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## News briefs

### Gravelle hearing delayed again

A preliminary hearing on felony drug charges brought against Sault Tribe Board of Directors Unit I Representative Todd Gravelle was rescheduled a second time after Chippewa County Prosecutor Brian Peppler opted to dismiss charges so that a special prosecutor for Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement could press charges.

Gravelle was charged June 1 on counts of cocaine, oxycodone and methodone possession.

A hearing originally set for June 14 was moved to July 5. The hearing is now scheduled for Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in Chippewa County 91st District Court before the Honorable Judge Michael McDonald.

### Board elects new officers

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors conducted their election of officers at the July 11 board meeting held on Mackinac Island.

The board voted for Unit I Representative Dennis McKelvie to serve as the new vice-chairman over Unit II Representative Robert LaPoint. Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson, who previously served as secretary, will now serve as treasurer. Lana Causley from Unit II, replaces Abramson as secretary.

### Head Start and Early Head Start accepting applications

The Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start programs are currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 school year. Head Start and Early Head Start provide comprehensive, age appropriate services to children including children with disabilities. The Sault Tribe offers both center-based and home-based services. Head Start is for children ages 3-5 years. Early Head Start is for children from birth to three years.



**New historical marker brings history alive . . .** Travelers who stop at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) scenic turnout on US-2 in St. Ignace, will now be getting a history lesson. The historical marker was unveiled which outlines the evolution of the route.

"There are seven state roadways in Michigan that we can trace back to Native American trails, US-2 being one of those," said John Batchelder, MDOT's Newberry Transportation Service Center manager. "We believe it is important to recognize the contribution the tribes made to the transportation system we all depend on today."

The marker outlines the development of US-2 from an Indian trail to a coach road to a route that explorers, settlers and armies used. The Sault Tribe assisted MDOT on the project. One side of the marker is written in English, while the other side was translated into the Ojibwe language by Rhonda Hopkins and Nancy Debassige, of the tribe's Culture Department.

Above; Rhonda and Nancy, front row left, are joined by friends, MDOT officials, members of the board, and Chairperson Payment at the unveiling of the historical marker.

PHOTO BY ALAN KAMUDA

## \$880,000 given to Upper Peninsula communities

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Communities across the Upper Peninsula received some financial assistance recently thanks to the Kewadin Casinos two percent distributions. In total, \$881,629.41 was recently distributed as part of the casino's and Sault Tribe's bi-annual two percent disbursements.

The monies were distributed to local governments to help with projects ranging from street construction and police upgrades to recreation services and community projects.

Area counties receiving monies were Alger County which received \$52,340.82;

Chippewa County received \$385,721.13; Delta County received \$42,800; Luce County received \$23,000; Mackinac County received \$113,394.64; Marquette County received \$39,716; and Schoolcraft County which received \$51,656.

Each year, the tribe contributes two-percent of its Casino slot earnings to local governments. This money is used to support local activities that affect tribal and non-tribal families. "It is absolutely incredible to see how much support we have been able to give the community," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casinos chief operating officer. "We've been able to

help schools build their library collection, help city governments improve infrastructure, and help local law enforcement officers upgrade their equipment to provide better services to all of us."

To date, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has awarded \$23.2 million in two-percent distributions to local units.

For information on how to apply for two percent funds, contact DJ Malloy at 906-635-6050.

## Manistique Tribal Center opens optometry and pharmacy departments



The Manistique Tribal Center at 5698 West US HWY 2, opened their new optometry department on July 20 and pharmacy department on July 24.

For information on the optometry department, please contact Dr. Shelly Baker, optometrist in photo on left, or Lisa Cota, optical assistant at (906) 341-9501 ext., 29501 or (866) 401-0043 (main reception). Department hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The department is closed for lunch from noon till 1 p.m.

For information on the pharmacy department, please contact Dr. Kourtney Bradley, pharmacist in photo on right, or Martha Johnson, pharmacy technician I at (906) 341-9544 ext. 29711 or (866) 401-0043 (main reception). Department hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The pharmacy is closed from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# Chippewa County Recycling Center, a credit to community

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sault Tribe member Kathy Bensel is the shop supervisor, vocational trainer and household hazardous waste collection supervisor for the Chippewa County Recycling Center. The center is at 1423 W. Easterday Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie and is operated by Northern Transitions, Inc., which provides employment training for mentally and physically challenged people.

Mountains of plastic bottles, dry cell batteries, newspapers, glass jars and bottles, tin, aluminum and steel cans, glossy magazines, corrugated cardboard and a small amount of steel fill the organized interior of one of the most comprehensive recycling programs in Michigan.

In its first year of operation in 1989, 67.2 tons of recycled goods went through the center. In 2005, that figure increased to 2,295.15 tons.

"We have about 191 ton of recycled goods going out of here each month," Bensel said. Most recycled products are loaded onto semi-trucks in bails. The recycling center has a bailer with 5,000 pounds per square inch (psi) pressure behind a large plate (plateum) that crushes and binds products for shipping. "When a truck comes in everything has to be weighed before it is loaded. We keep track of how many pounds and tons go out of here, if the trucks are overweight they could get some very expensive fines," Bensel said.

The center has four brokers they use for shipments of goods. "When we have a load of something, like newspaper, magazines and shredded paper, we call one of our brokers and they set up the shipment. The center gets paid for the products shipped out. The brokers send us monthly statements of what each type of product is selling for at that time on the market.

Each loaded semi can haul 24 bales and usually only hauls one product per load. Loaded trucks carry between 42,000 and up to 45,000 pounds on a 53-foot trailer.

Drive up drop sites are open 24-hours, seven days a week. Other drop sites in Chippewa County are in Bay Mills, Bruce, DeTour, Drummond Island, Kinross, Paradise, Pickford, Raber, Rudyard, Strongs, Sugar Island, Trout Lake and Hulbert

Townships. Most drop sites are at township halls, look for the blue recycling trailer.

Curbside pick-up of recyclable materials is available to residents of the city of Sault Ste. Marie. You must first purchase a bin from Waste Management for a one-time fee of \$9. Recyclables are picked up twice a month on the same day as your regular trash pick up; the first full week and the third week of the month.

Bensel began her career with Northern Transitions 13 years ago running a custodial training program for mentally and physically challenged people. She worked in that position for three years before transferring to the recycling center. "Working with challenged people is rewarding. It's nice to see them accomplish some little thing that we take for granted. The look of pride they get when they have done something that makes them feel good about who they are is wonderful to see. Their jobs also give them a place to fit into society. They are getting paid at a prevailing wage for their work at the recycling center. You see them pick up their pay checks with a big smile already knowing where some of their pay is going; maybe some pop or a bag of chips, or a new CD. It is gratifying to see them be able to do that," Bensel said. "We also currently have some local businesses like McDonald's and Detroit Die that employ people we have trained."

During summer months only, the center accepts grey board, cardboard which can no longer be recycled, such as cereal boxes. The grey board is run through a grinder and hauled to the city's compost pile. "Knowing that I am helping keep recyclables out of the dumps makes me happy. It is something that I really believe in," she said.

Three prisons in Kincheloe are participating by recycling cardboard, plastic, tin cans and old magazines and newspapers and loading their bundles onto a semi trailer to be hauled to the center.

Bensel developed an educational program which, upon request, she presents to elementary school children. The program, "Camper Kathy," uses a child's plastic swimming pool filled with plastic fish, trash and recyclable materials. "In the program I am headed to my favorite place to fish only to find that someone has thrown trash and recyclables into

the water. We clean up the lake, sort out the trash and recyclables and the fish all come back to life. At the end of the program the kids all get to catch a fish," Bensel said.

She is also available to speak to organizations and local businesses on recycling and hazardous waste collection. Bensel said, "The Camper Kathy program is used up to grade three, I have videos I show the older kids. I also provide tours of the recycling center for schools as part of their state mandated recycling curriculum."

Sometimes people throw trash into a recycle bin. "We have found dirty diapers, dead animals, medical needles and household trash. If we find something with a name on it we can prosecute and we have. We give them the option of coming to pick it up and dispose of it properly before being prosecuted," Bensel said. "They normally come back and remove it."

Bensel also stays involved as a volunteer with other programs that benefit the community such as mentoring for the Decisions to Actions program through Strong Families, Safe Children in conjunction with the Family Independence Agency. She is a mediator with the EUP Dispute Resolution Center. She helps with fund raising activities for the Friend of Mike Foundation and helps the Sault Racing Association at the race track in Kinross with the 50/50 tickets every Friday night.

Bensel graduated from Sault Area High School and has a year of college experience. Her parents are Tom and Clara Johndrow, her son is Brian Bensel and daughter Lynn Pena. She is grandmother to eight children including two sets of twins.

Bensel's favorite pastimes are bike riding, camping, canoeing, snowmobiling, fishing, quilting and spending as much time as she can with her grandchildren.

"I would like people to realize the recycling center is a service they are paying for through their millages (taxes). Please support our efforts by making recycling a part of your lifestyle," she said.

Kathy Bensel can be reached for questions Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 632-0525; or by e-mail at recycling@sault.com.



Kathy Bensel, Chippewa County Recycling Center shop supervisor, is shown here standing on the bottom of a conveyor belt which takes the product to the upper level of the building where it is sorted onto another conveyor belt for processing and bundling.



Crushed aluminum cans that have gone through the can densifier which turns them into bricks for shipping.



Above: Left, Mike Wood, production worker, and Craig Rhoden, shop supervisor, putting newspaper on the conveyor belt on its way to the bailing machine. Right: Workers trained by Northern Transitions, Inc., separate product and put it onto another conveyor belt for bailing.



# Big stink brewing on the border



Canadian Minister of Parliament, left, looks on as U.S. State Representative Bart Stupak, Michigan State Representative Gary McDowell, Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation of Ojibwa and Sault Tribe Representative Cathy Abramson wait to address media after a meeting at Sault, Ont., city hall on July 6.



The sign was pointed out as a landmark for locating the underwater source of the overflows.



Sugar Islanders, BPAC members and other waiting for a meeting of American and Canadian officials to start at the Sugar Island Community Center on July 20.

By Rick Smith

An insidious and sporadic nuisance became an issue years ago and now has grown to pose a serious threat to the health and environment of the north channel of the St. Mary's River running between Ontario and Sugar Island, Mich.

At issue is the effluence of raw sewage that sometimes blankets the water and shorelines of the channel in 12-mile long swaths downstream from its suspected source, long spotted at intervals roiling to the river surface at the eastern outlet of the Sault, Ont., sewage system.

While it seems obvious where the effluence originates — the East End Water Treatment Plant in Sault, Ont. — Canadian officials, including Member of Parliament Tony Martin, and media steadfastly deny it and called for an investigation to ascertain the source.

In any case, recent testing by Chippewa County Health Department and bacteriologists from Lake Superior State University revealed off-the-charts presence of E.coli bacteria. E.coli is not harmful itself, but serves as a gauge for possible harmful bacterial contamination. The maximum count used in guidelines is a count of 300 for safe human contact. Readings taken at the plant's discharge site and beaches on Sugar Island registered at a whopping 2,419, just over eight times

the safe limit for human contact.

The Health Department issued an advisory to avoid body contact with the waters and beaches of the St. Mary's River in the afflicted area. Boaters are also advised to avoid the area. The advisory remains in effect at press time.

Some area officials have been to the source, described as a "boil" when active. State Representative Gary McDowell who inspected the scene afloat during a heavy flow of sewage became a believer that something needed to be done to correct the situation as soon as possible. "It turned my stomach," said the Rudyard Democrat.

Days later, on a separate tour, Senator Bart Stupak also viewed the same area afloat during a much less intense outflow and wasn't able to notice much of the problem. Following that tour and after a meeting in the Sault, Ont., city hall, Stupak said all concerned have agreed to an investigation into the source of the emissions and develop remediation according to findings. Canadian and American governmental, indigenous and health officials attended the meeting.

Sault Tribe Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson attends such meetings on behalf of our tribe and is spearheading tribal efforts toward a satisfactory resolution to this matter.

A senior player in this situation is the Bi-national Public Advisory Council (BPAC), composed of residents of both sides of the American-Canadian border aiming to rid the river of this hit-and-run menace.

At another meeting on July 20 at the Sugar Island Community Center was packed to standing-room-only with some folks listening from outside the building through open windows. The Islanders and BPAC members met with Michigan and Canadian officials to look at options and possible resources. Stupak, McDowell, Abramson, and Chairman Frank Ettawageshik of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians attended along with representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the governor's office and Canadian entities.

This is scary when you think about it," offered Blaine Belleau, attending the meeting on behalf of a nearby Canadian First Nation. "How things have changed just in my lifetime. We used drink, swim and fish in that water, and now it can't even be touched."

One point brought out at the Sugar Island meeting was it appears federal authorities may be needed to step in and deal with the Canadians. Sugar Island residents interested in a more

rapid resolution filed a 10-count law suit on July 21 against PUC Services, the Ontario corporation that operates the East End Water Treatment Plant, seeking injunctive relief, including the issuance of a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction against defendants prohibiting them from allowing waste from human origin from entering the waters of the United States, trespassing upon the plaintiffs' properties or coming in contact with plaintiffs' persons, together with an assessment of costs, interest and actual attorney fees as allowed by common law,

statute or court rule.

Counts in the law suit are negligence, nuisance per se, intentional nuisance in fact, negligent nuisance in fact, public nuisance, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, trespass and the complaint for injunctive relief.

In the meantime, the Chippewa County Health Department continues regular monitoring and testing of the bacteria levels in the river as local media keep the public informed of the status of the situation.



Sault Tribe Representative Cathy Abramson, right, listens as U.S. Representative Bart Stupak, in white, speaks during an afloat tour of the scene of the sewage effluence into the St. Mary's River.

PHOTOS BY RICK SMITH

## Update on using membership card to receive gas discount

By Brenda Austin

When you pull up to purchase gas at a tribally owned MidJim gas and convenience store, you now have to swipe your tribal member identification card at the pump. Personal identification numbers (PINs) are not being mailed to members, instead you will be prompted to enter the last six digits of your social security number.

The new system only affects the tribally owned and operated MidJim's. Other participating gas stations in outlying areas offering the gas discount will remain the same with the customer swiping their card inside the store as they check out.

Although the process is fairly

simple to use, it can be confusing the first few times through. Here is what you will now need to do prior to pumping your gas purchase:

1. Swipe tribal card with stripe side up.
2. When prompted for driver number enter the last six numbers of your social security number.
3. Press enter.
4. Select on the gray colored key pad the grade of gasoline you would like: 1 regular, 2 midgrade, 3 premium and 4 diesel.
5. Remove the nozzle.
6. Select what grade you would like using the lighted buttons on the front of the gas pump.
7. Begin fueling.
8. When replacing nozzle in

holder don't forget to take your receipt.

9. Go inside and pay the cashier.

10. If you are out of quota for the month the pump will tell you that you are over. If you would like to continue pumping press the "yes" button and the pump will be reactivated.

If you would like to change your PIN, forms will be available at both MidJim locations for you to fill out. The forms can then be deposited into a sealed container for security reasons, or you can contact Candice Blocher at the Tribal Tax Office at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26310.

## Register now for Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp

Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp is coming Aug. 21-24 at Clear Lake near Shingleton, Mich. Register soon, space is limited to 40 youth ages 14 to 18.

Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp provides an opportunity for youth from the Three Fires, Ojibwa, Potawatomi and Ottawa, to learn and practice culturally based leadership skills and to make connections with Indian youth from across Michigan.

Clear Lake Education Center is a rustic deep woods camp located on a beautiful lake in the Upper Peninsula. Separate boys and girls cabin areas are joined by common classrooms, mess hall and outdoor learning areas.

Activities include clan orientation, traditional leadership skill building activities, crafts, drumming, talking circles, health and wellness workshops, speakers, swimming, canoeing, group skills, high ROPES course (optional but highly recommended as a confi-

dence builder) and warrior games.

Staff are Anishinaabe role models, selected for their ability to "walk in two worlds" — to follow traditional customs and to successfully work as craftsmen, teachers, youth workers, parents, service providers and tribal council members. This year a circle of elders will join us to share their teachings and gifts.

To apply, fill out the application, medical, media and participation forms and mail to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. There is no fee for Anishinaabe youth.

Forms can be downloaded at: [www.itcmi.org](http://www.itcmi.org). Click on Anishinaabe Future Leaders; applications and forms; print forms. Mail application to Anishinaabe Future Leaders, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, 2956 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call Terri Tavenner, AFL Program Manager at (906) 632-6896 ext. 129 with questions.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

# 7+2 Litigation could net \$7.98 million award



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA**  
**Tribal Chairperson**  
**7 + 1 + 1 Update:**  
**An award of \$7.98 million**  
**at stake?!**

The litigation to recover the \$2.6 million taken on election night 2004 where Bouschor paid out seven of his closest allies, is moving along. Though, we have had a delay from the trial date of July of this year to April 2007, we are confident that we will recover the funds taken plus legal fees.

Recently, during an orientation provided to the new tribal board members, our attorney reported that given the manner in which Bouschor and the defendants conspired to take the money for personal gain under a veil of secrecy, that we are entitled to a possible award of three times the amount taken plus legal expenses. In that event, our potential award could amount to \$7.98 million plus legal fees.

To date, I have participated in countless hours of trial preparation. I have been deposed for over six days of testimony. I have invested a great deal of time and effort to recover our stolen assets. It is a little more than disheartening when I hear of board members dialoging about dropping the case. During training, DJ Hoffman asked questions that seemed to suggest that we are wasting our money on the litigation. Previously, Cathy Abramson publicly stated that Bouschor had the unlimited authority to spend the \$2.66 million.

Recall also that previously, Director Lana Causley knowingly and willingly sponsored tribal legislation to supply the Bouschor (and the seven who took our money) with information they tried to obtain through a 'freedom of information claim' submitted by the disreputable 'Sault Tribe Times' a Web site sponsored by Bernard Bouschor. Specifically, recall her sponsoring a bill to supply defendant Paul Shagen with a check registry. With this information Shagen and the defendants would have tried prove that the former chairman had the authority to spend over \$50,000 without tribal board approval.

Director Abramson will likely

be the defendants' star witness making her claim that Bouschor had discretionary authority to spend the \$2.66 million without a Board appropriation. She will likely testify against the tribe recovering the \$2.66 million. Given the members deserve to know why she believes this beyond a feeling or a generalized and unarticulated sense that Bouschor had the authority, I am going to plead with Director Abramson to share with the membership what the substance of her testimony will be when under oath.

Recently, some tribal board members were seen meeting with defendant Bernard Bouschor at the Studebakers restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie. I am a little more than uncomfortable if members of our board are holding secret exparte communication meetings with those who stole \$2.66 million from our tribe. Additionally, during depositions, it became apparent to me that at least one member of the tribal board may have supplied emails to the defendants to help their case.

Given, not all the board appears to have the same motivation to protect the tribe's assets by holding those who stole from us accountable, I put on the July 11, 2006 tribal board meeting, a resolution which would have allowed those board members to vote to throw out the litigation. Note, however, that such an action by resolution - if passed - would have been contestable by the members via referendum. Also, note that it would have taken seven votes to overturn the action of the board to sue to recover the money. Thus, the outcome of voting on the resolution would have been to expose those who would vote to throw out the litigation.

As it turns out, the resolution failed to be added to the agenda such that you don't get to hear the rationale for why board members like Director Abramson voted against the litigation in the first place. However, you are free to call Director Abramson (906) 440 7613 or others to ask their opinion and how they would vote on the matter. Of course, board members are free to write in their unit reports their position on the matter.

Throughout the depositions, it has become increasingly apparent what Bouschor and the defendant's legal strategy will be to avoid being held accountable and being ordered to pay back the \$2.66 million they took on election night 2004. I have to say that though I understand that the defendants are fighting to avoid paying back the \$2.66 million they took, their approach is so offensive that I cannot believe these individuals (tribal and non-tribal alike) worked for us so many years but apparently had no loyalty to the tribe or its people.

### The tribe as racists?!!

Clearly, the defendants are going to try to paint a picture that the tribe is a racist organization. A series of questions focused on federal Indian preference which our tribe by law is allowed to administer. In the early 1970's, federal Indian preference was issued as an Executive Order by President Nixon to ensure that Indians had an opportunity to work in BIA and other federal positions that serve Indian people. What a novel idea right?

Subsequently, Indian preference was enacted by Congress. Thus, a tribe has the legitimate authority to afford preference to Indians in positions funded by the federal government. Additionally, an argument exists that for positions funded by the tribe, that these positions should not be subject to federal law meaning, we shouldn't have to comply with Indian preference at all for positions we fund as a tribe. Nonetheless, we value non-natives in our employment so we do not discriminate against non-natives in employment. In fact, to this date, non-natives continue to represent 46 percent of our overall employment.

### Petition to move case outside of Chippewa Count

Building on their apparently argument that the tribe is racist, the defendants (which ironically include three tribe members) have petitioned to have the case moved outside of Chippewa County. The judge already denied this motion once, but the defendants are now apparently going to claim that because of the percentage of tribal members in the local population, that we should not hear the case in Chippewa County. Implicit in this, is the racist assumption that to be a member is to be unable to rendering fair and objective judicial decision as a member of a jury.

### Sault Evening News coins the term 'White Wednesday'

Another argument it appears the defendants will make is that the media exposure on the issue has painted a negative picture such that a jury should be drawn from some other community and not Chippewa County. I find this interesting given the apparent role of the local Sault Evening News paper acting as an agent of Bouschor and the defendants. First, recall that in the waning days of the 2004 Election, the Evening News took a step they have never taken for local, state, federal and tribal candidates by endorsing Bouschor. A review of tribal records shows a close relationship between a Bouschor family member who works for the casino and the local editor in receiving entertainment comps at our casino outside of any normal process for dealing with local media.

Also, recall that in the summer

of 2005, when eight mid-level non-essential managers were laid off to save nearly \$500,000 in casino operational dollars, the tribal board chose to soften the impact of these layoffs by offering moderate severances to these individuals. Though these individuals signed legal documents accepting the severances and instead resigning their positions, once they received their checks, several of these individuals went to the Sault Evening News to claim they were fired. The Sault Evenings News reported this information as fact in an article titled, 'White Wednesday.' Additionally, in the article, the practice of Indian preference in hiring was depicted as a racist policy.

What is most offensive is that Bernard Bouschor, Jolene Nertoli, and Paul Shagen, all tribe members who have been given all their opportunities in life as a result of our tribe, would stoop so low and to take the money in the first place, they petition to have a jury drawn such that you as a tribe members would not have an opportunity to judge their actions.

### They quit their jobs out of fear they'd be fired?

Another clear argument Bouschor and the other defendants will make is that they feared for their jobs if I were elected chairperson. First, our employment policies of the tribe, enacted by the tribal board of director with clearly articulated due process that prevent employees from being terminated without cause, protects against such terminations. Additionally, each of the these individuals had employment contracts such that the ultimate arbiter of whether or not cause existed to terminate them, is a state judge and not the tribal chair, the tribal board, or even a tribal judge. Their jobs were secure. Additionally, the defendants understood this to be the case, because they each signed their contracts, because Shagen had written the employment protections as a staff attorney in 1998, and because Bouschor had written an article in January 2004 that reinforced that going into an election cycle, that your jobs were secure because of our employment policies that prohibit terminations without cause.

Finally, given Bouschor and the defendants will argue that I had an 'axe to grind' with all eight individuals and would apparently terminate these individuals ignoring their contracts and the \$2.66 million liability this could cost the tribe, I looked back to see if I had publicly made any statements prior to this time that would dispel this notion. Sure enough, from a taped board meeting on August 20, 2002, I made the following statement regarding how the employment contracts were designed to protect against political termi-

nations.

Please see the following: **"...when the Board of Directors voted to establish contracts...we did because there was a threat to the employment stability of positions within the tribe. If you remember two years ago, there were campaigns to basically fire all white people and so there was a need to establish contracts. They gave people some level of stability in their positions. So, again, the justification was to move these positions out of the political patronage and to protect them so they could do their jobs..."**

**The rationale was that people - not only - non-native people's jobs were being threatened. Tribe members were being threatened with their livelihood. Individuals with children and people to support were being threatened to lose their jobs. ...you shouldn't lose your job because you change...who is on the board. No board member should have the ability to threaten somebody's livelihood that, 'If I get reelected, that person's gone.'**

The above should make it crystal clear that I did not intend to fire anyone for political retribution and that I believed the employment contracts and tribal employment policy protected against such action.

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

## TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON'S

### Open Office Hours

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 to 6 p.m.

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

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# USDA Farm Service Agency offers variety of low interest loans to help rural communities



Jeff Holt, tribal planning and development specialist, and Kaye Vining, USDA Farm Service Agency county executive director, reviewing programs and services offered by the agency.

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Do you know a young person age 10 to 20 who could use some seed money to establish and operate an income-producing project or small business? The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers a Rural Youth Loan Program for projects such as livestock and crop production, lawn and garden services, repair shops, baby sitting services and roadside stands. The loan has a low interest rate of less than four percent with a maximum amount of \$5,000.

In addition to youth loans, the agency offers many other low interest loans to help rural communities.

A direct loan program is offered for farm ownership, operating expenses, emergency and youth loans. The direct loans are made by the agency with government funds. Loan supervision and service as well as credit counseling are offered to direct loan clients.

Farm ownership loans allow you to purchase farmland, con-

struct and repair buildings or promote soil and water conservation. The interest rate for farm ownership loans as of June 1, 2006, was 5.50 percent with a maximum loan amount of \$200,000.

Farm operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses. This loan can also be used for minor improvements to buildings, costs associated with land and water development, family subsistence and to refinance debts under specific conditions.

Farm operating loan funds cannot be used for horses for non-farm purposes (racing, pleasure or show) or dogs. The operating loan limit is \$200,000 with an interest rate (June 1, 2006) of 5.375 percent.

Beginning farmer and rancher loans are also offered to those who are unable to obtain financing from commercial sources. To qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher, the individual or business must have participated in farm or ranch business operations for a minimum of three years, but not more than 10. The individual or business applying for a beginning farmer or rancher loan also must not own a farm greater than 30 percent of the average size farm

in the county. The interest rate for this loan (June 1, 2006) was listed at 4.0 percent.

There are also loans offered to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in addition to a special down payment farm ownership loan program which provides a way for retiring farmers to transfer their land to a new generation of farmers and ranchers. The maximum loan amount for a guaranteed farm ownership or operating loan is \$852,000 as compared to the direct farm ownership or operating loan limit of \$200,000.

Anyone qualifying for a socially disadvantaged loan receives first choice of any foreclosed farms within the first 75 days of the foreclosure. The foreclosed property would be purchased at the appraised value.

Emergency loans for the amount of actual loss are offered at 3.75 percent to those people who had a disaster during 2005, for example, going into debt beyond expectations due to purchasing additional feed for cattle because of drought conditions.

Other programs offered by the FSA are the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program for agriculture, aquaculture and fishing.

For about \$100 a year, the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) can be purchased. This program provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops for protection due to low yields, inventory loss or when a natural disaster prevents crop planting. To receive a NAP payment, there must be evidence of reduced unit production of the crop by more than 50 percent or the natural disaster must have prevented the producer from planting more than 35 percent of intended crop acreage.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Farmers Program helps agricultural producers adjust to competition from imports by providing technical assistance, cash payments and job training. Certain fishermen and aquaculture producers may also qualify for TAA benefits.

For more information about loans and services offered by the USDA Farm Service Agency call Kaye Vining, county executive director at (906) 632-9611 ext. 106 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Local public health emergency planning receives kudos from state



The work done by members of Chippewa County's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee has paid off in top ratings among Michigan county health departments in planning for public health emergencies. Committee members pictured are (Left, rear): Tim McKee, Chippewa County emergency management coordinator; Bill Whitman, LSSU director of public safety; Nancy Heyns, Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) personal and family health supervisor; Joel Lumsden, manager of operations at the Sault Tribe clinic; Marsha Mitchell, CCHD office manager; (Left, front) Leslie Askwith, CCHD emergency preparedness coordinator; Shelli Arnold, WMH; Char Hewitt, Bay Mills Health Center; Kate Marone, CCHD; and Liz Foley of the Community Emergency Response Team.

The Chippewa County Health Department learned recently they received the highest state ratings among Michigan county health departments in planning for public health emergencies in three areas and was fifth in the state in the fourth category.

Top ratings were given by the Michigan Office of Public Health Preparedness for public health emergency preparedness planning

in the areas of vaccination and medication distribution (Strategic national stockpile plan – 100 percent), crisis communication (Crisis and emergency risk communication – 100 percent) and overall planning for all-hazards incidents (97 percent).

Four years of emergency preparedness planning, training and exercising with state and county agencies and the Algoma Health

Unit have upgraded the Health Department's ability to spot disease when it arrives, stop it quickly from spreading and protect county citizens from exposure.

The Health Department credits much of its success to the cooperation of community partners who have been meeting regularly for the past three years to plan for public health emergencies.

Chippewa County Emergency Management, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, American Red Cross, U.S. Coast Guard, Algoma Health Unit, Lake Superior State University and War Memorial Hospital have worked together to plan for border protection, distribution of vaccines and medications, additional personnel to handle emergencies, communication through 800 Mhz radios and the Health Alert Network, reporting of infectious illness through the Michigan Disease Surveillance System and more.

In addition, agencies have trained for and practiced emergency response through the annual community flu clinic, infectious disease symposium and table-top exercises with the prison system, Algoma Health District and state.

Information on local public health emergency planning can be found on the Health Department Web site at [Chippewahd.com](http://Chippewahd.com) or by calling the Health Department at (906) 635-3646.

## Sea Lamprey control planned for St. Mary's River in Chippewa County

The battle against sea lampreys by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada soon will come to the St. Mary's River. Biologists and technicians will conduct work during July and August on the St. Mary's River in Chippewa County.

The St. Mary's River is by far the major supplier of juvenile (parasitic) sea lampreys to Lake Huron. The river presents special problems for control because it is 27 times larger (at low flow) than any other river treated previously with chemical lampricides. The most infested areas of the river were treated for the first time during 1999 with a specially formulated lampricide, Bayluscide Granular 3.2 percent. In addition, the release of sterile male sea lampreys and trapping efforts were intensified before the 1999 treatment and are continued today as part of an integrated plan for control of sea lampreys in the river.

Treatments with Bayluscide Granular 3.2 percent are scheduled for the St. Mary's River from mid-July through August. During this period about 345 acres of the river will be treated with Bayluscide. Exact timing of the application is dependant on local weather conditions.

The Bayluscide Granular is a United States Environmental Protection Agency approved lampricide. The compound is coated onto sand granules and covered with a time release coating. Bayluscide is sprayed over an area of water where it sinks to the stream bottom. The coating dissolves and releases the lampricide which causes the larvae to leave their burrows. The larvae leave their burrows, become free-swimming for a short period and soon die.

Service biologists and technicians are certified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in the safe use of aquatic pesticides. Bayluscide is nontoxic to humans, pets, livestock, mammals and birds. Applications are conducted under Michigan permits and meet State of Michigan water quality criteria. As part of this process, the Service must notify state fish and wildlife agencies, public health officials and the media prior to conducting surveys with Bayluscide.

The Sea Lamprey Control Program continues to contribute significantly to the maintenance of the \$4 billion sport and commercial fisheries that exist in the Great Lakes. Without continued control efforts these fisheries again would be in jeopardy.

Moving? Don't forget to bring us along by contacting the Sault Tribe Enrollment Department and giving them your new address as soon as possible so that you won't miss a single issue of *The Sault Tribe News*. Call enrollment at (906) 635-3396 or (800) 251-6597.

# Asked and answered: The "Times" Web site

**Q: I have been getting numerous unwanted e-mails and newsletters from this Sault Tribe Times. I have tried to get him to stop sending me his junk but he just won't listen. I'm not really good at this e-mail yet, so if anyone on the board knows how I can get him to stop sending me his disgusting junk please let us know. In the past, they got into my computer e-mail list and sent it to all my contacts, I hope he has not done this again, Bouschor has to let his loss go and leave us people alone...Get him to quit sending me unwanted Time's papers. I tried over and over to get him to remove me. He just won't do it.**

**A:** It is unfortunate that tribe members have to be unwillingly subjected to political propaganda, unfortunately, there is no real proactive solution to prevent this from occurring. We can provide tips and encourage those tribe members who feel their privacy has been violated, to report your concerns to our Membership Liaisons at (906) 635-6050 and to report your concerns to the appropriate spamming prevention Web sites, which are listed here.

**Q: What is Sault Tribe Times?**

**A:** Sault Tribe Times is a personal Web site that claims to be an independent news and information source for tribal members. This Web site has targeted tribal members with advertisements, direct mailings, and newsletters. The Sault Tribe Times is in no way affiliated with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Research has indicated the site is

administered by Sault Tribe member Bill Bouschor.

**Q: Is this Web site the brain-child of Bernard Bouschor?**

**A:** Many assumptions have been made about the Web site and its purpose or motive. Bill Bouschor is the nephew of Bernard Bouschor and this site was created not long after the former chairman lost the election. The site has focused on misinformation and half-truths that has slandered and discredited the current administration and the entire tribe for that matter. Unfortunately, almost, if not all, the news is negative. Popular opinion has labeled this Web site as a political propaganda tool intended to influence tribe members. The Sault Tribe cannot give a collective opinion on this matter nor assume the intent of this Web site. Our only suggestion is to consider the source and to develop your own opinion on the matter. Due to numerous complaints, such as the one featured in the opening paragraph of this article, we would like to caution tribe members about participating in e-mail lists or chat lines they may question. Chat lines are not confidential and divulging your e-mail to a non-credible source could subject your e-mail to spamming.

**Q: Who is writing the Web site's articles and where are they getting their information?**

**A:** Although the site indicates, "all the opinions expressed are solely those of the authors," none of the articles posted ever list an author. Since only one name (Bill Bouschor) is credited as the site's administrator, one could assume

all the articles are being written by him, since no other sources are ever revealed.

The sources of in-depth information are also rarely, if ever revealed. Any respected journalist and/or credible news source would credit the author and sources of information. This self proclaimed "news source" has not followed the ethical standards of journalism. This is one of the reasons why many tribe members have discredited this Web site as a mere propaganda tool.

**Q: How can I prevent this Web site from spamming me with unwanted e-mails?**

**A:** Here are some basic rules to avoid and minimize spam. Techniques to stop spam fall into two categories, filtering out spam and minimizing the exposure of your e-mail addresses. Some spam e-mailers use computer programs to guess at e-mail addresses. So use unusual e-mail addresses containing numbers and letters such as, alex245moose75@yourdo-

main.com. Spammers use special programs that extract e-mail addresses from Web sites and Usenet postings. To avoid ending up on a spammer's mailing list when you post to a Web forum or a newsgroup, you can obscure your e-mail address by inserting something obvious into it. For example, if your e-mail address is alex@yahoo.com, you should modify it to read alex@yah[delete\_this]oo.com. Never reply to spam messages, even when they entice you to reply to "remove" you from their mailing lists. Often the instructions are either bogus, or a way to collect more addresses. Replying confirms to the spammers that your e-mail address is active, and you may receive even more junk mail.

**Q: How do I report Internet abuse and Spamming?**

**A:** There are various Web sites available that can help you prevent spamming, however, here are two Web sites where you can actually report the unethical

activity: SpamCop at [http://www.anti-spam-tips.com/report\\_spamming.html](http://www.anti-spam-tips.com/report_spamming.html) and/or Network Abuse Clearinghouse at [www.abuse.net](http://www.abuse.net).

SpamCop is the premier service for reporting spam. SpamCop determines the origin of unwanted e-mail and reports it to the relevant Internet service providers. By reporting spam, you have a positive impact on the problem. Reporting unsolicited e-mail also helps feed spam filtering systems, including, but not limited to, SpamCop's own service. The Web site [www.abuse.net](http://www.abuse.net) is called the Network Abuse Clearinghouse and is intended to help the Internet community to report and control network abuse and abusive users.

*The Asked and Answered section is a new feature to the Sault Tribe News and is designed to answer tough questions on the most intriguing issues surrounding the Tribe today. This feature was written by Cory Wilson, Communications Director and Rapid Response Team member.*

## Tribal board meeting briefs



Lincoln School in Munising

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on July 11 on Mackinac Island and shifted to St. Ignace later in the evening. All board members were present, but Unit II Representative Robert LaPoint left the meeting when shifted to St. Ignace. Minutes were approved from board meetings on May 1, 6, 30, June 6 and 16.

**Approved resolutions:** Voting is not noted on resolutions passed unanimously.

The board approved two grant applications for federal funding in support of enhancement and expansion of current efforts by tribal youth councils and another application for \$150,000 to aid job training, search and placement assistance along with post-employment activities for tribal housing residents.

A home improvement work plan was approved for submittal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of calculating funding needs of our tribe's home improvement services for fiscal year 2007. Board member Joe Eitrem abstained on this matter.

An application was approved for \$250,000 through the Michigan Department of Agriculture for a tribal agricultural (fishing) fund. The board also approved the Marketing Sub-committee of the Conservation Committee to form a limited liability company to administer the fund.

The board approved borrowing up to \$1.5 million to continue funding Sault Tribe Contract Health Services for the period ending Sept. 30, 2006.

Another loan was approved from our tribe's self-sufficiency fund of \$11 million for an invest-

also serve as a gathering place for tribal and community members. The added space will help provide better service to our membership in the area. Renovations on the former school started in early spring of 2006 with an anticipated completion date of early 2007.

**Approved resolutions:** The board approved an application for submission to the Indian Health Service for a tribal management grant to support and implement an electronic health records system throughout the tribal health clinic network.

Signature authority on tribal bank accounts changed to reflect recent changes of elected officers and their duties.

Tribal Code Chapter 14, Rules of Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance was amended to ensure that each member of the board is able to place items on the agenda for board meetings and have their resolutions voted upon and heard by the public. The administrative secretary shall prepare the agenda for each meeting to include all items submitted by any member of the board and will provide the agenda for each meeting to all board members at least five calendar days in advance of such meetings. In addition, at that time, the administrative secretary shall post the agenda in the tribe's offices and Web site.

The board approved the public release through regular channels of a video tape from the May 16 board of directors meeting.

Support was pledged for the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act to reverse recent Supreme Court precedents and to restore jurisdiction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to regulate and control the minor waterways and wetlands of the United States.

Board member privacy was tightened with measures taken to ensure that no person, absent a court order, shall access or attempt to access the cell phone, computer, e-mail or other electronic records of any member of the board. Any employee who does access such records shall be immediately terminated. Any board member who does so will be fined \$5,000.

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

## Membership Q & A

**Q:** I am concerned about the sewage affecting the north shore of Sugar Island. Has the tribe been involved in trying to resolve this? If so, who can I contact?

**A:** Sault Tribe board member Cathy Abramson is working on this on behalf of the tribe. If you would like to contact her to offer assistance, ideas or answer questions, you can call her at (906) 440-7613.

**Q:** I need some information on lodges for women. Can you tell me the who, what, when and where?

**A:** There is a women's lodge held three times a year, spring, fall and winter. For more specifics, please contact Karen Howell at (906) 635-6075.

—*Mügwetch, DJ and Clarence.*  
Have a question about the



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

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

#### JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

#### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### HEALTH COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

#### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Commercial Fisherman Vacancy

#### Cultural Committee

3 Vacancies

#### CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

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  
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523 S Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
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Email: [jcarr@saulttribe.net](mailto:jcarr@saulttribe.net)

# This Miizii has to stop!



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

Welcome aboard to our newly elected officials: DJ Hoffman, Unit I; Keith Massaway, Unit II; and Shirley Petosky, Unit V. Also, congratulations to our re-elected officials: Dennis McKelvie, Unit I, Bob LaPoint, Unit II; and Denise Chase, Unit IV. I look forward to working with all of you in an effort to move our tribe in a positive direction.

I look forward to our directors working together on strengthening our policies and procedures, our ordinances and our tribal codes. I invite you all to attend regular work sessions where together we will produce well thought out plans and legislation that will strengthen our organization and communities. I invite you all to get involved in our legislative committee so that together we may learn about the issues and concerns in our communities and throughout Indian country. I welcome your open communication and proposed solutions to these issues and concerns. We must work together so that we may bring our people's voices to Washington, DC and Lansing. I consider this one of our primary job responsibilities. It is time that our federal and state legislators hear directly from our tribal leadership. Our tribal sovereignty is under severe attack and we must be involved in the trenches to protect our rights and resources.

I wish Rob Lambert the best and I will miss his knowledge of

our parliamentary procedures at our board meetings. Good luck to Paul Shagen as he begins his new job in Wisconsin. I will miss his knowledge of Indian law. Happy retirement to Vic Matson. I will miss his no nonsense approach. No one ever goes away from this tribe and I'm sure these gentlemen will remain involved in our tribal communities.

As chairperson of our St. Mary's River Task Force Committee, I would like to report that we are spending a lot of time working with Sugar Island community members, environmental health officials, other tribes and First Nations and local, state and federal legislators. Raw sewage is coming directly from the East End Sewage Plant in Sault, Ont., Canada, and is washing ashore on the north shore beaches of Sugar Island. Human waste, condoms, tampon applicators and syringes pile up on tribe members' sandy beaches. The Chippewa County Health Department, along with Michigan State University and Lake Superior State University, have tested the waters in this area and the e-coli count is so high it is off the charts. Beaches are closed at a count of 300. The e-coli count was over 2,400 in this area. The Health Department has issued a no body contact which will most likely last for the rest of the year because the e-coli will not go away until it is cleaned up. To date, the Canadian Sault continues to deny that it is coming from their sewage treatment plant. This is a serious health issue that we must address.

Our task force consists of the following tribe members: Mike Ripley, environmental coordinator for the Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program; Mike is an active member of BPAC (Bi-National Public Advisory Committee). Together, we have attended and organized meetings at the First Nations offices, Canadian public input meetings, and meetings with the Canadian Environmental Commissioner. He has done presentations to various officials to educate them on the facts and health risks of this

issue. He initiated a petition drive where we received over 1,500 signatures requesting that the Canadian government take action. Mike has recently reported that Ontario Member of Parliament Tony Martin's office is writing letters to the Premier and the Prime Minister asking them to give money for an investigation and to work with the Department of Environmental Quality in taking water samples. It is being recommended that we take the same samples in the same boat and split the sample so that there is no question about water sampling. Dan Tadgerson, environmental manager; Dan has been in contact with EPA Region V staff and is modifying our tribe's EPA - 106 Grant so that our tribe can help contribute to testing the water. He, along with Bob Lehto, environmental specialist will work with the Chippewa County Health Dept. and Garden River to conduct samples and take underwater photos of the site. Courtney Kachur, tribal attorney, and John Kellis, summer intern, have drafted correspondence for Chief Dan Sayers so that he may bring this issue to the Ontario Grand Chiefs and get their support. They have also attended meetings and drafted follow up correspondence to various agencies. Cory Wilson, communications director, has organized radio interviews and compiled a list of contacts and news articles on disc which makes it very helpful to inform the various legislators and public officials on the issue. Charles Matson, fishermen's advocate, has met with the Anishinaabe Resource Authority and we will receive letters of support from the Little Traverse Band, the Little River Band and the Grand Traverse Band. Megan Kelly Powell, attorney stationed in D.C. has also joined our efforts. She is a godsend to us as she helps us keep the pressure on and regular reminders to our legislators. Just recently Blaine Belleau, environmental specialist from Garden River, Ont., and Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nations in

Ontario have joined us. Thanks to Ernie Walker of the law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn we have a memorandum of understanding that has been drafted and I'm hopeful that our tribe, Bay Mills, Batchewana First Nations and Garden River First Nations will sign on. Uniting will only strengthen our efforts in finding solutions for the clean up and restoration of the St. Mary's River. The Bay Mills newspaper has done excellent coverage on this serious issue by reporting this issue on their front page for the last three issues. The *Sault Evening News* continues to provide front page updated information. Just today (August 3), another incident of raw sewage washing ashore was reported.

To date, I have attended many meetings and conference calls with various officials. A few weeks ago, I traveled to Washington D.C., and together with Meghan Kelly Powell, we brought detailed packets of information that was provided to us by active Sugar Island resident Wayne Welch. We provided photos, maps, articles and a chronological history of the effects of the raw sewage findings in our river to the offices of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and U.S. Senator Carl Levin. We met with the director and the associate director of the American Indian Environmental Office of Environmental Protection Agency. Senators Stabenow and Levin have written letters to EPA, the Chairs of the International Joint Commission in D.C. and Ottawa, Ontario.

I attended a meeting in Sault, Ont., with Batchewana Chief Dean Sayers, Congressman Bart Stupak and State Representative Gary McDowell, Sault Mayor Tony Bosbous, along with health officials, where our concerns were discussed with Canadian officials. I am very impressed with the immediate responses that we received from Representative McDowell and Senator Stabenow.

Rep. McDowell held a town hall meeting on Sugar Island. Also in attendance were Frank

Ettawageshik, tribal chairman of Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians, State Senator Jason Allen, Sheri Davies of Sen. Stabenow's office, Dept. of Environmental Quality Director Steven Chester and representatives from Ontario Member of Parliament Tony Martin, as well as environmental and health officials. I was pleased that Frank took the time to travel to our area and speak on behalf of all our tribes and First Nations of the Great Lakes. In November of 2004, a tribal water accord was signed by all the chiefs of the tribes and First Nations. We pledged to work together to protect our waters. We continue to have that support in our efforts to stop the contamination and begin the clean up of our St. Mary's River. I was given the opportunity to speak at this meeting and let our concerned citizens know about what we are doing to support these efforts. I am very thankful that our board of directors approved the establishment of this task force and we will continue to work hard to restore our St. Mary's River.

Our tribe will sponsor an organized letter writing campaign to the premier and prime minister of Canada to strongly urge them to take immediate action in the clean up of our river. If you have e-mail, please write your letter and send it to me at my e-mail address. We will log it and mail it out. We will have available a standard form letter that you may sign and return. Our tribal elder Harold (Cub) McKerchie, (906) 632-8848, has volunteered to go door to door to gather signatures. Please contact me or contact Mike Ripley at (906) 632-0072.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at my new e-mail address: [cabramson@saulttribe.net](mailto:cabramson@saulttribe.net) or you can call me at my new cell phone number which is (906) 322-3823. My office hours are on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the administration building in the Sault. That number is (906) 635-6050.

## Thanks and remembrance



**DJ Hoffman**  
Unit I Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again. You can accomplish anything you want to if you have the support of the people around you, and truly believe.

I would like to start out this report by thanking the entire membership for allowing me to serve as a tribal board of director for Unit I. It is truly an honor. While I may have received your

vote in the election, now is time for me to earn my position through actions and not mere words.

The past few weeks have been filled with meetings, background checks, membership issues and even a voluntary drug test. I have traveled from Sault Ste. Marie to Detroit and Denver, and many points in between. The one constant has been that we truly have a lot of issues to take care of to ensure the best interests of our Membership.

First and foremost, we must "get our house in order." The tribal board must work together to restore a sense of respectability to our tribe. Fear and intimidation must be replaced with respect and consideration! The days of tabloid style unit reporting in our paper must cease. I look forward to working with fellow board members to establish a code of ethical, and professional conduct. **We work for you!**

In the past few weeks the board has taken several positive steps towards balancing the governing

authority of the tribe. The board has:

- Passed a resolution that prohibits closed session voting, which will ensure accountability to the membership.
- Amended Chapter 14: Rules of Parliamentary Procedure to allow members of the board to place items on the agenda, which in turn empowers their constituents, the membership.
- Ensured the privacy of constituent concerns by passing a resolution to ensure the privacy of board member phone and computer records. This will eliminate the fear of contacting the tribal leadership. It also ensures accountability by allowing the board, if so deemed necessary by a positive majority, to maintain a system of checks and balances to eliminate any potential abuses.
- Released the videotape for public viewing from the May 16, 2006, board of directors meeting. The board is ensuring that meetings are open and public.
- Working towards increasing meetings. The board is working

on a schedule of meeting on a consistent weekly basis to better serve needs of the membership.

In addition to board action, employee's have also been active in enhancing membership benefits. Tony Goetz, COO of Kewadin Casinos, has completed the due diligence to provide tribal members a 10 percent discount at the Dream Catchers restaurant. While the figure may seem miniscule, the simple fact of the matter is that tribe members will now receive 10 percent, as opposed to 0 percent before.

Step by step, no matter how big, or how small, I will work with any and all individuals to benefit the membership of this tribe. Thank You Tony!

With regards to employee's, the tribe has also had the opportunity to hire two of our own members to key management positions. I would like to personally congratulate Angeline Bouley-Matson, our new education director, and Jay Eggert, our new MIS director.

We have many obstacles to overcome in the near future. I

am confident that this board has the ability to work together to "weather the storm." Individual differences aside, the membership must come first.

In closing, I feel it is important to recognize that in the past few months we have lost several of our tribal elders. We owe all of these individuals a debt of gratitude for our existence today. Please let our elders know that you appreciate them and take the time to talk and learn from them and be with them while you can.

***"Glenn, thank you for believing in me. And thank you for being my friend. You will truly be missed."***

Sincerely,  
DJ Hoffman, Unit I Board of Directors, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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# Highlights of recent issues



**Tom Miller**  
Unit IV Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I hope that everyone is well and enjoying our extremely hot and dry summer. It won't be too long and we will all be wishing we had some of this heat back again.

Although the board of directors has not been meeting each week in the month of July, we have been busy with tribal business. The new board members have been deluged with information and are attempting to bring themselves up to speed as quickly as possible with their new responsibilities. We are trying to make the actual board meetings a bit more efficient, with less debate and the often times arguments that you see when you attend or watch on TV. By making sure that all items to be reviewed by the board have a chance to be discussed in a work shop, we will be able to conduct business at the actual meeting. It hopefully will allow us to remove or expedite

the many frivolous items that are brought before the board for every reason but the main reason which would be the betterment of the tribe.

Some of the major highlights are the inland hunting and fishing negotiations continue, with the board (although not unanimously) approving the overall document and authorizing the chairman to sign it with the state of Michigan.

The now infamous St. Ignace Casino land issue is well underway and I am confident that the issue will be corrected through the present process which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the reservation status needed for gaming operations to be legally conducted there. The board has been approached with a option (Sprung building) that will be erected for gaming purposes if needed. The point of how such an error occurred is being looked into, but in the meantime we have to correct the problem and move on as quickly as possible. The blaming of who, what and where will have to wait.

Several board members who serve on the fiduciary board for the tribal school, recently attended a national conference in Denver, Colo., hosted by the National Indian School Board Association. It was targeted for the 185 schools that are in the BIA funded educational system. Between 400 and 500, mainly school board members, were in attendance. I had the opportunity to meet with the new director of education for the BIA, Tom Dowd, and discuss many issues that are of concern with the direction of Indian education.

Overall, it was an excellent conference.

I have one issue to discuss before I close. At the Aug. 1 board meeting in Munising, a disturbing resolution was attempted to be brought forward, but failed. I do believe it will be reintroduced at a later meeting. A plan was approved by the board, at the Hessel meeting, for the use of monies from the sale of a building in the Sault to secure and complete facility needs in the Unit V area. Of particular concern to me is the purchase/sale agreement for the Escanaba building which would serve as a clinic and community center for that area's tribe members. Because of a recent over-expenditure in Contract Health, it is the plan of some to use this sale money to cover this over expenditure. There are many areas that could help bear the burden of covering this over expenditure, (e.g. Big Bear recreational operational cost of \$1,600,000 per year, child care \$400,000 per year for 40 children, all in the Sault). The point that I am trying to make here is that there is a vast discrepancy and inequality of services and funding that the units outside of the Sault area receive. Myself and Denise Chase will continue working for this building and services in general for the outlying areas.

I hope everyone remains healthy and enjoys what is left of the summer. If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or cell (906) 440-5737.

# Thank you for your support



**Keith Massaway**  
Unit III Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Thank you for all your support throughout the election and my appointment 30 days ago. I have been going through intensive orientation and have learned much about the tribe's governmental and enterprise side. There is so much yet to learn and understand. I have been busy trying to bring myself up to speed with the rest of the board.

My goal is to continue forward in a positive direction, use what is working, and build upon those accomplishments. The approach I have taken has been to listen to every issue, not for me, but for you. I am currently working on providing a place to hold office hours so I can hear and concentrate on those issues that are important to you.

I have had two board of directors meetings, a Greektown

management meeting, a meeting regarding the Kewadin Shores Casino in Washington D.C., several committee meetings and I have attended a training session on our JKL Bahwating School.

With regards to our St. Ignace Casino problem, we are making significant headway. We have been meeting with the parties that are concerned with this matter and have gained more and more support to fix this matter quickly. Referring to the Greektown project, it must be sped up in order to meet certain deadlines. Recently, we have put a tribal employee in a position to oversee the Greektown Development Project and meet these deadlines. Even though we have never had a tribal employee in this oversight position before, I believe it was a great move. It is already paying dividends with both increased speed and financial accountability. Our governmental budgets are holding their own, but our Contract Health is severely overspent. We must find ways to control these costs and not hurt services. Through all of this and other discussions, I find that we do not have a nickle to waste or a dime to throw away. We must use caution over the next two years and place our tribe on solid political and fiscal footings. Again, I thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve you.

You may contact me at 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, (906) 643-6981 or e-mail: [kmassaway@msn.com](mailto:kmassaway@msn.com).

# I will do my best



**Shirley Petoskey**  
Unit V Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I want to say Chi-miigwetch to all of you who supported me and gave me this chance to serve on our tribal board. This is a great privilege. I promise to do my best to be worthy of the job.

This is my first unit report. I thought I'd let you know what I've been up to.

I've attended three elders meetings so far, one in Munising and two in Marquette. I also attended an elderly advisory meeting in Newberry. Two board meetings so far, one trip to Greektown, a tour of soon to be finished Lincoln School and several work shops. Our chairman has asked us to attend more workshops so that when we get to board meetings we can be more constructive. Seems like a great idea!

Money is tight right now for Contract Health and other programs, so many thoughts are being passed around about ways

to tighten down the "hatches" for awhile.

I have received calls from several people with questions about tribal cards, health programs and housing. I have, as promised, looked into these matters with the proper departments and I have been given promises that these matters will be handled.

The board and everyone I've met in my travels to be on the board are great people.

To all of our college bound students — check with our tribe or with Native American departments at your school. Find out what programs are out there for Native people. Especially in the field of health. Remember your tribe can use you.

From what I understand, we are hopeful that we will soon have the land situation in St. Ignace worked out. The new hotel is beautiful. The floor is magnificent. When you enter the building you have to stand there and really look and appreciate the beauty of it.

I argued with some of the people some of the time — agreed with some of the people lots of times, kicked myself for not knowing more most of the time and enjoyed every minute all of the time.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. Stay cool in this heat and remember fight nice.

May you be a blessing in someone's life today.

Shirley, (906) 387-2101.

# Board runs for cover



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

The tribe's board of directors still refuses to let the membership review the agreement in principle with the state of Michigan. On Aug. 7, 2006, I will submit the required signatures to request a referendum on the settlement that will ultimately define our treaty rights forever — if any issue should be decided by the entire membership it is this one.

The tragedy with this settlement is that it was done all wrong. First, the agreement is secret until finally approved by the board. That is wrong. The tribe then did not broadcast the tape through normal channels from the meeting in Manistique in which the agreement was discussed. The Inland Hunting and Fishing Committee unanimously reject the agreement and the board refuses to take their recommendation to reject the agreement — that is wrong.

The entire board has now been asked to sign the agreement with the state but I refuse to do so. Some board members who voted to approve the secret agreement now have refused to sign the agreement even though they supposedly support it.

I will continue to bring the issue of whether employees can serve as members of the board of directors to a vote of the board. The board continuously runs for cover whenever I try to ask for a vote on this issue. The chairperson had to break a tie vote to even bring the issue to a vote

of the board to add this issue to the agenda. He has continuously refused to allow the membership a vote on this issue through referendum despite his campaign promises to the contrary.

The entire board of directors should allow the membership the right to have a referendum on one of the most significant issues ever—the settlement of our treaty right's case. Board members who support the secrecy of this agreement and not allowing a vote by the people need to be held accountable by the membership. Additionally, those board members who do not support "double dipping" need to put-up or shut-up on this issue. When I do finally succeed despite every attempt to prevent it, I will bring this issue up for a decisive vote by the board of directors. The board of directors needs to have the courage of their convictions and confront these issues head-on and stop making lame excuses and running for cover.

## Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

Marquette and Alger Counties

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

Sault Ste. Marie

3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2, Mondays and Thursdays

St. Ignace

9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays

Escanaba and Manistique

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



# We need a resolution to test board members



**Denise Chase**  
Unit IV Representative  
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Because of a request from members living in the Gwinn area, myself and Tom Miller have been working on acquiring recreational and exercise opportunities at the W Recreation Facility in Gwinn, Mich., and we are now happy to report that those services are now available for your use. Please remember to bring your tribal card with you when signing in. For more information please call (906) 346-3559. There is also exercise or recreational opportunities for members living in Manistique at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, Escanaba YMCA and Marquette's Northern Michigan University.

At the July 11 board meeting on Mackinac Island, I asked that a resolution be put on the workshop agenda for Aug. 1 for a discussion about mandated drug testing for

board members. What this resolution said is that all board members will be drug tested and if any board members refuses to take the test it would constitute grounds for removal.

At the Munising board meeting and workshop on Aug. 1, the board tabled the discussion of amending vacation policies for governmental, casino and enterprise employees.

The board also approved the video tape release to the public of the May 16 board meeting in Manistique.

The board also approved an additional \$2,000 to Units III and I for their transportation subsidy. Myself and Tom Miller were the ones who had originally asked that the eight sub-committees each get \$2,000 to help defray the cost of trips. The original resolution was approved for \$16,000. The elderly advisory committee reviewed their request and by a unanimous vote asked that the board consider their request. The elder advisory committee is made up from representatives from Units I, II, III, IV and V.

The Communications Department met with the board and wanted a budget modification for an additional \$75,000 to ensure that *The Sault Tribe News* is delivered in a timely manner within Michigan and the far western end service area to allow members the opportunity to receive professional job postings with the tribe in the paper before the deadline to apply has expired. At the community meetings held in all of

the units, the untimely delivery of the tribal paper was always an issue, the members had concerns because by the time they received the papers, the community events or concerts had already went by. The board had many questions and then directed the communications director to come back with a complete plan and cost analysis and it will be discussed further at a workshop.

After receiving calls from the membership, I motioned that all board members be mandated to take a drug test and then be randomly selected out of a pool like we have our employees do for any future drug testing. The board approved the mandated drug testing but will have a workshop with legal to discuss the section about if a board member refused to take a drug test that it would constitute grounds for removal.

Department updates at Manistique clinic: The pharmacy is up and running in Manistique. To refill medications call (906) 341-9544 or (866) 401-0043. The staff there are pharmacist Dr. Kourtney Bradley and Martha Johnson, pharmacy tech I. A pharmacy tech II position will be posted soon.

The optical department is also fully staffed with optometrist Dr. Shelly Baker and optical assistant Lisa Cota. You may schedule an appointment by calling the optical department at (906) 341-9502 or toll free (866) 401-0043.

An open house ceremony for our new pharmacy and optical departments will be held in Septem-

ber when the board of directors returns to Manistique on Sept. 19.

The Escanaba Tribal Center: As you all are aware, the board of directors promised (voted) \$450,000 for a tribal community center in Escanaba, by approving to earmark funds from a sale of the Glen's building in the Sault to purchase a building in Delta County and then again voted to approve that Chairman Aaron Payment sign a purchase agreement. The Contract Health program has over spent around \$800,000 so far this year, and now board members are telling people that they will be rescinding this decision to purchase a building in Escanaba and use the money towards Contract Health. Again, it's always the western end who has to suffer. There are other options that can be looked at to come up with the funding. An example would be to temporarily shut down the Big Bear Recreation Center in the Sault for six months or a year, or to limit and cut down some of the activities, or close one of the ice arena's down. That facility cost \$14.5 million to build and costs over \$1.2 million a year to run. Another option is to close down the child care center in the Sault which the board has talked about. This cost savings would be about \$395,000 a year. Only about 20 tribal children/families benefit from this center a year. Myself and Tom Miller have identified various ways that savings could happen, the board needs to meet and make fair decisions on areas that can be cut back on.

At the Munising board meeting, Todd Gravelle had a resolution prepared and handed out that would direct the legal department to rescind the current offer to purchase the real estate in Escanaba and use that money for Contract Health services. But he failed to mention or direct the funding earmarked for the other seven projects which would benefit the other units to also be used for Contract Health. This is nothing more than a direct political attack on our unit and Tom and myself. This resolution did not get put on the agenda that night. But unfortunately, I have been informed that it will be brought up again.

Manistique powwow: A powwow committee has been formed to start planning to hold a powwow next summer behind the tribal center in Manistique. If your interested in helping out or joining the committee call (906) 341-6993. We are in need of some cedar poles, if you would like to donate some to the powwow call (906) 341-6993 for more information.

Thank you to the Manistique elders who donated \$200 for plants and trees for the community center, and thanks to Shirley Shampine and Ruth Miller for planting, and Shirley for caring for the plants. Thanks go out to Viola Neadow for purchasing some flowers too.

As always, if I can be of any service to you, please call me at (906) 341-6783 or (888) 667-3809

Thank you, Denise Chase.

## NASA seeks American Indian science scholars

BY RICK SMITH

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) recently announced the start of the NASA/AIHEC Summer Research Experience Program designed to inspire American Indians to pursue careers in science and engineering.

"American Indians are very under-represented in the fields of science and engineering," said Gerald Gipp, executive director of the consortium. "This program is a critical step toward changing that equation by encouraging young American Indians to pursue careers in science and engineering while also building a welcoming environment that nurtures their career paths."

"We welcome tribal college and university student and faculty teams to join NASA scientists and engineers in conducting hands on research at our centers as we implement the program," said Angela Phillips Diaz, NASA acting assistant administrator for education. "We look upon this summer as the beginning of a long-standing partnership with the tribal colleges to inspire the next generation of innovators and explorers in science and engineering career fields."

Sixty participants representing 14 tribal colleges and universities

will take part in the programs at seven NASA centers this summer. The participants will join research and engineering teams exploring robotics, 3-D design, geospatial data analysis and astrobiology while fostering long-term relationships with research mentors in the field.

Tribal colleges with participating students and faculty in the program include the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in Baraga, Mich., along with the Blackfeet Community College, Browning, Mont.; College of the Menominee Nation, Keshena, Wisc.; Crownpoint Institute of Technology, Crownpoint, N.M.; Dine College, Tsale, Ariz.; Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kan.; Leech Lake Tribal College, Cass Lake, Minn.; Little Priest Tribal College, Winnebago, Neb.; Northwest Indian College, Bellingham, Wash.; Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, S.D.; Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Mont.; Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, N.M.; and United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, N.D.

More information about NASA's education programs can be found at [www.nasa.gov/education](http://www.nasa.gov/education). More information about the American Indian Higher Education Consortium can be seen at [www.aihec.org](http://www.aihec.org).

## Friends of Anishinaabe youth drop-in center



James McKerchie cooked burgers and hot dogs for the kids and their families.

Photo by Brenda Austin

Friends of Anishinaabe Youth Drop-In Center held a family picnic on July 8. Drawings for two bikes, two i-pods and other prizes were done once an hour for youth who entered each time they visited the center. Youth did not have to be present to win. Since the center opened, 56 youth have used its services.



Left, Brandon Nertoli, winner of a Redline bike, Paula McKerchie, program administrator, and Cassandra Bouley.

Photo by Brenda Austin



The Friends of Anishnaabe Youth Drop-In Center is located at 2154 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

Photo by Holly Austin

# Angeline Bouley-Matson hired as Education Director



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tribes member Angeline Bouley-Matson is putting her extensive experience and knowledge to work for tribal youth and adults as the new Sault Tribe education director.

Matson graduated from Central Michigan University (CMU) in 2001 with a master's degree in public administration. In 1988, she earned her bachelor's degree

from CMU in psychology and management. "I was the first person in my family to graduate from college and it meant a lot to me that my grandmother, Maria Parr, was able to be there for my graduation ceremony," Matson said.

Matson worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe as a parent student advocate, which was a liaison position in their education department working with middle school students and their parents. "That was a good way to get to know families, through the kids," Matson said. From there she moved to their health department where she remained the assistant health administrator for six years. "I worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe when their casino was just coming on board. There were a lot of community activities; it was an exciting time to be there when all that growth was happening," she said.

Matson also spent two years as education director and school superintendent for the Saginaw

Chippewa Tribe.

Matson had a great opportunity with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians building a new education department for the tribe. "They were a tribe that was just recognized in 1994 and they were still building their membership services. It was a wonderful opportunity to build something from the ground up," she said. "They operate on a small budget and it was a different environment from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. I learned that not having money forces you to be really creative in how you get things done. I had two great experiences on the opposite end of the spectrum."

Matson plans to schedule meetings in each tribal unit with parents, students, teachers, grandparents and the community to talk about what expectations they have for the education department. She said, "Their input will give me direction for services and programs to meet the needs of the community. I want to make sure

the ideas I have for what I would like to see done are supported in the community too. Getting a view from the community is the best way to build a program."

As the education director, Matson supervises the Higher Education Program, including adult and vocational/technical programs, the JOM Youth Education and Activities Program, Head Start and Early Head Start, and the Child Care Center.

Matson stays involved in Indian education at the state and national level as well. She is currently the vice-chairperson for the Michigan Tribal Education Directors Consortium. "We stay involved in tuition waiver issues and other important issues in Indian education. We are currently planning a culture and curriculum conference in October at Mt. Pleasant for educators in the public school system to learn how to incorporate culture into their curriculum to better serve Native students," Matson said.

Advocating for increased educational funding at the national level is also one of her many interests. "I love my job and being involved in Indian education. I think it is really exciting and every day is different. I've had really good opportunities from meeting Patrick Kennedy in Washington, D.C., to running for the board of directors for the National Indian Education Association. It's been a great career, I found my niche," Matson said.

Angeline is married to Sault Tribe member Bill Matson and together they have three children, Christopher, 12; Ethan, 11; and Sarah, 7. Her father, Henry Bouley, Sr., is from Sugar Island and her mother, Donna Bouley, is from the Chicago area.

Matson can be contacted at (906) 635-4944, ext. 54944 or by e-mail at amatson@saulttribe.net.

## Jamie MacDonald hired as Sault Midjim manager



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tribes member Jamie MacDonald was recently hired to manage the Sault Midjim gas station and convenience store.

MacDonald is a 1997 graduate of Sault Area High School and in 2002 graduated from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a minor in social work.

In her last six months of college, MacDonald worked at MidJim as a cashier then took a position with Sault Tribe Head Start. She returned to Midjim and a short while later was promoted

to assistant manager. In June, she accepted the position of manager.

She is married to Joel MacDonald and together they have a one-year old son, Andrew.

"I'm happy here, there is something new and different happening every day. When extra help is needed, I help out with cashiering, keep up with daily paper work, review financials and take care of employee and customer issues. I grew up on a dairy farm and have lived in the Sault area my whole life. My work ethic comes from my farming background, you do your job until its done," she said.

## Kibble accepts position as Elder Services Division director



receive dentures, eyeglasses and durable medical equipment and supplies.

Elders' service providers are based throughout the service area with a staff of about 30 employees. In addition to the Sault, elder services have locations at the McCann Building in St. Ignace, and the Hessel and Manistique Tribal Centers.

"Elders programming is grouped around meal sites so the elder is the focal point with all services and programs right there," Kibble said. In the future, Elders' Services hopes to offer such programming as a hospitality house for affordable accommodations for out-of-town patients, an elder's volunteer bureau and an elder's hotline. Also under consideration is an adult day program.

The Sault Tribe Elder Services Division has become a model program for the Indian Health Service and has been recognized on a national level by other professional organizations in Indian Country. Kibble has been a guest on the national radio show *Native America Calling* out of Albuquerque, N.M., and a feature story in *The Long-Term Care Advisor* by the National Indian Council on Aging.

"We have come a long way in providing services to elders over the years. One of the things I enjoy the most about serving elders is the opportunity to bring the services all together. Elders are the focal point of everything we do in this division. Now they can have one-stop shopping for services, which is convenient for them, and brings a great sense of cohesiveness to the programs," Kibble said.

Holly Kibble is married to retired Sault Tribe Education Director Jack Kibble. They live on Sugar Island and have five grown children. Kibble can be reached at 635-4971 or toll free at 1-888-711-7356. Elders' Services main office is at 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie.

In June, 2006, Holly Kibble accepted the position of Elder Services Division director. She had been interim director for over a year since December 2004, when elders' services were consolidated into their own tribal division located at Nokomis/Mishomis Place on Shunk Road in the Sault. Reducing duplication of services offered to tribal elders, all elder's programming is now overseen by Kibble. Elder Services has three major components of service offered to tribal elders in the seven-county service area: Access, community and in-home services.

Access services consist of a non-emergency medical transportation program to transport elders to medical appointments including chemo and radiation therapies, the acclaimed elder newsletter *The Elder Times* and the management of elder recreation which funds the elders' committees and events across the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Community services is directed at the five meal sites (Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique and Mackinac Island) for elders' congregate meal programs and home delivered meals for those who are home bound. In-home services offered include personal care, respite care and homemaker aides. Also, the elders' health self-sufficiency fund through which elders can

## MJ Bishop returns to the U.P



state.

Born and raised in St. Ignace, Bishop has been writing and performing around her hometown of Seattle, Wash., for the past nine years. Followers compare her original folk/country/blues music to k.d. lang, Lucinda Williams, Kim Richey, Cowboy Junkies and Natalie Merchant.

"I'm delighted to perform in Michigan again," said Bishop. "Where I can share my songs about home — the Great Lakes and surrounding area — with my family, friends and other Michigan natives. I'm especially excited to be performing in the Lansing area where I attended college many years ago!"

Amy Abern of the *Englewood Herald-Tribune* in Florida wrote, "Bishop's voice is reminiscent

of k.d. lang's, she has that clear, crisp vibrato-less sound topped off with a country catch at the end of her phrases. Her songs are rooted in folk, but occasionally blues, rock and hard-core country work their way in."

Bishop is also pleased to be sharing a show with Michigan performer Michelle Chenard in Bay Harbor. "The music scene in Michigan is strong and diverse," Bishop noted. "And Michelle's a terrific example of the talent here."

Bishop shows will take place on Mackinac Island on Aug. 15, St. Ignace on Aug. 16, and East Lansing on Aug. 17. Details on shows and updates can be found at [www.mjbishop-band.com](http://www.mjbishop-band.com) or e-mail her at [mjbishop@earthlink.net](mailto:mjbishop@earthlink.net).

Singer-songwriter and Sault Tribe member MJ Bishop returns to Michigan this month as she continues to promote her latest release, *Feel Good*. This will be her second Michigan tour featuring several shows around the

Thirty-six members of the Newberry Elders Sub-Committee traveled to Deadwood, S.D., June 19-24. They visited the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D., Mount Rushmore and the Chief Crazy Horse Monument. They were entertained by Lakota dancers and toured the Badlands and Kevin Costner's Tatanka. They all had an exceptionally good time and are looking forward to going on another trip.



# Sault Tribe member Carol Smith, has three great-grandsons born within 24 days

Infant on the left held by his father, Jason, is Mason Medesto Morehouse born June 9, 2006. He weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Jason and Melissa (nee Handziak) Morehouse and he has a brother, Alex, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

His grandparents are John and Kerri (nee Sams) Kuemin, Jim Handziak, Al Morehouse, and Angela Morehouse. Great grandparents are Carol (nee Leask) and McGee Smith, Irene Handziak, Bill Sams and Mary Bonacci. Great-grandmother is Lily Sams.

Middle infant is Terek James Sawyer, held by his mother, Sandy, born May 16, 2006. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Dan and Sandy (nee Corbiere) Sawyer of Sault Ste. Marie. Grandparents are Chris Sams, Don and Karen Corbiere, and Tim and Connie Sawyer. His great grandparents are Carol (nee



Leask) and McGee Smith, Bill Sams, and Ernie and Ruth Messer and Margaret Sawyer. His great-grandmother is Lily Sams.

Right is Evan Joseph Gravelle, held by his mother, Heather, born May 30, 2006. He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. His parents are William (Buckshot) Gravelle and

Heather Hill of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Grandparents are Buck and Kim (nee Sams) Gravelle, and Jeanie Richards. His great grandparents are Carol and McGee Smith, Jerry Benoit, Bill Sams and Marian Hill. His great-grandmother is Lily Sams.

## Stork report . . .

Dan and Sandy (nee Corbiere) Sawyer of Sault Ste. Marie are the parents of a son, **Terek James Sawyer**,



born May 16, 2006. He weighed eight pounds, 8.7 ounces and was 21 inches in length. He joins a sister Kaylee Krull at home.

Grandparents are Tim and Connie Sawyer, Donald and Karen Corbiere and Chris Sams, all of Sault Ste. Marie.

Great-grandparents are Elmo and Carol Smith of Sugar Island, William Sams of Sault Ste. Marie, Margaret Sawyer of Johnstown, Ohio.

Karlee Evelyn Mayer, 2, is proud to announce the arrival of her baby brother, **Landen Joseph Mayer**.



Landen was born at War Memorial Hospital June 11, 2006, at 3:15 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, 5.6 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Proud parents are Anthony and Deanna Mayer of Rudyard, Mich. Grandparents are Francis and Connie Mayer of Rudyard and George and Betty Wilder of Lehigh Acres, Fla. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Jacob of Lehigh Acres and Ramona Wilder of Muskegon, Mich.

Jerry and Laura Cadreau of Linden, Mich., are the proud parents of a son, **Gavin Joseph Cadreau**.



Gavin was born May 3, 2006, at 4:02 p.m. at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich., He weighed nine pounds, eight ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He joins two sisters Alexa and Mikayla at home. Grandparents are Chuck and Dianne Compo of Brimley, Clarence and Chris Cadreau of Sault Ste. Marie, the late Mary Cadreau and the late Jerry Cadreau Sr. Great-grandparents are Doris LaPine of Sault Ste. Marie and Robert and Marjje Drumm of Cedarville.

## Cadreaus celebrate first anniversary

Jerry and Laura (nee Compo) Cadreau of Linden, Mich., celebrated their one year anniversary on June 16, 2006. The couple was joined in marriage at an outdoor ceremony held at the gazebo of the Island House Hotel on Mackinac Island. The matron of honor was Jennifer Compo VanBoerdonk, sister of the bride, of Goulais River, Ont., and best man was Mark Savoie, friend of the groom, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The couple honeymooned in Acapulco, Mexico. The bride is employed as an elementary media specialist at Bailey Lake Elementary in Clarkston, Mich., and the groom is employed as an IT project manager of special projects for Oakland County in Pontiac, Mich. They make their home in Linden, Mich.



## Simon sisters finalists in nationwide essay contest

Sault Tribe members Kristen and Kelli Simon, daughters of Lisa and David Simon of Dorr, Mich., and granddaughters of Ray and Sharon Stafford of Byron Center, Mich., are finalists in a nationwide essay contest to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Only 10 finalists were chosen from each state. The winners are awarded a free trip to North Dakota during the 2006 Lewis and Clark signature event.

Kristen and Kelli are seniors at Wayland Union High School in Wayland, Mich.



## Stiver & Paulsen wed



Sue Allison Stiver of Sault Ste. Marie and Bradley Allen Paulsen of Menominee, Mich., were married June 24, 2006, by Magistrate Michelle Hank. Parents of the couple are Sharon Downs of Sault Ste. Marie, Bonnie and Ken Paulsen of Menominee and the late Roger Stiver of Ravenna Mich. A wedding cruise is planned for March of 2007.

## Baker takes part in dance recital



Brittany Rose Baker wore a teal, purple, white and silver sequined tutu with white feathers in her hair in a graceful ballet pose which was part of her recital.

On June 10 and 11, Just Dance Studio owner Priscilla Schmidt hosted a spectacular and beautiful dance recital for tap, jazz, Hawaiian, hip hop, point, Celtic and ballet for a variety of ages such as toddler through adult and for a variety of skills such as beginner to advanced at the Gaylord High School.

The beauty, skill and dedication of the dancers and their teachers was displayed at the performances as well as their love of dance. The inspiring dancing was choreographed to beautiful music, proficient and complicated dance routines amid stage lights to a full crowd.

Brittany Rose Baker, second grade daughter of Nick and

Dawn Baker of Roscommon, performed a graceful ballet dance to *Enchantment* by Yanni and a tap dance to *Fruit Salad Salsa* by Laurie Berkner which was darling! Brittany's dance teacher is Miss Diana Scott and her assistant, Miss Shannon Crum. Baker received a certificate of achievement from her teachers for her dedication and contribution to the art of dance.

Baker's parents, her brother, Brendan, her grandmother, Elaine Horn, her aunt Dara Kellan and cousin Gaven, all from St. Ignace, and her great-grandmother, Bernice Dolney from Bay City, all attended her performances and are very proud of her accomplishments.

# "Children Need Smoke-Free Air" campaign beginning in Chippewa County



Barb Gravelle and Donna Norkoli of the Sault Tribe assemble Children Need Smoke-Free Air packets with the assistance of the Youth Education and Activities members.

The Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program at the Sault Tribe Community Health Services, the Chippewa County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Eastern U.P. Asthma Coalition have joined together to kick off a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of secondhand smoke to children. These agencies will be distributing "Children Need Smoke-Free Air" litter bags filled with information about how to protect your children from second-hand smoke.

According to Cathy Melvin,

Ph.D., at Dartmouth Medical School, almost 6,000 children under the age of five die unnecessarily because of second-hand smoke annually. When both parents smoke, infants are three times more likely to die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Breathing in tobacco smoke causes increased throat infections, increased rates of asthma, coughing, pneumonia and ear infections. If an infant regularly breathes second-hand smoke, it may hurt lung growth and may cause a permanent decrease in lung function.

## Breast-feeding vs. formula feeding: Making informed choices

SUBMITTED BY  
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Feeding time is very important for your baby in many ways. The baby not only gets nutrition to grow healthy and strong, but it is a special time of comfort and closeness. When you respond to your baby's hunger in a timely way, you are teaching your baby to feel safe in a world where his or her important needs are being met. Learning to feed your newborn takes patience, time and effort and lots of love.

Without question, breast-feeding is the healthiest choice for both you and your baby. Nature intended babies to have breast milk, the perfect first food. It has all the right ingredients in just the right amounts. It is easily digested, so babies don't get constipated and seldom get diarrhea. Breast milk also has special antibodies that help protect your baby from colds, flu, ear infections and allergies. Formula is artificial milk, not human milk. It's harder to digest and can't match any of these breast-feeding benefits.

Breast milk is free and always the right temperature. You don't have to mix and heat anything, or keep track of how many ounces the baby has had. Breast-feeding doesn't require any equipment. There's no need to pack up bottles and formula when you go out.

There are health benefits for the breast-feeding mom as well, because it helps her get back in shape faster and lose weight. Breast-feeding even reduces a woman's chances of getting breast cancer and osteoporosis. Babies will grow well whether they get breast milk or formula, although formula is second best and does

present more health risks. In the end, it's most important to choose the method of feeding that works best for you and your baby.

The American Academy of Pediatrics urges mothers to give only breast milk for their babies' first six months of life. It also recommends that breast-feeding continue for at least the first year of life to provide the best health, growth and development for your infant.

The LaLeche League is the world's largest support group for nursing mothers. Check their website at [www.lalecheleague.org](http://www.lalecheleague.org).

Sault Tribe health centers recommend and support breast feeding as the superior choice for feeding babies. Call your local health clinic or community health office for more information.

Health departments and the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) provide healthy foods and nutrition information to pregnant and breast-feeding women. The Chippewa County Health Department has lactation consultants and peer counselors to assist breast-feeding moms.



Julie Trotter, tobacco-free projects coordinator of the Chippewa County Health Department said, "Many people continue to underestimate the health dangers of exposure to second-hand smoke. The 2006 Surgeon General's Report provides startling information about the health effects of second-hand smoke in children."

- Second-hand smoke contains more than 250 chemicals known to be toxic or cancer-causing, including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic, ammonia and hydrogen cyanide. Children who are exposed to second-hand smoke are inhaling many of the same cancer-causing substances and poisons as smokers.

- Because their bodies are developing, infants and young children are especially vulnerable to the poisons in second-hand smoke.

- Both babies whose mothers smoke while pregnant and babies who are exposed to second-hand smoke after birth are more likely to die from SIDS than babies who are not exposed to cigarette smoke.

- Second-hand smoke causes acute lower respiratory infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia in infants and young children.

- Second-hand smoke exposure causes children who already have asthma to experience more frequent and severe attacks.

- Second-hand smoke exposure causes respiratory symptoms, including coughing, phlegm, wheezing and breathlessness, among school-aged children.

- Children exposed to second-hand smoke are at increased risk for ear infections and are more likely to need an operation to insert ear tubes for drainage.

- The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of second-hand smoke exposure. Even brief exposures can be harmful.

- On average, children are exposed to more second-hand smoke than nonsmoking adults.

- Children aged 3-11 years and youth aged 12-19 years are significantly more likely than adults to live in a household with at least one smoker.

According to Donna Norkoli, Sault Tribe Community Health educator, "If you smoke in your home or car, your child is breathing in your smoke. Even after you can no longer see the smoke, harmful chemicals remain on clothing, furniture and in the air. These chemicals are cancer caus-

ing and toxic.

"We need to get this message out to as many parents of young children as we can," said Norkoli. "Initially, we will be distributing our information through the Sault Tribe Child Care Center and the Sault Tribe Head Start Program, and will be inquiring about distribution to other agencies and programs in our area serving young children in the upcoming months."

Barb Gravelle, Sault Tribe Youth Services coordinator, arranged for a group of YEA members to help assemble the smoke-free air information packets.

These volunteers were excited to be able to help out and make a difference in the health of young children in our community," said Gravelle.

For more information about the Children Need Smoke-Free Air campaign or to receive a free packet, please contact Donna Norkoli at Sault Tribe Community Health at (906) 635-8844 or Julie Trotter at the Chippewa County Health Department at (906) 632-3636.

## Dr. Joan McGowan speaks on the dangers of chewing tobacco



Dr. Joan McGowan presents her program to the middle school students in Rudyard.

Dr. Joan McGowan, associate professor of dental hygiene at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and coordinator of the Michigan Spit Tobacco Education Program recently presented "Oral Effects of Tobacco Use" to medical and dental professionals at the War Memorial Hospital Continuing Medical Education presentation.

In 1991, Dr. McGowan participated in the National Cancer Institute's Train the Trainer Program on how to help patients be tobacco-free. Since then, she has trained thousands of medical and dental health professionals on how to implement a tobacco cessation program in their offices. She also

was responsible for getting this content into the dental curricula at the U of M School of Dentistry.

In 1996, Dr. McGowan became the coordinator for the Michigan Spit Tobacco Education Program, funded by the Delta Dental Plan of Michigan, working to break the connection between spit tobacco and athletics.

Dr. McGowan gave presentations to students and staff at the Sault and Rudyard middle schools during her visit to Chippewa County in addition to being a guest on *Perspectives* with Tom Ewing on WSOO.

As an experienced dental hygienist, Dr. McGowan made it perfectly clear to all audi-

ences, "Tobacco ruins your mouth before it does anything else in your body." Spit tobacco use is related to oral cancers, tooth and gum disease and leukoplakia. Spit tobacco use can also result in gingivitis, bad breath, stained teeth, and receding gums. Cancer of the esophagus, larynx, stomach, pharynx and pancreas can be caused by constant exposure to chemically enhanced spit tobacco.

According to Dr. McGowan, spit tobacco is addictive and is not a safe alternative to smoking. Holding an average sized dip of chew in your mouth for 30 minutes gives you as much nicotine as smoking four cigarettes. Spit tobacco use is dangerous because it contains over 28 known cancer-causing agents.

Recent studies have shown that one out of every ten high school aged boys in Michigan use spit tobacco and more than half of them developed the habit before they were 13. The addition of candy flavors to many of the spit tobacco products adds to the appeal for young people.

The Sault Tribe health services Community Health Program offers services to help tobacco users quit their addiction. For more information about tobacco and tobacco cessation, please call Community Health Services at (906) 632-5210.

**Stay fit and safe this summer . . .** Summer is underway. Many of us are spending lots of time outside and, with school out, that means more family time. Take advantage of your family time to stay safe and exercise together. A few tips to help you out: Slip, Slap, Slop — Slip on a shirt and glasses, slap on a hat, and slop on the sunscreen. Wear helmets and pads when skating or biking, especially along trails or streets. Cross train. Find games that keep you moving. Let family members take turns choosing a game that everyone can do together or make up new ones. Keep a fitness journal. Record how long or how far each family member walked, ran or cycled each day. Schedule it in. Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine. For more ideas, go to [familyeducation.com](http://familyeducation.com).

# Healer calls for return to traditional diet

BY RICK SMITH

As part of an overall strategy to enlighten American Indians about increasing good health among their people, at least one indigenous healer calls for a return to the traditional diet. Dr. Jane Ely, in a presentation during an American Indian forum in Hawaii, said modern confusion about what constitutes a traditional diet must be settled first. She said the traditional American Indian diet of corn, beans, squash, rice, berries, nuts, water, and so on, which was complemented by light consumption of meat, fowl, fish and teas, was infinitely more healthful than most average diets today. Getting more specific, she

focused on what many in Indian Country mistakenly consider a traditional diet.

"Commodity foods were introduced by the federal government to all reservations under the auspices of alleviating dire hunger and starvation conditions. Commodity foods are white flour, sugar, lard, high fructose juices and dairy products. The ubiquitous 'fry bread' that you see offered at powwows is an Indian mother's answer to starvation using lard, white flour and sugar. It is not traditional food at all. It is nutritional genocide. Almost all American Indians are type O-positive blood, which means we all have an allergy to dairy products

and alcohol. Nutritional genocide has been deliberately practiced since the loss of our traditional way of life and it has caused millions of deaths. Being overweight was rare among American Indians prior to 1940. Very few of our population had diabetes," said Ely.

While some may find the term "nutritional genocide" excessive, Ely cites some compelling background. "Some historical facts on diabetes in American Indian population coincide with several governmental policies perpetrated upon our people," she noted. "One example of which is the increase in and awareness of diabetes as a 'killer' amongst

American Indians was first noticed when our children were forcibly removed from our tribal lands and sent to governmental schools. This provided the first opportunity for the dominant culture's medical field to "study" us an ethnic group. This removal policy began in the 1890s in North America. The last governmental school was closed in British Columbia, Canada, in 1998, over one hundred years later. Not only did this cause diseases relating to Post Colonial Stress Disorder amongst our entire population, the European diet children were raised on and the dramatic health consequences of diabetes onset were first

noticed by attending physicians to the schools. Coinciding with this was the continued removal of and displacement of American Indians from ancestral homelands, causing a loss of traditional food sources, culture, language, traditions, tribal unit and ceremonial spiritual practices — to name only a few factors relating to complicating health factors amongst our population."

Ely, an enrolled Cherokee/Micmac with a Ph.D in healing sciences, is the founder and dean of the Peacemaker School in Lihue, Hawaii.

# Congress, president still ignoring obligation

BY CATHERINE KOMP

Despite the federal government's own admission that the health of American Indians is below U.S. averages, lawmakers may once again fail to reauthorize one of the principal mechanisms for funding American Indian health care programs.

When the federal government brokered treaties with American Indian tribes during the 19th Century, it promised to provide health care and medical services in exchange for millions of acres of land.

But today, American Indians — one of the most marginalized demographic groups in the U.S. — continue to experience higher rates of chronic diseases, mortality, suicide and alcoholism. According to public-health advocates, a deficient health care infrastructure and lack of qualified providers largely contributes to tribes' inability to provide their communities with the level of care they need.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) was originally passed in 1976 to enhance the Snyder Act of 1921, another bill providing legislative authority to fund American Indian health programs. But the IHCA expired in 2000, and 13 years after the last reauthorization, Congress has yet to renew it.

Congress has continued to fund the act through budget appropriations of about \$3 billion per year. But indigenous advocates say this sum is inadequate, and that without reauthorization, it also remains uncertain. They point to President Bush's proposal to eliminate the Urban Indian Health Program in the 2007 budget.

Funding for the program, which provides health care for American Indians living in urban areas, was only recently restored by the Senate.

Health advocates also say that tribes need a new bill to address changing health problems and needs on reservations.

Jim Roberts is a policy analyst with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board who has worked on reauthorization issues for the last six years. "It's been particularly during this administration that we have met with a number of objections related to different provisions of the bill," he told *The New Standard*. "Unfortunately we don't have the political clout that a lot of other groups have to influence members of Congress, to put pressure on the administration to get these folks to the table to address our concerns."

The current reauthorization proposal would fund numerous programs, including those that recruit, train and maintain American Indian health professionals; address mental and behavioral health treatment and community education on mental illness; and provide disease prevention and cancer screenings.

After several years of education campaigns, negotiations and compromises, a version of the IHCA Reauthorization of 2006, introduced by Senator John McCain (R-Arizona), passed out of the Committee on Indian Affairs and was placed on the legislative calendar in March. It has yet to be called to the floor for a vote.

Representative Don Young (R-Alaska) introduced a companion bill in the House a few months later, though advocates for the bill are concerned it could be held up in various committees and fail to come to a vote this session.

Similar legislation was introduced in 2004, but conflicts between lawmakers were not resolved before the 108th Congress ended.

Most recently, the bill was

held up by opposition from some lawmakers and interest groups to the Dental Health Aide Therapist Program, which trained people to provide dental care in rural parts of Alaska where there is a severe shortage of dentists. The pilot program was supported by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and the federal Indian Health Service, an arm of the Department of Health and Human Services that provides health care and related assistance to tribes.

However, the American Dental Association, the trade group that protects dentists' interests, led a vigorous campaign opposing the program, citing the "principle of patient safety" and arguing that the new class of dental-health therapists was receiving inferior training.

Though such specialists are used in dozens of countries around the world, the tribes had to compromise on that provision, limiting the program to Alaska and subjecting it to review after four years.

Tribal advocates say other provisions that held up the bill related to co-payments for Medicare and Medicaid and the extension of the Federal Tort Claims coverage to third-party providers of health care to tribes.

The bills — both more than 300 pages long — begin by stating, "Federal health services to maintain and improve the health of the Indians are consonant with and required by the federal government's historical and unique legal relationship with, and resulting responsibility to, the American Indian people." The language also states that a major national goal of the U.S. is to raise the health status of American Indians to "the highest possible level."

But some Indian health advocates see this as empty rhetoric. "We have a federal government

(that) is essentially turning their head on a population of the US that is increasingly getting sicker," said Joe Finkbonner, executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and member of the Lummi Nation in Washington.

According to the Indian Health Service, American Indians experience drastically higher rates of many health problems than the rest of the U.S. population. According to January 2006 statistics on the agency's Web site, American Indians have seven times the rate of tuberculosis, more than six times the rate of alcoholism, nearly three times the rate of diabetes and a 62 percent higher rate of suicide.

The Indian Health Service also estimates that more than two-thirds of health care that is needed for American Indians and Alaskan Natives is denied.

A 2004 report on American Indians health issued by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights connected these divergent realities to a continued climate of racism in the U.S.

"While some disparities result from intentional discrimination based on race or ethnicity, more frequently discrimination must be inferred from the continued existence of a chronically underfunded, understaffed and inadequate healthcare delivery system," wrote the report's authors. "For American Indians, the existence of glaring disparities across a wide range of health-status, outcome and service indicators — combined with the manner in which the disparities mirror patterns of historical discrimination — makes a convincing argument that the current situation is in fact discriminatory."

The report found that inadequate federal funding was a major obstacle to eliminating disparities

in American Indian health care. It stated that annual increases in funding for the Indian Health Service did not include adjustments for inflation or population growth and were significantly less than those allocated to other arms of the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

The lack of funding often means Indian health care providers can only offer so-called "life or limb" services to the most desperate.

Speaking on the Senate floor in June, Senator Byron Dorgan (R-North Dakota) shared the message of a tribal chairman in his state: "Don't get sick after June," because the funding has run out for Contract Health Services.

Dorgan, who has visited reservations' health facilities and talked to tribes about their experiences, told his colleagues, "It is not uncommon to see 75 people stand in line waiting to have a prescription filled." Dorgan added that he also visited a health care facility where one dentist was in charge of serving 5,000 people from a small trailer house.

Finkbonner and Roberts believe the biggest barrier to securing an adequate level of funding for Indian health care goes back to the federal government's failure to uphold the federal trust obligation.

"This administration is treating the American Indian population as a special-interest group," said Finkbonner. "This administration . . . chooses to look at it as a civil-rights issue of not wanting to treat Indians differently from other races. So in that regard, whether that's a true belief or whether they're using that as an argument to justify less spending, the result is the same: It's still an underfunding of the Indian health system."

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## Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk 2006

The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease will be held in 13 locations. Nearly 1,600 people across the Upper Peninsula are expected to participate in this year's event to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. Walks will take place in Grand Marais on Aug. 26; in Ontonagon on Sept. 2; in Gwinn, Houghton, Ishpeming, Manistique, and Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 23; and in Marquette and

Iron Mountain on Sept. 30.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk, nationally presented by Genworth Financial, is the largest national fundraising event for Alzheimer disease support programs and is held in more than 600 communities across the country. It attracts a wide audience of individuals, families, caregivers and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$200 million for

programs and services to support individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Creative Memories and Kindred Healthcare, Inc. are national sponsors of the event.

To register or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alzgm.org](http://www.alzgm.org) or call (906) 228-3910 or (800) 272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, is the first and largest voluntary health organiza-

tion dedicated to finding prevention methods, treatments and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's. For more than 25 years, the donor supported, not-for-profit Alzheimer's Association has provided reliable information and care consultation, created supportive services for families, increased funding for dementia research and influenced public policy changes

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.

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

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

# A celebration of nature at Kirtland Community College



Catch of the day – a large mouth bass. Front left is Garrett Horn, Brittany Baker, Brendan Baker and Gaven Gustafson and in the back row is Dawn and Nick Baker.

On May 29, 2006, a Celebration of Nature, Kirtland's Warbler Festival, was observed at Kirtland Community College. There were many free and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy; a petting zoo with a baby buffalo, goats and kangaroos, camel rides, arts and crafts tent where birdhouses could be made, nature arts and crafts tables, horse-drawn nature tours, a kids rock hunt, a kids fishing pond, and Kirtland's Warbler tours.

Dara and Dave Kellan and their sons, Garrett Horn and Gaven Gustafson from St. Ignace visited

Dara's sister, Dawn Baker and her family in Roscommon.

The most exciting and fun activity of the day for parents and children was catching the fish and releasing them back into the fountain pond, even the large ones such as the large mouth bass, perch and sunfish. Fishing poles were the prizes awarded to those who were lucky, skilled and patient who caught the larger fish. Mr. Near and his wife, Deb Near, nursing department secretary, awarded a fishing pole to Garrett Horn and Gaven Gustafson and to Brendan Baker.

## Baker graduates from preschool

On June 2, Busy Bee Preschool's graduation ceremony took place at St. Helen Elementary School inside the gymnasium. Ms. Marci Howey, the teacher, and Ms. Laura, assistant, had the children sing and dance to "Preschool Alligators" and "Octopus." Ms. Marci gave a speech about this being a class that now shares, is friends, and is smart and should do well in Kindergarten in the fall. Sixteen graduates walked across a small bridge to receive their diplomas. Brendan Baker, son of Nick and Dawn Baker of Roscommon, received his preschool diploma as well as a certificate for the Cutest Smile Award as he is always smiling and making friends. After the ceremony, each graduate got to release a balloon and cake and punch was served.

Brendan's family is very proud of his accomplishments. Brendan's parents, his sister,



Brendan Baker holding his preschool diploma and his cutest smile award.

Brittany Rose, and his grandmother, Elaine Horn from St. Ignace, and his great grandmother, Bernice Dolney from Bay City, attended the beautiful ceremony.

## Hudak graduates from CMU

Tribe member Andy Hudak of DeTour Village recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in technical management and is presently employed by Structural Preservation Systems as project engineer for Commercial Industrial Construction Contractors in Chicago, Ill. Andy is the son of Donald M. Hudak, and a 2001 graduate of DeTour High School.



The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. Questions? Call (906) 632-6398.

# Higher Education Programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

We are out of funds for the 2005-06 School Year Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Fund Program (a.k.a. incentive award program).

From January first until July 31st, 1,034 students received incentive award checks totaling \$750,000.

Checks were sent to:

- 245 Freshmen
- 292 Sophomores
- 198 Juniors
- 201 Seniors
- 77 Graduate Students
- 10 Law Students
- 4 Medical Students
- 3 PhD Students
- 3 Veterinary Students
- 1 Dr. of Physical Therapy

Students attended schools in 42 states, plus two in Canada, as follows:

- Alaska 2 @ \$1,260.
- Arizona 18 @ \$12,573.
- California 19 @ \$11,861.65.
- Colorado 13 @ \$8,946.
- Connecticut 5 @ \$4,500.
- Florida 18 @ \$13,539.

- Georgia 5 @ \$2,780.
- Hawaii 1 @ \$500.
- Illinois 19 @ \$13,592.58
- Indiana 9 @ \$8,000.
- Iowa 3 @ \$1,900.
- Kentucky 1 @ \$1,000.
- Louisiana 1 @ \$500.
- Maine 1 @ \$1,000.
- Maryland 3 @ \$1,360.
- Massachusetts 3 @ \$2,313.
- Michigan 763 @ 551,975.37.
- Minnesota 21 @ \$14,226.45.
- Mississippi 2 @ \$1,240.
- Missouri 4 @ \$3,820.
- Nebraska 2 @ \$1,480.
- Nevada 5 @ \$3,880.
- New Hampshire 1 @ \$333.
- New Jersey 2 @ \$820.
- New Mexico 2 @ \$1,500.
- New York 7 @ \$6,000.
- North Carolina 6 @ \$5,300.
- North Dakota 1 @ \$1,000.
- Ohio 15 @ \$12,730.85.
- Oklahoma 4 @ \$3,100.
- Oregon 3 @ \$1,779.15.
- Pennsylvania 7 @ \$4,980.
- Rhode Island 2 @ \$1,499.
- South Carolina 3 @ \$2,400.
- Tennessee 10 @ \$6,700.
- Texas 5 @ \$3,060.
- Utah 2 @ \$1,500.

- Vermont 1 @ \$500.
- Virginia 4 @ \$4,000.
- Washington 7 @ \$6,998.
- West Virginia 1 @ \$480.
- Wisconsin 31 @ \$21,072.95.
- Canada 2 @ \$2,000.

2006-07 School year Applications. If you're looking for college financial assistance, you must complete our Higher Education Assistance Application. This application needs to be completed for each school year. Once you send your application in, you won't need to do another one until the following school year.

You can contact our office or go to the tribe's web site at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and file an online application. Our office is located on the second floor of the Chi Mukwa Recreational Center.

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

## MSU Extension offers master gardener training

If you have a strong interest in gardening and enjoy helping others, you are invited to apply to become a Michigan State University Extension master gardener volunteer. Marquette County MSU Extension is accepting registrations for master gardener training, which will begin with an orientation meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006. Regular classes will begin on Sept. 13 and continue every Wednesday through Dec. 6, with the exception of Nov. 15. All classes will be held at the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency conference room at 321 East Ohio Street in Marquette from 6-9 p.m.

The master gardener program will increase your knowledge and understanding of such varied horticultural topics as best cultural

practices for growing flowers and vegetables, house plant care, plant disease and insect pest identification and control and much more. Instructors include MSU Extension professionals, horticultural professionals and other experts.

To become a certified Michigan master gardener volunteer, you must attend all training sessions, pass a final examination and volunteer 40 hours of approved horticultural service to your community. Such service could include teaching a junior master gardener program, planting and maintaining MSU Extension demonstration gardens, a beautification project at a public building or facility, answering gardening questions from the public at the Extension office, judging flower and vegetable projects at the

county fair, or assisting community garden participants.

Training class size is limited. Individuals participating in the class pay an enrollment fee of \$190 to cover the cost of training materials, speakers and facilities. Registration for couples in \$315 and includes one manual. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. The complete *Michigan Master Gardner Training Manual* contains over 800 pages.

To apply, contact the Marquette County MSU Extension office at (906) 475-5731 or the Alger County MSU Extension office at (906) 387-2530 for a brochure and registration material. Applications must be received by August 25.

## Lehnert brothers thank tribe for financial support

Thanks to the Sault Tribe for their support. The photo shows myself, Betty Peltonen (grandmother), Denise Peltonen (mother) and our two sons Brendan and Erik Lehnert.

All but myself are members of the Sault Chippewa Tribe. Both of our sons were enrolled at Stanford University. Brendan graduated last month with a degree in biomedical computation. He has been accepted for a Ph.D program in neuro-science at Harvard University.

Erik is a senior at Stanford majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. Many thanks for your help. The tribe made a good investment in its future.



## Charter Cable televises Sault Tribe general board meetings

Marquette and Alger Counties  
6:30 to 11 p.m., Channel 8, Fridays  
Sault Ste. Marie  
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 2,  
Mondays and Thursdays

St. Ignace  
9 a.m., Channel 12, Mondays  
Escanaba and Manistique  
3 to 5 p.m., Channel 8,  
Wednesdays

# Heard Museum to open Berlin Gallery

PHOENIX, Ariz. - On November 17, 2006, the Heard Museum will publicly debut The Berlin Gallery at the Heard Museum Shop & Bookstore in downtown Phoenix. The new gallery boasts an unprecedented retail gallery experience and an innovative way to view and purchase contemporary American Indian art by established and emerging Native artists for today's collector.

The \$1 million Berlin Gallery expansion, designed by Douglas Architecture & Planning and Brignall Construction, opens just in time for holiday purchases. Adding an additional 2,400 square feet of gallery space and back-of-the-house space to the Shop & Bookstore, the gallery is the latest extension of the Heard's educational mission with a retail focus on contemporary American Indian paintings, sculptures, photography, as well as, prints and drawings. Represented artists will include Norman Akers, Osage, Fritz Scholder, Luiseño, Steve Yazzie, Navajo, and Doug Hyde, Nez Perce/Assiniboine/Chippewa, among others.

"This is a dream come true, in that it allows the Berlin Gallery to showcase contemporary fine art in a true gallery setting. Collectors from all over the world will now have the opportunity to experience modern American Indian art

at its best," said Bruce McGee, Heard Museum director of retail sales.

New gallery Manager Andrea Hanley, Navajo, who brings more than 20 years of experience to the Heard with an impressive career working for the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The Berlin Gallery has assembled a distinctively skilled and knowledgeable gallery staff to assist the most discriminating of art collectors.

Heard Museum Trustee, Howard Berlin and his wife Joy, as well as other donors of the museum funded the Berlin Gallery. "Joy and I consider ourselves fortunate to be among the many dedicated supporters of this long awaited addition to the Heard Museum Shop & Bookstore. We envision that this new venue for the display and sale of the work of both recognized and developing Native artists will advance the educational mission of the museum."

Since 1929, the Heard has educated visitors from around the world about the art and cultures of Native people of the Southwest. With nearly 40,000 artifacts in its permanent collection, an education center and award-winning Shop & Bookstore and café, the Heard remains committed to being a place of learning, discovery and unforgettable experiences.

## Canine Friends of Trees and Trout

BY ADAM M. HINTERTHUER

Wolves in Wisconsin were nearly extinct in the 1950s but a census last year found almost 500 of the animals roaming the state. Adrian Wydeven says this growing population of wolves is having a positive impact on wooded areas and even trout streams.

Wydeven heads the wolf management program for Wisconsin. He says the state's large population of white-tailed deer has become quite aware of the wolves in their midst. They don't take time anymore to linger when they're browsing on trees and other vegetation.

"In the middle of wolf territories, deer have to avoid wolves more so they have to stay on the move and as a result the vegetation doesn't get grazed and browsed as heavily."

Foresters report that several kinds of trees - including white cedar and hemlock -- are growing much better in areas where wolves are keeping deer on the move.

Wydeven says the Wisconsin wolves have also taken a bite out of the state's huge population of beavers. As a result, there are fewer beaver dams, and that has opened up some streams and boosted populations of trout.

Wydeven says Yellowstone National Park is showing the kind of changes wolves can bring to the landscape. In Yellowstone, large herds of elk had been chewing up trees like aspen and willow. As the number of wolves grew, the elk started to move more often. They didn't browse as heavily and so the trees grew back. Wydeven says songbirds and other wildlife started to return to Yellowstone.

"The presence of wolves is actually allowing for a more diverse population of herbivores to exist on the landscape."

Wydeven says we're just beginning to understand how wolves affect their habitat. He thinks future research will reveal more reasons to keep wolves in the wild lands of Wisconsin.

## Daily Mining Gazette online

The Daily Mining Gazette has launched a new web site. With a rich history of providing local area news and sports, the Daily Mining Gazette has placed extensive importance and commitment on providing award winning local news and sports in print and is now providing the same award winning local coverage online at [www.MiningGazette.com](http://www.MiningGazette.com) in full story version. The web site provides local news, local sports, obituaries, community calendar, special

sections, up-to-date weather information, classified ads, national news video of breaking news stories by Associated Press and much more. The Daily Mining Gazette has been a local business for almost 148 years. "It is a very exciting time for us at the Daily Mining Gazette and we encourage area residents to watch us grow and support the Copper Country," said Mike Bird, the publisher of the Daily Mining Gazette and [Mininggazette.com](http://Mininggazette.com).

# Honoring our land for the future

BY ROBERT FLOWERS

**Who Are We** - As Native Americans, we pride ourselves as a people who are sensitive to our Earth Mother, and talk about the *Circle of Life*, seeing ourselves as temporary inhabitants who co-exist with the land for the length of our mortal journey. But I have to ask, are we still that great people following our traditions?

**The Circle of Life** - We seem to have forgotten about it. In basic terms, we are men and women who live by consuming resources from our Earth Mother. We must give back to the Earth that which we have removed. We must honor and preserve the land for future generations.

**Our Homes** - My home is pretty typical and wastes precious resources. I produce daily *trash*, yard and kitchen wastes that have to be removed to a landfill. I have a standard septic system. My lighting is a mixture of incandescent, fluorescent, and ambient daylight provided by windows. I submit that this represents how most of us live.

It is ironic that I knew how to build it better, and could have enjoyed significantly reduced energy and waste removal costs, and created a healthier environ-

ment for my family at the same time. I worked for a company in Spokane Washington that sold solar and alternative energy products in the early 80's. I saw how well they worked in a climate identical to our own. *But the initial investment cost was prohibitive, and natural gas was cheap.* So when I added a second story to my house, here in the Sault, I failed to use the best technology available and settled for what everyone else used. Today we have high enough energy costs to cause us to reconsider our fuel and electrical expenses.

**Fuel and electric efficiency** - Granted, building an energy efficient home is best done with new construction. But there are organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Institute that specialize in retro-fitting buildings for both residential and commercial clients. These retro-fits rapidly pay for the initial investment costs, and new structures can cost less to build than contemporary homes using traditional construction methods.

By utilized existing technologies, such as the use of ambient light, geo-thermal heating and cooling, thermal mass, insulation, landscaping, and waste man-

agement, we can benefit from reduced energy bills, and be doing our part to stop wasting vital resources.

**Waste Materials** - Another way we hurt and dishonor our Earth Mother is by living in a *throw-away-society*. Grass and yard clippings, organic kitchen wastes, plastics, glass, metals, and even sewage sludge can and should be recycled into valuable and beneficial products that can both lower trash removal costs, and provide a reusable product.

Recycling will require that organic material be viewed as a resource, rather than a waste product. We need to educate municipal authorities and citizens about the value of recycling organic waste and how we can turn it into valuable fertilizer that can be sold to local farmers, or be made available for our own use. Sault Tribe leaders and members can reclaim The Circle of Life - to be born, to use resources in order to survive and flourish, and to return to the Earth mother that which we have been blessed with by the Creator.

For further information read more recycling news on the ACFS page in this paper.

## Walk for Life honors cancer victims and survivors



Left: Debbie Sirk is a Behavioral Health counselor with the Sault Tribe who survived a form of cancer called Aplastic Anemia. Her little friend Samantha Paradiso decorated a luminary bag in her honor at the Walk for Life held at Sault Area High School. Above right: Walking with the Kewadin Casino team, left is Derrick Bailey from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians representing their tribal council, Tonya Teeple, Michelle Willis, and Beness Willis.

Photos by Brenda Austin



## Safeguarding your Social Security number

BY ED DWYER  
SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN ESCANABA

In a time when identity fraud is a major concern, Social Security is working hard to protect your Social Security number. Our efforts are focused on preventing anyone with criminal intent from using false or stolen birth records to get a Social Security number. A new law, which went into effect last December, requires, for example, specific proofs of the age, identity and citizenship of anyone applying for either a new or replacement Social Security card.

Also, all documents used as proofs of age, identity or citizenship must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies

of documents. Even before the most recent law, additional steps had been taken to protect Social Security numbers. For example, Social Security numbers have been removed from all benefit checks, and now only the last digits of Social Security numbers are used on such mailings as the annual Social Security Statement. This ensures that if someone should steal your mail, he or she would not also be able to steal your number.

But protecting your Social Security number is still a joint effort. Here are just a few things you can do:

- You should keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers. Do not carry it with you unless you need to show it to an employer or service provider.

- You should be very careful about sharing your number and card to protect against misuse of your number. Giving your number is voluntary even when you are asked for the number directly. If requested, you should ask why your number is needed, and how your number will be used.

For more information about protecting your Social Security number, you can visit the Social Security website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). Or you can call Social Security's toll-free number at (800) 772-1213 (TTY (800) 325-0778) and ask for the publication Your Social Security Number and Card. Also, if you would like more information on preventing identity theft, you can visit [www.consumer.gov](http://www.consumer.gov).

**Swimmer's itch reports in area waterways** - The Health Department is receiving reports of swimmers' itch, now that hot weather is upon us and people are swimming and wading in shallow waters where the bug usually lives. The tiny larvae burrow into skin causing intensely itchy small raised red spots. To prevent the troubling condition: Swim in deep water where the larvae are less plentiful, rub the larvae off by toweling dry immediately upon leaving the water, avoid swimming in areas where large numbers of birds have been feeding. Birds are one of the hosts of the larvae. Snails are the other. Swimmer's itch is most often found in shallow areas along shorelines where children are apt to play.

# Kewadin team members are ready

# Kewadin Casinos earns five honors



Kewadin team members John Merlo, security guard, left; Ray Ross, security manager; Dell Carter, security guard; Janice Frye, food and beverage director; Steve Sprecker, general manager; Luke McCoy, security guard; Mike Kozyah, security guard; and Brittany Wallis, restaurant cashier, are recognized by Kewadin management for their emergency efforts in assisting two local customers.

Kewadin Casino team members in Sault Ste. Marie saved two casino customers from life threatening situations. In both cases, emergency training techniques were used to save the guests lives.

"It was a scary situation for our team members, but they responded quickly and accurately using their training. We are extremely proud of them," said Tony Goetz, casino chief operating officer.

On July 11, a couple from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., came to the Dream Catchers Restaurant for

dinner. One of the guests suffered a heart attack, falling on the floor by his table and hit his head creating a deep gash. Immediately, restaurant personnel called security staff and 911.

Kewadin security guard Dell Carter and restaurant cashier Brittany Wallis were the first to arrive to the guest and began emergency life saving breathing on the customer. They revived the guest twice before the 911 emergency response team arrived.

Earlier that same week, a ca-

sino guest choked while dining at the casino restaurant. In this case, security guards Luke McCoy, Mike Kozyah and John Merlo along with a local doctor in the restaurant performed the Heimlich maneuver on the guest, saving him from certain death.

Both customers are doing well. Kewadin Casino's security staff receive emergency training on an annual basis. In April 2005, the staff became certified to operate and administer defibrillator equipment on casino guests in the event

of a heart attack, stroke or heart failure. Administrating this type of service has become an industry norm within police and security offices throughout the country. Since April 2005, the deliberators have been used to save approximately five customer lives.

Kewadin Casinos has approximately 100 security officers between all five casino facilities and has approximately 4.1 million visitors annually.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — Readers of *Midwest Gaming & Travel Magazine* recently gave Kewadin Casinos five distinguishable awards for their Dream Catchers Restaurant, players club and entertainment departments. The results of the annual Readers' Choice Awards Survey of Native American Casinos will be published in the magazine's July issue.

This year, readers voted Kewadin Casinos their choice in Michigan in the following categories:

- Best players club, all properties.
- Best players club parties, Sault Ste. Marie.
- Best cash back, all properties.
- Favorite casino buffet, Dream Catchers Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie.
- Best concert venue, Dream Maker Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.

*Midwest Gaming & Travel* is a monthly publication with an editorial coverage area that extends across the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.

## Good news from . . .

Written and compiled by Michelle Bouschor



## Michigan woman wins nearly \$1 million

MANISTIQUE, Mich. — Sarah Mae Boik won \$976,786.02 when she hit the Wheel of Fortune® nickel MegaJackpot™ at the Kewadin Casinos in Mansitque on July 17, 2006.

The winner, from Leslie, Mich., was very excited on her winnings. "I thought I only won \$1,500," she said. "Then someone told me what I really won. It was unreal." Boik has no immediate plans for her winnings saying that her and her husband will keep working for a few more years but their entire financial burden is gone. "It feels great," she said.

Monday's MegaJackpot™ is the first to be awarded at the casino so far this year. Including yesterday's jackpot, the Kewadin casinos combined, have awarded over \$9 million in MegaJackpot™ prizes on a variety of progressive systems including Quartermania®, an Instant Winners Jackpot™, the popular Jeopardy!® and the exciting The Beverly Hillbillies™ Video Slots® progressive.

"We are all so very happy for her," said Sheryl McKerchie, Manistique general manager. "All of us wish Sarah the best and hope to see her again soon!"

Kewadin Casinos offers top-notch entertainment along with outdoor fun in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Award winning dining, accommodations, entertainment, Las Vegas style gaming is available. Call 1-800-KEWADIN.



## Economic impact of Indian gaming in 2005

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), the Indian gaming industry trade association, announced on July 11, 2005, its findings on the economic impact of Indian gaming in 2005. The NIGA findings demonstrate that Indian gaming continues to be the American Indian success story, creating new jobs and opportunities for Indian communities and our neighbors.

The major findings of the economic impact are as follows:

- In 2005, tribal governments generated \$22.6 billion in gross revenues through Indian gaming.
- Through Indian gaming, tribal governments generated 600,000 jobs nationwide last year.
- In 2005, Indian gaming generated \$7.6 billion in federal revenues and revenue savings. (\$6.1 billion in employer and employee social security taxes, personal and corporate income taxes and excise taxes. \$1.5 billion in reduced welfare and unemployment taxes).
- In 2005, Indian gaming generated \$2.1 billion in state government revenue (including revenue sharing, state income, sales and excise taxes generated by wages, vendor payments and purchases by tribal gaming operations and

related businesses, taxes on ancillary economic activity generated by gaming).

- Tribes fund over 3,430 regulatory employees and budget over \$323 million for regulation at the tribe, state and federal levels. These totals include 2,800 tribal regulatory employees at a budget of \$245 million to ensure the integrity of Indian gaming; 532 state regulatory personnel at a budget of \$66 million for state oversight; and 98 federal employees and staff at a budget of \$12 million annually to fund Federal regulation through the NIGC.

NIGA Chairman Ernest Stevens, Jr. (a member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin) explained, "Indian gaming is continuing to create much needed jobs and opportunity. Across America, schools and hospitals are being built, dirt roads are being paved, and safe drinking water is flowing — in some Indian communities for the first time — based on tribal government success through Indian gaming. Yet, even as Indian tribes take large steps forward through Indian gaming, we remember that as American Indians our people have a long way to go to catch up with the rest of America."





The Superleague tunnel boats race away from the dock at the Sault Ste. Marie and Kewadin Casinos River Rampage, the Formula Two and Formula Three class boats took over the St. Mary's River for the annual weekend of non-stop action.



Almost 9,000 fans, below, flocked to the Sault to see country singing star Keith Urban, above.

Kewadin Casinos bring first class entertainment to the U.P. for the whole population to enjoy. From race boats in the River Rampage, above, to ATV challenges, below, to good old county music, there's always a little something for everyone.

The First Lady of Country Music, Loretta Lynn, is scheduled to make a stop in the Sault on Aug. 25 and the country rock group Train will be playing at the Shores Resort in St. Ignace on Aug. 10.

*Photos by Alan Kamuda*



ATVs were flying through the air and taking deep mud baths at the first ever ATV challenge in Manistique. The ATVs competed in solo drag racing for speed and an obstacle course built behind the casino for skill. A driver's helmet is covered with mud in the top photo.



The Okie from Muskogee, country legend Merle Haggard was the first performance at the newly opened St. Ignace Shores Resort.



# Sault Ste. Marie and Sugar Island powwows



At the annual Fourth of July weekend powwow in the Sault, the newly elected and re-elected members of the board of directors were sworn in by Michael McKerchie, chairman of the Election Committee. Taking the oath of office above is Unit IV re-elected Representative Denise Chase, far left, with newly elected Unit I Representative DJ Hoffman, re-elected Unit II Representative Robert LaPoint, new Unit III Representative Keith Massaway, re-elected Unit I Representative Dennis McKelvie, who was also named vice-chairman at the first directors meeting and new Representative Shirley Petosky from Unit V.



Charlie Leighton, 7, holds the umbrella over his sister, Claire, 2, and cousin Aria Andrews, 4, to help keep them cool in the 90 degree heat at the Sugar Island powwow. Mom Jenny Leighton is in the background.



The Unit I representatives provided sno-cones, ice cold soda and water at the Sugar Island powwow. Here representatives Joe Eitrem, left, and Dennis McKelvie prepare a few of the 700 sno-cones they passed out.



Unit II Representative Lana Causley, left, and Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson bring birthday greetings to Chairperson Aaron Payment at the Sugar Island powwow. Chairperson Payment celebrated his 41st birthday at the powwow.



Young Rita DeVoy performed a hoop dance at the Sault powwow, top left, and set up Rita's Cafe at the Sugar Island powwow to help her raise money to travel the National Hoop Dancing Championships. Good Luck Rita!



Husband and wife, Graz and Adrienne Shipman, head male and female dancers, lead the grand entry at the Sugar Island powwow.

PHOTOS BY ALAN KAMUDA

# The 2006 Junior Police Academy



Graduation day at the Junior Police Academy with the staff in the back row. The 38 youths in the class received trophies, certificates and police duffel bags.



Micah Corbiere found the state police bomb squad protection vest a little large when he tried it on at a class they gave on explosive devices.

The Junior Police Academy provides a one-week residential training program for our tribe's young men and women, ages 11-17, in areas of leadership, physical development, courtesy, respect, conflict resolution and police training. This program is held at the U.S. Forest Service Boedney Bay facility in Moran Mich. Cadets are paired with Sault Tribe law enforcement officers from their communities in the hopes of building relationships that are founded on trust and mutual respect in an effort to establish open lines of communication with no costs to the youth.

Right: Hunter Captain and Ashlyn Bousley, covered their ears when the state police set off explosives during their class. Below, right: New friends gathered for a group photo.



**PHOTOS  
BY  
ALAN  
KAMUDA**



The Yea Circle of Life Summer Program held a camping trip to the DeTour State Park where the youth were dwarfed by the towering white pines. Center, Keeley Gough shows the green sand she made to color her walkway stones and Tanya Graham shows a handful of shells she found along the beach that will also be used to decorate the stones. Yea of Hessel received a grant from the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation to help with the Circler of Life Summer Program.

# Sault Tribe Golf Scholarship Classic



Left: Tony Montero and DeJay Bumstead were playing with Team ACC Planned Service, Inc. Center: Roger Martin, Willard Sweet, Brian Brown and Kevin Downey representing Martin Waymire Advocacy Communications. Right: Receiving a trophy for being a Triple Diamond sponsor from tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment is Jennifer Beach-Robertson representing Arriva/Global Cash Access who donated \$10,000 to the golf scholarship classic. This year's classic raised \$177,455 to date, which will be used to fund scholarships for tribe members seeking higher education. This is the fifth year the tribe has held a golf classic at the Sault Ste. Marie Country Club. The funds raised will be used for the Fred L. Hatch Memorial Teacher Education Scholarship, the Joseph K. Lumsden Memorial Scholarship, the Bernard Bouschor Honorary Scholarship, the George K. Nolan Tribal Judicial Scholarship, the Martha Miller Honorary Scholarship and the Victor Matson, Sr. Honorary Scholarship. In 2005, 15 scholarships were awarded at \$1,000 each.

PHOTOS BY BRENDA AUSTIN

## The 19th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics



Herbert Weinert carrying our tribal flag at the opening ceremonies of the Michigan Indian Family Olympics.



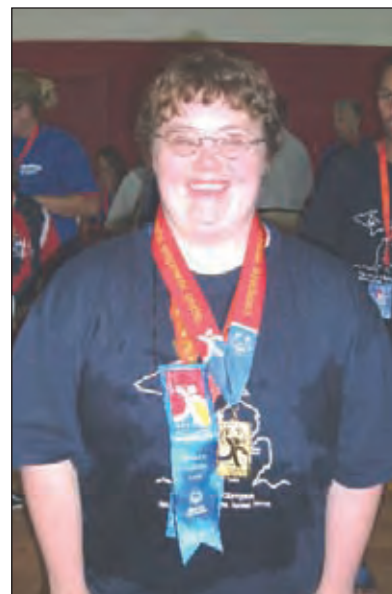
Dylan Moiles in the softball toss



Travis Eggert in the running long jump.

A group of 24 people, nine different tribal families, from Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, and Cheboygan, joined together and competed in the 19th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics in Mt. Pleasant, held by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Several medals were taken home and there was great participation at the games. A lot of fun was had by all who attended and there is more funding for more families to participate in this great event to represent our tribe.

## Joan Aikens returns home with gold and silver from the National Games



medal in the 200m freestyle, and silver in the 4 X 50 relay and a participant ribbon for the 100 IM. Gail Dummer, from Michigan State University, coached Joan. Ames hosted 3,500 athletes, 2,000 coaches, 12,000 family members, 8,000 volunteers and 30,000 spectators.

Athletes were airlift by Cessna Aircraft

Joan Aikens, above, returned home from the first-ever Special Olympics U.S.A. National Games held in Ames, Iowa, July 2-7. Joan was one of three female swimmers chosen to be part of the Team Michigan delegation of 62 who traveled to the games and qualified for the national games by participating and winning a gold medal in the 2005 state summer games.

Joan received a gold

Company from Grand Rapids. Cessna Citation owners came together to transport more than 2,500 athletes and coaches from 35 states to Des Moines International Airport.

Corporations and individual Citation owners and operators donate their Citation business jets, pilots and fuel to transport athletes to the games.

For more information, you can go to [www.2006nationalgames.org](http://www.2006nationalgames.org).

## The 16th annual Billy Mills Fun Runs



Young and old took up the challenge of running in the tenth annual Billy Mills Fun Runs in Sault Ste. Marie on July 22. Runners participated in 10K and 5K races along with events for tots and other younger folks. Some of about 65 runners are seen leaving the starting line above. Stephen Eles (left) came in first in the 5K run, later followed by Curt Van (right) taking first in the 10K.

# Constitution Committee five-month update

**SUBMITTED BY BILL McDERMOTT  
SCHEDULING SPECIALIST**

Your Constitution Convention Committee has been very busy since it was empowered in February. All of the 29-member committee are members who have volunteered for this project and are meeting twice a month for Friday and Saturday sessions.

One of the first decisions we made was to hold meetings in many different locations so members have the opportunity to see just what we are doing and discussing and have input at each of our meetings.

Most of our meetings will also be videotaped and, once the process is completed, these will be assembled as a historical record and be made available for viewing by the membership. This should be a valuable asset available to members years from now to see the things we discussed and some of the struggles we had with issues.

We started by discussing, "What is an amendment and how will this affect what we are undertaking." During a lively discussion with our facilitators, we learned we are empowered by the board of directors to amend our Constitution and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will look at everything from revision of a sentence to a complete rewrite of the Constitution as an "amendment." From this point of view, we determined there were three options available to us — Write amendments to the current Constitution, start a new Constitution from scratch or use the current Constitution as a guide.

The stage was then set to begin on the next question, "What do we want to accomplish with our Constitution?"

Some of the hotly debated topics discussed were things like separation of powers, how to define different roles and responsibilities in our government, fair and consistent application to all members, membership and citizenship in the tribe, protection of treaty hunting and fishing rights, traditions, language, corporate structure vs. governmental structure and rights of members to address Constitutional issues.

Beginning with the second meeting, we started answering some of the issues we had identified. During this meeting the main questions were where does sovereign power come from? Is the Constitution the supreme law? Who or what gives the government its power?

We also discussed, "What is the territory of the tribe and within the boundaries what can or should we

protect?" There were long, sometimes argumentative, discussions of such things as what courts are doing to other tribes, what challenges we are facing from state and federal governments and how can we address these types of issues in our Constitution. Included in the weekend meetings were discussions on the jurisdiction and governing authority of the tribe.

We entered March feeling good about the pace we are moving at then we hit the first of many very controversial issues. This committee is made up of many strong personalities and at times it shows but the membership can rest assured that each and every issue is discussed at length and no point of view is overlooked.

At our first meeting in March,

*Out of respect to the Hessel Powwow being held the weekend of Aug. 18., the Constitution Committee elected to move the Aug. 18 and 19 meetings in Munising to Aug. 25 and 26.*

we started what we thought was going to be an easy issue, "The Preamble." After much discussion on what the wording should be, we had to leave this issue and move on as we were getting nowhere and will revisit this issue at a later date in order for committee members to collect their thoughts. Discussion moved to the separation of powers with a long and heated debate on how this should be accomplished and what form it should take. This is where we learned the dreaded four questions that we will visit on each and every issue — What is it? What is it called? Who is it comprised of? How many is it comprised of?

The issue of separation of powers was the main topic of discussion for the next couple of meetings. Through this process we determined that a more efficient form of government made up of three distinct branches — a judicial branch, an executive branch and a legislative branch. These would serve our membership better than the current form we use.

Having decided this form of government was a better way to go, we moved to begin working on the composition of the judicial branch.

Many questions were brought up during this time and debated at length, What courts do we need? What jurisdiction do they have? How would this new system handle constitutional issues? Should judges be elected or appointed? How many judges do we need?

What should the judge's terms of office be? Do we need "special courts" for specific types of cases? Do we need other court personnel? What should the qualifications for each of these positions be? What are the courts duties and powers? Should the court keep records and How? Conflicts of interest? Can the court handle both criminal and civil cases? Should we, and where could we, use our original language in our court system? Can we set up a system that outside vendors can feel confident enough so we will not have to give up our sovereignty on everyday contracts?

All in all, we have settled on many of the aspects of the judicial branch, however, we have not finalized it completely and will revisit it several times during discussions of both the legislative and executive branches as several things will interlock all branches and tie our government together. There is a great possibility that we do not even know what some of these items will be until we make certain decisions on the remaining branches of government.

Having this behind us, we have moved in to discussing the legislative branch. The legislative branch will be a long hard branch to establish as we ask and discuss such things as, Who will represent us? Who are the members of the tribe? At large representation? New units, should we or shouldn't we? Power to pass laws? Can legislators (representatives) sit on committees? Conflicts of interest? Budgeting powers? Resolutions? What should we name it and how can we use our native language in this branch?

These are a few of the items that we have started to talk about, but as you can imagine there are very strong opinions on all sides of each of these issues.

The committee recessed for the month of July and resumed on Aug. 4 at Kewadin Casino in the Sault. All members are welcomed at each and every meeting, in fact, all are encouraged to attend.

There is time set aside at every meeting for the membership to have input into these very important meetings, we as members of this committee need your input so that we can represent you to the best of our abilities. This will be one of the most important moments in the history of the Sault Tribe as this will be the defining document that will lead the tribe for many years to come.

# Summer interns come with a dedication to learn

**BY TRACI BELAIR,  
SUMMER INTERN**

Placed at the Lakefront Inn in St. Ignace, **Andrew Massaway** is a double major in business economics and business management at Grand Valley State University. He is the vice president and treasurer of the Native American Student Association.



Andrew feels the internship is a great way for him to gain exposure. "Employers are looking for experience and I thought this would be a great way to get that." The internship means a great deal to him. He says it is not only giving him experience in the business world, but it also makes him feel as though he is more involved with the tribe. It is a great opportunity to contribute to the tribe, he says, and to make him more knowledgeable about the business world.

"One of the things I have learned is that I can work very well with people. I can talk easily with customers and talk freely with other employees. I have found my customer services skills are my greatest strength," he said.

Although he has gained experience working hands on in the business world, the classes he's taken in college have taught him a great deal about what he's seen thus far. "My management classes have taught me how to work with many different types of people. They have also taught me how to deal with many different types of situations such as an upset customer, or an employee dispute."

As far as the greatest piece of knowledge he has learned is that "no matter what business you are in, the customer always comes first. Being polite and courteous is always the key when dealing with any person. Whether it be a customer or an employee, they should all be treated with the same respect."

A senior at Bay Mills Community College, **Barb Wilkins** is also a professional clown whose name is Popcorn. She can be booked for birthday parties or parades. She is also a member of the St. Ignace Fire Department and an auxiliary police officer.



The things she has learned in working in community health and with dieticians have made her more confident of her career. "Having this internship means that I can actually see the everyday operations of how nutritionists work with people and change lives of their clients." Although she spends each day working side by side with the actual nutritionists, she hasn't been taught any nutrition skills yet but the schooling has taught her a lot of very basic things she says she will need to do in the future.

What made her most interested in the tribal internship program was one of her professors at Bay Mills Community College, named Steve Yanni. He suggested to

her that she try and work in the dietetics field.

Although she is learning quite a lot about the field of dietetics, she feels she is also learning quite a bit about the tribe. "I've learned about how great our tribe is and how much certain people are doing for our youth. What is most impressive to me is the board is taking care of our youth because the youth are our future," she said.

The thing she admires most about the dieticians is how much passion they have for their work. "The knowledge these women have in their field is vast, they all get along and work together like a well oiled machine," she said in regards to the women she works with each day.

Most of what she has done thus far is learn the ins and outs of the fruit and veggie program which is offered at Community Health. She has been able to shop for and cut up the fruit and veggies, working closely with Melinda Santiago.

Barb hopes to take away a new outlook on the nutrition field and also to make connections with people in the tribe for resources in the future, along with friendships I have made with others around me.

In regards to all future interns, she said, "I would encourage them to enjoy the opportunity given to them from this tribe and test the waters of the field they want to pursue, have an open mind and be ready to learn what they can about the field they love."

**David Beckman** recently finished the pre-pharmacy program at Lake Superior State University. He has applied to continue with the pharmacy program at Ferris State University. He originates from Engadine and had a graduating class in high school of 17 people. He scored in the 98th percentile on the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT).

Even two weeks into his internship, he feels that he gained an enormous amount of experience. He says he has even learned the common names and uses of some medicines, the benefits of having a pharmacy for tribe members and also many of the day-to-day pharmacist and technician duties that he wasn't even aware existed, "I've learned what it takes to be not just any pharmacist, but a good one," he added.

David said he's had an opportunity to tour the entire tribal health center, become acquainted with many of the other workers in the facility. "I am now able to assist and work alongside the pharmacy technicians as they fill prescriptions, answer phones and walk-ins and receive refill requests," he added. According to him, the pharmacy staff works extremely close together so that each medicine dispensed is checked and double checked by more than one person.

He says that everyone he works for is knowledgeable and good at what they do, "They are able to work together and meet the needs of each patient in the best way possible."

His advice for all future interns is to "Come in with an open mind, and be ready to learn about both your career and your culture."

## Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

Date	Time	Unit/Location
8/25-26/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit V/Munising TBA
9/8-9/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit II/Naubinway Pavilion
9/22/06	5-9 p.m.	Open/Grand Rapids, TBA
9/23/06	8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Open/Detroit, TBA
10/6-7/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit IIV/St. Ignace Little Bear Facility
10/20-21/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
11/3-4/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Petoskey/Location TBA
11/17-18/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
12/1-2/06	5-9/8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit II/Newberry Location TBA
12/15-16/06	5-9 p.m./8a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA

Committee meetings will be open to members of the Sault Tribe to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning of each meeting, at the conclusion of each meeting, and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

# Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia (VHS) found in various Great Lakes fish species

There have been reports of wild fish mortalities associated with the emergence of VHS in various freshwater fish species in the Great Lakes. Until 2005, VHS was believed to be limited to natural infections of marine fish species on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North America. The implications of this emerging aquatic animal health issue are of concern to a wide range of industry; provincial/state and federal authority stakeholders.

- VHS has no human health effects.
- The North American strain of VHS occurs naturally in the marine environment, but has recently been linked to reports of wild freshwater fish mortalities in Canada and the United States.
- Preliminary observations suggest that VHS is spreading from the east coast, down the St. Lawrence and into Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. More information is needed to assess the actual scope and extent of VHS into these areas.
- DFO is working closely with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, University of Guelph and our US counterparts

to share monitoring information and discuss management options.

What fish are affected?

To date, freshwater drum; smallmouth bass; crappie; and bluegill have been affected by this disease in Canada. In the United States the virus has been detected in round goby, muskellunge, gizzard shad, walleye, white bass, silver redhorse, northern pike, freshwater drum, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and shorthead redhorse.

How can I recognize affected fish?

Keeping an eye out for any freshwater fish showing the following signs is very helpful: bulging eyes; pale gills; signs of bleeding around the eyes, bases of the fins, sides and head; darkening overall color, distended (fluid-filled) belly and corkscrew swimming behavior.

What do I do if I suspect the disease is present in a fish I have grown or caught?

If you see these signs or find a fish-kill please report this immediately to your local fisheries authority. The quicker the authorities are alerted, the quicker they can organise collection of samples for analysis by qualified fish

health laboratories.

Do not move or transfer any fish that show signs of being sick from one body of water to another.

Anyone wishing to move live fish from one part of the Great Lakes to another (especially from areas noted as being positive for VHS) should contact their local fisheries authority or Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Is it safe to touch affected fish?

Yes. This disease does not effect human health.

Where has VHS been detected?

On the Canadian side: Lake Ontario and Lake St. Clair. The USA has reports from Lake Erie; Lake St. Clair and the St. Lawrence River.

Where can I get more information?

Fisheries and Oceans Canada – National Aquatic Animal Health Registry; Ottawa: phone (613) 991-6855.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency – National Aquatic Animal Health Division; Ottawa, phone (613) 221-4208.

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources – Natural Resource Information Centre; Peterborough, phone (800) 667-1940.

## Tribes stock half-million walleye this summer; 20-year stocking program enhances walleye fishing opportunities

SAULT STE. MARIE — Over half a million walleye fingerlings were stocked in the upper Great Lakes by Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program (ITFAP) this summer. The tribal fish hatchery, which raises the fingerlings in rearing ponds near Barbeau, is headquartered at Nunns Creek near Hessel, Mich.

Over 280,000 fingerlings went to the St. Marys River and nearby Waishkey Bay got 100,000. Grand Traverse Bay sites received the remaining 125,000.

The two-inch walleye fingerlings are divided between four sites on the St. Marys. This year, Potagannissing Bay near Drummond Island was stocked with over 102,000, Lake George on Sugar Island with 67,000, Osborn Park in the Sault with 44,000 and Raber Bay near Goetzville with 68,000.

ITFAP avoids stocking in areas such as Munuscong Bay in order to avoid disruption of the self-sustaining wild populations. "Our stocking program in the St. Marys River has been aimed at enhanc-

ing walleye fishing opportunities for all fisheries, but we are cautious not to negatively impact the naturally-reproducing walleye population in the river," said ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo.

Nunns Creek Fish Hatchery is owned by Sault Tribe and operated by ITFAP with funds contributed by Bay Mills and Grand Traverse Band. The tribal program received assistance for this year's mid-summer stocking from the Department of Natural Resources, which supplied staff for two days to help capture fingerlings from the rearing ponds and transport them to the St. Marys River stocking locations. The support helped take pressure off the young, thus ensuring a better survival rate. At the same time, it reduces agency costs and improve efficiency.

The two agencies shared egg collection duties this spring. The MDNR supplied walleye fry from Bay de Noc for stocking in Grand Traverse Bay, while ITFAP staff collected eggs from adult walleye in the St. Marys River.

Three days after the eggs

hatched, the walleye fry were marked for tracking purposes and released into the ponds. This year ITFAP staff hatched 3.5 million eggs. This fall, the tribe plans to release a number of 7- to 9 inch walleye fingerlings to help strengthen survival rates.

Great Lakes walleye catches have grown considerably in areas stocked by ITFAP since the program started in 1986. Regions where walleye catch was once low or rare are now cited by angler and state fishing reports as "good" and "improving."

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) oversees tribal fishing in the 1836 Treaty-ceded territory of the northern Great Lakes.

Member tribes are Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. For more information see [www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org).

## Fishers of CORA tribes must register vessels, ORVs and snowmobiles

SAULT STE. MARIE— The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) has a new registration system in place for the CORA member tribes' commercial and subsistence fishers. The new system began Jan. 31, 2006. There is no fee to register and registration stickers are good for three years.

Documentation of ownership must be presented to obtain registration - titles, bills of sale, and old state registrations are all acceptable forms of documentation. Fishers who inherited their vessel can ask family members to write a letter documenting the inheritance. Others who do not have ownership documentation should call CORA Asst. Exec. Director Beverly Aikens at (906) 632-0043 for guidance.

Vessels, ORVs and snowmobiles that are being used by CORA member tribes for fishing activities on the Great Lakes are subject to CORA regulations. The regulations stipulating registration are contained in <sup>3</sup>Part Six: Licenses and Information<sup>2</sup> of the CORA Regulations and read as follows:

Section XX. License and Registration Definitions and Restrictions.

(d) A commercial fishing vessel

registration is necessary in order for any vessel to be utilized for commercial fishing. Anyone with a valid commercial fishing captain license may operate a properly registered commercial fishing vessel. Fees for such licenses may be set by individual tribes.

Section XXI. License Regulations.

(d) Each boat which is used by a member of the Tribes for fishing activity shall have affixed to it in a clearly visible manner the number of the commercial fishing vessel registration issued by a tribe. Each snowmobile or off road vehicle which is used by a member of a tribe for fishing activity shall have affixed to it in a clearly visible manner a valid Tribal or State of Michigan snowmobile or off road vehicle registration.

Those with questions can contact their tribes Natural Resource /Conservation Department, or contact CORA at (906) 632-0043. CORA Regulations can be obtained at Tribal Conservation Offices; by stopping in, calling or writing to the CORA office, 179 W Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783 or by download from [www.1836cora.org](http://www.1836cora.org).

## Anishinaabe law student gets his feet wet at CORA



George Forbes, 23-year-old White Earth college student, interns at the Inter Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program.

ITFAP summer intern George Forbes has bit off quite enough to chew and he's enjoying the taste. A member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, Forbes is a 23-year-old looking into the career possibilities of Indian law and natural resources. This summer Forbes has spent as many hours onboard the RV Atikameg as he has in the law library as his internship has ranged from researching treaty law to fin clipping live lamprey.

Forbes was born and raised in the Flint area before attending Michigan State University, where he earned a B.A. in political science and pre-law as well as specialized study in environmental economics. This fall he'll head to the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, but he has to make up his mind where his degree will take him. So, this summer, he wants to get some experience in environmental programs and Indian law to see of that's the career he will pursue.

When he's not reading treaty law or sampling fish, he is assisting Environmental Coordinator Mike Ripley. So far this summer he's learned a lot about how tribal environmental issues are

addressed, such as the political and funding issues surrounding aquatic invasive species, water quality and restoration.

He has learned how tribes sometimes struggle to make themselves fit into the scheme of things, and how we view the environment from a seventh generation perspective through the scope of environmental crisis, government-to government consultation and cooperation with tribes states and the federal government, perennial funding shortages, and tribal sovereignty. It's a fascinating, complicated, and often frustrating mission and Forbes is interested.

He's researched treaties and treaty interpretation, inland hunting and fishing negotiations in the 1836 treaty ceded territory, precedent-setting court cases, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Asian Carp Barrier, the International Trade Commission, Canadian commercial fishing, and U.S. Code 25 Title – Indians — all interesting stuff, said Forbes.

The fieldwork helps Forbes understand the treaty fishery better. "Reading about sea lamprey and Asian carp is one thing; handling live lamprey and working with the fishery techs helps me understand what we're doing, and why," he said.

The one thing he can't understand is how fishermen can keep their balance on deck over the choppy waves. "I felt like I was going to fall off," he said, but he was glad to say he was not seasick.

All in all, it's been a good experience and an enjoyable way to spend the summer. And now Forbes can say when he goes off Cooley this fall that a specialty in environmental or Indian law is "more than likely."

## Notice to boaters: possible salmon nets on northern lakes Huron and Michigan

From the beginning of August through the end of October, boaters in northern Lake Michigan and Lake Huron should be aware of the possible presence of tribal commercial salmon fishing nets. Boaters should exercise extreme caution during low-light or bad weather conditions when navigating this area. Posters depicting what the nets look like, the general areas they could be set, and contact numbers for help, will be

displayed at nearby launch sites.

Each net has large orange floats that are six inches by 14 inches spaced at intervals of 300 feet or less. The license number of the tribal fisher is on the net. Net ends are marked with staffs five-foot in length above the water surface, colored with at least 50 percent reflective orange coloring and a 12-inch by 12-inch orange flag on top. CORA strongly recommends that boaters navigate around the

nets they encounter, rather than between the staff buoys set at net ends. These salmon nets may be set at the surface and are composed of thick twine. Fishers from the Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Little Traverse Bay Band are all required to uniformly mark their nets in the above manner.

# Child Care Assistance



Day care provider Misty Ferguson reads to her daughter Teagan, left, and Jocelyn Joseph. Misty and her mother care for 12 children and are licensed through Tribal Child Care Assistance and Licensing.

PHOTOS BY ALAN KAMUDA

and supplies to assist the provider in being in full compliance with Tribal Child Care Code. Training and support services are made available in accordance with current training standards and requirements.

### Improving western area child care services

The Child Care and Development Fund has acknowledged a lack of child care in the western counties. Our commitment is to resolve this issue by recruiting new child care providers, assisting existing providers and offering technical assistance to parents and their providers or potential providers.

Efforts will include:

- A paycheck insert to encourage tribal employees who know of potential day care homes to have them contact us.
- Provide a prompt response to individuals and families that express an interest.
- Offer additional details about the benefits in becoming a day care provider.
- Welcome calls for more information about Sault Tribe's Child Care Developmental Funds/Services.

### We need your help!

Although we are very excited to work with this beautiful part of the Upper Peninsula, we are also seeking individuals from this area to work with the CCDF program. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved, please contact Sheila Kibble or Angel Peer at Anishnabek Community and Family Services, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Phone: (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093 or email [sssheila@saulttribe.net](mailto:sssheila@saulttribe.net).

### Tribal child care assistance and licensing

Child care assistance is available from the Anishnabek Community and Family Services and Department of Human Services throughout the tribe's service area. With this assistance child care is made affordable by providing up to 100 percent of the family's child care expenses.

This program also coordinates training and support services for child care providers.

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) is available to:

- Families and their providers living in the seven-county service area of Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Delta, Alger or Marquette.
- Income eligible according to sliding fee scale based on gross monthly income. Call for our guidelines.

- Dual eligibility through the state and tribe assistance programs.
- Employed more than 20 hours per week or attending an educational program.
- Parents may select from a wide range of providers including family care, group care, centers, in-home care or relatives. Rates per hour vary according to provider type.

Day care licensing — The CCDF also licenses child care homes. All tribal licensed day care providers are eligible for the same child care payments that are provided to day care providers licensed by the state of Michigan. Licensed day care providers are needed to provide child care to Sault Tribe children. Being a tribally licensed home or center allows for many benefits to the child care provider. Plus, the fund is able to purchase equipment

# ACFS Sault Tribe powwow news



Holly Haapala, right, signs up for the National Bone Marrow Donor Program with Eric Trosko at this year's powwow in the Sault. Fifty-six donors registered for program.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services hosted a registration for the National Marrow Donor Program for the July Sault Tribe powwow. Eric Trosko from the Lansing office came up with his wife, Molly. Registration was located at the first building past the powwow grounds admissions building. Along with the registration, ACFS had a children's area with coloring and a fun wheel. The hours were 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 29, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 30. The children's area closed at 5 p.m. during the dinner break.

These activities were very successful. Not only did the children enjoy spinning the fun wheel and coloring, the National Marrow Donor Program registered 56

individuals. An announcement was made to register over the loud speakers on Saturday. Participants were informed of the shortage of American Indians registered to donate and the lives that can be saved. It was moving to see the dancers come over in their regalia to complete forms and have the cotton swab testing.

Efforts for the Sault Tribe marrow campaign will continue with a training for health providers at the Sault Tribe clinic on Sept. 12 and combining another registration there in a blood drive scheduled for Sept. 29.

For more information about these events or the campaign, call Julie at ACFS (906) 632-5250, ext. 23320.

## Anishnabek Community and Family Services Biidaajmowin

Bringing news from ACFS



# ACFS fund-raising 2006

## Busy as bees, helping our families

The ACFS Fund Raising Committee is having another successful year of being able to contribute to community youth events. The events include Family Days in the Sault, St. Ignace, and Manistique; child advocacy breakfast and advocate of the year plaque; teen-lock-in jump toy; prizes for the amazing race at the employee picnic and recently approved funds to re-stock prizes for the fun wheel.

This committee is made up of volunteers. Current members of the committee are Dan Doyle, Sharon Hutchinson, Co-Chair Julie Menard, Teri Romano, Kelly Smart, Co-Chair Amber Visnaw, and Christina Wilkins.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the ACFS team for all the support that goes toward our committee. Some of the ways the ACFS team helps is by bake sales, volunteering for activities, donating items and cash donations.

Since 2004, the committee has been assertive with monthly meetings and fund raisers.

Special planning meetings take place to ensure events go well or to approve special requests. Other requests are completed quickly with a few e-mails to Fund Raising Committee members.

In 2006, the committee's fund raising activities included two bake sales, valentine's carnation sale, breakfast sale, spaghetti lunch, pop can drive, water sales, a Indian taco sale in Manistique, and an ice cream sundae sale.

The ACFS Fund Raising Committee is proud to serve the community and appreciates your support at our fund raising events. Join us for our coming yard sale and silent action on Aug. 25 at the Sault Tribe clinic from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with special savings from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call ACFS at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 726-0093.



The class gathers for a concert at the Ojibwe Museum grounds in St. Ignace

## Learning to play the flute at the Ojibwe Museum in St. Ignace

The summer interns and intern coordinators took a two-day flute playing class taught by renowned flute player John Sarantos at the Ojibwa Museum in St. Ignace. The class was taught in a traditional cedar bark long house on the museum grounds close to the grave site of Jesuit missionary Father Jacques Marquette.



Left: Sue Stiver-Paulson practices her flute playing in front of a cedar bark teepee on the museum grounds.



Summer intern Traci Belair concentrates on learning the finger maneuvers needed to produce all the varied notes on the Indian flute.

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## From our mail

To the editor,

I am writing to say thank you to the tribal chairman, the board of directors and the Sault Tribe Education Department, for the incentive award check of \$320 – for the winter/spring session 2005/2006! This award is assisting me to fund an educational opportunity that I have wanted to pursue for over 20 years!

For the past year I have been going to school on a part-time basis, but at the age of 44, I need to attend school full time (to reach my educational goals in a realistic time frame), which I will be doing in the fall! I am going to apply this award toward my tuition for the upcoming fall semester.

I would also like to take this opportunity to tell the people who work in the Education Department thank you. Every time I have called with a question, any of the office personnel who have worked with me over the phone are always very helpful and accommodating.

Again, thank you to my tribe... this award will be very helpful in offsetting the financial expenses of my educational and vocational pursuits.

Sincerely,

—Teresa Petersen

To the editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father John Hascall for the services he said at out Mathew and Granny Lucille Perry's burial June 27, 2006. Thank you so much.

God bless,

—Audrey and Howard Howe, Leonard and Laura Perry, Edward and Karen Perry and all her grand and great-grandchildren

To the editor,

I am writing this letter to thank you for the monetary support that I have received from you over the last three years. The Higher Education Self Sufficiency Funds have been very helpful in paying for college expenses. I will be starting pharmacy school at the University of Michigan in the fall and I know that your support will continue to help as I pursue my degree there also. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

—Erin O'Neill

To the editor,

This letter is in appreciation for the two higher education checks I have received from the Sault Tribe. Thank you greatly for the checks. Although I live in Arizona, my grandfather, Richard

Campbell from Mackinac City, still keeps me updated on all the activities that go on with the tribe. My father also receives the tribal newspaper.

I am attending Northern Arizona University with a major in elementary education. I plan to use this money toward continuing my educational career and when I get my degree I hope to educate future generations on the history of Native peoples; their past and present. I hope to break the stereotypical image most people have and show the children the true history and the progress Native peoples have made. Thank you for supporting me in my dreams. It gives me great inspiration to know a whole tribe, my tribe, supports me.

Sincerely,

—Shannon Campbell

To the editor,

I recently had the honor of being the arena director for the Sault Tribe powwow. It was an experience I will not soon forget. I hope I lived up to the enormity or the responsibility. It was a great lesson for me in many ways and I want to say chi miigwech to Bud Biron and all other Powwow Committee members for allowing me this opportunity and the teachings that come along with it.

A chi miigwech to Josh and John and all the other helpers for taking our grandson Mkoons (Chance) under their wings and sharing the backstage, so to speak, of the powwow workings and thereby allowing him to contribute to the gathering and allowing myself and my wife to be in the wabino lodge.

Also chi miigwech to the cooks and helpers at the Niigaanagizhik Building. The food was great and the fellowship fun.

Miigwech to the head staff and all of the dancers for the cooperation and patience when the clouds were looking a bit threatening. The drummers were in great form and a special miigwech to Aabazii and all of the boys and girls from Bay Mills.

A special miigwech to Tiq and Lou Ann Bush for their special gifts and to those who blessed us in so many ways too numerous to mention.

See you on the powwow trail.

—Biiwaabko Bezhoognzhii Daniel (LaBlance) Bissell

To the editor,

The Unit I elders held a raffle on July 3 at the powwow. We would like to thank all the tribe members and everyone else who

bought tickets for this raffle. It is our way of raising money for our trips. We thank you for your support. All our elders thank you. The winners are Greg Fine, Lorraine Rutledge, Brandi Aube, Cecil Pavlat, Tina Fox, Andrew Stich, Chris Cadreau, Lana Stuart, Robert Hoffman and Jim Sylvester.

—Unit I elders

To the editor,

Our family carries on my brother's name, Bobby Glasses.

Every year my family and I put on our benefit golf tournament in memory of my brother Bobby Glasser, who was killed six years ago in a car accident. Every year we take the proceeds and give away academic scholarships to graduating kids from his school. Last year we were able to give away a total of \$4,500 in scholarships. We are so grateful for the local businesses that support us, thank you so much! You are the people who make this possible for my family to carry Bobby's name on.

I would also like to thank "The Rock" golf course of Drummond Island for hosting our event. It is the only time my parents, Linda and Alex Fisher can see all of Bobby's friends together in the same place. It is a magical time for them, since most of his friends have grown up and their lives have brought them so far away from their hometown. "It is not the years in the life, but the life in the years," and my brother proved this statement to be true. He is sadly missed and the past years of our tournament shows it.

I am asking that you come golf with us this year on Sept. 2, 2006. If you are interested, please contact me at (906) 484-7929 and we can get you set up.

—Cory Hall

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10 Woodlake, Kincheloe, MI.  
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houcory@saulttribe.net

To the editor,

I wanted to give a very well deserved thank you to the Education Department for your help over the years. With the cost of tuition, school can seem to be a very daunting thing. But the encouragement and support you gave me every semester made a world of difference. Today, I'm making a living doing just what I always dreamed of doing. I'll be forever grateful that you helped me get there.

Sincerely,

—Sarah Fox, DVM

### First Walk for Warmth Golf Scramble set for Aug. 24.

The first Walk for Warmth Golf Scramble will be held August 24 at Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course in Sault Ste. Marie.

The four-person, nine-hole format is open to all, with a \$40-per-golfer entry fee and a 5 p.m. shotgun start.

All proceeds will benefit Walk for Warmth in Chippewa County, the program that helps people heat their homes each winter.

"This is really a great cause," said Bob Ferguson, one of the organizers. "We have a strict set of criteria for determining who receives heating assistance during the winter. The people we help really need it. This tournament is a very worthy event."

Hole sponsorships are \$100 and are being sought now. Door prizes and major prizes will be awarded in various categories and a steak dinner will follow the event in the Tanglewood Marsh clubhouse.

To help sponsor the event, contact Bob Ferguson at (906) 635-0097 or Mary Lynch at Soo Co-op Credit Union at (906) 632-6819. Sponsorships are tax deductible.

## Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians employment openings

Employment office: 2186 Shunk Rd.  
(906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032  
Current job openings as of August 1, 2006  
[www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) (Apply on-line)

### GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

Database analyst - open until filled.

Clinical social worker supv. - opened until filled.

Employee relations specialist - open until filled.

### KEWADIN CASINO

Motor coach driver - opened until filled.

Web site administrator - opened until filled.

### CHRISTMAS CASINO

Line cook - opened until filled.

Bartender (1) Temp. (1) Reg. - opened until filled.

Bar server temporary - opened until filled.

Gaming dealer trainee - opened until filled.

Security guard - open until filled.

### ST. IGNACE KEWADIN CASINO

Slot technician - open until filled.

Cook server - open until filled.

Line cook - open until filled.

tour host - open until filled.

Lead bar server - open until filled.

### ENTERPRISE

Nigh auditor P.T. St. Ignace - open until filled.

### HESSEL and MANISTIQUE CASINOS

No openings

## Metis Genealogy Meeting

Saturday, August 19, 2006  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

**Where:** Niigaanagishik Ceremonial Building (across from the powwow grounds).

**When:** 9 a.m. til 4 p.m.

**What:** Genealogy enthusiasts researching Great Lakes Native and First Nations families, Metis, Voyageur and French Canadian family history.

**Cost:** Free

**Who:** We are a group of both professional and amateur genealogists from across the Midwest and Canada. Most of our research includes Soo, Mackinac and Georgian Bay Metis families. (Metis is a term that refers to people who are both Native and French Canadian) Researchers will be on hand to share their information. Bring your stories, family photographs and research materials to share. All are welcome.

**Contact:** rootdancer@sbcglobal.com or trashound@sbcglobal.com for more information.

## Advocacy Resource Center's fourth annual Scavenger Challenge

The Scavenger Challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. It is somewhat like the amazing race, fear factor and survivor, all in one.

**1st Place - \$100.00 + Great Gifts from Local Merchants**

**2nd Place - \$75.00 + Great Gifts from Local Merchants**

**3rd Place - \$50.00 + Great Gifts from Local Merchants**

Where: Kewadin Casino—Tahquamenon Room

When: Friday, September 15, 2006

Time: Registration—6 – 6:30 p.m.

Race rules/instructions at 6:45 p.m.

Race Starts at 7 p.m.!

\$20 entry Fee (\$30 door) will include:

Entry for two Team Members

Entry into After-Challenge Party

Hors d'oeuvres

Entry into the door prizes

\$20 Kewadin Tokens

Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 635-7705 or (906) 632-1808  
Tickets now on sale!!

Purchase your tickets at:

Sault Tribe Health Center: Lori Jump, (906) 632-5250

Sault Tribe Administration: Peggy Pavlat, (906) 635-6050

Community Action: Ken Stott, (906) 632-6636

Advocacy Resource Center: Any staff, (906) 632-1808

For more details contact, Advocacy Resource Center at (906) 635-7705 or (906) 632-1808.

### Announcement of position vacancy in Cheboygan area schools

Title of position: Title VII Native American student instructional aide.

General description: Provide instructional assistance in large and small group settings, provide one-on-one tutoring, participate in and conduct parental involvement activities, assist with classroom management, such as organizing instructional and other materials. Will work approximately 6.5 hours per day for 164 school days.

Minimum qualifications: Aides must meet Federal Highly Qualified Standards as defined by NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Starting date: 2006-2007 school year. Salary: As per negotiated aide's contract. Application: Please send a letter of application and resume to:

Paul L. Ellinger, Superintendent  
Cheboygan Area Schools  
P.O. Box 100  
Cheboygan, MI 49721



# Chi Mukwa's 10-year anniversary calendar of events

In honor of its 10th anniversary, the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center is planning on a 10-day celebration starting Sept. 18. Here are a few of the events already scheduled for the anniversary celebration. The next issue of *The Sault Tribe News* will carry the complete schedule of events.

Day	Date	Time/Event
Monday	9/18/06	12:15-1:05 p.m.—Public Skate
Tuesday	9/19/06	12:15-1:35 p.m.—Toddler/adult skate
Wednesday	9/20/06	12:15-1:05 p.m.—Drop-in hockey
Thursday	9/21/06	12:15-1:35 p.m.—Toddler/adult skate
Friday	9/22/06	12:15-1:05 p.m.—Drop-in hockey
Saturday	9/23/06	2:30-4:20 p.m.—Public skate, 7 p.m.—Soo Indians hockey game, 9:30 p.m.—Rock-n-skate and balloon drop with Chi Mukwa Prizes
Sunday	9/24/06	2:30-4:20 p.m.—Public skate, 4:30-6:30 p.m.— Ice cream social 7 p.m.—Soo Indians hockey game. 8:45-9:30 p.m.—Drop-in hockey
Monday	9/25/06	12:15-1:05 p.m.—Public skate
Tuesday	9/26/06	12:15-1:35 p.m.—Toddler/adult skate
Wednesday	9/27/06	12:15-1:05 p.m.—Drop-in hockey, Noon-2 p.m. — Cake/ice cream, followed by the anniversary ceremony.

All events will be free of charge to members of our tribe and community. Chi Mukwa will also be hosting a coloring contest for youth 10 years and under during the schedule of events. Times and events are subject to change. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

## Free Laker athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK, RECREATION FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for tickets, tribe members must fill out free Laker athletic ticket application, below, and check off games desiring to attend. Mail applications, along with a copy of your membership card, to Chi Mukwa by Sept. 22, 2006. Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis until all tickets are disbursed. There are a limited number of tickets. Applications received after the deadline will be serviced last with any remaining tickets. Please call (906) 635-7770 for additional information or applications

### FREE LAKER ATHLETIC APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

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

	# Requested		# Requested
<b>LAKER HOCKEY</b>		<b>LAKER BASKETBALL</b>	
<b>(Taffy Abel Arrena)</b>		<b>(Bud Cooper Gymnasium)</b>	
10/27/06 American International	_____	12/07/06 Findlay	_____
10/28/06 American International	_____	12/09/06 Northwood	_____
11/10/06 Miami	_____	12/21/06 Saint Joseph's (Men's only)	_____
11/11/06 Miami	_____	01/11/07 Grand Valley State	_____
11/17/06 Wayne State	_____	01/13/07 Finlandia (Women's only)	_____
12/01/06 Northern Michigan	_____	01/15/07 Northland Baptist (Men's only)	_____
12/16/06 USNTDP (Exhibition)	_____	01/25/07 Hillsdale	_____
01/05/07 Nebraska-Omaha	_____	01/27/07 Wayne State	_____
01/06/07 Nebraska-Omaha	_____	02/08/07 Northern Michigan	_____
01/12/07 Notre Dame	_____	02/10/07 Michigan Tech	_____
01/13/07 Notre Dame	_____	02/14/07 Saginaw Valley State	_____
01/26/07 Ohio State	_____	02/17/07 Ferris State	_____
01/27/07 Ohio State	_____		
02/03/07 Northern Michigan	_____		
02/16/07 Michigan	_____		
02/23/07 Western Michigan	_____		
02/24/07 Western Michigan	_____		

**Mail application to:**  
**Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center**  
**Attn: Jessica Dumback**  
**2 Ice Circle**  
**Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept. 22, 2006**

## Free Wildcat hockey tickets for Sault Tribe members

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### FREE WILDCAT HOCKEY TICKET APPLICATION FOR SAULT TRIBE MEMBERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_

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

### NMU WILDCAT HOCKEY

	# Requested
09/30/06 Toronto (Exhibition)	_____
10/14/06 Michigan Tech	_____
10/27/06 Ohio State	_____
10/28/06 Ohio State	_____
11/10/06 Alaska	_____
11/11/06 Alaska	_____
11/15/06 Minnesota-Duluth	_____
12/02/06 Lake Superior State	_____
12/08/06 Michigan State	_____
12/09/06 Michigan State	_____
12/15/06 USNTDP (Exhibition)	_____
01/05/07 Ferris State	_____
01/06/07 Ferris State	_____
01/19/07 Bowling Green	_____
01/20/07 Bowling Green	_____
02/02/07 Lake Superior State	_____
02/23/07 Miami	_____
02/24/07 Miami	_____

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# Walking On...

**George Snider** of Sault Ste. Marie passed away June 29, 2006, at Tendercare Nursing Home. He was born Nov. 27, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Sugar Island Lions Club. George was also an Honorary member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by four sons, George H. (Mary Kay) Snider of Sugar Island, Robert J. (Mary Ellen) Snider of Sugar Island, Ronald G. (Sandy) Snider of Dorr, Mich., Ted J. (Marge) Snider of Sault Ste. Marie; two daughters, Diane Perin of Dorr, Debra (Tom) Cox of Sugar Island; a son-in-law, Glen Miller of Martin, Mich.; two sisters, Tress Carten of Grand Rapids, Kate Salik of Grand Rapids; three brothers, Garret (Rose) Snider of Cape Coral, Fla., Hermann (Ann) Snider of Grand Rapids, Pete (Lee) Snider of Grand Rapids; one sister-in-law, Dawn Snider of Grand Rapids; as well as 25 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

George was predeceased by his wife, Katherine Louise Snider (July 6, 2002); daughter, Darlene Miller; son-in-law, Donald "Bud" Perin; grandchildren, Thomas James "TJ" Cox and Tonya Marie Snider; great-granddaughter, Jessica L. North; and parents, Joseph and Jenny (Molagy) Snider.

Visitation and services were July 2-3 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. His final resting place is Riverside Cemetery.

To share a memory, tell a story or send the family a condolence e-mail [clarkbaileynewhouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clarkbaileynewhouse@sbcglobal.net).

**Valarie Ann Davis**, age 54, of Sault Ste. Marie passed away early, July 19, 2006 at War Memorial Hospital.

Valarie was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 28, 1952. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She loved playing the slots, playing bingo, and doing various crafts.

Valarie is survived by her son, Adam (Misty) Davis of Sault Ste. Marie; her mother and dad, Lorraine and PJ Cameron of Sault Ste. Marie; two sisters, Jeri (Gerald) Vogel of Phoenix, Ariz. And Laurie Patrick of Sault Ste. Marie; three nieces, Brenda (Tom) Virden and Brandi (Kelly) Sullivan both of Phoenix, Ariz. And Samara (Aaron) Porcaro of Sault Ste. Marie; and two nephews Sean (Tiffany) Vogel of Phoenix, Ariz. And Robert Griffin of Sault Ste. Marie. She is also survived by one great-niece, four great-nephews, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Her first grandchild is due to be born in Nov./Dec. 2006.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Belleau (1982); and a sister, Wanda Griffin (1977).

At Valarie's request, no public

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services was held. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home assisted with her family with arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

Memorials may be left to War Memorial Hospital Dialysis Unit or War Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

In memory of **Mary L. Oven**.

To my mom who will always be my rock!

I don't feel like you are gone anymore. I know you are around me in spirit. The unconditional love you gave to me and all of the family is still going on. You make me get out of bed and keep going. I know you wouldn't expect anything less of me. For a mom who worked all fall on a fishing boat to have braces on her daughters teeth, I realize the strength you had. Now I make sure I smile every day even when I feel bad.

Sometimes the sadness of losing you takes over, but only for a while. Then we all talk about the good times and we all smile and laugh.

I love you mom, always!  
Jane Oven



**Gwendolyn Mae Bixler**, 35, went to be with the Lord June 11, 2006. She was born Feb. 28, 1971, in Lansing, Mich., daughter of James and Cheryl Bixler.

A Lansing resident all of her life, Gwen was a member at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She graduated from Everett High School in 1989.

Gwen was a heart transplant recipient in 2000 which gave her extra time with her family. She had a love of life and anyone who met her enjoyed her smile and personality. A loving daughter, sister, aunt and niece will be dearly missed by all.

Gwen is survived by her loving mother, Cheryl M. Bixler; loving father, Jim (Wendy) Bixler; four sisters, Jennifer L. (Cory) Smith, Stephanie L. Bixler, Breanna J. Bixler and Lindsey A. Bixler; two nieces, Amber and Alexis Smith.

Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial mass was held June 20 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. John Byers as celebrant. Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids, Mich. The family received relatives and friends on June 19 at the Palmer, Bush and Jensen Family Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel

Memorial contributions can be made to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation-Heart Clinic in memory of Gwen. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.palmerbush.com](http://www.palmerbush.com).

**Gwen-Do-Lyn-Do-Maeya** Gwen, my big sister, I remember three years ago driving to Cleveland with my Elton John CD, memorizing *Your Song* because I wanted to sing it to you. When I got there, we sang it together. I can't think of anything else to describe you better. The world is better for having had you in it. We remember your eyes are blue. Who will we go to when we need things written out, because yours is the prettiest handwriting? Everyone who knows me knows you're my miracle sister. You have been so strong and always were. When I was bad, yours was the only grip I could never escape. I acquired my taste for what is now classic rock, watching you feather your hair in the bedroom mirror for 20 to 30 minutes with the radio on. You were just as beautiful when you finished as when you started. Thank you for always saying, "I love you" and smiling everyday. Gwen, if we're lucky, we will all be inspired by you to find the good in everyone, and try to love half as much as you. If we don't, that would be a tragedy. I pray for you, and ask you now to take heed to one of the last things mom said to you, it's your turn to take care of us now. Please watch over us.

I love you Gwen. I will never say "good-bye," but maybe see ya later.

**Heavens New Angel**  
**Your love of life was pure and true**

**Life loved you back as we all still do.**

**You brought us joy with your wit and love**

**And we will miss you forever**  
**As you watch over us, our angel up above.**

**You left us too soon**  
**But God wanted you more.**  
**You'll be in Heaven to greet us at His front door.**

**Your mother, your father, your sisters and more**

**Will always love you, miss you, and your spirit adored.**  
**—Deborah Coppins, Gwen's godmother**

**Evelyn A. (nee Lambert) Osborne**, 83, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of St. Ignace, was a World War II Auxiliary Corps veteran and a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Mrs. Osborne died June 24, 2006, in Cleveland.

She was married to Bruce Lee, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her chil-

dren and their families, Kathleen Osborne, Patricia Osborne, Susan and Craig Bascom, Carolyn and Pawlo Myhal, and Bruce "Tommy" Osborne; grandchildren, Scotty, Tonya, Bobby, Kimberly, Kelly, Alexandra and Natasha; and great grandchildren Jacob, Cole, Brandon, Maxwell, Zephyr, Zachery and Scott. Mrs. Osborne's siblings are Wilbert, Agnes, Gloria, and the late Clifford "Chief" Willard.

Services were held at the Brickman Didonato Funeral Home in Euclid, Ohio, on June 27. Mass of Christian burial and interment took place at Dungannon, Va.



**Ethel Marguerite (nee Geroux) Alber**, 105, of Vancouver, Wash., walked on May 12, 2006. She was born Sept. 8, 1900 in Cheboygan, Mich. Her father was Louis Marshall Geroux born in 1870. Her mother was Harriet (Hattie) Flynn. She was born in Cross Village in 1874.

Growing up, Ethel attended school in Mullet Lake, Mich., the Indian School in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and finally Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Mich.

In 1919, Ethel married Clarence W. Alber of Big Rapids. The two were wed in St. Ignace, Mich. They settled in Big Rapids. They had three children, Theresa, Shirley and Clifford. Clarence and Ethel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1969. Later that year, Clarence passed away.

In 1932 (during the big depression), they joined the migration of families going out west to find work. They would pass other families heading east saying there is no work out there. However they settled in Oregon and Washington for the rest of their lives.

Ethel is survived by daughters Theresa Peterson and Shirley Hopper, both of Vancouver, and her grandchildren, Michael and Patrick Bedingfield of Medford, Ore., Dwane Eells of Vancouver, Clarence James of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., Louie Alber of Whidbey Island, Wash., and Lyne Peters of Wasilla, Alaska, and their husbands and wives. She is also survived by 16 great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, and son, Clifford Alber.

She was a great lady and will be missed by all who knew her. She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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## Northern Michigan Black Bears become the Soo Indians

SUBMITTED BY RANDY RUSSON

The Northern Michigan Black Bears franchise will have a new, but familiar look to hockey fans in the Sault this season in the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League action.

The team will now be known as the Soo Indians and will have a new ownership and a new staff in place when league play opens. Charlie Perdicaro is now the owner of the team. Perdicaro, a New York land developer has a hockey staff in place that has strong ties to the Sault.

Coach and General Manager Jim Capy, a veteran of six NOJHL seasons with both the Sault Thunderbirds and the Blind River Beavers, previously coached AAA midget hockey in Sault, Mich., for eight years. Likewise, associate coach Don Gagnon spent quality time with the AAA midget Indians as the bench boss.

Capy and Gagnon have announced that the Indians will hold a tryout camp beginning on August 9th at the Big Bear Arena. Any players wanting to register for the tryout camp, can visit [sooindianshockey.com](http://sooindianshockey.com) and complete the registration form.

With the hockey department at work, the Indians have named Angela Roy as Director of Corporate Fundraising. Roy will oversee the Indians' season ticket drive and has announced the season tickets for the 24 home games of the '06-'07 season can be purchased for \$100 by visiting her at the Big Bear Arena Pro Shop or by calling her at (906) 635-4906.

## Tune in to the Sault Tribe This Week

The Saturday Morning Show with George Snider broadcast from 10 to 11 a.m. every week on AM 1230 WSOO. You'll hear news, tribal information, live interviews and music and other great features.

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

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

# News of other nations

COMPILED BY RICK SMITH

## *Nurse switches to natural medicine*

West Virginia — During a lifetime in the medical field, Mary Kathryn Saville has decided to help people get healthy before they end up in a hospital bed.

Saville, 52, is opening Charleston's first naturopathic practice to help people manage and prevent stress, diabetes, cancer and obesity. Besides using herbs and natural substances to help patients manage chronic illnesses, Saville will also work with conventional doctors. "I will help with stress and lifestyle changes but make no diagnoses," Saville said. "If they need a physician or therapist, I would refer them. But, many people don't need that. They just need someone to talk to. They come back when they feel the need."

Saville grew up around doctors — her father, brother, uncle, great grandfather and grandmother were all in health care. After graduating from nursing school in 1978, Mary pursued natural ways to prevent illness by studying American Indian healing and naturopathic medicine.

In 2002, Saville was accepted into Alabama's Clayton College distance education program to become a naturopathic doctor. She completed the program last September.

"The underlying point we are promoting is that the naturopathic doctor is more of teacher than some sort of wizard," said Caleb Cooks from The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians.

Saville is the state's only naturopathic doctor who is also a registered nurse. She is designing her medical practice around relaxation. "We have to be at peace to be healthy, peaceful people," Saville said about her clinic's design. "It is not a spa but a sanctuary where people can have their questions answered and be given good information that can be put into use right away."

— *Charleston Daily Mail*

## *Tribal colleges filling growing need*

Oklahoma — Tribal colleges — schools owned and run by Indian tribes — are growing. Usually located on reservations, more tribal colleges are being created as more American Indians seek higher education. There were no tribal colleges in the U.S. before 1968; today there are more than three dozen and one in Canada.

"It's been a slow process, but we are happy to be where we are," said Gerald Gipp of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. "We're going through a real learning process of operating our schools and reversing decades of neglect."

American Indian enrollment in universities has more than doubled in the past 25 years. This includes a 62 percent increase in enrollment at tribal colleges where course offerings reflect tribal goals, including reviving tribal languages. Tribal colleges may be the last chance to save some native languages, said Quinton Roman Nose. "This is a really complicated area to try and preserve and teach a language," Roman Nose said. "There's a great need."

— *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*

## *NASA woos young American Indians*

NASA and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium offer a new program for American Indian students. Named "Vision for Space Exploration" the program is for college students seeking careers in science and engineering. "We welcome tribal college and university student and faculty teams to join NASA scientists and engineers in conducting hands on research at our centers as we implement the Vision for Space Exploration," said Angela Phillips Diaz from NASA. "We look upon this summer as the beginning of a long-standing partnership with the tribal colleges to inspire the next generation of innovators and explorers in science and engineering career fields."

— *United Press International*

## *Teens get unusual punishment for vandalism at American Indian village*

Wisconsin — A judge has awarded five Wisconsin teens an unusual punishment for vandalizing the Waswagoning Indian Village. The five, who pleaded no contest to burglarizing, damaging and setting fire to the property last July, must present an oral report on their role in the crime; describe their prejudices against American Indians; and describe how they'll change their attitudes.

They must also read five books, including one titled *And Don't Call Me a Racist*.

After that and serving some probation, the burglary charges will be dropped.

— *WSAW.com*

## *A song for a hurting world*

Washington — On May 20, 2,500 crowded into Mark Taper Auditorium to hear the world premiere of *The Healing Heart of the First People of this Land*. The symphony was inspired by the thunder spirit power song of Sealth (Chief Seattle), the 1800s leader of the Duwamish and Suquamish people.

Performed by the Seattle Symphony, the symphony was commissioned by Vi Hilbert, an 87-year old Upper Skagit woman whose Lushootseet name is Taqwsheblu (Talk-shapblu). Hilbert invited composer Bruce Ruddell to her home and introduced him to Sealth's songs. She advised him "to take the compassionate spirit from those songs and write a symphony to heal a world that is sick," adding that he could not directly use the songs.

Hilbert then raised money to support the project and succeeded "because I'm a bossy old lady," she said. She said the symphony was a gift to the world from the First Peoples of the Seattle region. Johnny Moses, a Coast Salish storyteller of Duwamish ancestry, agrees. "This is a historic event for all of our First People and for our chief, Sealth," he said. Noting that the concert hall was built next to a sacred Duwamish burial ground, he added, "The ancestors are happy to know we are still here."

— *Indian Country Today*

## *Cree plan huge wind farm*

Quebec — In partnership with Ventus Energy, the Chisasibi band of Cree Indians hope to build Canada's largest wind park. The \$3,000,000,000 project calls for 1,100 windmills that would generate 1,650 megawatts of wind power. The Ventus and Cree project, named Yudin Energy Limited Partnership, has filed an application to export up to 204 megawatts, or 1.7 terawatt hours, of electricity to the United States. The windmills will be built on a 500-kilometre-long corridor along La Grande River and the Laforge/Brisay area. However, the plans must be approved by the Canadian federal government and Quebec. "There are a lot of things to look at first," said Mathieu St-Amant.

— *American Indian Listserve*

## *Regionwide tribal coalition embraces Kyoto Protocol*

New York — Members of the United South and Eastern Tribes have endorsed the Kyoto Protocol. That means 24 federally recognized tribes now support the international environmental treaty rejected by the Bush administration. The tribes joined 140 countries and mayors from more than 160 communities and 35 states in their support. The agreement is a worldwide effort to reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases.

— *American Indian Listserve*

## *First half of 2006 is warmest on record*

The first half of 2006 was the warmest on record for the United States since record keeping began in 1895.

Among the climate change statistics:

- The average temperature for the 48 lower states from January through June was 51.8F, or 3.4 degrees above average for the 20th century.
- No state was cooler than average.
- Five states — Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri — experienced record warmth for the period.
- Much of the northeast experienced extreme rainfall and flooding.
- Many other areas continued below normal rain and snowfall.
- As of June, 45 percent of the contiguous U.S. was in moderate-to-extreme drought, an increase of 6 percent from May.

• Dry conditions spawned more than 50,000 wildfires, burning more than 3,000,000 acres.

• Worldwide, it was the sixth warmest year-to-date since record keeping began in 1880.

— *Associated Press*

## *Indigenous Environmental Network conference brings regeneration of spirit*

Minnesota — The 14th annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference was recently held on Ojibwe tribal lands n Cass Lake.

Casey Horenik Camp, Ponca, was one who attended the conference, which was sponsored by the Indigenous Environmental Network. Like too many Native tribes, the Ponca live on land saturated with toxins and residues of oil production.

"We have kids and families with high levels of asthma," Camp said, noting that the fossil fuel industry disregards his people's health. "This is a human rights issue . . . something has to change." The Ponca in Oklahoma live near the

ConocoPhillips crude oil refinery, one of the largest in the country. For decades, ConocoPhillips has released toxins into the air.

In the late 1980s, the company's oil tank farms caused major ground water contamination. Conoco's oil refinery also burns petroleum sludge which creates a powdered substance called carbon black. Those tribe members living near the toxic carbon black facility have high rates of asthma, respiratory problems and a child was born with cancer. Other Indigenous people are also defending the earth by fighting governments and corporations. Maine's Passamaquoddy Nation has formed Ntulankeyutmonen Nkihtaqmikon, which means "we take care of the homeland". They are opposing a proposed liquefied natural gas terminal to be built in a pristine bay area on tribal reservation lands.

— *Indigenous Environmental Network*

## *Iowa tribe's aviary keeps, rehabilitates eagles*

Oklahoma — According to Iowa tribal traditions, eagles are the only ones privileged to see Gods' face because they fly so high. This special belief has prompted the 500-member Iowa Tribe to seek funding for Bah Koh-Je Xla Chi, its Grey Snow Eagle House aviary. Opened in January, the facility is licensed to keep four eagles at a time. Grey Snow is also licensed to rehabilitate injured birds.

"We have heard that since the birds came off the endangered list, when a bird cannot be let back into the wild, they are euthanized," said Victor Roubidoux, tribal wildlife manager. "That doesn't make sense to us, so that was another reason we worked to get the grant." Roubidoux is referring to a \$250,000 Tribal Wildlife Grant to help injured eagles. It came from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"This aviary is something that more is needed of in Indian Country," said John Antonio, tribal liaison for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "I'm hoping other tribes will do the same."

— *American Indian Listserve*

## *New Mexico storyteller, santero honored with fellowship*

New Mexico — Folk artist Charlie Carrillo and storyteller Esther Martinez are among those receiving a 2006 National Heritage Fellowship. Both were chosen for their artistic excellence, cultural authenticity and contributions to their fields.

Carrillo's career began in 1978 as a santero, or carver and painter of images of saints. This art form dates to the 18th century in some New Mexican communities.

Martinez, also known as Aunt Esther, has been a storyteller, linguist, teacher and a major conservator of the Tewa language. She also helped translate the New Testament of the Bible into Tewa.

Other recipients of this year's fellowships:

- Bluegrass singer Doyle Lawson of Tennessee;
- Weaver Delores E. Churchill of Ketchikan, Alaska;
- Blues piano player Henry Gray of Baton Rouge, La.;
- Instrument maker Diomedes Matos of Deltona, Fla.;
- Hula master George Na'ope of Hilo, Hawaii;
- Lap-harp player Wilho Saari of Naselle, Wash.;
- Gospel and rhythm and blues singer Mavis Staples of Chicago;
- The Treme Brass Band of New Orleans.

The National Heritage Fellowships, awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts, are the highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

— *Free New Mexican*

## *2006 Indigenous Games wrap up in Denver*

Colorado — Nearly 10,000 American Indian athletes from the United States and Canada recently competed in Denver at the 2006 Indigenous Games, an Olympics-style sporting event benefiting the indigenous people of North America.

Youth and adults from more than 1,000 tribes competed in 16 different sports, all hoping to bring home bronze, silver or gold medals.

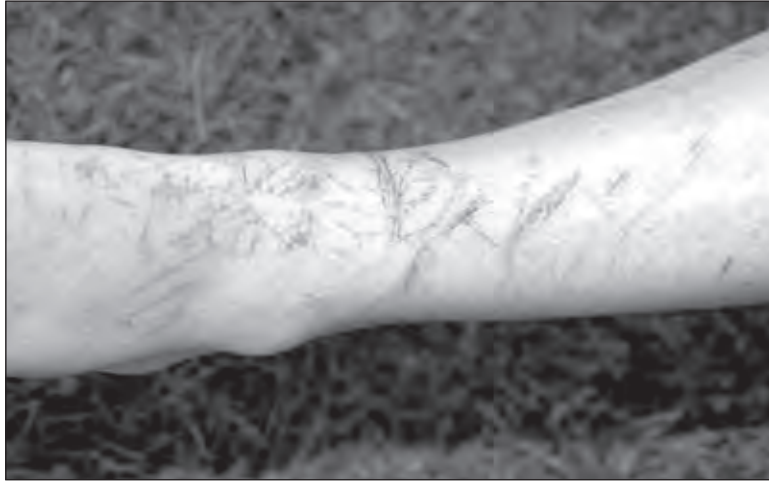
Thousands of spectators also traveled to Denver for the games, art, and cultural events.

This year's events were hosted by the Ute and Southern Ute tribes. The next Indigenous Games are tentatively planned for August of 2008.

For a listing of medal winners in the 2006 games, visit [www.naig2006.com](http://www.naig2006.com).

— *North American Indigenous Games*

# Fishing trip turns dangerous on St. Mary's River



By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

Imagine going for a boat ride with friends on a beautiful summer day hoping to stop along the way to drop a line in and maybe pull up a few Walleye.

That is how it started out for 19-year old Merran Behling, her brother Henry Behling and their friends Tony Harfield (who is also Henry's boss) and Jessica Woodgate.

Their 17 foot Glastron speed boat left the dock at Barbeau on the St. Mary's River and headed south towards Neebish Island when 15 minutes into their ride, a nice outing turned into a nightmare.

Henry Behling, with over 15 years experience navigating local waterways, was at the helm and about 300 yards from a freighter going through the channel. Merran and Jessica were sitting in the boat's open bow while her brother headed around the freighter.

"Jessica and I saw a wave but we didn't think much of it until it came in and totally drenched us and covered the entire bow of the boat. When we came back up I looked at Jessica and then before we knew it an eight-foot wave was coming and in a split second the boat flipped over and I was pushed from the bow to the back by the motor. When I came up the motor was sticking straight up in the air and had stopped running," Behling said.

After making sure everyone was accounted for and safe they realized that Cedar, their yellow lab, was missing. "Cedar was trapped under the boat so Tony swam under it and brought him out. He put Cedar on the bottom

of the boat sticking out of the water," Behling said.

Behling tried to use her wet cell phone to call for help but it no longer worked. "We tried to get the attention of the people on the freighter but they didn't see or hear us. The freighter just kept going," she said.

When the boat left the dock each person had a life jacket but were not wearing them. After the boat capsized only three floated to the surface. Merran's brother, Henry, gave his life jacket to her while Tony and Jessica each put one on.

Assessing their situation they decided to try and get the boat out of the channel away from other freighters that might come through. With Jessica and Tony on their backs at the bow and Henry and Merran pushing from the stern they worked for over an hour trying to push and pull the boat to a buoy about 100 yards from where the boat capsized. "We realized we weren't moving. My brother thought maybe the anchor had gone down and got caught on the bottom so he went under the boat to see. It wasn't caught on anything; he found the anchor still on the boat and pulled a rope up with him. We tried a little longer but didn't get anywhere," Behling said.

The boat capsized between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. By now it was about 9:30 and almost dark.

With Neebish Island looking closer than it actually was, they decided her brother should stay with the dog and boat and the three wearing life jackets would swim towards the island. "The last thing I heard my brother say was

that I should keep track of Tony and Jessica and that we should all stay together. But Tony and Jessica were on their backs kicking and I knew that would take too long so I separated from them. I took off doing the breaststroke and frog kicks. I could hear them scream for me to see if I was doing okay but they couldn't hear me. I just kept swimming, sometimes telling myself that I was just out for a swim by my house on Monocle Lake, and about two hours later I made it to the island," she said.

By now she had lost her shoes, was cold, and didn't know which way to turn. The time; about 11:30 p.m.

"The entire time I was in the water I was praying for the Creator to keep us strong. I thought that if I turned north I would find the ferry. I started walking along the shoreline hoping to find a path of some sort. I was tripping over logs and walking through mud and finally found a two-track through the trees. It dead-ended at a hunting stand so I turned around and went back to the shore where I saw a light in the distance. I kept walking north towards the light and at one point stood on a log thinking it would hold my weight but it toppled and rolled and I fell and sprained my ankle," she said.

At that point she heard an animal following her. When she stopped it stopped and when she walked it followed. "It was probably a small animal but it sounded big to me. I was walking through a wet muddy area and stopped for a break and heard it licking up water. I turned around and screamed at it as loud as I could and clapped my hands a few times and kept

walking."

Once she reached the light she realized it was a tower with a spot light on top. On the other side of the tower was a powerline grade going through a field. She decided to follow the powerline grade. "I was walking through grass as tall as I am. There were cattails and large white flowers of some kind. It was hard to walk in because there were small hills where grass grew in clumps and holes on the other side of the clumps. I walked into a raspberry bush and could feel the tall grass slap on my leg and cut it. I had to keep going.

"There was another light in the distance so I went that way thinking it was the ferry. It was dark and hard to see. I got there and it was another tower. I stood there for a little while and I swear I heard a Native American slute off to my left. So I turned towards the sound and saw headlights go by. There were woods there and I didn't want to go into them and get lost," Behling said.

Knowing that if she continued walking she would eventually find a road she kept going. She saw a clearing and started running and screaming for help forgetting that often there are ditches to the side of gravel roads. "I ran and toppled head over heels into the ditch. I got up and brushed off as much as I could and found a gravel road. I didn't know which way to turn so I went right still hoping to find the ferry. I came across a trailer and jumped up and down screaming for help to later learn it was abandoned. I saw headlights again coming towards me so I ran that way and they must have seen me because they sped up and when they got out of the car it was the state police and the border patrol," she said.

Frightened from her ordeal and scared for her brother and friends, she spilled out information in small fast chunks. "Three people, two with life jackets, one with the boat, dog with him. They told me to calm down and were shining their flashlight at my legs, which were covered in blood and muck and everything else that I had run through. They covered my legs in gauze and put a blanket over their back seat for me to sit on. At that point I couldn't stop shaking and

they said I probably had a touch of hypothermia," she said.

She was taken to the vacation home of the people who had heard her screaming in the woods and had called 911. She was rescued about 12:30 a.m. Four hours from the time the boat capsized.

The state police and border patrol brought her a map of the water and she remembered the boat had capsized not far from buoy 65. "I barely even looked at the buoy but somehow I remembered it," she said. "They called the U.S. Coast Guard, a boat was launched from the Sault and a helicopter was sent from the Cheboygan base. Two border patrol and two state police went to find Jessica and Tony. While I was waiting the Neebish Island Volunteer Ambulance came and checked my legs but I refused to go with them because they hadn't found my brother yet."

About 1 a.m. Tony and Jessica were found walking south along the shore. "Jessica hugged me and said I was burning up but I was still very cold. We sat and waited," she said. "We finally got a call about 2:30 a.m. saying my brother and Cedar had been found." They had been drifting on the St. Mary's River for about five hours.

Henry could hear a boat but couldn't see it so he yelled for help. The motor stopped and he yelled again. Then he heard a man ask "What direction are you?" Henry yelled again and the motor started up and then was quiet again. The voice again asked Henry where he was. The fisherman, who had heard of the search, reached Henry and Cedar and the capsized boat. The man, Bob Schallip, former Neebish Island Ferry captain, towed the boat and called the Coast Guard to let them know of the rescue.

Her brother and dog were both in good condition. By this time the Pickford ambulance had arrived and took them all to Barbeau where they met their parents.

It is believed the freighter they had tried to pass was going through the channel at a faster speed than was safe causing the abnormally high waves which capsized their boat.



Called a winning situation for all concerned by Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation contributed a \$190,000 grant to the City of Sault Ste. Marie on July 26. The funds will be used to renovate a city-owned building that will house as a manufacturing plant for R&B Electronics, makers of specialized electro-mechanical assemblies for the aerospace industry. The city will kick in additional funding of \$170,000 through the Sault Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for the project set in the city's industrial incubator. R&B will invest approximately \$500,000 in equipment for the new plant. Representatives from the city, state and R&B Electronics gathered in front of the City-County Building for an official ceremony to mark the event. From left, Scott Horner of R&B Electronics, Sault Tribe and EDC member Jeff Holt, city Commissioner Ray Baur, state EDC representative Ken Murdoch, Wayne Olsen of R&B Electronics and Sault Mayor Tony Bosbous pose with the grant funding. "This is another chapter in our success story," said Holt. "And we should be very proud of it."

Photo by Rick Smith

**For more information contact the Communications Department at (906) 632-6398.**

**Aug. 12-13:** Sugar Island Music Fest includes music, camping, vendors and fun activities for kids. Buttons for admission \$6 per person, good for all three days. Camping reservations are encouraged. For more information, call Debbie Fox at (906) 635-3007.

**Aug. 14:** Tribal chairperson open office hours held on Mondays prior to board meetings from 2-6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

**Aug. 15:** HDL, LDL – What's It All About?, 1 – 3 p.m. What are cholesterol, lipoproteins and triglycerides? What readings are important for heart health? The numbers do not have to be confusing. Find out how to keep your readings in the target range by joining us at this session.

Honoring the Gift of Heart Health six-sessions July 18 – October 5, at the Sault Tribe Health Center Auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Heart health is a gift you can give yourself anytime. This series is part of our Healthy Heart Project and this new six session series explores the many things you can do to keep your heart beating strong. Come to any or all sessions! Bonus: complete all six sessions and receive a certificate and a special gift. Thursday afternoon sessions include a heart healthy meal. Open to the public. 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.

**Aug. 15:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors open hours from 3:30 until 5 p.m. at the Newberry Comfort Inn. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshop and meeting. For questions, contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

**Aug. 15:** Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Newberry 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.

**Aug. 16:** The Sault Tribe Unit I, II and III elder picnic in Sault Ste. Marie will be at Sherman Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

**Aug. 17:** HDL, LDL – What's It All About?, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. What are cholesterol, lipoproteins and triglycerides? What readings are important for heart health? The numbers do not have to be confusing. Find out how to keep your readings in the target range by joining us at this session.

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**Aug. 17:** David Lee Roth in concert, 7 p.m. Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com). Tickets on sale now, \$35.

**Aug. 18:** Constitutional Committee meeting 5-9 p.m., Munising, Mich. Location to be announced. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning and conclusion of each meeting and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at 1-866-632-6281.

**Aug. 18-19:** "Dinner with the John Johnstons" sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society. An annual dinner-theater at Lake Superior State University. Tickets are \$20 each and are available by calling (906) 635-7082 or e-mail [cchs@sault.com](mailto:cchs@sault.com).

**Aug. 18-20:** The 14th Annual Gathering of the Eagles Hessel Powwow, N. 3 Mile Road, Spiritual gathering Friday at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Grand entry is Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. Vending space is available. All vendors must sell Native American artwork. Spiritual facilitator: TBA, head veteran: Gene Read, Host Drum: Aabazii, MC: Stanley Spruce, head male dancer: Dale Anderson, head female dancer: Lana Causley, head youth dancers: TBA. No drugs or alcohol. Sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. For more information contact: Lana Causley (906) 484-2954 or Lisa Burnside at (906) 484-2298 or (906) 484-2239.

**Aug. 18-20:** Peshawbestown annual traditional powwow, 20 miles north of Traverse City, Mich., on M22. Grand entries Friday 7 p.m.; Saturday 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday noon. Entry fee \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and elders (weekend pass), children five and under free; free camping area next to powwow grounds. Call Steve at (231) 534-8410 or [steve.feringa@gtbindians.com](mailto:steve.feringa@gtbindians.com).

**Aug. 19:** St. Ignace Kewadin Casino Gold Wing Weekend. Kewadin Casinos is hosting the conclusion of the Midnight Ride of the Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc., Chapter MI-G. Riders will be welcomed with a hot breakfast they can buy for \$3 a plate from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., concessions will provide an outdoor barbeque for \$3 a plate. All charges for the breakfast and barbeque will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Each person making the ride will be given a \$5 gold token coupon. Vendors will be on premises throughout the day and there will be various skill trials, bike judging, and a light parade at the conclusion of the day, around 9:30 p.m. For more information

call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**Aug. 19:** Constitutional Committee meeting 8-3 p.m., Munising, Mich. Location to be announced. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. Comments from the public shall be permitted for a limited time at the beginning and conclusion of each meeting and at the discretion of the Constitutional Committee chairman. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at 1-866-632-6281.

**Aug. 19:** Metis Genealogy Meeting, Genealogy enthusiasts researching Great Lakes Native and First Nations families, Metis, Voyageur and French Canadian family history from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niigaanagizhik Ceremonial Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. We are a group of both professional and amateur genealogists from across the Midwest and Canada. Most of our research includes Sault, Mackinac and Georgian Bay Metis families. (Metis is a term that refers to people who are both Native and French Canadian) Researchers will be on hand to share their information. Bring your stories, family photographs and research materials to share. All are welcome. For more information contact: [rootdancer@sbcglobal.com](mailto:rootdancer@sbcglobal.com) or [trashound@sbcglobal.com](mailto:trashound@sbcglobal.com) for more information.

**Aug. 21:** Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 1-888-711-7356.

**Aug. 21:** Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 1-888-711-7356.

**Aug. 21-24:** Anishinaabe Future Leaders Camp at Clear Lake near Shingleton, Mich. Register soon, space is limited to 40 youth ages 14-18. The camp provides an opportunity for youth from the Three Fires — Ojibwa, Potawatomi and Ottawa — to learn and practice culturally-based leadership skills and to make connections with Anishinaabe youth from across Michigan. Clear Lake Education Center is a rustic deep-woods camp located on a beautiful lake in the Upper Peninsula. Separate boys and girls cabin areas are joined by common classrooms, mess hall and outdoor learning areas. Activities include clan instruction, traditional leadership skill-building activities, crafts, drumming, talking circles, health and wellness workshops, speakers, swimming, canoes, group skills, high ropes course (optional but highly recommended as a confidence-builder) and warrior games. Staff are Anishinaabe role models, selected for their ability to "walk in two worlds" — to follow traditional Anishinaabe teachings and to successfully work as craftsmen, teachers, youth workers, parents, service providers and tribal council members. This year a circle of elders will join us to share their teachings and gifts. To apply, fill out the application, medical, media and participation forms (with parent or guardian signatures). There

is no fee for Anishinaabe youth. Space is limited! Forms can be downloaded from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Web site at [www.itcmi.org](http://www.itcmi.org). Click on Anishnaabe Future Leaders; click on applications and forms; print forms. Mail completed application to Anishinaabe Future Leaders, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, 2956 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Call Terri Tavenner, AFL Program Manager at (906) 632-6896 ext. 129 with questions. "Honoring the past, preparing for the future."

**Aug. 24:** Walk for Warmth Golf Scramble at Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The four-person, nine-hole format is open to all, with a \$40-per-golfer entry fee and a 5:30 p.m. shotgun start. This golf scramble is being held to help raise awareness for the Fourth Annual Walk for Warmth, which will be held October 21. All proceeds will benefit Walk for Warmth in Chippewa County, the program that aids those in need of heating help each winter. Hole sponsorships are \$100 and are being sought now. To help sponsor the event, or sign up a team, contact Bob Ferguson at (906) 635-0097 or Mary Lynch at Soo Co-op Credit Union at (906) 632-6819. Sponsorships are tax deductible. Door prizes and major prizes will be awarded in various categories and a steak dinner will follow the event in the Tanglewood Marsh clubhouse.

**Aug. 25:** Yard Sale and silent auction 8 a.m. to 1p.m. with special saving 1 to 2 p.m. at the Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Sponsored by the ACFS Fundraising Community for Youth and Family Community Events.

**Aug. 25:** Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 1-888-711-7356.

**Aug. 25:** Newberry Tribal Health Center's annual youth and family health fair will offer free health screenings and "edutainment," combining both traditional and modern means. This event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Newberry Health Center on M-28 just east of Newberry; the public is invited to participate in this event. Parents and their children can participate in a number of health screenings, sample wholesome foods, learn about Native crafts and wellness, and have fun. The free health screening at the fair will include: blood pressure, hearing, cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI and flexibility measures. Some of the activities to try at the fair will include: Native crafts, face painting, personal identification kits, dance revolution, foam art bean bag toss, fish 4-a-prize and food sampling. Door prizes will be given and all participants will receive free product samples from a variety of health food companies. You can also create your own beaded shell necklace to take home and enjoy. Health information and community resources will also be available. Many health professionals, including a registered dietitian and nurses, will be on hand to answer questions. The fair is sponsored by the Newberry Tribal Health Center. Information

and resources from the "Shaping Our Children's Future" initiative of Helen Newberry Joy Hospital will also be included in this event. For more information call the Tribal Health Center at (906) 293-8181.

**Aug. 25-26:** Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casinos Rapids Lounge Honky Tonk Weekend from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**Aug. 26:** Kewadin Casino Manistique is celebrating Hawaiian style with their "Taste of Hawaii" promotion. Come enjoy great Hawaiian food and random drawings, plus a chance to win a trip for two to the "Aloha state" with \$1,000 spending cash. Customers can begin qualifying from 8 a.m. by earning 25 points on Northern Rewards Club card. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).

**Aug. 26-27:** The ninth annual Rapid River Traditional Anishinaabek Powwow, at the Hiawatha National Forest, eight miles north of Rapid River, Mich. Grand entries Saturday 1 p.m., 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Host drum, Nanapowe Singers; co-host drum, Niwiwan (Four Nation Singers); head veteran, Jim St. Arnold; arena director, George Anziano; head male, Anthony Davis Sr.; head female, Judy Corp St. Arnold; MC to be announced. Powwow highlights include a spiritual gathering on Friday Aug. 25 at 10 a.m., free young people's learning circle, crazy auction on Sunday Aug. 27 at 11 a.m., traders and craftspeople. Public welcome, free admission and rough camping will be available. For trader or event information call (906) 428-4622 or (906) 280-8769. This is an alcohol and substance-free event. Support is provided by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Boilermakers Local 169, Chip In Casino and Friends of the Powwow.

**Aug. 26-Sept. 23:** Salmon Slam sponsored by the Sault Area Sportsman Club will start at 6 a.m. on Aug. 26 and end at noon on Sept. 3. Awards banquet follows at Bay Mill Resort and Casino at 3:30 p.m. Admission to join is \$35 for adults and \$8 for youth 12 and under. For more information, call Roger Greil at (906) 632-1492.

**Aug. 27-Sept. 4:** Chippewa County Fair features two buildings with commercial exhibits as well as many outdoor exhibits for more information log onto [www.chippewafair.com](http://www.chippewafair.com).

**Aug. 28:** Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or 1-888-711-7356.

**Aug. 29:** Loretta Lynn, 7 p.m., Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com). Tickets on sale now, \$38.50.

**Aug. 30:** The Chippewa County Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group meets in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (906) 632-3363.

# Prestigious national program promotes cultural values

BY RICK SMITH

In 1993, a non-profit, national organization called Americans for Indian Opportunity launched the American Indian Ambassadors Program to foster leadership growth among American Indian communities. According to the organization, along with an impressive group of advisors and a diverse, illustrious body of partners, the program was developed to rekindle dormant visions, refresh current leadership and empower emerging leaders to create avenues for American Indians to express their cultural values in all areas of contemporary life.

The ambassadors program is the only leadership initiative in the United States, according to the organization, encouraging participants to weave their respec-

tive traditional tribal values into a contemporary reality. The program is designed around four core cultural values — relationships with all in life; responsibility for family and community; reciprocity with all in life; and redistribution, sharing resources and information for the good of the whole.

Up to 16 participants are selected from a national pool of applicants. The ambassadors represent a cross section of the nation's American Indian population. The program is open to American Indians, Alaska and Hawaiian Natives from the United States between the ages of 25-35. Interested emerging leaders must fill out and submit an official application. Applications must include two nominations and a written proposal outlining a plan

for a community-based project that will be designed and implemented during the program. The applications undergo review by American Indian regional and national selection committees in search of individuals who have a strong sense of community and a dedication to serve. Applicants must commit their time and energy to the program, carry out a community project, present two written progress reports and fully participate in all group meetings.

The ambassadors program provides a creative combination of mentorship, personal reflection, dialogue with national and international decision-makers, community involvement, communications training and a discovery process into tribal values.

While participating in the two-

year program, the ambassadors remain in their communities and come together for four gatherings in communities across the nation and visit at least one indigenous community outside of the United States. Focus is on the individual, the community, the tribe, national American Indian issues and international indigenous concerns.

More than 150 emerging American Indian leaders, visionaries, scholars and artists have successfully participated in the ambassadors program and are now a part of an international network. They are well connected to tribal and Indian and other national leaders and have a global perspective resulting from experiential learning activities.

Through group discussions and self-reflection exercises, the

ambassadors are self-confident and strong in their identities. By reaffirming and learning to use tribal values in leadership roles, the ambassadors leave the program more committed to making positive contributions to the world and to serving their communities.

"I support Americans for Indian Opportunity and the ambassadors program," said the Honorable Phillip Martin, chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, who is conversant with both the organization and program. "Because of the new leaders it produces and the honor these leaders bring to their tribal nations."

## June and July police report

### Warrants

June 2, female, 18, lodged CCSD.

June 4, female, 42, posted bond.

June 4, male, 36, posted bond.

June 8, female, 36, lodged Manistique County Sheriff's Department.

June 9, male, 22, lodged CCSD.

June 15, male, 39, posted bond.

June 15, male, lodged Manistique County Sheriff's Department.

June 16, male, lodged CCSD.

June 24, male, lodged Mackinac County Sheriff's Department.

June 27, male, 19, lodged CCSD.

July 2, 2 male, lodged CCSD.

July 5, male, lodged CCSD.

July 19, male, lodged CCSD.

July 20, male, lodged CCSD.

July 21, female, lodged CCSD.

### Operating while intoxicated

June 2, male, 23, lodged CCSD.

June 10, male, 25, lodged CCSD.

June 12, male, 22, lodged CCSD.

June 23, male, 30, lodged CCSD.

July 20, male, lodged CCSD.

### Minor consuming

June 12, female, 20, lodged CCSD.

### Possession Marijuana

June 2, male, 23, lodged CCSD.

### Minor in possession

July 4, male, taken to parents

July 4, male, lodged CCSD.

July 10, female, lodged CCSD.

July 14, 7 males, citations issued.

### License suspended

June 2, male, 23, lodged CCSD.

June 12, male, 25, revoked, denied, posted bond.

July 7, male, lodged Luce County Sheriff's Department.

### Domestic assault

July 2, male, lodged CCSD.

### Probation violation

June 27, male 24, lodged CCSD.

July 6, male, 25, lodged Luce County Sheriff's Department.

July 7, male, taken to detention center.

July 7, male, 19 and MIP, lodged CCSD.

### Improper plates

July 20, male, lodged CCSD.

### No insurance

July 20, male, lodged CCSD.

### VCSA

June 27, male, posted bond.

July 20, male, lodged CCSD.

### UDAA

June 2, male, 23, lodged CCSD.

### Open Intoxicants

July 6, female and male, both lodged Luce County Sheriff's Department.

### Fraud

June 8, male, 46, posted bond.

### Failure to stop, accident

June 2, male, 23, lodged CCSD.

### Flee and elude

June 16, male, 30, lodged CCSD.

### Reckless driving

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### Breaking and entering

July 1, male, lodged CCSD.

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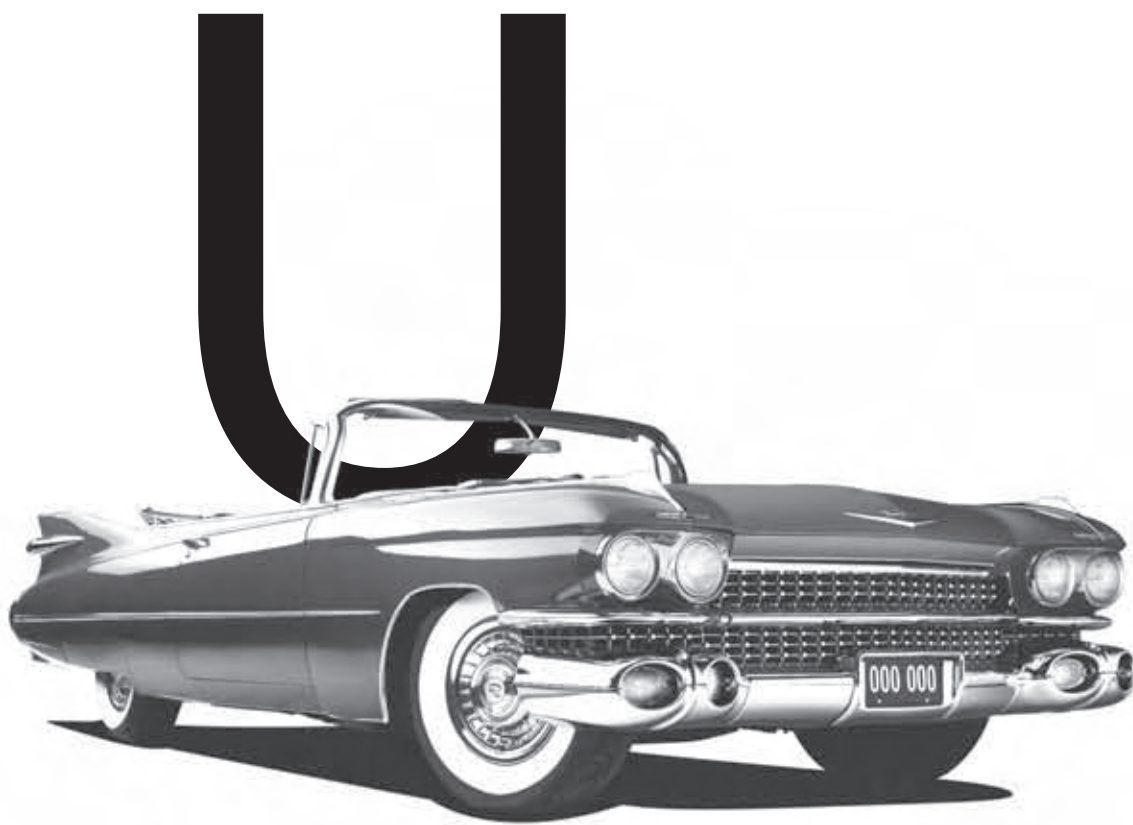


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# No shortage of fun or food at employee picnic



Water gun wars - Presley Howell, 8, and Joey Colfa, 6, were the first participants in the water gun war supervised by Liz Wall, receptionist for tribal administration. Photo by Brenda Austin



Left: Joshua and Matthew Lumsden, eight months. Matthew found his brothers ear and hat more interesting than his toys. These adorable twins belong to Joel and Mallinda Lumsden. Photo by Brenda Austin



Spending time together, Eric Clement brought his children, Ciara, 2, and Dalton, 4, to the picnic. Photo by Brenda Austin



Left: Joel Lumsden, Tony Abramson and Greg Keway were in charge of flipping burgers and turning hot dogs to feed the hungry crowd. Photo by Brenda Austin

June 30 saw Sault Tribe employees and their families gather for the annual employee picnic held at Sherman Park in the Sault. There were organized games for the kids and adults and plenty of food for everyone.



Angelina Fabry, 2, and her mother, Loriann Fabry. Photo by Brenda Austin



First place winners of The Amazing Race were (left) Alex Perry and John Kellis. Photo by Matt Meser



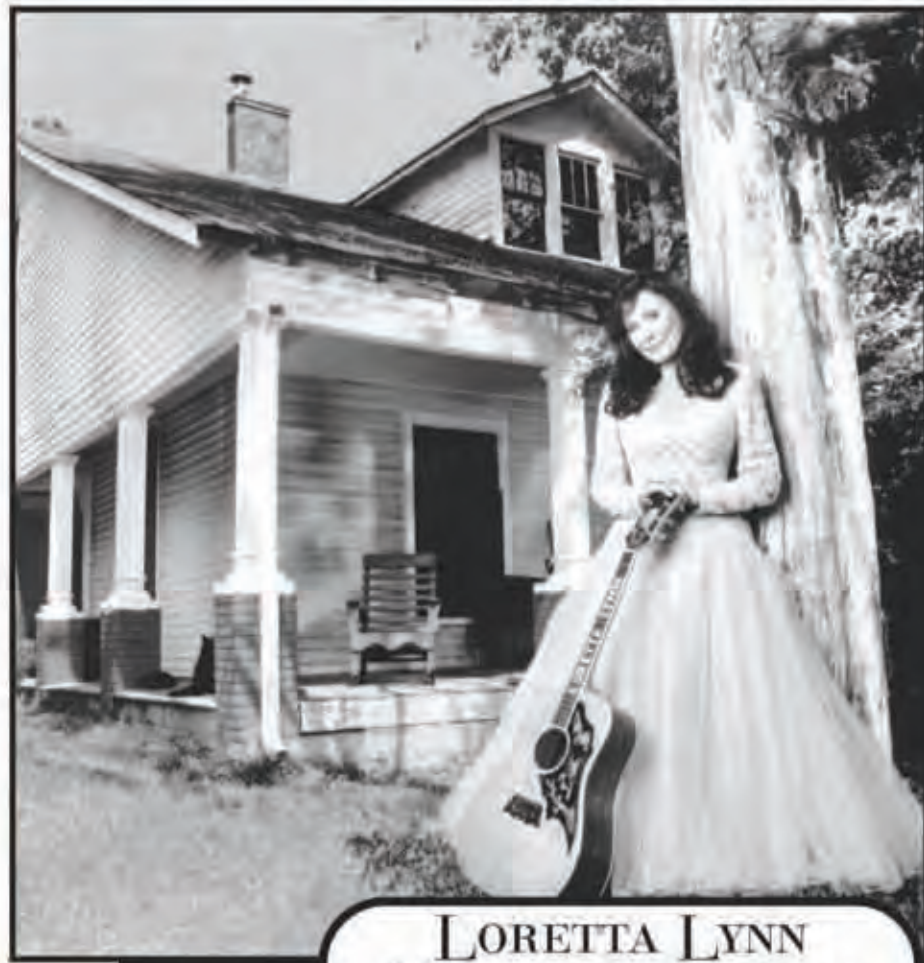
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