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## Work begins at Munising Community Center



Chairperson Aaron Payment, left, and Unit V Representative Victor Matson, Sr., right, accept a check from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development State Director Gene DeRossett.

Work has now begun on the former Lincoln School building in Munising. The general contractor, Premeau Construction, has started mobilizing for demolition. With the arrival of much heavy equipment, the parking lot, unfortunately, will no longer be available as structural work, framing, temporary lighting and electrical work will begin in March.

Blessing of the grounds is scheduled for early spring, details will be announced shortly. Construction for this 21,000 square foot building is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2007.

The project is financed through a 30-year rural development loan from the United State Department of Agriculture.

Photo by Alan Kamuda

## Enrollment update

**BY LINDA SMITH, TRIBAL REGISTRAR**  
The Enrollment Department would like to update the status of the special enrollment application process that began Jan. 3, 2005, and closed Aug. 20, 2005.

When the special enrollment period closed, there were approximately 4,500 applications to process. At that time, we calculated the time needed to process these applications was six to eight months. That meaning, the prospective applicants could expect at least that time frame to lapse before they would hear back from the enrollment office. However, it is taking much longer than anticipated to process the applications.

The enrollment office processed all elder applications first, those who were at least age 60. The next procedure phase is to process the applications in the order in which they were received. Please keep in mind that there were hundreds and hundreds of applications received during the first week of open enrollment. If you submitted your application during the first week of the open enrollment, you still may not have heard from the enrollment office regarding the status of your request. However, your application will be processed soon. If you did not submit your application until later on in the year, then you will not be hearing from the enrollment office for approximately six more months and, possibly, longer. Please bear with us during this

time. We understand your anticipation and frustration during this long and arduous process. But, we would like to remind everyone that the enrollment process is not like applying for a library card or even a bank loan. Each application requires that staff verify pages and pages of information provided by the applicants for consideration of their eligibility under the special enrollment criteria:

- Proof of a tribal lineal descendant.
- Ancestral family tree.

Even if you have identified one of your family member's files as your proof of lineage, information may need to be verified or updated from those files.

All we ask is that you remember that the enrollment staff is working as hard as possible to process your applications, while they continue to serve the entire membership under the day to day duties of the department.

The enrollment office will be closed to the public on Fridays starting March 3, 2006, thru April 28, 2006. Staff will be checking groupwise and phone messages periodically during those days should you need to reach them. The office closure is to expedite the processing of the special enrollment applications.

Future updates on the special enrollment process can be found in the tribal newspaper and on the tribal Web site.

## New gas buying procedures coming for discount purchases

**BY BRENDA AUSTIN**

A new server and computer software will be installed soon at the Midjim stores in the Sault and St. Ignace, as well as the five tribally designated stations (TDS) in the tribe's service area, including various Kewadin food and beverage outlets and gift shops. The new computer interface and software will make it easier to track discounted gas sales, cigarette quotas and tax discounts for reporting to the state.

There are four immediate changes tribal members must be aware of when the new system is installed: -

- Members using any stations or gift shops MUST have a valid tribal card with a readable magnetic strip on the back.
- Members will be provided with a unique personal identification number (PIN) that will be associated with their tribal member card. This PIN will be required for security and identification purposes when members begin an unassisted (no clerk or cashier involved) transaction.-
- Members purchasing gas at the Sault or St. Ignace Midjim MUST swipe their tribal card first at the pump to activate the pump and receive their discounts. Members will also be required to enter their unique PIN that will be assigned to your card.
- Members will now be tracked

for all quota purchases via real time data.

If you purchase gas from a TDS all purchases will require your tribal card to be swiped into a new computer located inside the gas station. If you do not have a card with a readable magnetic strip you will not be able to receive your discount.

"The day this new system is implemented you will have to swipe your card and enter your unique PIN at the MidJim pumps. It will be a requirement. This does not mean you will have to pay at the pump, you can still go inside to pay if you choose to," said Sault Tribe Management Information Systems (MIS) Director, Mike Day. "If you have available quota you will get your discount at the pump after swiping your card. If you have two gallons left on your quota you will receive that discount but not on the rest of your purchase. Before we weren't able to do that."

"Very important, members must remember to swipe their card and enter their PIN before pumping gas or they will not receive their discount. The Midjim gas pumps will be communicating electronically with the new system; discounts, quota updates and tracking will occur at the gas pump.-If a member starts pumping gas first without putting

in their tribal card they will not get their discount, there is no way to change that once it is done," Day said.

The old tracking system currently in place requires a very labor intensive process of manually updating files every day from the TDS, Midjims and Kewadin. "We are trying to significantly reduce the cost and time to manage this system and simplify the process for our members and staff," Day said. "What happens today when you go to a Midjim store is the cashier will swipe your card when you pay for your purchase, and this swipe generates a variety of codes indicating the status of each member's account and displays these on the point of sale machine (cash register). The cashiers manually select the correct codes and discounting options to give you the correct discount. The new software will change all that," Day said.

The TDS are connected to the new server over the internet. Each of these stations will have a new computer with a card swipe that members must now use to receive their discounts.

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# HUNTING AND INLAND FISHING PERMIT APPLICATION

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

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

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

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Hunting only
- Inland fishing only
- Both hunting and inland fishing

## Brief on hunting and inland fishing legal battle

**BY RICK SMITH**  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors member Fred Paquin gave a limited briefing on the current status of the legal action regarding the 1836 Treaty of Washington inland hunting and fishing rights. The briefing was given at a general meeting of the board in St. Ignace on Feb. 26.

Five federally recognized Michigan American Indian tribes contend the treaty documents an agreement that they have the right to hunt and fish on over 40 percent of Michigan's lands. The legal contest was initiated by Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox in September of 2003 when he filed a request with a federal court to render an interpretation of the treaty to settle disputes between the state and the tribes. The state claims the inland hunting and fishing portion of the treaty is obsolete because it reads

Indians had the rights to hunt and fish on unsettled land only, and Michigan is now a settled state.

A trial originally scheduled for Jan. 9 was postponed by presiding Judge Richard Alan Enslan, U.S. District Court, Western District Court of Michigan, after both sides of the dispute expressed a need for more time to negotiate a settlement and prepare for trial. According to Paquin, the action will continue at an unspecified time next July.

"What we want is for the state to recognize our rights," said Paquin. "For them to do that, they want to negotiate some issues with us — seasons, bag limits, limitations on what the tribe can do."

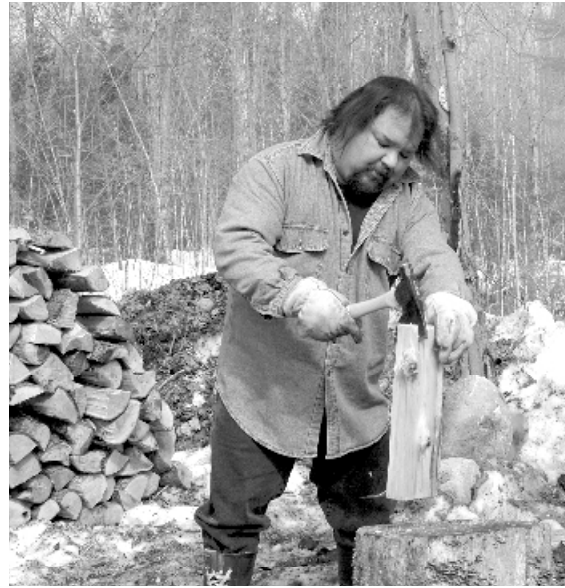
Paquin pointed out if a settlement isn't reached, a trial could take four to 12 weeks just to determine if the tribes have the rights as they claim and have been administering for several

years. He added, "We are making progress."

Interpretations of the 1836 Treaty of Washington came into question during the 1970s when commercial fishermen began attempts to intimidate tribe members using gill nets on the Great Lakes and lawsuits resulted. The courts ruled the Great Lakes could not be settled, therefore, the tribes would always maintain their rights to fish in specified waters. The inland hunting and fishing rights never became an issue at that time.

The five tribes involved in this action are the Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

## Volunteers needed for Sugar Bush



Sugar Bush workers are needed beginning March 20 for pre-Sugar Bush preparation at Culture Camp on Sugar Island; tree tappers, wood splitter, fire maker, cook, snow shovelers and more. To volunteer show up or call Bud Biron at (906) 632-7033. Left: Bud Biron. Photo by Brenda Austin

## February police report

### Warrants:

- Feb. 16, female, lodged Schoolcraft County.
- Feb. 13, female, lodged Mackinac County.
- Feb. 22, male, lodged Mackinac County.
- Feb. 20, female, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Feb. 20, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Feb. 19, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Feb. 18, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.

- Feb. 9, male, lodged Mackinac County.
- Feb. 1, female, lodged Schoolcraft County.
- Feb. 1, female, lodged Schoolcraft County.
- Feb. 1, female, lodged Schoolcraft County.
- Feb. 1, female, lodged Schoolcraft County.
- Feb. 9, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Open intoxicant:**
- Feb. 8, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Contempt:**
- Feb. 9, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.

- Department.
- Assault:**
- Feb. 19, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Feb. 3, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Driving with a restricted license:**
- Feb. 21, male, lodged Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.
- Possession of marijuana:**
- Feb. 22, male, posted bond.
- Feb. 11, male, posted bond.

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# Tax agreement recap

By RICK SMITH

The Sault Tribe and the State of Michigan signed a tax agreement in December of 2002, which benefits many members of our service area whose principal residence is within specific agreement areas.

Those members meeting the agreement guidelines receive state tax discounts on many purchases. The agreement applies to the Michigan sales tax, which is six percent of a retail price; use tax, which is six percent of a purchase price; income tax, which is four percent of adjusted gross income; motor fuel tax, 19 cents per gallon of gas and 15 cents per gallon of diesel; cigarette tax of \$1.25 per pack; and six single business tax, which is 1.9 percent of the applicable tax base.

Fuel and cigarette tax benefits are realized at the time of purchase of those items. Members must submit forms along with other appropriate documents to file for quarterly refunds on taxes for certain large purchases such as personal vehicles, homes, home improvement materials and so on.

The agreement does not create an exemption from property taxes. Members are responsible for complying with the agreement and encouraged to contact our tribe's authorities with any questions about any of its provisions.

If you are age 16 or over and want to receive the agreement benefits, you must be registered. You are required to sign the Sault Tribe's tax agreement registration card to verify your residency in

an agreement area.

Also, before you can submit the state form to collect your quarterly taxes on large purchases as it pertains to this tax agreement, you must first sign and return a registration card to the Sault Tribe tax office to verify your residency in a tax agreement area. This is mandatory for all tribal members. Registration cards were mailed to all members in 2003.

If you are unsure if you have registered, please call the tax office and Candice Blocher at (906) 632-6281 or toll free, (866) 632-62811, to verify your card is on file. Once registered, members are then required to fill out a state form pertaining to tax agreements and submit it to the state.

# Dental department changes to electronic charting and digital x-ray



Dr. Bruce Anderson next to a new computer monitor he will be using as the dental program switches over to electronic charting and digital x-ray.

Photo by Brenda Austin

The dental program is adding a new electronic charting and digital x-ray system that will improve oral health services to tribe members.

It is anticipated the system will "go live" on April 5, in Sault Ste. Marie. The Lambert Center and Manistique clinics will follow on April 6.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors last fall approved funding for the new hardware and software, according to Dr. Bruce Anderson, dental program manager. "This will take us into the 21st century as far as dental patient care. There will be two parts to our conversion to electronic media. The first will be the creation of an electronic chart. This will replace paper charts and all new entries will be available at all three sites. This will ensure that all dental staff have current information about a patient, no matter what location they have had treatment."

"The second phase of the new system will be the ability to take digital x-rays. This is similar to a digital camera. Instead of a film being taken and processed like film in a camera, the dental staff will use a sensor to take the x-ray. The image will be seen on the computer screen and stored in the electronic chart. This will eliminate the time it takes to process a film in the darkroom, eliminate potentially hazardous chemicals from entering waste water and reduce the amount of radiation to the patient." This phase of the project will begin about September of this year. "We need to allow some time for the staff to accommodate the conversion to the electronic chart, then we will be ready to take digital x-rays.

Again, these x-rays will be able to be easily shared between the three clinics, no matter where our patients decide to access Sault Tribe dental services."

Dr. Anderson and staff have always worked closely with the National Indian Health Service dental program. The Sault Tribe dental program is pioneering the fusion of its existing RPMS system and one of the premier private dental companies in electronic dental charting — Dextrix.

"We are helping to create a new dental system that may become a standard in IHS clinics throughout the nation. The idea is to be able to access patient information at any of the sites in the Sault Tribe so that quality of care and real time data can be obtained for any patient in our system."

To provide quality and consistent training of the dental staff, the Sault dental clinic will be closed Tuesday, April 4. Both Manistique and the Lambert Center will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 and 5.

"To facilitate the proper training and coordination of all dental staff, the entire dental team will be training together. This will necessitate the closure of the Sault clinic for one day, and the Manistique and Lambert Centers for two days. We will be open following the training to provide the best in dental care with our newly trained staff," Anderson explained. He added that the entire dental staff is excited to be able to achieve this enhanced level of dental care for all patients. The three dental clinics currently serve only federally recognized tribal members, of which 98 percent are Sault Tribe members.

# Hank returns to Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court



Chief Judge Michelle Hank

By BRENDA AUSTIN

On Feb. 6, the tribe's board of directors voted to appoint Michelle Hank as chief judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court.

Hank spent 17 years working for the tribal court before taking a four-year leave in 2001. "In 2001, I left the tribe for a while and went to work for Sault Area Public Schools as a 21st Century after school coordinator. I returned to work for the tribe in 2004 and was recently asked to come back to the court after Kandra Robbins resigned," she said.

Her court career began in 1985 with a six-month internship while attending Lake Superior State University for a legal assistant degree. After her internship she served four years under Judges Nertoli and Nolan as a court clerk. "In 1989 I received my under grad degree as a legal assistant and was appointed associate judge and court administrator. I served in that capacity until 2001," Hank said.

Between 1989 and 2001, Hank earned an additional degree in business administration. In 2004, she returned to school and also earned a master's degree in busi-

ness administration from Central Michigan University.

"This is my twenty-first year with the tribe and I've spent most of it with the court. It is only natural to me that I come back, I've gone full circle. I was very instrumental in the courts evolution over the past 21 years and I'm very happy to be back. It feels like I'm home again," she said.

Hank is currently hearing all cases until a contract is signed with a pool of judges to hear the more complex criminal and child welfare cases. Hank will be hearing the remainder of the cases including child welfare reviews, juvenile cases and handling court administration.

Chairperson Aaron Payment, in a welcoming statement e-mailed to employees, said, "... Michelle served for 17 years as judge during our formative years under the direction of Chief Judge George Nolan. Since that time she has continued to work for us in various capacities, building even more experience in grants and contracts and other administrative duties. Her enhanced experience will be a credit to our court administrative and judicial operations."

# Bill aims to end off-reservation Indian gaming

By RICK SMITH

WASHINGTON, DC — House Resources Committee Chairman Richard W. Pombo (R-Calif.) officially introduced legislation on March 7 to stop off-reservation Indian gaming from spreading. The action came after more than a year of Congressional hearings and public input.

H.R. 4893 specifically aims to close a legal loophole found in Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act allowing tribes to acquire lands outside reservations to establish casinos without pay-

ing taxes. If passed, the bill will end "reservation shopping" which allows tribes to buy lands distant from their reservations, have those lands put into federal trust and establish casinos.

The legislation would also give local communities and states the ability to decide if an Indian casino is wanted in their locale.

Tribes would have to pay for advisory referendums in local communities where casinos are planned. Results from referendums, along with environmental

impact statements, would be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) for review prior to a determination of whether lands should be placed into trust.

The Secretary of Interior would then be obligated to certify gaming facilities would not be detrimental, and in the best interest, of the surrounding communities of proposed lands.

Concurrence with the DOI findings by state legislatures and governors would also be a prerequisite.

## Second annual Walk for Justice

The Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) is sponsoring the "Walk for Justice," a fun run/walk to raise awareness of victim's rights. The 5K event will be held on April 22, at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Costs for the event will be covered through fundraising efforts and a small registration fee. In January, the ARC staff held a soup and fry-bread sale, and raised almost \$500. Registration fee is \$10; registration fees waived for all students.

Participants of the event will receive a certificate of participation, with medals going to the top three finishers in each of eight age categories. The top finishing male and female will each receive a certificate to purchase a new pair of running shoes.

To register, call Tammy Nolan at (906) 632-1808.

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

# Positive focus on expanding services needed



Aaron A. Payment, MPA  
Tribal Chairperson

In past Chairperson reports, I've written that I struggle with striking just the right balance of reporting necessary information to the Members with a more optimistic and hopeful view of things that eventually our Tribe will evolve into being what most Members would like it to be. This is a challenge because we do not receive fair and objective media coverage outside of the Tribe. Unfortunately, sometimes it falls upon me to report to the Membership and sometimes that information is negative.

Sometimes a letter says it all and is incredibly insightful and instructive. Please see the attached email letter sent to me I am going to heed the Member's advice outlined in the letter below and urge other Tribal Board members to do the same. This is not easy for someone whose nature is to try to correct things - especially injustices where the Members' views are being manipulated.

Nonetheless, over the next several months, I am going to stay out of the fray and try to report only on development projects, updates on our progress on local, State, and national fronts, and on a preliminary outline for projecting an expansion of services for Members meeting the "Needs of Neediest First" and by expanding to our brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts, and other blood relatives who live outside of the service area. We must not forget that, what city we live in doesn't change the fact that we are blood relatives. It should be all our goal to not let the quagmire of our Tribal Board conflicts to cloud our purpose and mission here.

Good Morning Mr. Payment,

My name is Deborah A. McNeill and I reside in Minden, Michigan in the lower peninsula. I am writing to you today because I feel compelled, as a member of the tribe, to express my dissatisfaction over the constant mud-slinging going on amongst certain Unit Representatives. I speak specifically about Mr. Lambert and Mr. McKelvie.

It has always been my understanding that Unit Representatives are elected to work in cohesion with the Chairperson, Board Members, and other Unit Representatives for the betterment of the tribal membership. Although I do see this with other Unit Representatives (working well

with each other and the Chairperson) I do not see this with these two gentlemen (and I use that term loosely).

I read the monthly paper religiously and, for a time, was amused at the fact that the tribe had its' own "little Peyton Place". Then I realized the magnitude of the harm being done to the tribe with the constant dissension amongst the ranks being played out in the articles placed in the paper. Their self-serving attitudes are evident in every word they put down in print. This is very disheartening because they are suppose to be representing the members in their units and not their own personal agendas.

Every large organization has its' problems and in all reality can not be expected to run smoothly. But when I am constantly reading negative attacks I am made sadly aware that this constant bickering can only be misleading and undermining of the good work that is being achieved by those who truly have the betterment of the tribe at heart.

It has also been a distraction for you. It is apparent in the articles that you write. You spend more time either defending yourself or attacking back. Mr. Payment..you do not have to lower yourself to their level. It is obvious that your leadership has benefited the tribal members and your actions are geared towards what is best for the tribe.

The tribe would be better served if you announced that you were NOT going to entertain Mr. Lambert's and Mr. McKelvie's mud-slinging any longer and focus more on what you are doing now....leading this tribe to prosperity.

It would also benefit their unit members if you asked each of them to carefully consider what impact their representatives negative energy has on their units and the tribe in whole.

There was a time when our people had to be afraid of outsiders attacking us...now we have to be afraid of our own!!!!!! There have been times that I thought perhaps you were a bit over-zealous in your endeavors. I speak specifically of the Bouschor situation. But if I were the Chairperson of a large entity that had 2.6+ million dollars pilfered from it I would be over-zealous too.

Mr. Payment...you are doing a good job! Don't lower yourself to the standards of those who wish to destroy the good work of those who have the good of the tribe at heart. Perhaps it should be the motto of the tribe that TEAM does not have an I in it. I know this is an old cliché' but somehow it seems very appropriate. Could you just imagine where the tribe would be today if everyone worked together. Well....I guess one can dream can't they?

Thank You Mr. Payment for all of your hard work and I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,

Deborah A. McNeill

## UNIT 1 CANDIDATES INVOLVED IN SALICOUS MAILINGS?

Last month, I reported a segment from a sworn deposition taken that shows that Bernard Bouschor allegedly took illegal campaign contributions from non-Tribal individuals. What is interesting about this is that with a salary of \$856,275 annually, the motivation couldn't have been that he needed the money! Instead, it appears that he did so, with this particular vendor and with a polling company in order to try to secure his position of authority to continue to do business with these entities. If this is so, this would not only constitute a campaign violation but also a Tribal criminal offense of 'Abuse of Office' as he would gain a pecuniary benefit through his role as Chair.

Additionally, given the fraudulent manner in which the phony pink post cards were mailed out purporting to representing the fictions UP Gay and Lesbian Alliance, I believe this constitutes U.S. mail fraud. If these are true, a federal investigation (by an outside special prosecutor to determine if federal laws were violated as well as Tribal laws) is definitely warranted.

One last reference to the salacious mailers. I have traced the production and mailing of these postcards to the post office and a printer in Royal Oak, Michigan. As it turns out, a candidate for Unit 1 in the last election cycle and an openly strong supporter of Bernard Bouschor happens to be a minority partner in a printing company based out of Royal Oak, Michigan.

Now, it is conceivable that the Royal Oak printing company and the one for which this Unit 1 candidate is a minority partner may not be the same. It is simply possible this individual is a partner in name only - merely to afford the company 'minority contracting' business. I have issues with the ethics of being a partner in name only simply to secure business, but obviously this would pale in comparison to being a partner to the salacious mailings.

As you will notice, I have not named any names. However, if I do establish the link to this 2004 Unit 1 candidate, you can be sure I will report this in the Tribal newspaper. Besides possibly being entangled, in Bouschor's alleged election fraud, U.S. Mail fraud, and criminal Abuse of Office, this individual may hold some liability himself for his actions.

## GREEKTOWN UPDATE

With our financing for the permanent casino now in place, and our site selected as an expansion at the current site, we were progressing along in securing property and reviewing architectural drawings for a 2,500

square feet expansion, a 3,000 space covered parking garage, a 400 room hotel, and new entertainment and conference facilities. We are also, examining much more closely our operations to ensure that we meet our budget projections to avoid any financing or regulatory issues.

Our revenue is up significantly over last year, and given an increase in the Detroit casino market of 6.73%, we were able to capture 49% of that increase. Our revenue for the month of February is up 12.68% over February 2005!

## LONG TERM BUDGET PLANNING

Increasing revenues means nothing if these dollars don't make their way to Membership services. In 2004, I decided to run for the Chairperson position because I felt we lost sight of meeting the 'Needs of the Neediest' first. It seems that we always promising that 'tomorrow' we may have something for you.

In the eighteen months since I have been Chairperson, we have balanced the budget each year. We now have a balanced budget document that requires 93% of net revenue goes to Membership services. This means the more we save in the cost of operations, the more we have for services. We balanced the budget not with a huge increase in revenue but by operating smarter and more efficiently. We still have many operational efficiencies to make and could do so if Board politics were not so volatile, territorial and down right foolish.

To once and for all give all Members everywhere a financial picture and when they will benefit from their Membership in our Tribe, over the next month or so, I will be working with my Executive Team to project a five year budget plan that will show how we can pay down our financing debt while 'earmarking' Tribal funds for:

(1) Expansion of services in the service area including all communities from Kincheloe to St. Ignace, Newberry to Marquette, Naubinway to Escanaba and everywhere in between.

(2) Make a financial covenant to our relatives who live outside of the service area, that we will specifically plan for expansion of services to benefit them as well.

Folks, we can and must do both. In the past, some formed an 'us versus them' mentality. All we need to do to get our 'direction correction' is to ask our Elders what it was like when we first struggled for the basics including sanitation and food. If we do so, with an open heart, we'll have no choice but to support our relatives wherever they live. The Members who live outside of the service area represent 60% of the population and are approaching the number of those registered to vote. (Inside = 61%, Outside 39%). Since 2004, we have seen well over 1,000 Members who reside outside of the service area who are now

registered to vote. There are many more who need to register and take the time to vote.

## KEWADIN CASINOS

### 'BUSINESS OF THE YEAR!'

Just a quick thank you to those Kewadin Team Members (Tribal and non-Tribal) who have made us the Sault Chamber of Commerce 'Business of the year. After over 21 years, and under the new leadership of Kewadin COO Tony Goetz, we are recognized. Our revenues are up, our costs are dropping, and things are thriving at Kewadin Casinos. Again, thank you to all Team Members!

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

## TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON Open Office Hours Schedule

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

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

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

March 20, 2006  
April 3, 2006  
April 17, 2006  
May 1, 2006  
May 15, 2006  
May 29, 2006  
June 5, 2006  
June 19, 2006  
August 7, 2006  
August 14, 2006  
September 4, 2006  
September 18, 2006  
October 2, 2006  
October 16, 2006  
November 6, 2006  
November 20, 2006  
December 4, 2006  
December 11, 2006



# First Nations speak out on St. Mary's river pollution



Sault Tribe Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson sings with The Healing Lodge Singers at the public health forum at the White Pines Collegiate and Vocational School in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

BY CORY WILSON

The Sault Tribe in conjunction with the Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC) sponsored a public health forum regarding the St. Mary's River at the White Pines Collegiate and Vocational School in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada on Feb. 23.

The purpose of the meeting was to collect signatures for a petition to local governments to take action immediately to clean up the pollution and contaminated sediment in the St. Mary's River. This meeting also helped educate more people on the importance of addressing these concerns and build awareness and support for the action items outlined in the St. Mary's River Remedial Action Plan. This plan, which was originally created in 1987, was supposed to address these pollution concerns, however, no significant action has been taken by either the American and Canadian governments.

Close to 100 community members attended the meeting which included special guest speakers Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe chairperson; Dean Sayers, chief of Batchawana First Nations; Mike Willis, Bay Mills Indian Community Council member; Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay chairman and Blaine Belleau, Garden River First Nations council member.

The call for action is getting louder by the day since the reports of sewage washing up on Sugar Island and other areas of the river. The council continues to circulate a petition that has already produced nearly 1,000 signatures and is petitioning the governments of Ontario and Canada to make good on promises to address the



*"We have to have an effort to try to clean up the river, because there are health concerns involved with this. I am excited about the fact that we are coming together to resolve this issue."*—Sault Tribe

**Chairperson Aaron Payment** remaining contaminated sediments. Recent investigations indicate that plenty of contaminated sediments still exist on the bottom of the St. Mary's River and periodically make their way to the surface to cause problems again.

Pollution problems in the St. Mary's River, which are listed as one of the 47 Great Lakes Areas of Concern by the International

Joint Commission, were first reported in a document published in 1992. Ontario and Canada have the bulk of responsibility to clean up the river under an agreement with the state of Michigan and the U.S. EPA.

The St. Mary's River BPAC is composed of stakeholders from both sides of the river representing local agencies, American Indian tribes, municipalities, universities, industries and citizens concerned about the river ecosystem and health of its residents.

Mike Ripley, BPAC chairman and environmental coordinator for Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and Sault Tribe Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson, organized the event along with the assistance of several BPAC and St. Mary's River Task Force members, who were in attendance to show their support. The night's activities ended with a special water song performed by the Anishinaabe quae women's hand drum group, The Healing Lodge Singers. Traditionally, women are asked to perform healing songs and are responsible for all cultural ceremonies involving water.

*"What we are seeing are good-will gestures on the part of the American and Canadian governments to participate in some of the clean-up operations in the area, however, there is a legal responsibility for these governments to clean up this water."* —Dean Sayers, chief of Batchawana First Nations

*"I hope this is not one of those issues, that will be brushed aside."* —Mike Willis, Executive Council member of Bay Mills Indian Community

*"We are not saving mother earth, we are saving ourselves."*

*Mother earth is going to be around much longer than we are. Mother Earth will find a way to heal itself, but for us to stick around we need to be a part of that clean-up."*—Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa chairman

*"Governments have to take the initiative."*— Blaine Belleau, Garden River First Nations council member

# Constitution Committee sets rules of procedures

The Constitutional Committee met on March 3 and 4 at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie for their second round of meetings. The first order of business was to revise and approve the committee's rules of procedure, which was drafted from the committee's first meetings on Jan. 17-18. The next topic on the committee's agenda was to address the separation of powers. A draft schedule of the committee meetings was also developed. The complete schedule will be available on the Sault Tribe's official Web site at [www.sault-tribe.com](http://www.sault-tribe.com). Meeting agendas and committee reports will also be available online soon.

The next Constitution Committee meeting was on Friday, March 17, from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in St. Ignace at the Little Bear East Arena. The meetings will then return to the Kewadin Casino in the Sault on Friday, March 31, from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 21 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comfort Inn in Manistique.

## Constitution Committee Rules of Procedure

1. Chairperson: The Constitution Committee shall select a chairperson who shall conduct and facilitate meetings of the committee. In the absence of the chairperson, a vice chairperson shall conduct and facilitate meetings of the committee. In the absence of the chairperson and vice chairperson, a committee member designated by the committee shall conduct and facilitate meetings of the committee.

2. Meetings: The chairperson shall set the dates, times and locations of committee meetings in consultation with the committee. Notice of committee meetings shall be provided to each committee member.

3. Agenda: The chairperson shall develop a draft agenda for each committee meeting. At the beginning of each meeting, the committee shall review, modify (if necessary) and approve the agenda for the meeting.

4. Decision making: All decisions of the committee shall be made by consensus or, if neces-

sary, by a majority vote of those members in attendance. Proxy voting is prohibited. Only official committee members will be permitted to vote on matters before the committee.

5. Minutes: A recording secretary shall take the minutes of all committee meetings and shall distribute the minutes to the committee for review and approval.

6. Debate: Common courtesy shall be observed at all times. Once recognized by the chairperson, a committee member shall be permitted to speak without interruptions. The chairperson shall maintain order at all times. Debate should focus on the issue under consideration. There will be no time limit on discussion or debate; however, the chairperson may limit prolonged discussion, or discussion on an unrelated topic, on a case-by-case basis. Once an issue has been decided, it shall not be revisited unless the committee decides to revisit the issue.

7. Public attendance: Committee meetings will be open to members of the tribe to observe proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting and at the discretion of the chairman.

8. Recording: Video and audio recording of committee meetings shall not be permitted unless conducted by the committee or its designee. The committee shall maintain possession of and safeguard all copies of recordings made by the committee until the conclusion of the project as determined by a vote of the committee.

9. Public statements: No committee member shall be permitted to make public statements including the distribution of any literature on behalf of the committee unless expressly authorized by the committee.

10. Reports: The committee shall make progress reports to the public. The committee shall also conduct public hearings on proposals developed by the committee.

The next deadline for submissions to **The Sault Tribe News** is March 28 at 9 a.m. Questions call (906) 632-6398.

# Lenny Adams hired as construction director

BY RICK SMITH

Lenny Adams recently accepted a position as director of Sault Tribe Construction based in Sault Ste. Marie. Mich. Adams has over 40 years experience in construction work and management.



Lenny Adams

He was born in Appleton, Wisc., and enlisted in the U.S. Navy for three years. After leav-

ing the Navy, Adams began working in construction projects in California, Oregon and Chicago for several years before coming to the Upper Peninsula, the land of his father and many relatives, in the mid 1970s.

Adams was on the tribal board of directors while our tribe was in the early days after federal recognition. He remained on the board until he founded a construction company called Native American Housing Company when he resigned from the board for reasons of conflict of interest. Later, he also went into a joint venture

with Champion Construction, Inc. and other ventures. He returned to work for the tribe as one of the parties involved in restoration efforts at the Sault Kewadin Casino after it was damaged by fire in February of 2004.

Of special interest to Adams are improvements in the quality of craftsmanship and management of the construction team. "Quality is going to improve," he said. "And it will be run efficiently, it will be run like a business."

# Tribal board meeting briefs

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians met for a general meeting on Feb. 21 in St. Ignace. All board members were present. Minutes from a meeting on Feb. 7, 2006, were approved.

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

The board authorized an application for \$175,000 in language preservation grants from the Administration for Native Americans.

A budget modification of \$12,792 was approved to compensate about 25 elders of our tribe who are employed by casinos in our service area and are unable to leave work to participate in regularly scheduled elders' meal functions. Their meals will be served free at their work place instead.

The board reconvened another meeting on March 7 in Lansing. Board member Robert LaPoint was absent.

**Approved resolutions:** Anishnabek Community and Family Services was authorized to apply for continued funding through the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for family violence prevention and services in 2006.

The zero tolerance policy of illegal drug use in tribal leased housing was amended to allow case by case reviews of the application of the policy and the Housing Authority Commission was granted authority to provide waivers of the policy under circumstances approved by the Sault Tribe Housing Authority. Board member Lana Causley opposed the measure.

The board passed a resolution supporting continued federal funding in 2007 of the Johnson O'Mally/Youth Education Program through the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. The bureau seeks to eliminate the funding for 2007. A tribal support budget modification of \$50,000 was appropriated to the board for the National Congress of American Indians Committee.

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

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

### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### HOUSING COMMISSION

1 Vacancy

### CULTURAL COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

### CHILD WELFARE

1 Vacancy

### SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

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

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Board of Directors, Attn: Joanne Carr

523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 635-6050, toll free 800-793-0660, fax (906) 632-6696 or

Email: [jcarr@saulttribe.net](mailto:jcarr@saulttribe.net)

## Membership Q & A

**Q:** I am a member of the tribe and I am wondering if there will be any Constitutional Convention information available on the tribe's Web site?

**A:** There will be postings on the tribe's official Web site. Topics of discussion and a list of meeting dates, times, and locations will be posted.

**Q:** I am a tribe member who lives in Emmet County. I am wondering if my family is eligible for the food distribution service Sault Tribe offers.

**A:** The USDA Food Distribution Program is handled through the tribe's ACFS Department. This program has been in existence

since 1980 and, in 1992, services were expanded to 14 counties. This was done by agreeing to assist the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

There are income guidelines along with an application process.

The program is available in Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Alger, Marquette, Schoolcraft, Delta, Cheboygan, Emmet, Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix and Manistee counties.

Contact the program via 3601 Mackinaw Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or toll free at 1-888-448-8732.

## Board of Directors Membership open hours

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

March 21-Hessel Community Center.

April 4-Sugar Island Community Center.

April 18-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

May 2-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

May 16-Manistique Health Center.

June 6-Escanaba, Bay de Noc College (Herman Center).

June 20-Marquette to be determined.

Aug. 1-Munising American Legion.

Aug. 15-Newberry Comfort Inn.

Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center.

Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.

Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear.

Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.

Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom.

# Restore the Mackinac Band



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

We as an elected body that represents you, the members, are charged with your trust. The Tribal Constitution requires us to manage our affairs for the betterment of all members. We as a body must conduct our business in a formal process and you, tribal citizens, have an important role in the governance of legitimate debate.

As vice chairman, I have been supporting this young administration through some tremendous changes. The constitutional committee has convened and tribal citizens have the opportunity to become involved and I encourage you to do so. The next constitutional committee meeting will be held in St. Ignace and they will be discussing the issue of membership.

Members need to attend and witness the discussions and offer your opinions. This will protect the integrity of the true will of the people. A matter for discussions may be the issue of the Mackinac

Band. Voting the Mackinac Band out of the Tribe is not an option. I'm not even sure if it would even be legal to do so.

The problem we confront with this debate is very complicated. Exploring the advantages of acknowledging the Mackinac Band as a seventh affiliated group is perhaps the greatest challenge we face in amending the constitution. As a tribe we have really been tested but the biggest test is still in the future. This testing has come from having our lands taken, our culture challenged and our way of living altered. As Indian people we have always been able to adjust to change. If there is a way we can restore the Mackinac Band through our constitution we should do this. If this will help them gain federal recognition and make our Tribe stronger, we should do this. We have to be wary of possible shenanigans by some who would like to exploit this issue for their own personal gain. Documents don't lie. We also have to protect our legitimate brothers and sisters who have a historical claim to their family birth right as members of the Mackinac Band.

I voted to eliminate the quarter blood restriction and now many new candidates have the opportunity to seek office. I voted to create a primary and this has strengthened our Tribal democracy. Helping to restore the Mackinac Band is our next step forward. If you have questions or need information please call. Bob LaPoint, vice chairman and Unit II board representative. (906) 493-5311.

## Optimistic for the future



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

Contrary to what you may be hearing, there are some good things happening with our tribe. I am optimistic that 2006 will bring positive changes for the betterment of tribal members.

Our Greektown Casino will soon be 98 percent owned by the Sault Tribe. We still have to overcome obstacles for our permanent casino but once this is done, we will have accomplished this task. We will be increasing our revenues substantially so that we can better serve the needs of our members. The total revenues for the first 18 days of February are \$20,510,181. This is \$2,788,242 or 15.7 percent above

the same period one year ago. We have also exceeded our budgeted amount by 10.6 percent.

All indicators point to a good year.

Revenues for Kewadin Casinos' five northern properties in January 2006 were 8.3 million. This is a \$.3 million or 3.75 percent increase over the same period in 2005.

January's individual casino revenues are: Sault Ste Marie 3.9 million, St. Ignace 2.6 million, Hessel .2 million, Manistique .8 million and Christmas .8 million.

Consolidated operating income for January, 2006, was \$768,000, which is \$55,000 or 7.7 percent more than the same period in 2005. This is a positive sign for progress in 2006.

Our actual budget for 2005 was \$70,991,247. This year's (2006) budget (proposed) is \$72,709,222. Several months ago we passed a balanced budget amendment so that we did not have to borrow money to fund our budget. This is another positive step towards a responsible approach to our fiduciary responsibility to the membership. The 2006 proposed budget is a 2.42 percent increase over 2005, which means an increase of \$1,717,975 dollars to expand membership programs.

Elder funding for 2006 is \$6,274,730, which is up \$45,699 dollars from 2005. This funding includes, elder health fund, transportation, home health care, meal program, in-home personal care, in home homemaker aide, elder recreation fund, elder employment program and elder land claims dividend payment. This funding does not include elder recreation events or newsletter mailings. This funding for the elders represents 9 percent of our proposed 2006 budget. Ironically, there are 2917 elders, which is 9 percent of our total membership.

We recently mailed a check to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan in the amount of \$38,000 for the administration of the Tuition Waiver Program. This money will assist over 500 Michigan Native Students this fiscal year with free tuition costs.

Many changes have occurred in the 1+ years since I was elected to the board and I believe most of them have been positive. I believe we must remain optimistic and strive for what's best for the membership at large.

Thank you for reading this report and if you have questions, please call or e-mail me at: (906) 632-8567 or (906) 440-5728 or [josephreitrem@yahoo.com](mailto:josephreitrem@yahoo.com).

# Don't blame the whistleblower



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

In my last unit report I explained that I felt our chairman

abused his position of power by his misuse of tribal funds and then directing our executive secretary to remove the board action of making him pay us back from the meeting minutes. It is my hope that Aaron Payment will use his report in this issue of the paper to apologize to our members for wrongfully using tribal funds for his own selfish reasons. Sadly, I feel that instead, Payment will lash out at me and attack my character for being the whistleblower. I also predict that Payment will not accept responsibility for his actions and will try very hard to make me look like the bad guy. Payment argued to the board that since Bernard Bouschor sent out political material using tribal funds that we

should allow him to do the same. It was wrong when Bernard did it and it is wrong now. Payment suggested that we could seal or redact the minutes so the members would not find out. His argument for this was that he did not want it to be used as a political weapon against him. I believe that our chairman made it a political issue when he used our money and then attempted to cover it up. Leaders take responsibility for their actions. They do not run from them.

Before I was ever on the board we had minutes that were sealed and out of the view of our membership. At a meeting in Kinross I brought the issue into the view of the membership and the board had no choice but to vote to

unseal the minutes. That meeting was early on in my term and we have not discussed sealing any other minutes until Payment suggested it to hide his misuse of tribal funds at the Jan. 17, 2006, board meeting. The board would not even discuss it and I am proud of them for that.

After much discussion at the Jan. 17, 2006, meeting it was decided to allow Payment to apologize to the board of directors instead of re-paying the \$4,000 he used for personal reasons. Payment did apologize for using our money to send out his campaign statement but the fact remains that he used our money and he also tried to keep it from the membership. I voted not to let Payment off the hook on the

\$4,000 for the same reason I voted to go after Bernard when he lost his bid for re-election in 2004 and \$2.66 million left out the front doors at tribal Admin. It was wrong when Bernard did it and it is wrong for Payment to do it.

I would like to congratulate my neighbor, Linda Bengten, for being selected as the team member of the year. Way to go Linda!

I would also like to congratulate Paul Grondin. He just won the Feb. 28, 2006, special election to become St. Ignace's newest mayor.

Rob Lambert, 23 Stockbridge St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-8840,

roblambertsr@sbcglobal.net

## Deception + misinformation = Bad government



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

I will be addressing and clarifying statements that were published by Chairman Payment in his last report. I feel I must defend myself from his slanderous commentary and question the

timing of his hateful words of deception.

### Firing Employees

Chairman Payment states that I want to Fire Employees. This is truly false. I sought to terminate a contractual arrangement with an individual and his partner which is costing the Tribe well over \$800,000 annually. Those individuals are not employees of the Tribe. This contractor has elevated the legal Budget from \$1.6 million to well over \$4 million in a short period of time. These funds would be better served on the membership.

Board members do not have the authority to fire any employee. In fact, key personnel are protected by the resolution that I brought before the Board.

When I served on the employee appeals committee, nearly 80 percent of terminated employees

were returned to their positions. I believe that is why I am not allowed to continue to serve in this capacity. Do they now have the same protections they once had since Chairman Payment seized control of the appeal process.

### Cutting pay

Chairman Payment suggests that I threatened to reduce an employee's pay for not accepting the executive director's position could not be further from the truth.

When this person was given additional duties they were also given a pay raise. When those duties were taken away it is only logical that the pay for these duties should also cease. Was this 'interim' approach by the Chairman solely to grant pay raises to individuals?

### Tribal school

We, as a board, have recently completed classes on our roles and responsibilities regarding Bahweting School. The items that we were once told we had no choice in was wrong. We will no longer be subject to false remarks or statements regarding our role in "our tribal school." I say tribal school because it belongs to the Tribe and its membership.

We must ensure that our children, have a proper education in both our school, and in the surrounding communities.

During our talks with the school administration we found that they were talking about expanding to include a high school. We need to look at expanding K-8, and expanding our size to enable more of our children, and not a select few, this educational opportunity.

We currently have 200+ kids out of 324 kids, 62 percent, that attend our School. If we could double this number, more of our children would have the opportunity afforded by our school to move on in life. But this decision will be based on what the membership wants.

In closing, I would like everyone to keep in mind that hatred is an awful thing. If we live with hate, we cannot move forward. I am not saying that we must forgive and forget, however we need to move forward. How have we moved forward as a tribe in the last year?

Thank you for your time, Dennis McKelvie, Unit I board of director, (906) 632-7267.

## Protecting our rights and resources



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

On Feb. 23, our tribe along with the Binational Public Advisory Council, sponsored an open house to educate and encourage people to sign a petition to insist that the Canadian government take immediate action to clean up the pollution and contaminated sediments in the St. Mary's River. This meeting was very successful as over 80 people, which comprised of Anishinaabe youth and elders from Sault Tribe, Batchewana and Garden River First Nations, attended this event.

Mike Ripley, BPAC chairman and environmental coordinator for Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, and Cory Wilson, communications director, were very instrumental in planning this event. Thank you for all your work and commitment to this project. We were very happy to have representatives from five tribes speak on our behalf. Chi Megwetch to Chairperson Payment, Chairman Frank Ettawageshik of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Dean Sayers, chief of Batchewana First Nations; Mike Willis, executive council member of Bay Mills Indian Community; and Blain Bellows, who represented Garden River First Nation. Special thanks to The Healing Lodge Singers, an Anishinaabe quae hand drum group, who sang special water songs for our people. Many people took petitions to circulate, so please help us out by signing them!

The night was very educational and inspiring as we all learned more history of our area. It was great for all of us to come together on such an important issue. That Canadian border was not always there and many of our rel-

atives live in Batchewana and Garden River. Working together to protect our river will help bring us all back closer together as we were at one time not long ago. Remember when "across the river" meant just that?

The next BPAC meeting will be held on Thurs., March 23, 2006, in the Cislser Center at Lake Superior State University. Please attend and show your support. We have a lot of work ahead of us!

The Constitutional Convention Committee has been meeting and progressing very well. However, I am a little disappointed with the low turnout by our community members. Once the meetings are better advertised, I hope this will change. John Causley, Jr., was appointed chair of this committee. He is doing a good job. They all are. The committee agreed that they will take input from the community members attending these meetings. There are some people who have many opinions regarding our tribal government who only seem to voice them via e-mail. I would especially like to see them attend these meetings and give input. I encourage all members to attend

and give your input.

Directors Todd Gravelle, Dennis McKelvie, Joseph Eitrem and I attended a training for our Joseph K. Lumsden School Fiduciary Committee. Dr. Roger Bordeaux, executive director of the Association of Community Tribal Schools was our trainer. Also in attendance were Joanne Carr, tribal board executive assistant; Bill Connelly, tribal comptroller; Nick O'Shelski, JKL Bahweting school superintendent; Becky Aldrich, school business manager; Patti Paris, school board president. We had a great session and this is the first time ever that PSA representatives and tribal representatives were together and received all the same correct information all at the same time. I am very excited to work along with the school officials and the PSA School Board to see how we can best educate our children. We hope to have an open and honest communication system develop amongst us. I would like to thank Director Tom Miller for helping us get back on track and organizing this training for us. Dr. Bordeaux will be very helpful to us as he is a wealth of information.

By the time you read this paper, we will probably be back from our trip to Washington, DC. Chairperson Payment, Directors Lana Causley, Denise Chase, Tom Miller and I, with our legislative director, Mike McCoy and Bob Nygaard, legislative analyst, will be attending the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week. While there, we will get updates from National Indian Gaming Association, National Congress of American Indians, Congressman Dale Kildee; Ruben Barrales, deputy assistant to the president; Staff from Indian Health Services Headquarters and the EPA to name a few. At this time, we will be addressing issues with our Congressional leaders. I will report more in my next unit report.

I hold office hours every Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at our tribal Administrative Building located on Ashmun Street in the Sault. You may reach me at (906) 635-6050 or 1-800-793-0669. My home phone number is (906) 635-3054 and my e-mail address is abrams410@charter.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Board must be held accountable by members



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

First, I would like to report to the membership that on Feb. 21, 2006, I asked the board of directors to send to members the referendum issue of whether tribal employees should be allowed to serve on our board of directors. The board of directors did not even allow me the opportunity to have my resolution placed on the agenda. In my opinion, for all of their talk about supporting referendums, some board members will never let this issue be presented to you, the tribal voter, to settle this issue by referendum. However, I refuse to give-up on this issue and assure all of you that there will be a vote on this issue as I will continue to bring this issue up until I finally prevail in my mission to let you decide this issue once and for all.

Please support me in my continuing quest to allow you an

opportunity to vote on this issue via referendum and hold your board member responsible for their vote on Feb. 21, 2006, for not even allowing an opportunity to place this issue on the board's agenda and for continuing to deny you a say on this issue. It is very frustrating to hear these same board member's rhetoric and hypocrisy on supporting referendums while they actively work to deny you a vote. I will continue to fight to allow an opportunity for our people to vote on this issue whether it be through a board resolution, referendum or through a vote to amend our constitution.

The board of directors is not even following their own resolutions. Tribal law dictates that we must send this issue to the people. The last referendum that we had on this issue: Resolution 2005-40 read that: "the board of directors shall submit the issue of whether employees of the Tribe may serve on the board of directors to a vote of the people, at the time of a constitutional convention."

Thus, the board has ignored its responsibility to the people by not placing this issue on the agenda and by not submitting this to issue to you for a vote. Ultimately, only you can hold your representative accountable for not following our law!

I also want to make tribal members aware that, as your treasurer, and as a member of our Audit Committee, I am working with our accountants on preparing

a financial report on the condition of our tribe to be placed in our tribal newspaper for you to review.

My plan is to issue two reports in the tribal newspaper in two successive issues. This first issue will contain an easy to understand one-page report/summary on the present financial condition of our tribe. The second issue will contain a comparison of our present financial condition with previous years to show the membership how we have grown over the years to provide some context on our condition as compared to previous years.

It is my responsibility as a board member and treasurer to report to the membership in easy to understand terms what our condition is. It would be easy to just publish our financial auditing reports but that would not do much to explain in easy to understand terms the bottom-line and that is really what the membership wants and not a bunch of long complicated financial forms that are hard to understand. Members are always welcome to review our audits but this report seeks to cut-to-the chase and break it down to get to the real numbers that really explain our financial condition. I want to thank the entire audit committee in supporting my request to prepare and present this report to the membership for your review.

Perhaps now is the best time for the board of directors to act on my proposal to hire an inspector

general that reports directly to the board of directors. The inspector general would be directed to review and investigate any irregularities that may arise from time to time to give our members confidence that we are addressing any allegations of wrongdoing. The inspector general would then prepare public reports of any such investigations for the entire membership to view.

I want also to report that the board passed what I believe is an unconstitutional restriction on your right to free speech in our Election Ordinance. The board actually voted to restrict and prevent non-candidate registrants from exercising their right to free speech by preventing members from criticizing board members from other units in the upcoming election. The board's reason was simple and unconvincing. A majority of the board thinks that if you are not living in a particular election unit you should not be able to exercise your right to criticize another board member from another unit. The bottom-line to them is that if you don't live here then you have no say in criticizing a board member in another unit.

It is my opinion as an attorney that this is unconstitutional restriction on your right to free speech. The law is simple. Your government cannot restrict your right to speech unless there is a compelling reason to do so. The reasons that the board gave do not justify preventing you from criti-

cizing and participating in criticizing other board members in other units just because you do not live there. In legal terms, this restriction on your right to free speech is not a compelling governmental reason to restrict your rights. If we had an independent court system I believe I could get this restriction lifted as being unconstitutional. We do not and unfortunately there is no remedy right now when the board violates your right to free speech. This is yet again another example of how why we so badly need constitutional reform to protect you when your board violates your constitutional rights.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me at: (906) 635-5740, or write to me at, Todd K. Gravelle, 713 Maple, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Thank you!

## Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

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# Board to attend MAST conference in D.C.



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

During the month of January the board of directors met for a week long workshop as well as a week long special board meeting to review our current election code. One change that should be explained is the voter registration process. In the past, all members who resided inside a unit did not have to register to vote and those who lived outside a unit were allowed to register every four year in the unit of their choice.

This has changed. All members turning 18 who live inside a unit must register in order to vote. Members living outside a unit will register one time in a specific unit of their choice and it will be permanent, unless they move into a unit. I and other board members disagreed with this change. The vote passed with the changes explained above.

I will explain why I disagree. In our Constitution, it states that voters residing outside of any unit

shall register not less than three months prior to any election and vote in the unit of their choice. It's clear to me that permanently limiting members who live outside the unit to one specific unit for life is contradictory to what the Constitution states, however this will be an issue that the Constitutional Committee will discuss as well. We have also changed the process for write in votes this is now prohibited and was passed so that any member who runs for office will be treated the same as the official candidates, everyone who is seeking a seat will be brought under the same standards and election code rules.

Another important concern the members had taken issues with was what the procedures were once a member files a complaint on a candidate. This will be the process: Once a complaint is filed, the Election Committee will review the complaint to see it has merit and deem the complaint is not frivolous. The entire committee will review the complaint, violations are spelled out in the new election code so there should be no question on whether it is a violation or not. When a violation occurs, the committee will have specific items that are in fact violations. It will then be passed on to the tribal prosecutor for review and possible charges. Another important change is that incumbents cannot campaign in the tribal newspaper through their unit reports. Also, those tribal board members who are up for re-election are confined to only 500

words in their unit reports. The chair and board cannot support or oppose a candidate in their reports, I think there is a fine line here with censorship, and I voiced that concern. After much discussion on these few topics the majority ruled and this is an explanation of some of the changes. For a complete list, please call the administration office at (800) 793-0660.

The revisions that have been made are attempts to make the process better. The board did discuss what members from their areas had concerns with and the election committee was able to have input as well. In the end we have a code that has been reviewed, discussed and attempts are being made to address concerns that the members have. The committee needed clarification on many issues as well. I believe that our election code as well as other codes must be reviewed and discussed every few years to ensure that they are working in the best interest for our members.

The Constitution convention has had their first meeting. As explained to the board, the committee will be meeting in all the units so that members will have an opportunity to attend each of those. Meetings will be held in lower Michigan as well to ensure that outlying area members have full input. Meetings are held every other weekend and are open to the membership. A schedule will be posted in the tribal newspaper and other local papers. As stated before, I am confident that

the committee is fully capable of making recommendations for our constitution that will benefit all tribal members. We have members involved from all units and some that live outside the units. The committee members involved will have to dedicate two weekends out of each month to meet; they do this on a volunteer basis so there dedication for the betterment of our Tribe should be recognized.

This unit report will be submitted the week of March 7, 2006. At this time I am happy to report that the chair and board will be attending the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) conference in Washington D.C. the week of March 12 thru 16. The following is a few of the speakers who are slated to present at the conference: Congressman Dale E. Kildee; deputy assistant to the president, Ruben Barrales; executive director for the National Congress of American Indians, Jackie Johnson and Indian Health Policy Deputy Director Mary Lou Stanton.

Many other people that have direct impact on our government and important issue are invited to come. Once they hear first hand our concerns on a much more personal note makes the impact greater that having someone else speak for us. The board will also be meeting with legislators and lobbyist throughout the week to ensure that our issues are being voiced and we will be able to be on the front line to lobby for our concerns and needs for our communities. We have directed our

staff to prepare resolutions and issues that need to be discussed for our programs and services.

A few of the issues that are on the agenda to discuss are Native American health care, environmental protection, national Indian gaming, Indian tribal governmental legislation and many others. It is so important for our board to have contact with these representatives and staff as they have direct impact with the funds and critical issues that affect our tribe. Meetings will be held in our unit so that we can discuss the outcome of this important conference.

In our last paper, Director Rob Lambert reported that an official action that the board had taken in closed session was removed from the minutes by the direction of the chair. I will report that this, in fact, did happen and the act was unacceptable. Board members that agreed voiced their concern when we became aware of the incident. I want to assure you that every set of minutes I receive is completely reviewed. We should have a process in place that would immediately remove any chairperson or board member who is involved with tampering or removing items of official business from the minutes. It's very concerning when official business that is conducted in our meeting is able to be omitted as if the action was never taken. Please call me and give me your opinion on this issue. Baamaapii. Lana Causley, (906) 484-2954.





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## Nelson and Laroy announce engagement

Lesley Jeanette Nelson, daughter of James and Anita Nelson of Munising, and Dillyn Laroy Keith, son of Valerie Cushing, of Miles, Mich., and Dennis Keith of Coldwater, Mich., announce their engagement.



The bride-to-be graduated from Munising High School in 1998 and from Lake Superior State University in 2002 with a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and minors in psychology and human resource management. She was also a member of the women's Lake Superior State basketball team. She worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino while attending college and later interned for the tribe in the personnel department. Presently, Lesley works for the Douglas

County courts as a youth counselor supervisor in Gardnerville, Nev.

The groom-to-be graduated from Coldwater High School in 1997 and Lake Superior State University in both 2001 and 2002 with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice and an associate's in substance abuse counseling. In the beginning of his career, Dillyn worked as a corrections officer at an Arizona prison and a Nevada prison. Presently, Dillyn works as a recreational case manager at a Nevada state prison.

The couple's home is in Dayton, Nev., but they will be coming home to Munising, Mich., for their July 1 wedding.

Lesley J. Nelson, tribe member, is the proud descendant of the LaCoy/Lacaille, Liberty, Bebo family whose ancestry comes from Bai De Waisi, Sugar Island, Sault Ste. Marie that extends from Chippewa County to Marquette, to Alger County Mich.

## Hoyer and Compton to be married

Ms. Terri Hoyer and Mr. Sean Compton of Eastpointe, Mich., would like to announce their engagement.



The wedding is to take place on April 29, 2006 at St. Mary's of Royal Oak. The maid of honor shall be Mrs. Patricia Bugajewski of Warren, Mich. The best man shall be Mr. Robert Marchand, Jr. (Tribal law enforcement) of Sault Ste. Marie.

Terri is the daughter of the late Ms. Denise I. Hoyer of Royal Oak, Mich., and Mr. Edward E. Hoyer of Las Vegas, Nev. She has one brother, Eric Hoyer, of Ferndale, Mich. She is a graduate of Dondoro High School and has attended Oakland University. Terri is employed by The Charlton Group in St. Clair Shores.

Sean is the son of Ms. Sheila Compton and Mr. Joseph McPherson, both of Sault Ste. Marie. He has two sisters, Sarah Lowry and Amanda McPherson of Florence, Ky. He graduated from Sault High and has attended LSSU. He has also graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Brunswick, Ga. Sean is employed with the Department of Homeland Security as a federal immigration inspector.

Please join us all in wishing them many happy years together.

## ELECT KEITH MASSAWAY To the Board of Directors, UNIT III



**My Service to YOUR Community**

Eight years on the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and Past President

Eight years on the St. Ignace Convention and Visitors Bureau and Past President

Four years on the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Indians and current president.

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Two years on the St. Ignace Recreation Board

**"All these boards that I have served on and volunteered for shows that I have a dedication to the people of our community and I am willing to work hard for you."**

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- I WILL SET UP AN OFFICE SO YOU CAN MEET WITH ME IN PRIVATE
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I have always enjoyed the activities I do with the youth of our area. I have worked with the Parent Teacher Organization. I was instrumental in starting the first Fun Fair Carnival. I am a band booster and have chaperoned on trips to New York City and Holland, Michigan. I was heavily involved in getting the first Jazz Night for LaSalle High School Band in 2005. I am the head coach of the Junior Saints Football Team. I am also involved in Tribal youth and their Y.E.A. program.



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- DO YOU WANT A BOARD MEMBER WHO CARES?

**IF YOU SAID YES THAN VOTE FOR KEITH**

**Feel free to call me or e-mail me anytime to talk about other issues or concerns, your input will be gratefully accepted.**

**Keith Massaway  
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E-Mail ktmassaway@msn.com**

## Sunday Brunch at the Old Country Buffet

BY ANNE CASTON

*Here is a genial congregation, well fed and rosy with health and appetite, robust children in tow. They have come and all the generations of them, to be fed, their old ones too who are eligible now for a small discount, having lived to a ripe age.*

*Over the heaped and steaming plates, one by one, heads bow, eyes close; the blessings are said.*

*Here there is good will; here peace on earth, among the leafy greens, among the fruits of the gardens of America's heartland.*

*Here is abundance, here is the promised land of milk and honey, out of which a flank of the fatted calf, thick still on its socket and bone, rises like a benediction over the loaves of bread and the little fishes, belly-up in butter.*



This ad is endorsed by Keith Massaway.



✓ Re - Elect  
**Rob Lambert**  
 Tribal Board, Unit Three

I am asking for your continued support in the upcoming election. It has been a humbling experience to have served you as a member of the Board of Directors. Four years ago I told you that I was not just a candidate but also a concerned Tribal member with a sincere desire to serve the membership. That still holds true today.

- ✓ **I promised to hold monthly unit meetings**  
 Before being elected, unit meetings were non-existent in unit three. Today members can attend my unit meetings that are held every fourth Wednesday of the month. My agenda is for members to be able to address their concerns face to face with their elected representative.
- ✓ **I vowed to eliminate the quarter blood requirement**  
 Soon after being elected to the Board of Directors I spearheaded the fight to eliminate the unconstitutional quarter blood requirements to run for elected office. This was the first major step toward equal rights for every member.
- ✓ **Election reform**  
 We were able to accomplish the implementation of a primary election. This single act eliminated the ability of incumbents to use vote splitters to win easy re-elections.
- ✓ **Faithful attendance at board meetings**  
 I have an exemplary attendance record for the entire four years I have been a member of the Board of Directors. I take this responsibility seriously and understand that I can not represent you if I am not at the board meetings.

If you would like to volunteer your time by putting up yard signs or even stuffing some envelopes please call me at one of the numbers below or email me. If you would like to volunteer by circulating one of my nominating petitions, please give me a call or stop by the house.

**Rob Lambert** (906) 643-8840  
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"Robert J. Lambert endorses this advertisement"

## Higher Education Programs

By JANICE M. LEWTON,  
 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Currently, our fax machine is not working. Until further notice, please use (906) 635-6511.

**Important message**

Because many students will be moving after the school year ends, it is very important that if you're moving we need to have your new mailing address and/or your telephone number. Send us a note when you send in your grades.

**2005-06 School year Higher Education Self- Sufficiency Fund**  
 Effective immediately students

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

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

First-time participants for the 2006-07 school year please contact our office to request an application. Call (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or (906) 635-7784.

However, if you live outside of Michigan and do not plan on attending a Michigan state-supported school, you can go to the Tribe's web site at; www.saulttribe.org and under "Education" complete the online application.

**E-mail addresses:**  
 Occasionally, we would like to

send students information via e-mail, such as other grants and scholarships (outside of Sault Tribe's), Web sites, etc. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address.

If you have questions or concerns contact us at any time. Call (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email at jlewton@saulttribe.net Mailing address: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie MI 49783.

## High school students wanted to learn about Lake Superior environment

Be one of the selected high school students who will live and learn on Lake Superior. Learn about your personal leadership style using low and high ropes courses and climbing walls that offer safe, but challenging activities to build your skills. Get immersed in the Lake Superior environment. Kayak to its sea caves.

Gain insight into Lake's cultural significance and the Anishinaabe or Chippewa tribe's reliance on it as you interact with tribal elders and educators. Students will lodge at Northland College's Environmental Living

and Learning Center dormitory, located in Ashland, Wis. Some nights will be spent camping on secluded beaches along the lake. Educators, faculty, and field counselors, will facilitate your experiences in small groups together with guest speakers, and area natural resource professionals.

Each Session can hold 40 students, which are then divided into four small groups of 10 students. Each small group stays together throughout the week, and is assigned a highly trained field counselor that accompanies them day and night throughout their experience.

Summer 2006 Dates: Session I: July 9 - 15, Session II: July 23 - 29, Session III: July 30 - August 5. Application deadline: May 1.

Cost is \$250 per person and includes room, board, equipment, and instruction for six days. Participants must provide own transportation to and from Ashland, Wis. Financial aid is available. Kids in grades 9-12 as of fall 2006 are eligible. To apply, call Elizabeth Post, Lake Superior Pathfinders program director, (715) 682-1482 phone or e-mail pathfinders@northland.edu

# Goetz to earn Ph.D. in film making



Chris Goetz

Chris Goetz is on his way to earning a Ph.D. in film making. "The film programs I applied to all accept only a very small class (3-6 per year). I got into four of the best film Ph.D. programs in the nation (Iowa, Berkeley, Brown and Wisconsin-Madison). Brown, Berkeley and Wisconsin-Madison are all offering packages which would potentially fully fund my Ph.D. studies."

Goetz said he was accepted into so many programs because he applied to so many and had a lot of help. "Something like this isn't easy without a lot of support from back home, which I am very lucky to have from all over the place — from Mom, Jaclyn, Chris, Dad, Grandma, Uncle Larry, Uncle Dave and Aunt Bev, Mr. and Mrs. Edgerly, and also from the Sault Tribe — they've given me so much financial help — the scholarships, the incentive awards every year, the internship — but they also provided me with access to a closely-knit community down here at MSU, the North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO), who made my first year here at MSU a lot less trying than it might have been.

"It was nice to have such a large and interesting group of friends right off the bat. I bonded with them right away on the NAISO retreat in the fall of 2002, here at MSU. How many students applying to Ph.D. programs in film studies had that kind of help from back home?"

Goetz has had offers from the University of California-Berkeley's film Ph.D. program which received 150 applicants this year, admitted five. He was also offered a highly competitive fellowship for study at Berkeley for a \$21,000 annual stipend plus tuition and fees for years one, two and five.

He has also had offers of support and assistance from Brown, the University of Chicago, Iowa, Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Michigan.



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**Stork report . . .**

**Lila Lee Aikens** was born Oct. 7, 2005, to proud parents Robert and Kristy Aikens of Canton, Mich., and big sister Ally Aikens. Lila weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length. She is the great granddaughter of Robert John Aikens of Sault Ste. Marie, and Gloria Krissy, granddaughter of Robert James Aikens of Detroit and Sandy Krissy.



Karen Sabatine, Sue Pertruski, Key West, Fla., Sonny and Mary Ann Rostien, Jim Pertruski, Sharon Wright and Jan and Penny Wright.

She has a great-great-grandmother, Ella Mitchell of Rochester, N.Y.

**Makala Madison**, daughter of Lawrence D. and Kathleen M. Rickley of Mackinac Island, was born Feb. 11, 2006, at 1:27 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She weighed seven pounds, 2.9 ounces and was 18 inches in length. Proud grandparents are Larry and Irene Rickley of Mackinac Island and Beverly and the late Gary Green of Miles City, Mont.



**Meghan Lynn Wright** was born to Timothy John and Jamie Wright Dec. 18, 2005, in Copperas Cove, Texas. She has a sister, Zxanthia Wright. Her grandparents are Kathy Sabatine Wright of Peoria, Ariz., Deric Wright of Sitka, Alaska. Her great-grandparents are

**Bostic earns Class A license**



Eva Marie Bostic, daughter of Sault Tribe member Francis A. Blair, has completed a commercial truck driver training course and earned her Class A license. She was one woman in a class of 20 students and had a GPA of 3.7. She was funded through the Higher Education Vocational Training Program. "She has brought pride to her father's home," said Blair.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and updating your new address so you won't miss an issue of *The Sault Tribe News*. Call (906) 635-3396, (906) 632-8552 or toll free (800) 251-6597.

**Local band brings new twist to music**

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

What began as a joke between two friends has become a joint business venture between four members of a local band called Clown Sack.

The group formed in May 2005 after turning their joke into a reality. Band members are known by stage names only to keep their identities hidden: Lead vocals (Schloppy), bass guitar (Slappy), (Buttercookie) plays rhythm and lead guitar, drummer (Scratchy) and (Doinky) is the bands mascot, a dancing clown full of non stop energy. Three of the five band members are Sault Tribe members.

The band is ready to release their debut CD "Rotten Candy" by the end of March with 13 original songs. "The songs were all written in less than three months. The actual recording process took us about that long as well. Our songs, themes and costumes originated from a clown theme but with a twist, vampire clowns," Schloppy said.

Their music and stage show is full of high energy. "Our music really has to be heard, it's hard to put it in a category because it has many influences. The costumes for the most part are designed by each band member and each member takes on his own identity." The masks that are worn are latex prosthetics and can take up to three hours to apply. "We are trying to keep it all unique so that each show has something new to experience," said Schloppy.

The band plans on playing clubs in the Detroit area that promote original material. Schloppy said, "We all know what is at stake and what we want.



Back L to R: Bass guitar (Slappy), Lead vocals (Schloppy), (Buttercookie) plays rhythm and lead guitar; Front L to R: drummer (Scratchy) and (Doinky) is the bands mascot.

Everyone has a fair and equal share of responsibilities in this band and that is why I believe it works so well. We had a plan right from the start and that helped. The sky is the limit, it is not something we are doing just to have fun, we really want to try and become successful."

The band plans on producing a music DVD of some of the songs from their debut album "Rotten Candy." The DVD will also include behind the scenes footage of the band and is expected to be filmed this summer.

The bands first performance was at the Satisfied Frog in Sault Ste. Marie. "We consider that the birth place of Clown Sack. The owner truly believes in us and has helped us greatly," said Schloppy. The band has played four shows so far. "We have had a good response from the Sault area and have obtained quite a few loyal fans. We are trying to keep our shows in town a surprise, you never know where or when we

will be playing next," Schloppy said.

The band hopes to begin traveling throughout the country and eventually overseas. They also hope to play a few festivals this summer to expose the band to as many people as possible.

The \$10 CD, "Rotten Candy," will be available online April 1, on the band's official website at [www.clownsack.com](http://www.clownsack.com).

The CD can also be purchased in April online at CD Baby, [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com), as well as some local retailers.

Merchandise, photos and downloadable video clips are also available on the band's Web site. A CD release party is in the works and is slated for sometime in April. Check the band's Web site to stay informed of locations and dates.

"We appreciate everyone's support in the Sault. It's what makes us continue to do what we love to do, play music and entertain," said Schloppy.

**One of first Head Start grads returns as teacher aide**

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

The tribe offers many programs aimed at helping tribal youth with their educational and career goals. Lindsey Barras knows how important these programs are from first hand experience.

About 15 years ago in a portable classroom on Marquette Ave. where JKL Bahweting school now is, Lindsey attended the first Sault Tribe Head Start class. Her teacher was Ann Suggitt and teacher aides were Nina Litzner and Mary Snider, with George Snider driving the Head Start bus. Mikki Messer was the original Head Start cook and is still making nutritious meals for the kids today.

Barras continued on through school and in 2004, with one year of high school left, became a Work Investment Act (WIA) student worker for the Head Start program. After graduating in 2005 she applied and was hired as a part time teacher aide. "She was a great student worker and is now a wonderful addition to our staff; very reliable and dependable," said Child Care Manager Roberta Verdone.

"A benefit of being a tribe member is that you can work for the tribe, work your way up and have a successful career. I look at



L to R: Kiah Marsh, 14 months; Lindsey Barras, 18, holding Autumn Wright, four months; and John Robinson, two years old. The children are in Ms. Wendy Eby's infant room at the Sault Tribe Child Care Center.

Photo by Brenda Austin

Lindsey and think wow, she was a Head Start student, a WIA worker and is now employed with the tribe in our program. Opportunities are there for our kids," Verdone said.

Barras said she also spent some time at JKL Bahweting volunteering as a student worker. "In high school I had a child care class and as part of the curriculum we volunteered as student workers at different schools in the area. I was at JKL Bahweting a few hours a week for a semester and two weeks

working with the kids there," she said.

Verdone said Lindsey has a great attitude and work ethic. "Lindsey can be scheduled for a shift, be sent home because we are down on kids, be called back in again because someone went home sick and she is here just like that. She never says no and always has a beautiful smile on her face."

Lindsey's parents are Annette Barras and her significant other, Ron Brabant.

# CMU survey to monitor wolf, human interaction

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. — Ma-en-gun, the wolf, was sent as a companion to walk, talk and play with original man, according to an Ojibway account of the creation of earth and all its inhabitants, including a portion of northern Michigan soon to be surveyed by a Central Michigan University wildlife biologist.

"American Indians have a very close relationship with animals and believe that their lives are intertwined," said CMU associate professor Tom Gehring, who will conduct a survey of wolves with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. "American Indians have a very spiritual understanding of how the creator meshed their lives together. So, many American Indians have a vested interest in seeing wolves recover in the upper and northern lower peninsulas of Michigan."

Gehring received a \$78,000 three-year grant from the tribe to conduct a survey of wolf populations in Cheboygan, Emmet and Presque Isle counties at the tip of Michigan's northern lower peninsula.

With the tribe's help, Gehring and two graduate students, Anna Cellar of Ohio and Shawn Rossler of Pentwater, also will be developing a plan for monitoring and mapping wolf recovery. Gehring is recruiting a third graduate student to help develop an educational outreach program and work on the management plan for the tribe.

The survey methods will be able to be duplicated by other researchers or wildlife conservation agencies. Some of the monitoring practices may appear to be a bit unusual.

"We are going to do tracking and howling surveys," said Gehring. "We drive along and howl; if the wolves are in hearing distance, they howl back. Students learn to do this by listening to the wolves howl. It's a protocol students learn. Using this technique, we can estimate the number of wolves and, more importantly, if pups are present."

The number of wolves has increased in Michigan since the 1990's, with last year's winter count yielding more than 400 wolves in the Upper Peninsula.

A wolf was killed in the Presque Isle County area last year, said Gehring. Biologists know the animal came from the Upper Peninsula because it wore a radio collar from the Department of Natural Resources. There have been other reported sightings of wolves.

Gehring's reputation and previous experience with wolves throughout northern Michigan and Wisconsin and his knowledge of American Indian culture were important to the tribe in making this award.

Gehring has spent the last 14 years studying wolf populations. He and CMU students helped the DNR with a March 2005 survey of wolf populations in other areas of the state.

## RE-ELECT Robert (Bob) LaPoint

Unit 2 Board Of Directors and Vice Chairman

**Effective Leadership  
Full Time Board Member  
Elder and Statesman  
Experienced Businessman**



**BOB LAPOINT**  
Vice Chairman  
Unit 2 Director

### Straight Talk

I am a life long resident of Drummond Island, currently serving as Vice Chairman and Unit 2 representative. I do not represent any special interest group or faction within the Tribe. This campaign should be about issues, ideas, and not partisan personalities.

As Vice Chairman I have been trying to help our new administration and we are making some significant progress. Passing the Balanced Budget Resolution was a good first step. The Balanced Budget Resolution was a first priority initiative of mine in the last election. We need to keep our Tribal debt from going higher. I participate in the budget review process so that I can report to the members our current financial situation. It would be helpful if more board members were involved. It may be time for the board to have a budget committee.

The tribe owes close to \$650,000,000 million dollars. Paying down our debt is our biggest challenge and I am trying to find ways to do this. I have been making recommendations on ways to save money. We also need to focus on other ways to increase our revenue. After the last election, construction on the St. Ignace casino had almost come to a halt. I kept pushing and pushing and now we are finally back on track.

I believe the best way to serve the membership "is" to be full time. I don't think just attending board meetings is enough. Doing a little home work and research is what we are also being paid for.

Many other important issues will be addressed in reforming the Constitution. I have always supported the idea for Constitutional reform so we can address the problems of Double Dipping, Term Limits and creating a Independent Judiciary.

I think the board is starting to see that working together is the best way to move forward. That does not mean we should be rubber stamp board members. I think those days are past. What we have now is a very independent board and this is healthy for Tribal democracy. Political bickering is not my style. Keeping a close eye on the budget is. I have been keeping the members informed with my monthly Unit Report and I will continue to do so. There have been many positive changes and I want to help the board continue moving in the right direction. Together we can do great things.

906-493-5311

Sincerely  
Bob LaPoint

#### MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE

In my first campaign for Chairman we coined the phrase "Unit Six." Since that time, the name has come to mean something. Representation for members at large and south of the bridge have been ignored long enough. There are ideas beyond political that could support this process. Cultural support, business expansion, maybe even a "at large representative." This could be accomplished while reforming the Constitution.

#### ELIMINATE BLOOD QUANTUM

We need to send all our children to school. The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver needs to be addressed. The 1/4 blood quantum is wrong. We should not be forced by the State of Michigan to discriminate against our own members. We need to get tougher with the State. We need to start a process to fight to remove the blood quantum so we won't have any of our children left behind. Blood quantum at minimum is not fair and at worse case scenario it is racist.

#### JOB CREATION

New Business Development is very important. We need to research projects that can create jobs for our members. We need to begin to shift our thinking. New ideas are plentiful but breaking the habit of old thinking is the problem. As a sovereign nation we should be part of the global economy. We can take advantage of our government to government status. Being an Indian Tribe is a real door opener.

**GOOD GOVERNMENT IS DERIVED FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY TO VOTE.**

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is March 28 at 9 a.m. Questions call (906) 632-6398.

My Name Is  
**Frances LaPoint-Hank**  
And I am running for  
Unit 2  
Board Of Directors



**GOALS:**

- \* Actively seek to make mandatory for the hiring and training of TRIBAL MEMBERS for all supervisor and management positions
- \* Term Limits
- \* More Board accountability to all TRIBAL MEMBERS
- \* Board Unification. We need a working Board not a fighting Board
- \* Personnel Policy, the present policy protects the tribe

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

Paid Adv. Endorsed by Frances LaPoint-Hank

**UNIT II TRIBAL MEMBERS**



Lisa Burnside

**I WILL WORK FOR OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS FULL TIME**

My name is Lisa Burnside. I'm running for the UNIT II Board of Directors seat in the upcoming election. I will not use negative campaigning, nor will I make promises I can't keep. One promise I can keep however, is to continue to look after the future of our Tribe. That starts with wisdom of our elders and the continuing support of our tribal youth. As they are tomorrow's leaders. With the combined efforts of our elders that carry the teachings of our grandfathers and the energy of the youth from our children, I believe we can overcome all obstacles.

I WILL BE A STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR ELDERS  
I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR TRIBAL YOUTH  
I WILL ENCOURAGE MORE TRIBAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

**Let Your Voice Be Heard VOTE**

**LISA BURNSIDE**

Unit II Next Election

Phone (906)484-2239 or lisa\_burnside2000@yahoo.com

**"POSITIVE THOUGHTS BRING POSITIVE ACTION"**

Paid Adv. Endorsed by Lisa Burnside

**ELECT Clifford Bellant**  
Unit 2  
**TRIBAL BOARD**



**ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE**

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

We Need Fair Employment Practices For Tribal Employees

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

We Need To Increase Education Funding For Members

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

**REFORM**

We Need Expansion Of Wage And Benefits For Employees

**COMMITMENT**

I Will Serve As A Full Time Representative And Use My Years Of Experience To Help Move The Tribe Forward

**PAST EXPERIENCE**

Employed With Kewadin Shores For 7 Years  
12 Years Managerial Experience For GM  
Worked Both Hourly and Salaried  
Served On The Board In The Past and Ready To Represent You Again

cbellant@up.net (906)595-7227

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**Bay Pharmacy Midgets 5-0 at Holland Tourney**



Bay Pharmacy Midget Hockey Team won the championship of the Great Lakes Holland Tournament. Team members include (front, from left) Cody Gonyeau, Jack Goudreau, Francis Pingatore, Ronnie Bennett, Zach Ewing, Jared Lucas and Paul Eberts; (back row) Coach Willie Soden, Assistant Coaches Levi Eby and Matt Parker, Taylor Dykstra, Tyler Christensen, Nick Benko, Brian Bumstead, Devin McGahey, Chris Coullard, Matt Zalewski, Ben LaFord, Kyle McGahey, Coach Doug Goudreau, and Michael Goetz.

*Story reprinted with permission from The St. Ignace News*

The Bay Pharmacy Midget hockey team recorded a 5-0 record and won the championship of the Great lakes Holland Tournament Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18.

Jared Lucas, the goaltender for Bay Pharmacy, was named Most Valuable Player of the event after allowing just five goals in three games.

In the championship game, Bay defeated Kalamazoo 2-0 as Ronnie Bennett and Tyler Christensen scored single goals and Lucas was in net.

Bay Pharmacy opened the tournament with a 3-2 win over Clarkston Prep. That was followed by a 6-3 decision over Kalamazoo Wings. Matt Zalewski and Christensen led the way with two goals each and Taylor Dykstra and Jack Goudreau both

notched single goals.

Christensen registered a hat trick, Mike Goetz added two goals, and Dykstra chipped in one goal, while Lucas posted a 6-2 victory in goal over Ann Arbor Wolves.

During the semifinal game, Bay upended Fort Wayne 4-1 as Christensen scored two goals and Cody Gonyeau and Goudreau each charted single goals.

**Anishinaabemowin language teg conference sponsorship**

Would you like to attend the Anishinaabemowin Language Conference March 30 through April 2 at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie? The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Cultural Division's Ojibwe Language Program has some sponsorships available. The number of sponsorships is limited, with Elders, language students, and Sault Tribe Members receiving priority! If you are interested, please contact:

Cultural Division  
Attn: Wendi Pages  
206 Greenough Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

(906) 632-7384 Office \* \* (906) 440-3761 cell \* \* (906) 632-7059 fax  
or e-mail: wpages@saulttribe.net

# It feels right, vote Nathan Wright!

**Unit I Sault Tribe Board of Directors**

**Full time BOD - common sense - experienced - diplomatic**

Educated by elders, enlightened by  
 awareness, driven by integrity

## Quick facts

- ⇒ Veteran - U.S. Marine Corps.
- ⇒ Extensive knowledge of Tribal operations and history.
- ⇒ Active member in the Tribal community.
- ⇒ Ten years corporate experience in the communications field.
- ⇒ Employed since 2003 by the Tribe.
- ⇒ Will resign position when elected.
- ⇒ Personable, good sense of humor and enjoys fishing.
- ⇒ Will turn 40 this fall.
- ⇒ ISSU student pursuing a business degree.
- ⇒ Resides in Sault Ste. Marie with wife Elaine (Young) and children Alicia, Alex and Autumn.

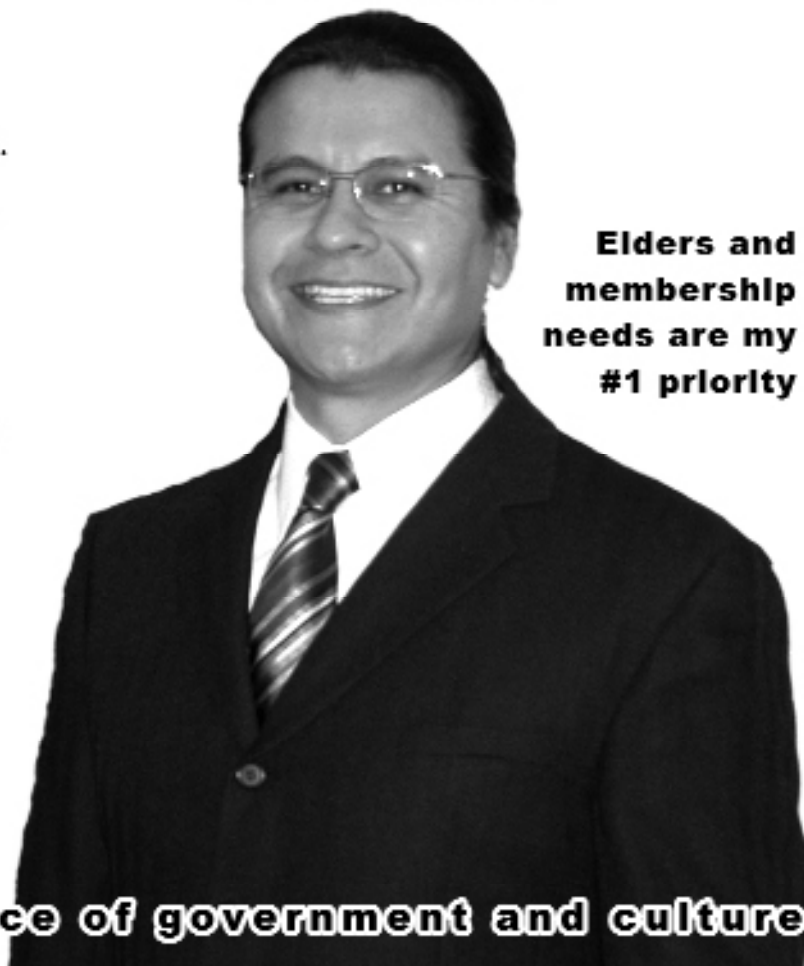
## Sovereign

- ⇒ "I think for myself, no one will pull my strings."
- Nathan Wright

**Offering the right balance of government and culture**

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

*Join us for a pancake breakfast  
 in support of Nathan Wright  
 Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 at the American Legion  
 in Sault Ste. Marie  
 \$4.00 per person - 50/50 raffle*



**Elders and membership needs are my #1 priority**

*This ad is endorsed by Nathan Wright.*

# How many farms can you fit in one apartment?

The kitchen table is laden with fresh and wholesome organic tomatoes, baby lettuces, summer squash and fresh herbs. A scene from Country Homes or Ranch Living? Think again. Within the confines of our concrete jungles, a new breed of gardener has emerged, one willing to work every inch of available real estate to produce tiny porch gardens and patio crops.

Urban gardening calls for a new set of skills — the tools to get started, choosing the right crops and their proper care. Organic farming innovator Jay North is a world-class developer of time tested organic practices. In his new book, *The Windowsill Organic Gardener: Organic Growing for the Urban Gardener*, Jay offers a step-by-step guide to grow vegetables, herbs and edible flowers in a space as small as a windowsill box. His organic process is easy to follow and does not require complex equipment for hydroponics or high intensity lighting.

"I guarantee you there is plenty of room in your apartment to grow what you love, year-round, no weeds and no pests," said North. "For thirty years I have developed tested methods for farmers and gardeners interested in a healthier way to grow food. The final frontier is the urban dwelling. After you try organic growing you're hooked. You can't wait to get home to see what bloomed or sprouted. It's easy and it's a lot of fun. Best of all, you can do all your farming in your pajamas!"

For more information visit [www.goingorganic.com](http://www.goingorganic.com).

## Tobacco use or abuse

BY MICHELLE WILLIS,  
 SAULT TRIBE COMMUNITY  
 HEALTH EDUCATOR

Tobacco or Semaá (as it is known in Ojibwe) is one of the four sacred medicines of the Anishinaabe people. As a medicine, it has the power to heal many illnesses if used properly. If it is abused, like any medicine, it has the power to hurt and even kill us. Tobacco is a plant indigenous to the American continent. Various parts of the plants were first used to heal different sicknesses such as fevers, headaches, bowel problems and certain blood disorders. Other uses include offering it as a sign of respect and in prayer during ceremony. When Europeans were first exposed to tobacco many of them did not learn how to use this medicine according to its "prescription." Smoking and chewing commercial tobacco is not part of the prescription.

In time, tobacco use turned into money making abuse. Research and statistics tell us that tobacco abuse is the leading

preventable cause of death in the United States, killing more than 400,000 people every year. Every day, about 4,000 kids try their first cigarettes; another 1,500 kids become addicted smokers, one-third of whom will die prematurely as a result. The National Tribal Tobacco Prevention Network shares these truths about tobacco company advertising:

Fact: -Some of the goals of tobacco ads are to get youth to start smoking, to get smokers to switch brands, to get the public to recognize brand names, to build brand loyalty, and to get people familiar and comfortable with tobacco products in their everyday lives.

Fact: -Tobacco companies mislead people and kids into thinking that smoking cigarettes is cool and that everybody does it. The truth is that more people don't smoke.

Fact: -Children and teenagers make up the majority of all new smokers, and the tobacco industry's advertising and promotion campaigns target young people

by using giveaways and promotional displays or signs placed at a child's eye level.

Fact: -To target Native Americans for future customers, some tobacco companies use Native American images and cultural symbols in their advertising. Natural American Spirit Cigarettes are not owned or made by Native Americans. RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company makes them and about one of every four cigarettes sold in the U.S.

1200 people die every day from commercial tobacco use and second hand smoke. That's one person every 72 seconds. Don't let big business tobacco companies get the best of you and your family. If you are a smoker trying to quit, keep on quitting. You can do it! Sault Tribe offers services, medications, and support that can ease withdrawal from tobacco and help you quit. For more information, contact Community Health at (906) 632-5210.

## Yoga for health

Lee Carlson is a registered social worker and certified yoga therapist with an M.A. in Health Education. She has taught yoga classes and stress management for more than twenty-five years in Lower Michigan and across the Upper Peninsula.

Yoga classes:  
 Tuesday nights, Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium, 2864 Ashmun.

March 14 through May 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Classes may run 15 minutes longer than scheduled. Cost is \$60.

Please note that Lee also teaches at the Soo Theatre Arts Resource Studio at 534 Ashmun:

Mon. and Wed. 7:15-8:45 a.m.; Wed. 9:30-11 a.m.; Thurs.

10-11:30 a.m.;

Tues. and Thurs. 12:10-1 p.m. Call (906) 632-1930.

Yoga is a form of exercise promoting flexibility, strength, and relaxation. It is noncompetitive and enhances physical and emotional health through the coordination of slow, purposeful movements, deep breathing, and conscious muscle relaxation. Anyone can benefit, regardless of your previous level of experience or flexibility. Wear loose, comfortable clothing or footless tights. There is a class limit of 15.

Please bring a blanket to class.

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

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

Listen for Sault Tribe This Week with Tom Ewing scheduled on Tuesdays on AM 1230 WSOO at 9:35 a.m., WNBX-FM 12:37 p.m. and 5:38 p.m. in Newberry and WIDG-AM 9:04 a.m. in St. Ignace.

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

# CANDIDATES - CHALLENGE - INCUMBENTS

- What is the definition of Full Time or Part Time board member?
- The most popular campaign promise is to say we will work full time.

## ★ What if I said, I don't believe it is a full time job but ask for you to vote for me anyway? ★

It can hardly be a full time job for at least a handful of our directors because they have other full time jobs. What I think the candidates are saying is they won't take a second job if elected but that still does not mean being a board representative is a full time job.

I think that the members should decide if they think our board representatives are full time or part time and adjust the pay accordingly. I propose that the salary of our directors be reduced to the level it was prior to the last increase.

I also propose that any further increases should be decided by the members and be based on profits and new revenue.

### ★ This could also be written into the new constitution.

- Incumbent board members don't put in a 40 hour work week.
- Incumbent board members don't have a job description.
- Candidates make promises they are going to be full time when in fact there is no full time job for them to do.
- If we are "part-time" board members, we should not expect to be paid full time salary.
- Members should ask the board to roll back their salaries; or the members could do this through referendum.
- With out the big salary there would be less fighting and those who serve would do so for the right reasons.
- The reason the board members stick together once they get elected is because they know they are on the gravy train.

## Fighting For The Members



VOTE  
**LYNNE  
WEAVER**

Unit One Board


"I will always act in the best interest of the Tribe."

### ★ Most Highly Qualified ★

More than 30 years of business experience

- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Budget Planning          | Human Resources     |
| Internal Audit Functions | Policy Development  |
| Inventory Control        | Community Relations |

**Licensed Realtor In The State Of Michigan.**

"My knowledge of business and real estate will help in making educated decisions."  elect WEAVER

### ★ BUSINESS ACTION PLAN ★

Increase revenue through new business development that will provide long term employment for members. Revenue could go into the elders fund.

Promote career development with certification programs and job training. Create a Data bank of members for future employment opportunities and executive job search.

Ask for input from employees for cost saving ideas and reward those whose plans have value.

Recognize the talent of our member artisans and craftsman and utilize the retail space next to the administration building to promote their work or sell it online through dedicated web site.

Paid For Advt. Endorsed By Committee To Elect Lynne Weaver



# Weight loss matters

By Linda Cook, BSN, RN, diabetes case coordinator

Weight Loss Matters is an American Diabetes Association program that will help you lose weight and take care of your diabetes. You can lose weight and keep it off. Your first step is to talk with your doctor about losing weight. It can be hard to talk about weight loss. But Weight Loss Matters will help you get started.

As a Sault Tribe diabetes case coordinator in the Community Health Program I believe that it is important to help people with diabetes to understand what they can do to help themselves manage their diabetes. As I looked at this program I began thinking that this would be of use to some community members. Therefore I am going to share.

Weight Loss Matters, studies have shown that a moderate loss of weight (5-10 percent of a person's weight) will significantly reduce your risk of diabetes mellitus type 2. This makes more sense if I say "a woman who is 200 pounds would have to lose 10 pounds for a 5 percent weight loss and 20 pounds for a 10 percent weight loss." Weight loss should be achieved by making lifestyle change that one is able to maintain everyday.

Eating three meals a day and allowing for snacks between meals is realistic. The schedule for a person may be breakfast at 8 a.m., snack at 10:30, lunch at noon, mid-afternoon snack at 3 p.m., dinner at 5 or so, and a snack around bedtime. Not everyone can follow the same schedule, but spread your food intake out

throughout the day.

If you have diabetes it is important to see a registered dietitian at least once a year. A registered dietitian is trained in nutrition and will help you figure out food needs based on your desired weight, lifestyle, medication, and other health goals. Learning how to balance food intake and activity is important in health management.

Exercise is critical to achieve weight loss goals. Always talk to your doctor before starting an exercise program. Exercise should be fun, and active. You may like dancing therefore an aerobic class may be the thing for you. Maybe it is swimming that gives you enjoyment. The key is to talk it over with your healthcare team and get started. The American Diabetes Association recommends 30 minutes a day at least five days a week. Does that sound like a lot? Start out with a short term goal "three days a week 20 minutes per day." Your goal may be; a 20 minute walk on Monday, aerobic class on Wednesday, and 20 minutes of snowshoeing on Friday. Gradually increase your goal as your routine becomes easier. The important thing is to have fun and enjoy what you're doing.

Set goals that you will be able to obtain. Do not set too many goals at one time. Go back and check your goals to see if you are heading in the right direction. If you read your goals often you can live by them. Put them in plain sight and read them everyday.

Get started on that new path to health and wellness.

## Sticking to your exercise goals

SUBMITTED BY DONNA NORKOLI

Having a problem beginning or getting back into some physical activities or workouts? It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Momentum. Especially in the beginning, your routine runs fairly smooth. Then "it" happens. "It" may be a vacation, a birthday party, the flu, or just taking care of everyday business. Suddenly you're off course and can't seem to get back on. The key is to build up the momentum once again. Here are a few ideas...

- Work on effort rather than goals. How about this - stand on your treadmill! Or, try for five-ten minutes rather than 30, just to get back into the routine.

- Reward yourself. Buy yourself some new music, walking shoes, or magazine. Something to motivate toward momentum.

- Find a buddy. Plan some walks or gym time with a friend. This will give you support and motivation to be there.

- Try something new. Maybe a new yoga video, belly dancing or ballroom dancing lessons. Go a little wild and have fun!

2. Live in the moment. Try not to focus on yesterday's pizza binge, or not getting in your exercise last week. Remember you can't undo what you already did. Making daily choices - in the moment - will help you to curb getting off track. Here are some

hints...

- Focus on daily short term goals rather than long term ones. List some things you'd like to accomplish today with activity.

- This might be a 30 minute walk, 2,000 steps on your pedometer, or five servings of fruits and vegetables. Don't worry about tomorrow, just get through today.

- Don't beat yourself up mentally. Allow yourself a short five minutes of being upset that you didn't get in five days of walking last week, then move on. Focus on today, not yesterday.

3. Know yourself. If you're bored with what you are doing, or dreading getting back into it, try something new. Ask yourself some important questions:

- What time of day do you most enjoy your activities - morning, after work?

- Do you enjoy being with another person, groups, or doing activities alone?

- What activities did you enjoy growing up?

- If you could choose any activity to do, what would it be?

- What do you enjoy about your activities?

- What do you dislike? Answers to these questions, gaining a little momentum, and staying in the moment, may help you to get yourself on track and keep you moving toward your fitness goals.

# Candidate profiles are due April 18 by 5 p.m.

The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is March 28 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

# ELECT JACKIE (HALFADAY) MINTON

Unit 1 Sault Tribe Board of Directors

## ACCOUNTABILITY

### Strategic Planning

The Board of Directors does not have a strategic plan for the membership. I will push for the development and implementation of clear and purposeful five, 10, 15 year plans.

### Ethics Code

I will continue to stress the need for an ethics code that will reflect the morals and values of the tribal community; setting a standard of conduct to insure integrity in our leadership.

**"As your elected official I will look to the people for direction in planning and decision making to assure my voice represents the Tribal citizens I serve. I will do this through bi-weekly unit meetings and seasonal Tribal wide Grand Council meetings."**

**March 24**

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Jackie Halfaday Minton

Email  
minton4bod@yahoo.com

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

**April 24**

**World renown and award winning magician Gene Anderson will perform at the Kinross Rec. Center. A fun family event with a cover charge of \$10 per family**

**(906) 495-5165**

## Leadership Can Make A Difference

### Re-Elect Dennis McKelvie Unit 1 Board Of Directors

Our Tribe is going through many changes, which means many votes are being cast on different issues. The changes and votes we make must be made in the best interest of the Tribe as a whole. Experience matters, even before being elected to serve as your representative. I attended all the board meetings.

As your elected representative, I owe it to you to make sound and informed decisions. Change needs to take place and certain changes are good for the Tribe. As your representative, I want to try and ensure that these changes are not short term decisions that are made to benefit only a select few.

**"The Membership Is The Tribe"**

To Do This:

We must weigh each and every factor that affects these decisions.

We must not make hasty decisions.

**"PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE IS PART OF OUR ELECTED RESPONSIBILITY AND I WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EDUCATED AND INFORMED DECISIONS."**

We must fully disclose our intentions on decisions to the members. You have the right to know all the decisions that affect the tribe.

**"WE DO THINGS THAT A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU, AS OUR MEMBER CONSTITUENTS ARE INFORMED."**

Paid Adv. Endorsed by Dennis McKelvie



**"We need to stop questionable, excessive expenses without taking into account their long term financial affects on our budget." I have voted no on all questionable items.**

**"Our Greentown partners receive nearly \$600,000 per year in consulting fees, that is \$1.2 million in two years and \$1.8 million in three years. We need to stop this wasteful spending so we can have resources for our members."**

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**BROUGHT MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE 1/4 BLOOD QUANTUM SOME MEMBERS COULD RUN FOR OFFICE AND THE MOTION GOT PASSED**

**BROUGHT MOTION TO HAVE THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE MOTION WAS PASSED**

**BROUGHT MOTION TO ELIMINATE THE HOCKEY TEAM AND SAVED THE TRIBE \$700,000 DOLLARS AND THE MOTION PASSED**

**CHANGE CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD SUPPORT GREAT IDEAS**

# You may have diabetes and not know it

BY LINDA COOK, BSN, RN, DIABETES CASE COORDINATOR

ADAPTED FROM ADA MATERIAL

March 28 is American Diabetes Alert Day. The goal of this one day call to action is to raise awareness that diabetes is a serious illness.

Diabetes can be a silent disease. You may have the disease but not recognize the symptoms. Diabetes can damage organs in the body like the eyes, the heart, and kidneys. This damage may be occurring before a person is diagnosed.

Blood glucose is always in our bloodstream because it is a necessary component for the body to make energy to keep us going. Blood glucose in the right amount equals energy. When blood glucose levels are too high in the bloodstream, like they are in unmanaged diabetes, the body has no energy and the person becomes tired.

Your risk for diabetes increases

as you get older, when you gain too much weight, or if you are not an active person. Diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Other risk factors include family history of diabetes and having a blood pressure higher than 130/80mm Hg. You are also at greater risk if you had gestational diabetes or had a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth.

You can do things now to lower your risk for diabetes:

- Keep or get your weight in control;
- Eat more fruits and vegetable and whole grain foods;
- Stay active most days of the week;
- At your next doctors visit ask about diabetes and discuss your risk.

Make a commitment to learn about diabetes. Stay involved in your health.

## Diabetic neuropathy – it can affect more than your feet

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Community Health Program will be offering a class on diabetic neuropathy. The class will be held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on Thursday, March 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This class provides an overview of the various types of

neuropathy caused by diabetes, how they may affect the body, and the treatments available for management. You are welcome to bring a friend or family member. If you would like to attend this class please call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 to register.

Note that date, time, and location are subject to change.

## Basics of diabetes class offered

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Community Health Program will be offering a Basics of Diabetes and Living a Full Life Class at the Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

This class will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a class you will want to attend if you just found out you have diabetes, if you would like to receive diabetes education, or it's been a while since you have

had an update on diabetes.

The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, a meal and the chance to ask questions.

If you would like to attend the Basics of Diabetes class, please call Community Health (906) 632-5210 to register.

Note that date, time and location are subject to change.

## Substance abuse recovery meetings schedule

Sault Tribe's American Indian Substance Abuse program (AISA) is hosting a variety of new recovery meetings at the Shedawin Building at 2154 Shunk Road.

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

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

**Monday, 6 p.m.** – Alateen and 7:30 p.m. - Women's AA

**Tuesday, no meetings.**  
**Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.** sewing and craft night.

**Thursday, 6 p.m.** – Alanon.

**Friday, 7 p.m.** – Gamblers Anonymous - coming soon - chairperson still needed.

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

All recovery meetings are open and non-smoking.



Paid for by Sault Tribe/Kewadin Team Members & Tribal Members At Large to Elect Donna Marble

# DONNA MARBLE

*to Benefit Team Members and Tribal Members at Large*



Donna Marble is never afraid to advocate for fellow Tribal Members

The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough for those who have little. - FDR

## Unit 1 Board of Directors

### Education: ✓

- More Funding for Higher Education and Job Training
- Support the Joseph K. Lumsden School
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver for all Tribal Members regardless of blood quantum
- Assist in Job Placement for new graduates
- Computer Training for all ages

### Social Services: ✓

- Lower income eligibility for emergency needs
- Expand Elder Services and Benefits
- Increase assistance to Funeral Assistance
- More Cultural based activities (lodges, medicines, language, dance etc...)
- Seek funding to make Tribal Housing more energy efficient due to current gas pricing

### Tribal Members At Large: ✓

- Expand Educational, Financial and Health Services outside the 7 county service area
- Conduct Board Meetings and Forums in Lower Michigan areas to ensure every Tribal Members voice is heard

### Health Care: ✓

- Tribal Health Clinic in Northern Lower Michigan
- Paid Family Medical Leave for Tribal Member Employees for entire 12 weeks
- Formulate a plan to help Elders cover the cost of prescription medicine

### Youth: ✓

- More funding for Youth Sports
- Create incentive programs for K-12 with academic guidelines as a prevention plan

### Team Member Benefits: ✓

- Implement more efficient Team Member Incentive Programs
- Create on the Job Training Programs
- Restructure Employment Procedures
- Increased wages for low income Team Members

*Chi-Megwetch, Doma*

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## HR's team member of the year



Human Resource Department's Team Member of the Year Linda Bentgen, center, is joined, left to right, by Unit IV Rep. Tom Miller, Associate Executive Director Kristi Little, Unit IV Rep. Denise Chase, son Bill, husband John, daughter Kate holding the award, Chairperson Aaron Payment, Unit I Rep. Todd Gravelle and Human Resources Director Cheryl Bernier.

The Sault Tribe Human Resource Department presented its 2006 HR Team Member of the Year award to Linda Bentgen, employment representative in St. Ignace.

Congratulations to Linda for her effort, commitment and dedication in striving to make HR the best department within the Sault Tribe organization. Linda has worked for the department in St. Ignace since September 2003.

Linda was nominated by her fellow team members because of her ambition and work involved in obtaining a higher position, she always has a kind word to say, she always has a smile on her face and she is an outstanding example of what a team member of the year should be. Linda's profes-

sionalism, positive attitude, dedication and excellent customer service skills make her deserving of this award.

Those in attendance to celebrate this recognition in honor of Linda were her husband and two children, all HR team members, members of the board of directors and St. Ignace Casino management team members.

Linda is a great people magnet, loves to share her knowledge and has a true passion for the development of the Shores site into a true "Gem of the North" by providing a complete package of customer service with all of those she comes in contact with. She is nothing less than positive at all times and this too shines through, says Lynn Trozzo, her supervisor

and number one fan!

Cheryl Bernier, Human Resource director says the Team Member of the Year celebration is the biggest event of the year for the department. It is a great day to come together to honor the recipient. The name of the recipient is a closely guarded secret, known only to the previous two recipients and the associate executive director, who serve as the selection committee. This year's recipient, Linda Bentgen, is a pleasure to work with and she makes all team members and applicants feel comfortable and welcome. Linda does a great job of recruiting applicants for the St. Ignace area. It is with great honor that Linda was selected as the 2006 Human Resource Team Member of the Year.

## Choosing careers in hospitality

BY LYNN M. TROZZO, RECRUITER

The hospitality and travel-tourism industries are the fastest growing industries in the world today. We are surrounded by the hospitality industry from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to just below the bridge. We have Mackinac Island, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City and the twin Saults, all within just an hour's drive.

Hospitality is everywhere, not just at Kewadin Casinos and hotels, but it sure is a great place to start a career in the hospitality industry.

According to a recent survey done in the areas of Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island and St. Ignace, there are approximately 26 hotels and motels in just those three areas alone. The opportunities are vast for anyone wanting to start a career in hospitality.

Some of the benefits of starting a career in hospitality are the opportunities of moving up fast, job security, meeting interesting people from different cultures and all walks of life, challenging work, the satisfaction of helping others and being part of a team. People who work in hospitality such as food and beverage or hotels/motels like to have fun while they learn and enjoy the

benefit of flex schedules, and enjoy using their creativity.

The pay scales vary depending on length of service in a chosen company, like any other company from any other industry. Salaries often depend on one's skills and the level where one might begin in a hotel or fine restaurant. Salaries can range from entry-level wages to six figures depending on one's chosen field.

Regardless though, most employees with ambition and drive advance quickly beyond entry level jobs. There are always exciting and fun careers in the hospitality industry like casinos, hotels, motels, inns, resorts, B&Bs, parks, cruise ships, camps, caterers, private clubs, restaurants and riverboats.

With the coming expansion of Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel in St. Ignace, Cool Places! Cool People! Cool Jobs! is where you want to start your career in the hospitality industry. Call toll free at 1-866-635-7032 or apply on line at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) for your opportunity to join the first class hospitality industry in the Upper Peninsula with Kewadin Casinos.

# The heartbeat is strong in Munising

PHOTOS AND TEXT BY ALAN KAMUDA



Bud Biron shows the children how to sand the frames and get to know them like family.



In the last decade that Biron has been teaching drum making, this was the largest class ever to participate. "We made history this day tying 44 hand drums, which to my knowledge has never taken place before," said Biron. "Our grandfathers were smiling down on us today for passing on the Anishinaabe bimaadziwin, our way of life."



Above, left to right, Sadie Cornish and good friend Tori Rousseau prepare to start lacing their drums. Right, Felipe Bejarano works on his lacing. Felipe was one of the first to finish his drum.



Forty children from the western end of the tribe's seven-county service area packed their bedrolls and headed into Munising to take part of the culture camp's hand drum making sleepover at the Munising elementary school.

"The drum is the heartbeat of the community" said Bud Biron, culture camp coordinator who along with friends and volunteers organized the weekend. "It is very important that the youth of today take pride in the traditions of our ancestors."

The sleepover started on Friday night with pizza and pop and the

teachings of the Seven Grandfathers by traditional teacher Richard Lewis. The children were up at the first light of the morning and worked off a little excess energy in their "bedroom" - the school gym. At 8 a.m. the work started. Biron held a talk on the hand drum, passed out the cedar frames and for the next three hours the children sanded them smooth enough to pass Biron's inspection. Then bear grease was rubbed into the frames to preserve the cedar wood and give the drums spirit.

Biron then brought out 15 deer hides and cut a custom head, approx-

imately three per deer hide, for each drum. Holes were then punched in the hides and the children were shown how to cut and stretch the laces and use them to tie the wet hides to the frames.

By 4 p.m., 40 smiling faces were showing off their drums, proud of their long day's work, and finding it very hard not to beat on the drums they had made. "They have to let the skins dry on the frames for four days so they will shrink and fit tightly," said Biron. "Otherwise, loose skins will never carry the sound of healing throughout our communities."



The children watch as Bud Biron measures a cedar frame on a deer skin get the most use out of the hide.



Left, elder veteran Ed Cook and Lorena Mahoski punch holes in the drum heads



Helper Jeff Causley works with Venessa Jenerou to clear the holes they punched in her drum head.



Shanna Gams and Alyssa Heyrman sand the frames for the hand drums.



Bud Biron teaches the children that when you first start lacing the drum you want to start your lacing toward the east, reverse it to the west, then south and north. The children are taught to cut the laces from the left over hide that the drum heads were made from. "The Anishinaabe value is not to put to waste any of the precious gifts mother earth has to offer," adds Biron.



The children line up at a table where YEA coordinator Debbie Reynolds, left, and elder veteran Ed Cook punch holes in the drum heads for lacing. Thirty two holes are punched so the wet hides can be tightly laced to the frames.



Francie Wyers watches as her son, Joey, sands the frame of his drum.



Volunteer Joe Scott Masters drove over from Marquette to help at the camp. Here, he works with Robin Jenerou as she starts to lace her drum.

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## Tribal Members:

It takes much more space than the size of an advertisement to explain the many ways in which the tribe can progress.

Everyone is supportive of expanding services to the membership. For us to accomplish that goal, we must first:

- ✓ Elect representatives that are willing to set aside personal differences for the betterment of the membership. Independent thinkers that make decisions based on what is best for the membership.
- ✓ Establish and enforce a code of conduct and ethics for our representatives. Leadership needs to be professional and respectful to the membership, team members, and each other.
- ✓ Elect leaders that are actively involved in making the tribe better for everyone.
- ✓ Involve the membership in short and long term planning goals. We need to plan where we want to be, and how we are going to get there.
- ✓ Diversify our economic activities. New business development is essential to the long term well being of our tribe.
- ✓ Protect the services, treaty rights and sovereignty we have now.
- ✓ Never forget that our most valuable assets are our children and elders.

Our elders are the foundation of our tribe, and our children are our future. Let's make sure we give them something to be proud of!

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~DJ HOFFMAN ENJOYED HIS ADVERTISEMENT~

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## From our tribe's mail

### Incentive check helps

To the Editor,

Just a quick note to tell you and my tribe how much I appreciate the incentive award check. Every little bit helps! So thank you again.

I also was wondering if any assistance is available once I start my clinicals. My program is Ultrasound. I will have to work on site with no pay for one full year. Please, at your convenience either send me the information or paperwork I will need or call me to let me know. Thank you.

—Shauna Welles

### Higher Education Assistance Program

To the Editor,

I want to express my gratitude for all the help the tribe has provided me with thus far in my education. During my four years at LSSU, they were very supportive and that support continued into graduate school at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. I am now in my second year of graduate study in Alaska continuing to work on my thesis. I hope to complete my research next fall and earn a masters in geology by winter 2006. I honestly never thought I would be here in Alaska working on a masters thesis, but I know there is no way I would have made it this far without the support of my family, friends, professors and the Sault Tribe.

Thank you so very much.

—Rebecca J. Missler

### Our culture is very important

To the Editor,

Aanie, Miigwetch Aaron so much for the tribal flag for our culture group.

When the title VII grant was wrote up it did not include any money for culture. The grant money is strictly to pay for tutoring in the schools. Because of this we started a culture group, we started with no money, and have limited funds.

We as parents and grandparents feel it is very important to teach our children about our Native American Culture.

The Cheboygan Native American Anishnabeg youth culture group

—Sherri Heath, Tracy Heath and Kay Shampine

### People should be accountable to the Creator

To the Editor:

As a Native American and concerned citizen of Alger

County, I would like to make my concerns known. I am now under the understanding as of a month and a half ago that we have damage to mother earth and some of our precious water ways in Christmas, Michigan. Some major erosion from near by has damaged Carr Lake, Bay Furnace River and also Lake Superior.

From what I have been told by government agencies is that trying to get it fixed has been in the making from 2-3 years. The only good news is that this year they will be under way to fix the problem and stop the damage. I try to stay in tune with matters but did not hear of this until around the beginning of the year. Asking around many others haven't heard of this problem. Other people have asked why wasn't the source of the problem dealt with sooner. And or why has the source been able to continue business as usual knowing that the problem existed. I cannot answer these questions but maybe someone else can.

Bay Furnace area is one of our Native American village sites. It is considered a sacred place to us. So when I heard of this problem I was very angry needless to say. I also understand now that in Bay Furnace River, fish will no longer be able to spawn. What else have we lost with this disaster? When we have heavy melting of snow or a good rain, you can see the discolored water approximately two miles out in Lake Superior so people are saying. People should be accountable to the Creator, mother earth, others that live in the area and lastly to themselves. In the spring we will have a sacred ceremony for the healing of our lands and waterways. Let us learn from this even though this is a hard lesson and not desecrate mother earth, plant life or precious waterways. Learn to respect what has been given to us.

Miigwich,

—Kris LeVeque

### Thanks all of you for your help

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the board of directors, the tribal police, tribal court and everone else who helped with the dinner for my Grandson Tristin Visnaw Krogh who went home with our Lord. You maybe gone but not forgotten thank you.

—Grandma, Dad, sister's and brother's

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## The Sault Tribe News welcomes submissions

from our tribe members by mail c/o Communications, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or via e-mail at [saulttribenews@saulttribe.net](mailto:saulttribenews@saulttribe.net). Please, do not send any submissions via fax as material sent that way is usually received in poor visual quality. Any questions concerning submissions can be answered by calling (906) 632-6398.

# We Need To Rise Above Personal Politics

## Dear Members

Recently I handed in my letter of intent to the Tribal clerk to campaign for a board seat. I have never campaigned for an elective office before, so in the next few weeks leading up to the primaries I'm going to need a lot of help. From what I understand to win a spot on this Spring's election ballot I'm going to need in the neighborhood of 1,700 votes. There's a lot of work to be done to reach that goal, and I will need your help to do it.

Before I ask you for your vote, let me tell you a little about myself: I was raised in Iroquois Beach ten miles west of Brimley, where my dad was a commercial fisherman...and later a dredge man. My folks, Helen (nee Parish) and Thomas Forgrave had six children, two daughters and three boys along with myself. Upon my mother's insistence we all graduated from high school.

I went on to college and after working on the ore boats in the summers and at the soda fountains in the winters I graduated from Central Michigan University in 1968. I was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences with concentrations in Education, Sociology, Political Science, Economics and Psychology. I taught school for awhile after graduation, wrote for a weekly newspaper in Marquette and ended up in the Soo with the U.S... Army Corps of Engineers..raising five children, and eventually retiring in 2005 as a Lock Operator Leader.

In 97' at the age of 54 I went back to college and did graduate work, earning 12 credits toward a master degree in public administration.

What really has my attention this election cycle, and has my enthusiasm is the governmental reform movement and constitutional convention. With your support I will focus on these initiatives and help where I can so that we can become a government of laws..rather than of people. Director Todd Gravelle of Unit One deserves mountains of credit for these new beginnings.

Diversification of the tribe's economy has over the years fallen on its face. This is totally unacceptable. We must of necessity remove the tribe from running the satellite casino enterprises. New businesses are waiting to be built and contracted out to members with an option to buy. Of necessity all of our small businesses must be operated on margins with buy options. There's nothing in the world better at creating wealth than unleashed capitalism.

Whether we like the aggressiveness and greed that often accompanies the profit motive or not, it's time for tribal leaders to recognize this simple fact: Satellite casino enterprises imbued with entrepreneurial spirit will reinvigorate the reservation economies and breath new life into their communities.

The status quo is always with us: Measures are in place to protect the dignity of employees. Yet more remains to be done.

Nepotism and the good ole boy networks and gender and age and ethnic discrimination have to be wiped out. They are a disease of the soul where instead there should be fair play and emotional support. The wages of the working poor need to be raised to a livable rate. The wide income disparity between casino managers and floor workers is obscene and needs to be narrowed.

### My proposals to promote these ideas will include:

1. Referendums if necessary to assure governmental reform..where term limits, an independent judiciary, double-dipping and the separation of powers, etc., are concerned.
2. Bid the operations of the Midjims out on contracts with options to buy.
3. Build new service businesses on the reservation and bid them out on contracts with options to buy.

For example, car washes, laundromats, amusement parks, taxis, barber shops, pet care centers, car care centers, day care centers, food catering services etc.

### IMPORTANTLY, RECOGNIZE THAT THE RESERVATION HAS BUILT IN TAX BREAKS OVER OTHER COMMUNITIES AND THE RESERVATION NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD TO TAKE COMPLETE ADVANTAGE OF THIS

4. Send a bus into the tip-of-the-mitt counties of lower Michigan and bring those members in need of medical, optical, and dental services to the Lambert Center.
5. Purchase prescription drugs in Canada or Wisconsin and dispense them to tribal citizens throughout the U.S..
6. Set up a free enterprise research and development..so that entrepreneurial ideas have a chance to become more than just so much hot air. Make teams within the department responsible for fleshing the ideas out and turning them into concrete and mortar.

It is your money and it needs to be working for you. Two million visit the area annually..tens of thousands of them live here. A small strip mall on Shunk road with retail and service businesses is not an unrealistic goal. Neither is an additional dozen dotting either side of the road. In closing, Unit One has become the stumbling block to forward movement of this great tribe. The representatives of this unit haven't supported the needed changes to make the legislative arm of the government work, or the tribal economy grow. We need new directors in unit one to start things moving again. Thankfully, the Payment Administration has made changes in how the tribe is doing business. For example, the Chairman's leadership has led to theater tickets being strictly controlled and distributed fairly to elders and candidates alike, whereas in the past they were used to buy votes. Subsequent to the last election the removal code was revised to thwart frivolous removal efforts. And today the voter registration ordinances requires for all tribal voters to be treated equally. These and other changes have set the tribe on a positive course of action. I will work to support this new administration and try to tear it down. With your help and support, I will propose the additional legislation that is needed to keep the tribe on this positive course. And if I may have your vote, you may rest assured that I will do everything in my power to further improve your position as a stake holder in your tribe.

Thank You  
Chuck Forgrave



# VOTE

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## NEW ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY

The Sault Tribe over the last fifteen years has failed at diversifying it's second economy. it's casino satellite businesses. But is it any wonder, the businesses were managed by bureaucrats and staffed with government workers..the perfect recipe for small business failure.

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

The Payment Administration will set-up reservation incentive programs to get the services built and operating. An equity start-up fund will attract businessmen, and local developers will be brought on board. Venture capitalist, fund managers, bond offerings, and investment firms will all figure prominently in the plan.

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

Build it and they will come! Think about it: An investment and growth philosophy will succeed where a socialist economy has failed. Today's global economy is a testament to private development. The Sault Tribe needs to reach down and pull up on it's boot straps.

## ROLL BACK BOARD COMPENSATION

I believe the board of directors should lead the tribe into a new era of economic expansion and return \$10,000 yearly,( the Chairman \$13,000) of their salaries to be put into an equity fund. This would be \$133,000 for the fund annually and over five years would accumulate to \$665,000. This would be enough money to attract 13 new service retail businesses with \$50,000 start-up grants..leaving \$15,000 to cover administrative costs.

## BOARD FAILURES

The board has failed to address it's own issues.

1. Double-dipping.....Denise Chase...\$95,000..Receptionist & Board
2. Double-employment..Tom Miller...\$170,000..Supt Of Schs & Board
3. Part-time Board ...Rob Lambert...\$120,000..Corr. Officer & Board
4. Conflict of Interest..Fred Paquin..\$210,000..Chf. of Police& Board
5. Excessive Pay.... Anything over \$70,000 is twice the average income for a family of four.

**REMEMBER: Make Your Voice Heard: VOTE!**

# EAGLE

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



*'In 2004, Unit 1 voters supported my candidacy through the primary and doubled my vote in the general election; With your continued support and vote, I'll get the honor of serving you in Unit 1.'* Thank you, Ken Eagle

## I Pledge to Represent You by:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Qualifications

### Experience

- City of Sault Ste. Marie FIRE CHIEF, 1988 - now
- State of Michigan Training Council, 1992 to 2004, Governor Appointed
- City of Sault Ste. Marie DEPUTY CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 1987 - '88
- Kinross Public Safety Officer, 1982 - '88
- Soo Township Volunteer Fire fighter, 1977 - 82.

### Education and Training

- NFA Leadership Training, 1991;
- NFA Fire and Arson Training, 1989;
- Law Enforcement Training, Kirtland Community College, 1984;
- Criminal Justice Training Center, Northern Michigan University, 1982

## Personal Strengths

An effective leader requires many personal attributes I feel I possess. These include:

**Independence:** Our tribe needs an independent thinker who is motivated to serve to improve our community. I will focus on issues not personal differences.

**Courage:** Our tribe faces many difficult and controversial issues. Effective leaders have the courage to take a stand, speak out on tough issues, and urge others to do the same.

**Honesty:** Our tribe needs leaders with integrity and honesty. An effective leader is open, fair, and truthful with our members.

**Professionalism:** Our tribe needs leaders who exhibit professionalism. Effective leaders listen, focus on the issues and are respectful regardless of the outcome.

**Dedication:** Our tribe needs leaders who are dedicated to improving our tribe and who put service as their number one priority.

**STRONG - INDEPENDENT - EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP**

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

## To all Sault Tribe fishing boat captains Notice of training Oil spill prevention and response

The Sault Tribe Environmental Department, Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program and the United States Coast Guard will be holding a training class March 22, 2006, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Tahquamenon Room of Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Oil spills from fishing vessels can be very expensive to clean up and damages the resources fishers depend on. The U.S. Coast Guard in cooperation with Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is offering a free training course in oil spill prevention and response for licensed Sault Tribe fishers.

In addition, each participant will be given a free oil spill prevention and response kit to store on board their vessel. The kit includes material to absorb oil in bilges and other areas where oil and gas may collect. For more information contact Dan Tadgerson at (906) 635-6050 or Mike Ripley at (906) 632-0072.

## Together We Dance, "Nda Maamawigaami"

BY CORY WILSON

The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba hosted the Together We Dance "Nda Maamawigaami" Contemporary Great Lakes Pow Wow Regalia exhibit from Jan. 13 to Feb. 23. Exhibit tours were conducted for 26 area schools, which included public, parochial, home-schooled children, and students from the Title VII Indian education programs.

The exhibit was made possible because of the joint two percent funding support provided by the Sault Tribe and Hannahville Indian Community. All of the art work and photographs were provided by local artisans. The exhibit was sponsored by the Michigan State University Museum and the Nokomis Learning Center. The Noc Bay Trading Company, Rapid River Pow Wow Learning Center, and Escanaba's Title VII Education Program also co-sponsored the exhibit.

Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, Hannahville Chairman Ken Meshigaud, several area

school superintendents attended a special tour of the exhibit on Feb. 15. Unit IV representatives Tom Miller and Denise Chase were also in attendance as honored guests from the Sault Tribe.

"We extended an invitation to your tribal chairman, Aaron Payment, and Ken Meshigaud, the Hannahville tribal chairman, to join together to celebrate the experience of seeing for themselves the effect that their partnership has on the community. We felt that this joint effort to provide such a wonderful opportunity to both Native and non-Native community members deserved our personal expression of gratitude and public recognition," stated gallery and education director, Pasqua Warstler.

The exhibit included hand-made regalia, native art and a photo gallery. Each tour ends with participants adding their hand prints to the Rapid River Pow Wow Learning Center teepee, which will be used as a teaching tool and displayed prominently at this year's Rapid River Pow Wow. Tribal Chairmen Aaron Payment

and Ken Meshigaud each added their hand prints to the teepee. The teepee also included hand prints from the Manistique and Escanaba tribal elders, who were the first to add their prints to the teepee. The arts center also hosted a drum making workshop by Bud Biron on Jan. 13 and a birch bark workshop conducted by Ron Paquin on Jan. 28 to compliment the exhibit.

The Bonifas Arts Center is a working arts center where visitors can tour the gallery exhibits, participate in artist workshops, attend educational classes and enjoy quality theatrical productions. Since its beginning in 1974, Bonifas has become a home to artists living in Michigan's U. P. For more information on the arts center visit [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org).

Right, Ken Meshigaud, Hannahville tribal chairman and Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment add their hand prints to the Rapid River Pow Wow Learning Center teepee.



Unit 1

# HENRY J BOULLEY JR

a new independent voice for the membership

## EXPERIENCE & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**United States Air Force (1981-1989)**  
Law Enforcement Specialist, Computer Programmer  
NCO Academy, Criminal Science, Computer Science

**Market Knowledge, Inc (1989-1995)**  
Project Manager / Direct Mail & Response Modeling

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (1995-1998)**  
IT Director - Opened Soaring Eagle Casino & Hotel

**Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc (1998-2003)**  
Regional IT Manager  
Slot Operations, Casino Management  
Opened Isle of Capri Bettendorf Hotel

**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians /  
GTB Economic Development Corporation (2004-2006)**  
Corporate Director of IT

**Native American Cup organization (2005-current)**  
Board Chairman & NAC Tournament Director



*"If you are satisfied with the performance of the current Board, then I am not your candidate"*

*"If you are looking for a Board candidate who has the experience to lead, has vision and can think outside of the box, is fearless, and will really serve the membership; then I am your candidate"*

*"I've seen and experienced multiple ways of accomplishing the same thing, and can apply best practices to our Tribe where needed. I am used to pressure, having to deliver on a deadline, and dealing with budgetary constraints."*

## What others Tribal leaders say about Henry

*"Henry took our Tribe in a new direction that was cost effective, and put us on solid ground for the future. He has excellent vision and knows how to layout long-term strategic planning." - GTB Tribal Chairman Robert Kewaygoshkum*

*"Henry put in a solid foundation for us that ensured maximum flexibility, irregardless of our course of action. His long-term vision assisted us during our Tribe's most explosive period of growth." - Former Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Audrey Falcon*

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Fellow Tribal members,

My name is Henry J Bouley Jr, and I would like your support for election to our Board of Directors as a representative from Unit 1.

I am running for the Board because I've become very dissatisfied with the direction our Tribe is moving in, and the lack of performance from the Board and Chairman (past & present). I am running for the Board because I know I can do a better job representing the membership, as compared to the level of representation we have been receiving as of late.

I believe I am qualified to serve on the Board and I base my beliefs on multiple executive level positions I've held within two Michigan Indian Tribes, their Economic Development Corporations, and within a large public gaming corporation.

These are tough times facing our Tribe, and we need Board members that will stand up and vote on tough issues. I am tired of Board members who run and hide when a tough vote comes up, rather than be put on the record. Anybody can vote on issues like the Tax Agreement, that's not leadership; it's called doing your job. I will not oppose, just for the sake of opposing. If I object to something, I'll explain why and present an alternative solution. I haven't seen much of that lately. I have a pretty good idea of how tribal governments should operate, and I definitely know how casinos should operate.

A lot will be said about my family relationships, so let's bring it out into the open and discuss it. Yes, I am first cousin to the current Chairman Aaron Payment. Yes, I do agree with him on some issues, but there are many more that he and I are in total disagreement on. I am also related (but much more distant) to the previous Chairman Bernard Bouschor. Like Aaron, there are many things I agreed with Bernard on and many more things that I disagreed with him on. I am my own person and can think for myself. My candidacy should be based about my life experiences, work history, ideas, what I can bring to our Tribe, and not solely upon whom I may or may not be related to.

Much will also be said about my residency. All I can say is that I played by the rules set forth within the Sault Tribe Election Ordinance, the same rules that were enacted to keep a majority of the members from being able to run for elective office. I rented a house in the Sault in May 2005, changed my address with Enrollment, change the address on my Michigan Drivers License, changed my address with my employer for tax reporting purposes, filed my 2005 Federal and State taxes against my legal Sault Address, and I commuted back and forth to my job with the Grand Traverse Band; not everyday, but enough to satisfy the residency requirements of our Tribe. Per the Sault Tribe Election Ordinance, I am a legal resident of Unit 1; and have been since May 1<sup>st</sup>.

In February of this year, I resigned my executive position with the GTB. I did this for two reasons. One, to do justice to my employer and my campaign for the Board; and two, because I totally disagree that a Board Member can hold outside employment during their term of office (especially within the Tribe, Federal or State Governments, or with another Indian Tribe).

The vast majority of prospective Board candidates have only seen the Sault Tribe way of running our Government or our businesses. The vast majority of prospective Board candidates are all talking the same things: increased elder money, healthcare, education, job training, at-large Board seats; but they don't say how they're going to pay for these initiatives.

I bring multiple ways of accomplishing things to the table. I can help where things need help, but can also recognize when things are good and leave them alone. I also will be talking about increasing elder money, at-large Board seats, saving for the future (A Revenue Allocation Plan). The difference between me and the other candidates is that I will tell you how I would pay for these initiatives. I am not afraid to put my reputation on the line to try something new.

To the membership, the only promise I can make is that you'll get the very best I have to offer, plus some. I pledge to work with the other Board members if they'll work with me. I can work with them if they'll be fair, open-minded, honest, and have the best interest of the membership at heart.

Call me, e-mail me, or just drop on by and we can discuss your concerns. I think you'll like what you hear from me and what I believe our Tribe could and should become.

*Henry J Bouley Jr*

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# Children's celebration joins Family Fun Night

Sault Tribe Public Awareness'-March is Parenting Awareness Committee diligently planned Family Fun Night. The planning committee met once a week on Tuesday mornings when Lori Desrochers, area 4-C Coordinator contacted Family Fun Night Committee members. Lori was to start planning the Children's Celebration and ask about combining events. The Children's Celebration is generally held the first few weeks in April and involves the same activities: Community vendors with informational booths and activities, plus food and prizes. It made sense to share resources and double the fun.

The Children's Celebration and Family Fun Night event will be held at the Chi Mukwa Arena on March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. If this collaboration goes well, we may try it again next year and develop a shorter title. The ACFS Fundraising committee funded a majority of this year's Family Fun Night and the Children's Celebration team matched funds with a state grant, "Great Parents, Great Starts," through the local Intermediate School District.

On March 23, the basketball courts will be full of vendors and hands-on activities; there will be free skating with free skate rentals, provided by Chi Mukwa, from 5:30-6:30 pm; upstairs there



Spin the ACFS Fun Wheel March 23rd 5-7 pm at the Chi Mukwa Arena.

will be the inflated obstacle course, full of fun bouncy physical activity; arrangements are being made to have an area hockey team with goal shooting; in the hospitality room there will be Subway sandwich slices where individuals can select their own toppings, mixed fruit, raw vegetables, and the following drinks: milk, juice, and water. As always there are door prizes and drawings; maybe you can be a winner, there is even a bike.

Additional parenting awareness activities include table displays at the Sault Tribe Health Center, Tribal Administration Building and Chi-Mukwa. Three Lunch and Learn presentations

from noon to 1 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium: March 14 was Anishinaabe Parenting with Bud Biron and Michelle Willis, March 21 will be Allergies and Asthma with Dr. Ranta and March 28 will be Positive Discipline with Chasidy Keyser from Hiawatha Behavioral Health. A light lunch is provided by Community Health's Nutrition staff.

Please make plans to join our March activities; everyone is welcome to all events. Notices have been sent to the area elementary schools. If you have any questions, feel free to call Julie at (906) 632-5250.

# The importance of diversity in education



Anishinaabe teachings are about acceptance for diversity; starting with respect for all of creation.

The importance of being educated in the matter of diversity is all around us. In the workplace you are required to attend training on cultural diversity, on college campuses it is no longer an elective but a required core part of the curriculum. With the ever changing population of people in regards to their age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender these topics are of the utmost importance. These days you must start teaching your kids from day one the importance of equality and the true meaning of being a free American. Too often you hear children today speaking of race in a derogatory manner or saying something truly offensive.

As indigenous people, some of us are offended by one term or another such as Native American and prefer American Indian. And we are all too familiar with terms that other people have given us over time. In any given day in our community you can run into

someone who knew someone in a boarding school and had an awful and traumatic experience there. This should resonate in our minds every time we look into the faces of our youth and coach them on what is appropriate in the world and how to treat people.

Here in Sault Ste. Marie we do not have the most diverse population but you can still find a small group of minorities from every classification whether it be gay or lesbian, black, or even elders which are all identified minority groups. Because we live in a mainly Caucasian community we should be all that much more sensitive to other cultures so that when we send our children out into the world they are prepared and hopefully are treated in the same regard that we would expect someone else to give us as Native people.

In recognition of Parenting Awareness month challenge yourself in your home to start every day in a good way and live by our own teachings, starting with respect to all of creation. Teach your children the politically correct terms and empower them with the knowledge they need to succeed in the world. Remember it starts with you and kids need their parents to model appropriate behavior and language.

Educating Youth: Prevents stereotyping, helps stop hate crimes, gives them their own value system, teaches appropriate behavior and language they can take to school or play, instills them with compassion, incorporates respect into their lives, and helps them remember where we have come from and our own struggle.

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Bringing news from ACFS



## Second Annual Walk For Justice

By ANNA ROGERS-STOTT

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians "Advocacy Resource Center" 2nd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk for Justice is scheduled for April 22, at the Chi Mukwa (Big Bear) Community Recreation Center located at 2 Ice Circle, across from the Kewadin Casino on Shunk Road, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Last year about 50 individuals participated in this event. The walk is scheduled during

National Crime Victim Awareness Week. The goal of the walk is to raise awareness, show support for victims of crime and to raise money for the Advocacy Resource Center. All money raised will benefit victims of crime.

Registration for the 5K Fun Run/Walk will begin promptly at 10 a.m. The age divisions for the event are 12 and under, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+. The cost is \$10, howev-

er registration fees will be waived for all students.

The first 100 participants registered will receive a free T-shirt.

Medals will be given to top three racers in each division and the top prize of new running shoes to the top female and male runners. Post-race refreshments will be provided and showers are available.

Contact Tammy Nolan at the Advocacy Resource Center, (906) 632-1808.

## Sault Tribe Home Improvement Program

The Sault Tribe Home Improvement Program is accepting applications for the 2007 B.I.A. Work Plan.

Homeowners meeting the following guidelines are encouraged to apply.

- Income guidelines:
  - 1 person-\$12,250 or less
  - 2 person-\$16,500 or less
  - 3 person-\$20,750 or less
  - 4 person-\$24,750 or less
- Each additional person add \$4,250.
- Applicants must live in the seven county service area: Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Schoolcraft, Mackinac, or Marquette.
- Home must be in substan-

dard condition.

- Must be your year around residence.
- Must possess a record of deed.
- Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member.
- Provide a copy of your Social Security card.

Points are necessary, based on factors such as: number of children, age and disabilities.

To receive information contact Kelly Smart, now located at ACFS, 2864 Ashmun on the third floor of the Sault Tribe Health Center. E-mail kjsmart@saulttribe.net or call (800) 726-0093 or (906) 632-5250.

## Honey-Mustard Glazed Ham

FROM THE KITCHEN OF BOB FLOWERS

Weather permitting, there is no better way to prepare a ham than on the grill. This honey-mustard glazed ham is sure to bring smiles to the Easter dinner table.

- Ingredients:
- Boneless or Spiral-Sliced Ham 3/4 cup Clover Honey
  - 3 tbs. Yellow Prepared or Dijon Mustard
  - 2 tbs. water
  - 1/4 tsp. Mesquite flavored Liquid Smoke seasoning, or
  - Apple or Maple branches cut into suitable size to fit on the fire
  - If using a covered charcoal

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

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

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

When the fire is hot, if using charcoal, place the drip pan between the coals and fill half-

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

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

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

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

# Frye named food and beverage director



Janice Frye, who has been serving as interim food and beverage director has been promoted to the position.

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

SAULT STE, MARIE, Mich. – Janice Frye, of Sault Ste. Marie, has accepted the position of food and beverage director for Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center. Frye began working with Kewadin in 1985. In 1990, Frye and her husband began managing the American Cafe in the downtown Sault. They managed the restaurant for the next ten years. In January 2001, Frye came back to work at Kewadin as the assistant restaurant manager at the Dream Catcher Restaurant and was promoted to restaurant manager in 2001 where she stayed until taking over the assistant food and beverage manager position in April 2004. In December 2004, Frye took over the responsibilities as the interim food and beverage director.

“We are very pleased to have Janice on board with us as our F&B director,” said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. “She has been serving as our interim direct for over a year and has proven her ability to lead this essential department.”

Frye will oversee five restaurants, three delis and eight bars including the Dream Catcher Restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie, Mariner’s Cove Restaurant in Manistique, Market Square Buffet in St. Ignace, Frosty’s Bar & Grille in Christmas and a unique deli which offer exceptional snacks and sandwiches in Hessel. The casino boasts 3,272 square feet of kitchen space and a 12,019 square foot dining area serving over 400,000 guests per year.

“I truly enjoy working in the food and beverage industry and am very grateful for this opportunity,” said Frye. “We have some great projects going on right now in our Sault facility and I’m looking forward to working on other projects that will have a positive impact on our bottom line in the future.”

Dream Catchers Restaurant in the Sault is currently under construction and is scheduled to re-open in April 2006 with a new decor and a scatter buffet with action stations behind the buffet lines which is the main feature of

the renovation.

The restaurant is open to the public but is offering a limited menu service in the Signatures Lounge and Woodlands convention room. The casino’s popular two for one breakfast and lunch buffets are still available on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively. Additionally, the weekend fish fry and seafood buffet will still be offered.

The 270 seat Dream Catchers restaurant, located in Kewadin, Sault Ste. Marie, offers a full menu along with a salad bar and generous buffet that is available at every meal. This buffet contains many all time favorites and our own chef’s creations. On Saturday and Monday nights, guests can enjoy our famous Land and Seafood Buffet, which contains luscious entrees along with fresh crab legs and prime rib. This 8-year old restaurant is over 12,000 square feet and has won numerous local accolades from the Sault Evening News Best of the Best including Best Service, Best Salad Bar, Best Dinner Buffet, Best Fresh Seafood, and Best Seafood Buffet - earmarking year number five.

Market Square Buffet, the future Horseshoe Bay Restaurant, the most recent addition to the Kewadin restaurant family, is located in our St. Ignace casino. This buffet-style restaurant can seat 136 guests for an incredible spread for breakfast, lunch, and dinner along with signature menu items. On Friday night, guests can enjoy a fish fry and on Saturday night a seafood buffet is prepared.

Kewadin’s Manistique casino hosts the Mariner’s Cove Restaurant. This 60-seat restaurant serves guests by offering a full service menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. On Friday and Saturday nights, they feature a special buffet containing many home-style favorites! Kewadin Christmas helps guest relax and enjoy their meal in their Frosty’s Bar & Grill. This quaint restaurant features a full menu that is available for lunch and dinner. You’ll enjoy our deli at the Hessel Casino where delicious sandwiches and snack foods are readily available.

# Kewadin Casinos receives Sault Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award



Kewadin Casinos was honored by of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce when they received the FM “Bud” Mansfield Business of the Year Award at the Chamber’s annual banquet. Casino Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz and General Manager Steve Sprecker accepted the award on behalf of the casino. “Thank you to the community for recognizing our work in this area. It is truly a great honor,” said Goetz. “Our great team members and management can be very proud of this award. They deserve it.”

The prestigious chamber award is named for FM “Bud” Mansfield, who served as director of the Sault Area Chamber for many years. The award is given to an individual or business that combines leadership with service and dedication to the community. In honoring the recipient, the Chamber recognizes the good business practices of the organization/individual and celebrates them as they go above and beyond in their sservice to the community.

The Sault Area Chamber selected Kewadin for this award for their endless community support through donations, contributions, and sponsorships in addition to the economic benefits the business brings to the area.

Photo by Michelle Bouschor

# Housekeeping - Hessel Style



Hessel’s housekeeping staff, left to right, Ida Roe, Connie Huffman and Divina Izzard.

manager. “In our smaller casinos, they do many other tasks than what their job title says. These ladies help with maintenance, planting flowers, grounds up keep and picking up trash outside.”

The most seasoned housekeeper, Divina Izzard has been working with Kewadin for 9½ years and with Hessel for more than 8½. “Our responsibilities here are to keep the floor clean, machines clean, and keep the bathrooms clean and stocked,” said Izzard. “I like helping whenever I’m needed, that’s the best thing about my job.”

Next in line with the housekeeping team is Ida Roe. Ida started working at Kewadin 12 years ago as a temporary employee and was recently hired on as a full time team member. “The best piece of advice I can give about working is to be the best that you can be, give it your all, and people will appreciate you,” said Roe. One of the best things she likes about working in housekeeping in her co-workers. “We all communicate daily about our shift and anything that comes up. Communication is the key to any job.”

Newbie to the group is Connie Huffman who started working with the team only six months ago. “I really like this position because there is always something to do,” said Huffman. “I have found that the number one skill required to be the best at what I do is to smile and have patience!”

Hessel General Manager Tel Fox truly appreciates all of her team members and enjoys working at Kewadin’s smallest casino location. “We have a great group of team members and patrons at our casino site,” said Fox. All of us have certain jobs to do and when we work together, we all make our casino the best that it can be.”

Tucked away in Michigan’s beautiful U.P. forest is Kewadin’s smallest treasure, Hessel Kewadin Casino. This property, with only 6,400 total square feet, offers players and team members great fun, excitement and a sense of belonging.

Kewadin Hessel employs 44, was opened on June 1, 1994, and currently houses 111 slot machines. When you walk through the doors of this facility, you can sense a feeling - a different feeling - from team members and customers alike.

Hessel’s housekeeping department is one of the smallest, but strongest, around. Three fun women, Divina Izzard, Ida Roe and Connie Huffman keep this casino property spic and span at all times. “These ladies go all out when it comes to the up keep of our casino,” said Bev Lafrienier, assistant

# Bingo still offered two days a week at Kewadin Sault

Starting in December 2005, Kewadin Casinos offers bingo to casino patrons two days a week in the 180 seat bingo hall located in the “Trail” area next to the casino gift shop in Sault Ste. Marie.

In the past, bingo was an extremely popular game with customers filling the bingo hall nightly. In recent times, casino customers are now switching to play other games including the interactive slot machines that range from penny to \$25. Due to this switch in popularity, Kewadin cut back on bingo hall hours. “We want to be better at what we do and we feel this move was the right one for us,” said Steve Sprecker, general manager. “We were able to add our bingo team members to our keno team and now have an additional Keno station in the Superior gaming room that is very popular with our customers.”

On Wednesday night, bingo customers can enjoy a two-part jackpot game with a \$1,200 prize and over \$2,900 in prizes offered on both days. On this night, a special progressive jackpot game called Bingo Blizzard is offered. The Blizzard starts with a \$1,000 jackpot at 48 numbers. The jackpot increases by the dollar amount of cards sold minus the consolation. The numbers increase by one number each session until the jackpot is won. Every Thursday, Kewadin presents Senior Bingo. Senior Bingo begins at noon with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. and includes a free box lunch and beverages. For more information on Kewadin Casinos, please visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com) or call 1-800-KEWADIN.



# News of other nations

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

## Colgate explores Indian sovereignty

NEW YORK — In the first weekend of March, Colgate University hosted a conference on a topic that doesn't have one clear definition agreed upon by all: American Indian sovereignty.

Chris Vecsey, director of Native American Studies at Colgate, welcomed people Saturday, saying the point of the conference was to look more deeply at the question of Indian sovereignty, in theory and practice. "It has not only impacted New York state, but the country as well," he said.

While Vecsey said he didn't expect to come to complete clarification on the issue of sovereignty when the day was over, he hoped everyone would take something away from the conference. "American Indian sovereignty can be confusing," he said.

The first speaker, Frank Pommersheim, a professor of law at the University of South Dakota, said American Indian sovereignty is at a crossroads. "Tribes are doing more now than they ever have in the modern era," he said. "They are testing the front of tribal sovereignty."

Pommersheim, who was formerly an associate justice on the Rosebud Sioux Court of Appeals and the chief justice on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court of Appeals, framed his talk around the relationship between tribal sovereignty and the Constitution.

"I am willing to argue that when the Constitution was adopted in 1789, there was some degree of respect towards tribal sovereignty," he said. "I am also willing to argue that that respect doesn't exist today."

Pommersheim listed four themes in the Constitution that reflect the relationship between the Indian tribes and the new Americans.

The first answers the question of why the Europeans came to the Americas. "Their primary motivation was commerce," he said. "The Europeans were under the influence of the Enlightenment thinkers and the highest level of development for them was commerce."

Pommersheim went on to explain that the Constitution addresses commerce with Indian tribes in Article I, Section 8. "It says Congress shall have the authority to regulate commerce with Indian tribes," he said. "The word 'with' recognizes that Indian tribes are sovereign. It indicates a partnership, not a power over someone else."

The second theme, Pommersheim said, is diplomacy or treaties. He said that treaties are negotiated between two sovereigns. "In Article II, Section 2 the executive branch is given the authority to make treaties, with the approval of Congress," he said. "This is how the colonists interacted with the tribes, with treaties, which mean that tribes were sovereign."

The third and fourth themes, Pommersheim said, go hand-in-hand. "How did the colonists and tribes understand each other?" Pommersheim asked. "First of all, they didn't quite embrace each other; the theme of difference. Secondly, they lived separate of each other; the theme of separation."

The themes of difference and separation, according to Pommersheim, are reflected in the Constitution in Article I, Section 2. "The only place in the Constitution that makes reference to individual Indians," he said, "is when it explains how the number of congressmen in the House of Representatives should be determined."

The phrase "excluding Indians not taxed" suggests difference and separation, Pommersheim said, because Indians were different by not paying taxes and if they wanted to move into town and pay taxes, they would have had to separate themselves from their tribes. "While the phrase suggests difference and separation, it does entertain the possibility that an Indian's status could change on some level," he said.

While Pommersheim said he would define sovereignty as the ability of a government to govern all of its individuals in its borders in all ways, Congress does not see it that way. "In the United States, sovereignty is defined as whatever Congress or the Supreme Court think or say it is," he said. "Tribes are recognized as sovereign today, but with much less dignity and respect than in 1789."

To wrap up his speech, Pommersheim suggested some ideas that could achieve meaningful tribal sovereignty on a Constitutional platform. The first two, either a constitutional amendment or a return to treaty making, are longshots according to Pommersheim.

"The second two, Congress or the Supreme Court taking steps away from plenary power over Indian affairs, may be more of a possibility in the long run," he said. "All in all, Indian tribes are at a positive crossroads when it comes to tribal sovereignty."

The second speaker, Robert Odawi Porter, a professor of law and founder of the Center for Indigenous Law, Governance and Citizenship at Syracuse University, explained what it takes to obtain sovereignty. "My defini-

tion of sovereignty is fairly straightforward," he said. "It is the freedom of a people to choose what their people will be."

Porter, a member of the Seneca tribe, said that sovereignty starts with the belief that your people should be free. Second, Porter said a group of people must have the ability to carry out that belief. "For example, they must have some sort of resources, financial, natural or governmental," he said.

The last thing a tribe needs, Porter said, is recognition of their sovereignty and abilities. However, Porter said there is tension in the United States when it comes to tribal sovereignty. "The USA disagrees with the belief and ability of tribes to be sovereign," he said.

Today, Porter said, it is hard for a tribe to be sovereign. "Colonialism shaped our ability to be sovereign," he said. "We don't have much land, people or financial resources."

Porter said sovereignty has eroded over the years. "We now have many non-Indians in our jurisdictions and the Supreme Court is increasingly mindful of this," he said. "That, in turn, can affect how we are recognized."

When describing the impact of the arrival of the Europeans, Porter said Indians and the colonists were on two parallel paths, and still are. "We have to interact with each other, but still maintain our separate positions," he said.

Increasingly though, over time, Porter said there is much more convergence on the Indian side of the path. "The path of extinction, as I call it, is a system by which we are drawn into the colonists' way of life," he said. "I do however see resistance by some. For example, many tribes try to revitalize their language and reclaim their land."

Lastly, Porter gave the audience some political observations about sovereignty. "Sovereignty comes from our own people, not the colonists or Congress," he said. "It is an inherent right."

"Sovereignty is not given, but earned and has a price," he said. "It may not be easy to get and we may have to sacrifice to get it."

Porter said Indians must not underestimate how much "the colonists" are still motivated by fear. "Fear is still out there," he said. "Especially on the local level when it comes to land claim issues."

In the end, Porter said sovereignty is about one thing. "While happiness may be a derivative of sovereignty, happiness is not the goal," he said. "Sovereignty is ultimately about freedom."

Later in the afternoon, Mark Mitchell, governor of the Pueblo of Tesuque, L. Gordon McLester III, former tribal secretary of the Oneidas of Wisconsin and Chief Irving Powless Jr., a leader of the Onondaga Nation spoke.

— *The Oneida Daily Dispatch*

## American Indian artist preserves link to past

KANSAS — An e-mail popped up on Ryan Red Corn's computer one recent afternoon.

The subject line read: "You Die."

The Lawrence-based artist opened it. "Hope all you liberal homos die of AIDS," the letter read. It's nothing that Red Corn hasn't seen or heard before, but this message was striking.

"It was a little harsher than I'm used to," he said.

As owner of Demockrates, a T-shirt design company, Red Corn is used to a harsh reaction from some of his more edgy designs — like a print of the Statue of Liberty that reads: False Advertisement, and a shirt that says Manifest Density with a picture of President Bush.

But Red Corn's life is more than the shirts he designs with political slogans intended to provoke a chuckle.

Red Corn and his company, Red Hand Media, focus on working with American Indian tribes that often struggle to find quality — and authentic — design elsewhere.

He's been designing for his Osage tribe for years. But now he works for the Pawnee Nation, for Haskell University and for dozens of pan-tribal associations across the country. It's a labor of love and heritage, he says, not one of money or fame.

In the process, Red Corn has elevated his reputation from a scrappy local T-shirt designer to one of the most important American Indian artists of his generation.

"He is a wonderful artist," Osage Tribal Spokeswoman Paula Stabler said. "When you see his final version, you are blown away."

Red Corn's company, Red Hand Media, works in nearly every conceivable medium. In addition to shirts, he edits film — including "Haskell Indians" and "Silent Tears" — designs Web pages and comes up with advertising for his dozens of tribal clients.

While many of his contemporaries stick to traditional tribal arts and crafts, Red Corn's talents provides services

that many tribes struggle to find.

"I have had to rely on Ryan in some way for every special project," Stabler said. "And he has always come through."

Red Corn said big businesses approached his tribe and others all the time, offering to help design a tribal government Web site or election advertisements.

Often, he said, they don't know what they're doing. They aren't connected to the culture of native tribes and struggle with the intricacies of important symbolism.

"It has to look like one of their own tribe members made it," Red Corn said of his design work for other tribes around the country. "(Big companies) don't know how to put it together right."

For example, Red Hand Media designed posters for the Pawnee Nation's youth music festival. But rather than guitars and drums, the symbolism included a wolf's head and two crossed hatchets, skull-and-crossbones style.

And Red Corn knows how important it is to connect with a heritage that, in his eyes, has been co-opted and washed away.

In fifth grade, Red Corn met Lenexa, Kansas. His family had moved to the affluent Kansas City suburb, and Red Corn was suddenly shoved into a very white world that knew close to nothing about his culture.

"The people were different," Red Corn said. "Their frame of reference was completely different."

Kids would make fun of his last name, he said. In a science class, a teacher told him to stop "making smoke signals" on his Bunsen burner and pay attention, Red Corn recalled.

"It led me to see how deep the problem was," he said.

By high school, Red Corn enrolled in a commercial design class at a Shawnee Mission district vocational school. Everything he did there was political, he said — the art became his outlet.

At Kansas University, his interest in mass-media design took off — as did his involvement in American Indian programs at the university.

He was co-president of the First Nations Student Assn., at the same time his design leaned heavily on native and political imagery.

The connection between the two wasn't a revelation for Red Corn, he said. The students at KU were for the most part the same kids he grew up with in the suburbs. His native roots and politics always intertwined.

"All these things have been going parallel," he said. "Nothing's new."

It was July 2004, just a few months before the presidential election, when he found a distribution company interested in a George Bush parody shirt.

He sold 24 shirts to a guy in Spain. He didn't think much of it.

A week later, the distributor called, asking for 30 more. Red Corn didn't have them. He didn't consider that people might want more, he said.

He scrambled and had them printed. By the time the elections rolled around, he had five or six designs he was ready to sell.

But, to Red Corn's surprise, Bush won re-election. Then sales really took off.

The next day, Nov. 3, 300 orders flooded his Web site. The day after, another 200 orders popped up. Suddenly, he was working 12- or 13-hour days, keeping up with the orders and his Red Hand Media projects.

He recently sold a design to mega-retailer Urban Outfitters — a corporate move he isn't ecstatic with, but he knows it will help him continue to work with tribes without asking for tons of cash.

"It's going to allow me to do so many things," he said, excited. "That's what I get out of it."

— *Lawrence Journal-World*

## Three more tribes recognized in S.C.

SOUTH CAROLINA — The Waccamaw Indian People and the Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina were the first Indian tribes to be recognized by that state.

Recently, three more American Indian groups have been officially recognized as tribes in South Carolina: Pee Dee Indian Tribe of South Carolina, the Beaver Creek Indians and the Santee Indian Organization.

"We're finally getting to be what we really are" said Chief Roosevelt Scott. "Before, we acted like we were ashamed to be Indians." Chief James Caulder echoed Scott's remarks. He said when he applied for a driver's license in 1958, the woman checking the applications said, "You've got the race wrong here. South Carolina ain't got no Indians."

— The Associated Press, state and local wire

# Applications are now being accepted for the Sault Tribe Internship Program - Summer 2006

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is now accepting applications for the 2006 Sault Tribe Internship Program. This Internship provides an opportunity for college level juniors and seniors working towards bachelor's degrees, and who have demonstrated an interest in our tribe and acquiring a working knowledge of how tribal entities function. The program increases the opportunity for networking among participants, tribal leaders, staff and others. It also provides an opportunity for the tribe to formulate a first hand assessment of future entry-level management applicants.

## Areas of possible placement:

Communications	(Video production, tribal newspaper, tribal Web site)
Cultural Department	(Ojibwe language, training, outreach)
Education	(Youth Education and Activities, adult education, Head Start)
Fiscal services	(Accounting, budgeting, investments)
Fisheries	(Management, enhancement, regulation)
Health	(Nursing, nutrition, dental, community health, pharmacy)
Housing	(Resident services, home ownership, home improvement)
Judicial services	(Tribal Court, legal, probation)
Kewadin Casinos	(Marketing, management, public relations)
Law enforcement	(Police officers, detention officers)
MIS	(Telecommunications, computer information systems)
Purchasing	(Shipping, receiving, management)
Recreation	(Events, fitness, administration)
Social services	(Child placement, behavioral health, direct services)
Tribal administration	(Management, administrative)
Tribal enterprises	(Hospitality, retail)

Interns will have the opportunity to interact with the tribal board of directors, executive administrators and program directors. There will be a weekly training allowance. Participants are expected to attend meetings and seminars beyond a 40 hour scheduled workweek. Applications may be obtained on the Sault Tribe Web site: [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) or by calling or writing to:

Sault Tribe Internship Program  
c/o D.J. Malloy  
523 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Telephone: (906) 635-6050 extension 26021, Toll Free: (800) 793-0660, Fax: (906) 632-6086

Please send application, resume, cover letter, references, essay, copy of your college transcript and an updated copy of tribal membership card to the above address postmarked no later than March 24, 2006. DEADLINE FOR THE SAULT TRIBE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS MARCH 24, 2006. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THEN MARCH 24, 2006.

*"AS TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON, I MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EMPHASIZE THE VALUE OF EDUCATION. THE BOARD AND I ARE WORKING TOWARD BUILDING AND MAINTAINING THOSE SERVICES THAT EDUCATE AND ENCOURAGE OUR PEOPLE. THE SAULT TRIBE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ENHANCES YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION AND TAKES IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL. IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO UTILIZE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM. INTERNS RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. NOT JUST YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, BUT THE VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE OF A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE."*

—AARON PAYMENT, CHAIRPERSON, SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

## New gas buying procedures coming for discount purchases



Members purchasing gas at the Sault or St. Ignace Midjim MUST swipe their tribal card first at the pump to activate the pump and receive their discounts

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The five tribally designated gas stations are: BP in Newberry on M-28, Manistique Oil Company on Deer St. in Manistique, Freedom Value Center in Marquette, Carnes BP in Escanaba and Pair-A-Dice Inn in Christmas next to Kewadin Casino. Members should also be aware that

cashiers at the Midjims and Kewadin gift shops may no longer be able to back off items from a purchase they are ringing up. The entire purchase may have to be voided and re-entered. "When someone comes in with a handful of money and lets the cashier ring their purchase up and when they are over their cash limit have the

cashier back the last item off that may create problems with quota, discounting and tax removal management in the new system. For example, as soon as the cashier rings up cigarettes the entire sales transaction will go through a complicated process through the new server which includes looking up your account and verifying tax removal and available quota, followed by modifying your account quota, taxes and discounts and returning these amounts to the cash register, which instantly modifies and applies these to your complete sale. If you then try to remove or add something to your sale, reversing the process for a partial sale cannot be done automatically with exact results. If a purchase is changed some purchases may require the clerk to void out the sale and start over. That is one of the small drawbacks to the system but there was no reasonable way around it," said Day.

The new system allows for future upgrades making it more user friendly and efficient for members and staff. Some of the improvements planned for the future include:

- The ability to put your tribal membership card into a pump at one of the Midjims with a PIN to display your available gas quota.
  - Kewadin's player tracking system currently in use will someday allow people to purchase gas using player points from their Northern Rewards Club card.
  - Members will be able to attach a credit card or cash to their tribal card, therefore allowing them the ability to pay at the pump at the Midjims and receive their applicable discounts.
- Software installation and system testing begins mid April. "As long as testing goes good, we hope to be up and running by the end of April," said Amy Cappelli, senior accountant of enterprises. "All the gas stations and gift shops will have current live time quota information now at their disposal with this new software. This will make it easier for members to make their purchases and for tracking taxes for the state."

# Walking On



**Earl Gordon Adams** of St. Ignace was a decorated veteran who served in the United States Navy during World War II, and at one time, he was reported missing in action. During the war, he served on the United States Ship Mississippi, which was hit several times by the enemy in combat.

Mr. Adams worked as a custodian at St. Ignace City Hall, and he retired from the job in 1986. Adams also worked many years as a carpenter and plumber building many motels and homes around the St. Ignace area. He also worked one winter at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island.

Mr. Adams died at the age of 81 Feb. 8, at Mackinac Straits Hospital and Long Term Care Facility.

He was born Nov. 25, 1924, in St. Ignace, to Earl W. and Olive (nee LaTondress) Adams of St. Ignace. After he was graduated from high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy.

Locally he was known as a "very good baseball and softball player," and he was also a skilled bowler and excellent swimmer, family members said.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and a life member of St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace.

Mr. Adams is survived by his wife, Alvina Mastaw, whom he married in 1959; three sons, Charles Adams of Kalamazoo and Bernard and John Adams of St. Ignace; two daughters and their families, Loncie and Captain Jim Sorenson of St. Ignace and Ruth and Don Sorenson of St. Ignace and Ruth and Dan Shannon of Sterling; four brothers and their families, Thomas Keith and Mary Adams of Madera, California, Donald E. Adams of Rogers Vity, Robert L. and Eileen Adams of Niles, and J. Gary and Carol Adams of Madera, California; three daughters and their families, Lorraine and Ray Dulecki of Madison Heights, Marion and Bill King of St. Ignace, and Earlene and Randy Carlisle of Madison Heights; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and four step-children, Bruce Erickson, Richard Erickson, Tom Erickson, and Heidi Erickson, all of the Minneapolis and St. Paul area of Minnesota.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his first wife, June Cronan, who died at the age of 33 in 1956, and by his sister-in-law,

hunting, fishing and motorcycling. He celebrated and embraced life in its fullness of joys and responsibilities. He strove to enhance the quality of life through his appreciation and love of music, literature, nature, travel, hunting, story telling, laughter, friendships and one of Betty's pies. "Grandpa has so many friends they wouldn't all fit in the fields of his farm..." — granddaughter, Marquerite.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Elizabeth (Betty Ploegstra) of 61 years; his seven children, Nancy (Joe) Carter, Phyllis Kathryn (Douglas) Russell, Edward (Beverly) Doll, Teresa Doll, Patricia (Jeffery Azis) Harris, Connie (Martin) Harris, Mary (Jacob Guter) Doll; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church at 11 a.m. in Barbeau Tuesday, Feb. 28 with Brother John officiating.

Condolences may be emailed to [clarkdailynewhouse@sbsglobal.net](mailto:clarkdailynewhouse@sbsglobal.net). Arrangements were in the care of Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

**Dawn Marie Goetz** of DeTour Village grew up in Hessel and DeTour, and after school worked as a server at Dream Catchers Lounge at Kewadin Casinos in Sault Ste. Marie. She later moved to Montana, where she worked thinking new log homes, and for the past few years she had been living in Vero Beach, Florida, working as a secretary at an automobile repair facility.

Ms. Goetz was 25 years of age when she died Feb. 17, 2006, at Siani Grace Hospital in Detroit.

She was born Aug. 6, 1980 in Sault Ste. Marie and was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved camping and spending time outdoors.

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

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

A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at

North Hills Baptist Church on Chard Road in Hessel. Pastor Floyd Lamoreaux officiated.

Interment will be in Rockview Cemetery, Marquette Township, in the spring. Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

Lifetime Manistique resident **George "Chippy" Houghton**, age 51, of 209 N. Fourth Street, Manistique died Feb. 12, 2006 at his home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1955 in Manistique, the son of Donald and Lillian (Sangraw) Houghton and attended the Manistique area schools. On Jan. 28, 2006 he married the former Lisa M. Fagan in Manistique.

Chippy was a member of the Mercy Apostolic Church of Manistique, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the V.F.W. Men's Auxiliary Post #4420 and the Manistique Eagles Aerie #3755. He enjoyed his music and collecting Hot Wheels and piggy banks.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa of Manistique; daughters, Jennifer Nemece of Necedah, WI and Joe Porter of Gladstone, Mich.; son Harold Houghton of Manistique; several grandchildren; brothers: Donald Houghton of St. Ignace, Mich., David (Maureen) Houghton of Kincheloe, Mich., and Richard (Diane) Klevgard of Oak Park, IL and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006 at the Mercy Apostolic Church in Manistique. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 16, at the Mercy Apostolic Church with Pastor Mark Ross officiating. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique, Mich. Memorials may be directed to the Mercy Apostolic Church of Manistique.

The Messier-Browlie Funeral Home in Manistique assisted the family with arrangements.

## Tristan Levi Krogh, infant

son of Theodore Krogh III of Sault Ste. Marie and Christina Visnaw of Newberry, died suddenly at home on Monday Feb. 20, 2006. Tristan was born Dec. 18, 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

In addition to his parents, survivors include older sisters and



brothers: Jennifer Goetz of Goetzville, Mich., Sierra Krogh of Hessel, Mich., Trevor Hroch of Iron Mountain, Mich., and Tyler, Theodore IV, Takoda, and Travis Krogh, all of Newberry, Mich. Paternal grandparents, Sandra Gardner of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and Theodore II and Mary Krogh of East Hampton, Conn. Maternal grandparents are Gerald (Lorie) Thibault of Marion, Ohio, and Mary Roberts of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Interment will take place in the spring at the Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville, Mich.

**Drayton LaChapelle**, 84 of St. Ignace died peacefully Friday evening, Feb. 24 at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care. He had been in the Care Facility one day, and had been at home with failing health for four years, under the care of a loving family. He was born Jan. 4, 1922 in St. Ignace to Merrill and Doris Madeline (Martin) LaChapelle. He graduated from LaSalle High School in 1940, and joined the military in 1942. He was a paratrooper during WWII. He retired from the US Post Office as a carrier in 1982. He was a very active golfer, loved school sports, especially football and basketball and helped with the "chain gang" at football games many years. He was also in the Knights of Columbus, and called bingo for a number of years. Drayton was always a friendly and smiling mail man, and well known for his jokes. He is also a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He married Agnes Dunn on June 7, 1947 at Blue Earth, Minn., and she survives. Also four daughters, Monica (Rick) Silet, St. Ignace; Margaret Howe, St. Johns; Elaine (Mark) MacDonald, St. Ignace; Kathy (Mike) Bay, West Bloomfield; sisters, Marjorie (Albert) Litzner, Bay City; Meryl (Dave) Lloyd, Cheboygan; 10 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and sister-in-law Mary LaChapelle, Milwaukee, Wisc. He was preceded in death by a son, Peter on Nov. 24, 1993, and two brothers, Harold and Melvin; two sisters, Jeanette Snyder and Verna LaChapelle. A memorial mass was held on Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Williams and Fr. Norbert Landreville officiating. Burial will be in St. Ignace Cemetery. Dodson Funeral Home of St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

## Youth basketball tournament and annual Native mixed doubles bowling tournament

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of April 8 and 9, 2006!

The Parks and Recreation Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is host to the SCIT Basketball Tournament. Age groups are subject to change, based on participants ages, when signing up. Girls and Boys, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-18.

Please contact Kevin Ricketts at (989) 775-4509 or Kevin Chamberlain at (989) 775-4530 for additional information.

Also, please join us for the

"Mixed Doubles Native American Bowling Tournament" at Chippewa Lanes in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, April 8.

It's going to be an exciting tournament with total cash prizes of \$6,400 per session. Bowlers can play in both sets, but only two persons may bowl in the same team a second time. Teams shall consist of Native Americans or two Native Americans and their spouses, and there is a \$50 entry fee per person, per session.

Any questions, please call us at (989) 775-4128 or (989) 775-4522. See you there!

## By EDWIN DWYER SOCIAL SECURITY DISTRICT MANAGER ESCANABA, MICHIGAN

The tax season is at hand, and millions of taxpayers are busy gathering together all of the forms and documents needed to file federal, state and local tax returns. Because some Social Security beneficiaries have to pay taxes on their benefits, a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) is one of those important tax documents. The SSA-1099s for tax year 2005 were all automatically mailed to beneficiaries by January 31, 2006. If you or a Social Security beneficiary whom you know has not yet received your Form SSA-1099, you can request a replacement on the

## Go online for form 1099

Social Security web site at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

The Form SSA-1099 shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year and is used to complete a federal income tax return and to find out if any benefits are subject to tax. Basically, the federal tax laws about Social Security benefits state that:

\* Up to 50 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to income tax for individuals with a combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000; and

\* Up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject

to income tax for individuals with a combined income above \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income above \$44,000. (Note: "Combined income" means adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable interest, plus one-half of Social Security benefits.)

Only about 28 percent of current Social Security beneficiaries have incomes that exceed the thresholds, requiring them to pay taxes on a portion of their Social Security benefits. For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and ask for Publication 554, Older Americans' Tax Guide. It is also available from the IRS Web site at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

# Letters from elders

**Editors note:**  
*The Sault Tribe and the chairperson's office has received hundreds of letters from tribal elders thanking the tribe for the Christmas bonus and the elder dividend checks. We would like to share some of these letters with you. We apologize for not having enough space to run all the letters.*

Thank you so much, Aaron, for the check. Have good health in the new year, and I will keep you in my prayers. — Bertha Cartwright

Aaron,  
 Thank you so very much for the check in November for our Thanksgiving dinner. Even though we have moved to Texas, I do appreciate the money gift. Thank you, — Evelyn Heldt and family

Dear Aaron,  
 Thank you for the generous gift from the tribe. The check was definitely and improvement over the gift card. Your card and message set the tone for a happy and prosperous new year. May the teachings of Jesus Christ guide us in carrying out the lofty goals which you have set before us. Your generous gift from the Elder's Fund has been gratefully received. Thank you. Sincerely, — Irene Howell

Dear Aaron,  
 Thank you for the dividend check that I received Jan. 9. I appreciate it very much. It is a wonderful gift. — Sharon Jochman.

Dear Chairman Payment,  
 I recently received my letter and card for membership into the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. I want to thank you and the board members for once again opening enrollment. I was pleased to finally be enrolled, since I had made several attempts since 1984. Today I received the \$50 bonus check. Again, thank you! I'm also looking forward to receiving the tribe's newspaper and keeping abreast of tribal news.

Thank you again Chairman Payment and board members for pursuing this issue. I am deeply grateful!  
 Sincerely, — Phyllis J. Larsen.

Thank you, Mr. Payment, for the elders check. You will never know how much it is appreciated. I am wondering if you might be a relative of mine as my grandfather was Felix Payment.  
 Thanks again, — Frances M. McCarthy

To whom it may concern:  
 I just want to say thank you for my membership into the Sault Tribe. Also, would you please send me four applications so I may get my grown children enrolled.

I received my annual check — I did not know there would be these benefits that go along with membership, but I want you to know the check is greatly appreciated. I am having dental work done now and this check will pay

a large portion of that. It could not have arrived at a better time as I did not know how I would have paid for this necessary dental work.

Once again, I just want to say thank you! — Mary Ann Naelitz

Dear Mr. Payment,  
 We cannot thank you enough for all the many kindnesses you and your staff have shown us. Your constant follow up and attention to detail is outstanding. My brothers Michael and Frederick continue to tell us how everyone they have come into contact with in the Chippewa Tribe have bent over backward to help in any way they can. This kind of fellowship is not all that common in the world today and you and the tribe are to be commended for the way you manage the tribe's affairs and your continued effort to display the true nature of the Native American.

Having been born and raised in the Soo, it will be a pleasure to return to visit with you and the others still brave enough to live in that climate. The home we lived in on Fort Street is no longer there, even the bridge across the canal has been removed but there are still many fond memories for me in the Soo and surrounding area.

We wish you the best in your efforts to build the tribe and care for its members. We especially thank you for the surprise gift and nice Christmas letter. We look forward to getting to know you and those who work with you.

My wife and I are especially interested in genealogy and would appreciate any information you might have on the tribal ancestry. Things like tribal records or books written about the tribe. This would include Chippewa Indian tribal historical information and that sort of thing.

Our kindest regards and thanks, — Conrad and Jo Stephens

Mr. Payment,  
 Please accept my grateful thanks for the elder check for \$1,600. It certainly was a very needed and welcome sight. We filled our oil tanks and paid property taxes with it. Also lots of doctoring as my husband had a stroke in January and also was dx with pre-cancer of the prostate.  
 Sorry this is late, but been really busy doctoring.  
 Once again, thanks! A grateful member — Alvera Turner

Mr. Payment,  
 Thanks for the land claims check, Christmas gift and birthday card. I appreciate it very much.  
 It's nice receiving the tribal paper to keep up-to-date on the news and issues.  
 I think you are doing a good job as chairman.  
 Sincerely, — Darryl Frasier

Dear chairman and council,  
 A very big thank you for all the caring and generous events you have provided for our pleasure and comfort. This page is not big enough to name them all, and not be left out are the gifts of money which comes at the best possible time of the year.  
 Thank you again, Sincerely, — Eleanor Fitzpatrick

Dear Aaron and tribe,  
 Thanks for the Christmas bonus check, it really helps us elders out. With prescription drugs and fuel being so high priced, us elders find it very hard this time of year, thank you for the benefit. There are a lot of Indians living out side of seven county area, we are all proud of our Indian blood line.  
 Thank you so much — Patsy Kisen

Dear Aaron and board of directors, thank you so much for my elder dividend check and for the Christmas check. They both will pay my real estate taxes. Very needed and very appreciated!  
 Sincerely, — Trudence Thompson

To our tribal chairperson, Aaron, and all the other tribe members who have worked so hard to get what is rightfully ours. I want to say thank you to each and every one of the members looking after us elderly. God Bless and may our tribe always remain in each and everyone of our hearts, thanks again, looking forward to hearing from you again. I can't begin to tell you how happy I am to be a tribe member. All the best for the New Year.  
 Sincerely, — Marian Y.

Aaron A. Payment, MPA, tribal chairperson, and members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors,

Thank you. I plan to use the elder dividend check to take my grandchildren home to the Soo for the powwow.  
 I appreciate you including me. Sincerely, — Sharon Clark

Dear Mr. Payment and board,  
 Received the most generous check again this year — it is truly appreciated.

The thing I do for myself is to share it with my family. It gives me great pleasure to give to them as for myself my needs are small and want little — so again thank all of you and wish you all a happy healthy year of 2006. — Marguerite Girard

Dear Aaron,  
 I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you, the tribal board of directors and the Enrollment Department for:  
 (1) Membership into the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
 (2) Christmas bonus check and  
 (3) Annual elder dividend check

While being a new member (12/21/05), I have subscribed to *The Sault Tribe News* for several years, which has made me familiar with the history, organization and activities, consequently I already feel part of the family. Several of my cousins and an uncle are also members. I know you have had some really difficult times and problems in the past and unfortunately will probably continue in the future, but I find you are persistent in your fairness and I feel the Sault Tribe is in very capable hands. Keep up the good work!  
 The dividend check comes at a most opportune time, as I go into a local hospital for an out-patient

procedure tomorrow and indications are I will not be covered by Medicare or private insurance, and the dividend check will provide me with the financial resources to take care of some significant expenses involved.

I especially would like to thank Linda Smith and the entire enrollment staff for their attention, keeping me informed of the process and progress of my request for membership. I am, indeed, proud to be a member of the Chippewa Indians and I hope and pray that many good things happen to you and all the members of the Sault Tribe.

Again, thank you, the tribal board or directors and Linda Smith and the Enrollment Department for completion and approval of the necessary paper work leading to my approval a new member. Chi McGwitch, — John T. Vallee

Dear Aaron and board of directors,

Thank you for the check from the Elders Fund! I wish to thank you all for the hospital and doctor's bills paid in this past year. Much appreciated!  
 Sincerely, — Lillian Hoerz

Mr. Payment and all,

Thank you for your welcoming letter. It is an honor to be accepted into the tribe. When we were growing up, Indian people were not treated well, but in Michigan people do not seem to have held vengeance in their hearts. You have done so much for the local communities and are to be commended.  
 I have received the \$50 Christmas gift and the \$1,600 elder money and will give 10 percent of it to a needy family.  
 Sincerely, — Harriet

To Aaron Payment and the board,  
 Thank you, thank you, thank you so very much. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the \$1,600 and what a wonderful blessing.

I am so grateful for your including myself and my family in your family tree.  
 God bless each of you, — Joan Christopher

I want to thank you very much for the money. It came in handy, my dog, my baby, almost lost her life, she's 13 years old and the money helped save her life. Thank you, thank you. I received your flyer letter and I can read more about what's going on! Bless you all.  
 Thank you again, — Nancy Przybylko

To Aaron and tribal staff,  
 Thank you for the yearly elder's gift. A wonderful blessing just in time to help us with important needs.

Sincerely, — Margaret Clark and family

Sault Chippewa Tribe,  
 Thank you so much for the Christmas gift check, and for the dividend check. Both were put to good use.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy new year. — Marlene Lawrence Sherman

Aaron and board,  
 Any wise-old-anyone would say thank you for the elders annual check (\$1,600) — received and deposited. And I do say thanks. — Donald E. La Londe

Sault Tribe Board of Directors,  
 Hope you all have a happy holiday season. Also a great big thank you for the \$50 check and \$50 Wal-Mart card that I received from you. It is very much appreciated!

I will be spending Christmas week-end downstate with my family, first time in about 15 years. So you know that I will have a wonderful holiday.  
 Love, — Joann Smith

Thank you so much for the Christmas bonus check — such a nice surprise and very welcome. I hope you and your family have a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year.  
 Thank you again, — Margaret Dunbar

With deepest gratitude with regard to the check received on behalf of the elders for Christmas. I appreciate it very much. And, it is with deep appreciation that I thank you for the elder dividend check. It came at just the right time.  
 Sincerely, — Linda Livermore

Thank you for the \$50 check, it bought Christmas dinner, and thank you for the bonus check. —Helen P. Lehr

Many thanks to the Chippewa Tribe for the Christmas gift and the elder dividend check. My prayers are with you. I will put them to good use.  
 Thanks again, — Rosemary Ann Derry

Just want to say thank you so much for our recent land claims check. It is greatly appreciated.  
 Sincerely, — Lila Shaw

Thank you for the checks of \$50 and \$1,600 that were sent to me within the last three weeks.

I wanted you to know that I do appreciate your time and effort in making this possible.  
 I wish everyone a happy new year!

With regards — Anne

Thank you so much for the Christmas check of \$50. I was so thrilled and it really helped to buy Christmas groceries. My dad, who has been deceased for 19 years, would have been so proud of how well the tribe is doing! — Connie Schopp

Thanks for the \$50 for groceries for Christmas. — Delores and Paul Crystal

Dear Chairman Aaron,  
 Thank you so much for our elder check. We depend on it to pay our property taxes and house insurance. Without it, I don't know what we would do. We only receive Social Security and SSI, which isn't a real lot. Again thank you!  
 Sincerely, — Charles Bugg

# Community Calendar

**January 31-April 4:** HUGS Lifestyle Program. Ten classes will teach you tools for making meaningful and permanent changes in your lifestyle. New session runs Jan. 31 to April 4 and meets Tuesdays at STEPS group from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium. Facilitators are Charla Gordon, RD and Betty Noland, RD Sault Tribe nutritionists. Please call (906) 632-5212 or (906) 632-5210 to sign up or for more information. There is no fee and the class is open to the community.

**March 6-April 12:** Learn to Swim, free for tribal youth, Mondays and Wednesdays 4 - 4:50 p.m., at Lake Superior State University Norris Center Pool. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to sign up. Class size is limited.

**March 9-30:** Come join the fun! Learn country line dancing. Classes will be held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, Thursdays from 12:10 - 12:50 p.m. Classes are free. No experience or pre-registration necessary. Just bring your dancing shoes! Instructor is Donna Norkoli. For more information call (906) 635-8844.

**March 17:** Come on in to any of our five Kewadin Casinos on St. Patrick's Day and turn your luck into cold hard cash! We're giving away up to \$30,000 in cash prizes between all five sites. All customers can register FREE at our Northern Rewards Club with random and free entry drawings to spin our wheel of luck from 4 - 10 p.m. For more information on any promotion call 1-800-KEWADIN.

**March 18:** Totzone "123 Sesame Street" Wear your Sesame Street apparel; participate in ABC coloring fun and enjoy a special snack 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Special themed activities and snacks planned for each Totzone date. We encourage everyone to bring strollers, push toys, ride-on toys, walker and trikes. There is a \$3 fee per child to participate. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

**March 18:** Rock-n-Roll 70's show, 7 p.m. Dream Maker Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN. Tickets on sale now, price \$28.50.

**March 18 & 19:** 14th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional powwow, Vandament Arena, Northern Michigan University Marquette, Mich. For more information call Steve Knauf at (906) 227-1397 or email cnas@nmu.edu.

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

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

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**March 20-21:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

**March 21:** Lunch-n-Learn presentations, Asthma and Allergies by Dr. Ranta. Enjoy a healthy lunch and hear presenters speak on useful parent/child issues held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 12 - 1 p.m. A light lunch (soup) will be provided by the Community Health Nutrition staff. If anyone would like to bring a dish to share they are welcome. For more information call Christina Wilkins at (906) 632-4001 or Michelle Willis at (906) 632-5210.

**March 21:** Move More - Feel Better 1 - 3 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series one, this new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

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

**March 21 - May 2:** Active Parenting NOW is designed to serve parents of children ages five years to twelve a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

**March 22:** Harlan Downwind will be holding office hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic St. Ignace 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Lambert Center. For appointments call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

**March 23:** Children's Celebration and Family Fun Night, Chi-Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 5-7 p.m. These two events have joined together this year for double the fun. Open skating 5:30-6:30 p.m. with free skate rental provided by Chi Mukwa. Food and drinks provided. Fun activities and door prizes. For more information call Christina Wilkins at (906) 632-4001 or Michelle Willis at (906) 632-5210. Funded in part by the Great Parent Great Start Grant.

**March 23:** Move More - Feel Better 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series

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**March 23:** The Your Child Coalition "Learn-to-Earn" forum, Manistique, Tribal Center, 6-8 p.m. Parents, students, school teachers, administrators, teachers, business representatives, and others interested in quality education will meet across the state to review various educational issues and propose solutions to these issues through a series of "Learn To Earn" community forums. The public is encouraged to attend the following forums held throughout the state and become a part of the effort to build a true coalition to discuss what our children should learn and the role parents, teachers, and employers must play to improve student achievement and ensure their success in the 21st century. For more information regarding the "Learn To Earn" forums, please contact Project Coordinator Renee Robinson at (906) 635-6050.

**March 23-26:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

**March 23 - May 4:** Active Parenting of TEENS is designed to serve parents of teens and pre-teens in a six week course that meets for three hours per week. Week seven is graduation. We accept both referrals from agencies and individuals. There is no charge. Classes will be scheduled in the location that best suits the majority of the class participants. I.e. Kincheloe, Sault Ste. Marie or Hessel. Contact Joanne Umbrasas at (906) 635-7746 to register or for more information.

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

**March 24:** Traditional teachings, Harlan Downwind, traditional practitioner will be speaking at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call (906) 632-5200 for more information.

**March 25:** The Native American Society for Historical Preservation, Inc. is sponsoring a buffalo roast fundraising dinner from 4-7 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center. The cost for the dinner will be \$7.50 and will include all the trimmings and desert. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help

with the expansion of the Old Mission Indian Cemetery in Hessel. We hope everyone will help with this worthwhile endeavor and enjoy a delicious buffalo dinner. For more information or questions please contact Dianne Yarnell at (906) 647-2694, or e-mail kekek@direcway.com.

**March 25:** Little Texas and Kevin Sharp Concert, 7 p.m. Dream Maker Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN. Tickets on sale now, price \$22.50.

**March 27:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic, Manistique Health Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 341-8469 or (866) 401-0043.

**March 28:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Escanaba 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 786-9211 or (877) 256-0135.

**March 28:** Lunch-n-Learn presentations, Positive Discipline for Parents by Casidy Keyser. Enjoy a healthy lunch and hear presenters speak on useful parent/child issues held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 12 - 1 p.m. A light lunch (soup) will be provided by the Community Health Nutrition staff. If anyone would like to bring a dish to share they are welcome. For more information call Christina Wilkins at (906) 632-4001 or Michelle Willis at (906) 632-5210.

**March 28:** The Sault Tribe News deadline is 9 a.m. If you have any questions please call the Communications Department at (906) 632-6398.

**March 29:** Harlan Downwind will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Marquette 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 387-4614.

**March 29:** The Chippewa County Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group will meet in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, on the last Wednesday at 2 p.m. For more information please call (906) 632-3363.

**March 31:** Blood Drive from 11-5 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium. Blood is in short supply, please donate. For an appointment call Janice Pittman at (906) 632-5200. Walk-ins welcome!

**March 30-April 2:** 12th Annual Anishinaabemowin Teg Language Conference "Kwi-anishinaabemtoowag na gdi-binoojinnag nogo?" Will you speak the language to your children today? at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The four day annual event provides the opportunity for Anishinaabe language educators and learners from across Canada and the United States to gather and share their knowledge and experience with one another. Conference highlights include Anishinaabemowin art and drama, Anishinaabe resource development, youth and children's track or activities,

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**April 3:** The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**April 4:** Enjoy living smoke-free - yes, you can! 1 - 3 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, series one, this new six-session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. It is designed for people with diabetes and their families as part of the Healthy Heart Project, but everyone can benefit from attending. Join us at anytime and start with whatever session fits your schedule. Plan to attend all six sessions sometime in the next year and receive a certificate of completion and gain the gift of a stronger heart. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

**April 4:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting on Sugar Island at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

**April 5:** The Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**April 6:** THE BASICS of Diabetes and Living a Full Life class, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This is the session to attend if you just found out you have diabetes, if you never received diabetes education, or it's been a while since you have had an update on diabetes. The session will include basic information about caring for yourself and your diabetes. You will be given useful information, a book to take home with you, a meal, and the chance to ask questions. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register. Registering for classes is recommended so we can inform you of any changes.

**April 6:** The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. For any questions please call the Elder Services Division at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

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