and to keep negative entities away.

Tribal Court uses sage to



L to R: Pat McKelvie, Kandra Robbins and Elaine Wright bundle the sage they harvested which will be hung behind the court room bench, the judges seat, to dry. Sage is used to smudge the court room.

smudge the court room several times per week, so it only seemed fitting that the court staff harvest what they will use.

After our harvest, the staff and guests went to a park to feast and a prayer was given by Judy LaJoie. Once everyone ate, we began bundling the sage. Since there was limited time, not all of it was bundled. On the following day, the court staff completed the

bundling and the sage was hung behind the bench in the court room to dry.

All staff and guests expressed what a wonderful, spirit filled day this was and encourage others to do the same. They also extend a special, heartfelt chi migwich to Bud for his willingness to share his knowledge in such a relaxed and easy going manner.

August police report

Curfew violation

Aug. 3, male, turned over to parents.
Aug. 3, female, turned over to parents.
Aug. 3, male, turned over to parents.

Parole violation

Aug. 28, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department (CCSD).

Domestic assault

Aug. 12, male, lodged Mackinac County Sheriff's Department (MCSD).

Assault

Aug. 18, male, lodged CCSD.

Warrants

Aug. 8, female, posted bond.
Aug. 9, female, lodged, CCSD
Aug. 9, male posted bond.
Aug. 9, female, lodged CCSD, no bond.
Aug. 22, male, lodged CCSD
Aug. 26, female, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 28, male, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 28, male, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 29, male, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 29, female, turned over to St. Ignace Police Department.

Minor

consuming alcohol

Aug. 18, male, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 18, female, lodged CCSD.
Aug. 18, male, turned over to parents.
Aug. 18, female, turned over to parents.
Aug. 18, female, turned over to parents.
Aug. 22, female, turned over to parents.
Aug. 22, female, turned over to parents.
Aug. 22, female, turned over to parents.
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Operating

while intoxicated

Aug. 19, male, lodged CCSD.
Incorrigible child
Aug. 26, male, turned over to youth facility.

Larceny

Aug. 25, male civil citation issued.

Aug. 13, male, posted bond.

Fraud

Aug. 11, male, lodged CCSD.

Gaming Industry Katrina Relief Fund

On Aug. 31, Mr. Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., president of the American Gaming Association, announced that the association is setting up the Gaming Industry Katrina Relief Fund.

"Watching the news these past few days, one cannot help but feel devastated by the pictures of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, especially knowing that thousands of our industry's employees have borne the brunt of this direct hit — losing homes and loved ones and facing an uncertain future," said Fahrenkopf. "In light of the devastating effects of the storm on gaming jurisdictions along the Gulf Coast, the American Gaming Association is setting up the Gaming Industry Katrina

Relief Fund. The goal of the fund will be to raise industry dollars to provide disaster relief and assistance to affected gaming employees in Mississippi and Louisiana."

Industry suppliers, fellow gaming industry employees and interested persons can contribute to the Gaming Industry Katrina Relief Fund by sending checks made payable to Gaming Industry Katrina Relief Fund, American Gaming Association, 555 13th St. NW, Suite 1010 East, Washington, D.C. 20004. Since Sept. 2, supporters can contribute online at www.americangaming.org. If you have any questions, you can reach the American Gaming Association at (202) 637-6500.

Hurricane relief fund for tribes in gulf region

WASHINGTON — As southern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama deal with the aftermath of one of the worst natural disasters to ever strike the U.S., the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) offers its prayers of support to the tribes and people of the region.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Indian nations in the region effected by Hurricane Katrina," said NCAI President Tex G. Hall. "It is times like this when it is important for Indian people to come together to help one another out."

NCAI has attempted to contact tribes that were in or near the path of Hurricane Katrina and has had success with some yet unable to reach others.

The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana sustained some wind

and rain damage but the tribe's members who live in Slidell, La., felt the brunt of the storm, according to the tribal chairman's office. Tribe members living in that area lost everything, homes were completely destroyed but, fortunately, there has been no loss of life reported among tribe members as most of them appear to have made it into shelters. The tribe has become a refuge for some trying to escape the aftermath of the storm at its Mari Center, which houses the tribe's Paragon Casino and has become a Red Cross shelter which now houses nearly 600 refugees.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians are still unreachable by phone, however, news reports indicate power outages on the reservation with evacuees seeking shelter at the tribe's hotels

and resorts.

NCAI encourages tribes who wish to aid the tribes effected by Hurricane Katrina to send donations to NCAI, 1301 Connecticut Ave, NW Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036. Please put "hurricane relief" on the memorandum line of the check.

All donations will go directly to tribes in the effected regions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. NCAI is gathering information on the areas of greatest need which will benefit the tribes who are dealing with refugee and disaster relief for both their members and others and will soon have an answer as to exactly where we will be sending the funds. We are also coordinating efforts with the National Indian Gaming Association and will send out further information.

COPS visit tribal police



The director and assistant director of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services, (COPS) recently took a familiarization tour of our law enforcement facilities. Pictured here (L to R) are Carl R. Peed, COPS director; Fred Paquin, police chief; David M. Buchanan, COPS assistant director; and Hope Collia, police department administrative assistant. "We were very impressed with the Sault Tribe," said Buchanan. "We travel around the nation and visit both tribal and non-tribal law enforcement agencies. The level of professionalism exhibited by Chief Paquin and his department is to be commended. The Department of Justice COPS office has invested nearly \$2 million in Sault Tribe for things like hiring officers, purchasing technology and equipment and supporting ongoing law enforcement programs — Chief Paquin used these grants effectively and efficiently and has built a fantastic department. Additionally, the high level of community policing the department has implemented makes the officers even more effective — which is the purpose of all C.O.P.S grants."

"I appreciate everything the C.O.P.s. office has done for us," adds Police Chief Fred Paquin, "without their assistance we wouldn't have been able to accomplish the things we have and we wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of the entire law enforcement staff especially our administrative assistant Hope Collia, she's dedicated herself 24/7 to the department."

Photo by Rick Smith

Team members benefit from 2006 annual raise

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Tribe Board of Directors announced the allocation of \$2.2 million for salary and wage increases for employees in 2006. Depending on wage level, team members will have an opportunity for a maximum wage increase of 5.5 percent next year.

A new wage scale for annual pay-raise percentages was also developed in an effort to benefit the majority of team members by equitably distributing the allocated funds.

"In the fall of 2003, I proposed a decremental wage scale that would benefit lower level wage earners by redistributing the wage increases from the higher end. I am very pleased the board

approved this plan," stated Chairperson Aaron Payment.

Kewadin Casinos interim COO Tony Goetz added, "The budgeted amount for raises in 2006, will be distributed in a manner so that our lower paid front-line team members will receive a higher percentage of the distribution; reflecting our commitment to improving the ability for those team members to be able to more adequately provide for their family members."

The 2006 wage increases will impact approximately 2,167 team members. The annual raises will take effect on Jan. 1, 2006, with the funds coming from existing budgets and operational savings.

Farmers Insurance opens doors in St. Ignace



Jason Smith and Bob Holmes standing in front of their Farmers Insurance office building located at 6 Spring St. in St. Ignace.

Photo by Brenda Austin

BY BRENDA AUSTIN
Jason Smith and Bob Holmes recently opened a Farmers Insurance office in the old library building at number 6 Spring Street in St. Ignace.

Farmers Insurance offers a full line of insurance, retirement plans, investments, and IRAs.

Bob Holmes has been a St. Ignace Kewadin Shores employee for the past 12 years in the shipping and receiving department. To supplement his income Holmes began selling life and health insurance in 1985 and expanded to property and casualty insurance. Holmes has been a Farmer's Insurance agent since last January. "I was working from home and sometimes out of customer's homes. An office is more convenient. This is a great opportunity for us to help local communities with their insurance needs. We have great products; come in and compare rates and see what

we can do for you," Holmes said.

Sault tribe member and former Sault Tribe Health Center dental assistant for the past 10 years, Jason Smith said business is going good. "We opened the office Aug. 16 and are now starting to have people walk in as word spreads that we are here," said Smith.

For more information stop by number 6 Spring Street, suite 101 or call (906) 643-8630. "Many people may not realize we are a local call if you live in DeTour, Hessel, Cedarville, Pickford or Brimley," Smith said. Or you can e-mail Jason Smith at jsmith14@farmersinsurance.com or Bob Holmes at rholmes1@farmersinsurance.com.

"We have a good product with a great company and great support," Holmes said. "It costs nothing to get a quote and see what we have to offer."

Western Dental Clinic Opens

BY BRENDA AUSTIN
A day many people have dreamed of and worked hard to make happen has come. The doors on the new Manistique Tribal Health Center Dental Clinic opened Sept. 20 with the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Dr. Bruce Anderson, dental program director for the Sault Tribe, remembers planning for this day since 1997. "We moved into the new Sault Health Center in 1995, and in 1997 we began planning for the dental portion of the Manistique clinic. I remember Martha Miller, Denise Chase and myself going to meetings with Russ Vizina and a few other committee members," Anderson said.

This is the third dental clinic Dr. Anderson has helped design. The Manistique Tribal Health Center was designed by architect and tribal member Al Goudreau. Goudreau also designed the



Dr. Brandy Larson

Manistique casino which is located next to the new tribal center. "We first did the Lambert Center in 1994, the Sault in 1995 and now the Manistique center. Our fourth project is going to be the redesign of the new Lambert Center in St. Ignace in a joint venture with the Straits Hospital," Anderson said.

A commissioned officer with Indian Health Service, Lt. Brandy Larson, DDS, began working for the Manistique Dental Clinic Aug. 24. Her staff of dental professionals includes a hygienist and two dental assistants. "We have four treatment rooms or operatories, a dental lab and sterilization areas. There is also a full and part time physician assistant in the health clinic, a physician who sees patients one to three times a month, a full time dietitian and several nurses.

In the near future, the health center will also have a pharmacy and optometry department.

Larson received her dental degree from the University of Iowa in 2003. "People in the Manistique area have been stopping my husband on the street

when they see him asking when they will be able to make appointments. It is exciting to see it happen, to know that I will be able to help fill a need in the community," Larson said.

"We are really proud of Dr. Larson, she has done a great job of coming on board and everyone she has met has been impressed with her. She is working with a hand picked staff of dental professionals with many years of experience. The patients will be in good hands," Dr. Anderson said.

It is anticipated the new dental clinic will have about 2,000 patient visits a year.

Dr. Larson and her husband are from Iowa, but moved to Manistique from Alaska with their eight-month old son.

Appointments for children (age 0-18) and elders (age 60 and above) may be made by calling (906) 341-9547 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. Tribal member patients who are 19-59 years old need to call on Monday mornings beginning at 8 a.m.

Historical marker recognizes American Indian trail, now US-2

BY BRENDA AUSTIN
The Michigan Department of Transportation, (MDOT), and the Sault Tribe met for a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 2 for a historical marker placement at the Mackinac Bridge scenic view turnout on US-2, one mile west of St. Ignace.

The marker will commemorate the origin of the route as a trail created and used by American Indians which later became used by explorers, traders and armies.

The project was funded by federal transportation enhancement

funds.

John Batchelder, in photo on the right, manager of the Newberry Transportation Service Center for the MDOT, along with Sault Tribe representative Cecil Pavlat, took turns reading from the inscription which will be placed on the marker. The inscription will be in the Ojibwe language on one side and English on the other ends by noting the important contributions made by the state's earliest residents to transportation in Michigan are now being recognized.



UNIT III ELDERS COMMITTEE
CHILI AND FRYBREAD SALE
 Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 McCann Unit III elder site
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 Donation is \$6 a person.
 For more information contact
 Phyllis Colegrove at 643-8875.

Equal voter registration needed

Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

TRIBAL MEMBERS SHOULD INSIST ON IMMEDIATE AND EQUAL VOTER REGISTRATION

Our Tribe has over 33,000 members of which about 18,000 are adults. 63 percent (11,394) of our adult members are currently registered to vote in tribal elections. This means that 37 percent are not registered to vote.

63 percent appears to be a reasonably high democratic participation rate right? An inequity, however, lies in the fact that while members who reside within the five election units of the tribe are automatically registered to vote, the remaining members must register to vote and are given a very narrow and restrictive time frame in which to register.

Voter registration provisions in our Constitution are ambiguous but are currently interpreted to require only those who reside outside of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to register to vote every four years. Alternately, another section of our Constitution calls for a census and voter registration every four years for everyone including those who live within the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

During the nine years I have been in tribal elective office, I have pointed out this inequity but have received little support from the tribal board and opposition from the Tribe's Election Committee. It is time that tribal members demand this unfair treatment be stopped. Let's treat everyone equally with regard to voter registration.

All adult members should be automatically registered to vote. Countries that have evolved their democratic processes to include automatic voter registration have greater voter participation than countries that create artificial criteria as a barrier for citizens to vote. I would prefer that all members be automatically registered to vote in all elections. I would settle, however, for making our current voter registration more timely for those who must register under the current system.

In the past, great effort was expended to ensure incumbents were re-elected by creating barriers to democratic participation, a very short window of time (just 3 months) was established for tribal members who live outside of the Upper Peninsula to register to vote. So, now not only do those who live outside of the service area receive less in terms of membership benefits, you must also register to vote and must do so in a very short and unreason-

able time period.

Contrary to liberalizing our voter registration, Director Dennis McKelvie actually proposed that everyone (presumably inclusive of those who live within the UP-Sugar Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Kincheloe, Brimley, etc.) should have to register to vote. I disagree with this as I would like full participation of members in our elections. I want to make the process easier not harder.

EQUAL VOTER REGISTRATION

At the 10-18-05 tribal board meeting, I will introduce tribal legislation titled, the "Payment Equal Voter Registration Act" in order to begin voter registration on November 1, 2005 for the up coming 2006 tribal election. This adds five additional months for voter registration for the first year. This legislation will also propose to thereafter allow for open voter registration at any time with the exception of three months prior to each election (this is constitutionally mandated). Please call or email your input at (888) 94-AARON or apayment@saulttribe.net. Membership Liaison Clarence Hudak will log this information to provide a report to the tribal board so they know the volume of members who wish to have an equal and fair voter registration process. Please recognize that your response is critical.

ELECTION COMMITTEE PROHIBITS ACCESS TO SPOILED BALLOTS

The Election Committee's recent decision to count seven blank ballots in order to give the appearance of complying with the 30 percent requirement of the Tribal Constitution for referenda votes was so inexcusable and patently dishonest, that members now have no choice but to question the validity of everything they do.

Shortly after the debacle of the Election Committee counting blank ballots as votes, I instructed the general legal counsel to work with the Election Committee chair to review the 177 "spoiled ballots" to determine why they were spoiled and to determine vote preference. When the Election Committee chair refused, I suggested another approach - scheduling an Election Committee meeting. To my shock and amazement, the Election Committee also rejected allowing anyone to see these ballots. It is at this point folks, I began to wonder if we have reason to be suspicious. Is this really an issue? Without looking at these ballots, we just cannot tell. We have only held a few referenda votes in our history. In the early spring of 2005, there were a reported 40 ballots spoiled but there was also an overwhelming 65 per-

cent return rate in the vote, and an overwhelming number of members who supported the tribal board's previous decision to schedule a "conflict of interest" amendment to the Tribal Constitution during a Constitutional Convention.

In the latest referenda, however, there was a mere 30 vote difference and the constitutionally mandated number of ballots (to make the referendum vote valid) was not met. Thus, the importance of the number of spoiled ballots becomes critical. The following is likely to shock you. Again, of the 11,394 ballots mailed to registered voters during the most recent referenda, only 3,414 votes were cast. A whopping total of 177 ballots were spoiled. This means that 5% of you who cast votes, did so for nothing because your vote did not count.

Though the Election Committee disagrees, it is critically important to know why these ballots were spoiled. If they sway strongly in one direction or another, you would have reason to suspect some sort of collusion or election fraud. Again, with the Election Committee refusing to allow anyone to see these ballots we just cannot tell.

SPOILED BALLOTS INCREASING

Again, with the most recent referenda, 5 percent of the votes were spoiled by the Election Committee. How does this compare to previous elections? In the May referenda less than 1/2 of a percent of the ballots were spoiled. Thus the number of spoiled ballots in the latest referenda is a phenomenal 10 times (as a percentage of votes cast) greater than those spoiled in the May election.

Don't the Members deserve to know why we had such a phenomenal increase in the number of spoiled ballots? Why is the Election Committee voting to keep this information secret? Should they have carte blanche authority to prohibit everyone from knowing why these ballots were spoiled or how the votes would otherwise have affected the outcome? Probably the most important question of all, shouldn't members have confidence in the integrity of our tribal election process to know that your vote counted?

NEWEST REFERENDUM

In my last report, I noted that the referendum was invalid because the Constitutionally required number of votes was not met. Unfortunately, because board members who had a conflict of interest did not abstain from voting, the board voted to accept the outcome including seven blank ballots as casts votes. In response to this, members submitted twice as many signa-

tures as required to put this issue to a referendum and therefore created our latest referendum challenge.

Obviously I have an opinion. I just cannot believe that anyone would find it reasonable to count blank ballots as votes. To avoid a slippery slope of further violating the Tribal Constitution, **I recommend you vote to - 'DISAPPROVE'** which will overturn the decision to count blank ballots as votes.

TRIBE DONATES \$25,000 FOR HURRICANE SURVIVORS

Following the disastrous effects of Hurricane Katrina, several tribal and Kewadin Casino team members suggested we hold a fundraiser to help those devastated by this natural disaster. In times like this, our Tribe and our team members have proven that we come together and help others in the heritage of being 'good Samaritans.' I am pleased to report that our team effort raised about \$10,000. We, in turn, matched this amount with an additional \$15,000 for a total contribution to the American Red Cross for \$25,000. A heartfelt, chi-megwitch to all volunteers and team members who worked to make this effort a success.

MICHIGAN TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

For the week of September 12 through September 16, the annual Torch Run was held to raise funds for Michigan Special Olympics. The Torch Run is a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Michigan State Police and many volunteers though out the state. The run entails a relay of runners that start from the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan through the lower peninsula ending in Grand Rapids, Michigan. All of the proceeds go to support the Michigan Special Olympics.

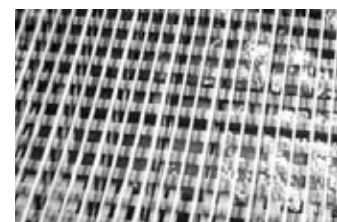
Upon a request put to the tribal board by Eric Morgan (a Michigan Corrections Officer and Sault Tribe Member) the Sault Tribe made a contribution of \$5,000 and volunteered to send a few runners to help with a portion of the run on Wednesday - September 14. corrections officers' Eric Morgan, Laura Keiser, and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Officer Richard Cullen and I ran the five miles across the Mackinac Bridge. To give the runners a break, Officer Cullen and I ran an additional 10 miles for a total of 15 miles without stopping. Eric Morgan ran a total of over 40 miles for the week. For more information regarding the Torch Run or Michigan Special Olympics or to make a contribution, please call my office.

Great job Eric and Rich!

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.



Photos clockwise from left - Rich Cullen, Corrections employees - Laura Keiser and Eric Morgan, and Aaron Payment. Top - Rich Cullen and Aaron Payment. Right - a photo taken of Mackinac Island while running across the bridge and (far right) a view of the straits through the grate from 300 feet.



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Emerald ash borers in Brimley State Park

Michigan's Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Response Project partners confirmed the first borer infestation discovered in the Upper Peninsula. The infestation was found during extensive survey work in Brimley State Park in Chippewa County along the Lake Superior shoreline.

"This is a significant find underscoring the importance of not moving hardwood firewood in Michigan," said Mitch Irwin, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). "Based upon extensive visual survey conducted this summer in state, national and private campgrounds across the U.P., this appears to be an isolated infestation, and we are responding quickly and aggressively to eradicate it."

Survey crews from MDA, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan Technological University (MTU) and the U.S. Forest Service spent the summer surveying high-risk areas in the U.P. for signs of bor-

ers. High-risk areas include all campgrounds — national, state and privately owned, boat launches and lake associations with high tourist or camper traffic.

The infestation at Brimley State Park is the first place where borers have been found in the U.P. Detection trees established by MTU yielded two borer larvae in early September. A detection tree is a selected ash tree that has been "girdled" — a process removing a ring of bark from the tree trunk — to stress the tree. Research has shown borer adults are more likely to lay eggs on stressed trees.

Researchers and response project partners will implement the appropriate actions for eradicating the infestation. "The eradication strategy for areas like Brimley includes removal of all ash trees within a half-mile from any known site of infestation," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "We must protect our forests from the immediate threat that borers present while managing these resources long-term."

"Despite the federal government's funding reduction this year, the governor's office is working aggressively with our Congressional delegation to make sure we have adequate federal dollars for 2006," said Patricia Lockwood, borer policy director for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "Without a stronger federal commitment, the risk of borers spreading across North America is greatly increased."

Emerald ash borers are an exotic, aggressive beetle native to Asia and were discovered in southeast Michigan in 2002. To date, the pest is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 15 million ash trees in the 20 quarantine counties and 27 outliers. Outliers are areas of pest populations found outside of the 20-county quarantine.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info. You may also contact your regional MDA office, your local Michigan State University Extension or conservation district office.

A review of our gas tax discount

BY RICK SMITH

Many members of our tribe have enjoyed state tax discount benefits for the last two years with the passage of the 2003 state-tribe tax agreement. The agreement entitles members of our tribe to state tax discounts when buying specific items related to shelter, transportation and tobacco.

Probably the most commonly used benefit is the tax discount savings when buying gasoline or diesel fuel from one of seven authorized dealers throughout the Upper Peninsula.

Members who reside within the boundaries of what is called an "agreement area" receive the deepest discounts when refueling. Those folks receive a 19-cent gas tax discount along with a 12-cent sales tax discount for a total discount of 31 cents per gallon.

Members who live outside of the agreement areas can still receive the gas tax discount of 19 cents per gallon if they refuel at one of the authorized dealers.

All members must present a valid tribal identification card in order to receive any discounts.

The discounts have a quota of 70 gallons per month. Any fuel purchases over 70 gallons in any month will not be discounted.

The stations authorized to provide the tribal tax discounts are in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Newberry, Christmas, Marquette, Manistique and Escanaba.

The Midjim stores in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace are the sole authorized stations in those towns.

The station in Newberry is at the BP Express Mart, 13975 M-28; in Christmas, it's the Pair-A-Dice Mobile Station, E. 7889 W. M-28; the Grade A-1 Stop at 1240 Front Street in Marquette; the Manistique Oil Company-Marathon at 216 Deer Street; and Carnes BP at 2300 Ludington Street in Escanaba.

Those who are uncertain if they reside in an agreement area should call Candace Blocher at 1-866-632-6281.

Tribe takes action to save the ash tree

Since the emerald ash borer was found in our area, the Sault Tribe is moving to save the ash trees from the borers. Concerned citizens and many government agencies have been researching ways to fight against the tree-killing bugs.

In the most infested counties, emerald ash borers has a devastating 100 percent mortality rate to ash trees. If unchecked, it will kill all of them. This infestation could mean no more black ash basket making. No more natural wooden snowshoes and the end

of the white ash-made Louisville Slugger baseball bats.

"We recommend collecting and storing seed until something is worked out," said Sault Tribe Environmental Manager Dan Tadgerson.

"We need seed. The trees are seeding now and we should save the seed while it is still healthy. The National Seed Preservation Laboratory has offered to back our storage and is able to store it for at least 100 years. Tribes in Michigan are now planning to store seed and, with approval, we

will as well. We are asking the membership to assist us in collecting seed so we can begin storing it this year," Tadgerson added.

This year's seed production is low and it's estimated that one in 2,000 trees are seeding. The black ash seeds every five to seven years. For more information on how you can help save ash trees from the borers, call Dan Tageron at (906) 632-6898 or visit www.michigan.gov/mda.

Tax plan disastrous

LANSING — State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) criticized a single business tax plan on Sept. 1 that will cut funding for schools, health care and police and fire departments even as it blows a \$1.5 billion hole in the already strapped Michigan budget over the next five years.

"I did not support the Republican sponsored bill because it creates a \$1.5 billion hole in the general fund and general purpose budget fund, which includes support for higher education and correctional facilities," McDowell said. "We are desperately seeking funds to keep Northern Michigan University and the Newberry Correctional Facility open and cannot afford further cuts to these funds or institutions. These cuts put the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan at risk."

McDowell called instead for continued negotiations among the House and Senate leadership and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to develop a bi-partisan budget which will create jobs while maintaining funding for kids, seniors and first responders.

"The House leadership's plan will make it impossible for Michigan to move forward,"

McDowell said. "The state of Michigan is in a hole and this plan will push us deeper into that hole. Our kids, seniors and schools must be priorities and this plan leaves them behind."

The tax-restructuring plan proposed by the governor provides a 35 percent personal property-tax cut to manufacturers in 2006; the House Republican plan provides only a 15 percent cut, and it includes no tax cut for research and development. The governor's plan cuts the single business tax from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent; the House Republican plan provides a much smaller cut, to 1.7 percent.

Under the Governor's plan, more than 70,000 businesses would see an immediate tax cut. It provides immediate relief for 77 percent of Michigan's businesses, but is revenue-neutral so it would not cut funds for schools, health care or public safety. McDowell said he supports tax cuts for small businesses, but not at the expense of a \$1.5 billion hole in the state budget.

"We need a plan that will create jobs, provide funding for schools and secure health care for our seniors," McDowell said. "I did not, and will not support a plan that does anything less."



Director of the Mary Murray Culture Camp, Bud Biron (Left), speaks to a gathering of people in a dedication ceremony for the camp on Sept. 13 on Sugar Island, Mich. Other speakers were (Continuing from left) Sandy Reining, Chairperson Aaron Payment, Unit V Representative Vic Matson, Sr., Unit I Representatives Paul Shagen, Dennis McKelvie and Cathy Abramson. Reining's mother, the late Mary Murray, donated the land to our tribe for the purpose of perpetuating the Anishinaabek way of life. The camp is a cultural education and gathering site for young and old and it is used year round. Look for notices in the calendar sections of editions in this newspaper for activities at the camp. All members of our tribe are invited to become involved.

Photo by Rick Smith

The family of Mary Murray would like to thank everyone for the many gifts presented to the camp in honor of her name and generous spirit at the Mary Murray Culture Camp rededication on Sugar Island on Sept. 13, 2005. Especially for the scholarship, portrait and the camp's washer/dryer. A special thank you to all who worked to make this possible.

Meeting brief

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Sep. 6 at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Board members Paul Shagen and Joe Eitrem were absent.

The minutes were approved for board meetings on June 14 and 21, July 5 and Aug. 16.

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

The annual Chippewa County United Way contribution was set at \$20,000, of which \$2,500 is designated for incentives to contributing employees in the 2005-06 campaign. Board member Dennis McKelvie opposed the contribution.

The annual Delta County United Way contribution was set at \$2,000 with contributing employees eligible for the same incentives as those in Chippewa County.

An expenditure of \$5,000 was authorized for the annual tribal membership dues in the National Congress of American Indians. In addition, Aaron Payment was appointed as delegate with Kenneth Ermatinger, Cathy Abramson, Todd Gravelle and Lana Causley appointed as alternate delegates. Board member Todd Gravelle abstained.

Our tribe's 401(K) plan was

amended in order to modify the plan's provisions relating to small benefit cash-outs.

A total project budget of \$398,000 was authorized to buy upgrades and new equipment to implement new dental imaging and records systems.

Employee health insurance premiums were changed to raise employers contribution from 80 to 85 percent and lower employee co-pay from 20 to 15 percent for those earning less than \$30,000 annually effective Oct. 1, 2005.

The length of time for health insurance eligibility for new casino and enterprise employees was reduced from 18 months to 12 months effective Oct. 1, 2005.

Adjustments to the annual employee raises were approved to go into effect with the Jan. 1, 2006, pay period. The adjustments range from two percent for those earning \$70,000 or more to 5.5 percent for those making less than \$15,000 annually.

Conservation Committee members were granted time expenditures for calculating exemption for federal and state income tax. Board members' Vic Matson, Sr., and Lana Causley abstained.

A tentative agreement was approved with the City of St. Ignace for payments in lieu of paying taxes to the city for compensation of the delivery of public services to tribal housing.

Katrina victims need our help



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

As I write this unit report, some of our country's southern states are beginning to understand the great horror that was hurricane Katrina. It looks like the number of people who were killed will reach into the thousands, and those displaced into many tens of thousands. Entire towns and cities were either flattened by the wind or flooded by the water.

These victims need our help and prayers in time of need. Please give, if you can, and pray for them often.

My brother Mike is a volunteer fireman in Laurium, Mich., and was selected to go and help with whatever he is needed. He does not know how long he will be gone or even what part of the damaged area he will be sent. I am sure Mike is not the only tribe member going to help in the recovery, cleanup and restoration

efforts, so please keep all these generous people in your thoughts.

Now on to the business of our tribe. In the last issue of the tribal paper our chairperson again chooses to attack board members.

He makes reference to our recent board meeting in Newberry and quotes me and calls into conflict other board members. I would like you all to go to our tribal website and view the Aug. 16, 2005, meeting and decide for yourselves if his comments were out of line for the leader of our tribal nation. He states that Dennis McKelvie and Paul Shagen voted in conflict because they both stand to benefit. He does not say the same for his political allies like Denise Chase. She voted along with a majority of board members to approve the election committee's decision on the referendum in question yet she did not feel the wrath of Aaron.

The St. Ignace casino project is still going forward and will be finished by May 23, 2006, or soon after.

Please attend one of the inland hunting and fishing meetings to get a better understanding of what direction the tribe is taking.

Good luck to all those students attending college for the first time or returning after a very nice summer break.

Thank you for taking the time to read my report.

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

About our last meeting and other proceedings



Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

As stated in my last unit report, I'm going to report on the proceedings of our board of directors meetings. On Sept. 6, 2005, the Compensation Committee gave a presentation to the board and made recommendations to decrease the employee's portion of health insurance and increase the portion the tribe pays for the employee.

As the plan stood, employees paid 20 percent and the tribe paid 80 percent. The recommendations and approved action is employee's who make \$30,000 and under will pay 15 percent and the tribe will pay 85 percent. This amounts to an increase of at least \$888.00 annually in take home income as well as lowering the insurance.

We also approved wage adjustments and increases to hourly wages — those making under \$15,000 annually will have an increase of 5.5 percent, \$15,000 to \$19,999 will increase 5.0 percent, \$20,000 to \$29,999 will increase 4.5 percent, \$30,000 to \$49,999 will increase 3.2 percent, \$50,000 to \$69,999 will increase 2.5 percent and those making \$70,000.00 and over will increase 2.0 percent. These raises become effective Jan 1, 2006, a recommendation and direction was given to make the annual evaluations you receive only be used as a management tool, this way your raises will not be based on your department's budget. This will eliminate budget based raises, which was not at all fair to the employee or the management who would have been hindered in giving higher evaluations. The money will already be budgeted and the increase to wages will be secure each year.

I was very impressed with the committee's input and recommendations as well as attending and being part of those committee meetings. This truly gave Joe Eitrem, Dennis McKelvie, Fred Paquin and myself a first hand look at our wage structure

process. We will be continuing to meet on the issue of the evaluations process.

We also lowered the eligibility for health insurance for casino workers. As it stood, once employed, you would not be eligible for 18 months. The eligibility was lowered to 12 months of employment.

All three of these recommendations and actions approved are in the best interest for our employee's. Improvements for our employee's are what we are working towards. These are some positive changes many people worked toward, also understanding these are some of the first steps in making positive changes. We have more to do and I'm looking forward to continuing this input with our committee members and board of directors.

The next issue is not one I am very happy to report. In the last issue, it seems I made an inaccurate statement. I reported that polygraph tests were \$1,500 a piece, it seems they are only \$550 a piece. Let me state that the 1,500 dollar amount was from information provided to me not just once, but three separate times. I requested the information in writing from our contracted legal attorney but did not receive it. The information was given to me only verbally. After I reported the information, I was informed of a different dollar amount, the \$550. As stated, I did request the information in writing and it was not distributed to me. The attempt to verify that amount the second time was again given as \$1,500 a piece and, at that time, I made the comment the number would be going in my unit report. The attorney did not attempt to re-quote or change the amount at that time.

After the release of my last report I was informed by our chief legal council that my information was inaccurate, after a lengthy and heated discussion, I informed our chief council that, once an invoice was supplied to me, I would redistribute the accurate information and make the correction in this report. I did, in fact, receive an invoice stating the entire polygraph project amounted to a total of \$8,167.05.

With all that being said, I certainly am not above admitting the information I gave you was inaccurate. The attempt was there to release truthful information. Furthermore, I hope this does not provide an avenue to paint a picture of me that I am somehow deliberately giving you wrong information. As a member of the board of directors who verbally asks questions and requests infor-

mation, then verifies the information, we then should be able to report the information given. I sincerely apologize to the you, my fellow tribe members.

This will not go without another lesson learned, once I request information in writing, I will fully expect to receive that information requested in a timely manner, so that I may report it without confusion.

An accurate statement about the polygraphs is this: We still have not received any response about the outcome, I asked when we would get the results and I requested those in writing as well, I was informed today there will be a briefing of those polygraphs on the 27th of this month. There has been no information released as to the outcome, I do not understand the big secret, but I'll wait until the 27th then my results will be reported to you in my report.

The next issue is a follow up on our language preservation grant. At the last meeting, the board was informed that the grant was not approved. With the priority the members feel about preserving our language, I will fully support our tribe budgeting the funding to carry on this preservation project. I have spoken with the associate executive director and have been informed there will be a request to the board for that modification. We must carry on these projects and allocate funding when necessary for the preservation of our culture and language.

We will be having a meeting again in Naubinway on Sept. 27 at 6 pm. A specific topic of this meeting will be our inland hunting and gathering rights. You will be receiving a survey in the mail. I encourage all of you to voice your input, you can also contact Charles Matson directly at 1-800-793-0660 if you have any questions about the survey or the meetings.

On Oct. 28, I will be holding office hours in Newberry. A unit meeting will also be held on that day at 5 p.m. at the tribal center.

The youth education coordinator for our unit has scheduled character education classes at the DeTour School. The class will meet every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Events scheduled for Newberry include an American Indian foods class, 5-7 p.m., on Sept. 27 at the tribal health center and a drum social at the center, 6-8 p.m., on Oct. 11,

If you need to reach me, call (906) 484-2954 or send e-mail to lanacausley@cedarville.net.

Sault Tribe Human Resources hosting job fairs

If you have any questions, contact the HR employment department at (906) 635-7032 or toll free at 866-635-7032.

Oct. 4 - LSSU, 2-5 p.m.

Oct. 5 - Munising, Michigan WORKS!, 8-11 a.m., downtown Munising.

Oct. 5 - NMU, 1-4 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Saginaw, 12-3 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State Street.

Members have to know the score



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

The tone of the board unit

reports has once again degraded into name calling and outright lies. I apologize for the critical nature of the following section but members have to know the score. Though I have been cautioned by several members that "no one gives them any credence anyway," you deserve to know the truth regarding various allegations.

Allegation: Director Dennis McKelvie claimed, "under this administration we have been subjected to polygraphs and drug tests."

Fact: (drug testing) Director McKelvie is the individual who proposed in an open tribal board meeting to drug test members of the tribal board of directors —

presumably to cast dispersion on some member(s) of the tribal board. The board has not been subjected to drug tests by this administration so his assertion is simply false.

Fact: (polygraph) Very clearly, someone on the tribal board leaked the tribe's specific legislative strategy information with regard to our proposed Romulus casino to B.Bouschor's Web site, who then in turn, published information that led to members of congress who previously supported our legislation pulling their support. A Romulus casino deal is now dead and so is the hope of a revenue source that rivals our Greektown Casino. Folks, this would have meant revenue at

multiples of our current revenue. At our July 5, 2005, tribal board meeting, tribal board members volunteered to take a polygraph to try to get to the bottom of who breached confidentiality to purposely kill our Romulus deal. No one was forced to participate. So Director McKelvie's assertion is false.

Allegation: Director Lana Causley claimed that the cost of administering a polygraph to the tribal board (presumably under duress as asserted by Director McKelvie) was \$18,000 and that we could have spent this money on membership services.

Fact: The cost for administering the polygraph (which the board volunteered to take) was

not known to Director Causley when she reported this figure. Did she just make it up then? I am not sure. I do know that she claims she received this information from Fred Paquin as chief of police. He denies her claim but did give her an average cost per individual polygraph and clarified that doing a number of them together reduced the average cost per exam and therefore the total costs. Subsequent to falsely reporting the \$18,000 figure, general legal counsel reported that the figure was more like \$6,000 total. Thus, the allegation that the polygraph exams cost \$18,000 is false.

Economic issues need to take priority



Robert LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

A special feature of the tribe has always been the humanitarian role played by member volunteers and the tribal government.

Helping the victims of the hurricane disaster in New Orleans is one good example. The recent developments brought on by this storm has me very concerned.

Adapting to the changing energy problems is going to be a big issue this winter. Home heating for the elders and those on low fixed income is a problem we need to begin to talk about. Partly because of our demographics but mostly because of the huge increase in the cost of petroleum, these combined pressures is going to raise some serious questions concerning our future spending habits.

What implications this will have on our casino profits is very troubling. We seem to keep spending and spending but our debt has not gone down. To be fair, our debt has not gone up either. Understanding the relevant issues is key to some policies decisions we should be addressing. There has been some talk about spending some large amounts of money, building a parking garage in Detroit is one such issue. Our tribal economy is under considerable pressure

because of lagging performance in Greektown relative to our expectations. However, I believe we need the parking garage and it is our hope it will increase profits at Greektown by almost 20 percent.

Completing the St. Ignace casino on time is one sure way we can gain a larger share of the gambling market. The St. Ignace casino has always made a huge profit and now more than ever it makes sense to concentrate what resources we have to get this project finished. But just having a new casino in St. Ignace is not going to be enough. I think it is time to totally revamp our advertising strategy. Right now, I would give our casino advertising about a C minus.

A major task for our tribe is how to raise our profits. We have cut nearly every place we can cut, we have restructured our organization and some jobs have been eliminated. A bloated staff of mid

level and top level management has developed over the years and now is the time to correct this situation. I don't think anyone should be influenced by what recently got reported in the local paper. Newspaper reporters and the Internet gurus frequently lack the basic understanding of the underlying concepts of restructuring. We are improving the general economic situation of our tribe daily but there is plenty more that needs to be done.

Another question is what can we do to increase work incentives? Pay increases may or may not help improve job performance. Creating a clean and friendly work environment is also important to employee satisfaction. Economic issues need to take priority over all the politics and bickering. The high cost of energy is going to be with us for the foreseeable future. We need to find new ways to joint venture with the surrounding communities

to create a regional identity that will influence where the tourist spend their recreation transportation dollars. We are making adjustments in some areas of the tribe, I think it is time we focus on our advertising, we are spending upwards to \$9 million dollars on marketing and, personally, I don't see it, what are we getting for our money?

On a lighter note, my 16 year old granddaughter just shot her first bear. This makes me happier than a sock full of puppies. She also handled by herself over 80 tons of field stones helping her father. We all have grandchildren we are proud of, I think it is important to remember them and we need to work together so they will have a tribe they can be proud of.

If you have any questions or for more information, call Bob LaPoint, vice chairman and Unit II board representative.

A vital issue to many members of our tribe



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Hunting and inland fishing issues are being addressed at numerous levels. This is a vital issue to many members of the tribe and it is encouraging to see so many members getting involved.

We believe Sault Tribe members have the right to hunt and fish on the inland waters in the areas as allocated in the 1836 Treaty. The tribe is diligently working to ensure these rights for the membership.

Many of you have stepped up and taken the risk of ensuring this right for the entire membership. You have participated in the process by utilizing the permits before the state has recognized them. You have filed your catch reports and abided by the rules and regulations to help secure this right.

This case is scheduled for federal court in early 2006. Depositions have been done and information has been submitted to our attorneys from the catch reports to show our harvest, areas and numbers. We could not have done this without your participation and attentiveness to the process.

We appreciate the effort and patience displayed by the membership and hope to continue working with you on this issue.

The active hunters and fishers have been mailed dates, times and locations for community meetings. Please participate in these meetings as your input is important to us and enables us to address your issues.

(Editor's note, for a complete list of the inland fishing and hunting input sessions, please see the related story on page 2).

I am so impressed with the way the membership has pulled together to resolve this issue. My experience in working with the membership and all those involved has been a positive one.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (906) 643-8878.

Mary Murray, a true inspiration



Cathy Abramsom
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I just recently attended the rededication of the Mary Murray Culture Camp which is located in the heart of Sugar Island. What a wonderful event this was! All those that gathered would agree that there was a feeling of peace and goodness in the air. It was so refreshing to be in a place where everyone came together to recognize the accomplishments of this remarkable elder who obviously made a tremendous impact on our lives and for our future genera-

tions to come. There was a great deal of testimony and history spoken at this event as we honored Mrs. Mary Murray.

Mary was one strong ogitcheda quae who fought hard to reestablish our tribe's recognition. She was instrumental in helping to establish the Original Band of Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians and their heirs, Inc., which was incorporated on Dec. 24, 1953. She was very knowledgeable about our history and made it her goal to teach our people about our history, culture and traditions.

She fought for our rights as Anishinabe people. Her concern was never for herself, but for all Anishinabe people. She truly embodied the principles outlined in our Constitution's preamble, "in order to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right of self-government and to protect our property and resources."

Mary's big concern was that people did not forget the history and cultural values of our tribe. —continued on page 11

Learn to swim for our tribe's youth

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

Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 -5 p.m.

Sign up by calling Jessica Dumback at (906) 635-7770.

Gamblers Anonymous can help you and yours

September is National Alcohol and Addiction recovery month

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER LEBLANC BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR
 Many people are either related to or know of a person who appears to spend too much time gambling. We have often heard of references to individuals who seem to spend much of their free time at the casino, someone who may have lost a business due to gambling frequently or of an elderly loved one spending too much of their fixed income funds while gambling.

Gambling addiction can become a real concern, especially if you are a family member who feels helpless when watching a loved one being damaged by irregular gambling episodes.

What can you do as a family member or a concerned friend to address this sensitive but damaging issue when there is someone you care about experiencing frequent gambling episodes that are causing harm to their life?

One resource available right here in our community and many communities surrounding us is Gamblers Anonymous. Modeled after the Alcoholics Anonymous self-help organization, Gamblers Anonymous originated in January 1957 when two men met for one month to assist each other with the trouble and misery that they both felt in their lives due to their obsession to

gamble. They chose to meet regularly in attempts to hold each other accountable to each individual's desire to discontinue gambling. As months passed, both men were able to abstain from their past gambling behaviors. The first Gamblers Anonymous meeting was on Friday, Sept. 13, 1957, in Los Angeles, Calif., and this self-help fellowship has continued to grow until this time.

Gamblers Anonymous meetings are a group of men and women, from any background, race, culture or creed, who share their experiences and strength with others so they can solve their common issue to stop gambling and end the personal harm to one's life.



The members of this group are greatly interested in helping others to stop gambling because they have seen first hand the destruction this addiction has caused in their lives and their

families lives. The only membership requirement is a desire to stop gambling. The goal of attending this fellowship is to help one stop all forms of gambling because they know any gambling can be extremely harmful to some individuals and their families.

You can attend local Gamblers Anonymous meetings on Tuesdays nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Gamblers

Anonymous Second Chance Recovery Group at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

If you would like to learn about other Gamblers Anonymous meetings in the Michigan, visit: gamblersanonymous.org.

If you or a family member is interested in learning more about GA meetings or other gambling addiction resources, please con-

tact American Indian Substance Abuse Services, 1022 E. Portage Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie or call (906) 635-6075 or (800) 726-9105 and a counselor will be available to answer your questions.

If you feel a need to talk to someone about gambling at any time of the day, 24 hours a day, you may call the Michigan Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-270-7117.

Is gambling a problem?

If you are unsure if you or a family member may have a gambling problem, here is the Gamblers Anonymous, Inc., 20 questions. Simply answer the questions with "yes" or "no" answers. If you answer "yes" to at least seven questions, it would be important for you to ask someone for help in this area.

- Did you ever lose time from work or school due to gambling?
- Has gambling ever made your home life unhappy?
- Did gambling affect your reputation?
- Have you ever felt remorse after gambling?
- Did you ever gamble to get money with which to pay debts or otherwise solve financial difficulties?
- Did gambling cause a decrease in your ambition or efficiency?
- After losing did you feel you must return as soon as possible and win back your losses?
- After a win did you have a strong urge to return and win more?
- Did you often gamble until your last dollar was

gone?

- Did you ever borrow to finance your gambling?
- Have you ever sold anything to finance gambling?
- Were you reluctant to use "gambling money" for normal expenditures?
- Did gambling make you careless of the welfare of yourself or your family?
- Did you ever gamble longer than you had planned?
- Have you ever gambled to escape worry or trouble?
- Have you ever committed, or considered committing, an illegal act to finance gambling?
- Did gambling cause you to have difficulty in sleeping?
- Do arguments, disappointments or frustrations create within you an urge to gamble?
- Did you ever have an urge to celebrate any good fortune by a few hours of gambling?
- Have you ever considered self destruction or suicide as a result of your gambling?



*Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
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 Bringing news from ACFS*

Special education advocacy training

Mark McWilliam, director of the Education Team Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service Inc. held a training session for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Foster Parent Coalition regarding learning the basic special education principles and 2004 changes to the special education law on August 31.

The needs of children involved in the child welfare system were emphasized. 60 people were in attendance at the Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace. People attended from the Chippewa, Mackinaw, Luce and Cheboygan County DHS offices, Sault Tribe Binogii Placement Agency, Bay Mills Indian Community, MICWA and foster parents from

each of the above agencies participated in this training. Several outside agencies were also invited and attended the event.

Topics covered included: The legal basis for special education; Important concepts in special education law; Special education and related services; Referral and eligibility; Evaluations; Records; The Individualized Education Program Team (IEPT) Process; The individualized education program (IEP); Behavior plans and aversive conditioning; Informal problem solving; Complaints; Due process hearings and appeals; Infant, Toddler and preschool programs; Transition Planning; Section 504; Suspension and expulsion;

Protection against disability based harassment.

Participants received a copy of the MPAS special education advocates manual. All attendees are now trained to advocate for children who are currently in or may need special education services. The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable received a grant from Office Max which included school backpacks and supplies. 25 of these were donated and distributed to foster parents for the beginning of the school year. Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry donated 25 ferry tickets that were raffled off in sets of twelve to the foster parents as door prizes.

Advocacy Resource Center's third annual Scavenger Challenge

The Advocacy Resource Center is a program that provides direct services to victims of crimes. The scavenger challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. It is somewhat like the amazing race, fear factor and survivor, all in one.

First place — \$100, gifts from local merchants
 Second place — \$75, gifts from local merchants
 Third place — \$50, gifts from local merchants
 Race registration from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., instructions at 6:45 p.m. race starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, at the Tahquamenon Room at

Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

Tickets on sale now. There is a \$25 entry fee, \$30 at the door, which will include entry for two team members, entry into the after-challenge party, hors d'oeuvres and entry for door prizes.

Buy your tickets at the Advocacy Resource Center, Health and Human Services or the administration building.

The proceeds will be used to provide assistance and support to victims of crimes and their children.

For more details, ticket information or official rules, call the Advocacy Resource Center at 635-7705 or 632-1808.

Emergency assistance for medical travel available

If you need assistance for medical travel, you must bring the following documents with you to the ACFS office at the Tribal Health and Human Services building in the Sault or tribal center in your area.

Bring Social Security cards and tribal identification cards for all members of the household along with household income verification from the past 12 months — including any received from the Michigan Department of Human Services (formally Family Independence Agency) — food

stamps, SS/SSI award letters, child support and proof of the medical appointment.

Even if you are applying for emergency assistance, you must bring all the above with you or your application will not be processed.

Call in advance to make an appointment with a case manager in the Sault at 632-5250 or 1-800-726-0093. For medical travel. You will want to get this completed well in advance before your appointment to ensure sufficient time for processing.

Winter wear giveaway

It's time for the seventh annual Winter Wear Giveaway.

Donations of new and used winter outdoor clothes for children are desired. Donated clothes are collected for one week and the following week there is a giveaway event primarily intended for families who may have difficulty purchasing outdoor wear for their child or children.

During the week of Oct. 10-14 items may be dropped off at the Sault Tribe Administration building, YEA - Big Bear, Health and Human Services building, Sault Tribe Child Care, and Sault Tribe Head Start.

The giveaway will take place at the Big Bear on Friday, Oct. 21, from 4-6 p.m. This is a "help yourself" event, all items are free and first come, first served.

This event is hosted by Sault



Tribe shipping and receiving, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services and Sault Tribe public awareness. Call Roberta or Julie at 632-5250 for information.

Cadreau and Roman exchange vows



Judy Lee Cadreau of Highland, Mich., and George Alberto Roman of Milan, Mich., exchanged vows on Feb. 19, 2005. The ceremony was per-

formed by Les Garber at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Livonia, Mich.

Judy is the daughter of Scott and Shirley. George is the son of Salvador and Michelle.

Maid of honor was Jill Cadreau, sister of the bride, who was joined by bridesmaids Michelle Williams, Melissa Patterson and junior bridesmaid Charissa Grindling.

Best man was Steve Scott who was joined by groomsmen Anthony Goulet and Samuel Roman.

Ushers were Jason Cadreau, Cody Grindling and Adalberto Cardenas.

The ceremony included a Native blessing song, a Mexican lasso and a mariachi band.

A wedding reception followed at St. Mary's Cultural and Banquet Center. A 12-night honeymoon was taken in beautiful Aruba.

The bride is a bone marrow transplant nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital. The groom works at American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit and is currently a student at Eastern Michigan University.

Hall and Leavitt united

On Aug. 27 at noon, Fran Hall of Kincheloe and Calvin Leavitt of Pickford were united in marriage. The ceremony took place at Northern Light Assembly of God in Kinross. Officiating at the ceremony was Pastor Ernie Bywater.

The bride's dress was a candlelight colored, floor length satin brocade. She carried a bouquet of satin cream colored roses.

Daughters of the bride served as matron of honor, Carrie Martin from Gloucester, Va., and bride's maid, Glennie Hall from Mobile, Ala. The matron of honor and bride's maid wore amethyst colored pants and top made of casa crepe material, covered with a jacket and overskirt made of casa chiffon. They carried bouquets of purple roses.

Flower girls were Stevie and Diamond Swinehart, nieces of the bride of Indian River, and Melaina Martin, granddaughter of the bride from Gloucester, Va. The flower girls were dressed in purple, sleeveless, floor length dresses made of casa crepe material, the skirt was overlaid with purple lace.

The bride's grandson, Joshua Martin, attended the bride and gave her away.

The best man was James Leavitt of Goetzville, brother of the groom, and groomsman was Christopher Leavitt of Pickford, nephew of the groom. The groom and his attendants wore black western style suits and boots, accented with beige shirts and purple ties.



The church was decorated with roses and candles. After the ceremony, a dinner and reception was held at Bruce Township Hall on 12 Mile Road in Sault Ste. Marie. Music was provided by the Generic DJ of Kinross.

The bride spent her summer making the dresses for this event. The bride and groom are making their home in Kincheloe. Calvin is employed by the Department of Corrections in Kincheloe.

Sweetgrass Cinema film festival at NMU

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University hosted the inaugural American Indian film festival, titled Sweetgrass Cinema, Sept. 14-16. The festival featured both new and classic American Indian films, presentations, workshops, panel discussions and other events. The public was invited to attend free of charge.

Several guest speakers also participated, including Sherwin Bitsui, an Academy of American Poets award winner and Sundance Film Festival participant; Chris Eyre, the director of *Images of Indians: How Hollywood Stereotyped the Native American*; and Brent Michael Davids, a Grammy co-winner who rescored *Last of the Mohicans* in Indian language and music.

Allison Hedge Coke, an NMU

English professor and festival organizer, said she received a King-Chavez-Parks grant and asked students what type of project they would like to see the funding support.

"Most agreed that they wanted to see more films," she said. "The name for the festival comes from a new student organization — the Sweetgrass Foundation — which has been formed to implement more fine arts for educational purposes. Everyone loves movies, and I chose films that explore diverse issues including athletics, health and wellness, sociology, psychology and politics. It was a nice complement to the Domestic Diversity Institute held on campus at the same time and it ties in with the 'Old Hollywood' homecoming theme."

The films *The Gift*, *Black*

Cloud and *American Indian Graffiti* were shown Sept. 14, *Edge of America*, *Doe Boy*, *Tattoo on my Heart* and *A Thousand Roads* were shown Sept. 15 and viewers saw *Goodnight Irene*, *Images of Indians: How Hollywood Stereotyped the Native American* and *Last of the Mohicans* (restored version).

This film festival was sponsored by the Sweetgrass Foundation, the Landmark Inn, the American Indian Coordinating Council, Michigan Humanities Council, Native Americans of Marquette County, the National Museum of the American Indian and the Center for Native American Studies.

For information about future film festivals, call the center at 227-1397.

Sporty's donates camping equipment for Katrina victims



On Sept. 2, Sault Tribe member Marvin "Butch" Kemp and Susie Irwin (Right) of Sporty's New and Used Sporting Goods, 211 Osborn Blvd., in Sault Ste. Marie, donated \$3,000 worth of camping equipment to aid the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts along the Gulf Coast. The couple challenges all other local merchants to match the value of their donation. Monetary donations can be sent through Captains Shanais and Scott Strissel (Left) at the local Salvation Army office. Both couples are seen here with the equipment just before it was taken to the Salvation Army.

Photo by Rick Smith

Happy 50th Anniversary



Edward and Grace (LaPlaut) MacArthur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 10. The couple was married in 1955 at St. Mary's Church in Sault Ste. Marie by Rev. Stephen Oliver. Sandra Wright was the maid of honor with Francis Patrick as the best man. Attendants were Shirley MacArthur, twin sister of the groom, and Abbott Gardner.

The couple has four children: Dale (Lynn Petersen) MacArthur, Charles (Chip) MacArthur, Karen MacArthur, Alan (Carolyn Brown) MacArthur. and seven grandchildren: Kariann, Travis, Charles Jr., Brandi, Cheri (McClellan), Alexis, Bradley and one great granddaughter Brianna (McClellan). An open house in honor of the couple was held September 10 in the lower level of the Christopher Columbus Hall with family, friends and relatives attending. Bro. John Hascall, Capuchin Pastor of St. Isaac Jogues Church honored the couple with a mass and renewal of their vows.



Author Moira Wilson to speak at Bayliss

Upper Peninsula author Moira Wilson will speak at Bayliss Public Library on Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., as part of the library's Centennial Author series. Her new book, *Revolutionary Fires: A Tale of Indian Eve, Volume I, 1777-1779*, is a historically-based work of fiction inspired by oral histories collected over 100 years ago. Her previous book is *Oghemawahbee, Chippewa Warrior; and His Incredible Journey During the Time of Relocation*. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library and the public is welcome.

Grant enabled purchase of new rental skates

BY HEATHER SMITH

After four years of searching for funding for new rental skates, Chi Mukwa's dream became a reality with funds received through the Planning and Development Department.

Chi Mukwa received a \$25,000 grant, enabling the purchase of 379 pairs of rental skates. The skates are from Riedell Shoes Inc., a leader in the rental skate industry. The new skates arrived in August, just in time for fall skating.

At Chi Mukwa, the rental skates are nine years old and many are well used. At the Little Bear East and Little Bear West, they are making do with donated

skates. Chi Mukwa worked with Phil Hinkson, recreation director in St. Ignace and Judi Zerilli, recreation director in Manistique, on determining the needs in their areas. All three locations are ecstatic to receive new and improved skates.

Chi Mukwa is often asked for hockey skates smaller than the facility carries. With the funds, hockey skates in sizes 11 to 13 were purchased, enabling the facility to accommodate a previously unmet demand. A total of 140 figure skates and 239 hockey skates were purchased. The new skates are a hot ticket considering the public skating and school functions that take place at all

locations, making rental skates a necessity.

Once the new skates are labeled and stocked there will be a free skate offered to the community with refreshments provided. Look for the date and time in future announcements in *The Sault Tribe News* or call (906) 635-RINK or 1-800-588-RINK.

Check them out at Chi Mukwa public skating, Sundays from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. and Mondays from noon to 1:20 p.m. Skate rental is \$2, with a \$1 admission charge. Free to tribe members on Sunday, ages five and under are also free.

Indian education paraprofessionals sought

Boyer City public schools have five openings for Title VII paraprofessionals. These positions will entail reinforcing math and English skills with American Indian students from kindergarten through grade 12 for 10 hours each week school is in session in one-on-one or small group settings. Flexible hours, some travel required.

These positions will begin in mid-October and last through the school year. We are looking for paraprofessionals for Alba and Mancelona public schools,

Boyer City and Boyne Falls public schools, Mackinaw City public schools, Bellaire, Central Lake and Ellsworth public schools, and Inland Lakes and Littlefield public schools.

High school diploma or GED required. Some college and advanced computer skills a plus. Work experience with American Indian people and an orientation towards wellness preferred. Applicants living in or close to these districts preferred. We are particularly looking for individuals with the

ability to relate to American Indian students and respect individual learning styles. American Indian preference will apply.

Rate of pay is \$9.40 to \$9.80 and hour, some travel required. no insurance. Individuals who are interested in the paraprofessional positions for the 2005-06 school year should submit a letter of intent to Title VII Indian Education, Attn: Todd Parker, 321 S. Park St., Boyne City, MI 49712, on or before Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005.

Walking On

Patricia "Trish" Ann

Howick, 54, passed away on Aug. 29, 2005, at her home in Cocoa, Fla. She was born Feb. 2, 1951, in Detroit to Ted and Mary Armstrong. She married her soul mate, Patrick Alan Howick, on Feb. 5, 1971, in Ferndale, Mich.

She spent the first few years of her married life as a submariner's wife accompanying her husband to his various naval assignments. She has since called Brevard County her home for the past 24 years.

Trish loved her family and always found great joy and comfort playing games with her five grandchildren. She loved all kinds of music whether it was playing the piano, listening to radio or going to concerts. She also had a passion for movies, there wasn't a Johnny Depp movie she hadn't seen. Her hobbies included collecting posters and autographs, which she proudly displayed throughout her home, fishing and playing cards.

Trish will be remembered as a kind, fun-loving person, her warmth, beauty and compassion



will be cherished. She was a very special lady and will truly be missed.

She is survived by her loving husband, Patrick; their children and spouses, Audrey and Roger Young of Cocoa, Dan and Kate Howick of Cocoa, and Jennifer and Eric Gulbis of Michigan; her grandchildren, Jason Howick, Trevor and Alyssa Young, and Caitlin and Jason Gulbis; her devoted parents, Ted and Mary Armstrong of Melbourne; loving sister, Mary Jane Kaminski of Washington; and her two dogs, Max and Buzz.

A memorial service was on Sept. 2 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Palm Bay.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1818, Memphis, TN 38101.

Dennis "Denny" McVey, 58, passed away on Aug. 25, 2005. He was a 1965 graduate of Mackinaw City High School and for the last 35 years was employed with Federal Mogul.



Denny is survived by his wife, the former Mary Meier whom he married on Nov. 10, 1978; children, Mindy and Jason Galbraith, Thomas and Michelle Gleason, Angie and John Gleason, Heather and Mike Kilbourn and Elisha and Dave Steffensen; grandchildren, Paige Gleason, Cole Gleason, Kendra Gleason, Branden Kilbourn, Hope Kilbourn, Austin Sargent, Aaliyah Sargent and Cody Steffensen; mother, Mrs. Viola McVey; brother and sisters, Stuart "Boot" and Mary McVey, Linda and Paul Manganaro, Denise McVey, and Marcia McVey and Virgil; many nieces and nephews; in-laws, Mrs. Clara Meier, William Meier, and Jeanie and Bob Leach.

He was preceded in death by a son, Brandon McVey on Nov. 17, 1989, and his father, Stuart McVey, on Feb. 18, 1989. Those

Tribe donates \$5,000 to torch run

Law enforcement officers and correction personnel from across the state ran the streets for a special cause during the 2005 Michigan Torch Run from Sept 10-16. Law enforcement personnel ran over 100 miles to raise money and promote awareness for the Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Michigan offers children and adults the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their athletic skills through year-round sports training and competition in 23 differ-

ent sports. EUP Special Olympics is being represented by Sault Tribe officers along with Chairperson Aaron Payment, correction officers, police officers and Special Olympics athletes throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula on Sept. 12 running from the Sugar Island ferry down Portage Ave. starting at 5 p.m. Anyone wanting more information may contact Laura Aikens, area 35 director (906) 625-5680 or Vi Paquin, assistant area director (906) 643-8607.



Sault Tribe Police Officer Richard Cullen, left, Chairperson Aaron Payment, center, and Corrections officer Eric Morgan, from the Chippewa Correctional Facility presented a check for \$5,000 to Vi Paquin, assistant Special Olympics area director, Christina Paquin, Laura Aikens, area director and Jean Aikens.

Photo by Brenda Austin

Youth Education and Activities autumn hours after Sept. 12

Mondays through Fridays, 3:30-6:30 p.m.,
Saturdays 1-4 p.m.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.
Youth Education and Activities' phone number is 635-7010, or extension 52300.

planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding and the American Cancer Society.

Nova M. Therrien, 88, of Sault Ste. Marie, formerly of Mackinac Island, died Sept. 13 at War Memorial Hospital. She was born in Mackinaw City, Nov. 1, 1916.

She was the matriarch of the Wolford and Smith families. She lived on Mackinac Island until 1989 and moved to the Sault. She worked all her life, and was an excellent cook and baker. She won many blue ribbons at the Stalwart Fair for her baking. She loved to bake and give it away. She was also a mid-wife on Mackinac Island and worked with Stella King and Dr. McDonald, the only health care on the Island at that time.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the Sault and the Sault Tribe. She loved Bingo and the casino. She also loved animals, mainly dogs and birds, and still had her bird at home. Flowers were of great interest to her. She made balsam pillows for the Christmas bazaar on Mackinac Island for many years. She was a very strong lady

and you always knew where you stood, in a loving way.

She is survived by her sons, Matthew and Dieanna Therrien of Sault Ste. Marie, Shane of St. Ignace; brothers, Raymond (Geri) Smith of Garden City and Don

"Ducky" (Jeanne) Smith of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Donna (Larry) Weston of Stalwart, Onalee (Bruce) Cable of Wyandotte; brother-in-law, Clair Edwards of Brimley; grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother and step-father, Mary and Ozro Smith; her husband, Herbert "Sonny" Therrien; two sisters, June Brown and Sally Edwards; and a brother, Homer Wolford.

Prayers and services were at the Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace. Fr. Dick Murphy and Bro. Jim Boynton officiated a mass of Christian burial was on Mackinac Island at St. Anne's Church and interment was in the St. Anne's Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Lioness Club on Mackinac where she was a former member. Pallbearers were members from each family.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is October 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Wrist bands sold for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

There are two million prostate cancer survivors in the U.S. and countless men who have died from the most common non-skin cancer in America. Now, loved ones and families can celebrate survivorship and honor those who have passed away with the blue prostate cancer wrist band.

"Many men who are afflicted with prostate cancer are fathers and serve as the providers and protectors of our families," said Richard N. Atkins, M.D. and CEO of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition. "Now it's time to protect our protectors and honor them by wearing the prostate cancer wrist band."

Wrist bands, printed with "Fight Prostate Cancer" are available for \$1 each in packs of 10 at fightprostatecancer.org, help raise money to supply free screenings to the under served and fund advocacy efforts in getting the federal government to increase its investment in prostate cancer research funding.

Last year, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition screened 10,000 men for free onboard the drive against prostate cancer and, since the organization was founded in 1996, it has worked to increase federal funding for prostate cancer research by 500 percent.

"More work needs to be done,"

said Atkins. "While breast cancer deserves every penny of research funding, prostate cancer research funding is only about half that of breast cancer, although the case loads are roughly equal. A man is dying every 18 minutes from this disease and we need support."

The National Prostate Cancer Coalition sets the standard for reducing the burden of prostate cancer on American men and families through awareness, outreach and advocacy. This year marks the fifth year dedicating September and Prostate Cancer Awareness month as declared by the president and U.S. Senate at the request of the coalition.

Lack of sleep affects young doctors just like alcohol does, U-M/Brown study finds

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The long hours and overnight shifts that are a rite of passage for young doctors may leave them so sleep-deprived that they function as poorly as if they'd had a few cocktails, a new study finds.

Attention, vigilance, driving skills suffer as much from long work hours and overnight shifts as from blood alcohol level of 0.04 percent.

In findings published in this week's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 34 young pediatric residents showed similar impairments in vigilance, attention, and driving skills on standardized tests after they had been on duty overnight in the hospital and worked a month of 90-hour weeks, compared with when they had consumed three to four alcoholic drinks after a month of 44-hour weeks with no overnight duties.

The study involved medical residents from Brown University Medical School and was led by a sleep researcher from the University of Michigan Health System. Most subjects were tested before new national requirements limited resident work hours to an average 80-hour work week and maximum 24-hour work day.

The team monitored participants' sleep habits during the study using sleep diaries and an automatic wrist-watch activity monitor, which verified that the residents on heavy work shifts got significantly less sleep per night on average than those with lighter schedules.

They also asked the residents to rate their performance and effort on the tests. Ratings of impaired performance were higher following the month of heavy work shifts compared to the light work shifts and residents rated their effort as higher after heavy work shifts compared to the light work shifts with alcohol.

"This adds to the growing evidence that sleep deprivation

among medical residents significantly impairs their ability to perform, although it is important to note that we did not assess performance on specific medical tasks," says J. Todd Arnedt, Ph.D. a sleep psychologist who is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at the U-M Medical School.

"The regulations in place that limit the number of hours residents can work each week on average are a good initial step, but the solution to the problem is not likely as simple as well-intentioned policies aimed at reducing work hours, which can themselves have negative ramifications. Our study, like others before it, does raise concerns about the performance of sleep deprived physicians-in-training and suggests that strategies aimed at reducing fatigue-related impairments are likely necessary."

Arnedt and his colleagues are the first to study medical residents using the sleep deprivation and alcohol comparison model, which has been used in other populations including truck drivers. Both sleep deprivation and alcohol consumption impair a person's reaction time, attention, judgment, control and driving ability.

The residents were tested four times, in two separate sessions. Two of the tests were done after they had worked a month of light duty without overnight shifts; the tests were done before and after they consumed three to four alcoholic drinks. In the second session, they were tested on the day after an overnight shift that came at the end of a month of 90-hour work weeks that included overnight work every fourth or fifth night. During this session, they were tested before and after drinking a non-alcoholic placebo beverage. The main comparison of interest were the tests conducted after they had drunk either the alcohol or the placebo.

In a Harvard University study

Techniques for coping with pain

A self-help training program in pain reduction and management begins Oct. 10, 2005, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie.

Management and Reduction

Learn what mindfulness and meditation are and their healing potentials, about the power of breath work, cultivating strength, balance, and flexibility through mindful stretching, using the wisdom of your body and mind to experience long-lasting improvement in both physical and emo-

tional pain and make positive changes in health attitudes and behaviors.

If you are living with pain, this information could help you to control your level of discomfort. Everyone is welcome.

Presented by Ophelia Tang, medical social worker, 632-5200 or 1-877-256-0009. For registration and information, contact your primary medical care provider for referral or Ophelia Tang at (906) 632-5200 or toll free 1-877-256-0009, ext. 23381.

Hospice volunteers needed

Volunteers needed for Hospice of Chippewa County, especially in the communities of Rudyard, Pickford and Brimley.

Answer a need, help neighbors, add sunshine to someone's life and enrich your own life. Become a volunteer for Hospice. It will be one of the most rewarding things you've ever done.

Training from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Call today for more information or an application, (906) 253-3151.

From Bob's kitchen — Holiday banana bread

BY BOB FLOWERS

This banana bread recipe is just plain good. I'm not its originator but I have been given permission to share it.

Ingredients:

3 large, ripe bananas

2 cups whole wheat flour

1/2 cup Splenda (or sugar)

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. vanilla or imitation vanilla

1 tsp. baking soda

1/4 cup buttermilk, plain yogurt or sour cream

3/4 cup walnut pieces

1/2 cup M&Ms chocolate candies (part of the Bob Flowers' touch).

Preheat the oven to 425F.

Grease and flour a loaf pan.

Mash the bananas, but leave plenty of small chunks. Add the Splenda, or sugar, along with the salt, vanilla and buttermilk (or yogurt or sour cream). Combine both the flour and baking soda in a separate bowl. Add to the

banana mixture. Fold in the walnuts and M&Ms.

Pour the batter into the loaf pan and place in the hot oven. Bake 40 to 45 minutes. Test with a clean knife. The bread is done when the butter knife is inserted and comes out clean. Remove from pan, turn off the oven, and let the bread cool.

For the Bob Flowers touch, I'll let you experiment with this recipe. I suggest making a devil's food cake batter, putting it into a large bundt pan, then swirling the banana bread batter through it. Bake as you would normally for the bundt cake.

You could add crushed-pineapple and another tbs. of baking powder or add some sweetened coconut. Make this as you would a pineapple upside-down cake. Just double the banana bread recipe and add maraschino cherries.

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Many times during our conversations, Mary would talk about how important it was to recognize the efforts of Fred Hatch, John Boucher, Danny Edwards, Louise McCoy and James Perry. These were only a few of the many people who have helped build our tribe throughout the years.

Mary's commitment serves as a reminder and as an inspiration to me as your board representative to continue to stay focused on our very identity as Anishinaabe people. Not only do we have to educate state and federal legislation about who we are, we need to educate our own people. It is time that we focus on this.

We will be having many community meetings planned for our members to give their input regarding our inland hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering rights. Unit I members may attend on the following dates:

Sept. 26, Nokomis Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m.

Oct 12, Gold Dust Ballroom, 418 N. Huron St., Cheboygan at 6 p.m.

Oct. 13, Holiday Inn Express, 1600 US 31 North, Pellston, Mich. 6 p.m.

(Editor's note, for a complete list of the inland hunting and fishing input meetings, please see the related story on page 2).

It is important that you attend these meetings. I have been working very regularly with the Conservation Committee in regards to these rights. I look forward to seeing you there.

I'm also on the Strategic Planning Committee for the J.K.L. School. This is an excellent school system and I'm hoping to promote maximum participation of our tribe's students and instill Ojibway language, culture and traditions in this school.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (906) 635-3054, e-mail me at abrams410@charter.net or mail me at 410 Dawson St., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783.

Migizi gikiwe'on, (eagle staff), teachings — staffs, carriers and gatherings

BY NATHAN WRIGHT

The Fourth Annual Eagle Staff Gathering was held on the weekend of Sept. 10 and hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indians and their Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society.

Doris Boissoneau who is known for teaching Anishinaabemowin, our traditional way of life, provided guidance. Doris had a vision of these staff gatherings and followed this vision to bring strength to our warriors.

Veterans, warriors and their families from many Anishinaabek communities attended. More than 17 Sault Tribe members, including three board members, attended. Eagle staff carriers provided teachings about their staffs.

The eagle staff gatherings represent the honoring of our past, present and our future as Anishinaabek. The staffs represent a celebration of our strength in maintaining our language and culture. As the staffs and people gather, we stand for unity. The gathering of the staffs also allows the eagle feathers, staff carriers and those in attendance to rejuvenate and share knowledge. We believe eagle spirits talk to one another. Eagle staff gatherings can be a powerful experience and have brought tears and healing to those who attend.

Next year's gathering will be hosted by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. From a European perspective,



Above: Sault Tribe members who attended the eagle staff gathering this year. Photo by Perry Mcleod-Shabogesic



Vietnam veteran Richard Lee brings in a healing staff for post traumatic stress disorder. Photo by Elaine Wright

some may consider eagle staffs to be similar to the way flags represent a group of people, state, governments and military branches. However the meaning and significance behind the staff and all of

the teachings go a lot further than what can be explained in this short article.

The physical aspect of some eagle staffs consists of a long, red, felt-like, rectangular cloth

attached to a cedar or white pine pole four to seven feet in length. Some are made from trees struck by lightning. Some contain 13 eagle feathers, one representing each calendar moon. A few have eagle heads or deer antlers at the top. Some are adorned with medals and ribbons. While others have different colors, no two staffs are the same and each carries different teachings.

There are many types of eagle staffs — veterans staffs, community staffs, personal staffs, clan staffs, healing staffs and language staffs. Eagle staffs are usually made by someone in a tribal community who has a vision to make one. Tribal eagle staffs represent the entire tribe and are carried by veterans.

The spiritual aspect of eagle staffs include the migizi miigwan, eagle feathers, which contain the spirits of eagles. Eagles can communicate with the Creator. People make tobacco offerings to eagle staffs to help answer their prayers. There is power in these staffs and one must be careful around them and when caring for them. Staff carriers have to think positive and be strong. The spirits of the staffs listen, and there can be dangerous consequences when the spirits of eagle staffs are not respected. One must always carry them with honor and respect.

Tribal eagle staff carriers are normally chosen by a group of veterans and elders within a tribal

community who are knowledgeable about eagle staffs. Those seeking to carry a tribal staff should consult with this group before carrying the staff for teachings and guidance.

When carrying an eagle staff, any vision or instinct an eagle staff carrier may have should be followed. An eagle staff carrier should not be political when carrying the staff nor should they be used for politics. They are not an adornment or something you wear. Carriers must maintain a neutral position when carrying the staff as they carry the staff for their people and our people have different opinions.

Veterans and warriors are chosen for their truthfulness, honesty, bravery, humility, wisdom, integrity and respect for our traditions.

Caring for staffs in the physical sense involves combing, cleaning, adding new feathers and transporting staffs safely to locations where they are needed.

Eagle staff carriers are responsible for praying for their staff and offerings. They are also taught to not leave their staff unattended. A ceremony or feast is also necessary in caring for and feeding the eagles spirit.

For more information on the eagle staff please contact Nathan Wright at nathan@wright.net or visit www.wright.net

Let your instincts guide you

BY NATHAN WRIGHT

At this year's eagle staffs gathering, a story was shared by a warrior named Robert Oliver who is a Vietnam veteran. This man is a respected warrior among other staff carriers and is appreciated for his pride in being a United States Marine and a traditional Anishinaabe.

He shared an experience he had at the previous gathering held at Little Traverse Bay Band last year. He said when the gathering was over, a little boy repeatedly approached, offering cedar to him. As you know, cedar is used for protection. Sometimes

we don't always listen to our children when we should. Robert said okay and waved the boy off, not accepting the cedar. Robert was in the middle of a deep conversation. However, this boy was persistent and offered the cedar again. He told Robert, "Really, you need to take this." Robert realized he should accept this cedar. He accepted the cedar and put it on his dashboard. Robert drove many miles home that night and when he arrived home his car stopped working. He took it to a mechanic the next day who discovered there was a part of the car that was missing. The

mechanic asked Robert how far he had traveled. Robert explained he came from the eagle staffs gathering in Harbor Springs. The mechanic told Robert there was no way he could have driven that far, it was impossible. His car somehow functioned even though a part was gone. He started to realize the cedar given to him by the little boy protected him on his journey home. Robert was very grateful for this act of kindness and realized how lucky he was to travel safely home.

At this years gathering, Robert called the young boy up and presented him with a migizi miig-

wan. This young man Robert spoke of is Sault Tribe member Alex Gervais; my step son. It was a proud moment for his mother and I to watch him accept his first eagle feather.

Alex said he is going to use the eagle feather to make a staff. When I asked him what made him say that, he said he did not know, it just came to him.

We can all learn a teaching from Alex. When you're living a healthy life and walking the red road, listen to your instincts and you can make a difference in someone's life. After all, instincts are the Creator speaking to you.



Alex Gervais after receiving his first migizi miigwan or eagle feather. Photo by Robert Lambert

Living museum to connect past with present

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

An interpretative center is a living museum which can showcase a vibrant, living Anishinaabe culture and show how our present as a people has been influenced by our past.

"We want to get away from the idea of a museum. The Field Museum in Chicago has three floors — Egyptian mummies, dinosaurs and Native Americans. This is not an ideal situation. All those things are presented in the past tense representing cultures that no longer exist. We want to show who we were and also who we are today," said Art Leighton, cultural outreach and historic preservation specialist.

Still in the planning stages under a 17 month social and economic development strategies grant from the Administration of Native Americans, another planning grant will be requested, according to Leighton, to get community input on the project.

"We have six steps we want to go through for the planning process and this grant allowed us the first three. The next grant, if awarded, will allow us to finish the planning phase of the project," added Leighton. "Community input will be an essential part of the current grant. To plan this facility will require membership input at all stages of the project. We are planning visits to the

entire service area this winter to inform people about the interpretative center and get responses from our community."

If all goes well and the tribe's board of directors approves the project, groundbreaking could take place as soon as 2008. "My hope is this would become a destination point. I would like to see a lacrosse field out front, a theater, an art gallery, exhibit space for the facility, office space for the culture division and a restaurant which serves healthy food traditional to our people. I believe the potential is incredible, this could be an economically viable option for our tribe," Leighton said.

There is a similar interpretative

center in Mt. Pleasant, built by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, called the Ziiibiwing Center. "The Saginaw Chippewa have used a lot of artifacts that have been repatriated in their center's displays. There are objects that are historically ours that are in different collections around the country. We are hoping that repatriation specialist Cecil Pavlat will be able to bring some of these artifacts back to our tribe. The problem our tribe has is there is no place to store these artifacts. We couldn't currently preserve them, it's a really pricey proposition to do that correctly," Leighton said.

Leighton said his first two weeks of employment was writing

the planning grant. "It was a team effort to write the grant and it will be a team that plans what this facility if going to be and it will be the community that builds it," Leighton said. The project team includes Toni Osterhout, Art Lieghton, Carol Eavou, Doreen Nelson, Barb Gravelle, Richard Lewis, Bud Biron and Sandy Reining.

"After the planning stage is complete we will have to look at how we can construct this facility and if it is something the tribe wants and can afford," Leighton said.

It has not been determined, if approved, where the facility will be built.

Working together to aid others near and far

Kewadin Casinos and our tribe help raise \$25,000 for Hurrican Katrina relief efforts



Front row, left to right, Sault Tribe Unit V Representative Vic Matson, Sr., Red Cross Executive Director Brian Davie, event coordinator Jo-Anne Carr and Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment with a check for \$25,000 that was presented to the American Red Cross to aid in the gulf coast hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Also in the picture are a few of the many volunteers who participated in conducting thr benefit Indian taco sale.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Kewadin Casinos held an Indian taco sale on Sept. 9 to raise funds to benefit those effected by Hurricane Katrina. The tribe, along with donations from the local community, raised \$25,000 and turned it all over to the American Red Cross.

Hundreds of donors called in taco orders or stopped by the casino's Dream Maker's Theater between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the day of the sale. In just eight hours, the event raised close to \$10,000. Local musicians also donated their time and talents to draw

in more customers for the benefit.

The Sault Tribe and Kewadin Casinos not only matched the \$9,774.92 in taco sales, but further showed their gratitude for the community's support by donating an additional \$5,450.16 to bring the total donation to an even \$25,000.

The tribe would like to thank all the musicians and volunteers who helped make this event a success. A special thank you goes out to all of those who donated to the relief of the victims of Hurricane Katrina by purchasing close to 2,000 Indian tacos.



Above, one of several impromptu bands who entertained folks at the Dream Maker's theater during the taco sale. Below, Sault Tribe member and contract assistant, Jon Miller, obviously enjoys his taco.



Left, Sault city commissioner, Frank King (third from left), was one of many of the participants who helped with the Indian taco sale at Kewadin Casino.

Photos by Rick Smith



United Way Chili Cook Off



Sault Tribe member Bob Flowers and Heather Smith competed with red and white chili recipes at the 2005 Chippewa County United Way Chili Cook Off. The annual event raises funds for local charitable organizations and services, most of which are competitors vying for top honors for their culinary efforts.

Photos by Rick Smith



Above, Sault Tribe member Dorothy Leach enjoys one of the many chili samples available for tasting. Below, judges sample several categories of chili before deciding on the best in each category.



Employee appreciation day

Appreciated by all the kids

Photos by Al Kamuda



Chairperson Aaron Payment, above, taunted the crowd to get them to try to put him into the water at a dunk tank after lunch at the picnic. The money raised at the dunk tank went into the employee emergency needs fund.



6 year-old Charlie Leighton spent a good part of the afternoon covered in sand on the beach at Sherman Park. The beautiful sunshine filled day brought hundreds of employees and their families to the park for the picnic and games.



Left, Sharon Shampine listens to the music at the log cabin shelter with her great niece and nephew Kassandra and Dominic. "Gentleman" George Snider is playing the harmonica and guitar in the background.



Ashley, 14, and Frankie Russo, 11, blow bubbles into the wind and relax at Sherman park.



Left, Matthew Pages, 7, climbs the lion water fountain at the picnic.



Right, Shelby Kay, screams as the egg breaks when she catches it during an egg toss at the picnic.



Cheryl Nolan, right, got to spend a little quality time with her 16 year-old daughter Jessie at the appreciation day picnic.



The cooking didn't stop at the picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided and dozens of pot luck dishes were brought in and a desert contest capped off the lunch.

Facts about Greektown Casino's new expansion plan

After reviewing all options and the casino's development agreement with the city of Detroit, the tribe's current chairperson, board of directors, and Greektown Casino management board have elected to build the permanent casino in Greektown. Here are some of the facts regarding the new expansion plans:

- The permanent Greektown Casino will meet or exceed all development agreement obligations to Detroit: 100,000 square feet of gaming space, 3,500-car covered garage, 400-room hotel, theater, spa, etc.
- The permanent Greektown Casino complex remains faithful to the original business model for locating a casino in the heart of Greektown. The model was — and will continue to be — for Greektown Casino to benefit other downtown Detroit businesses and merchants, and not just the casino's owners. Greektown merchants that have relied on the more than \$6 million in meal comps from Greektown Casino each year will continue to thrive and co-exist.
- Greektown Casino remains integrated in a thriving and growing area of downtown Detroit — within walking distance of Comerica Park and Ford Field and very near the Fox Town theater district.
- The permanent Greektown Casino will be the only permanent casino-hotel resort with a People Mover stop. By staying in Greektown, the casino will preserve a major attraction in what has been Detroit's most popular entertainment district for many decades. A beautiful 265,000-square-foot building in downtown Detroit will not be left abandoned.
- Greektown Casino does not walk away from more than \$250 million in investments already made in the existing facility.
- This is similar to the approach being taken by MotorCity, which is developing its permanent casino at its current location.
- The new permanent casino complex creates a true "entertainment alley" in Detroit, allowing visitors to walk to many places for entertainment right in downtown. The project will give Greektown a world-class casino, convention hall and hotel that are a stone's throw from Ford Field, the Fox Theater and Comerica Park.
- The casino has dropped plans to move away from Greektown to Gratiot and I-375. These plans, which would have required the casino to vacate the 265,000-square-foot building in Greektown, were advanced more than two years ago by a different Sault Tribe Board of Directors, a different Sault Tribe chairperson, and a different Greektown Casino management board. They were proposed before the recent settlement in the Lac View Desert lawsuit that delayed construction of the permanent casinos and before the legislature and governor increased the Detroit casino gaming tax by 33 percent.



Permanent Greektown Casino complex

Total project investment: \$475 million (about \$275 million at the current location plus \$200 million for new hotel, garage and casino renovations)

Hotel: 400 rooms in 15 stories at I-375 and Monroe.

Garage: 3,500-space garage on Monroe attached to the hotel and casino. Hotel, garage and casino connected by a moving walkway.

Theater: 1,200-1,500-seat theater

Convention space: 25,000 square feet of convention space in the hotel.

The permanent parking garage is projected to be completed in June 2007. The entire complex should be completed by January 2008 (approximately 24 months). The ground-breaking is scheduled for February 2006. All expansion plans and timelines are contingent on property negotiations, and MGCB and city of Detroit approvals.



Righteous rig

From the 2005 St. Ignace truck show

Sponsored in part by Kewadin Shores Casino, the annual event draws folks from all over.

Photos by Rick Smith

Sweet, street rod



Free Black Bear Hockey Tickets for Sault Tribe Elders

To be eligible for tickets, Tribal Elders (60 and over) must fill out the Free Northern Michigan Black Bears Hockey Ticket Application and check off the games they wish to attend. Mail the application, along with a copy of your Tribal Card, to Chi Mukwa by October 21, 2005. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis until all tickets are gone. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for more information or extra applications.

APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE ELDERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____

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

BLACK BEARS HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	# Requested
Friday, Nov. 4	Sudbury Northern Wolves	_____
Saturday, Nov. 5	Manitoulin Wild	_____
Saturday, Nov. 12	Abitibi Eskimos	_____
Friday, Nov. 18	Blind River Beavers	_____
Friday, Dec. 2	Sudbury Northern Wolve	_____
Saturday, Dec. 3	Manitoulin Wild	_____
Saturday, Dec. 10	North Bay Skyhawks	_____
Sunday, Dec. 11	Blind River Beavers	_____
Wednesday, Jan. 11	Blind River Beavers	_____
Saturday, Jan. 14	SudburyNorthern Wolves	_____
Friday, Jan. 20	Manitoulin Wild	_____
Saturday, Jan. 21	Abitibi Eskimos	_____
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Soo Thunderbirds	_____
Wednesday, Feb. 1	Soo Thunderbirds	_____
Saturday, Feb. 4	Manitoulin Wild	_____
Friday, Feb. 10	Sudbury Northern Wolves	_____
Saturday, Feb. 18	Abitibi Eskimos	_____
Friday, Feb. 24	Soo Thunderbirds	_____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 21, 2005

Mail application and copy of Tribal Card to:

Chi Mukwa, ATTN: Jessica Dumback, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Student Recognition

The Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities Program and The Sault Tribe News are awarding outstanding achievement recognition to students who qualified for the Young Scholars Program by earning straight A's and/or perfect attendance for the spring semester of the 2004-05 school year. In addition to recognition, students received a certificate of appreciation and an incentive award of \$25 for their hard work and dedication. If the students received all A's and/or perfect attendance for more than one marking period they received a maximum award of \$50.



Derek Amshey, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Knapp Forest
Elementary School,
Ada, Mich.



Hailee Baij, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Central Elementary
School
Munising, Mich.



Shelby Baker, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Wayland Union Middle
School
Wayland, Mich.



Brandi Barens, 16
Junior
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Ishpeming High School
Ishpeming, Mich.



William Barker, 14
Freshman
Straight A grades
Manistique High School
Manistique, Mich.



Martin Beaudoin, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
St. Ignace Middle
School,
St. Ignace, Mich.



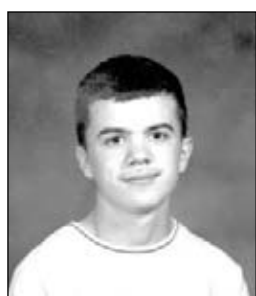
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Sophomore
Perfect attendance
St. Ignace High School
St. Ignace, Mich.



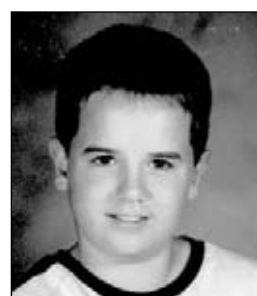
Hali Beebe, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Jim C. Bailey Middle
School
Pensacola, Fla.



Travis Behling, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle
School,
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Michael Bennett, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Engadine High School,
Engadine, Mich.



Tyler Bennett, 11
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
Engadine Consolidated
Schools
Engadine, Mich.



Rebecca Bickham, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Cedarville High School,
Cedarville, Mich.



James Boelter, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Pellston Middle School
Pellston, Mich.



Ashley Bosley, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
LaSalle High School
St. Ignace, Mich.



Ashley Bruno, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Ludington Jr. High
School
Ludington, Mich.



Kelsey Bruno, 11
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
S. Hamlin Elementary
School
Ludington, Mich.



Christopher Button, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Marshall Middle School,
Westland, Mich.



Clifton Campbell, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Greg Campbell, 12
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Laura Campbell, 12
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Angie Carley, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Big Bay de Noc School
Cooks, Mich.



Rachel Carley, 17
Senior
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Big Bay de Noc School
Cooks, Mich.



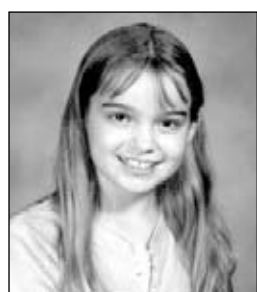
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Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Alma Middle School
Riverdale, Mich.



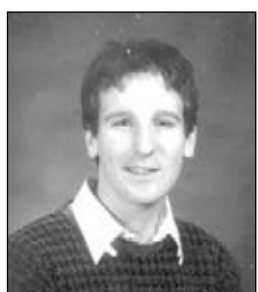
Michelle Castagne, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Cheboygan Middle
School
Cheboygan, Mich.



Janelle Clement, 16
Junior
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Jessica Coullard, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Pickford Public School
Pickford, Mich.



Chad Denkins, 16
Junior
Perfect attendance
Big Bay de Noc School
Cooks, Mich.



Rachel Derusha, 14
Eighth Grade
Straight A grades
Coopersville Junior High
School



Eric Dinnan, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Durand Area High School
Durand, Mich.



Samantha Dinnan, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Durand Middle School,
Durand, Mich.

Student Recognition



Megan Eby, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Sault Area Middle
School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Nicholas Eby, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School,
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Julia Fields, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Noblesville High School
Noblesville, Ind.



Matthew Fields, 11
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Noblesville Intermediate
School
Noblesville, Ind.



Alina Gallegos, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Bay Mills Ojibwe
Charter School
Brimley, Mich.



Jessica Gibson, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Boyd Arthurs Middle
School
Trenton, Mich.



Samantha Glashaw, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Hale County High School
Moundville, Ala.



Tyler Goetz, 11
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Janelle Grai, 15
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Oxford High School
Oxford, Mich.



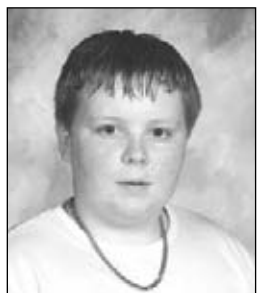
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Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Christa McAuliffe Middle
School
Bay City, Mich.



Jodi Hatinger, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Manistique High School
Manistique, Mich.



Annemarie Horn, 12
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
St. Ignace Middle School
St. Ignace, Mich.



Toby Horner, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Jesse Jarnigan, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Carman-Ainsworth Jr.
High School
Flint, Mich.



Kayla Jewell, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Inland Lakes School
Indian River, Mich.



Keri Jewell, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Inland Lakes School
Indian River, Mich.



Brandon Johnson, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Mather Middle School
Munising, Mich.



Ashley Kelly, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Brighton High School
Brighton, Colo.



Erica Kodramaz, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Memorial Jr. High School
Mentor, Ohio



Shane Kucharczyk, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Harbor Beach High
School
Harbor Beach, Mich.



Jenna LaTour, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Peter J. Palombi School
Lakeville, Ill.



Kathryn LaTour, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Peter J. Palombi School
Lakeville, Ill.



Kelly Latvala, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Bothwell Middle School
Marquette, Mich.



Weston Lawrence, 12
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
Weston Swartz Creek
Middle School
Swartz Creek, Mich.



Virginia Lee, 13
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Seventh grade
Western Middle School
Auburn, Mich.



Carlie Levi, 17
Senior
Straight A grades
LaSalle High School
St. Ignace,



Elizabeth Lewis, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Ariel Loll, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
New Lothrop School
New Lothrop, Mich.



Tyler Mapes, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
St. Ignace Middle School
St. Ignace, Mich.



Ashley McCauley, 12
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
Elba-Seaton School
Lapeer, Mich.

Student Recognition



Devlin McGahey, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Samantha McLeod, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Boyne City Middle
School
Boyne City, Mich.



Anthony Menard, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Negaunee High School
Negaunee, Mich.



Brittany Menard, 14
Freshman
Perfect attendance
Cheboygan Area High
School
Cheboygan, Mich.



Dillon Menard, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Negaunee High School
Negaunee, Mich.



Bailey Miller, 11
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
DeTour Area School
DeTour, Mich.



Aimee Muscoe, 16
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Howell High School
Howell, Mich.



Alexandra Myhal, 13
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
St. Bridget School
Parma Hts., Ohio



Natasha Myhal, 11
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
St. Bridget School
Parma Hts., Ohio



Brittany Nelson, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Angola Middle School,
Angola, Ind.



Ian O'Neill, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Bothwell Middle School
Marquette, Mich.



Jacob O'Reilly, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Holy Redeemer School
Flint, Mich.



Tasha Opalka, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Steven Parrish, 14
Freshman
Straight A grades
Hazel Park High School
Hazel Park, Mich.



Alyssa Pechta, 14
Freshman
Perfect attendance
La Salle High School
St. Ignace, Mich.



Alexandra Perry, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Mark Pomeroy, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Sarah Pope, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
LaSalle High School
St. Ignace, Mich.



Jennifer Randazzo, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Laura Rapin, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Clovis West High School
Fresno, Calif.



Renee Rapin, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Clovis West High School
Fresno, Calif.



Brooke Raven, 17
Senior
Straight A grades
Franklin High School
Livonia, Mich.



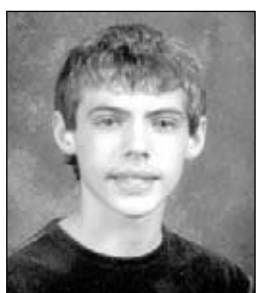
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Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Jackson Middle School
Greensboro, NC



Kaylin Richards, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Palm Beach Maritime
Academy
W. Palm Beach, Fla.



Christopher Sawyer, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Godwin Heights School,
Wyoming, Mich.



Calvin Schemanski, 15
Freshman
Perfect attendance
Petoskey High School
Petoskey, Mich.



Chrystal Schemanski, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Petoskey Middle School
Petoskey, Mich.



Lucas Schork, 14
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Munising Baptist School
Wetmore, Mich.



Michael Sierant, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
International Academy,
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



Stephen Sierant, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Von Hoosen Middle
School
Rochester, Mich.

Student Recognition



Arin Simon, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
South Park School
Oshkosh, Wisc.



Bradley St. Germain, 14
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Negaunee Middle School
Negaunee, Mich.



Tasha Stines, 11
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Branford High School
Obrien, Fla.



James Theeck II, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Hartland Middle School
at Ore Creek
Hartland, Mich.



Amber Ulasich, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Smith Middle School
Troy, Mich.



Emily Valik, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Clare Middle School
Clare, Mich.



Beth Vallier, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
St. Patrick School
Portland, Mich.



Jordan Weichel, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Alcona Jr. High School
Lincoln, Mich.



Stephen Wells, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Oscar A. Carlson
High School
Gibraltar, Mich.

Senior
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Alyce Rice, 14
Freshman
Perfect attendance
Smith High School
Greensboro, NC

Alyssa Rickley, 14
Eighth grade
Les Cheneaux Community
Schools
Cedarville, Mich.

Angela Rickley, 15
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Les Cheneaux Community
Schools
Cedarville, Mich.

Tiffany Scoggins, 18
Senior
Straight A grades
Mount Dora High School
Mount Dora, Fla.

Sierra Sears, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Mendon School
Mendon, Mich.

Ashley Soule, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Sault Area High School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Johnna Taylor, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Newberry High School
Newberry, Mich

Rachel Taylor, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Holmes County High School
Bonifax, Fla.

Brittany Van Snepson, 14
Freshman
Straight A grades
Morley-Stanford High
School
Morley, Mich.

Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
White House Middle School
White House, Ind.

Heather Marcus, 15
Freshman
Straight A grades
Eaton Rapids High School
Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Matthew McDonald, 17
Junior
Straight A grades
Mountain Vista High School
Highlander Ranch, Colo.

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Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
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Taylor, Mich.

Tonya Neuman, 17
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Straight A grades
Cheboygan High School
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Chelsey Payment, 12
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
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Schools
Cedarville, Mich.

Drake Pertuit, 11
Sixth grade
Perfect attendance
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Germantown, Mich.

Paige Pertuit, 13
Eighth grade
Perfect attendance
Germantown Middle School
Germantown, Mich.

Elyse Randazzo, 18

Joseph Albert, 12
Sixth grade
Straight A grades
Allen Park Middle School
Allen Park, Mich.

Shannon Albert, 14
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Allen Park Middle School
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Brimley, Mich.

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Straight A grades
Newberry Middle School
Newberry, Mich.

Alicia Gervais, 14
Freshman
Straight A grades
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Sault Area High School
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Brittany Gervais, 16
Sophomore
Perfect attendance
Sault Area High School
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Courtney Gervais, 12
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
Sault Area Middle School
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Courtney Hancock, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Cheboygan Middle School
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Jessica Hillman, 13
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
Grandville Middle School
Grandville, Mich.

Helena Hunt, 15
Sophomore
Straight A grades
Perfect attendance
Grand Blanc High School
Grand Blanc, Mich.

Zephirin Hunt, 12
Seventh grade
Perfect attendance
Grand Blanc Community
Schools
Grand Blanc, Mich.

Zachary Khalil, 13
Eighth grade
Straight A grades
Sault Area Middle School
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich

Jared King, 16
Junior
Straight A grades
Lakeview Ft. Oglethorpe
High School
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Kallee Kirby, 12
Seventh grade
Straight A grades
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Northern Michigan Black Bears 2005-2006 Home Game Schedule All Games Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 14	Soo Thunderbirds
Friday, Sept. 23	Blind River Beavers
Friday, Sept. 30	North Bay Skyhawks
Saturday, Oct. 8	Blind River Beavers
Wednesday, Oct. 12	Soo Thunderbirds
Friday, Oct. 14	Abitibi Eskimos
Friday, Nov. 4	Sudbury Northern Wolves
Saturday, Nov. 5	Manitoulin Wild
Saturday, Nov. 12	Abitibi Eskimos
Friday, Nov. 18	Blind River Beavers
Friday, Dec. 2	Sudbury Northern Wolves
Saturday, Dec. 3	Manitoulin Wild
Saturday, Dec. 10	North Bay Skyhawks
Sunday, Dec. 11	Blind River Beavers
Wednesday, Jan. 11	Blind River Beavers
Saturday, Jan. 14	Sudbury Northern Wolves
Friday, Jan. 20	Manitoulin Wild
Saturday, Jan. 21	Abitibi Eskimos
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Soo Thunderbirds
Wednesday, Feb. 1	Soo Thunderbirds
Saturday, Feb. 4	Manitoulin Wild
Friday, Feb. 10	Sudbury Northern Wolves
Saturday, Feb. 18	Abitibi Eskimos
Friday, Feb. 24	Soo Thunderbirds

Community Calendar

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

Sept. 23 — National Native American Day.

Sept. 23 — Promise dance for students in grades 5-7 in Sault, Brimley, Rudyard, Pickford and LesCheneaux Schools who promise to remain drug free. Chi-Mukwa Arena 7-9 p.m. Parents are welcome call Julie at 632-5250 for details.

Sept. 23 — The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee has monthly meetings on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder's services at 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept 23-24 — Men's gathering Mary Murray Culture Camp. Friday evening, 6 p.m. Saturday all day. Guidance and experiences on the roles of men in fire-keeping, sweat lodges, pipe ceremonies, etc. Please contact Bud for more information, 632-7033.

Sept. 26 - The Elders Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder's services at 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

Sept. 26 — Men's education group, Mondays, 6-8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building 2175 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at 653-4963.

Sept. 26 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session at Nokomis-Mishomis Building at 6 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.

Sept. 27 — Ojibwe language lessons. Lessons are based on life themes. It's a good time to practice and build your vocabulary. Every Tuesday at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sept. 27 — Drumming, the drum is the heartbeat of our people the Anishinaabe. Bud Biron is our drum keeper. He shares his knowledge on life, song and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family to come and participate in singing, dancing or just listening to our Bahweting Singers. Every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Building in the Sault.

Sept. 27 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session at the Naubinway pavilion at 6:00 p.m. in Naubinway.

Sept. 28 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session at McCann School at 6:00 p.m. in St. Ignace.

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

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

Sept. 28 - Ojibwe language lessons. Lessons are based on life themes. It's a good time to practice and build your vocabulary. Every Wednesday at the Lambert Center in St. Ignace.

Sept. 28-Oct. 2 — Fall fasting camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp. We fast for all creation. Bring tobacco, any sacred item you may have, eagle feather, spiritual colors, sweat clothes (no metal jewelry), towel, sleeping bag, tarp (if the weather is wet), food for the feast after the fast,

and bring your own eating dishes and utensils. Women should bring a dress or skirt for fasting. It would be appropriate to give the conductor of the fast, traditional practitioner Harland Downwind, a gift. Please contact Peggy Hemmenway 632-7384 or Laura Collins 632-7494 for more specific information.

Sept. 28 — Unit III Directors Fred Paquin and Robert Lambert are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting at 6 p.m. Please come and share your ideas, questions and concerns with your tribal board representatives. This Unit III meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the former McCann School, 399 McCann Street St. in Ignace For more information, call Lona Stewart at 635-6050.

Sept. 28 — Bayliss Public Library will host area author Moira "Pat" Wilson through its Centennial Author Series at 7 p.m. Free to the public. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Bayliss Public Library is at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 6329331.

Sept. 29 — Ojibwe language immersion classes (all in Ojibwe). Class begins with a potluck feast with our elderly advisory members, so bring your favorite dish. Nancy Debassige and Rhonda Hopkins demonstrate different stories in life and provide language sheets for recognition of words throughout the story. Everyone is welcome, it's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture. Classes are every Thursday, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagizhik Building in the Sault.

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

Sept. 30 — Clay Walker concert at the Kewadin Casinos Dream Maker's Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Call 1-800-KEWADIN, the box office at

635-4917 or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

Oct. 3 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session at the tribal center at 6:00 p.m. in Manistique.

Oct. 3-4 — Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh in Sault Ste. Marie, 632-5210.

Oct. 4 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Munising, 6 p.m., open community hour 5-6 p.m. For more information call Joanne Carr at 635-6050, extension 26337.

Oct. 5 — Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh at the Manistique clinic, 341-8469, 866-401-0043.

Oct. 6 — Traditional medicine program and healer hours with Jake Agoneh the Escanaba clinic, 786-9211

Oct. 6 — Diabetic neuropathy can effect more than your feet. This class provides an overview of diabetic neuropathy, how the various types of neuropathy (sensory, motor and autonomic) may effect the body and the treatments available for management. Sault Tribe Health and Human Services Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to attend this class, please call Sault Tribe Community Health Services at 632-5210. Please note the date, time and location are subject to change.

Oct. 7 - Advocacy Resource Center's third annual scavenger challenge at the Kewadin Casino Tahquamenon Room in Sault Ste. Marie. The scavenger challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. It's like the amazing race, fear factor and survivor all in one. Registration is 6-6:30 p.m. Race instructions are at 6:45 p.m. Race starts at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale now, \$5 savings on advanced tickets, at Sault

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Oct. 7-8 — Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh at the Munising clinic, 387-4614, 800-236-4705.

Oct. 9 — Slaughter, Quiet Riot, and Dokken concerts at the Kewadin Casinos Dream Maker's Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Call 1-800-KEWADIN, the box office at 635-4917 or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

Oct. 10 - Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh at the Newberry clinic, 293-8181.

Oct. 11 — Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh at the St. Ignace clinic, 643-8689.

Oct. 12 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session 6 p.m. at the Gold Dust Ballroom in Cheboygan.

Oct. 12 — Traditional medicine program and healer clinic hours with Jake Agoneh at the Hessel clinic in the morning, 484-2727, and the Kincheloe clinic in the afternoon, 495-5745.

Oct. 13 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Pellston

Oct. 14-15 — Soo Indians Midget AAA Hockey Tournament at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Oct. 14 — Tribal community fall feast fish fry at the Inverness Township Hall, 734 VFW Road in Cheboygan.

Oct. 14 — Tribal inland hunting and fishing input session to be announced.

Oct. 18 — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in St. Ignace at 6 p.m. Open community hour, 5-6 p.m. For more information, call Joanne Carr at 635-6050, extension 26337.

Republicans stalling on anti-trash action

LANSING — State Rep. Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) welcomed a Republican plan on Aug. 12 to address Michigan's trash problem, but said the proposal to wait for congressional action against Canadian garbage doesn't go far enough.

"Thanks to public pressure, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are beginning to talk about the problem of Canadian trash," McDowell said. "But the fact is their plan delays us from acting now to protect communities in the Upper Peninsula that have been harmed by Canadian and Wisconsin garbage. Families in Chippewa, Ontonagon, Menominee and Dickinson counties have suffered long enough and they deserve relief now. I urge the Legislature to adopt bills that have already been introduced and help protect our communities and our quality of life in the Upper Peninsula."

Democrats have proposed anti-

trash legislation that includes increasing the dumping charge from a paltry 21 cents per ton — the lowest in the region — to \$7.50 and banning new landfills until 2010. McDowell is sponsoring a bill that would make it easier to enforce laws regulating trash entering Michigan landfills. His district includes Dafer, which began accepting Canadian garbage in 2004.

"Our bills will help protect the way of life we treasure in the Upper Peninsula," McDowell said. "Attacking the economics of the trash trade is the best way to fight trash. We cannot pin our future on the faint hope that Congress will act to protect the Upper Peninsula."

The Republican plan unveiled last August to fight Canadian garbage kicks in only if Congress gives states the green light to block foreign garbage, something that has never happened. It is uncertain if and when Congress

will pass bills giving states such power. The Republican plan fails to address trash from other states, such as Wisconsin and Illinois, which made up a third of imported trash in Michigan in 2004.

Republicans have repeatedly blocked the Democratic anti-trash bills from reaching the House floor for a vote. When the bills were first introduced in May, news media reported Republicans as saying that Canadian and out-of-state trash was only a "perceived problem."

Around 4.2 million tons of trash have entered Michigan from Canada and other states since Jan. 1, 2005, according to the trash-measuring device, the Trash-O-Meter (www.trash-o-meter.com). In 2004, Michigan took in more than six million tons of Canadian and out-of-state trash — 17 percent more than in 2003, according to the Department of Environmental Quality.

The deadline for submissions to the next edition of *The Sault Tribe News* is Monday, Oct 3, 2005.

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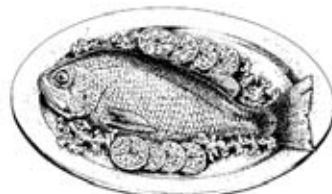
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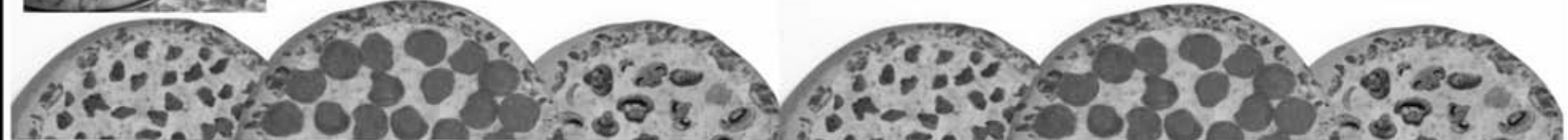
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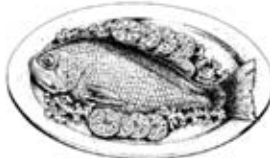
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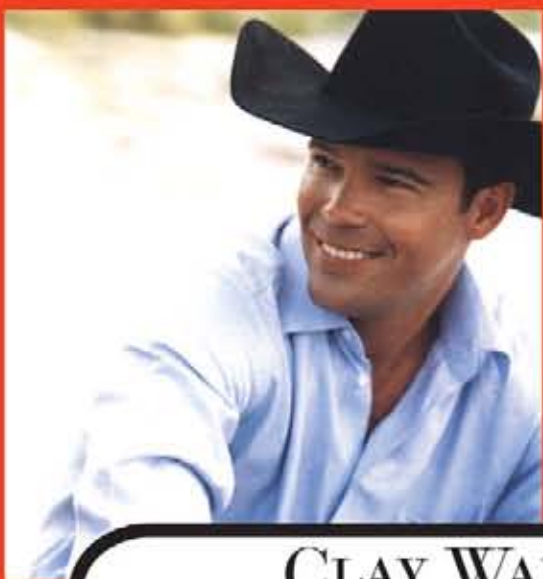
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