

# THE SAULT TRIBE NEWS

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**Snakwe giizis: "Falling leaves moon"**

**Win Awenen Nisitotung "One Who Understands"**

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## Briefs

### Location of St Ignace board meeting changed

The Oct. 18 tribal board meeting will be moved from the former McCann School to the Little Bear East Recreation Center to allow more room for tribe members to participate in the meetings.

### The annual Sault Tribe Halloween party

Keep Halloween night free for the annual Nightmare on Bear Street, the children's halloween party hosted by the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center staff in Sault Ste. Marie. It's open to all in the local and tribal communities. For more information, call 635-RINK.

**Save the date!**  
**Community flu vaccination clinic coming to the Sault on Oct. 25**  
*(Please see the whole story on page 7)*



**Summer makes a colorful exit . . .** The colors peak across the U.P. in October as the days get shorter and the nights cooler, signaling the end of summer. Left, a leery wild turkey watches for strangers near Kinross and Thanksgiving approaches. Right, This smiling pumpkin was painted by Kinross Township resident Lois Gregg who is a self-taught wood worker and artist.

Photos by Brenda Austin and Al Kamuda



## Referendum ballots going out on Oct 21

On Oct. 4, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors validated a petition for referendum regarding resolution 2005-119.

Resolution 2005-119, states the board's decision to overturn the general counsel's legal opinion regarding the referendum results pertaining to resolution 2005-60 and accept the election results as previously validated by the Election Committee. The passing of resolution 2005-119 resulted in the rescinding and voiding of resolution 2005-60.

Resolution 2005-60, titled Reconciliation of Removal and Election Eligibility Tribal Code Sections, was originally adopted by the board on May 3, 2005, by a 9 to 2 vote with one board member abstaining. The purpose of this resolution was "to eliminate any discrepancies between

the effect of a previous removal code and the current removal code by not denying anyone eligibility to run for office under an old standard that does not now comport with the current standards in the removal code and make other eligibility changes."

A referendum ballot pertaining to these issues will be mailed to the membership on Oct. 21, 2005, and will need to be returned by November 10, 2005. Tribal Code dictates what ballots can be counted.

Those receiving a ballot should return the entire ballot and follow all instructions on the ballot. Any ballot altered or any portion of the ballot removed, will result in the ballot being spoiled and will not be counted.

## Tribal board seeks to balance budget

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors determined that the financial outlook for 2006 necessitates establishing a balanced budget requirement in appropriations to avoid increased deficits or further accumulation of debt.

The board established a tribal support budget for 2006 in the amount of \$35.5 million, which was based on the tribe's financial outlook. The annual percentage for tribal support funding was set at 93 percent of the tribe's projected net revenue, which reflects a \$2.7 million increase in program support compared to last year's budget.

Any requests for appropriations from tribal programs and services that are over and above the budget must be accompanied by a detailed analysis of the sources of funding sufficient to determine the affect on tribal support, and shall require a majority vote of seven affirmative votes from the board of directors to approve such

appropriation.

According to Budget Officer Greg Collins, "If we go into next year based upon the current projections of net revenues and proposed budgets, we will run a \$2.8 million deficit, which means we could not continue to fund our programs at the current level without going into debt."

In order to avoid this situation, the tribe's financial team identified a budget amount of \$35.5 million, which is a practical amount the tribe is able to sustain for next year. Ninety-three percent of revenues from gaming operations will be allocated to fund tribal support programs with the remaining seven percent placed into a reserve to cover unbudgeted costs. This also gives the tribe the option to use the funds remaining in the reserve at the end of 2006 for the 2007 budget if desired. To stay out of debt, the tribe also plans to finance all their capital outlays. This finan-

cial plan was described as a proactive initiative instead of a reactive approach to over budgeting.

According to Chairperson Aaron Payment, "We establish our budgets based upon a percentage of almost all of the tribe's revenue. If our revenues go up, our programs and services can expand accordingly. However, if our revenues go down, we do have to find a way to live within the amount of revenue that we have. The only other alternative is to borrow the money and run a deficit for the future of our tribe. I was pleased with the nearly unanimous support from the tribal board. The board was very conservative by saying they do not want to run a deficit."

Unit III Representative Rob Lambert added, "I absolutely support it. It doesn't matter if it's regarding a family, local community or state government, you should live within your means."

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# Three Michigan counties named in the 100 best for young people

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Congratulations to Alger, Marquette and Jackson counties for being named three of the 100 best communities for young people.

America's Promise, Alliance for Youth, announced the winners of the first-ever national competition to identify the 100 best communities for young people. The winning communities ranged from small towns to urban neighborhoods across America and are being celebrated for their commitment to provide healthy, safe, and caring environments for youth.

According to America's

Promise Alliance, 40 percent of children say the American dream is beyond their reach. A quarter don't feel safe walking alone in their own neighborhoods and almost a third of kids under 17 went without health insurance during the last year.

The children's advocacy group America's Promise was launched in 1997 with Colin Powell as the founding chairman.

The new competition judges America's towns and cities on key criteria, from providing mentors to reducing infant mortality. A panel of 17 experts — from kids to business leaders — spent six

weeks reviewing more than 700 applications, narrowing them down to an unranked list of America's 100 best communities for young people.

Alger and Marquette counties were distinguished in part because of the community's emphasis on providing opportunities for youth to become actively involved in addressing community needs.

Jackson county, according to the *100 Best* honor, was chosen in part because of the community's emphasis on providing opportunities for youth to become actively involved in addressing communi-

ty needs and for having collaborative programming on behalf of children and youth in the form of community leadership groups.

The 100 best communities cover 40 states and range in size from 850 people to more than two million. Nearly half are urban, 22 are rural and 29 are suburban.

The winners were announced in *Newsweek* and examples include tiny villages like Boys Town, Neb., where troubled teens go to live and study together, and deprived communities like Tempe, Ariz., where public and private investments are helping schools overcome the fact that 60

percent of the city's children live below the poverty line.

America's Promise is dedicated to assuring that all young Americans have caring adults in their lives as parents, mentors, tutors and coaches; safe places with structured activities in which to learn and grow; a healthy start and healthy future; an effective education that equips them with marketable skills; and an opportunity to give back to their communities through their own service.

To view the complete list of the *100 Best* winners, visit: [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org).

## Michigan Indian Elders Association

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Michigan Indian Elders Association was formed in 1997 to address the varied needs of tribal elders in the state of Michigan. The purpose is to aid and assist in the improvement of the economic, social, healthful and spiritual well-being of those elders through a forum where elders may speak, learn, grow and exercise control over their environment by having representation on state and national aging organizations, access to services, prevention training and an advocate for member organizations. The association has representation from 11 of the state's 12 federally recognized tribes.

The organization's officers come from different bands around the state, they are Robert S. Menard, president and scholarship committee coordinator, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; Beatrice Kelly, vice president, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Becky Munz, secretary, Bay Mills Indian Community; Gerald Wesaw, treasurer, Gerald Wesaw, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; and Clinton Pelcher, officer at large, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The associations current constituent bands are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band Of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, Gun Lake Tribe, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association offers annual scholarships for those bound for college and cash incentive awards for those in elementary and secondary schools with academic or attendance excellence.

Sault Tribe elders wishing to join may call Robert Menard at (906) 485-5364 or Holly Kibble at 1-888-711-7356.

The association offers a spiritual message to America on its Web site, [www.michiganindianelders.org](http://www.michiganindianelders.org). This message is the

result of the National Indian Council on Aging's 2000 conference in Duluth, Minn. More than 1,200 elders from 105 tribes across America attended and contributed to the words in this message. As you read this, think about our elders. They came together in a true spirit of cooperation, setting aside tribal and political differences so that we and our children might have words of wisdom to help throughout our lives. These are the words of American Indian elders, but the values expressed in this message can be appreciated by all of humanity:

“As we stand before the dawn of a new millennium, we pray for America's survival, our survival.

We pray that we will be given strength by the Creator to follow the footsteps of our forefathers to share our love, respect and compassion for one another. There is good in everyone because our Creator has put a little of Himself in all of us.

We pray for forgiveness for the pain and suffering we have caused one another.

We pray that our children will not repeat our mistakes.

We pray that we can respect the diversity of America, all life is sacred. Every child born is a precious gift of our Creator. It is our sacred trust to embrace children from all walks of life because we are part of the same family.

We pray that children will honor and respect their elders, that is where the wisdom comes from. This respect will not allow forgotten elders. We are all equal, with each having our own special gift to contribute. These values allow our youth to become leaders and workers in our society. Children, you are our future and our hope for the people. Stand and be courageous.

We pray to learn and use the wisdom of all who have come before us, to achieve personal successes and to contribute to those of others. Only when our young ones learn respect for everything can they evolve.

Earth — We pray for respect and love of Mother Earth because she is the foundation of human survival and we must keep her pollution-free for those who will travel after us. Protect her water, air, soil, trees, forests, plants and animals.

Do not just take and waste

resources. Make it a priority to conserve.

The land is given to us by the Creator to care for, not to own. If we take care of the land, the land will take care of us.

Unity — We should have respect for each other. We pray for commitment and responsible behavior in order to help those in need and to give them support and friendship. Be an example in life that others may follow, serve people, community and country.

We should all strive to be leaders and contributors. Do not sit back and let others plan and do all the thinking.

Let us unite together so that we may have the strength to protect our future. Strength comes from working through trials and tribulations.

Health — Spiritual health is the key to holistic health.

We pray to have the discipline to set healthy examples for our children to follow.

Respecting everyone and everything in the universe starts with self-respect.

Take time to listen and take care of your body and spirit.

Family and youth — Family is important and precious. Always let them know that they are loved.

Let your children and grandchildren know you are always there to love and support them and they mean the world to you no matter what they do or say. Children are of infinite value.

Live what you teach. Spiritual values, honesty and integrity start in the home.

We pray for the youth. We must teach the youth to work together and respect all that is living on our Mother Earth.

We need to convey to our younger generations that the survival of our people lies in spirituality.

Peace — We pray to learn ways to settle differences peacefully.

Teach respect for each other's ideas. Value honesty on all levels, from children to parents to community to governments. We will be happy when we create peace with each other.

To the seventh generation: Survive, keep hopes and dreams, take care of yourself, remember your spirit, be there for each other, respect courage, share knowledge, always keep learning and remember your true values.”

## Home financing guarantee for Michigan tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JONI TALENTINO

The Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program was created by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to address the lack of mortgage lending in Indian Country. The 184 program offers a loan guarantee to private lenders who make mortgage loans to eligible borrowers for homes located in Indian Country.

Sault Tribe members, regardless of income, are eligible to apply. It is available on tribal trust land and fee simple land in an Indian operating area. The entire state of Michigan was recently designated as an Indian operating area of Sault Tribe for the purposes of this program.

There is a low down payment of only 1.25 to 2.25 percent based on the lower of the appraised value or cost to acquire the home. Members with existing mortgages may refinance their existing home, to include home repairs or additions.

## Show your heart

Michigan residents “with a heart” will show it on their driver's licenses or state identification cards when they agree to have their names added to the state's organ donor registry if legislation approved becomes law, said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

Under a four-bill package on its way to the governor for signing, residents who consent to place their names on the Michigan Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor Registry will be issued a driver's license or state ID with a red heart logo on the front beginning Jan. 1, 2007.

The measures also authorize the Department of State to maintain a record of individuals willing to have their names placed on the donor registry. That information will be shared with Gift of Life Michigan, the state's non-profit, full-service organ recovery organization based in Ann Arbor.

“I am very proud of the work the department has been doing to help increase organ donor aware-

The maximum loan is 150 percent of the FHA mortgage limit subject to the appraised value and down payment requirements. There is a one percent financeable guarantee fee at closing. There is no monthly private mortgage insurance fee as there can be with traditional mortgages. The one percent guarantee fee is the lowest of any government guarantee or conventional insurance program in the country.

HUD guarantees the mortgage loan made to eligible borrowers. The loan guarantee assures the lender that 100 percent of its investment will be repaid in the event of foreclosure.

New construction, purchase of an existing home or purchase and rehabilitation of an existing home are eligible with this program.

For more information on the Section 184 Loan Guarantee program or to request an application please contact Angela Spencer, home buyer advocate at (906) 635-7723.

ness,” Land said. “Through efforts such as Buddy Day, the Organ and Tissue Donor Advisory Committee and our donor enrollment program, we have increased the number of names on the state's donor registry by hundreds of thousands.

“But much more needs to be done. Only about eight percent of Michigan's 10 million residents are currently enrolled. With this legislation, the department is provided with new tools to help significantly increase that number of donors and potentially save even more lives.”

Land thanked the bill sponsors for directing Senate Bill 301 and House Bills 4082, 4469 and 4470 through the Legislature.

“Senator Jud Gilbert and Representatives John Gleason and Philip LaJoy provided the legislative oversight needed to move this important legislation forward,” she said. “As a result, thousands of Michigan residents waiting for a lifesaving transplant will now have new hope.”

# Sharing a treasure at Sault Area High School

By Rick Smith

Nestled near the main entrance of the Sault Area High School library is the home of a roomful of books on American Indians. The home is known as the Joyce McCoy and Blanche Belanger Collection. Along with the book collection, there are video and audio recordings on Indian subjects and displays of Indian artifacts. The collection has an emphasis on the Anishinaabek.

"The original book collection was put together over many years by Adelle Easterday for the Title IX Indian Education Program," said Melissa Belevender, media specialist for the Sault area public schools. "It was transferred to our care in 1999 as a resource for teachers and this room was built during the library renovation in 2000. Since then, I've been adding materials and the collection was named, on the advice of local tribal elders, for two ladies who contributed much to Indian education in this area." (See related story, right).

"I can't be certain of this," Belevender added. "But it appears this is the largest collection of its kind east of the Mississippi River.

The collection is available to students and the general public who wish to borrow any of its books. What's more, it's included



Melissa Belevender

on the inter-library loan system, so it is accessible to anyone throughout the entire state of Michigan. "At first we were fearful about losing books through the system, but they always come back," she noted.

Belevender spoke of a certain quality lurking within some of the books. "This is where the magic of this collection comes in to play," she explained with a hint of joyful enthusiasm in her voice and eyes. She recounted an incident involving a book called *The Grand Island Story* borrowed by a girl. "She took the book home to tell her parents about it and they soon realized there was something special about the book. They asked her, 'Do you know who this is about?' It turned out the book told the story of their ancestry, it created a dialogue

among the family members connecting their past with their present. The girl was so pleased to have made that connection with her ancestral roots."

The McCoy-Belanger Collection room is also home for the Creative Cafe, a student poetry writing club that meets once a month. Belevender smiled as she explained, "When they meet, they sit on a blanket spread out on the floor. Mostly they share their poetry with each other, but sometimes they talk about what's been going on with themselves, the latest movies, trends or other things. One day it struck me how fitting this is, it's like a talking circle."

Basketry, drums, clothing items and quill boxes are among the artifacts to be found in the room along with pottery by Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

The collection is supported by the library budget and Title VII Indian Education funds. Belevender expressed some disappointment with Title VII funds, "It's been dwindling for the last couple of years," she said.

Along with her responsibilities as a media specialist, she is a member of the Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee in Sault Ste. Marie.

# McCoy-Belanger honorees profiled



Blanche Belanger

*Excerpts from the honoree nominations submitted to name the American Indian book collection originated by Adelle Easterday, courtesy of Sault Area High School (See related story, Left).*

Blanche Belanger was a home-school coordinator working with the development of securing signatures and tabulations for the Title IX Indian Education Program eligibility forms. Blanche was personable and affable. She was especially street smart, witty, tasteful and people were quickly drawn to her; students, parents, grandparents, school officials, and staffs of community services.

Everyone in Indian Country knew Blanche and she knew them and where they lived, even on rural Sugar Island. She was one of them and they were comfortable with her visiting their homes. She had various musical skills, liked a good joke, was always cheerful, assuring and accepted.

She had five children and, after the youngest was in junior high school, Blanche was eager to become a volunteer for community and tribal projects and return to the workforce in a position conducive to her daughters' school schedules. A school system position was the perfect place for her.

Her style and ability to breakdown communication barriers will long be remembered by those who worked in the school system.



Joyce McCoy

Education played a major role in Joyce McCoy's life. She had a good education and wanted to see to it that other Indian children of the community had the same quality experience.

Joyce was delighted when asked to help Indian children with their school work. She had been hoping for such an opportunity. Her own nine children were grown and independently finding their way in the world.

She trained for teaching at Lake Superior State College in 1974 to prepare herself for service in Sault area public schools in the fall of that year.

Joyce began her first assignment at Jefferson Elementary. Through the years, she performed her duties as a paraprofessional at different elementary schools in the Sault area, including rural Soo Township School. Whether or not the school buses ran, she always went to school because she knew people were counting on her.

During her last few years of service, Joyce served at Lincoln Elementary School. At her retirement, the principal at the time said, "I watched Joyce work with kids for 12 years and she is the finest paraprofessional Lincoln has ever had."

Although the director of Indian education didn't like to divert Joyce from students, she was enlisted to gather parents' signatures on enrollment forms because she was so good at it.

# USDA grant aids tribal fishery



(L-R): Charlie Matson, Conservation Committee chairman; Lori Jump, rural grant specialist; Victor Matson, Sr., Unit V representative; Ralph Wilcox, Marketing Subcommittee chairman; Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe chairperson; Dale Sherwin, Michigan state director for USDA Rural Development; Cathy Abramson, Unit I representative; Joanne Carr, board secretary; and Jeff Holt, Sault Tribe Accounting Department.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The United States Department of Agriculture awarded the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a rural business enterprise grant in the amount of \$69,474 to conduct a feasibility study to determine effective marketing practices and business opportunities for tribal fishermen.

The Sault Tribe's Conservation Committee plays an active role to preserve this traditional way of making a living. Together with area fishermen, the tribe has also formed a Marketing Subcommittee, which was developed to assist tribal fishermen with identifying marketing oppor-

tunities.

With the advent of NAFTA and the influx of Canadian products imported and marketed to many of the same wholesalers, the market for fish has declined, causing financial hardships for tribal fishermen. Many family-owned operations are facing the prospect of going out of business as a result.

To understand the precarious situation facing today's tribal fishermen, a complete study of the fisheries must be completed in order to identify effective marketing strategies and opportunities. The research will be used to identify the challenges facing today's

tribal fishermen, the potential markets that may exist and the risks involved with pursuing new markets. The feasibility study will provide the information necessary to ultimately develop a sound business plan for project implementation.

Commercial fishing activities have supported a number of tribe members living in the Sault Tribe's service areas. Most, if not all, of the tribal fisheries are independent businesses, owned and operated by tribe members. Tribal fishermen generally harvest whitefish, salmon and lake trout from Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron.

## Helping folks stay warm

It is very admirable how the community has pulled together for the hurricane victims. We have seen this time and again with the Sept. 11 victims, the troops in Iraq and many local emergencies.

We are facing a local crisis this winter. The cost of home heating is predicated to increase perhaps by 70 percent. Our local residents could face the possibility of being homeless due to electrical and heating shutoffs. There are a few programs out there that historically have been under funded and could not provide for all the needs in our area. With the looming home heating crisis the number of needy will increase.

The Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency will be holding the third annual "Walk for Warmth" on Oct. 22, 2005. The proceeds of this walk will help local folks in need of assistance.

The typical Walk for Warmth recipient is a two or three person household with less than a \$6,000 annual income, 40 percent are elderly, 20 percent are handicapped and 35 percent live below the local poverty level.

If you would like more information, you can contact Tom Sherman at the CLM Community Action Agency, 524 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie or call 632-3363.

**The next deadline for submissions of articles to *The Sault Tribe News* is Monday, Oct. 24 at 5:00 p.m.**

# —From our tribe's mail—

## Thanks for housing help

Dear Editor,

My family has lived in Naubinway for over 100 years. Our heritage is important to us and is a privilege. To be able to continue maintaining my home in Naubinway is essential to me. My father and I built our three bedroom home and two-car garage in 1955, when ranch homes were not the norm in Naubinway. My father carried stones from the lake and nearby streams to build the fireplace. He bartered with other merchants and friends to gather the wood and bricks that form the exterior and interior of my home. Every room, every stone has meaning to me.

It is only through the generosity and availability of programs that I am able to continue to maintain my home. I am 63 years old, retired through disability and do not have the funds to make the necessary changes my home needs to be functional. I want to thank my tribal brothers and sisters for extending the opportunity to help me do this. The federal funding available through the tribe has given me hope that I can live out my life in surroundings I hold dear.

I am old enough to remember the struggle to regain our nation's sovereignty. I knew many of the men who worked to bring this about. I want to thank them also. They fought for all of us. These men deserve our undying gratitude and respect. They have mine. Most of us remember the years of outside facilities, one-room schoolhouses and truly home-made meals are not so far away. Our history is not to be forgotten or regarded as insignificant in the overall picture of America. I am proud of my heritage.

If I can be of service to my nation, I would like to do so. Please accept this letter as one of appreciation but also of application to be in the service of my fellow tribe members.

I would like to thank Kelly Smart, Joe Nolan and all of the people who helped with facilitating a new water system in my home.

—**Bill Baker**

## Compassion noted

Dear Editor,

I would like to sincerely thank the Lambert Center clinical staff and the housing and elder care services staff who all provided outstanding services for Amy and I over the years. The genuine care and compassion you demonstrated will never be forgotten. There was never a time when we called and you were not available to help us.

I would also like to thank you for the prayers, support and encouragement you provided to

our family during the recent loss of Amy. The prayers and support we received blessed us. Your kindness and love demonstrated is appreciated. God Bless you all.

—**Yvonne Belonga and family**

## Intern's appreciation

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to thank Aaron Payment and the Tribal Internship Committee for selecting me as an intern at Bahweting School. I would also like to thank Carolyn Dale, Nick Oshelski, Molly Davie and the rest of the staff at Bahweting School for allowing me to gain valuable experience throughout the summer. I was an aide for the summer reading program where I participated in three weeks of literary activities.

The students ranged from children going into first grade to children going into seventh grade in the coming school year. The activities included accelerated reading, mentor reading, light-span, art projects which correlated to our weekly themes and using educational computer software.

In addition, guest speakers brought meaningful lessons to teach the students. Mr. Henry "Tiq" Bush, a well-known Anishnabe elder, gave the class a teaching about the Niizhwaswi Mishomisinnong (Seven Grandfathers). These teachings are very important for all children to learn and perform throughout their lives.

Mr. Dan Donarski was invited to share his trip to South Africa with the students. He described how the Zulu tribe and the Ojibwe tribe are similar in craft making, hunting, and dance.

Mrs. Rita Dale, an elder, volunteered as an activities instructor. She showed the students how to make candles, construct salt-dough beads and paper beads and taught the children Origami.

I had a wonderful time with the children and gained quality experience for my student teaching in Lansing this coming year. I will be completing my teaching certification through Michigan State University. Even though I am an intern in a second grade classroom, being around various ages gave me more knowledge about diverse learning.

I am honored to have been a part of this program and hope it will be offered to prospective teachers in coming years. Because of this internship, I look forward to becoming a strong Anishnabe educator in the near future.

—**Paula Finrock**

## Hog sold

Dear Editor,

I wanted to express my thanks to Kewadin Casinos and Rick McDowell for buying my market hog at the Chippewa

County Fair.

Our local fair is a youth fair and one of the best around because we have wonderful people like our tribe supporting us in our projects. Thank you again!

—**Tyler Fox**  
Rudyard, Mich.

## Gratitude for cultural support

Dear Editor,

We would like to acknowledge the people who have been so kind, and so sincere in helping the Cheboygan Anishinaabek culture group affiliated with Title VII education program.

Miigwech, Fred Harrington and Joe Mitchell with American Indian education in the LTBB of Odawa Tribe. They were so kind to offer their time and interests in performing a pipe ceremony for the Odawa and Ojibwa youth in our group. This event also included a feast, and swimming in the Black River in Cheboygan.

Miigwech, Shirley Sorrel, with the Museum of Ojibwa Culture in St. Ignace, for inviting our youth group to come and learn with their culture group. We learned the art of making copper dream catchers and authentic drums. We were all excited and glad to be part of another culture group for the day.

We are also very thankful to Dave and Marie Krucznski from Sterling Heights, Mich., for their time and teaching us the art of the dream catcher and to Tony Grondin from St. Ignace for the authentic drum (dewe'igan) making and presentation.

We are very happy to inform our members that the Title VII American Indian education program was approved for Cheboygan public schools. Just as this program is new for our schools, it is new to our Parent Committee. We have already learned so much in the last seven months but there is so much more to be learned. We are extremely happy to be able to help our youth in receiving an education that is adequate to their potential. We also plan to incorporate in moderation the American Indian culture beneficial to learning with our people.

Our Title VII Parent Committee is looking for someone in the Cheboygan area who can speak the Anishinaabe language and is interested in teaching a few committee members. If you can, or know someone who can, please call Renee at (231) 627-5385.

Thank you from the Cheboygan Anishinaabek Culture Group and Title VII Native American Education Committee.

—**Renee Powers Harrington**  
**Rose Neuman**  
**Sheri Heath**  
**Tracy Heath**

## Thanks for skates

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you again for Big Bear's generosity with the donation of the rental skates. That now puts us just over 100 pairs of skates available for our customers.

This will be very beneficial when we get our school groups and at our busy time over the holidays.

The St. Ignace Recreation Committee was very grateful upon hearing the news of this acquisition.

Thanks again for all that been done for us.

Sincerely,  
—**Phil Hinkson**  
Recreation director  
City of St. Ignace

## Award appreciated

Dear Editor,

Just a quick note to say thank you to the tribe for awarding Chad the grant of \$375.00 for his education this semester. This award is greatly appreciated as his living expenses are abundant this year, money is tight and this additional money will certainly help to pay for books and supplies. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
—**Steve P. Leask and Chad C. Leask**

## Many thanks

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the board for the plant we received for serving on the advisory board for eight years. It is very kind of you to send it and we do appreciate your kindness.

Also, we would like to thank the Sault Tribe Unit III Elders Committee for the nice letter of thanks for our 10 years serving as committee chairman and treasurer. Also, thank you for the gift certificate we received. We will enjoy it.

A big thank you to JoAnn Carr and Theresa LaPointe for the help we received during our time.

Ray is doing much better after his brain surgery and it was not cancerous. He still has some bad days but they told us it would take a good year.

Good luck in the future and when he is feeling much better, we will drop in.

It was a good learning experience and we enjoyed it but it's time for new people.

Thank you very much,  
—**Ray and Arvilla McCall**

## Trip report

Dear Editor,

We wish to thank the tribe for enabling a group of Unit III elders to make a trip to Washington D.C.

We 31 compatible passengers

traveled in a comfortable new bus with a congenial and skilled driver.

Our hotel accommodations were excellent and our tours were well planned with a tour guide who was entertaining as well as knowledgeable.

We visited all the standard visitor's sites including Mount Vernon and the various war memorials. On our last day, we visited Arlington National Cemetery.

We especially enjoyed the new National Museum of the American Indian. The exhibits were of Indian skills of North and South America as well as those of Hawaii and Alaska. We ate at the Indian museum cafeteria with a choice of Indian foods. The four-story building was architecturally lovely.

Our thanks, too, to Ilene Moses, who handled all our accommodations.

Now, we await seeing our picture in the tribal paper, taken in front of the Capitol, as proof of our trip.

Sincerely,  
—**Margaret Robinson**  
**Rita Holtham**

## Support appreciated

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the tribe and the higher education department for all the support they have given me in the past years. I am greatly appreciative and thankful for it because, without it, I would have never been able to do the things I have done or accomplish my goals.

Thank you,  
—**Nicholas Adam Rutledge**

## Thanks from Alaska

Dear Editor,

I want to express my gratitude for all the help the tribe has provided me this far in my education. During my four years at Lake Superior State University, in Michigan, they were very supportive and it continued into graduate school at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

I am now starting my second year of graduate study in Alaska and continue working on my research, teaching labs and taking classes. I honestly never thought I would be here in Alaska working towards a master's degree in geology. I know there is no way I would have made it this far without the support of my family, friends, professors and tribe.

Thank you so very much,  
—**Rebecca Missler**

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# OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Nationwide, communities will come together to remember the courage and strength of domestic violence survivors, celebrate and honor our accomplishment as a movement and rededicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities.

Domestic violence leaves an empty place at the table. There's no excuse for domestic violence.

Abuse is about one person controlling another. It's a pattern of controlling behaviors. Many women don't think of themselves as being abused because they haven't been hit. But, abuse can be physical, emotional or sexual and it's not your fault! Nothing you say or do causes your partner to act with violence toward you, and it is impossible for you to

prevent the attacks by being the perfect wife or girlfriend.

No one has the right to physically harm you. That kind of behavior is against the law.

Domestic violence doesn't go away on its own. It tends to get worse and becomes more frequent with time and it's often harmful to your children as well.

**If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence. Help is available! Contact the Advocacy Resource Center at 632-1808 or 1-877-639-7820.**

### PERSONAL SAFETY PLAN

Victims cannot always avoid violent incidents. In order to increase safety, victims may use a variety of strategies. I can use some or all of the following strategies:

#### I CAN USE THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- If I decide to leave, I will \_\_\_\_\_
- Practice how to get out safely. Which doors, windows, elevators, stairwells or fire escapes to use?
- I can keep a bag ready and put it \_\_\_\_\_
- I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ about the violence and they will call the police when violence erupts.
- I can teach my children to use the phone to call the police.
- I will use this code word \_\_\_\_\_ and my family will know when to call the police.
- If I have to leave my home I will go \_\_\_\_\_ (Be prepared even if you think you will never have to leave)
- I can teach my children these strategies.
- When an argument erupts, I will move to a safer room such as \_\_\_\_\_
- I will use my instincts, intuition and judgements. I will protect myself and my children from danger.
- When I expect we are going to have an argument, I will try to move to a space with the lowest risk, such as \_\_\_\_\_. (Try to avoid arguments in bathrooms, garages, kitchens, near weapons or in rooms without access to an outside door).

#### SAFETY WHEN GETTING READY TO LEAVE

- I will leave money and an extra set of keys with \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will keep important documents and keys at \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will open a saving account by this date \_\_\_\_\_ to increase my independence.
- I will keep change for phone calls with me at all times or purchase a telephone calling card. I understand that if I use my telephone credit card, the following month the telephone bill will tell my batterer those numbers I called after I left. To keep my telephone communications confidential, I must either use coins or a telephone calling card. I may also get friends to permit me to use their telephone credit card for a limited time when I first leave.
- I will check with \_\_\_\_\_. They may let me stay with them or they may lend me money.
- I can leave extra clothes with \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ITEMS I WILL TAKE WITH ME IF I DECIDE TO LEAVE:

- Identification, birth certificates and social security cards for my children and myself.
- Driver's license and registration.
- Welfare identification and insurance cards.
- Money, bank books, credit cards, other items of value.
- Keys to house, car and office.
- School and medical records.
- Medications.
- Change of clothing and children's favorite toys and blankets.
- Address and telephone book.
- I will sit down and review my safety plan every \_\_\_\_\_ in order to plan the safest way to leave the residence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of advocate) has agreed to help me review this plan.
- I will rehearse my escape plan and, as appropriate, practice it with my children.

#### SAFETY AT HOME

There are many things that victims can do to increase safety at home. It may be impossible to do everything at once, but safety measures can be added step by step. Safety measures I can use include:

- Changing the locks on my doors and windows.
- Installing security systems (i.e. additional locks, window bars, electronic sensors, etc.)
- Buying a rope ladder to use for an escape route from the house.
- Installing smoke detectors and buy fire extinguishers for my house.
- Installing an outside lighting system that activates when someone comes near my house.
- I will teach my children how to use the phone to make collect calls to friends, parents, family and police.

#### IF YOUR PARTNER IS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN INFORM THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

- School: \_\_\_\_\_ Day care: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Babysitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday school: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_
- I can tell the following people my partner no longer lives with us and if they see him please call the police if he is near my residence.
- Neighbors: \_\_\_\_\_ Church leaders: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friends: \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SAFETY WITH A PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER

Many batterers obey protection orders, but some do not. I recognize I may need to ask the police and the courts to enforce my protection order. The following are some steps I can take to help the enforcement of my protection order:

- Keep a copy of the personal protection order: \_\_\_\_\_
- Give my PPO to police departments in the area, family, friends where I live and work.
- If my PPO is destroyed, I'll get another copy from the courthouse by going to the office of the \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_.

## Coping with substance abuse and domestic violence issues

Prevalent in the United States is a deadly but a treatable disease that is taking its toll on more than five percent of the population and destroying the lives of millions of men, women, and children. Only 20 percent who need treatment receive it. The disease is alcohol and drug addiction.

People in the recovery community cite three disturbing trends contributing to this situation. First, there is a noticeable re-stigmatization of substance abuse and addiction as earlier great strides dissipate. Second, addiction has moved away from the medical realm as the idea of addiction as a disease fades. Evidence has shown addiction is a medical problem, not a moral lapse. Third, there is the criminalization of addiction. We continue to incarcerate people with addiction problems. Very little research has been conducted and even less has been done to assist people with chemical dependency problems to meet their needs for safety and sobriety.

Many begin or increase their use of alcohol or other drugs to medicate the physical and emotional effects of victimization. Recovery efforts are often sabotaged by their partners.

Effectively addressing the safety of the chemically dependent is an essential part of recovery. Abusers need to address the addiction separate from, and in addition to, criminal or civil justice sanctions for their abusive behavior. Not only is this a critical strategy to enhance their safety, but abusers' continued use of violence against partners often precipitates a relapse.

Alcohol or drug use does not cause domestic violence and will not be accepted as an excuse for

such behavior. Accountability for violence needs to be enforced at every opportunity.

Understanding addiction and recovery is a step in the right direction against this disease which can and does cause domestic violence. Addiction may begin with a personal choice to use these substances but research shows, for many, physiological dependence soon takes hold; drug dependence produces significant and lasting changes in brain chemistry and function.

Addiction is a chronic medical illness that can be treated like others such as type-two diabetes, mellitus and hypertension. Recovery from addiction is a process that can be lengthy. An occasional recurrence of drug or alcohol use during recovery is not an indication of failure.

There is hope: Treatment works! Treatment for chemical dependency reduces drug use by 40 to 60 percent. An independent study of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse treatment system revealed, upon treatment, patients reported use of alcohol decreased from 59 percent to 30 percent; the percentage of patients who are gainfully employed increased significantly; the number of patients reporting income from illegal activities decreased by 88 percent. The National Institute on Drug Abuse says that treatment reduces costs by cutting criminal recidivism and health care expenses while prompting employability and financial stability. Beyond the benefits of saving lives of addicted people, when research looks at crime, employment, health care use or positive financial returns for taxpayers, addiction treatment works.

## Manistique ACFS office serves western service area

The Manistique ACFS office serves Alger, Delta, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties. Some programs extend to Luce County with services provided by the central office.

Our office houses the following programs and services: Binogii Placement Agency provides foster care, adoption, foster home license and adoptive home studies in the service area. We need foster homes for all areas. Please call for more information if you would like to provide temporary care for our children.

ACFS provides protective services at tribal housing sites in Escanaba, Marquette, Manistique, Wetmore and Newberry.

ACFS caseworkers provide prevention and in-home care. Legal intervention occurs with all cases involving legal jurisdiction of abused or neglected children. These cases are monitored by ACFS caseworkers and the Sault Tribe Child Welfare Committee. Monitoring checks for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. Participation from legal services, ACFS and the Child Welfare Committee does not pertain to child custody issues or criminal proceedings.

Substance abuse counseling is

available at the office in Manistique and serves the outlying areas. The substance abuse counselor is scheduled as follows: Monday and Tuesday, Escanaba; Friday, Munising.

Mental health counseling is available as follows: Monday and Friday, Manistique; Tuesday, Marquette; Wednesday, Escanaba; Thursday, Munising.

Direct service covers many programs with two workers. Barb Hosket is stationed in the Munising office for Alger and Marquette counties. Viola Neadow is stationed in Manistique for Schoolcraft and Delta County. Neadow holds office hours in the Escanaba health office every Tuesday. She is currently providing services for the Munising office on Fridays.

The staff at the Manistique Tribal Center are available to answer questions or guide you to proper offices for assistance. Many programs are available to tribe members and staff. If you have any questions please call toll free, 1-800-347-7137 or 341-6993.

# Employee leave policy amended

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Sept. 20 in Manistique. Board member Joe Eitrem was absent.

**Resolutions:** *Voting is not noted on actions taken unanimously.*

Following committee recommendations, attorney Jennifer Miller, a member of the Michigan State Bar, was hired to represent criminal defendants in tribal court with a salary of \$30,000 annually. Another member of the Michigan State Bar, attorney J. David Whyte, was hired to represent minor children in tribal court with a salary of \$36,300 annually.

The board adopted a new bidding procedures policy for construction related services between \$10,000 and \$250,000 stipulating preference parameters for Indian owned enterprises. Board members Dennis McKelvie, Lana Causley and Robert Lambert, Sr., opposed the action.

The board adjourned the meeting and convened for a general meeting at the Munising American Legion hall on Oct. 4. Board member Tom Miller was absent. Minutes were approved for the June 21, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Sept. 17 and Sept. 20 board meetings.

**Resolutions:** An interim policy was adopted in order to expedite hearings before the employee appeals board for the next 60 days. Board member Denise Chase opposed the move.

Employee sick leave policies were revised for those working in tribal government, casinos and enterprises. The change covers rules regarding sick leave donations for people who have exhausted accrued sick leave. Human Resources Director Cheryl Bernier said, "In order to donate or transfer sick leave, there will be a leave bank established where team members can donate, for governmental, up to 80 hours of sick leave in a calendar year, starting in their second year of employment. Team members can donate sick hours to be used by any team member within the same home company or a specific team member in need of such resources. If a donation is for a specific team member, then the donation can occur at the time of the need or for the team member to use in the foreseeable future." She said employees could also donate vacation leave hours which would be converted to sick leave at a one to one ratio.

Recipients of donated sick

leave would have access to a maximum of 160 hours of sick leave per year along with any sick leave specifically designated for an individual.

In addition, a rule was changed to allow employees to retain any accrued vacation leave when receiving sick leave donations.

Those who are not eligible for sick leave are not eligible for the donation program.

The board passed a resolution to sign an environmental agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for fiscal years 2006-08 which informs the agency of tribal needs and gives time to budget and plan for activities to safeguard safe and clean air, water, food and waste disposal.

A policy and procedures plan to prevent exposure to blood borne pathogens was approved.

Fiscal year 2005 budget modification increases were approved for Tribal Gaming Commission at \$9,014.15 from a tribal support account and Northern Hospitality at \$22,800 from a fund balance.

A tribal support budget of \$35.5 million for 2006 was approved and an annual increase in tribal support funding was set at 93 percent of overall net revenue. In addition, according to the resolution, "Any requests for appropriations over and above this requirement must be accompanied by a detailed analysis of the source(s) of funding sufficient to determine the affect on tribal support, and shall require a positive majority of seven affirmative votes to approve such appropriation." Board member Cathy Abramson abstained from voting.

Continued tribal support funding at current levels for some of our tribe's services was approved to bridge a gap between the expiration of certain 2005 budgets and the approval of their 2006 budgets.

The board approved bylaws presented by and for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority.

Amendments to the bylaws of the Sault Tribe Elderly Advisory Board and all elderly advisory subcommittees were approved to add two alternates to each and solve issues regarding quorums.

**New business:** A referendum petition was validated and ballots will be mailed to members on Oct. 21. Board member Todd Gravelle abstained.

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

# We don't need a union, we are a tribe



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

Before the last election there was not even a discussion of a Constitutional convention, today, we need to start this process moving. I hate to say it but sometimes politics is all talk and no action. With the speed of change today, we have to be swift as well and we need to protect our Sovereignty. The common opinion is that a constitutional revision will be highly politicized. The longer we wait to move on this campaign promise, the more politicized it could become. The idea of a Constitutional convention was not raised by me in the last election but I endorsed the idea. I think it is a good idea, one that can bring us together. Members should not be excluded from a Constitutional convention. What we don't want to become is a bureaucracy or a room full of politicians.

I think revising the Constitution is a good thing, and the right thing to do. I have confidence in this chairman and this board to do a good job on this. Members voting in the next election should be looking for candidates who favor a Constitutional convention. The purpose of our tribe is to improve the life of our people. We are here to serve you, the members. I am listening and I hear you, for those of you who don't know, I work 50 or 60 hours a week for the tribe. I am happy to do it.

We haven't been quite able to address the Internet in today's political arena, I will tell you straight out, I read all the e-mail, most are very helpful and supportive, a few are very misleading, some are vulgar and some are actually disgusting. If the Internet

is ever going to be used successfully as a medium for organized communication, we have to recognize certain standards. I won't send out anything on the Internet because it is too easy to cut and paste and create all sorts of havoc. We need to protect the Internet from people who abuse it. Unfortunately there are a few on the Internet that abuse this technology. They use different names and give the pretense there is a whole ensemble writing when in fact it is just the noise of a few.

I am dead set against unions. We don't need a union, we are a tribe. As only one board member, I can only say members should never be asked to give up their sovereignty, Native American preference in hiring is our sovereign right. We need to all start acting a bit more like tribal citizens and take our sovereign rights more seriously. If the employee protection resolution needs to be reviewed, we should do that. If we need to develop a "merit and demerit" system for our employee evaluations, then let's do that. We can reward our workers without having a union, I'm not sure if we can afford automatic wage increases, but we should reward the workers who go that extra mile. We have more members employed now than any time in our history, granted, too many are still in subordinate positions but this is changing. Anyone advocating for a union does not understand Sovereignty.

We still hold "Indian title" to this land. It was the Indian tribes that granted rights to the U.S. This is very straight forward and it is sometimes confusing for non-Indians to understand. We can't afford to give away any more sovereignty, we have given away too much already. We are giving the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan, 34 percent of the gross daily, that is \$300,000 daily. We have been coming up on the short end of the stick with our deals with these governments. Let's not bring unions into the picture.

The treaties gives us "the right of occupancy" and we are supposed to be granted peace and protection, lands, annuities, rations, manufactured goods and services. Our treaties with the federal government are all that we have.

Our grandfathers who signed these treaties were very smart people. A brief quote from the milestone Supreme Court case of United States v. Winans (1905) summarizes the point, "The treaty was not a grant to the Indians, but a grant of rights from them..." The frequently used term "treaty rights" refers to the rights explicitly and implicitly retained by the tribe and not rights granted by the United States. Indian tribes are a social and economic phenomenon. We need to start going directly to the U.S. The terms and conditions the state is strapping us with is not giving us economic protection and is taking away our leverage in the market place.

We are a micro-state, as a federally recognized tribe, we don't need to prove it to the federal government, we need to prove it to ourselves. We need to stop talking and take action even if it takes having all twelve members to be on the Constitutional committee.

We might only get one chance at retrieving history, it will be at least a three-year process. Before I leave office, I would like to see this process get started. I have a few proposals that I would like to make, I'm sure the other board members do as well, and the members will be the most important participants of all. Re-writing our constitution is no little undertaking, I'm feeling good about the membership lately, the outside areas are showing good support for the chairman and the board. Rebuilding our economy and the Constitutional convention should be our main priority.

I favor equal voter registration, all adults should automatically be registered to vote. This will make our tribe stronger. Someday there may be no services from the federal government, what are we going to do then? The future is just around the corner. Our tribal citizenry is also our labor pool, our members have a vested interest in the success of our tribe, they need to be involved.

Thank you for your support, your phone calls and e-mail are appreciated. For more information or questions call Bob LaPoint, vice chairman and Unit II representative.



## Volunteer of the Year. . . Chad

Leask receives a blanket from Lori Jump, Advocacy Resource Center program manager, for the volunteer work he did for the center over the past year. "Chad's been a great help to us," said Jump. "He's helped out with all our fundraisers and is always available to help us pick up donations and move things all over town."

**The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is October 24.**

# Vote to disapprove insane Resolution No. 2005-119



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

I am sponsoring a tribal-wide referendum to reverse the board's unconstitutional decision to allow the counting of blank ballots in tribal elections. This decision means that the Tribe's Election Committee can count blank ballots anyway it chooses and can include their corrupted results in any final vote tally. This means that they could count all blank ballots and give them to the candidate that they prefer to win. In essence, the Election Committee

can now ignore the Tribe's Constitution and will of the voters and decide who sits on the board and the outcome of referenda elections.

This ranks as one of the most outrageous and nonsensical decisions I have ever seen any board ever make in my entire career as an attorney. It amounts to governmental incompetence. This decision illustrates that our Tribe desperately needs leaders with the character and sense to enact fair election laws. Governmental reform is not taking place because the Tribe's government is stifled by political backstabbing and ignorance. This hurts all of us.

The board refuses to do what is right so I need the assistance of the membership to DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119. It's time the membership took over the governance of their Tribe. The system we currently have is not working and never has; so I propose a new system where the power is returned to the people where it belongs. We can start by VOTING TO DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119 and send the board

a clear message that the people are taking control of their Tribe. The board has too much power and abuses its authority by violating our Constitution. The Tribe's leaders are more concerned about becoming the next Chairperson and destroying their political competitors than they are about doing a good job. Only the people can straighten out this mess and we will begin by voting to DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119 and let the board know that they are failing us.

The referendum process will give the membership an opportunity to DISAPPROVE a corrupt policy: RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119. It is a blatant violation of our Tribe's Constitution and will guarantee more corrupted elections in the future. Sanctioning the counting of blank and spoiled ballots is indisputable proof that certain individuals involved in the Tribe's government want to protect their opportunity to corrupt our Tribe's elections so they can ensure that their family members and friends are elected. They think they are protecting their jobs and influence and that we do

not see what they are really doing which is corrupting the government of our Tribe. The costs of the venomous politics of our Tribe are very high as they infect every department of the organization and bog it down.

Counting blank ballots as votes is not done by Tribes or any other government in the United States and is illegal under federal law. So why would the board approve such a ridiculous practice? By adopting insane election laws the board is refusing to conduct fair elections. Rather than strengthening tribal laws to ensure fair elections the board is passing unconstitutional policies that further undermine the memberships' confidence in its government. The board is violating the Constitution that the people entrusted them to govern by. Unfortunately, they act as if we elected them to do whatever they please, right or wrong. They are mistaken. Now we must take charge and fix this problem by VOTING TO DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119 because counting blank ballots is the practice of a failing government. It is folly and we deserve

better.

VOTING TO DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119 will force the board to conduct fair elections and prohibit it from manipulating election results by ensuring that blank ballots are not counted as votes. It's time our board tried to conduct honest elections like legitimate governments do instead of enacting unconstitutional laws that guarantee bad decisions.

The board has the resources to enact sound policies yet they chose to establish a mickey mouse election process that's susceptible to scams, doesn't ensure fair elections and leaves us cheated out of the legitimate system that we deserve as tribal members and U.S. citizens. The people must choose their leadership in fair elections not the Election Committee or the board by corrupting the process so their buddies get board seats. Let the people decide who governs their Tribe. It's not the board's decision. Thank you for protecting our Tribe and VOTING TO DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2005-119.

## Membership Q and A

**Q:** I am a tribe member and wondering if the tribe could assist me with adopting a child or becoming a foster parent.

**A:** All questions that relate to child placement should be directed to the Binogii Placement Agency which is a component of Anishnabek Community and Family Services. The agency contracts

with the state of Michigan, which allows the program to provide services to families of tribe members and children in the seven-county service area. The Sault Tribe is the only tribe in Michigan that has a child placing agency licensed by the state. Call 632-5250 or toll-free at 1-800-726-0093.

**Q:** I live in Gaylord and, recently, drove

past a house that was flying a Sault Tribe flag. As a tribe member, I really felt a sense of pride to see our colors displayed at a private residence and I wonder if the tribe offers the flags for purchase. If so, who would I contact to order one?

**A:** Yes, the flags are available and can be purchased through the tribe's administration, call toll-free at 1-888-942-2766

and ask for Krista Payment. The flags come in an assortment of sizes and Krista has all the details to assist you with placing an order.

— Clarence Hudak and DJ Malloy, executive membership liaisons, chudak@saulttribe.net or dmalloy@saulttribe.net, 635-6050, toll free (888) 942-2766.

## Community flu clinic — 2005

### Save the date! Community flu vaccination clinic coming on Oct. 25

The third annual community flu vaccination clinic for adults is scheduled on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. This clinic site is changed from last year's location at LSSU and has a date different from what was previously announced.

The event is co-sponsored by several local agencies including the county health department, War Memorial Hospital, Sault Tribe health services and Lake Superior University Health Center. Last year, nearly 2,000 people were vaccinated in five hours.

One of the reasons for the clinic's popularity is the high degree of organization. Rather than waiting in long lines, people have

been surprised by how quickly they move through the process.

Dr. James Terrian, medical Officer for the health department, said "Flu vaccinations are the best way to prevent getting the flu. Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to pneumonia, hospitalization and death."

Each year, about 114,000 people in the United States are hospitalized and 36,000 people die of flu-related complications. He also said that the end of October is the ideal time to get a flu shot for immunity to last until the peak of flu season — around January or February.

Recommendations for those who should receive flu shots include those who are at high risk of experiencing complications from the flu such as people over age 65; any adult with chronic health problems such as heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes,

asthma or other lung disease; people with cancer or HIV/AIDS and women who will be more than three months pregnant during flu season. Close contacts of any of these people should also receive the vaccine.

Due to the popularity of the drive-through clinic last year, the drive-through will be expanded to two lanes. People who have difficulty leaving their vehicles and their drivers may receive vaccinations in their cars. Wheelchairs and assistance will again be available for those who chose to use them.

Children can be vaccinated in a clinic being offered by the county health department on Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the health department. People should enter through Avery Square for that clinic. Children with chronic diseases, and particularly children between the ages of six months to

two years, have a high risk of contracting the illness and should receive a flu shot.

The clinic is truly a community effort, with assistance being provided by staffs and students of the Chippewa County Office of Emergency Services, American Red Cross, LSSU criminal justice program, fire science and nursing programs, campus security and the Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department.

Flu shots are, again, \$15. Medicare is accepted and clients are reminded to bring their Medicare cards. Participants are reminded to bring identification cards, proof of Medicare coverage, employment or tribe membership. Insurance other than Medicare will not be accepted. People are asked to wear a short sleeved shirt.

Anyone who wishes to get a flu shot as a protection against

this serious disease should plan on attending the community flu clinic or bring your children to the health department on the following day. Remember, vaccination is your best protection against the flu.

If you have any questions about the flu vaccine or the community flu vaccination clinic, please call the Chippewa County Health Department a 253-3141. For information on clinics at the Bay Mills Indian Community, call 248-3204.

**Drive-Through Lanes: Drive through vaccinations will be available again. This year, two lanes will be open for the elderly, frail and handicapped clients and their drivers. Watch for a specially marked area of the parking lot set aside for in-car vaccinations.**

## Clarification on 2006 pay raise schedules

This is to address the many questions received on the 2006 raise process recently approved by the board of directors.

Performance appraisals will not have an effect on the 2006 raise process. Team members will see an increase in their wages calculated on their base wage. This does not include tips, overtime, premium pay, etc. The raise process will now apply to introductory team members, promo-

tions and transfers. If you have recently changed jobs or were promoted you are eligible for this increase. Please see the wage distribution scale below.

Wage range	Percentage
Under \$15,000	5.5
\$15,000-\$19,999	5.0
\$20,000-\$29,999	4.5
\$30,000-\$49,999	3.2
\$50,000-\$69,999	2.5
\$70,000 and up	2.0

The raise process does not

apply to construction field workers due to the wage ordinance, temporary team members or elder/student worker programs.

Previously annual performance appraisals were conducted in November, which had resulted in a performance based increase. Starting Jan. 1, 2006, performance appraisals will be done on team members' anniversary date in position. For 2005 annual performance appraisals will be done

in November/December, but will not be linked to any increase.

Effective Oct. 1, 2005, team members with base wages under \$30,000 will receive a 5 percent reduction in their health insurance premiums. Also, the eligibility period for casino team members was reduced from 18 months to 12 months.

The above changes were based on the results received from the compensation survey. We are

pleased the board of directors made these changes based upon team member suggestions.

Should you have any questions concerning this process please contact the Human Resource Department.



# Should blank or spoiled ballots count? Approve or disapprove!

BY STEVE MORELLO

This week I am going to depart from my normal column and write to you about a matter of great importance for our Tribe. Our Constitution gives us the right to petition the Board for a referendum on resolutions enacted by the Board. The whole purpose of a referendum is to allow tribal members to approve or disapprove the Board's resolution. Tribal members have used this right two times recently with mixed results. According to comments people have made to me, the biggest problem with the referendum vote is the high degree of confusion surrounding the recent election questions.

Well we will soon have another referendum question to deal with. This time the question is crystal clear. Should blank and spoiled ballots be counted in our tribal elections? Unfortunately you will not see the question put in this clear manner on the ballot you will receive. That is because the Election Committee controls the form of the question on the

ballot and they refuse to take legal advice! But I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of this important issue so that when you vote you do so with a clear understanding of the issue.

In a referendum election, tribal members are asked to do one of two things. As a voter you may chose to approve or disapprove the resolution passed by the Board. Simple right? Approve or disapprove. And the only other choice is to throw the ballot in the wastebasket because you do not want to vote. But some have returned blank ballots. That's correct. Some have placed blank ballots in envelopes and returned them to the tribe as their choice. Unfortunately, that is not a valid choice. And this is what has lead to our most recent referendum election. Should blank and spoiled ballots be counted in our tribal elections? The Board, for its own reasons passed a resolution which said yes, blank and spoiled ballots should be counted in our elections. This is directly opposite to a carefully thought out legal

opinion that I wrote which stated that according to our constitution and tribal code, blank and spoiled ballots are not to be counted.

Thus we have a simple task ahead of us in this next referendum election. Should blank and spoiled ballots be counted in our tribal elections? The Board said YES. Now as a tribal member you are asked to either approve or disapprove of this resolution by the Board. You have no other choice under tribal law (unless you want to throw your ballot in the wastebasket).

So if you believe that blank or spoiled ballots should be counted in our elections, then you would vote to approve the Board's action. If you believe that blank and spoiled ballots have no business being counted in our tribal elections, then you would vote to disapprove the Board's action. Remember, there are no other choices according to tribal code. Please vote and make your voice heard on this important issue!

# Perks getting better for team members

SUBMITTED BY LYNN TROZZO, RECRUITER, EMPLOYMENT

Casino team members rake in the "perks" and just in time for the big hiring spree for the 2006 grand opening of the new Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel in St. Ignace.

The hard work of many for the benefit of our casino team members has finally paid off for those new team members just coming on board and the team members who have been with us for years. We have some of the most dedicated people working for us who deserve the extra added perks.

Our casino team members now have two personal days per year. Insurance coverage rates have been lowered for entry level positions and, probably the biggest accomplishment, new team members no longer have to wait 18 months to obtain health insurance as it is reduced to 12 months.

Casino team members are also eligible for up to six paid holidays and premium pay for those

who work on holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The life insurance plans, short-term and long-term disability are also offered along with a 401K retirement plan. Sault Tribe not only gives three percent to team members but will also match an additional two percent for a five percent contribution by the Sault Tribe. This can be quite an investment in just a few short years on the job.

The "perks" just keep getting better and the team members who are so very dedicated and customer service orientated are the benefactors and most deserving.

Please call Cool Places! Cool People! Cool Jobs! At the employment department at (906) 635-7032, toll free at (866) 635-7032 or visit our website at [www.saulttribe.org](http://www.saulttribe.org) and apply online.

Be sure to mention if you are interested in working at our brand new casino and hotel in St. Ignace.

## SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

### SPECIAL NEEDS/ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Non-commercial fisherman

### ELDER ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Unit I - 1 Vacancy

Unit II - 1 Vacancy

Unit III - 1 Vacancy

Unit IV - 1 Vacancy (Munising)

Unit V - 1 Vacancy

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

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Sault Ste. Marie, MI. 49783

(906) 635-6050, toll free 800-793-0660,  
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## Calling All Veterans...

The Sault Tribe is currently gathering a list of tribal members who served in our armed services. This information will be used to help honor both current veterans and those who have passed away, who selflessly served their country.

We need the following information for this database:

- The number of years you were in the service
- What branch of the military you served in
  - The highest rank you achieved
- Your current contact information including name, address, city, state, zip, phone, and email-if applicable.

To help us recognize those who sacrificed so we can enjoy our freedom and American way of life, please fill out the form below and mail to The Sault Tribe News, ATTN: Tribal Veteran Search, 523 Ashmun Street, or call 906-635-6050 to provide us with the information listed above. Veterans can also submit their information online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) via the "Contact Us" section. For more information contact Joanne Carr at 906-635-6050.

### I am a Sault Tribe Member Veteran.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Year's Served: 19 \_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_ Total Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle: Current Veteran / Deceased / POW / MIA

# The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is October 24.



# Walking On



**Gerald J. Beaudry**, 62, of Adell, Wisc., died unexpectedly at his home on Sept. 10 of an apparent heart attack. He was born on Aug. 19, 1943 in Gladstone, Mich., a son of the late Eusebe and Evelyn Hardwick Beaudry.

He attended schools in Gladstone and Milwaukee before entering the U.S. Army from 1960-63 and stationed in Hanau, Germany, and Greenland.

On March 3, 1962, he was married to Glenda Cain in Washington, D.C. The couple lived most of their married life in the Adell area.

He worked 37 years for Philipps Lithography in Grafton and retired in 2000. He was an honorary life member of the Graphic Communication International Union.

Gerry was an elder in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He loved traveling and spending time in upper Michigan with his family and exploring the hills and valleys along the way. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Random Lake.

Survivors include his wife Glenda; two sons, Matthew Beaudry and his special friend, Maie of Waldo, and Michael J. Beaudry of Adell; four daughters, Kimberly Spiroff and her special friend, Mike of Waldo, Shelly Beaudry, Debra (William) Berth and Traci (Bruce) Birenbaum, all of Adell; four brothers, Michael Beaudry of Milwaukee, Jimmy Dean Beaudry and his special friend, Cindy of Adell, Ronald Beaudry and his special friend, Bradley and his special friend, Sara of Waldo; two sisters, Yvonne (Lloyd) Olson of Sussex and Valeria (Rodney) Knier of Kiel; numerous nieces and nephews, and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Donald, Arnold, Russell and Charles; two grandchildren, Justin and Tyler Plummer; one son-in-law, Steven Plummer; and one brother-in-law, Carl Edmonds.

After cremation, a memorial

mass was conducted on Sept. 17 at St. Mary's Chapel in Cascade by Rev. Charlie Webster, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Catholic Church. An American Indian burial ceremony followed at St. Mary's Cemetery.

A memorial fund will be established in Gerry's name. The Wittkop Funeral and Cremation Service in Plymouth assisted the family.

**Lisa Mary Corp**, born Nov. 5, 1960, passed away Sept. 28, 2005, after a courageous battle with cancer. Lisa was born in St. Ignace, Mich., and moved to Munising at the age of one month. She graduated from William G. Mather High School in 1979. Lisa attended Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., on a music scholarship and later attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., studying history and the arts. Lisa moved to Tallahassee, Fla., in 1989.

She worked for the Florida State University Department of Dance as a publicist. She also worked as a technical director and stage manager for numerous theater productions including the Tallahassee Ballet, Pas De Vie Dance Company, the Women's Dance Project of Tallahassee and dance productions at the University of Georgia. She worked with such companies as the Forest Roberts Theater, showboat Becky Thatcher, Seaside Music Theater, and the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theater. Lisa loved the arts and giving back to the community. She was recently recognized for her years of community service in Tallahassee, reading the Sunday newspaper to the blind for over 10 years at a local radio station. Lisa loved to read, enjoyed science fiction in particular and photography. Lisa was a charter member of the Castle Rangers

Drum and Bugle Corps, playing the drums, and also with the Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps in LaCrosse, Wisc., playing the contra-bass horn. She loved playing the piano and xylophone. Lisa was an amazing humorist and cartoonist with her own unique style. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved powwows and studying American Indian history. Lisa was very close to her family and loved spending time with her numerous nieces and nephews.

Lisa is survived by her parents, Don and Donna (nee Paquin) Corp of Munising; her sisters, Claire (William) Herring of Mishawaka, Ind., Wendy Knight of Barrow, Alaska, Ellen (Daniel) Greer of Ishpeming, Mich., Melanie (Dennis) Reitano of Waterford, Mich., and Marnie Sanders of Munising; brothers, Perry (Martha) Corp of Waukesha, Wisc., Stanley (Cecelia) Corp of Bethel, Alaska, and Sam Corp of Munising. She is also survived by 14 nephews, 11 nieces, two great-nephews and four great-nieces, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and her many close friends in Tallahassee.

Lisa was diagnosed with colon cancer less than a year ago. She was an inspiration to her family and friends as she battled with this disease and stressed the importance of early detection. She never complained, kept positive and lived each day to the fullest. Lisa's love and sense of humor will be sadly missed by her family.

Visitation was at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Sept. 30 and a mass of Christian burial was celebrated on the following day by Father Chris Gardiner at the Sacred Heart Church in Munising.

Lisa was particularly drawn to the needs of children. Memorials in memory of Lisa may be directed to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Alger County.

**Linda S. Ross**, 49, of Sault Ste. Marie, passed away at her home on Sept. 26, 2005. She was born on Sept. 30, 1955, to Vivian Ida (nee Celestra) and Elmer Howard Ross in Detroit.

Linda was a caring and thoughtful person who preferred to spend most of her time with family or engaged in her favorite past time, cooking. She was a

member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Linda is survived by her father, Elmer H. Ross of DeTour Village; a sister, Cathy Hamel of Cedarville; and a brother, Howard Ross of Mattawan, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Vivian Chaltry in 2004.

Memorial services are being planned for the spring of 2006.

Her final resting place will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in DeTour. Ross Funeral Home of Pickford assisted Linda's family with final arrangements. Condolences can be sent through [rossfuneralhomepickford.com](http://rossfuneralhomepickford.com).

**Aletha M. Smith**, 87, of Newberry, died at the Newberry Assisted Living Facility on July 31, 2005.

Born on Dec. 20, 1917, in Newberry, she was the daughter of the late Robert L. and Annie (nee McKay) Smith. She graduated from Newberry



High School in the class of 1935. Aletha married the late Leo G. Smith and together they owned and operated Sonny's Cafe in Newberry for over 20 years. Following this business endeavor, Aletha and her husband became employed by the state of Michigan and she was a cook at Camp Nakomis and Camp Shawano in the Houghton Lake area for over 17 years until her retirement. She returned to Newberry in 1987 and is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Leo, in 1989. Also preceding her in death are 12 brothers and sisters.

Aletha was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Order of the Eastern Star — Luce County Chapter 364 and Newberry Elks Lodge 1705. She enjoyed playing cards and her passion was oil and acrylic painting of landscapes.

Survivors include her children, two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob (Donna) of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Daniel (Lois) of Caledonia; one daughter, Anne Parker of McMillian; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and seven

great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Newberry on Aug. 6, 2005, with Rev. Jack Kolbe officiating. Interment took place at a later date.

The family suggests memorials may be directed to the Tahquamenon Education Foundation in Aletha's name.

**Duane G. St. Amour**, 60, of Ellis township, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 27, 2005, in St. Charles, La. Funeral services were officiated by Rev. Michael Sanders on Oct. 3 at the Indian River United Methodist Church.

Duane was born on Aug. 19, 1945, in Cheboygan. He was the son of Andrew and Eunice (nee Hudson) St. Amour. He grew up in Cheboygan and attended Cheboygan public schools.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War. On May 10, 1975, he married Jerri Lyn Crawford in Cheboygan where the couple made their home before moving to Wolverine.

Duane was a truck driver and operator by trade. He was employed by Great Lakes Power and Pipe of Onaway. He was proud to currently be working in the Gulf Coast states restoring power for the hurricane victims. Duane enjoyed deer hunting, but that took a back seat to his granddaughters of whom he was very close. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Duane is survived by his wife, Jerri Lyn; children, Lynda St. Amour (Josh McGovern) of Wolverine, Duane (Susan) St. Amour of Kincheloe and Tonya St. Amour of Onaway; five granddaughters, Joan (Richard) Thorton of Millington, Dorothy (Alton) Hurt of Lapeer, Donna Cregar of Caro, Margaret Fondu of Petoskey and Sharon Thorton of Cheboygan; brothers, Don (Mary) St. Amour of Flat Rock, Dave St. Amour of Cheboygan, Jack (Yvonne) St. Amour of Cheboygan and Dale (Karen) St. Amour of Cheboygan; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Carolyn Jewell and Virginia Beebe and his brother, William St. Amour.

## Widespread security problems plague DOI

WASHINGTON — Despite repeated assurances to the contrary, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) computer security remains seriously flawed, according to a new internal report.

The report by the department's inspector general, Earl E. Devaney, discloses that the department faces "serious weaknesses" in safeguarding data and that hackers were able to roam the department's internal computer networks, freely manipulating data.

The inspector general's hackers were able to again enter the National Business Center (NBC) computers "without detection." According to Devaney, "That some of NBC's most sensitive personal privacy and financial data have been compromised, yet again, raises grave concerns as to their overall security posture."

In early May, a computer expert testified that he easily hacked into government computers and

obtained sensitive personal information about top departmental officials and the country's astronauts by infiltrating NASA's computers through Interior's National Business Center. NBC computers hold sensitive payroll and personnel information for Interior as well as other government agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The new report, dated Sept. 6 and filed with the court Wednesday night, contradicts statements government lawyers gave a federal judge overseeing a class-action lawsuit into the Interior Department's acknowledged mishandling of Indian Trust accounts. During a hearing that lasted 59 days, government lawyers repeatedly assured U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth that worries about the security of trust data had been greatly exaggerated by lawyers for the Indians.

"This new report makes clear

that Secretary Norton is utterly incompetent and unfit to manage individual Indians' trust assets," said Dennis M. Gingold, lead attorney for the Indian plaintiffs. "Here we have clear and unmistakable evidence that data within Interior computer is still wide open to hackers and that makes Secretary Norton dishonest, too."

For years, Secretary Norton has assured the public and the court that she had secured the trust systems.

In the new report, Devaney discloses that hackers were able to penetrate Interior computer systems and manipulate and alter data as they went.

Devaney warned three top Interior officers, including James E. Cason, the associate deputy secretary in charge of the troubled Indian Trust, that despite "a spate of recently issued policies and guidelines" testing by his staff revealed "several bureaus and

offices still suffer from serious weakness in their security posture."

"These weaknesses, in turn, negatively impact DOI's IT [information technology] security overall," the inspector general said.

"... These findings send an important message to all DOI's IT and other senior managers: interconnected systems are only as strong as their weakest link. Due to vulnerabilities in several bureaus' IT systems, DOI internal networks, as a whole are vulnerable to unauthorized access," the report states.

"On multiple occasions, we found little or no network or application security in use within DOI's internal networks," it says.

"Remote access vulnerabilities were exploited that allow our penetration testers to masquerade as authorized users, roam around in the internal networks of some of the most sensitive of DOI systems, and, most recently actually manipulate data."

Rather than address these problems, Devaney said Interior officials "have, to date, expended considerable time and energy debating our findings, challenging our methodology, and impugning the credentials and integrity of our staff and contractors."

Devaney's concern about computer security at the department has been a long-standing one. During the recent court hearings, he testified he would give the department a grade of "F" for its failure to provide good security.

In his memo Devaney noted that in the past Interior officials have refused to accept his findings and have failed to address the department's computer security shortcomings. Plaintiffs in the Cobell vs. Norton litigation have requested that a federal district court judge order Secretary Norton to shut down Interior's information technology systems to secure the trust data.

# Higher education programs

By JANICE M. LEWTON,  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Congratulations to the 2005 scholarship winners. Checks will be presented during the board of director's meeting on Oct. 18 in St. Ignace.

Pamela Cable Gershon Memorial Scholarship — Heather Tiglas, a freshman pursuing an associate's degree in accounting at Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba.

George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship — Marilyn Phelps is a law student pursuing her degree in tribal environmental law at the UCLA law school.

Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship — Hannah Bobee is a law student at the Michigan State University law school.

Elizabeth Carr is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in athletic training at Grand Valley State

University. Jesus Rapin is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in multimedia and communications at Saginaw Valley State University.

Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship — Chelsey Bugg is a sophomore pursuing an associate's degree in nursing at Bay de Noc Community College. Maya Goeman is a freshman pursuing an associate's degree in social work at Mesa Community College in Arizona. Julie Malcolm is a freshman pursuing a bachelor's degree in the medical field at Saginaw Valley State University. Natassia McKillip is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in special education at Western Michigan University. Jamison Miller is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in public administration at Northern Michigan University. Crystal

Mondeau is a sophomore pursuing a bachelor's degree in human biology at the University of Michigan-Flint. Tyler Moody is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Michigan Tech University and Mary Joe Rindy is a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Lake Superior State University.

Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship — Shawn Menard is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in exercise science. Teresa Oven is a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in group social studies with a minor in elementary education.

For the 2004-05 school year, we funded 1,126 students at \$831,424.71. The following shows where the students attended schools, the number of students attended and the amount

awarded: Alabama one at \$1,000; Alaska four at \$2,333; Arizona 18 at \$13,200; Arkansas two at \$1,160; California 20 at \$14,467.55; Colorado 10 at \$6,600; Connecticut five at \$4,060; Delaware no students; District of Columbia one at \$860; Florida 20 at \$14,319; Georgia seven at \$5,940; Hawaii and Idaho no students; Illinois 18 at \$14,920; Indiana 10 at \$6,960; Iowa six at \$4,240; Kansas no students; Kentucky three at \$900; Louisiana one at \$500; Maine one at \$1,000; Maryland no students; Massachusetts two at \$440; Michigan 834 at \$614,405.96; Minnesota 21 at \$17,340; Mississippi two at \$1,400; Missouri five at \$4,000; Montana one at \$1,000; Nebraska three at \$2,393; Nevada five at \$3,240; New Hampshire one at \$799.50; New Jersey two at 1,720; New

Mexico three at \$2,405.85; New York 10 at \$8,500; North Carolina seven at \$5,760; North Dakota two at \$1,720; Ohio 18 at \$12,257.85; Oklahoma seven at \$3,460; Oregon five at \$4,479; Pennsylvania five at \$4,860; Rhode Island one at \$999; South Carolina five at \$3,720; South Dakota no students; Tennessee 12 at \$9,440; Texas six at \$3,826; Utah two at \$1,280; Vermont one at \$1,000; Virginia six at \$5,000; Washington five at \$3,499; West Virginia no students; Wisconsin 26 at \$18,240 and Canada two at \$1,720.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (906) 635-7784 or 1-800-793-0660 (ask for higher education) or email at [jl Lewton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jl Lewton@saulttribe.net)

## Anishinaabemowin goes to camp



(L to R) Chris Gordon, Michele Wellman Teeple and Bud Biron.

By RICK SMITH

Weekend Anishinaabemowin, Ojibwe language, camps are coming to the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

In a deal struck between the administrator/principal of J.K.L. Bawheting Public School Academy, Nick Oshelski, and the director of the Murray camp, Bud Biron, students from the school will take part in language immersion classes at the camp. "We needed more hours for our language instruction," said Oshelski. "This seems the ideal way to reach our goal."

Chris Gordon, a teacher involved with the project,

agreed with Oshelski about the need for more hours of instruction. "Language is part of the special curriculum along with gym, art, computers, music and so on. It's not part of the core curriculum like math, science, and social studies." Gordon explained the core curriculum takes precedence over the special curriculum as mandated by the state. Another teacher involved with the project is Michele Wellman-Teeple.

Biron, explaining how the immersion classes will work, said someone who is fluent in Anishinaabemowin will use our ancestral mother tongue to narrate events to students as Biron goes through steps of traditional Anishinaabe skills. He said the immersion instruction uses the same principle everyone uses to learn words to speak for the first time, association and imitation.

The language camps are scheduled to meet once a month for nine months commencing on the weekend of Oct. 21-23. Parents must submit applications to Chris Gordon at the school to enroll their children in the camps. Parents are required to accompany their children during the camps. Biron said the class size will be limited to 15 children in grades three through eight and 15 parents.

The school contracted to pay the camp \$9,375 for this pilot program and Biron said these camps will determine the future of the program.

## LSSU Native American Center receives gift from Bay Mills Indian Community

By LOU ANNE BUSH

It's that time again, you can tell fall has arrived with the changing colors of the trees all around us. Classes at LSSU are once again in full swing. As you walk from building to building on campus, you see friendly exchanges among young and old.

Enskoonwid Endaad is the LSSU Native American Center where American Indian students gather to study, mentor, eat and enjoy the home atmosphere most of us need to succeed when we are away from families and friends.

We recently received a wonderful gift from the Bay Mills Indian Community, the gift of three printers that copy, scan and print in color. Myself and other students at the center are very

thankful for these gifts. When I spoke to Chris Spencer, an elder in the Sault Tribe and a student at LSSU, at our open house on Sept. 28, she made some important comments:

- With the high volume of students using the computer lab, the new printers help to relieve the "bottle neck" at the printer and "helps get our work done more quickly."

- It relieves the stress generated by the many classes we are taking.

- "One time the big copier room was locked and a couple of us needed to make copies for a project we were working on, so we used the new printers to get copies made. What a relief!"

- We need those little successes to get us through some tough

courses.

- With the advanced technology of these printers, we can use the scanning and color printing to make our documents more professional looking, resulting in better grades.

Along with many other students who frequent this wonderful and historic building, we are most thankful to your kindness and continued support.

There are many cultural events being scheduled for our "gathering place," such as our famous potlucks, music, N.A.S.O. meetings, talking circles, etc. Watch for these coming events, the door is always open to visitors, American Indians and others alike.

## School room

BY MARION KOMENDERA

Papers rustle  
Pencils drop  
Aroma of rubber erasers  
Chalk, clean clothes  
Old wooden desks  
Ink wells

Excitement  
An open door  
To walk in to  
Find my mind's desire  
To gain and enhance  
My knowledge

To love some  
Perceptive, brilliant teachers  
Who saw in me  
What I couldn't then

I wish they were alive  
So I could tell them  
I understand  
And thank them.

## Tribal Youth Development Fund

Our tribe's youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal programming including sport fees (registration, equipment, shoes); music; dance and theater lessons; instrument purchases and rentals; language lessons; camps (sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees; educational, cultural and class trips; testing fees; driver's education; senior pictures; school supplies and book deposits; regalia and youth drum.

### Applicant qualifications:

Youth must be members of our tribe in grades 0-12 living within the service area.

Applicants may receive funds once per academic year (Aug. 1 - July 31) up to \$150.

Qualifying categories for funding are based on tribal strategic directions of the medicine wheel: academic/intellectual,

physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual.

Applicants must submit current copy of tribal membership card with application.

Applicants must submit copies of invoices, registration, brochure or literature with organization's name and costs or receipt of payment.

Checks will be made out to the organization provided, unless otherwise indicated.

Proof of household income (most recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.) must be submitted with all applications.

Income guidelines will be based on 300 percent of the 2005 HHS poverty guidelines.

Applications available at Chi Mukwa, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or by calling Jessica Dumbuck at 1-800-588-RINK or 906-635-7770.

Sault Tribe member? New address? Contact the tribe's enrollment department at 1-800-251-6597 or (906) 635-3396.

# Stork Report...

**Andrew James Drake**, born Sept. 29, 2005, at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital at 4:24 p.m. weighing seven pounds, 13.75 ounces and was 19 inches long.



His parents are Jonelle (nee Beebe) and James Drake of Indian River, Mich.

Grandparents are Debra and Richard Beebe of Cheboygan, Shirley and Thomas Meyers and Thomas Drake, all of Cheboygan.

Great-grandparents are Joanne and Jack Reichert of Indian River, Virginia and Richard Beebe (Deceased), Betty and Phil Frantz of Cheboygan, Shirley and the late Robert Goode of Cheboygan and the late James Drake.

**Kelli Sophia Jacobson**, born Sept. 16 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., weighing seven pounds, four ounces and was 19.5



inches long. Proud parents are Steve Jacobson Jr. and Rebekah Miller. Kelli joins brother Caleb, 5, at home.

Grandparents are Pamela Moore of Sault Ste. Marie and Mike Miller of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Steven and Angela Jacobson of Sault Ste. Marie.

Great grandparents are Bill and Jean Perry and Theresa and Tom Stevens all of Sault Ste. Marie.

**Issac James Kinney**, born Sept. 12, 10:55 p.m. at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. He weighed seven pounds, 8.2 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.



Proud parents are Kyle Kinney and Chantay Wall and he has a big brother, Raven.

Grandparents are Robert Wall of California, Elizabeth Wall of the Sault, Harold and Julie Kinney of the Sault.

**Autumn Sun Kuzmik**, born July 23, 2005, at 5:01 a.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She weighed three

pounds, 10 ounces and was 15.5 inches long. Proud parents are Stephanie Vittitow and Arlen Kuzmik of Bay Mills.

Grandparents are Randall and Teri Vittitow of Sault Ste. Marie, Carrie Kuzmik of Bay Mills and Paul Kuzmik of Boyne Falls.

Surviving great-grandparents are Fay Marble of Sault Ste. Marie and Norma Jesse of Bay Mills.

**Mary Grace Palamara** was born Aug. 5, 2005, in Lebanon, N.H.

Mary is the daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Palamara. She is also the granddaughter of elders Bruce and Onalee Cable of Wyandotte, Mich.



Mary is named after her great-grandmother, Mary Perault-Smith. Mary has a big brother, Dominic who was born in 2003.

Jennifer Palamara received an M.D. from Michigan State University and is doing residency in Lebanon in child and adolescent psychiatry at Dartmouth College.

## Rutledge graduated from U of M with degree in psychology and Native American studies



Nicholas Adam Rutledge graduated from the University of Michigan in August of 2005 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in

Native American studies, the first student in the university's history to do so.

Rutledge is the son of Rick and Adrienne Rutledge of Lake Orion, Mich., and the grandson of Lorraine Rutledge of Sugar Island and Irene Miller of Lake Orion.

He studied Ojibwa and took five semesters of the language as well as several courses in Native American religious traditions, social movements and literature.

Rutledge was a member of the

campus Native American Student Association as a historian and a member of the A'subuhi Multicultural Council where he was elected president during his sophomore year. He was also a member of the Native American Programming Task Force in Ann Arbor, helping to plan, organize and operate several events and programs throughout the year for students and community members as well as helping with the annual Ann Arbor powwow for four years, organizing and operating the largest gathering of Native people in the Midwest.

Rutledge was employed as a resident advisor at one of the residence halls on campus during his junior and senior years.

He plans to attend graduate school for a doctorate in clinical psychology.

## Ermatinger and Porterfield to wed

John and Kris Ermatinger of Brimley announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura, to Nathan Porterfield, son of Larry and Donna Porterfield of Rudyard. A July 15, 2006, wedding is being planned.



# Family bargains are easy to find at this home based business

BY DARRYL BROWN

"Travel a little and save a lot," is the way Shannon Redding describes her home based business. With prices up to 80 percent off, people are doing just that. It might be just as true to say, "build it and they will come." This business anomaly is attracting smart shoppers who have traveled quite a distance for the bargains. Northern Lights Family Outfitters is Shannon's dream of raising a family and owning a business. She has put the two together, the mother of three small children owns and operates her own rustic clothing boutique for the family.

Northern Lights Family Outfitters started out with just having seasonal sales. Just four big sales a year. So many people wanted to come back in the off seasons that Shannon decided to stay open all the time. A decision she says, "she was glad she made." Shannon talks to customers as they come in, holding her two month old baby Axel. She calmly tells the people to look around. Racks full of Carhartt, Oshkosh, Columbia, Carter's, Nautica, Children's Place and more are tightly displayed on racks throughout the country boutique. Taking note and talking to everyone who comes in the store, Shannon strikes up a conversation with her customers like they were old friends. Family Outfitters attracts young families and their word of mouth advertising, spreading the word between family and friends is frosting on the cake.

Restrictions on home based businesses in Levering won't allow Northern Lights Family



Shannon Redding has turned her home business, into a full time job. Photo by Darryl Brown

Outfitters to put up any signs. The farm house business sits on top of a hill, the big white house has been partially converted into a clothing showroom. Mariah, Shannon's four-year old son, plays with his toys in the middle of the store and kids who come in the store sit down and join right in, mom begins to shop. With no signage and little advertising, Family Outfitters seems to have already turned the corner, a steady stream of customers comes through the door, all eager to find the bargains. Levi, the 2-year old daughter climbs up on her mother's lap and Shannon is having four conversations going at once. First time customers are amazed at the prices and, remarkable for a small store, the choices. Shannon orders everyday, so new things are coming in daily. This year she is having gift certificates for the

holiday season, she says she has a no money down lay away program and a 10-year return policy on everything in the store.

Outfitters is open when you need them to be, many people go out to dinner, give her a call, and stop over to shop in the evening.

Before going into business, Shannon use to teach and coach in the public schools. She was also the human resources director for Carhartt. Shannon says quality is the most important reason people come to visit her. All her clothing is USA made.

"Guarantees on hardware, buttons and zippers is something of real value," and Shannon is finding an audience that agrees. She did place an ad in *The Sault Tribe News* and this attracted customers to her from Escanaba, Houghton Lake, Wisconsin, Indiana, Traverse City, Cheboygan and Cross Village. Shannon makes a point to ask everyone who enters where they heard about her. With true entrepreneurial spirit, Shannon enjoys all the traffic, she has discovered in this disposable society, real value and quality will attract people from any distance.

Hunting and winter cloths, denim and fleece, you name it and Northern Lights Family Outfitters has it. If they don't, Shannon will order it. Northern Lights Family Outfitters is four miles west on Levering Road, then take Pleasantview one mile, there is a small sign and a carved eagle at the mail box, the big white house on the top of the hill is full of treasures waiting for you. Call (231) 537-2832 for an appointment or just drop in.

## Off to Kuwait

Tribe member Timothy Roy Butzin is being deployed to Kuwait. Son of Sherri O'Crotty of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Robert Butzin of Grayling, Michigan.

Butzin enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps right out of high school and served four years. He then served three years in the U.S. Coast Guard, three years in the National Guard and currently has three years in the Navy Reserve. Master-at-Arms Timothy Butzin left Oct. 3 for two weeks training in Texas and two weeks training in Virginia before shipping out to Kuwait. Butzin makes his home in Ishpeming, Mich., with his daughter, Katie, 3, and wife, Danelle, who is due with their second child in December.



## Tiger game winner



Shelby Fox, 9, above right, was the winner of the grand prize at the 2005 tribal assembly, a free trip to a Tiger's baseball game with a night's stay in Detroit, four tickets to the game and dinner at the Grapevine Restaurant at the Greektown Casino. Shelby took her mom, Tina Fox, seven-year old brother, Dylan, and her uncle, Tim Cairns, to the game with her.

"This was the only game we have ever been to," said Tina. "The kids had a great time. We had the best seats in the house, about five rows up from the field and that is really a beautiful park."

# Save on Medicare prescription drug costs

By Ed Dwyer  
Social Security Manager in Escanaba

Chances are you or someone whom you know could benefit greatly from the new Medicare prescription drug program that goes into effect in January 2006.

And, if certain income and resource criteria are met, you or they might even qualify for extra financial help to pay for part of the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription copayments under the new prescription drug program.

Beneficiaries can enroll in the new Medicare prescription drug program from November 15, 2005, to May 15, 2006. But now is the time for Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes and limited resources to apply for the extra help, which could save them an average of \$2,100 per year in prescription

drug costs.

What you need to know:

- To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. For an individual, total annual income must be below \$14,355 and resources limited to \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher -- an additional \$1,500 per person -- if some of the money will be used for burial expenses.

- Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will automatically qualify and will not have to complete an eligibility

application.

- Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

People who think that they might qualify for the extra help can complete an online application at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Or they can contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for an application in the mail, or request more information.

So, if you know a Medicare beneficiary -- perhaps one of your relatives, a neighbor, a friend or even you -- who could use some extra help with prescription drug costs, find out more about the program and to apply for the extra help that is available.

# Do you know your HIV status?

SUBMITTED BY STACEY WILLIS

The Sault Tribe has been awarded a two year rapid HIV test grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The Sault Tribe is one of 15 sites across the nation, funded by the CDC for this project. The purpose of this grant is to implement strategies to reduce the number of new HIV infections each year in the United States. Nationwide, about 40,000 new infections occur each year. An estimated 950,000 people are infected with the HIV virus, but about 280,000 (29 percent) do not know they are infected.

OraQuick HIV rapid screening

test will be offered to all patients between the ages of 18 to 49.

Oraquick is a new HIV test that gives results in as little as 20 minutes. The primary sites for routine rapid HIV counseling and testing will be at the tribal health clinics in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Munising and Manistique. Testing will be offered as a part of routine medical care, during office hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Nursing staff will be providing the counseling and testing, and administering the tests at most sites.

If there are any questions, call Stacey Willis, HIV/AIDS health educator at (906) 632-5255.

# Empowerment for diabetes prevention

American Indians across the Upper Peninsula have the power to prevent type two diabetes. "I know everyone can do it once they make up their mind. A lot of people out there know it runs in their families and they think, 'Okay, I'm going to get it.' But, it's not so. You can prevent it. If I can do it, you can do it," said Glenda Thomas Fifer, who participates in a diabetes prevention program.

There are seven powerful steps you can take to get started today.

1. Move more — Get up, get out and get moving at least 30 minutes a day. Try different things so you don't get bored.
2. Eat healthy — Focus on eating less and making healthy food choices. Eat more fruits and vegetables and cut down on fatty and fried foods.
3. Take off some weight — Losing even 10 pounds cuts your chances of getting diabetes.

# Small steps, big rewards in diabetes prevention

It's about small steps, losing 10 to 15 pounds if you weigh 200 pounds, walking briskly for 30 minutes most days and making healthy food choices.

It's about big rewards, living a longer, healthier life and avoiding heart attacks, strokes, blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage and

4. Set goals — Set goals you can meet. Start small. Be active 15 minutes a day this week. Add five more minutes each week.

5. Record your progress — Write down what you eat and drink and how many minutes you are active each day.

6. Get help — Ask family and friends to help you move more and eat less.

7. Keep at it — Making changes can be hard. If you get off track, start again. Talk to your health care provider about your risk for type two diabetes and the small steps you can take to prevent it.

For more information, call Sault Tribe Community Health Services at (906) 632-5210 or contact your health care provider at your local tribal health clinic. To request a free prevention game plan, call 1-800-438-5383. For more details about help in the U.P. call 1-800-369-9522.

amputation.

Take the first step today. If you are over 45 and overweight, you may be at high risk for diabetes. Talk to your health care provider.

For free information about preventing diabetes, call 1-800-438-5383.

# From the kitchen of Bob Flowers

## Steak with seafood sauce

The steak can be any steak you prefer. Of course it's best grilled, but it's very tasty when cooked under the broiler or in a heavy cast-iron pan. The seafood sauce is a derivation of one of the mother sauces, known in cooking circles as a Bechemel sauce, or commonly as a white sauce. It is delicately flavored with clam juice and unshelled cocktail shrimp, scallops, crab or lobster.

Personally, I used fake crab meat from the supermarket, the flavor was extraordinary.

Purchase your favorite cut of steak. I used chuck steak, picked carefully from my favorite meat market in town. Season with salt and pepper, then pierce it everywhere with an ordinary fork to tenderize or you can use a commercial meat tenderizing agent found in stores. If you're going to grill the steak, fire up the charcoal or gas grill to heat.

### Sauce ingredients:

- 16 oz. seafood meat (again, I used surimi, or fake crab)
- 12 oz. canned or bottled clam juice
- 4 tbs. butter
- 4 tbs. all purpose flour

Melt the butter in a medium saucepan. Add the flour and stir together until well blended. This is called a roux. Slowly add the clam juice, a little at a time. After each addition, vigorously stir until the juice is absorbed by the roux. Continue adding and stirring until you have a sauce that is thick and luxurious. Remove from heat and set aside.

Chop the seafood into bite-sized chunks and stir into the sauce.

Cook the steak to your liking, about four minutes per side for medium rare, longer as required to your taste.

Plate the steak and cover with the sauce, making sure that each person gets a portion of meat. Serve with your favorite sides and beverage.

## Pepper-steak soup

Here's a new twist on an old favorite, the Philly pepper-steak sandwich. But this great flavor makes an equally great soup. And if you want, you can replace the strips of cheese and garlic bread with dumplings made from biscuit dough, with a chunk of Swiss Cheese in the middle, tailored specifically for this sumptuous soup. Here's the basic recipe.

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. sirloin or other lean roast
- 2 white onions, peeled and cut into eight wedges
- 1 green bell pepper seeded and cut into 1/4" strips
- 1 bright-orange bell pepper seeded and cut into 1/4" strips
- 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- 4 oz. Swiss cheese, sliced salt
- black pepper
- meat tenderizer

Moisten the roast surface and sprinkle liberally with the meat tenderizer. Stab with a fork, or with a meat tenderizer all over.

Pour the olive oil into a four-quart soup pan and heat until fragrant. Add the meat and cook for five minutes per side. Then, place a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the meat. Add one cup of water, cover, and simmer, checking the thermometer every ten minutes until it reads 135 F.

When you have reached 135 F., remove it from the liquid. Add the remaining ingredients to the soup and cook until tender. After letting the roast rest for about 20 minutes, bias slice across the grain into paper thin slices. Cut the slices into 1" strips.

When the onions are tender, ladle the soup into bowls. Add three or four strips of meat, and 1/2 slice of cheese to each bowl and serve with a crusty loaf of garlic bread.

Check out my new website at [www.cooking.intheup.com](http://www.cooking.intheup.com)

## Risotto

For this dish, you can use your favorite mushroom variety. I like to use Portobellos and chop into small chunks. The secret to this dish is patience. The liquid must be added in small amounts, with all of the liquid absorbed before adding any more. It also must be kept moving as this will distribute the rice starch throughout, resulting in a creamy end result.

Once you make this dish, and understand the technique, you can flavor it in any way you choose. You can use diced ham, melted cheese, colorful bell peppers, bits of teriyaki beef, browned ground beef, pork, chicken, corn kernels, beans, etc.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup short-grain or sushi rice
- 20 oz. (2 1/2 cups) chicken stock or broth
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 16 oz. fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 sweet onion, finely diced
- 4 tbs. unsweetened butter, divided in half.

Dice the mushrooms. Melt two tbs. butter in a covered skillet or saucepan. Add the mushrooms, salt and diced onion. Cover and cook over low heat for ten minutes. When the time has elapsed, pour off and reserve the mushroom "broth." Remove from the heat.

While the mushrooms are cooking, melt the remaining butter in a three-quart saucepan. Add the rice and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently. When the rice kernels become opaque, add a scant 1/8 cup broth and stir gently, but continuously. When that liquid has been absorbed, repeat. Continue this process until all of the chicken broth is used up. The rice should now be fairly creamy, and have the slightest crunch left in it.

Pour the mushroom broth, and the mushroom and onion mixture over the rice and fold in.

An alternate recipe substitutes clam broth for the chicken broth, and cooked cocktail shrimp for the mushrooms.

# Sault Kewadin Casino celebrates 20 years as a community leader and economic powerhouse

By MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie will celebrate 20 years in operation this November.

In honor of Kewadin's anniversary, the casino will host a special promotion giving away over \$50,000, Saturday, Nov. 5. On Friday, Nov. 4, old school rocker M.C. Hammer will be performing in the Dream Maker Theater.

Owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the casinos now have locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, and Christmas employing approximately 1,300 people with an annual payroll of over \$50 million. Just last year, the casinos drew over four million customers from around the state.

When Kewadin Casinos opened in 1985, it was a one-room blackjack house employing 80 people. Now, the casinos have approximately 482,000 square feet of facility space which accommodates seven restaurants and delis, one 320 room hotel, a 25,000 square foot convention facility, eight lounges and four gift shops. Over 90,000 square feet of this space is earmarked for gaming which includes 2,000 slot machines and over 60 table games.

"It is amazing to see how much we have grown over the years," General Manager Steve Sprecker said. "It is truly awesome." Sprecker is one of the few original team members who still works with Kewadin Casino.

The significant growth of the casino organization has benefited the eastern Upper Peninsula in many ways. Since the time Kewadin opened in 1985, the organization has grown to become one of the largest employers in the area and has helped decrease the local unemployment rate.

Chippewa County alone has



**Future casino entrance and hotel lobby . . .**The entrance and hotel lobby to the new facility in St. Ignace will overlook the picturesque Horse Shoe Bay on Lake Huron.

seen its unemployment rate drop from 11.3 percent in 1990 to nine percent in 2004. Other communities hosting a Kewadin Casino have also seen this trend including Mackinac County whose unemployment rate is now 10 percent compared to 14.3 percent in 1990.

The economic impact the casino facility has had on the local area is astounding. Since 1986, the businesses and government services of the Sault Tribe, including Kewadin Casinos, have pumped nearly \$4.4 billion into the state of Michigan, according to a 2002 study by KPMG, one of the world's most respected accounting and business consulting companies.

From 1986-2000, the Tribe's statewide economic impact totaled \$3.591 billion. The study also showed economic impact on a multi-county level, which included Alger, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac,

Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft.

During 1986-2000 period, the multi-county area studied showed an economic impact of \$2.222 billion. In 2001 alone, the Tribe's economic impact for this area totaled nearly \$280.5 million.

Not only has Kewadin impacted the economic standing of the state through the employment and expansion projects, but also as a community supporter. Kewadin continually supports local events and fundraisers and assists in campaigns to show support for local veterans, children, 4-H and other caring programs. Over \$140,000 was given to organizations like these in 2004 alone. In addition, during 2004, Kewadin distributed over \$1.9 million in two percent funds to local governmental agencies supporting local fire and police organizations, road construction and school development. To date, the casinos have awarded \$20.4 million in two percent distributions.

"Locally, we can all see the benefits of having a business this size in the Eastern Upper Peninsula," Tony Goetz, interim Kewadin Casinos chief operating officer said. "From employee wages, to construction projects, to revenue that we put back into the community in the form of two percent contributions or donations, the impact can be seen and we are proud of that."

The Michigan casino market has steadily increased its revenue since the mid-1990s with market dollars growing from \$206.5 million in 1994 to \$971 million in 2004, up \$1.1 million over 2003.

Since the early days of the casino boom, all of Michigan's casinos have had challenges of marketing and expanding their business. Kewadin Casino facilities have expanded a number of times in order to sustain customer flow and expectations. The Sault Ste. Marie facility expanded in 1988, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1997. The St. Ignace facility expanded

in 1996, the Hessel property in 1995, Manistique in 1997 and Christmas in 2001.

In order to serve casino guests better and to remain a market leader, Kewadin Casinos initiated its latest development plan in November 2003 aimed at providing guests with updated gaming facilities and attractions. The plan included remodeling existing properties and, in certain instances, developing entirely new facilities.

Renovation work started at the Sault Ste. Marie facility in early 2004. Nearly all areas of the Sault casino has been renovated including gaming rooms, the "Trail" area and some hotel rooms. In addition, many improvements have been made to satisfy customer needs including the addition of popular slot games, a poker room, the upgrading of slot machine systems — including new ticket-in ticket-out machines — and upgraded sound equipment in the Dream Maker Theater.

Construction on a brand new casino complex in St. Ignace began in May 2004. This \$30 million project is expected to be complete in 2006. The new facility will consist of over 127,000 square feet of new space, including a new casino with 800 slot machines, 26 table games, 20 Keno seats, a buffet/restaurant seating 225, an entertainment lounge seating 125, a sports bar, 81-room three story hotel, RV park and additional parking.

In 1984, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors voted to open the Kewadin Casinos. Kewadin's rapid success provided funds to expand the Tribe's business holdings from one to six casinos (five Upper Peninsula properties and Greektown Casino in Detroit) and take ownership of 15 non-gaming enterprises.

## Wi-Fi coming to tribal sites in Sault, St. Ignace

Wireless Internet access, Wi-Fi, is now available at Kewadin Casino's Sault Ste. Marie location, the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in the Sault, and at the Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn of St. Ignace.

This new service, supplied by the SBC Wi-Fi Internet service, called FreedomLink, will be offered at more than 6,000 hotels, airports, convention centers and other high traffic venues throughout the SBC 13-state region by the end of 2006.

Future locations that will feature Wi-Fi include the new St. Ignace casino location.

"Wi-Fi is a great benefit to all of our casino guests staying with us on business or pleasure trips and to the conventions that are hosted in our facility," said General Manager Steve Sprecker. "This is the way that the world is headed and we are excited to be on board."

Wi-Fi connectivity takes place through access points or "hot

spots" which are located throughout the casino's non-gaming areas. The hot spots transmit data to PCs equipped with wireless network cards using the same spectrum as microwaves and cordless home phones. Casino guests can use Wi-Fi to access the Internet using a laptop computer or handheld device. On average, Wi-Fi speeds are much faster than dial up ranging between two to five megabits per second.

The popularity of Wi-Fi has soared in the U.S. with the increased number of public hot spots, home networking wireless gateways and the decreasing cost of wireless equipment. Business travelers are enjoying the benefits of remote access to the office from hot spots located in their hotels, airports or other retail locations. Marketing research firm Gartner Inc. predicts that approximately 99 million people will have Wi-Fi capable computers by 2006.

## Slot director of Kewadin Casinos and casino manager announced



Dave Kucharzyk of Sault Ste. Marie has been selected as the new slot director for all five Kewadin Casino locations and Cheri Tannehill of Munising has been selected as the general manager at Kewadin's Christmas casino.

Kucharzyk began working with Kewadin 19 years ago in the food and beverage department and moved into the slot department in 1991. He has served as the slot operations manager for the past six years overseeing the technical slot operations at all five casino locations. "Dave has proven to be capable of taking on more responsibility and playing a key role in the slot operations at all of our casino sites," said Interim Chief



David Kucharzyk

Operating Officer Tony Goetz.

As slot director, Kucharzyk will be responsible for the direction of the slot operations at all casino locations including the purchase and placement of machines and design of the slot floor. "This is such a great opportunity for me," he said. "My experience with the slot department, especially the six years working as slot operations manager, has helped me to come to where I am today."

Cheri Tannehill comes to her new position at Kewadin Christmas after working as the assistant manager for just over one year. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1998 with a bachelor's of science in hospitality and tourism and worked at the Boulder Resort in Arizona before moving back to her home state of Michigan. "We are very excited to have Cheri join our Christmas team," Goetz said. "She is very knowledgeable, well educated and a perfect fit for the position."

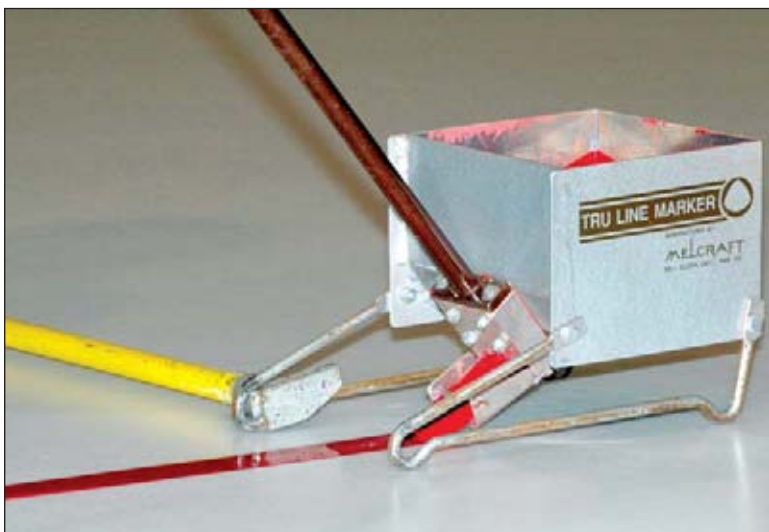
As general manager, Tannehill will be responsible for the oversight of approximately 120 team members. She will be working with various department managers ensuring the casino is running in a functional and effective manner. "Working with the team at Christmas over the past year has been a great experience," she said. "We have a lot going for us at this location and I am ready for the challenges this new position holds."



Spray boom putting a seal coat of water on top of the ice.



Dan Quinn, maintenance worker, painting a line onto the ice.



Circles were painted onto the ice using a secured center point and a metal rod attached to the circle painter.



Above: Ian Hutte, student worker, putting a seal coat of water over top of recently painted lines. Below: Rod Hutte painting casino advertising onto the ice.



Chi Mukwa Operations Manager Rod Hutte with the spray boom putting a sealant coat of ice on the base layer of white paint.

*Photos and text  
by Brenda Austin*

## NHL sized rink gets fresh coat of paint, ice

The NHL sized hockey arena at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie recently received a new coat of ice and paint.

The week long process rotates each year between the two pads of ice on the NHL and Olympic sized arenas. "The ice comes off one of the arenas each year to prevent permafrost from getting under the concrete and making the floor heave up," said Chi Mukwa Operations Manager Rod Hutte.

The ice was off the NHL rink over the summer months before work began to pre-chill the pad with the brine pumps located under the concrete floor. Brine tubes, used for coolant, are located every four inches inside the concrete pad. "When the concrete pad gets down to 18 or 19 degrees Fahrenheit I use the spray boom to seal the floor with three to five coats of water. Then we go out and paint a white base coat on top of the sealed ice," Hutte said.

After the white base coat is painted, the spray boom is

brought back out and an additional five coats of water is used to seal the paint in. Then out come the templates used to draw the lines, circles, goal creases, face off dots and hash marks. Once the templates are drawn on the ice they are filled in with paint and a seal coat of water about a quarter of an inch thick is sprayed on top of each design.

The logo in the center of the ice is then painted and the whole rink is sealed with about 12 coats of water from the spray boom. "Once the ice was up to about a half-inch thick I went out with the big flood hose and gave it three good floods and brought the Zamboni out and it was good to go," Hutte said.

The center ice on the Olympic Arena was also removed to replace the Indian's logo with the new Northern Michigan Black Bears logo.

The next time you visit the ice at Chi Mukwa with your child or attend a hockey game, take a good look at the ice. A week's worth of chilly exacting work went into it to make it look nice.



Jake Perron, student worker and Phillip Nertoli, maintenance worker, painting the Sault Tribe logo onto the NHL ice.

Right: Traci Swan hurries out of the Tahquamenon Room at the Kewadin Hotel to start the scavenger hunt. She and teammate Jessica Dumback came in second.



# Advocacy Resource Center's Third annual Scavenger Challenge



Pam Haller and Kari O'Gorman try a different putting style to try to sink an eight foot put at one of their first stops of the evening. Kari had to stand to make the put in the traditional way.



Nancy Allard, left, gets some coaching from teammate Dorothy Eitrem on the putting green. Behind them, the last team to make the put goes running back to their car and the next team can be seen running up to the green.



Chuck Fabry takes a cold dive and rings the bell at the Ashmun Bay boat launch. Twenty-three teams took part in the scavenger hunt and helped raise over \$600 to fund activities for ARC clients.



Mike Cygan saws through a piece of wood at one of the last stops of the night. Behind him is Fred Carr, who was the keeper of the sawing stop. Mike and wife, Emmy, went on to win the 2005 scavenger hunt.



Just as the sun sets behind her, Jessica Dumback comes running out of the water at the boat launch after ringing the bell. "Next year we plan to run the scavenger hunt in September," said Lori Jump, ARC program manager, "People were saying it was a little too cold for a Lake Superior dip in October."



It was a little hard to swallow for Dave Seefeld at the fear factor food challenge where people were surprised with pureed salmon, jalapenos, tofu with fish flakes and for desert milk and castor oil.

# Saying goodbye to summer

## *Youth Education and Activities remembers the summer's programs*



Youth from the Sault area worked for four weeks during the Circle of Life summer program on a BIG art project for the World Peace Art Initiative that was presented at the U.P. State Fair. The project was funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and administered under a grant through Northern Michigan University.



Top to Bottom, Kilee Behrens, Mike Leon and James McKelvie, YEA student workers, look out of the doorway of a wigwam at the Soo Locks Festival.



Unit II Board Representative Lana Causley with some of the young fancy shawl dancers at the youth powwow at Garnet Lake.



Students and teachers show off the copper dream catchers they made in St. Ignace.



Students at the teachings from the eastern direction camp in Manistique.



Fathers and daughters dance the afternoon away JKL Bahweting PSA in the Sault.



Youth of the St. Ignace branch of YEA stand by the medicine wheel garden they made this summer on the Ojibwa Museum grounds in downtown St. Ignace.



# www.saulttribe.com — The official Web site of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians

BY NATHAN WRIGHT

The Communications Department would like to make you aware of all the improvements implemented to our Web site. Earlier this year we redesigned our Web site to better serve the membership. Many services have been added with the intent of providing greater communication with the membership. The Tribe's Web site address is now officially known as: www.saulttribe.com., the official Web address for the Sault Tribe. Old domain names will automatically forward the user to the new site. However, to speed up load time, we encourage all our frequent visitors to update your Web browser with the new site address.

Most areas of the site can now be reached within two or three clicks of the mouse, with our user friendly navigation system. The new site was developed on a new database/content management system, allowing for faster updates and better management of the overall site. The Web site is now updated daily.

In addition to our membership services — ACFS, education, health, elder services, culture, housing and recreation Web site updates, the following areas and features have been added:

- Board of directors items — Download board meeting resolutions, agendas and watch the board meetings online.
- Calendar — Most events happening throughout the Sault Tribe are listed here. The calendar button is now located on the left side menu.
- Chairperson's report — Listen to our weekly radio broadcast show called Sault Tribe This Week.
- Directory — Lists the most commonly used telephone numbers for health centers, tribal government and other membership services. The directory also includes a list of gas stations which participate in the current state-tribe tax agreement.
- Downloads — This section includes downloadable forms, newsletters, calendars, etc.



- Images — If you want to know more about an image in an article, just move your mouse over the photo and a caption box will appear containing information about the image.
- Legal — Includes legal summaries and official documents.
- Membership Q & A — If you wish to ask a question you can click on the membership Q & A button on the left hand side of the home page. This area consists of questions and answers that are frequently asked by tribe members. Answers to some of the most commonly asked questions are archived in this area for members to view.
- Online forms — Fill out online applications and submit instantly! The following online applications are available to visitors: Higher education, vocational and employment opportunities.
- Press releases — We also feature the most current news and press releases online. This information is updated daily and weekly as needed.

- *The Sault Tribe News* — The tribe's newspaper is online. The file size of each paper has been reduced by 66 percent (most editions are anywhere from three to four megabytes in size). To make the newspaper easier to access, we have displayed a thumbnail image of the newspaper on the home page. Double clicking the image will take you directly to *The Sault Tribe News* download section. You can download the most recent and previous editions of our paper. *The Sault Tribe News* is now available in an easy to print format (PDF) and some pages are now in full color. You do not have to register to download our paper.
- Sault Tribe history — Provides a brief history of the Sault Tribe.
- Tribal code — Provides members with the ability to download copies of all tribal code chapters.

- Web links — Many resources that will help our Web site visitors including genealogy, culture and housing.
  - Web site support — Need help? Can't find something on the site? Need help registering? Check out this area for detailed information on Web site help. Find answers here.
- For technical questions regarding the operation of our Web site, contact our Web site administrator, Nathan Wright, from this area.
- With more up to date content being disseminated, we now have more regular users. On average, we have more than 35 simultaneous users on the site at the same time. As of Oct. 3, we have more than 1,800 registered members and 680,899 visitors since Feb. 11 of this year. Recently, we saw a record 305 simultaneous users on the site. The number of downloadable files has also increased

significantly. Because of the record number of visitors, this has created a strain on our current Web server at certain times of the day. Our current Web site plan has a threshold limit, when a certain number of users accessing the same resource at the same time, additional users will receive an error message. If you have experienced this error recently please be patient. If you select refresh or reload, you should be able to reach the area you are looking for. You can also try us at a different time of the day (mid-day during the work week is our busiest time). We will upgrade our service plan near the end of the year and thank you for your patience during this growing process.

We are building a database of e-mail addresses of tribe members to improve tribal wide communication. Addresses will not be released to outside parties and we intend to follow a strict privacy policy. The Sault Tribe e-mail list will not be used for any individual's political purpose. Those who register and provide their e-mail address, will eventually start receiving e-mail notifications from time to time regarding important news releases, voting information and Web site updates. Please register today to stay informed.

### RYAN SIMMONS WINS WEB SITE CONTEST

From July 1 until Sept. 30, the Communications Department held a contest on our Web site to encourage user registration. We randomly selected a winner from the few hundred who registered during this time and confirmed their e-mail address. This year's winner was Ryan Simmons.

Simmons' Internet service provider will be given a check to pay for his Internet service. This is a \$250 value. We would like to thank all of you who registered and encourage those who have not registered to do so to stay informed. Congratulations to Ryan and his family we hope he and all of you continue to visit our Web site often.

## Anishinaabemowin Word Search

By Randy Gordon

### Harvest

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### UNIT III ELDERS COMMITTEE CHILI AND FRY BREAD SALE

Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
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 next to the football field.  
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 For more information contact  
 Phyllis Colegrove at 643-8875.

### 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.

# All-In-One Fitness Center assists community and tribal members with their fitness needs

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center offers a wide variety of fitness alternatives under one roof for tribal and community members alike.

Wellness Program Manager, Connie Hill, said the All-In-One Fitness Center, in combination with the activities promoted through the wellness program, promote healthy lifestyles. "The fitness center is open to anyone age 15 or older from the community. Sault Tribe members have free access to the fitness center, Sault Tribe employees are \$9 a month, and a variety of prices and discounts are available for community members," Hill said.

Hill manages the daily operation of the fitness center, oversees the fitness agreements with Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Schoolcraft County and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry. Hill is also the chairperson of the Tobacco Task Force, a member of the Health in Progress (HIP) team and teaches



The All-In-One Fitness Center located inside Chi Mukwa Recreation Center is open to anyone age 15 or older from the community.

Photo by Brenda Austin

CPR classes.

"The wellness program teams with the health division to help people meet their health goals and achieve a healthy lifestyle. The wellness program operates within the tribe's seven-county service

area," Hill said.

A youth fitness training workshop is planned for teens age 15 to 18. The workshop will cover sports nutrition, cardiovascular fitness, weight training basics and proper form and technique in the

weight room. The first workshop is for boys and takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Oct. 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Chi Mukwa hospitality room. There is no cost to attend.

A workshop for girls will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. "There are some girls who do a lot of cardio exercise but not much, or any, weight lifting. The boys seem to be the other way around, big on weights but not much on cardio exercises. We are going to show them how to mix the two," Hill said.

The walking track on the upstairs mezzanine is also available free of charge to anyone wishing to use it.

Wellness center staff includes two aerobics instructors, Cathy Edgerly and Kristy Cleary, who is working to become a personal trainer; Body Recall and healthy life style coach Karen Kucharczyk; weight room monitors Tony Abramson, Mike Gordon, Nick Frazier and Brandon Cook.

In addition to the fitness center and weight room, Chi Mukwa also offers a volleyball court, basketball court, dance room, sauna, walking track, spa and two ice rinks.

Membership in the fitness center includes an orientation, use of the locker rooms, sauna and spa, weight room, walking track, open basketball and volleyball and fitness classes. Additional services include locker and towel service, on-site weight room monitor, walking activities, fitness accessories, Body Recall fitness classes and a bottled water and juice machine on premises.

Fitness club hours are Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spa and sauna hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information call Sault Tribe Wellness Program at (906) 635-4979.

## EPA and DOE kick-off campaign to save energy

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson and Department of Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman kicked off the annual "Energy Star Change a Light, Change the World Campaign" on Oct. 5 and urged Americans to change a light in their home to a more energy-efficient one as an important step to save energy and protect our environment.

President Bush called on the American people to do their part by conserving fuels and ensuring that the areas hit hardest by hurricanes Katrina and Rita have the energy supplies they need for relief and restoration efforts. The president also directed the federal government to take the lead in conserving energy.

If every U.S. household replaces just one incandescent

light bulb at home with one that earned the Energy Star label, the country will save \$600 million in energy bills, save enough energy to light seven million homes, and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to one million cars.

Americans are encouraged to take an on-line pledge to replace one incandescent bulb or fixture in their home with one that has earned the Energy Star label. The pledge can be found at [www.energystar.gov/changealight](http://www.energystar.gov/changealight)

"On Oct. 5, I announced a nationwide effort to highlight easy things every American can do to help save energy. Changing a regular light bulb to an Energy Star bulb is a great first step," Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said. "Today, the technology driving Energy Star lighting is better than ever. The costs

of these products are decreasing while the selection and availability of these products is expanding. We estimate that if every household changed just one bulb to an Energy Star light bulb, families across the country could save about \$3 billion over the lifetime of the bulbs."

Lighting accounts for nearly 20 percent of electricity costs, with the average home containing more than 30 light fixtures. Energy Star qualified bulbs and fixtures help reduce household energy costs because they use one-third the energy of traditional lighting, and last up to 10 times longer. Consumers can save up to \$25 in utility costs over the lifetime of one bulb. Replacing the most frequently used lights at home will yield the most savings.

## Council supports housing fund

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National American Indian Housing Council supports the creation of an affordable housing fund in the federal Housing Reform Act of 2005. The House version of the Act, H.R. 1461, creates the fund in which each government sponsored entity, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, shall allocate to the fund 3.5 percent of the after-tax profit after the first year of enactment and five percent in subsequent years. The goals of the fund are to increase home ownership among extremely low-income families, increase investment in housing in economically distressed areas and to increase and preserve the supply of extremely low-income rental and owner-occupied housing.

With the creation of the fund, an affordable housing board will

determine and advise where economically distressed areas are and how the funds will be dispersed. The board will be composed of Department of Housing and Urban Development secretaries or their designees and two people from each of the business and non-profit sectors who are actively serving low-income housing markets. The fund must benefit families making below 50 percent of local area median income, especially targeting rental housing grants for families making less than 30 percent of the area median income. Leveraged grants will account for 12.5 percent of the funds and are specified for those entities with proven successful affordable housing and economic development activities. Home ownership activities are designated to 10 percent of the fund.

The council is the only national American Indian housing organization with the sole purpose of addressing critical housing needs. An affordable housing fund would be a new source of Indian housing funds in the face of continued budget constraints. Chester Carl, chairman of the council, said, "Studies show that American Indians currently experience the most substandard housing conditions of any group in the country. Chronic problems include overcrowding, dismal housing structure, lack of infrastructure and lack of financing. The recent statistical mortgage study still shows that American Indians are turned down for mortgages at a higher percentage. The fund is a solution in the making to narrow the gap of indecent housing for American Indians."

## Teen fitness clinics

Attention all 15-18-year old teens. Teen fitness clinics are coming to All-In-One Fitness, Chi Mukwa Arena, Sault Ste. Marie.

Many teens would like to know how to tone and strengthen muscle by lifting weights, what exercises to do, what are the right foods to eat for gaining fitness levels and how walking, running and other aerobic activities may effect their fitness levels as well as body composition. The Sault Tribe Wellness and Community Health Programs will hold two teen fitness clinics this fall to help teens learn and understand safe, proper technique for fitness training, sports nutrition and experience the fitness center "hands on" with fitness professionals.

The clinics are separated for males and females ages 15-18. The first clinic is for males on Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 18

and 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The second clinic for females is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday, Nov. 1 and 3, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The first session for each will be in the hospitality room at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center. The clinics are free of charge, however, pre-registration is required and class sizes are limited.

Registration forms are available at the All-in-One Fitness Center. Parents of teens attending under the age of 18 will need to sign a consent form, also available at All-in-One Fitness Center.

The clinic instructors are Kim Sakis, BS, CHES; Julie Trestrail, RD; Cathy Edgerly, BS; and Kristy Cleary, fitness instructor. Participants are required to attend both sessions for their genders.

For more information, please call Sault Tribe Community Health Education at 632-5241, or the Wellness Program at 635-4979.

## Big boost for Michigan jobs and small businesses

LANSING — State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) recently praised the bipartisan passage of a \$1 billion plan to create high-tech jobs in Michigan.

"Too many good-paying Michigan jobs have vanished to other states and other countries. We need to turn that around," McDowell said. "This plan will provide much-needed jobs for Michigan workers and move our state forward in today's global economy."

The \$1 billion plan will diversify Michigan's economy by creating jobs and supporting innovation and research in the fields of homeland security, high-tech automotive, alternative energy and life sciences. It will also provide venture capital for start-up

companies in Michigan.

The six-bill proposal was rooted in Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's job-stimulus plan. In her 2005 State of the State address, Granholm unveiled a proposal to move Michigan towards robust economic recovery by creating 21st century jobs in research and innovation, focusing on competitive edge technologies, life sciences and commercialization.

"Working together is the only way to effectively attack the economic problems Michigan faces," McDowell said. "I applaud my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for coming together and passing good policy that will pave the way for a stronger Michigan economy and the good-paying jobs of the future."

# Community Calendar

**Oct. 14-15** — Soo Indians Midget AAA Hockey Tournament held 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 (TBA).

**Oct. 14-15** — Smoked fish camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp. If you like to sign up your child or would like to participate, please give Bud Biron or Melissa Causley a call at 632-7033 or 632-7494 extension 27013. A permission slip is required for attendance.

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

**Oct. 18** — Annual health fair at the Newberry Tribal Health Center, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will have blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, bone density tests for women, flu shots and more.

**Oct. 19** — Tribal inland hunt-

ing and fishing input session at Walstrom's in Harvey at 6:00 p.m.

**Oct. 21** — Annual fall spiritual gathering, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Niigaaniigiizhik Building. Share teachings and enjoy a feast with family and friends. Please contact Karen Howell for more information at 635-6075. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Oct. 21** — Blood drive at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services, 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Please help the victims of hurricane Katrina by donating.

**Oct. 21** — Seventh annual winter wear giveaway, will be held at Chi-Mukwa Recreation Center, 4 -6 p.m. Please consider donating any sizes of children's outdoor clothing or attending the giveaway event.

This event is hosted by the Sault Tribe Shipping Department, Anishnaabek Community and Family Services and the Sault Tribe Public Awareness Committee.

Donations of new and used winter outdoor clothing, coats, snow pants or bibs, snow boots, mittens/gloves, hats and scarves for children are desired.

This event is primarily intended

for families who may have difficulty purchasing outdoor clothing for their children. If you would like more information contact Julie or Roberta at 632-5250.

Sleds, ice skates and other outdoor play items in good condition are also welcome!

**Oct. 22** — Totzone at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 635-RINK.

**Oct. 22** — The Community Action Agency will hold the third annual Walk for Warmth. The proceeds of this walk will help local folks in need of assistance with heating costs.

The typical Walk for Warmth recipient is a two or three-person household with less than \$6,000 in annual income, 40 percent are elderly, 20 percent are handicapped and 35 percent live below the local poverty level.

If you would like more information you can contact Tom Sherman, CLM Community Action Agency, 524 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, or call 632-3363.

**Oct. 24-Dec. 7** — Swimming classes offered at the LSSU Norris Center pool in Sault Ste. Marie on Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to

4:50 p.m.

**Oct. 25** — Community flu clinic, 2 to 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Adults only, \$15.

Bring Medicare card, employee voucher or proof of tribe membership or employment as needed.

For more information, call 253-3141. A drive-through clinic for frail, elderly and handicapped people and their drivers is available.

**Oct. 26** — Children's flu clinic, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Chippewa County Health Department. Please enter through Avery Square.

For more information, call 253-3141. Brought to you by the Chippewa County Health Department, War Memorial Hospital, Sault Tribe health services, LSSU and the office of emergency services.

**Oct. 29** — Ghost Feast honoring those who have passed on. Event starts at 6 p.m. at McCann School in St. Ignace. For more information contact Shirley Goodrow at 643-4168.

**Oct. 31** — Nightmare on Bear Street children's halloween party hosted by the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 635-

RINK.

**Nov. 1:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m. Open community hour, 5 to 6 p.m. For information call Joanne Carr at 635-6050 extension 26337.

**Nov. 4** — MC Hammer concert, 8:00 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Dream Maker's Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets cost \$28.50.

**Nov. 12** — Honoring Area Veterans Powwow at the Kinross Recreation Center.

First grand entry and potluck feast is at 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. Second grand entry is at 7 p.m. All traders welcome.

For more information call Bud or Melissa at (906) 635-1392 or (906) 253-1440. This is a drug and alcohol free event.

**Nov. 15** — Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Hessel at 6 p.m. Open community hour from 5 to 6 p.m. For information, call Joanne Carr at 635-6050 extension 26337.

**Nov. 17** — Comedy Central presents Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars. Show times are 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Kewadin Casino Dream Maker's Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets cost \$35.

## Public comment sought on revised state plan

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land is encouraging public comment on the revised State Plan drafted in compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

The public comment deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. The plan, required under HAVA and developed with input from an advisory committee appointed by Land, sets a course of action for enhancing Michigan's election process.

The federal funding available under HAVA allows Michigan to replace outdated voting equipment, ensure access for voters with disabilities and conduct voter education programs.

"This is an important step in our ongoing initiative to bring greater uniformity, accessibility and inclusiveness to Michigan's elections," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "I invite all

who are interested to review and comment on this revised plan. Remember that your vote is your voice. Please join us as we work together to make sure that every voice is heard."

The plan is being modified to reflect the current costs of programs and initiatives outlined in the original version. Updating the document also lets the state take advantage of technologies and programs that have become available since the original plan's release.

The Secretary of State's State Plan Advisory Committee met Tuesday to review the revisions. The plan is being posted for 30 days on the Department of State Web site at Michigan.gov/sos. A printed copy also will be forwarded to Michigan's 83 county clerks.

When responding, residents are

asked to clearly identify the sections on which they are commenting by page number.

Comments may be e-mailed to elections@michigan.gov.

Comments sent by U.S. mail should be addressed to the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Attn: HAVA Plan, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901-0726.

Anyone with questions may call the Bureau of Elections at (517) 373-2540.

After the public comment period, the plan will be revised as necessary and submitted to Washington, D.C., for publication in the Federal Register for 30 days.

For more information about HAVA and other Department of State programs and initiatives, visit Michigan.gov/sos.

## Snowbirds and other travelers: Is this item on your checklist?

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds Michigan residents leaving for warmer climates to renew their driver's licenses and vehicle plates before hitting the road.

Seasonal residents, or "snowbirds," as well as winter vacationers should check the expiration dates of their licenses and plates before leaving. That saves them the inconvenience of renewing while they are out of state. It's fast, easy — and a good way to avoid possible late fees.

"We have early renewal options that can make the lives of travelers easier," Land said. "With minimal planning, they can take care of business before leaving home. That leaves the rest of their time for more enjoyable pursuits."

Driver's licenses and most license plates registered to an individual can be renewed up to six months before they expire.

Plates that can be renewed early are:

- Individually owned or leased vehicles
- All pickup truck and van plates, regardless of vehicle weight
- Motorcycles

To renew plates six months early, you must do so at a Secretary of State branch office. Many people, however, may be able to take advantage of the online plate renewal option up to 45 days before expiration. To use this feature, a personal identification number must have been assigned to the vehicle and be printed on the renewal notice.

Michigan law does not allow company-owned passenger plates to be renewed early.

For more information on renewal options and other services, visit the Secretary of State Web site at Michigan.gov/sos.

## Use candles with care

By Alicia Hoiles

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — As a level one verified trauma and burn center, the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center offers the highest level of care to the most critically injured and burned patients. In addition to treatment and research, the UM Trauma Burn Center is also a leader in injury prevention and community outreach.

During National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-14, the UM Trauma Burn Center will help spread the National Fire Protection Association's message about fire safety.

This year, the focus of Fire Prevention Week is to use candles with care.

During the past decade, candle fires have tripled. In 2001

alone, an estimated 18,000 home fires were started by candles and reported to fire departments — an all time high. These fires resulted in 190 deaths, 1,450 injuries and an estimated property loss of \$265 million.

The National Fire Protection Association offers these tips to prevent candle fires:

- Make sure burning candles are at least one foot away from curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.

- Adults should never leave a room while a candle is lit.

- Keep flashlights on hand to use instead of candles in the event of a power outage.

- Use candles that are sturdy and won't tip over easily, and are big enough to catch any

wax that drips from the candle.

- Children should never light candles or handle lit candles. Matches and lighters should be stored out of the reach of children.

- Remember, "When you go out, blow it out!" Source: National Fire Protection Association, 2005.

The UM Trauma Burn Center offers additional tips for using candles safely, fire prevention resources and assistance for parents who suspect their children might be playing with fire.

For more information, visit the UM Trauma Burn Center at [www.traumaburn.org](http://www.traumaburn.org).

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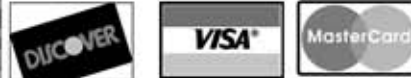


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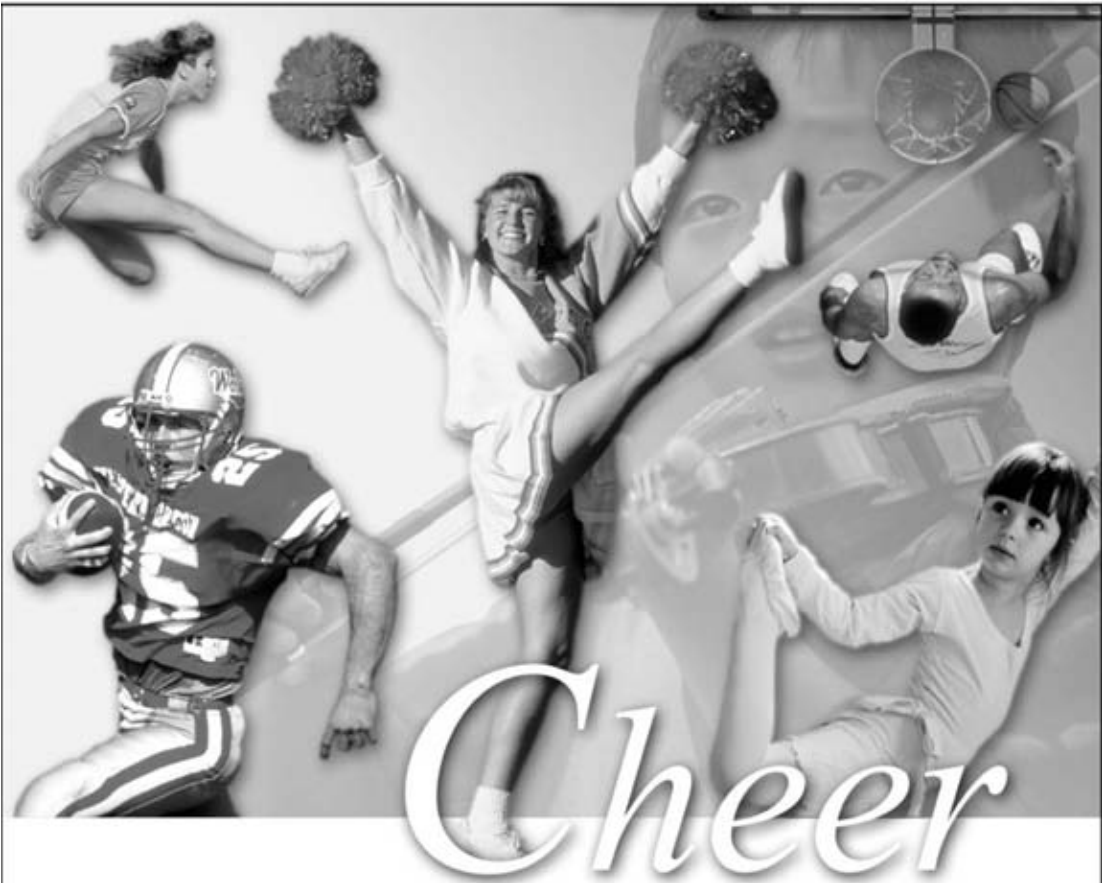
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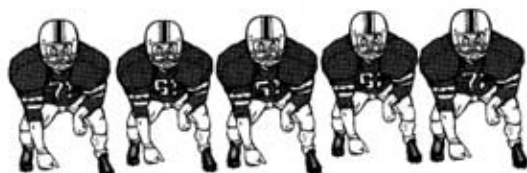
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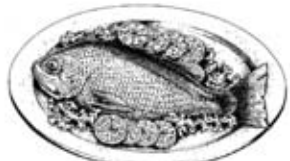


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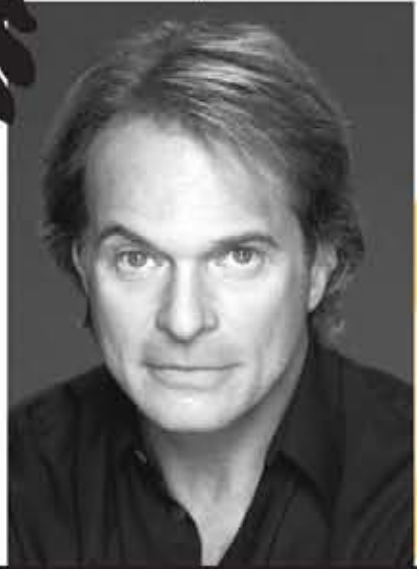
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