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Briefs

Gravelle preliminary hearing

A preliminary hearing was held on Aug. 14 in Chippewa County 91st District Court for board member Todd Gravelle, pertaining to his June arrest warrant for three counts of felony drug charges. Three witnesses gave testimony at the hearing, all of which were law enforcement officials involved in the case.

The defendants claim the search warrant was improper, there is insufficient evidence and there is no probable cause. After an hour and half preliminary hearing, the honorable Judge Michael McDonald released his decision to bound over to a jury trial.

A trial date has not yet been released

Chi Mukwa celebrates tenth anniversary.

Don't miss the ten-day long party being held this month at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center. For a complete list of the events, please see the related stories on page 11.

Native American Veterans Memorial Wall to be dedicated



On Sept. 11, 2006, the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, there will be a dedication ceremony for the new Native American Veterans Memorial Wall at 10 a.m. at the Niigaanagiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie. Those in attendance are also invited to attend a lunch following the ceremony. The veterans memorial was installed on June 28-29. Photo by Alan Kamuda

Board takes action to secure Contract Health Services

NEWBERRY, Mich. — In order to correct a significant shortfall in the Contract Health Services budget, the board of directors had to make a difficult decision at the Aug. 15 board meeting that did not come without sacrifices.

The decision to correct a projected \$1.5 million shortfall in this year's Contract Health Services budget resulted in rescinding a previous action by the board to purchase real estate for a new community building in Escanaba. This action also rescinded the funding for several other smaller projects planned throughout the seven-county service area as well.

The board previously earmarked funds from the sale of the

old Glen's building in Sault Ste. Marie to fund these projects, however, due to the importance of the contract health budget issue which affects all tribal members; the majority of the board felt it was in the tribe's best interest to prioritize this issue and resolve the shortfall in an effort to secure the future of this health service.

Several Escanaba tribal elders were in attendance at the meeting and pleaded to the board to keep their promise to secure a new community center. Although some board members verbally agreed Unit IV does need a new facility, the final decision regarding funding means Unit IV members will have to wait.

The Sault Tribe has submitted a request before the Department of the Interior and the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGC) to allow Kewadin Casinos to open the casino gaming floor at their new Shores casino in St. Ignace. Currently, the tribe is still awaiting a final decision by the Department of the Interior.

The tribe believes the land the new casino occupies is eligible and that they comply with both stipulations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act as it pertains to eligible lands. However, because the NIGC is questioning the casino's eligibility under those stipulations, the tribe has held off opening the casino's gaming floor.

Bruce Greene, who is the tribe's lead attorney on this issue, indi-

cated in an update to the tribe's board of directors on Aug. 15, that if the NIGC denies the request and the tribe has exhausted all their other administrative remedies, the next logical step would be to file a lawsuit and litigate the issue in federal court.

The old Shores casino, which has continued to operate in the interim, is expected to continue operations until the land-issue regarding the new facility is settled. Despite the current situation with the NIGC, the tribe has taken action to ensure they will have gaming in the new facility in the very near future. An addition to the new casino, which is currently under construction, is on eligible lands for gaming and is projected to be completed by the end of

September.

During this ordeal, many have assumed this issue has had an adverse affect on the gaming revenues at the Shores property. However, according to Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casinos chief operating officer, "The Shores casino is bucking the current gaming trend right now. While, most other gaming venues across the state are experiencing a down-trend, the Shores Casino has maintained their revenues." The new hotel, restaurant and bar areas are currently operating and generating revenue. The proposed gaming area in the new facility has also been used for entertainment this summer to bring in additional revenue and has been a huge success.

Kewadin Shores awaits Department of Interior's decision

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Defending our treaty rights: Historical time line

BY AARON SCHLEHUBER

It has been almost two years since the state of Michigan brought to life the inland treaty rights case. The inland case is the continuation of the now well aged *United States of America vs. State of Michigan* case which involves the state challenging the treaty rights of American Indian tribes in Michigan.

Last summer, the tribes and the state decided that while they prepared for trial, it would be in their best interest to attempt to settle the case out of court, or attempt a pre-litigation settlement. For the past year, the parties have been meeting on a regular basis for days at a time. The parties tracked the progress of the settlement discussions by continuously updating a living document titled the *Agreement in Principle*, or AIP.

These endless negotiations eventually reached a point where the parties leadership would be called upon to make a decision: Accept the negotiated settlement or take a chance at trial. If you look to the time line you will see in detail the numerous times this very question came before the board of directors.

Unfortunately, the terms of the settlement as found within the AIP could, and still can, only be discussed behind closed doors. At the outset of negotiations the parties voluntarily agreed to bind each other to silence by executing a confidentiality agreement.

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors was advised by its attorneys of the pros and cons of a settlement versus a trial. They were also further advised by a special Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee that was designed for the very purpose of assisting the tribe in making such a decision.

This August, the board made a final decision on the question of whether to settle or go to trial. Your tribal board chose to settle.

Historical time line

- 1836: Treaty of Washington signed by certain Great Lakes Ottawa and Chippewa bands retaining the right to hunt fish and gather in the ceded territory.

- 1971-1979: *People v. LeBlanc*. Bay Mills member Albert "Big Abe" LeBlanc sets a gill net in Lake Superior off of Bay Mills Indian Community as a show of support for the 1836 treaty right. The State of Michigan sought prosecution of Big Abe for fishing contrary to state law. The case resulted in the Michigan Supreme Court deciding in 1976 that the Ottawa and Chippewa bands of the 1836 Treaty of Washington retained treaty based rights in ceded waters. More importantly, Big Abe's actions led to the filing of *US v. MII & II*. To many in the Great Lakes Indian community, Big Abe is considered a father of the 1836 treaty right. His family still fishes out of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

- 1973: *United States of America v State of Michigan (US v MII)*. The federal government brings suit against the State of Michigan on behalf of the Bay Mills Indian Community, which is soon joined by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The case centers around whether or not the right to fish the Great Lakes pursuant to Article 13 of the 1836 Treaty of Washington still exists.

- 1979: Fox Decision in *US v MII*. U.S. District Judge Noel Fox finds in favor of treaty fishing pursuant to the 1836 Treaty of Washington. The signatory tribes are now free to fish the Great Lakes for commercial, subsistence or recreational purposes.

- 1981: Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upholds the Fox Decision and the Supreme Court refuses to hear the case.

- 1985: Entry of Consent Order. After the Fox Decision, the parties to *US v MII* still had to determine how to allocate the natural resources of the ceded waters. The parties had two choices. They could litigate the issue or negotiate. The parties agreed to negotiate the allocation of the resource. This means they would agree who would fish where, when and how. The 1985 Consent Order is an "order" rather than a "decree" because the Bay Mills Indian Community decided that the terms of the settlement were not in its best interest and forced the court to impose the settlement.



- 2000: 1985 Consent Order expires.

- 2000: 2000 Consent Decree. In August of 2000, the parties to *US v MII* sign the 2000 Consent Decree. Like they did in 1985, the parties choose to negotiate allocation of the Great Lakes natural resources.

- 2003: *US v MII*. On Sept. 17, 2003, the State of Michigan initiated the second half of *US v MII*, often referred to as the "inland case" or "*US v MII*," by filing a counterclaim in federal court. This *US v MII* seeks to begin the process of determining whether any treaty-reserved usufructuary rights under the 1836 Treaty of Washington exist.

- Spring 2005: The parties to *US v MII* discuss for the first time the possibility of pre-litigation settlement of the case.

- Summer and fall 2005: The Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee, Aaron C. Schlehuder, and Chairman Aaron Payment conducted numerous town hall meetings across northern Michigan to gain the membership's input on what it is they feel are important hunting, fishing and gathering activities. This information is to be used to assist the tribe in planning a course of action for *US v MII*. In addition, the tribe mails out over numerous Inland Hunting and Fishing surveys asking the membership detailed questions about what it is they feel are important hunting, fishing and gathering activities. As above, this information is to be used to assist the tribe in planning their course of action.

- Summer, 2005: The parties to *US v MII* begin laying the groundwork for pre-litigation settlement talks.

- Summer, 2005: The parties to *US v MII* begin scheduling and attending pre-litigation settlement negotiation sessions.

- June 14, 2005, Marquette: The board of directors adopts resolution 2005-84 which prohibits tribe members from exercising treaty rights on private property without the owner's consent. This was done to alleviate a concern shared by the state and special interest groups that the tribes would not respect private property rights and commit trespass in the exercise of the treaty right.

- Aug. 2, 2005, Munising: Board of directors unanimously approves appointing the entire board as ex-officio members of the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee.

- Oct. 11, 2005, Sault: Board of directors receives update on negotiations, presented by Aaron Schlehuder, Courtney Kachur and the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee. The board was provided an outline of various settlement letters indicating

where settlement stood.

- Oct. 18, 2005, St. Ignace: Board of directors received handout containing a memorandum drafted by Aaron Schlehuder that detailed the relationship between the negotiating team, the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee and the attorneys. The board also received the settlement outline they previously received on Oct. 11, 2005.

- Nov. 6, 2005, St. Ignace: Board of directors unanimously moved to grant Fred Paquin, Aaron Payment and Victor Matson Sr the authority to "negotiate and settle" on behalf of the tribe and, as practicable, consult with the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee. The board was also presented a condensed version of the hunting, fishing and gathering survey. The board was walked through the documents by the negotiating team, the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee and Aaron Schlehuder.

- March, 20, 2006, Sault: Board of directors received an oral update on progress of negotiations from Bruce Greene and the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee.

- April 4, 2006, Sugar Island: Board of directors was presented the negotiation team's proposed terms of settlement for the inland spearing of walleye by Aaron Schlehuder, the negotiation team, and the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee. The board accepted the terms as presented. The negotiating team offered to step down from their responsibilities as granted on Nov. 6, 2005. The board chose to keep that delegation of authority intact.

- May 1, 2006, Sault: The board met with the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee to hear their concerns with the progress of negotiations. Aaron Schlehuder prepared a presentation for the board concerning the various risks of trial versus settlement. At the workshop, the board considered two resolutions. The first would have discontinued negotiations and to declare our intent to take the matter to trial. The second would be to reaffirm, or remove, individuals from the negotiating team; that final approval of a settlement would go before the board at the appropriate time and a failure to approve a settlement would result in the tribe taking the matter to trial; appropriate \$1 million for litigation of the matter and identify what programs or services the monies will come from. Neither resolution made a board agenda. The negotiating team offered to step down from their responsibilities as granted on Nov. 6, 2005. The board chose

to keep that delegation of authority intact.

- May 16, 2006, Manistique: The board of directors considered two resolutions. The first ("*United States v. Michigan*") stated that any decision on whether or not to settle the case would be made by the board. Further, that the board shall be required to (1) meet with the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee; (2) review all historical documents related to treaty rights as found in the tribal archives; (3) review the Treaty of 1836; and (4) review the 1985 and 2000 Consent Decrees.

The second resolution ("*Ratifying the Agreement in Principle for US v MI*") ratified the terms of the Agreement in Principle to allow for settlement, reaffirms the Nov. 6, 2005, motion authorizing the negotiating team to negotiate and settle, and explicitly empowers the negotiating team to settle and commence work on drafting a consent decree. In open session the board voted to adopt the first resolution.

In closed session the board motioned to reconsider the adoption of the first resolution. The board then motioned to ratify the terms of the Agreement in Principle dependent upon a favorable resolution of the then outstanding Commercial Forest Act lands issue.

The negotiating team offered to step down from their responsibilities as granted on Nov. 6, 2005. The Board chose to keep that delegation of authority intact.

- July 11, 2006, Mackinac Island and St. Ignace: The board of directors considered two resolutions. The first resolution ("*Rejecting the Proposed Settlement of the Inland Component of U.S. v. Michigan*"), rejected settlement of the matter; directed the tribal attorneys to prepare for trial and to accept no further delays of the trial date; and, to supply all parties to the case a copy of the resolution. This resolution failed.

The second resolution, ("*Membership Survey of the Agreement in Principle for US v MI*"), called for a suspension of the May 16, 2006, ratification of the Agreement in Principle until such time as the results of the membership survey could be presented to the board; directs the chairperson to conduct a membership survey on the terms of the Agreement in Principle; and, shall not survey the membership in violation of the standing confidentiality agreement applicable to all parties to the case. This resolution failed.

The board took comments from Aaron Schlehuder, the negotiation team and the Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee regarding settlement versus trial.

- July 18, 2006, Sault: Inland Hunting and Fishing Sub-Committee holds a special Conservation Committee to brief the board on their concerns with the Agreement in Principle.

- Aug. 1, 2006, Munising: At a workshop the board of directors considered a resolution that previously failed. ("*Rejecting the Proposed Settlement of the Inland Component of U.S. v. Michigan*") The resolution failed to make the board agenda.

The board considered a second resolution at the workshop ("*Pre-Litigation Settlement of US v MI*"). This resolution explicitly authorized the chairperson or his designee to sign the Agreement in Principle to signify the tribe's desire to settle the case and further authorizes the chairman or his designee to execute such other documents as may be required to effectuate the settlement. This resolution did not make the board meeting agenda.

At the meeting the board moved to authorize the chairman, and those board members who choose to, sign the Agreement in Principle to effectuate the settling of *US v MI*. In other words, the motion clarified that the chairman was authorized to sign the Agreement in Principle in support of the May 16, 2006, ratification of the Agreement in Principle, and allowed for board members to sign as well.

- Aug. 2-15, 2006: The board of directors executes the AIP.

Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography opens doors to brighter future



Chris and Evalene Martin, owners and instructors of the Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography (UPSOCs).

Photo by Brenda Austin

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you are looking for a wonderful career in the health care field which will allow you to live anywhere and make an above average salary this is your opportunity.

If you live in Sault Ste. Marie the Upper Peninsula School of Cardiovascular Sonography (UPSOCs) is almost right in your back yard. Located in Arlington Plaza on Arlington St. the program offers an accelerated 15-month course, which prepares the student for the national Adult Echocardiography Board Examination upon their graduation.

Almost all students taking the course have job offers before they graduate. The graduating class of 2006 are enjoying salary ranges from \$19 to \$25 an hour with some getting relocation assistance and sign-on bonuses.

The cost of the course is \$11,000. Federal financial aid will be available to students in the spring of 2007, in addition to financial help for tribal members through the Vocational Training Financial Assistance Program. Heather Corbiere, Sault Tribe Higher Education administrative assistant, said, "We are changing some guidelines with the Vocational Training Program, but under the current ones students were receiving \$4,400 which is about 44 percent of the cost. We are considering going to income-based and possibly changing the way students are awarded. We have 10 students who were enrolled in the Vocational Training Program in 2006 receiving \$42,600 spread between 2006/07."

Moving from Iowa to Traverse City, Mich., and then to the Sault, husband and wife team Chris and Evalene Martin went to work for War Memorial Hospital doing sonography. "We were working all the time and realized there was no one to replace us if we needed

time off. We decided we would train someone to fill in for us; one thing led to another and we had a school started. We were with War Memorial Hospital for two years and last year broke away from them and moved into Arlington Plaza and are now totally inde-

pendent. We are our own business, our own school," school manager and instructor Chris Martin said. "We have fun, we have a good time here." Evalene Martin is the school's director and also an instructor.

Offering state of the art equipment for their students to train on, Chris is especially excited about the school's new Acuson CV70 sonography machine. This machine has only been available for a few months and UPSOCs currently has the only CV70 North of Saginaw. Martin commented about the CV70s pediatric cardiac sonography capabilities and the possibility of this machine and Evalene, who is trained in pediatric cardiac ultrasound and has over 20 years experience as a sonographer, being available for EUP physicians ordering pediatric (ages five to 18) ultrasounds. The availability of this service in the Sault would eliminate travel from the EUP to facilities that offer pediatric sonography capabilities.

The Martins' take between 15 and 20 students per class, which begin in June and January, with 12 months of classroom and

sonography lab in the Sault and three months externship at an approved site such as Great Lakes Heart, Dr. Mark Smith, MD (cardiologist), Sault Ste Marie, Mich.; Munson Medical Center, Traverse City, Mich.; Northern Michigan Cardiovascular Associates, Marquette, Mich.; Northern Wisconsin Cardiovascular Associates, Wausau, Wisc.; Portage Health Systems, Houghton, Mich.; Helen Joy Newberry Hospital, Newberry, Mich.; Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac, Mich.; and the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls, Idaho. Contracts for externships are currently pending at three medical centers in Colorado, a medical center in Chicago, a regional medical center in Utah, two medical centers in Minnesota and three medical centers in lower Michigan.

The program recently had a preliminary inspection visit by the American Board of Health Education Schools (ABHES), and is now scheduled for a final team visit after the first of the year with

the top five," Martin said.

The school is currently in the process of working with a western Upper Peninsula college to offer an associates degree program in science. "Our students will be able to earn a diploma here or get an associate degree through this college. We are considering tele-casting the classes and also possibly offering some online. One of the things an association with this college will bring to our program is their background in nursing. We like the fact that we will be able to utilize some of their nursing courses for our school such as health care ethics, patient care skills, IV therapy, blood pressures and heart sounds," Martin said. "We are hoping to offer our first associate degree through the college this January."

The school has a grading scale from 100 to 75 percent. Anything less than 75 percent is a failure. "If you get below 75 percent you go on academic probation for 30 days. If you can't bring your grade up you are out of the program. It is a good initiative to make people study," Martin said.

Students are at school on average five hours a day and can plan on an additional 20 hours a week for study and homework time.

The school is also considering offering day-long classes on Saturdays beginning January 2007 which would extend the length of classroom time from 12 months to about 20 months.

Together Chris and Evalene have about 50 years of experience in sonography to share with their students.

For each class of 25 students the Martins' receive 80 to 90 applications. Of those applications, about 60 percent are from lower Michigan or out of state. "We try to accommodate our program for Upper Peninsula students first, looking at Sault Ste. Marie students then looking at students in the outlying areas. If our applicants from the Upper Peninsula meet our academic standards we fill our class. Our demographic area runs from Cadillac north to the Sault. That is where our student base comes from," Martin said. "With the introduction of the western Upper Peninsula college and the academics and expertise they bring, and the fact that we will soon be fully accredited, I think we are a wonderful school."

Sault Tribe member Jessica Gorentz will be graduating from the program in January 2007 and has accepted a full time teaching position with the school. "I found out about the program by acci-

dent. I had been looking online for job openings at WMH and saw a small advertisement about sonography. I talked to the school manager for an hour and went home and told my sister, Angela Hendrickson, and we both applied and were accepted to the program. The first three months were the hardest because we had to adjust to the new schedule and the amount of work. I was studying five to six hours a day. I left my job the end of December to be in school full-time and went back to work in March. The hardest part aside from the workload is juggling everything else," she said. Gorentz has a four-year degree in biology from LSSU.

Prior to quitting her job, Gorentz worked in the Kewadin Casino Accounting Department in slot audits. "I had been there for almost three years but my intention was to continue on into a Ph.D program or maybe even medical school. I just happened on this program and it has been very interesting," she said. Her new salary upon graduation from the program will close to triple her former salary. "It has been worth it, no regrets." Jessica has a 10-year old son, Ethan O'Crotty and fiancé John Finner.

Sault Tribe member Daphne Bergsma graduated Aug. 18 at the top of her class. She and her family will be moving within a week to Idaho for a new job and a new life there. "I worked at WMH and the sonography school was at the time located in the hospital. I talked to Chris and Evalene and did a job shadow to see if I liked it. It was fascinating, far more detailed than I imagined. I applied and was accepted into the program. I went to Idaho for two months for my rotation and was offered a job," she said.

Bergsma said it was very difficult juggling home life, school, work and homework. "There were nights I was up until 3 a.m. just trying to get it all in. You have to be focused. Once you get to the midpoint you are able to begin to put it all together and back off a little. It gets a little easier but you only get out of it what you put into it. I also think people should be aware they will probably have to move out of the area to find a job in this field. This might not be the right program for people who want to remain in the Sault. Chris and Evalene have compassion and understand everyone has lives, families and spouses. Everyone in my class had children," she said. Her daughter, Brooklyn, is 10 and her husband is Chaun Bergsma.

UPSOCs is located at 125 Arlington Plaza, Suite 1, in Sault Ste. Marie. The school can be contacted at (906) 635-1944 or by email at: chris@upsocs.com.



U.P.S.O.C.S. open house for Sault Tribe members

Saturday, Sept. 9

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come visit our school and see how 15 months can change your life.

For further information, call Heather Corbiere or Barbara Christie, Sault Tribe Higher Education Department at (906) 635-7784 or 635-7786.

UPSOCs is happy to announce the addition of Mr. Jack Kibble to its school board.

accreditation and the availability of Title IV student aide funding in the spring of 2007.

"Our program is very intense, we pack two years of school into one. We tell our students they won't have a social life while they are in school. We offer classes from 7:30 a.m. to noon, or from noon to 5:30 p.m. It's hard to work full time and take this course but there are students who do it and maintain good grades. The class average for the current class of graduating seniors was 96 percent. Our student with the highest GPA was tribal member Daphne Bergsma with a 98.6 percent while the lowest GPA in that class was a 95 percent," Martin said.

About 20 percent of enrolled students are single mothers with the average age of students ranging from 19 to their mid 40s.

Many students attending the program are Sault Tribe members. "I have great students. The junior class has two really good students, Angelique Coullard and Jessica Gorentz. In the class that just started in June I have four tribal students; two of them are in

American Legion state commander joins call for free VA credit-monitoring promises

LANSING, Mich.— Michigan American Legion State Commander Roger H. Webster joins with National Commander Thomas L. Bock in calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Bush Administration to keep its original promise to provide free credit monitoring for veterans in light of another computer theft with data containing personal information of 38,000 veterans treated at VA facilities in Pennsylvania.

"I am grateful that no such loss has occurred within the Michigan VA Medical system," said Commander Webster, but added, "I want to be certain, however, that all effected veterans are protected."

Commander Webster echoes National Commander Bock's statement that, "In light of the latest security breach, the American Legion once again calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Bush Administration to keep its promise to veterans and pro-

vide free credit monitoring for one year."

Like Commander Brock, Commander Webster agrees that "Veterans should be able to have full faith and confidence in their government," and that "it is not the fault of the veterans that these breaches have occurred." To that end, the government is being asked for its promised protection.

Monthly chair meetings coming to your town



Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson

DIRECTOR CAUSLEY'S ERRONEOUS CLAIM

Last month, in her Unit report, Director Causley asserted that I should have known of the eligible land for gaming issue at the Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace due to my role prior to the 2004 election as Vice-Chair and my previous role as Deputy Executive Director. The new casino development at Kewadin Shores was not submitted to the Tribal Board for consideration until late 2003. I was fired as Deputy Executive Director (by Bernard Bouschor and Jolene Nertoli) nearly a year prior to this time period. Therefore, there is no logical reason to

believe I would have had some administrative insight into the project.

BOUSCHOR SUPPORTED McKELVIE AS VICE-CHAIR

Given Bernard Bouschor opposed my appointment as Vice-Chair, it makes no sense to think that I would know any more information than any other Member of the Tribal Board. Recall, that immediately after the 2002 election, when the Tribal Board voted to make me the Vice-Chair of the Tribe, Bernard Bouschor actively lobbied the Board to oppose my appointment and instead actually endorsed Dennis McKelvie to be his Vice-Chair in 2002. This was confirmed to me by Vic Matson, Sr. when he reported that on the day of the appointment, Dennis McKelvie and Bernard Bouschor had breakfast with Director Matson to try to convince him to vote for McKelvie. Director Matson refused.

How could Bouschor (who clearly opposed McKelvie up to that point) now support McKelvie's nomination as Vice-Chair? The answer might exist in the fact that in the fall of 2002, when a group of six board members supported an investigation to answer the question once and for all, why Bouschor (without any known

authority) spent \$1.2 million on an old shipping barge and gave away ownership interest to our former Greek partners. The problem? Though we had six votes, we needed seven to avoid a tie of which we knew how Bouschor would have voted. Director Bob LaPoint and I approached Director McKelvie and asked if he would join with us in voting on this item. McKelvie's response was, 'We need to leave the past in the past' absolving Bouschor of all responsibility in spending \$1.2 million without any known authorization.

So, it is unfathomable that anyone would believe that because I was the Vice-Chair, selected by the Tribal Board (with Bouschor's consternation), I somehow was privy to inside information Bouschor had.

**POLITICS WIN!
ESCANABA, NAUBINWAY,
HELSEL, MUNISING, SAULT
MEMBERS LOSE OUT**

In March of this year, the Tribal Board voted to sell the old Glen's Building we own in Sault Ste. Marie and to use the revenue of \$1.2 million to cover the costs of projects that have been waiting for quite some time for an appropriation. The projects that would have benefited are as follows:

\$450,000	Escanaba Tribal Center
\$200,000	Hessel Tribal Center
\$ 20,000	Hessel Youth Modular
\$ 50,000	Naubinway Elders New Modular
\$100,000	Munising Tribal Center (including 3rd floor)
\$280,000	Match for Federal grant for Transportation Building (Sault)
\$100,000	Renovations for new Northern Hospitality Building (Sault)

Though those who voted to renege on what was already appropriated, will claim they are being fiscally responsible, recall a previous Chair's report where I alerted the Members to the games played when certain Board members don't join in secret meetings to usurp power for power's sake.

At the August 15th Tribal Board meeting in Newberry, a bus load of elders came to plead their case for a new facility in Escanaba. Several were brought to tears when explaining how they could not get in the existing building because it is not handicapped accessible. Both patients and employees at the existing Escanaba Tribal Health clinic have fallen because of a hazardous parking lot on a steep incline. Nonetheless,

without presenting any alternatives, a group of seven Board members from other units voted to rescind previous appropriations. Additionally, Members from Units 1, 2, 4, and 5 also suffered the outcome as the projects to the left were also shelved.

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With 2/3 of our Members residing outside of the service area, it often takes several weeks before you are updated on Tribal happenings. Many Members have said, 'If all I get is the paper, I'd like to get it timely!' Recently, Cory Wilson, Communications Director proposed to increase the postage by \$75,000 to ensure that all Members receive the paper timely and to increase the likelihood of Members receiving job notices. This proposal was not supported by all Members of the Tribal Board. Please call or email your Board members to show your support. After all, the cost per paper is less than \$2.40; shouldn't you receive it in a timely manner?

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

NEW FOR YOU!

One of the aspects I enjoy the most of my job is meeting with Members. Anyone can massage a message in an article, but it takes courage and honesty to speak directly to Members. Beginning in September, I will hold monthly meetings to hear your issues, answer questions, and give updates. Please see the calendar to the left and look for a meeting near you.

Unit 1: 6 p.m. - 9/26/06
(Sault at Kewadin Casino)

Unit 2: 6 p.m. - 9/20/06
(Hessel at Tribal Center)

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

Unit 4: 6 p.m. - 9/6/06
(Escanaba at YMCA)

Unit 5: 6 p.m. - 9/14/06
(Marquette at NMU University Center)

Tri-County Detroit Area
6 p.m. - 9/7/06
(Detroit at Greektown Casino)

Northern Lower Michigan
6 p.m. - 9/22/06
(Cheboygan High School)

Mid Michigan
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Northern Hospitality moving to new location

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tribally owned Northern Hospitality is moving! The building that currently houses Northern Hospitality, the tribe's flooring and furniture store on Ashmun Street in the Sault, has been sold to a developer from Houghton, Mich..

In order to make the transition to their new location easier, a moving sale is going on now through the time of the move which is expected to take place by mid October with a grand opening at their new location by the first of November. According to general manager of Northern Hospitality and director of retail operations, Jeff Behling, the tribe has been looking at the possibility of selling the property for a while. "The other side of the building has went unrented for some time so the decision was made to sell the property. We will be moving to the old Heartland building at 827 Ashmun Street next to Parker's Hardware," he said.

According to Behling, the developer who purchased the Northern Hospitality property has not yet hinted what is in store for



General manager of Northern Hospitality and director of retail operations, Jeff Behling, at the current location on Ashmun St.
Photo by Brenda Austin

the location other than some of the space has been leased.

Northern Hospitality provides flooring and furniture at great prices for tribal employees and members in addition to the local community. Their inventory consists of carpeting, vinyl flooring, ceramic tile, hardwood and laminate floors and all kinds of furniture for every room of your home.

Northern Hospitality also handles big projects for the tribe such as furnishings for its hotels

and casinos in addition to commercial work for non-tribal businesses. "We always try our best to take care of tribal employees and members. If there is any way we can give you a better price we will. There has never been a 'set' discount for employees or tribal members. People sometimes have that misconception. I want tribal members and employees to shop with us because they are getting the best price. Payroll deduction is popular with employees

and that is not going to change. Business will go on as usual, everything will stay the same," Behling said.

The new location has some remodeling to be done before the big move. "I think our visual impact to people driving or walking by is going to be greater at the new location than it currently is. The back of the new building is beautifully set up for us to go in and put walls up where we want. The front of the building has to be opened up to create a showroom and the thin windows on the upper half of the building are going to become larger show room windows which will give the building more 'pop.' We will also have some nice signage and lighting installed," Behling said.

Excited about the move and the possibilities of the new location, Behling said there is only one draw back. "I lose a lot of warehouse space with the move, the new building is about half the size I currently have. I will have to carry my inventory more creatively," he said. "The only time it might pose a problem is when we have a big project to do

for one of the casinos or hotels. I will probably have to locate some off-site storage to hold everything when that happens. We will have to be a little smarter in how we do things."

According to Behling, parking at the new location shouldn't be an issue. In addition to metered parking in front of the building there will be parking in the rear with a customer entrance as well. "It's a good time for a fresh start. I want to bring some new items and products into our showroom. Don't forget to stop by our current location and check out the sale prices. For the customer wanting a particular item, it might not be worth the chance that it will be gone before the price is reduced further and they lose out on a good buy."

"If you compare apples to apples, we should be as good or better than our competition," Behling said.

Northern Hospitality can be reached by calling (906) 635-4800.

Repatriation Act challenged

BY RICK SMITH

A Washington state U.S. representative recently introduced a bill to allow scientists to study ancient artifacts before they are turned over to tribes. The bill would amend the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) passed in 1990.

U.S. Representative Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) announced on Aug. 9 he authored a plan to protect opportunities for scientists to study ancient remains. He said the plan would also respect tribal rights. The bill counters efforts in the Senate to prevent ancient remains from being studied.

"This will make it crystal clear that ancient remains should

be studied by scientists and not automatically turned over to the tribes," said Hastings.

According to Hastings, NAGPRA was written primarily to deal with remains from the 19th century with clear tribal affiliations. The wording of the law is vague on the subject of very ancient remains of unknown origin and was never meant to apply to remains as old as Kennewick Man, a skeleton unearthed along the Columbia River in Washington estimated to be 9,300 years old. Kennewick Man remains one of the oldest skeletons found in North America.

In 2004, a federal court ruled Kennewick Man could be studied after a long legal contest. "The

fact that it took nearly a decade to reach a decision about the fate of Kennewick Man is proof positive that the law needs clarification," said Hastings. "Scientific study of ancient remains is important to our understanding of early history and can be done while respecting today's tribes.

The Hastings measure counters legislative efforts in the Senate that would effectively reverse the federal court's decision. The Senate Indian Affairs Committee recommended that NAGPRA be broadened to allow remains lacking a substantial relationship to present day American Indians to be automatically turned over to American Indian claimants.

DOJ grants over \$680,000 for Michigan Indian law enforcement

BY RICK SMITH

WASHINGTON — Michigan Democratic U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow announced on Aug. 3 the U.S. Department of Justice awarded \$680,207 to eight Michigan Indian communities to assist tribal law enforcement authorities. The funding is part of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Tribal Resources Grant Program.

"This is great news for Michigan's Indian communities," said Levin. "These federal dollars will help provide the resources to hire, train and properly equip the police forces that are so critical to their safety and security."

"There is no issue more important than keeping our citizens safe," said Stabenow. "The COPS program has a proven track record of assisting local law enforcement agencies, and I am pleased Michigan's Native American communities will receive this much-needed funding."

The Tribal Resources Grant Program allocates funds to tribal law enforcement agencies to cover salary and benefits for hiring additional officers as well

as to train and equip new and existing officers. The goal of the program is to improve the infrastructure and efficiency of tribal law enforcement.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Police Department will receive the largest of the grants at \$150,000. Other bands receiving grants are the Bay Mills Indian Community with \$123,701; Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Peshawbestown, \$112,871; Hannahville Indian Community in Harris, \$43,556; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, \$53,391; Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Watersmeet, \$35,700; Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, \$148,988; and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, \$12,000.

The COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program is one of several programs developed by the COPS Office. According to the Department of Justice, the program is broad, comprehensive and designed to meet law enforcement needs in American Indian communities. This program offers a wide variety of funding in areas

such as hiring additional officers, law enforcement training, uniforms, basic-issue equipment, emerging technologies and police vehicles.

The program funds cover a maximum federal share of 75 percent of total project costs. In fiscal year 2006, the program did not provide funding for additional officer positions. A local cash match requirement of 25 percent of total project costs is included in this program. Waivers of the local match requirement may be granted only on the basis of a documented demonstration of fiscal hardship, and waiver requests must be made at the time of application.

Items that are not allowed under the program include salaries and benefits for existing employees, civilian salaries and benefits, overtime, office equipment, office furniture and supplies, televisions, VCRs, video cameras (other than in-car), ammunition, dogs, radar guns and vehicle maintenance.

In fiscal year 2006, approximately \$12.3 million was awarded to 103 tribal law enforcement agencies through the program.

Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce

BY RICK SMITH

The Indigenous Internet Chamber of Commerce provides a connecting place for American Indians to market their products and services to a world market. It's also a place where businesses can learn from one another and learn of other potential business deals.

According to the chamber's Web site, in today's business world, one must take advantage of every resource available to grow your company into a successful one. Some of those advantages can include everything from learning better marketing, making new business contacts, meeting other business leaders to receiving qualified referrals and being kept informed of pressing business issues. Founded in 2005, the chamber notes it offers all those advantages and more.

"As an organization that believes connecting your business is the foundation of our success, the chamber is committed to seeking out and providing the services and programs necessary to keep

your business on the cutting edge of every issue," reads an introductory portion of the site. "The chamber offers much more than just programs and services; we are dedicated to ensuring a viable and healthy business climate to our indigenous family of entrepreneurs as our membership encompasses the western hemisphere."

The chamber began as a project with the Minneapolis South Rotary Club in 2004, founded by the Ho-Chunk, Omaha and Ponca Nations, whose vision is to help American Indians become self-sufficient and independent as entrepreneurs in the marketplace.

The chamber is submitting a 501 (c) (3) application with the Internal Revenue Service. Until they receive official approval, Aid to Southeast Asia, Inc., is acting as fiscal agent. According to the chamber Web site, funding is primarily received through dues paid by member businesses and through programs and events. It is not a government agency and receives no tax dollars. Visit www.iicoc.com.

Senate approves child protection funding

BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Senate recently approved legislation to provide funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services to help American Indian tribes establish on-reservation child abuse prevention and treatment programs through 2010.

The funding came in the form of the unanimously passed Indian Child Protection and the Family Violence Prevention Act of 2006.

"We look forward to the Senate extending the same unanimous show of support for Indian health care by passing the next major piece of legislation crucial to the health and well-being of Native people — the Indian Health Care Improvement Act," said Joe Garcia, president of the National Congress of American Indians. Garcia commended Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) with escorting

the bill through.

In addition to fostering child abuse programs, the bill also provides criminal sanctions for professionals who fail to report acts of abuse or suspected abuse and outlines a child abuse reporting process for law enforcement.

Garcia said, "As people who are so dependent on the well-being of our youth to maintain our cultures and traditions, we must continue to ensure that we raise happy, healthy and productive Indian children."

According to the National Indian Child Welfare Association, of the 405,000 American Indian children in the United States, 28,000 of them are considered at risk for abuse or neglect each year. The majority of cases are linked to drug or alcohol abuse. About 10,000 American Indian children are currently in foster homes or other out-of-home care.

Asked and answered: Improving newspaper delivery

Q: Why am I experiencing a delay with the newspaper?

A: The Sault Tribe provides the newspaper to its members and active employees free of charge. The most cost-effective way to mail *The Sault Tribe News* to its members is by bulk-mail through the U.S. post office. Mail pieces are priced differently by class and by size. Because we are essentially a third class mailing, *The Sault Tribe News* is one of the last mail pieces to be delivered, therefore, causing delays.

Where you live is also a major factor. Sources have indicated those living in Sault Ste. Marie can receive the newspaper in one to three days. However, those receiving the newspaper living in the western Upper Peninsula have indicated it may take up to a week to receive. For the most part, the predicted delivery time in the seven-county service area is one to four days. Those mem-

bers living in lower Michigan and the Detroit area could experience delays of up to two weeks. Out of state deliveries have been known to take up to a month. The only reason, we know about these delays is through membership complaints, however, we need to hear more about these delays to understand the significance of this problem. Such as, is this affecting everyone or just a select few? Since all mail is prioritized and delivered differently the only reason for the delay seems to be attributed to the post-office and mailing class.

Q: What can I do to fix the delivery problem?

A: Tribe members need to let us know when they experience a delivery problem. We need to know where you live, what issue you received late and the date you received it. This allows us to identify and separate isolated incidents from region-wide issues.

Please refer to the date on the newspaper, which is the distribution date. The distribution date is the earliest a member can receive the newspaper by mail. Members living in a specific region that are experiencing the same type of delivery delays are what we want to focus on. Informing your local post-office and postal carrier that you are experiencing unacceptable delivery delays doesn't hurt either.

Tribe members should also verify their address with the Enrollment Department on a regular basis to ensure their contact information is kept current. The newspaper's mailing list is essentially the Sault Tribe enrollment list. Once you update your address with Enrollment, you do not need to call the Communications Department for an address change. You can also e-mail your address change online by using the "Contact Us" form at www.saulttribe.com or contact Enrollment directly at (906) 635-3396.

Q: Why is *The Sault Tribe News* sometimes delivered under my child or spouse's name?

A: The newspaper is not mailed individually to every tribe member living in the same household. Despite how many members or employees may be residing at an address, only one newspaper is mailed per residence. From time to time, the mailing list can fluctuate and members may receive the newspaper in their name on one occasion and their spouse's name the next. You shouldn't be too concerned about this change, as long as you are still receiving a newspaper. This is a minor glitch we are aware of and we are working with Enrollment and MIS to correct the inconvenience.

Q: What are we doing to improve the newspaper delivery?

A: The communications direc-

tor is working with post-office representatives at the local and regional level to find cost-effective solutions for improving delivery time without having to incur significant postage costs. Some improvements have already been made; however, we realize some residents still have delivery problems.

Q: Are there other ways to obtain a newspaper?

A: The answer is yes. Newspapers are currently distributed to all our major tribal offices, casinos and health centers and can be obtained by the public free of charge. The newspaper is also available for viewing at www.saulttribe.com. In some instances, the newspaper can be viewed online before it reaches tribe members by mail. The newspaper is online on the date of distribution; please refer to the newspaper production schedule.

Board of directors open hours

Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings from 3:30 until 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sept. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Sept. 19-Manistique Health Center.
- Oct. 3-Munising American Legion.
- Oct. 17-St. Ignace, Little Bear Arena.
- Nov. 7-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.
- Nov. 21-Hessel Tribal Center.
- Dec. 5-Sault Ste. Marie, Kewadin Casino Grand Ballroom.

Membership Q & A

Q: I have applied for and received my tribal inland fishing and hunting permit for the 2006 season but I have a question. My family owns property in Washtenaw County and I usually spend the first week of the November deer hunting season there. Why isn't my tribal permit valid there?

A: The ancestors of the modern Sault Tribe, along with those of four other federally recognized tribes, ceded approximately 13,700,000 acres to the United States in the Treaty of Washington, March 28, 1836. This area is defined in the treaty and a description, along with a map, is provided with the packets that are distributed with the permits.

Currently, Sault Tribe members who hold a permit can exercise their rights in the entire area ceded in the Upper Peninsula and five counties in the northern lower peninsula which are also listed in the packet. There is a chance that the permissible area will be extended to the rest of the ceded area in the lower peninsula, but, as it stands now, it will not go beyond the boundaries set forth in the 1836 Treaty.

Washtenaw County lies in an area that was ceded in an earlier treaty, the Treaty of Detroit, Nov. 17, 1807. This is a separate and distinct agreement in which other tribes were signatories, two of which were the Wyandot and Potawatomi.

Also, the Conservation Committee of the Sault Tribe has discussed the possibility of developing a more detailed map of the ceded territory, and if this does come to fruition, it would replace the one currently provided with the permits.



Q: I am very interested in learning about our history and culture. Recently, I was told that there are four sacred medicines that are associated with the four directions. Could you tell me what these are?

A: The medicines are as follows: semaa (tobacco) for the eastern direction, giizhik (cedar) for the southern direction, mishkwadewishk (sage) for the western direction, and wiingash (sweet-grass) for the northern direction.

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

—*Miigwetch, DJ and Clarence.*

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

Tribal board meeting briefs

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians met for a general meeting in Newberry, Mich., on Aug. 15, 2006. All board members were present. No minutes from previous meetings were pending approval.

Approved resolutions: Voting is not noted on unanimous decisions.

Jerry O. Miller of Escanaba was appointed as a delegate to Michigan Indian Elders Association.

An amendment added a subsection to Tribal Code Chapter 42, our tribe's gaming ordinance, that specifies the locations where the board has authorized the conduct of Class II and Class III gaming. The locations refer to sites taken into trust in the 1980s plus land acquired in 2000 for our tribe's

benefit in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel. Board members Todd Gravelle, Dennis McKelvie and Robert LaPoint opposed.

The Human Resources Department was directed to prepare a letter to be included with this year's Board Initiative Program payments scheduled to go out in November. The letter is to clearly read that this program will be discontinued and this year will be the last for bonus checks. In recent years, tribe members who are also tribal employees received annual bonus checks based on time and wages. Board members Gravelle, McKelvie and Denise Chase opposed the measure.

The board directed the Legal Department to rescind the current

offer to purchase real estate in Escanaba with all efforts given to limiting the amount of damages that must be paid to the seller for rescinding the offer to purchase. The board also allocated the money to pay for any damages to the seller out of revenue from the sale of the old Glen's Building and rescinded all previous budgetary earmarks for the Glen's sale revenue and diverted any remaining revenue from the sale to Contract Health Services. Board members Keith Massaway, Fred Paquin, Tom Miller, Shirley Petoskey and Chase opposed.

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

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All board voting will be done in open session



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(Editors note: Because of a computer filing error, Representative Causley's report for the last edition of The Sault Tribe News was inadvertently misplaced and not published. We apologize for the mistake and in this issue we will run the August report along with Representative Causley's September report.)

August report

At the July 11 board of directors meeting on Mackinac Island, a very important resolution was enacted by the board. Director Gravelle brought forward legislation that prohibited the board from

voting in a closed session on any issue. The board will have the opportunity to discuss and debate issues in closed session per our open meetings act, which spells out what can be considered closed items but the board meeting must reconvene and we must announce to the membership what the issue/resolution is and must vote in an open session of the meeting.

This resolution will help in assisting us with more openness and communication with our members. For the past two years we have debated and voted in closed session on many issues that many members felt should have been open to the membership, now there will be no waiting to know the outcome of a decision that your elected leaders make, accountability for our decisions will be our responsibility, as it should be.

Also at the Mackinac Island meeting, the entire board voted to borrow \$11 million from the self-sufficiency fund to repay a portion of an existing loan from National City Bank that totals \$45 million. We have opted to use the tribe's self-sufficiency (not the elders land claims funds) fund to reduce this amount. The self-sufficiency fund totals are as follows:

Education = \$5,150,840

Funeral = \$ 4,138,410

Elder Health = \$ 2, 773,658

Employment = \$ 757,160

This amount totals \$12,820,068.

By securing this loan, the terms and benefits are listed as presented to the board of directors. The action will have a positive effect on available funds for tribal spending and limit control banks have over our northern operations.

The terms of the loan will be between the tribe and the self-sufficiency fund, prime interest (8.25%), no principal payments and it will be a 10-year term. With this loan, the casino will pay the tribe interest with a cost saving of \$3.2 million to an outside entity, as well as a lower interest rate due to improved ratios. The tribe will control principal for financial planning and increase support for programs by at least \$1 million per year. We are acting on this so that we will be using ourselves as the bank and paying interest to the self-sufficiency fund at a higher rate than that of our current investments.

Part of this loan from National City was to borrow funds for the new casino in St. Ignace. As it stands the funding is secured by the following. \$14 million = bank note, \$10 million = elders land claims funds, \$11 million = tribal

cash and \$6 million = casino revenue cash. This totals the entire \$41 million needed for the entire completion of the new casino project.

Many members have spoken to me and are very upset about our position at the casino with the funding increase and the delay in opening, I will attempt to give an update on the status of our land issue in St. Ignace.

The tribe, our lobbyist and attorneys have been compiling a time line of events with regard to the action or inaction of the tribe and the Interior Department. The chairman announced at the board meeting on Aug. 2 in Munising that we would be provided with this time line of events and I will report. As stated before, the issues are being addressed and our hope is that we can be up and running our new facility soon. The staff at the casino and hotel have been working very hard to accommodate customers and our operation; they should be commended as many tribe members, employees and customers are frustrated and angry that our plans were placed on hold. I have talked about hardships that Indian country has to face and this is one of them. We will continue to work diligently for our goal to open as

soon as possible.

The following is a schedule of dates and times I am around the unit for elderly meetings and office hours. If you would like to meet with me, please contact the number below so we can schedule a time or just drop in at the following places. August 21, Hessel Tribal Center, office hours, August 23 Naubinway Pavilion, elders meeting (6:30 p.m.), August 25, Newberry Tribal Center elders meeting (11 a.m.), we can meet before or after either of the meetings in those areas.

This coming fall, after powwow season, I plan to hold unit meetings in Pickford, DeTour, Rudyard and Drummond Island. These areas do not have regular office hours so to accommodate members meetings will be held in those areas.

The month of August is very busy with powwows in our area. This month both our Naubinway youth empowered powwow is being held on Aug. 5 in Garnet Lake and our 14th annual powwow in Hessel on Aug. 19 and 20. Please plan to attend with your families. As always if you would like to meet at your convenience, please call (906) 484-2954 or email lcausley@saulttribe.net

Baamaapii Lana Causley.

When will moving forward begin as promised?

Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors
September report

I must address some concerns that our chairman has about my role in introducing legislation last year to require him to report to the board of directors on a monthly basis the amounts that he signs for within his spending authority. Mr. Payment is completely wrong when he stated that I introduced the resolution to benefit Mr. Shagen or Mr. Bouschor. It's really the complete opposite and Mr. Payment knows that. The resolution would have required the chair's office to report all spending to the board of directors. The whereas in the resolution presented by me was worded exactly as follows:

WHEREAS: In July 1997 resolution 97-63 was adopted to give the Chairman of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians authority to expend up to \$50,000 for the day to day operations of the Tribe. Although the authority is acceptable to the operations of the tribe, it fails to include the reporting requirements to the Board of Directors. This must be in place so that the Board of Directors and the Chairman (present and future) remain accountable to the expenditures. This will create a check and balance so that the entire Tribal Membership is assured that there is accountability from their elected leaders

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Tribe also has a responsibility to (article VII section 1): (to manage any and all economic affairs and enterprises of the Tribe) and to ensure that

the expenditures are expended in a way that is beneficial to the tribe or is pertinent to the day to day operations. In the past, there was a great concern as the where the authority of the signature purpose is limited.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Tribal Chairman will create or cause to be created a monthly report to the Board of Directors stating the amount, cost center, date and reason the expenditure took place. This report will be due to the entire Board of Directors by the 31st of each month.

This is the exact resolution I presented that the chair is referring to. Any spin that may have been put on this is out of line and just plain smoke and mirrors. I will again bring the resolution forward and ask that the board require the chair's office to make monthly reports to the board. We still have not taken any security measures to ensure that this chairman or any that follow can spend money beyond the signature authority. Our chair was going to assist in that process and it did not happen when I brought the issue forward over a year ago. The chairman still has the authority to write checks all day long for \$49,999 so they stay under the \$50,000 amount. If the chair was to report each and every month to the board we would always be apprised of money going out, why would the chair oppose that effort or spin the meaning of the resolution and its intentions?

Once again, I do not have time to defend myself, these attacks must stop and we must move on. The litigation is moving forward and NOT ONE board member has tried to convince me of anything

different, we do not even discuss the issue. Where the Chairman gets his reports is a mystery to me as he never seems to be able to confirm any of his nonsense conspiracies as a matter of fact when I questioned the chair last week on some issues that he blatantly lied about (he stated the board appropriated an additional \$200,000 to a contracted employee, I am still requesting the paper trail and documentation) he shot back that I had a FREE PASS for two years NO MORE, he would not explain the threat but did go on to say that I would be "punished by creation." I explained to him that I would continue to ask questions and expect them to be answered, if he could not answer them without the attacks he would have to have his staff respond in a professional manner. In closing to the ridiculous accusations, I want to explain the reason I took this space in my unit report. An elder suggested that I print the exact resolution in its entirety so that the people can see for themselves the clear misinterpretation presented by the Chairman and there was no other choice but to respond as the interpretation of the legislation presented by me was so distorted. You can see for yourselves that my only intention was accountability from the chair as well as the board of directors.

To date during our monthly financial reports we still fail to check the signature authority spending amounts. The board can view the report if we go to the CFO's office. I have done that and requested the report be available for review each month at the financial meetings. We cannot talk about creating checks and balances and then oppose the solutions to fix them. Again, hopefully

these kinds of reports will cease, we should not have to waste our space defending our positions, but you have to know the truth. If you have followed the patterns it seems the norm is to keep board members on the defense then we must waste nonsense time on explanations of the truth. It's not the first time board members have been attacked in unit reports, the chairman has made this his normal practice. In the role of the chairman, they are to be the spokesmen for the board of directors; this responsibility should entail reporting on issues such as:

- Greektown expansion.
- St. Ignace land issue.
- Legal updates.
- Annual budget (this time of year).
- Enterprise opportunities.
- Casino revenue statistics.
- Membership services expansions .
- Grant opportunities for tribe members.

I sincerely hope that the negative reporting can stop. There are many other items that can be reported on, our chairman has the full authority to have staff create reports to be included in his overall chairman report. If you have questions about the resolution or any suggestions to add, please call.

Our unit has had a busy summer. The youth empowerment powwow was held in Rexton in early August. Many communities' members, youth and elders participated. It was nice to see the elders there enjoying the day. This event was again one of kind. It not only showed the youth how to participate in preparing a powwow it also was an opportunity to have our staff do some presentations. Michelle Willis did a great

job with our children detailing the negative effects of smoking tobacco, she went on to give them teaching on the sacred use of tobacco and the negative effects it will create when used in an improper manner. We had a very good turnout and the youth activities coordinators should be very proud of their success with the powwow.

Our 14th annual Hessel powwow was held the third week in August. I want to take this time to say chi miigwetch to those involved. There are many names that I could include but the list would be long. I would like to say a special chi miigwetch to Graz and Renee Shipman, our spiritual leaders, and the Cultural Department for your help on our lodge and powwow grounds. The management and staff at the Hessel Casino assisted us throughout the entire powwow. The crew that worked on the powwow grounds even had an invite to have lunch with them at the employee picnic. As a tribe, it is very important for us to grow as a community and help each other when the need is there, it's especially important as this is the way we are to conduct ourselves and carry on our traditions. These last two powwows held in our areas will carry me and those involved to remain strong and keep moving forward for our people.

I will be holding office hours at the Hessel Tribal Center on Sept. 18 and a unit meeting will be held in DeTour on Sept. 27 at the township hall 6 p.m. As always, if you would like to meet with me please call (906) 484-2954 or email at lcausley@saulttribe.net Baamaapii, Lana Causley

Fort De Baude Museum needs help



Keith Massaway
Unit III Representative

Sault Tribe Board of Directors
I hope everyone has enjoyed the great weather this summer and all are in good health. Summer is quickly coming to an end as we all know.

During the past three weeks, I have attended three board of directors special meetings. These meetings are deemed special because there is only one (by our Constitution) regular board meeting a month. The extra board meetings are necessary to keep abreast of all the projects and their progress.

The sprung structure that is being built onto the St. Ignace Casino has sprung up from the ground. The steel skeletal structure is in place and the skin of the

building will be put on soon. We continue to diligently work on opening the current structure with gaming and we are pursuing all avenues with the federal government.

I sat in on a Lambert Center monthly meeting and have gained an added understanding of the challenges the health professionals face every day. I know they try very hard to do their best to serve you and are constantly looking for ways to improve both quality and timely treatment. We must work together to make this care the best we can.

The board is currently reviewing policy issues and working to get information to our tribe in a more concise and timely manner. It may be job postings or entertainment or changes with various departments within the tribe.

The board also has weekly briefings on our Greektown project. The construction schedule and final blueprints are now being worked on.

The board is working hard to solve many problems and are making tough decisions to help secure our tribe both fiscally and politically.

On a community note, I have been working hard on trying to save a great treasure to the native people, the Fort De Baude Museum in downtown St. Ignace. It is a jewel in the rough but

it is still a wondrous collection. I encourage everyone to stop in and go through this museum. The Michilimackinac Historical Society is currently operating the museum and have a contract that runs out in October.

The society has made huge improvements to the structure and the exhibits. When the contract runs out, the owner is going to liquidate the entire collection. It will leave the area and be dispersed all over the country and beyond. What a horrific thing to happen to a great collection. This collection encompasses all of the area's history. St. Ignace is the center of the freshwater world and it has been that way forever. The historical society is doing everything possible to purchase the collection and keep it in our area. If you would like more information please stop in and see the museum and talk with the historical society or contact me. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your calls and your support. Working for you is my job and with your input and support I know I can do what is right for the tribe and you. Thank you again.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (906) 643-6981 or email me at: kamssaway@sault-tribe.net.

Many issues need to be addressed



Shirley Petoskey
Unit V Representative

Sault Tribe Board of Directors
I can hardly believe it's time for another unit report. Summer has passed me by this year.

I had a meeting at our tribal housing here in Munising and because no one was around to give us a key to the building on the site we sat outside — that was the epitome of a summer evening. Beautiful out!

There are many things the people brought up that need to be taken care of. They do not have screen doors or screen windows for the most part. Come winter they will need storm doors and storm windows. Ants and crickets are a big issue this year. They could use an exterminator.

People ride through tribal housing on dune buggies, motor bikes and the like, to reach the trails in the field beyond the housing complex in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter.

I personally witnessed this — a dune buggy entering the housing area at a high rate of speed, never

slowing down. If a child had been playing he or she wouldn't have had a chance to move out of the way.

The wood is rotting away from the windows and doors. We all know that money is tight right now but these and many other issues have to be addressed.

I have contacted the proper departments on each of the issues raised and we are counting on resolutions.

I attended a youth camp at Clear Lake south of Shingleton for Native kids. What a great time. What great kids and fantastic leaders.

These kids, with guidance, asked thoughtful and insightful questions during a panel discussion. I want to tell all of you — I saw our future and we are in safe hands with these future leaders of our tribe.

A big thank you and high praise goes out to all the adults who worked so hard all year to make this program a success.

There are so many departments that make up the daily life of our tribe and the board is working hard to make sure all of them get their fair share of time, money and consideration.

Please drive carefully — all our little, bigger and in between kids will be starting back to school. They need us to watch out for them.

Until next time . . . remember to fight nice!

Shirley Petosky, (906) 387-2101, shirlypetosky@yahoo.com P.S.—I am composing an "Ode to the Seney Stretch."

We are working to secure the Escanaba building



Tom Miller
Unit IV Representative

Sault Tribe Board of Directors
This summer and our long days of leisure and warmth are slowly drawing to an end. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the time left. This last month certainly has been interesting to say the least, but just as certainly frustrating.

The plans for the acquisition of a community building for the tribal members in the Escanaba area of Unit IV encountered another hurdle. The tribal board of directors reversed an earlier decision of the board that had assigned money from the sale of a building in the Sault, to be used to purchase and renovate a number of buildings within the service area. One of those was to be the purchase of a building in Escanaba. The need for an adequate building with which to house the clinic and community events is still of the

utmost importance in this area. The most disturbing part of this move was that it sends a message to all areas that nothing we do has any kind of stability to it.

Normally, for a board decision to be reversed, there has to be a "major emergency." A perceived and not yet determined over expenditure in contract health was the major emergency. As a person who oversees a large education budget and has 26 years of budgeting experience, I did not see the emergency, but I did see the need to plan for recovery of this possible overage, once the amount is arrived at and to prevent it from happening in the future. The majority of the board decided otherwise and we will have to live with it. Denise and I are working on alternative funding sources to secure the building. To Unit IV members in the Escanaba area, please hang in there with us.

The Agreement In Principal was signed by 10 board members and sent back to the state of Michigan and the process will continue toward a settlement on the tribal hunting and fishing rights.

The board also voted to end the Board's Initiative, which gave a bonus amount to tribe members who are employed by the tribe. This will result in a significant yearly expense being eliminated. Also, please bear with us as we work toward an efficient process in determining how agenda items will be reviewed and selected for

business at the regular scheduled board meetings. We seem to have a difference of opinion, with some thinking that anything, without prior review, any board member wants on the agenda, should be allowed on. I have never heard of any board that operates this way and hopefully, we will agree on a more efficient process.

My last comment on what has been occurring lately, refers to the attempts to hamper the chairman's ability to conduct business. I hope that the board as a body, realizes that whether you agree with the chairman, or like or dislike him, he is the elected political leader of the tribe and as such, must be allowed to conduct the tribal business. Lately, we have had efforts that attempt to limit the chairman's ability to work. I do not agree with everything that the chairman does, but I do realize the need for him to be able to function daily within the rules and regulations of the Constitution and by-laws of the tribe. I believe that once the board embraces this philosophy, we will be able to focus on positive issues and changes for the tribal membership. You will hear me state often, that knowing one's limitations of knowledge and skills is key to being productive.

I will continue to work as hard as I can for the entire tribal community.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 440-

Discount available at Kewadin restaurants for tribe members

SAULT STE. MARIE—Members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians will now receive a 10 percent discount at any food outlet at Kewadin Casinos. This includes the Dream Catcher's restaurant, Trail Deli and Snack Shop in Sault Ste. Marie; the Horseshoe Bay Restaurant in St. Ignace; the Mariner's Cove restaurant in Manistique; Frosty's Bar and Grille in Christmas; and the Northern Nook deli in Hessel.

The tribe member must show their tribal membership card to receive the discount. The discount can not be combined with any other discount including the popular "two for one special" or employee discount.

In August 2006, the com-

munity residents of the eastern Upper Peninsula voted our Dream Catcher's Restaurant as having the best seafood and best dinner buffet by *The Evening News Best of the Counties 2006* survey. In addition, the Sault casino was voted best entertainment venue.

Kewadin Casinos also received five awards from *Midwest Gaming and Travel Magazine*. Readers voted Kewadin Casinos their choice of Native Casinos in Michigan for best players club, all properties; best players club parties, Sault Ste. Marie; best cash back, all properties; favorite casino buffet, Dream Catcher's Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie; and best concert venue, Dream Maker Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.

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

Responsibility



DJ Hoffman
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." -JFK

I have chosen to start out this unit report with the above quote by John F. Kennedy to make a point. We can continually dredge up the mistakes of the past by allegations and the placement of blame, or we can choose to learn from these mistakes and move forward and progress as a tribe. I prefer the latter of the two.

I would describe the past few weeks as "constructive chaos." I use this terminology because although meetings have been a bit chaotic, ultimately changes are being made for the benefit of

the entire membership. Progress is not always pretty; however, the key word is progress.

We, as a tribe, are embarking on a difficult journey. We are currently experiencing budget shortfalls in certain key areas that need to be addressed immediately. This is what I am concerned with; the present as well as our future. We need to tighten our belts, literally, to ensure membership services. We must remain fiscally responsible not only now, but in the future. We will get through this!

When the words budget shortfall and fiscal responsibility are placed together people immediately tend to think of budget cuts. There will be budget modifications to ensure that departments spend within our means. We will be working to "cut the fat" in areas to ensure that expenditures essential to services remain. We are also working on avenues to reduce expense and create new revenue streams:

- While our Greektown Casino is not currently up streaming the amount of income that it may one day provide directly to the tribe, it is producing. In an effort to reduce expenses and enhance our northern casinos, the tribal board is working on cross marketing our casino properties collectively. The sharing of consumer databases, as well as the inclusion of our northern properties in Greektown literature will enhance our prospects, while potentially reducing expenditures in areas such as mar-

keting. These reduced expenses can be utilized to ensure services. In addition, over the next three years the revenue generated from our Detroit operation will enable us to secure and enhance membership services.

- The tribe is working on securing SBA 8a Certification for its Construction Company. This certification will allow the tribe to qualify for state and federal set-aside programs in contracting. For example, let's say that the Michigan Department of Transportation is building a road for \$5,000,000. Under the 8a programming requirements, \$500,000 worth of work would be allocated to a company with this type of certification. The more work we have to provide equates to more jobs. The more income derived equates to maintaining and enhancing services for you, the membership.

Casinos make money, for the most part. However, it will not be the casinos that extend our fiscal longevity. It will be our diversified business interests and investments.

"I would like you to think about the Historic California Gold Rush. In this quest for gold, very few struck it rich. Sure there were exceptions; however it was not the prospectors that grew wealthy. It was the merchants providing services and supplies."

Running casinos depends on a vast assortment of vendors. Casinos purchase items from toilet paper, to televisions.

Marketing departments order bulk mailings, and restaurants require fish for their buffet style meals. There are services and supplies that need to be provided to maintain these operations at home and in Detroit. These are the types of services that the tribe can enter into to begin the diversification process.

I am not promoting that we run out tomorrow and start 10 new businesses. I am suggesting that we begin to responsibly diversify our business holdings, and establish procedures for operation and accountability to enhance, and revamp our Economic Development Commission.

The board has begun to once again meet on a consistent weekly basis to address our budgetary issues, as well as beginning the process of putting our "house in order." We will continue to meet and take an active role as a board to ensure the protection of our membership services and rights.

The process of putting our "house in order" begins with our actions and inactions as board members. We must focus on the issues of the tribe, and not on our individual issues with each other. I have spoken previously about conduct, and quite simply it comes down to etiquette:

"Some people think that etiquette is fine for tea parties, but there's no room for it when important political business has to be done," writes Miss Manners, otherwise known as Judith Martin. "That's not true. The more

controversy you have, the more etiquette you need. You need rules and order." The missing ingredient in efforts to improve campaign discourse is a set of agreed-upon norms and standards for behavior.

Please look around at the reports in this paper. Do you see civility? Do you see respect? We represent you! Our actions represent you, not only in the votes that we cast, but in the manner in which we behave!

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify any misunderstandings that may have arisen from the last issue of *Win Awenen Nisitotung (The Sault Tribe News)*. It was stated that a question that I posed during "New Board Member Orientation" suggested that we were wasting our money on the 7+1+1 litigation. For clarification, my question was "How much have we spent to date on the case?" The answer is nearly \$500,000. Now interpretation is an interesting thing. Everything is subject to interpretation. With the right political spin allegations can be very convincing. However, responsible representation asks questions. I will continue to seek the answers to the questions that constituents pose.

Sincerely, DJ Hoffman, home phone (906) 635-6945, cell phone (906) 322-3801, toll free (866) 598-5804, e-mail:

djwhoffman@hotmail.com.

Board is Missing in Action



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

At the Aug. 15 board meeting in Newberry, Mich., I brought forward two key resolutions that address profound issues presently facing this tribe. The first resolution requested a referendum on the settlement of our inland hunting and fishing rights. I submit-

ted the requisite 100 signatures needed to trigger a referendum on this issue. A majority of the board refused to even certify the signatures on this petition. It now appears that the issue is dead since the board feels that a referendum on this important issue is not needed.

The second resolution brought forward was to put the issue of whether employees can serve as board members (Double Dipping) to a vote of the people by referendum. This resolution was also defeated by a majority of the board of directors. Despite the promises of various board members, who as candidates, continually claim that they are against this unsound practice, yet have refused to confront this issue head-on. The excuses provided by the board members who refused to send this issue to the people were many and unpersuasive and demonstrate a lack of political courage that has become all

too common with your board of directors. In short, the board has decided to 'cut-and-run' on this issue.

It is my position that those present board members who are currently serving as board members and employees must choose what they want to be--- an employee or a board member. It now appears that a majority of the board refuses to hold these board members accountable by requiring them to choose. If that is the case, then the membership must now hold those board members accountable for their votes for their failure to address this issue with this latest resolution.

I refuse to give-up on this issue! It now appears that I again must bring forward yet another resolution to allow the present board members who are now employees to be exempted (or grandfathered-in), in order for this issue to finally be addressed. If that is the only way that I can

address this issue once and for all then I will do just that! I will draft and submit a resolution to the board which allows those board members who are also employees to serve-out the remainder of their terms, after which time, they must choose what they want to do when they are up for re-election.

The new St. Ignace casino is a total debacle. We now have a beautiful multi-million dollar "hotel" in which we cannot conduct gaming activities within. We apparently built this behemoth on non-reservation land thus preventing our ability to conduct gaming activities on the property. We have now decided to attach what are known as sprung structures (otherwise known as circus tents or big tops to many tribal members), on that part of the hotel which is considered reservation land. An independent investigation should be immediately launched to hold someone accountable for this fiasco.

The sad conclusion to all of these votes is that the board members know that the membership is not watching how these important issues are being addressed. In the end, it is really up to the membership to become more involved with the tribe to hold their elected representatives accountable and true to their campaign promises. Until then, these issues will fail to be addressed in a timely manner and the membership will ultimately suffer.

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

Nearing retirement? Visit Social Security online

SUBMITTED BY ED DWYER
SOCIAL SECURITY MANAGER IN
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As much as the Internet has become part of daily American life, the age group that has been slowest to adapt to Internet use for everyday business and information needs has been Americans age 65 and older.

According to a recent report by the PEW Research Center, only about a third of those over age 65 uses the Internet, compared with more than twice that number of those age 50 to 64. Most of this latter group are

baby boomers, and they will be retiring (and planning their retirements) in large numbers over the next few years.

If you are one of these Internet savvy baby boomers, Social Security wants you to know that we are open for business at www.socialsecurity.gov. Whether you are just planning your retirement, or are actually ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, here are the Social Security online services you may want to consider:

- Social Security benefit application: When you decide to take

the plunge and actually retire, you can apply for your retirement (or spouse's) benefits online.

- Retirement planners: You can estimate your future benefits and also use links to outside Web sites that discuss other sources of retirement income and post-retirement concerns such as housing and medical care.

Even if you are not yet ready to use these Social Security online services, I urge you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov and check them out, so that when you are ready you will know just what help is available to you.

Don't miss all the fun and games at the Chi Mukwa Recreation Center's tenth anniversary party Sept. 18-27. Please see page 11 for a list of all the activities of the anniversary party and call (906) 635-RINK (7465) for updates and more information.

We need to protect our resources



Bob LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

In spite of all the political pains the tribe is going through, is it too much to hope that we can move forward in all respects. I am grateful to all the members who take

the trouble to suggest improvements. Members hope and believe that after each election, as with all previous elections, that something will become useful in correcting all the mistakes of the past. If nothing else, the mistakes should at least prove useful for coping with the number of financial hazards that sooner or later our tribe is going to have to confront. In legal terms, tribal property is not personal and the accumulated wealth does not belong to anyone and historical judgements will determine how honest and competent our tribal government is. Tribal government is a cooperative social system that needs to recognize the rights of all our tribal citizens. We need to regulate our business dealings and protect our resources. Our tribal Constitution should lead us towards democratic legislation and provide all

of us with the broadest spectrum that judicial precedents will allow.

Several months ago, I voted no on spending the money from the sale of one of our tribal assets for a broken down old building. The vote was 11 to 1. The subject of the transaction can be debated in political terms but I voted no strictly for financial reasons. Simply, we can not afford to keep selling our property, losing money and try to buy political favors for the short term. In the last board meeting, that resolution was over turned and the majority of the board now agrees with me. The amount involved was quite considerable and the subject of the transaction not in the best interest of the whole tribe. There were questionable items around this deal and it made me feel very uncomfortable. I am against spending for the sake of spending,

I am not against investing.

I would like to also take a moment to say welcome to the new board members and to say thank you to the voters who gave me their support. I plan to represent you faithfully and wisely and will call forth all the accounting and report it to you.

The revenue generated by our tribe is like a symbolic tax. This tax is imposed by our tribal government and the revenue does not come directly to you. Many members are too far removed to get any benefits from the tribe. Our tribal government has sufficient authority to claim all the revenue tax for the use that the board sees fit. We need to regulate our own selves, including the exclusive right to spend the revenue tax. We need to keep an eye on our spending. Just because the board is elected and is deemed represen-

tative of the members and because it helps formulate the spending of the revenue (profits from the casino) the presumption of representation as consent to spend all the money should be rebutted and challenged before any of our spending has legitimacy.

To many agencies, the federal government, the state government, the local government have their fingers in the pie. All the while our members go hungry. Throughout my whole term in office I have fought to bring spending in line. Greentown has almost bankrupted us. The greed from the past and the reckless spending has brought us to a place of unprecedented circumstances. It is time to get serious, we need to stop the squabbling and figure out how we are going to get out of debt.

Thank you for the phone calls and e-mails. Bob LaPoint.

Board removes funding for Escanaba center



Denise Chase
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

After being informed that a majority of board members were planning on rescinding the financial funding for a tribal center in Escanaba, they were invited to tour the current tribal center in Escanaba on Aug. 10 and the proposed new building. No board members showed up except Chairman Aaron Payment, Shirley Petosky, Tom Miller and myself.

Aaron took pictures/videos of both buildings and documented the deficiencies of the current building that is being used as a health center. Board members were showed pictures of the current and proposed buildings in the past.

At the Newberry board meeting on Aug. 15, Aaron showed

the video of the tribal center in Escanaba which is extremely inadequate, following is some of the documentation:

1. Office size is 750 square feet.
2. One rest room shared by female and male staff and clientele.
3. Front entrance – climb 5-6 steps up into building.
4. Back entrance – climb 8-9 steep steps up into building hallway.
5. Front and back parking lot extremely steep grade-dangerous in winter.
6. Poor parking – six parking spots in front (shared with other professional offices) members/elders have to back out into Ludington Street when leaving parking lot – (main street of Escanaba) very unsafe.
7. Shared parking lot in back with other professional offices. Daytime is very hard to find parking - have to ride around to try and find a space.
8. Neither the front or back entrances are handicapped accessible, for wheelchairs or people with canes or crutches.
9. No confidentiality at all - they play a TV noise to mask voices in exam rooms, but you can still hear.

10. Hallway is less than three-foot across.

They had a emergency with a client that needed a gurney brought in. It wouldn't fit down the hallway they had to bring the patient out to the gurney.

Wheelchairs can't fit through the hallway – some patients have to be carried into the exam rooms

11. They have two exam rooms and are also used for substance abuse and mental health counseling rooms.

12. The main waiting area seats about five people.

13. Health staff leave the office for home visits when satellite office hours are being held by visiting social workers, direct service workers and counselors.

14. Many elders can't enter the building to receive services or even pick up their prescriptions.

15. No place available for elder meetings, community events, children activities, children or elder Christmas parties.

Some of our elders from Delta County attended the board meeting because they knew that the board was going to take the approved funding away for their community center in Escanaba. They got up and talked, some with tears in their eyes and voices and asked the board to not take the promised building away from them. They told them of the need for a community center, and one elder told how she can't enter the tribal center to pick up her medicine because she can't climb the stairs with her cane - she has to call and have the medicine brought outside to her vehicle. Abe Boulley, Sr., told them that there are tribe members who live and have needs in the outlying areas, that the board

members are to make sure that they represent all tribe members regardless of where they live and they shouldn't have to live on Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie in order to receive services or adequate buildings. But those board members ignored the pleas of our elders. Tom Miller and myself voiced our concern and opposition to this resolution. Unfortunately I must report to the membership that a majority of your board members rescinded the funding (\$450,000) for a community center in Escanaba. This comes after the board already voted by majority to earmark the 1.2 million dollars from the sale of the Glen's building in Sault Ste. Marie to complete eight projects in the various units. The board also voted a second time to have our tribal chairman, Aaron Payment, sign a purchase agreement for the building in Escanaba. Now they have reneged on the deal (the board giveth and then the board taketh away). I and Tom Miller were told 2-3 weeks prior to this meeting that board members were already targeting the promised building for the Delta county area membership. Can you imagine the tribe signs a purchase agreement with a individual and then the board turns around and rescinds it. Would you want to do any future business dealings with our tribe? The integrity of the tribal board is questionable after this action. The board has set precedent, any other resolutions

that have been passed by a majority of former board members can and probably will be rescinded. Those board members are using the contract health programs over expenditure of their budget as the reason that they took the funding from the sale of the Glen's building. There were other options to look at for the contract health budget shortfall but they were not willing to look for any. The board had already approved a loan to pay the short-fall while looking for other options, and while waiting to get reimbursement for some high cost medical cases. The board needs to have health staff come back for a workshop with recommended changes to the contract health program by setting income guidelines and as in the past when contract health ran out of funds, the program was shut down, until new funding became available. In the past the program was not allowed to spend funds that they didn't have. We hold all of our other division directors of programs providing services to the membership responsible to stay within their budgets, and contract health should follow the same rules. Those board members know that taking the project dollars away that were needed in the various communities will not fix the contract health program, it's like putting a band aid on a dam. There will never be enough dollars to cover the health care unmet needs of our members.

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People must be held accountable



Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the voters in Unit I for granting me the opportunity to continue serving as your representative. I will continue to work on your behalf to ensure that decisions are made to benefit the membership of the tribe.

This election, we will see many new faces on our board. I would like to welcome Shirley Petosky (Unit V), Keith Massaway (Unit III), and DJ Hoffman (Unit I). I would like to also congratulate all of the individuals that sought to make a difference by seeking elected office within the tribe. Finally, I would like to thank Rob Lambert for his years of service to the tribe.

The Sugar Island Powwow

was a wonderful time. I would like to thank Teri and Stan Barr, Friskie and Micky Frechette for their help. During the powwow, Unit I board members served pop, water and over 700 sno-cones to the kids.

The elections are over, and it is time for us, as a tribe, to move forward. We have many difficult decisions ahead of us. We must stay focused on our responsibility to ensure the long term stability of the tribe.

Our casino project in St. Ignace has run into some serious problems. This is not a time for blaming, no matter the administration. The blame lies within the board of directors.

Did the board ask enough ques-

tions?

We did not!

Are we going to continue to make foolish mistakes?

We must not!

Problem with board not questioning issues needs to cease. People must be held accountable! We reward individuals for good jobs but, when they do not, we must hold them accountable.

If we do not, the fault is on the board!

The land problem in St. Ignace, hopefully, will be solved soon. We must have a plan to solve this. The days of costly overruns must cease, we are not bringing the cash that we once were.

The board needs to get back to guiding the tribe. We need to

stop worrying about petty things. Taking care of our units is a top priority, but the tribe has to come first. Just because something is good for our unit, doesn't mean it is best for the tribe.

Hopefully this new board will step up to the plate to make the tribe financially secure and move forward. We must not make promises we can't keep. Short term fixes can lead to long term problems.

It's time for us to move forward, and I for one am looking forward to it.

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

Help celebrate Chi Mukwa's 10-year anniversary



Ten years have passed since that first puck was dropped and that first soda was consumed at Chi Mukwa. Games and beverages too numerous to count have taken place and been consumed since the doors opened on Sept. 27, 1996.

There is something for everyone at Chi Mukwa, NHL and Olympic sized ice rinks, volleyball and basketball courts, concessions, pro shop, fitness center with dance room, indoor walking track, locker room facilities including sauna and whirlpool, video arcade, hospitality room, skate rental and A Bear Necessity youth programs.

Some of the larger events which take place at the arena include youth spring league, teen lock-in, Nightmare on Bear Street Halloween party, Sault Tribe Children's Christmas party, New Year's Eve Powwow, Billy Mill's

5K and 10K fun runs, Easter skate, senior socials and area school skates.

The Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center is also home to the Sault Tribe's Education Department, Physical Therapy and Wellness Center.

The following events, all free of charge, have been scheduled to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Chi Mukwa.

Sept. 18-27

Calendar of free events

Monday, Sept. 18, 12:15-1:05 p.m. - Public skate.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12:15-1:35 p.m. - Toddler/adult skate.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 12:15-1:05 p.m. - Drop-in hockey.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 12:15-1:35 p.m. - Toddler/adult skate.

Friday, Sept. 22, 12:15-1:05 p.m. - Drop-in hockey.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-

Noon - Tot Zone-anniversary theme; 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, Sept. 24, 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, Sept. 25, 12:15-1:05 p.m. - Public skate.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 12:15-1:35 p.m. - Toddler/adult skate.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 12:15-1:05 p.m. - Drop-in hockey; 1-2 p.m. - Cake/ice cream; followed by anniversary ceremony and dance room grand opening.

All events will be free of charge to Sault Tribe and community members. Times and events are subject to change. For more details call 635-RINK (7465).

Tammy, Rod and Neil They've been here since the start



Rod Hutte, Neil Krull and Tammy Graham have been at Chi Mukwa since the day it opened.

As Chi Mukwa celebrates its tenth anniversary, three original team members also reach that milestone — Tammy Graham, Rod Hutte and Neil Krull.

Tammy (nee Albon) Graham, LSSU graduate, spent the summer of 1996 as a Chi Nodin Running Coach. Little did she know that her next move would be to events coordinator that September. She would get her feet wet coordinating 11 events in the grand opening weekend. Since then, Tammy has become the events manager and facility developer where her duties include developing programs and special events, overseeing the youth programs, acting as a liaison between external customers and helping with day to day operations.

Rod Hutte, also a LSSU

graduate, started at Chi Mukwa on until Sept. 5, 1996, as assistant operations manager. He remembers no front doors, planks to walk on and sand on the floor while Turcotte hockey school was here. Another memorable moment came when, during the first Kewadin Indians hockey game, there was a plugged line affecting the ice and they had to bring in special equipment from St. Ignace to solve the problem. He said it was warm ice, but at least the game went on.

Two years ago, Hutte became the manager of the department and now supervises eight team members and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the building. The duty list includes maintenance and clean up inside and out, painting, Zamboni care

and operation.

Rod feels the biggest change has been the dance room upgrade and installing the new, more efficient, heating system.

Neil Krull started as a volunteer at 16 and has been at Chi Mukwa ever since. He liked working with people and all the events including hockey games. Krull took an opportunity to work as a JTPA student worker in the custodial department. Other hats he has worn were with the summer recreation and after school programs and the custodial department. Neil said his immediate co-workers are a major reason why he enjoys working at Chi Mukwa.

All-In-One Fitness Center 10 years and going strong

In its 10 years in Chi Mukwa, the fitness center has seen the most change in programming, patronage and location.

Its first location was in what is currently the "Rec Room" on the main floor. Location number two was the East Wing, now the YEA computer lab and the third phase of expansion put it back on the main floor in the "Rec Room" and "Bear Den."

With the continued demand for space and equipment, the fitness center was moved to the mezzanine on March 1, 2001, and occupies 4,000 square feet. In December of that year, 500 additional square feet were added. Currently 650 club members enjoy the center.

In addition to the fitness center, the mezzanine area is also home to an indoor walking track, where ten laps equal one mile. This track, open the same hours as the facility, is accessible to everyone — no membership is necessary.

Connie Hill, Wellness Program manager since 2003, and her staff of four fitness instructors and four weight room monitors, have put together a two-week free schedule to go along with the Chi Mukwa celebration.

Please help us to celebrate by attending our events listed here. Look for special promotions and drawings in the fitness center.

Since fitness and nutrition go hand-in-hand, Kristy Hill, RD, will be offering healthy food choice demonstrations including protein drinks, healthy snacks, energy bars and the importance of dairy during this two-week event.

Sept. 18-29, 2006

Calendar of free events

Monday, Sept. 18, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. — Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. - Early bird; 12:15-1 p.m. - Women's weight training; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Cardio mix.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and

walking track; 12:15-1 p.m. - Beginner Pilates; 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Pilates; 5:45-6:45 p.m. — Kickboxing

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. - Early bird; 12:15-1 p.m. - Women's weight training; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Cardio mix.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Pilates; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Kickboxing.

Friday, Sept. 22, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. - Early bird.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track.

Sunday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track.

Monday, Sept. 25, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. - Early bird; 12:15-1 p.m. - Women's weight training; 5:30-

6:30pm - Demonstrations: kick boxing, step aerobics, Pilates, toning and sculpting and cardio mix.

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 12:15-1 p.m. - Beginners Pilates; 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Pilates; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Kickboxing.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. — Early bird; 12:15-1 p.m. - Women's weight training; 1 p.m. - Dance Room grand opening; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Cardio mix.

Thursday, Sept. 28, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Pilates; 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Kickboxing.

Friday, Sept. 29, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. - Open weight room and walking track; 5:45-6:45 a.m. - Early bird.

If you have any questions, please call Connie at (906) 635-7465, ext. 54979.

Chi Mukwa Tenth Anniversary Coloring Contest

All children, 10 and under, please enter our "Color the Bear" contest. There will be three categories — (four and under, five to seven and eight to ten years old). Tribe and community children are eligible for this contest. The Bear coloring pages are available starting Sept. 5 at Chi Mukwa reception. To qualify for the \$10 gift certificate, entries must be dropped off at the reception area by 9 p.m. on Sept. 26. The three winners will be announced during the cake reception at 1 p.m. on Sept. 27. For more information, please call (906) 635-RINK (7465).

Interesting Chi Mukwa Facts

Chi Mukwa translates to Big Bear, 150,000 square feet of usable space, 3,372 gallons of paint used on interior, 88 feet is the deepest point of the foundation, 750 tons structural steel used on facility, 14,000 tons gravel to construct the arena parking lot, 430 paved parking spots for vehicles, 118 panels of glass on the mezzanine level, 10,000 yards of concrete to construct the arena, 69,000 concrete blocks used in building, 150,000 lineal feet of drywall, 10,000 gallons of water used to make a one inch sheet of ice 85' x 200,' 15 miles of refrigeration tubing needed for the NHL sized rink and 20 miles of refrigeration tubing needed for the Olympic sized rink.

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Community Health Services

The Sault Tribe Community Health Services Department is housed within the Health Division under the management of Marilyn Hillman, Community Health; Marlene Glaesman, Rural Health, and Chico Belonga, Newberry Community Health. Community Health offers a wide variety of health promotion and disease prevention services. These services are offered throughout our seven-county service area through tribal clinic and health center sites. Sites include Sault Ste. Marie, Hessel, St. Ignace, Newberry, Manistique, Munising, Marquette, Escanaba and Kinross.

Most services are provided with a "team approach" by community health nurses and technicians, health educators, nutrition, and diabetes staff, along with providers, pharmacy, and other health staff. The Community Health team collaborates on many community group activities and events such as health fairs, work site screenings, CPR and first aid, flu shot clinics, as well as facilitating support groups for diabetes, heart, cancer, and tobacco cessation.

Community Health nurse and Community Health technician programs

The community health or rural health nurse works with providers and other health professionals to provide direct care to the patient relevant to nursing. All nurses are registered nurses. Services are provided in home, in the tribal clinic or health center, schools, and in work place settings. Nurses are an advocate for patient care and healthy living.

One role of the community health technician is to act as a "bridge" between you and your family to learn and receive available services within the tribe and the local community. Techs are nurses aides who can take your blood pressure and blood sugar, provide foot care, as well as other health care services.

The Diabetes Program

The Diabetes Program offers educational services to help peo-

ple manage their diabetes, such as individual counseling and group education classes on a variety of topics. The diabetes educators team up with other Sault Tribe health programs, such as nutrition, health education and medical providers, to provide a well-rounded plan of care designed for each patient based on his or her needs. The diabetes program includes services for those with types one and two diabetes, pre-diabetes, gestational diabetes, pregnancy with pre-existing diabetes, metabolic syndrome, kidney changes, and heart health. Working with a diabetes educator, people can learn to handle many of the challenges diabetes presents.

For more information on the services provided in the Community Health Program or to make an appointment, please call the facility you are interested in.

- Clinic or Health Center Site, Sault Ste. Marie Health Center, (906) 632-5210
- Hessel Community Health Clinic, (906) 484-2727
- St. Ignace, Lambert Center, (906) 643-8689
- Kinross Community Health Clinic, (906) 495-5745
- Newberry Community Health Clinic, (906) 293-8181
- Munising and Marquette Health Center, (906) 387-4614
- Manistique Health Center, (906) 341-8442
- Escanaba Community Health Clinic, (906) 786-9211

Nutrition Services Program

Do you want to know how food can help you stay healthy and prevent disease? How about ways to treat diabetes or heart disease? The Sault Tribe employs eight nutritionists, all registered dietitians, in the seven-county service area. Nutritionists are available to meet with you for individual nutrition counseling about anything related to health and disease, such as diabetes, heart disease, cholesterol, high blood pressure, weight is-

ues, heartburn, pregnancy, breast feeding, how to feed your children or how to limit weight gain when quitting smoking. This department also offers nutrition and cooking classes for groups throughout the year. Watch for class announcements in *The Sault Tribe News* or call to arrange a class for your family, friends or co-workers. Call any tribal health clinic or community health office to contact us.

Do you need recipes for USDA commodity foods or want to learn how to shop, cook or budget your money? A nutrition education aide can assist anyone in Chippewa County who receives commodities or food stamps. If you want to learn how this program can help you, call (906) 632-5210.

Community Health Education Program

Community health educators plan and coordinate activities to prevent chronic disease. These activities include stress management, tobacco cessation counseling and prevention, physical activity, awareness education, work site health promotion, and youth education and prevention. Three community health educators provide resources and services throughout the service area.

Health Advisory Program

The Health Advisory Program focuses on tribal and community Human Immunodeficiency Virus and sexually transmitted disease (HIV/STD) prevention. It is a program that provides HIV/STD prevention services to the service area. The services provided include HIV/STD awareness and prevention presentations, informational displays, health fairs, counseling and HIV testing (using the new convenient needle-free OraSure device and now sometimes using rapid HIV testing).

All services are provided free upon request to all community members. The hours of service are adjustable upon client needs to include some evening and weekend appointments. Contact us at (906) 632-5265 or (906) 632-5255.

Youth support proper tobacco use vs abuse



Winners of the YEA Youth Empowerment Powwow tobacco abuse poster contest were, Left, Erin Currie, third place, her sister Holly Currie, first place, Travis Eggert, second place and Dre McLeod, fourth place.

PHOTO BY ALAN KAMUDA

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS, COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATOR

This summer Sault Tribe's Community Health Education Department and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan armed with the theme *Tobacco Use vs. Abuse* set up informative booths at some of the local powwows. The booths were aimed at educating young people and their families in the importance of tobacco as a medicine and the dangers of smoking or chewing.

Poster contests sponsored by Community Health were held at the July 4 Sault Tribe powwow and the Aug. 5 YEA Youth Empowerment Powwow to give our youth a chance to share their thoughts on the topic. More than 50 kids from near and far participated and every entry has a story to tell. In an effort to spread this message and honor the talents of our youth, we will be displaying these posters throughout the Sault Tribe's service area.

Congratulations to all the contest winners: Hailey King, Sault, Ont.; Rita Devoy, Sault, Mich.; Alyssa Sagataw, Hannahville; Holly Currie, Hessel; Travis Eggert, Sault; Erin Currie, Hessel;

and Dre McLeod, Bay Mills.

Tobacco Use vs. Abuse

Truth: Tobacco is sacred because it is a powerful medicine. Smoking cigarettes, cigars, and chewing commercial tobaccos is not part of the healing prescription.

Abuse: Commercial tobacco (any manufactured or processed tobacco bought in a store) contains thousands of poisonous chemicals including those brands that claim to contain no preservatives or additives.

Truth: Traditional tobacco, when grown and gathered properly, has been used to prevent childhood sickness, conduct powerful ceremonies, reduce fevers and swelling, relieve headaches, toothaches and more.

Abuse: Some companies use American Indian symbols to try to entice people to buy their brand. Tobacco companies are smart at convincing people to buy their products.

Truth: The Environmental Protection Agency states second hand smoke causes 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 37,000 heart disease deaths in nonsmokers each year.

The Newberry Tribal Health Center holds diabetes support group



Joyce Merriam, left, and Alice Feigel hold up the sage plants they worked on at the support group meeting in Newberry.

All participants assisted in the gathering of plants and making their own medicine as well as decorative items from sacred plants. The projects completed at the support groups in Newberry generate a lot of happy times for the participants. This group meets monthly at the center with a new activity each time. August meeting will be the annual picnic. For more information contact Kathy Manville at (906) 293-8181.

Tribe to conduct Community Health phone survey with the Inter-Tribal Council

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe project will be conducting a personalized phone survey called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey which will be conducted from October through December 2006. Randomly selected Sault Tribe members will be called at their residence to participate.

The objective of the survey is to collect accurate, tribal-specific data on preventive health practices and risk behaviors that are linked to chronic diseases, injuries and preventable infectious diseases in the tribe's adult population. The council will work with Michigan State University's Institute of Public Policy and Social Research to conduct the survey while incorporating cultural sensitivity and respect. The survey is part of an ongoing effort to assure tribal members throughout Michigan have fair representation in health status data collection.

The eight tribes participating in the program are Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Huron Potawatomi Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community,

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

The Sault Tribe, in conjunction with the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Grant, is asking our tribe members for help. We realize that phone surveys may be inconvenient, but when the time comes, we are requesting that you complete this phone survey on behalf of yourself and fellow tribe members. The survey is completely anonymous and no one will ever be able to identify you from your responses. Your name or address will never be known; only your phone numbers will be used to contact you.

You may not receive a call from surveyors, but if you do, please do not hang up on these important people who are conducting this survey. The total amount of surveys completed will assist the Sault Tribe in grant writing efforts which may help our tribe in the future. Please try to participate if you are called. We greatly appreciate your valued time and assistance in this project.

Those who participate in this survey will provide many valuable benefits to Sault Tribe. The data will be useful when applying for grants,

implementing health programs and interventions and in determining how tribal health care systems are working. Anyone with questions concerning the survey can contact Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program Coordinator, Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844 or e-mail dnorkoli@saulttribe.net.



Mark the date and look for coming announcements: This year the Sault Tribe Community Health Education Department is sponsoring Rez Walk and Play on Sept. 30, 2006, in honor of National Family Health and Fitness Day.

Students should focus on educational needs, not a school's name

BY ANGELINE MATSON

I recently read an interesting article in the Aug. 21, 2006, issue of *Time* magazine.

Many students set their sights on admission to Ivy League schools such as Harvard or other "top tier" schools such as Stanford, University of Michigan, and Notre Dame. Lesser known schools are viewed as second choice or "safeties." Yet more and more high school counselors are encouraging students to consider these other schools.

High school students would do better to consider how well a college fits their needs rather than focusing on the name of the school. "Just because you haven't heard of a college doesn't mean it's no good," says Marilee

Jones, the admissions dean at MIT. Some of these lesser known schools provide opportunities for students to "work with NASA on deep-space experiments, or maintain a year-round ski cabin or funds a full year of traveling in the developing world."

The University of Georgia has a scholarship program which provides free tuition and spring break and summer vacation travel.

Ashley Rufus was on the waiting list at Harvard but chose Truman State University. The rural Missouri school made her an offer she couldn't refuse, "Get a great undergraduate education with us and we'll pick up the tab."

James Sanchez turned down Harvard to attend Davidson

College. His reason? He has the rare opportunity for an undergraduate student to do research alongside his professors and be a co-author of research studies to be published in neuroscience journal. At the "prestige" schools, he figured he "would have been lucky to spend his lab time washing beakers for the star scientists."

"College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won." There are so many great schools out there. Students should contact their high school counselors or advisors for more information.

Web searches and college ranking guides are also helpful.

Please read the full article for even more helpful hints.

All quotes came from the *Time* magazine article.

Matson attends American Indian workshop

Christopher H. Matson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., participated in the American Indian workshop, one of the various youth programs at Michigan Technological University. It was held at the campus in Houghton, Mich., on June 12-16.



an ox eye and look at a sheep's brain." He visited Copper Harbor, played football, and made new friends during the free time periods. He especially enjoyed staying in the college dorms.

Chris is a seventh grader at St. Mary's School in Sault Ste.

Marie. His parents are Bill and Angeline Matson. His grandparents are Donna and Henry Boulley, Sr. and Francis (Skip) Matson and the late Shirley Matson.

The workshops are offered at no cost to Michigan children ages 12-17. Transportation is available. For information about the 2007 program, contact Lori Sherman at MTU (906) 487-2920 or lash-erma@mtu.edu.

The workshop offers young American Indian students the chance to experience university life and to investigate various fields of interest. Another of the workshop's goals is to help students solve problems through hands-on, minds-on activities in science, engineering, mathematics and technology.

Chris had a great time, "The classes weren't work, they were more like fun. We got to dissect

Native American lawyer to speak at United Conference

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Gerald Hill, a private consultant in tribal government and Native language activism, will be a keynote speaker at the UNITED—Uniting Neighbors In The Experience of Diversity—Conference to be held Sept. 17-19 at Northern Michigan University.

Hill previously served as the

chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe for more than 20 years. He was responsible for coordinating all legal services for the Oneida Tribe, including representation of Indian child welfare cases and tribal school issues. He is currently serving his fifth term as president of the Indigenous Language Institute.

Former photojournalist Jim Hubbard will also be a keynote speaker. In 1989, he created Shooting Back, an organization dedicated to empowering children at risk by teaching them photography.

The purpose of UNITED is to affirm diversity as an important value at NMU. Other key-

note speakers, including radical activist and philosopher Angela Davis, will be in attendance. Entertainment will be provided by Grammy Award-winning reggae band Gizzae, as well as Native American drummers, singers and dancers.

UNITED will be held in collaboration with Lake Superior

State University, Michigan Technological University, and various Upper Peninsula community colleges. For more information, contact Judith Puncocchar at (906) 227-1366 or jpuncocch@nmu.edu.

Protecting nutritional health in Michigan: State becomes 46th to license dietitians

From the *American Dietetic Association's On The Pulse*, August 16, 2006.

Following a year of persistent grass roots lobbying, the Michigan Dietetic Association (MDA) has beaten the odds. Michigan became the 46th state in the nation to recognize dietitians when Governor Jennifer Granholm (D) signed Enrolled Bill S. 403, which establishes a licensing framework for dietitians and nutritionists, sets license fees, and creates the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition. It takes effect July 1, 2007.

The measure includes a well structured and clear scope of practice that establishes that licensed dietitians do the following:

Assess the nutritional needs of an individual or group, determin-

ing the resources and constraints of meeting those needs, and recommending proper nutrition intake to satisfy those needs.

Establish priorities, goals and objectives to meet the nutritional needs of the individual or group based on available resources and constraints.

Provide nutritional counseling regarding health and disease.

Develop, implement and manage a nutrition care system.

Evaluate, adjust, and maintain a standard of quality in dietetics and nutrition care services.

Provide medical nutrition therapy.

Under the new law, a person would be prohibited from using the title of dietitian and nutritionist unless licensed under the bill. Michigan, like South Carolina

and a couple of other states had repeatedly considered but consistently failed to enact dietetics licensing laws over the past three decades. This time, a combination of factors made it possible to finally achieve the goal. According to Legislative Chair Charity Simpkins, success was possibly because scores of MDA members united to communicate effectively with legislators, state officials, health care groups and others. MDA praised their lobbyist Kathy DeGrow, who "kept us aware of the legislative process, and asked the right questions when we were challenged about the content," said Simpkins.

When opponents to licensing suggested weakening the bill, the MDA team evaluated, conferred with ADA and generally held

their position. MDA was able to share national data on the effects of licensing, discuss the matter of "harm" that occurs when dietitians are not licensed and they provided context for the value of licensed professionals in an evolving health care system. "We learned from our experience," said Simpkins. "For example, the measure signed today is similar to legislation that was passed in 1998 but vetoed by then-Governor John Engler (R). However, it is a stronger measure than eight years ago: this year MDA sought and won licensing with an appropriately strong scope of practice – rather than simple regulation by registration. Just as health care changes, so do politics, legislators and governors. The environment this year is clearly more pro-nutrition

than in the past. It underscores why it is important to always focus on building relationships in state government – something that thousands of MDA volunteers have pursued successfully for decades. Having legislators, regulators and agency leaders know you helps facilitate action when the time is right," she said.

With Michigan now in the licensed column, only four states are without licensing, certification or title protection. A number of affiliates are attempting to strengthen dietetics scopes of practice in their states. Still other affiliates are considering how to upgrade existing certification or title protection statutes.

Eighth annual Triad Conference

The eighth annual Triad Conference, titled "Senior Eye on Safety" is being hosted by Triad of Marquette County at Steer and Stein Restaurant in Marquette on Thursday, Sept. 28.

The day will begin with a presentation on medication interactions and how they can affect our safety. Additional speakers will address topics including protecting ourselves from falls, safe driving tips, preparing for an emergency, and how to best protect our safety in and out of the home.

A panel discussion with local law enforcement administrators will give conference attendees the

opportunity to ask questions about community safety.

Informational displays will be provided by local agencies such as the Alzheimer's Association, Marquette County Commission on Aging, Triad of Marquette County, the Marquette Women's Center, Central UP Chapter American Red Cross, Marquette County Emergency Management, Upper Peninsula Home Health and Hospice, and MGHS Trauma and EMS Departments.

Sponsored by Triad of Marquette County and the Marquette County Commission on Aging, the conference is open to

all seniors, professionals, law enforcement agencies, emergency services workers, and anyone else who is interested in issues involving seniors.

There is no registration fee to attend the conference; however donations will be accepted to help defray costs. Morning refreshments, lunch and door prizes will be provided. Assistance with transportation may be available.

For more information or to register for the conference call Kathy at the Marquette County Commission on Aging at (906) 226-4184.

Sault Tribe dietitians

The names and locations of the dietitians for the Sault Tribe are as follows:

Sault Tribe Health Center, Sault Ste. Marie: Betty Noland, RD, MS, Charla Gordon, RD, CHES, MA, Julie Trestrail, RD, Kristy Hill, RD, Stacy Storey, RD.

Kinross Community Clinic: Betty Noland, RD, MS.

Chippewa County Health Department, Sault Ste. Marie: Kristy Fox, RD.

Chippewa Dialysis Unit, Sault Ste. Marie: Julie Trestrail, RD.

Lambert Health Center,

St. Ignace: Gail Stormzand, RD, MBA, CDE; Stacy Storey, RD.

Moses Dialysis Unit, St. Ignace: Gail Stormzand, RD, MBA, CDE.

Hessel Community Health Center: Gail Stormzand, RD.

Manistique and Newberry Tribal Health Centers: Gail Sulander, MS, RD, CDE.

Eastern U.P. Dialysis Unit, Newberry: Gail Sulander, MS, RD, CDE.

Munising, Escanaba and Marquette Tribal Health Centers: Cassie Britton, RD.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.

Eggert promoted to manage tribe's information systems



The Sault Tribe announced the promotion of Jay Eggert to director of management of information systems (MIS).

Eggert has worked for the Sault Tribe for over 16 years, with 10

years of managing technical staff. He started working for the MIS department in 1995 as a systems administrator and then moved to his most recent position of network administrator. Eggert graduated from Lake Superior State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer information systems management. Eggert has been a valuable employee of the MIS division for several years. The Sault Tribe is confident Eggert's experience and years of service with the tribe will help facilitate the continued positive growth of the department.

According to Eggert, he started working for the tribe back in the mid 1980s as a valet and blackjack dealer. Eggert indicated he has been blessed to be a part of the growth the tribe has experi-

enced. "I thank everyone that I have worked with for their support and confidence. It is great to work for this organization. Any extra effort you put into your job goes to benefit the community and membership," stated Eggert.

Eggert is a Sault Tribe member who was born and raised in the Paradise area and currently resides in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife, Liz and two sons Travis and Ethan.

The MIS department is located at the Sault Tribe's administrative complex at 531 Ashmun Street in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. The new MIS director can be reached at (906) 632-6090 ext. 26748 or by e-mail at jeggert@saulttribe.net.

Janetos receives recognition for baseball skills

Sault Tribe member, Tommy Janetos, shows trophies he received for the 9U Baseball Championship, in Plantation, Fla. Tommy also received honor roll status for straight A grades and scholastic achievement from his school. This summer, Tommy is looking forward to fishing and playing golf. Tommy is the grandson of Ann McKechnie, Sault, Mich.



Mulally and Leonard announce engagement



Mr and Mrs George Leonard of DeTour Village announce the engagement of their son Kevin Philo Leonard of Lansing, Mich., to Shannon Erin Mulally of Lansing, Mich., daughter of Robert and Brenda Mulally of Rockford, Mich. A Sept. 30, 2006, wedding is planned at the Drummond Island Resort. Both George and Kevin Leonard are Sault Tribe members.

Unit IV elders visit Mackinaw City



On Friday, Aug. 11 the Manistique Unit IV tribal elders went to Mackinaw City and attended an acrobat show which was performed by The Golden Dragons. Afterward they enjoyed a buffet meal at the Amber Restaurant.

Horn recognized for outstanding performance

Sault Tribe member, Gary A. Horn of St. Ignace, was awarded a certificate of outstanding performance at the 2006 Mackinac State Historic Parks employee recognition ceremony on Aug. 11. Horn is a 21-year veteran employee of the Mackinac Island State Park. He was recognized for his 'can do' attitude and his willingness to accept responsibility for park operations work in Mackinac Island State Park and around Fort Mackinac. Mackinac State Historic Parks Director Phil Porter presented the award. In addition to his certificate, Horn received a MSHP logo key chain and a \$40 gift certificate.



Sault Community Theater presenting *The Guys*

The Sault Community Theater in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., will present the play *The Guys* written by Anne Nelson and directed by Michelle Breen.

Less than two weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan, receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who has lost most of his men in the attack. He's looking for a writer to help him with the eulogies he must present at their memorial services. Nick and Joan spend a long afternoon together, recalling the fallen men through recounting their virtues and their foibles, and fashioning the stories into memorials or words. In the process, Nick and Joan discover the possibilities of friendship in each other and their shared love for the unconquerable spirit of the city. As they make their way through the emotional landscape of grief, they draw on humor, tango, and the enduring bonds of common humanity. *The Guys* is based on a true story.

Showtimes are Sept. 8, 9 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. They will perform at the Downtown Soo Theater. All seats are \$15 and the proceeds will be donated to the local Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department.

For more information, please call (906) 632-7090 or visit their Web site at www.saultcommunitytheater.org.

Rutledge and Eberhart united in marriage

Kalynn Rutledge of Harrison and Pete Eberhart of Clare were united in marriage on June 17, 2006, at Brown Corners United Brethren in Christ Church in Clare. Kalynn is the granddaughter of Lorraine Rutledge of Sugar Island and the daughter of Randy and Lisa Rutledge of Harrison. She is employed at Biolife in Mt. Pleasant while attending CMU. Kalynn is a 2001 graduate of Harrison High School.

Pete is the son of Martin (Mort) and Maida Eberhart of Clare and is employed at Johnson Elevator in Clare while attending SVSU. Pete is a 1997 graduate of Clare High School and currently coaches Freshman football for Clare.

The bride's sister, Shaye Rutledge (Harrison), was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids included Hollie Harcourt (Harrison), Jennifer Seibt (Clare), Jamie Bailey (Clare), and Samantha Rutledge (Ariz.). The groom's brother, Sam Eberhart (Clare), was the best man. The groomsmen included Joe Murphy (Clare), Josh Seibt (Clare), David Lewis



(Clare), and Mike Falsetta (Clare). The ushers were Tommy Lewis and Mike Tyrna. The flower girl was Vanessa Lyons and the ring bearer was Clayton Shively.

A reception was held at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant and the couple spent their honeymoon in the Poconos. Kalynn and Pete are pursuing teaching careers and plan to reside in Clare.

Baker siblings receive honors



SUBMITTED BY DAWN BAKER

Above left: On June 7, Brittany Rose Baker, second-grade student at Gerrish-Higgins Elementary School was recognized by her teacher, Mrs. Rosczyk, for her academic accomplishments and talent. She received a Remarkable Music Award Certificate for good show for her performance in a patriotic song and tap dance routine, a Super Reader Certificate for first place for reading 471 books in her class, an All Star Reader Medal, a handwriting award blue ribbon and a yellow field day ribbon for participating in Funky Field Day where fun activities were played and teachers, students and family members attended.

Above right: For the 2005-06 hockey season and for Spring League 2006, Brendan Reece Baker played Mini-Mites for the Gaylord Cobras in the Ostego County Hockey Association. Brendan earned the following hockey patches: Academic All Star for the good grades he earned in school, Playmaker for the great assists he made on goals this season, Blue Line for playing defense well and an OCHA patch for playing for the district and a Kaines Classic Medal for participation in the Kaines Classic Friendship Festival in January where the Gaylord Cobras won all the games at the tournament. Cobra's coach was Chris Kelly and assistant coach was Brian Ross. Brendan is formerly from St. Ignace where he played for the St. Ignace Saints.

Brittany and Brendan are the children of Nick and Dawn Baker of Roscommon. They are the grandchildren of Robert Roger and Elaine Horn of St. Ignace.

Horseshoe Bay Restaurant at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace



Head Chef Bob VanHeulvalen with a T-bone steak selection from the restaurant's menu in front of the United Nations buffet that offers a multi-cultural cuisine from around the world.

BY BOB FLOWERS

The Horseshoe Bay Restaurant, located in the new Kewadin Casino, St. Ignace, is a wonderful culinary addition to the eastern Upper Peninsula. Along with its sister-restaurant, the Dream Catcher's in Sault Ste. Marie, customers can expect a wonderful variety of high quality food.

This critique will be written with brutal honesty so as to give you a true sense of what to expect from this gleaming new eatery. The décor is appropriate, with an understated elegance that is bright and open. The entire space is spotlessly clean, spacious and inviting. The furniture is comfortable as well.

There are two types of food available to the customer, individual meals from the menu and foods from the buffet. I have eaten from both and have never been disappointed. First, the buffet is hot, and kept fresh. That is very important as the food is kept

hot enough to continue cooking. This can result in mushy veggies and dried out, overcooked meats and seafood. It is a real challenge to the restaurant staff to keep any buffet fare to the high standards achieved by the Horseshoe Bay kitchen staff. I have enjoyed everything from Kung Pow Chicken to ribs, to sweet potatoes at the buffet. The seafood has always been perfectly cooked, as have the various vegetables, meats and pastas. In addition, many restaurants serve buffet foods that "taste as if they were taken fresh from the can, and put on the steam table." The buffet food at the Horseshoe bay is well thought out, creative and made fresh in the kitchen every day. Where else can you peel off chunks of smoked fish, from a whole whitefish lying on a slab of wood? This buffet is stellar. The only complaint I can muster is that the utensils with which you plate your food can be a bit on the

hot-side. So, be careful with them. The food available from the menu puts most other local restaurants to shame. Wild game, fresh fish (rainbow trout and whitefish can be had here, folks) and beef are cooked to perfection and served hot to your table.

I know the chefs and cooks at both the Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace locations and both take their jobs very seriously. The kitchens are well organized and run efficiently. All I can say is, I'm impressed, and I'm not a guy who is easily impressed where food is concerned.

Can you get a better meal for a better price anywhere in the U.P.? Sure you can, but only if you know how to cook very well, have the suitable appliances and have the required ingredients available. I highly recommend the new Horseshoe Bay Restaurant. I eat there every time I'm in the area.

Stork Report



Cavan Daniel Mortinsen was born on May 26, 2006, at Owosso Memorial Hospital in Owosso, Mich. He weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Parents are Darin and Melissa Mortinsen of Michigan, now living in Wyoming.

Brothers are Caden and Kolton.

Grandparents are Jeffrey and Patricia Richards of Millington, Mich., and Jerry and Pamela Mortinsen of Perry, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Rosetta Maleport, Myron and Delores Mortinsen of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.



Carson Lawrence Yoder was born to Karl and Lynn Yoder of St. Ignace Aug. 11, 2006, at 4:15 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed eight pounds, 7.8 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins a big sister Lauren, age 7.

Grandparents are Larry and Sharron Lasley of St. Ignace and Elva and Jane Yoder of Goshen, Ind. Great-grandparents are Claris Snyder of St. Ignace and Viola Harshberger of Goshen.



Mr. and Mrs. Debra-Ann Pine and Dr. Christopher S. Hall are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter Jadamarie Wen Wens Gidbiik Hall-Pine. Born June 29, 2006, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She weighed nine pounds, three ounces and is almost big enough to hit the powwow trail as a shawl dancer. Jada joins her brothers Justin and Nick Dangler at home. Both boys expect to teach her to play hockey. Grandparents of Jada are Jolene and Robert Graham of the Sault, Alex Pine of Alpena, Mich. and Darlene Jenkins of Washington State.



Happy birthday Anna Lyons
Aug. 24

Love your daughters and husband,
Nancy, Sylvia, Patti, Cynthia
and William Lyons



Happy birthday Theodore J. Vallce
Sept. 2

Love your daughters,
Nancy, Sylvia, Patti, Cynthia
and Sandy

Chorizo Mexicano

BY BOB FLOWERS

Chorizo comes in two forms, hard and soft. The hard chorizo is much like pepperoni and usually goes by the name, Spanish Chorizo. But the topic of this article is its Mexican cousin.

Mexican chorizo is a highly spiced, uncooked sausage with a loose, greasy texture. It is used in great quantity in the Southwest as a flavoring agent for scrambled eggs, burritos, chili, taco meat, etc., and when you purchase it in the supermarket, you don't want to read the ingredients list. Some of the animal parts that are used will scare you.

The recipe I'm giving you is much less greasy, but has all of the flavor and is made from great ingredients, no lips, snouts or other questionable body parts. You can either use this sausage in bulk form or stuff sausage casings with it. But either way, it will add flavor to any tex/mex dishes you add it to. Enjoy.

Ingredients:

- 2 lb. lean pork, coarsely ground
- ¼ lb. pork fat
- 2 tbs. paprika
- 2 tbs. chili powder (hot)
- 1 tsp. coarse-ground black pepper
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. nutmeg
- ½ tsp. cloves
- ¼ tsp. coriander
- ¼ tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 tsp. salt
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed
- ½ cup white vinegar

Chop the pork fat into a fine cube. Combine the meat and fat. Add the remaining ingredients and mix together until all ingredients are evenly distributed.

Fry up the sausage as needed to add flavor to breakfast burritos, scrambled eggs, or add to soup, chili or even taco salad.

3rd annual Youth Empowerment Powwow



Migizii Qwe leads her partner through the hand tunnel during a two-step dance at the powwow.



Above: The directions flags were placed in the center of the dance circle at the powwow. The north direction flag unfurls fully in the gentle August breeze which helped cool the dancers.



Left: It was a good afternoon to sit back, relax and watch the dancers at the city park in Garnet, Mich. Right: A little brave wearing a thunderbird head band watches the dancers from the arms of his father at his first powwow.



Photos by Alan Kamuda

Sault Tribe Youth Councils from throughout the service area held a powwow on Aug. 5 in Garnet, Mich., to promote community awareness for preventing the misuse of tobacco. The event was funded by a \$3,000 grant from the Prevention Network called Special Populations of Color Prevention Network Grant.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities, and OJJP/Tribal Court also provided support. Dorothy Currie and Kelly Whitefeather prepared great feasts that nourished local youth who had camped nearby at Garnet Lake campground.

These ladies cooked meals at Rexton Community Center consisting of more than a dozen courses, providing plenty of food for the army of powwow goers.

Participants in the event were Jackie Halfaday-Minton, master of ceremonies; Tic Bush, head veteran; Lana Causley, head female dancer; John Miller, head

male dancer; Tony Grondin, arena director; Venessa Generou, head youth female dancer; and Nashoba Stobnicke, head youth male dancer. Participating drums were Aabaazii, from Bay Mills, Black Bear, representing Hessel and the youth drum from Negaunee.

Prevention Network is a statewide program, which for 20 years has offered services such as technical assistance, training, a newsletter and other information, mini grants, and networking opportunities to community groups to support their involvement in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention. Prevention Network also coordinates such statewide efforts as Parenting Awareness Month and the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking.

For its awards, Prevention Network chooses projects which are innovative, use proven, and appropriately targeted strategies, are culturally sensitive, and are

potential models for other communities. Groups receiving Prevention Network grants represent the diverse volunteer community organizations involved in prevention in Michigan. Their projects are exemplary efforts to assist individuals to make healthy choices and to create environments in which these choices are encouraged, supported and easier to sustain.

Prevention Network is administered by Prevention Michigan, Inc. with funding provided through the Michigan Department of Community Health/Office of Drug Control Policy and Michigan State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning.

For additional information, contact Youth Education and Activities (906) 635-7010 or Sheila Taylor, Director, Prevention Network, (800) 968-4968.



Arena Director Tony Grondin gives a young participant a few directions.



Two youngsters from Bay Mills dance hand in hand at the powwow.



Venessa Generou, head youth female dancer and Nashoba Stobnicke, head youth male dancer, far right, lead the dancers through a two-step dance.



WIA student workers Rob Peters and Zach Frazier pose in the back row with Sault Tribe Child Care Center team members Alicia Gervais, Beverly MacLaren, Susan Jones and the center's Head Start class during graduation.



Tiara Haines, 4, Levi Payment, 5, (above) and Myah McKerchie, 4, Thalen Hoffman, 4, and Eugene Gravelle, 4, (below) wait patiently for their diplomas during Head Start graduation.



Who's prouder, student of relative? Ted Holappa and grandson Kyle Dowd, 5, left, or Heather Corbiere and daughter MaKenna Corbiere, 4, right, show off the diplomas after the Head Start graduation.



(Above) Kijhay McKeever, 5, right, hugs Gizheday Matrious, 4, after the graduation. (Below) Tiara Haines is presented with door prize beta fish at the Parent Appreciation Night.



Graduates of the Child Care Center's Head Start class wait for instructions after the ceremony.

Sault Tribe Child Care Center Parent Appreciation Night and Head Start graduation

The summer of 2006 draws to a close at Sault Tribe Child Care Center with Parent Appreciation Night hosted by the center's team members and the center's Head Start classroom graduation ceremony held at Kewadin Casino in the Sault.



MaKenna Corbiere, 4, right, recites the alphabet as she walks around the letters chalked on the entrance of the Child Care Center during the festivities while Head Start teacher Beverly MacLaren, left, chalks a chalk outline of Sydney Hagan, 4.

Photos by Alan Kamuda



Constitution Committee going through stages

BY RICK SMITH

The Sault Tribe Constitution Committee continues to progress through the process of revising our tribe's Constitution. The committee consists of 28 members elected last January who are charged with collecting members' suggestions and drafting proposed amendments to the Sault Tribe's Constitution.

Meetings began in Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 18-19. The committee meets bi-monthly throughout our tribe's service area until December, along with a few visits scheduled for the lower peninsula of Michigan.

Our tribe hired two American Indian attorneys, Richard Monette and Robert Lyttle, who have 17 years experience in helping tribes with constitutional revisions. The attorneys called for the formation of the Constitution Committee along with developing guidelines and rules for administering the amendment process.

Once the committee develops a final draft of the new Constitution, it will be submitted to the board of directors for approval and to ask the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval to conduct a final vote of approval

by our tribe's members.

The members of the committee are grappling with heady, and sometimes sticky, issues. It appears that, so far, matters of sovereignty, territory, separation of powers and shaping tribal courts have been settled. Pending matters regard the board of directors, the tribal newspaper and the bill of rights among other issues.

The committee encourages all tribe members to attend each meeting to give input regarding amendments to the Sault Tribe's constitution. Time is scheduled during each meeting for members to express their concerns.

So far, it appears the tribal Constitution is undergoing some major changes under the committee. For example, Article I of our present Constitution simply reads, "The name of this organization shall be the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Its members trace their ancestry to the six historical bands of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians."

In a working draft suggested by the committee, Article I is three sections on sovereignty and reads, "Section 1. Source of Sovereignty. The people shall be the source

of all governing authority and power vested in the tribe by this Constitution.

"Section 2. Supremacy. This Constitution shall be the supreme law over the government and all the people of the tribe. All laws and actions of the government shall be consistent with this Constitution.

"Section 3. Delegation of Sovereignty. The government shall exercise only the authority and powers granted by the people in the Constitution."

Similar drastic suggested changes to Articles appear to continue with regularity so far in the process. It is still anyone's guess how our new Constitution will read before getting final approval from our members. In the meantime, all members are strongly encouraged to attend any Constitution Committee meetings as possible to help forge this vital document.

Constitution Committee meetings scheduled for Sept. 22-23 have changed location. On Sept. 22, the meeting will be held in Grand Rapids. On Sept. 23, the meeting will be in Detroit. Specific meeting locations will be announced at a later date.

Constitution Committee update for Aug. 5

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Although audience participation wasn't impressive with only one tribe member in attendance until after the noon break, facilitators Robert Lyttle and Richard Monette were very impressive in their ability to guide the discussion and keep the committee on track.

Since the facilitators play an important role in the progress of the committee here is some background information on them. Robert Lyttle is a member of the Cheyenne Arapaho tribe of Oklahoma and currently resides in Arizona. His partner Richard Monette is from the Turtle Mountain Chippewa in North Dakota. The pair graduated in the same class from law school but went their own ways before connecting 14 years ago and forming their current partnership. They now work for the law firm of Brown and LaCounte in Wisconsin. Both facilitators began helping Native American tribes right out of law school with legal issues. Robert Lyttle had this to say about the Sault Tribe Constitution Committee: "This is a very thorough committee,

they fully debate and discuss the issues. It's not dissimilar from what I am used to although this is a fairly large group and so it slows things down and is more time consuming when you have 27 people on a committee. It is larger than most committees I am used to working with."

At the beginning of the meeting Robert Monette addressed the committee and told them the structure of the document they are working on is good but that they are beating the details to death.

Chairman John Causley made the comment that he doesn't think the committee will be done with its task by this December's deadline.

The problem of committee member attendance was discussed with about half the committee being absent for the current meeting.

Topics for discussion at future meetings of the committee were brought up with those being double dipping, compensation, the Mackinac Band, and the chief executive role.

The rest of the meeting was spent drafting provisions for recall and removal of board members.

Removal of a board member was explained as being like an impeachment; the people vote the board member in but others can take him out, usually other board members.

Recall was explained as the membership electing the board member and the membership recalling that person. It was stated that in our current constitution the membership has no provision for recall. The facilitators warned the committee that a recall can be politically abused and must be drafted with distinct provisions in it to prevent that from happening.

It was decided by the committee to invite Mike McKerchie, chairman of the Election Committee to make a presentation at the next meeting of the current election process and what he believes some needed changes might be.

The committee, even though it is receiving almost no direction from the tribal membership, is crafting a living document for the future of our tribe with the help of the facilitators. For more information contact chairman John Causley at (906) 484-2921.

Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

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

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

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

We will keep working towards an Escanaba Community Center

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I am sorry that these board members: Todd Gravelle, Dennis McKelvie, DJ Hoffman, Bob LaPointe, Cathy Abramson, Lana Causley, and Joe Eitrem did this to our community. I don't know how either one of those individuals could go home that night and sleep. Our elders, community, myself and Tom are sick with that decision. Please take the time to call every one of the above board members and tell them that you are not going to tolerate being ignored anymore and want equal and fair services among the units. Myself and Tom are discouraged but not defeated we will continue to work towards getting this building that the community needs. There is talk about a referendum against the board rescinding the funding for the eight projects that was promised, and again the possibility of a loan to purchase the building in Escanaba. Will update you more next time.

Agreement in Principal: A resolution was brought forward to send the Inland Hunting and Fishing Agreement in Principal with the state out to our membership for their review and referendum vote before it is settled and the agreement signed. At Newberry's meeting the board voted this decision down and a majority of board members had already signed the

agreement. I did vote yes to send it to a vote of our membership, and I did not sign the agreement.

Manistique Community Center project: Flower beds.

It was brought to my attention that not all community members who worked on improving the grounds were mentioned and thanked for their involvement. So here is a updated list of people who we would like to say meg-wetch to for giving their time to plant, weed, and water the flower gardens and who purchased the flowers and trees.

- Manistique elders - donated \$200 to purchase a tree and flowers

- Marlene Glaseman - donated a tree.

- Viola Neadow - donated flowers.

- Tom and Shirley Shampine
- Don and Ruth Miller
- Helen and Jay Krummich
- Susan Barham
- Annie LaVigne
- Bob Ruska
- Lisa Schnuer

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve as one of your board representatives for the Unit IV area. If you need to contact me, call: (906) 341-6783 or my home toll free (888) 667-3809.

Denise Chase
513 N. Mackinac Ave.
Manistique, MI.

SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

JOM COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies (different units)

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

HEALTH COMMITTEE

2 Vacancies (different units)

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1 Commercial Fisherman Vacancy

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

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 Chippewas Indians Board of Directors

Attn: Joanne Carr

523 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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

Email: jcarr@saulttribe.net

Manistique Tribal Center open house

The Manistique Tribal center will be holding an open house on Sept. 19. Come meet the new Pharmacy and Optical Departments staff.

Open House

September 19, 2006

9-11 a.m. - Department tours

11 a.m. - Prayers/ceremony

11:30 a.m. - Ribbon cutting ceremony

Noon - Refreshments

Public welcome

Fisherman's Helper Referral Form

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Human Resource Department is accepting referrals for the Captains of commercial fishing boats. When the captains need helpers, they will contact the Sault Tribe Human Resource Department for referrals in their area.

Referral forms may be obtained and submitted at the following Sault Tribe Human Resource Department locations.

Please note this position is not affiliated with the Sault Tribe.

Sault Ste. Marie 2186 Shunk Road Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 635-7032 Toll Free (866) 635-7032	St. Ignace 3039 Mackinaw Trail St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-4176	Manistique 5698 W. Highway US 2 Manistique, MI 49854 (906) 341-9561
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PLEASE PRINT

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Address		City		State	
				Zip Code	
Telephone Number(s)				Today's Date	

Under CORA (Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority) regulations, helpers must be a member of one of the following tribes. Please mark the applicable box. **Documentation MUST accompany this form.**

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Pursuant to the CORA Commercial Fishing regulations and Tribal Code 20.102, fisherman helpers must obtain a helpers license to assist with commercial fishing activity. Members 18 years of age or older are eligible for a tribal fishing license if available. A member 16 to 18 years of age is eligible for a helper's license only with the written consent of a parent or guardian and approved by the Tribal Board of Directors

Sault Tribe WIA student worker appreciation luncheon



SUBMITTED BY BETTY SMITH

One hundred and fifty one students were employed this summer under the Summer Youth Program. This was a record from previous years when we employed an average of 98 students over a five-year period. This years students were working in Naubinway, Hessel, Kincheloe, Cooks, Gladstone, Munising, Curtis, St. Ignace, Sault Ste. Marie, Manistique, Garden, Newberry, Rudyard, Negaunee, Marquette, Kinross, Rapid River and Barbeau. We would like to thank the businesses and tribal departments that worked with student workers this summer. Kewadin Casinos provided transportation for the outlying areas and we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you Kewadin Casino management team for your assistance with this project.

Above: WIA and HR wanted to make this year special with a wrap-up session to try and get the kids together at the same time. Due to sports and family vacations some of the students were unable to attend.

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Entertainment rocks Kewadin St. Ignace

Kewadin Casino's new St. Ignace facility hosted two incredible entertainment acts during the month of August. These two shows are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to bringing entertainment acts into the St. Ignace area at this new entertainment venue.

"We saw an opportunity to use this area in our St. Ignace facility for something that could benefit the community and the casino," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "So far, it has been very successful and we are looking forward to bringing in additional acts very soon."

The building opened on June 15, 2006, and includes an 81-room on-site hotel, 225-seat Horseshoe Bay Restaurant, 125-seat Northern Pines Lounge, and Whitetail Sports Bar along with 30,000 square feet of entertainment space. The gaming area of the building is scheduled to open this fall. Currently, gaming is available at the "old" casino.

"The Merle Haggard concert on July 26, and the Train show on Aug. 10, were very beneficial to all departments at the new and old facility," said Darcy Chase, general manager of the Kewadin St. Ignace. "Both shows brought an increase compared to the previous two weeks in revenue with increased activity on our gaming floor, food, beverage and retail shops," she continued.

Chase hopes this new entertainment area will be used for future acts, seeing how well business has increased. Hopefully, the off time will be at a minimum. "The staff was very excited to have some big name entertainers down here," said Chase. "It is something new



to the area and helps promote our new facility and the whole St. Ignace area."

The next show scheduled for the St. Ignace casino is The Guess Who and Grand Funk Railroad on Sept. 21, 2006, at 7 p.m.

In August of 2006, the community residents of the eastern Upper Peninsula voted the Dream Catcher's Restaurant as having the best seafood and best dinner buffet, in *The Evening News Best of the Counties 2006* survey. In addition, the Sault casino was voted best entertainment venue.

Kewadin Casinos also received five awards from *Midwest Gaming and Travel Magazine*. Readers voted Kewadin Casinos their choice of Native casinos in Michigan for best players club, all properties; best players club



The entertainment area of the new St. Ignace resort and casino can seat over 1,500 and sold out for the Merle Haggard concert, above, the first major concert to be held at the resort.

PHOTOS BY ALAN KAMUDA

parties, Sault Ste. Marie; best cash back, all properties; favorite casino buffet, Dream Catchers

Restaurant, Sault Ste. Marie; and best concert venue, Dream Maker Theater, Sault Ste. Marie.

Poll shows majority of Americans support Indian gaming

WASHINGTON — Almost two-thirds majority of registered voters in America — 65 percent — support Indian gaming, according to a national poll released by the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA).

The national poll was conducted by the independent polling firm Fairbanks, Maslin, Maullin and Associates based upon telephone interviews of 1,000 registered voters nationwide.

"This poll is great news for Indian Country," said NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr. "It shows our neighbors across America support our efforts to be self-reliant and they understand gaming creates economic opportunity and helps preserve and protect our way of life across Indian country."

According to the poll's results, American voters overwhelmingly support tribal economic development. Of those surveyed, 84 percent support tribal government efforts to promote self-sufficiency, job growth and new opportunities. For example:

- 81 percent agree Indian tribes benefit from Indian casinos.
- 78 percent agree Indian gaming provides revenues tribes use for essential services to tribal members.
- 77 percent agree Indian gaming provides jobs for tribe members.

"The American people continue to show strong support for Indian gaming . . . and they strongly believe regulation should be handled between tribal governments and the states — not the federal government," noted Paul Maslin, who conducted the poll.

The poll found that American voters support the regulatory system for Indian gaming. Currently, casino-style gaming on Indian lands has a three tiered system of regulation — tribal, state and federal. A significant number of those surveyed — 70 percent — said they approve of this regulatory system and 74 percent believe that there is substantial regulation of Indian gaming.

"We have always been proud of Indian gaming's stringent regulatory system and know that our gaming facilities are among the best in the world," said Chairman Stevens. "It is heartening for us that the American public realizes that no one cares more about the integrity of Indian gaming than the tribes themselves."

The national poll also found that 74 percent of American voters surveyed believe it is very important to maintain Indian culture. Across Indian Country, gaming revenue helps build museums and develops programs to preserve native languages.

The respondents reflect a noticeable trend in tourism, that is Americans are coming to Indian Country as never before. The strong support for Indian gaming is reflected by the fact that more than 50 percent of Americans have now been to Indian Country and in 2005; Indian gaming drew more than 22 million visitors.

Kewadin's shining star



John Cleary, left, executive housekeeper; Theresa Bridge, reservations manager; Lucy Kirkpatrick, guest services agent; and Diane Boutilier, reservations supervisor, receive the award from Linda Hoath, executive director of the CVB.

Lucy Kirkpatrick, guest service agent at Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie, has been chosen as a 2006 Shining Star of the Year, awarded by the Sault Ste. Marie Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). The award is given monthly to customer service agents in the Sault Ste. Marie area who exhibit outstanding customer service and go the extra mile to make all visitors to the area feel welcome. The award winners are nominated by their supervisors to the CVB.

"I was so surprised to get this award," said Kirkpatrick. "I have no idea how this department kept it a secret!" Kirkpatrick has been working with the Sault casino for seven years in the reception and reservation department. She is from the Sault area and has two children.

The program, in its third year, was established to award those

employees in the Sault who exhibit excellent customer service. "We collect nominations and award a winner every month and an annual award is given as well," said Linda Hoath, executive director of the CVB. "Not only does this award honor the fact that Lucy is important to Kewadin Casino but to her community as well with her commitment to excellence in customer service." The award is given to those people who make our visitors to the Sault area keep coming back. These employees help business in the area grow by giving good customer service.

Kirkpatrick has been nominated for the award before, but has never been a recipient. She was awarded with a plaque, certificate and a pin. "I really like my job," said Kirkpatrick. "It's very fun and you never know what is going to happen! The people are great."

Good news from...



Written and compiled by Michelle Bouschor

Hammer out some cash this Labor Day!

Join us as we celebrate Labor Day on Sept. 3 and "Hammer Out Some Cash" at all five Kewadin Casinos in Michigan's Upper Peninsula! All customers are eligible by simply playing with a Northern Rewards Club card. We will be holding random drawings from noon to 8 p.m. for a chance at over \$40,000 in cash prizes.

It's a customer celebration you will not want to miss at our St. Ignace Kewadin Casino on Sept. 16. The party starts at noon with food and prizes. Take a drive on the next day to our Christmas casino for a Candy Cane Cash event on Sept. 17. You'll be able to win cash prizes from noon to 6 p.m.

Our Dream Maker Theater will host the group Staind on Sept. 9 with a ticket price of \$38.50 and Bill Engvall on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. and tickets are only \$38.50. Call today at (800) KEWADIN for more ticket information.

Tournament action heats up at Kewadin Casinos with six tournaments offered throughout the month! Join us in St. Ignace Sept. 8-10 for a poker tournament. In the Sault, we're hosting a keno tournament on Sept. 8-10 and a video poker tournament on Sept. 22-24. Then, our Hessel casino is

offering a slot tournament on Sept. 10-12 and our Christmas casino is hosting one Sept. 29-Oct. 1. If craps is your game, head to Manistique Sept. 22-24 for their craps tournament.

To register for any Kewadin Casino tournament, call us at (800) KEWADIN. All tournament packages include:

- Tournament seat
- Three-night stay, depending on casino location (check in Friday, check out Monday).
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres or meal coupon depending on casino location.
- Two \$14 or \$10 dinner coupons, depending on casino location.
- Two \$7 or \$5 breakfast or lunch coupons depending on casino location.
- Gold token coupons for each participant for each night of lodging.
- Cash coin package
- Tournament gift
- Discount for two tournament participants sharing a room.

Call (800) KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com for more information.

Youth Development Fund available to tribe youth

Tribal Youth Development Fund criteria

Tribal youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal programming, to include:

- Sport fees (registration, equipment, shoes).
- Music, dance and theatre lessons.
- Instrument purchase and rental.
- Language lessons.
- Camps (sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees.
- Educational, cultural and class trips.
- Testing fees.
- Driver's education.
- Senior pictures.
- School supplies and book deposits (school clothes not included).

Applicant qualifications

- Must be a tribe member new-born to grade 12 living within the service area. The seven-county service area includes Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties.
- Applicants may receive up to \$150 once per academic year (Aug. 1–July 31).
- Qualifying categories for funding are based on the tribal strategic directions of medicine wheel — academic/intellectual, physical, emotional and cultural/spiritual.

Applicant requirements

- Applicant must submit current copy of tribal membership card with application.

• Applicant must submit copy of invoice, registration, brochure/literature with organization's name and costs or receipt of payment with application. (Check will be made payable to the organization, unless receipt of payment is provided).

• Applicant must submit proof of household income (recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.).

• Income guidelines are based on 300 percent of the 2006 U.S. Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.

Applications available at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or by calling Jessica Dumback at (800) 588-7465 or (906) 635-7770.

5th annual chili cook-off kick starts United Way Campaign

BY HEATHER SMITH UNITED WAY WORKPLACE COORDINATOR

Mark your calendars to attend the fifth annual chili cook-off supporting the United Way of Chippewa County 2006-2007 Campaign.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Pullar Arena on Portage Avenue will play host from 4-7 p.m. The price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12. There will be at least 30 teams judged in two categories — hot or mild.

Bob Flowers, from MIS, and the Sault Tribe Police will be the masterminds behind the Sault Tribe chili entry. After this many years, we are looking for new recipes to serve. Anyone wishing to submit their chili secrets is

asked to contact Heather Smith at (906) 635-6510.

50 Years of caring

Sept. 12 is the start of the United Way of Chippewa County's 2006-2007 Campaign. In this 50th year of giving, the total goal is \$365,000.

The Sault Tribe employee goal is \$20,000 with a hope of 100 percent participation. This means every employee pledging something even \$1 toward this campaign.

All team members will receive a pledge card with their paycheck during the week of September 12.

For more information or to return cards, please contact Heather Smith at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center at (906) 635-6510.

Free Laker and Wildcat athletic tickets for Sault Tribe members

SUBMITTED BY JESSICA DUMBACK, RECREATION FACILITY MANAGER

To be eligible for tickets, tribe members must fill out free athletic ticket applications, 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.

LSSU Laker ticket application

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.

LAKER HOCKEY (Taffy Abel Arena)	# Requested	LAKER BASKETBALL (Bud Cooper Gymnasium)	# Requested
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)	_____
11/18/06 Wayne State	_____	01/13/07 Central State (Men'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 and copy of tribal card to:
Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center
 Attn: Jessica Dumback
 2 Ice Circle
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Sept. 22, 2006

NMU Wildcat ticket application

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.

WILDCAT HOCKEY (Berry Events Center)	# 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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News of other nations

Indigenous face difficult border passages at the northern and southern borders

BRITISH COLUMBIA — Indigenous at the northern and southern borders face increased border crossing problems from U.S. Border Patrol agents as ceremonial items are confiscated and destroyed, and human rights violated, said a Yaqui border rights activist.

Jose Matus, Yaqui ceremonial leader and director of the Indigenous Alliance Without Borders, said indigenous at the southern border suffer because they do not have the benefits offered by the Jay Treaty for First Nations people at the northern border.

Still, indigenous at both borders face new restrictions and increased security, which make border passage difficult.

Matus, keynote speaker at the 30th anniversary of the Elders Indigenous Gathering in Port Alberni, July 18-20, spoke on border passage and new restrictions.

"A lot of indigenous people are concerned and upset that they could be required to have a passport. They feel this is a violation of the Jay Treaty."

At the southern border, Matus said Native tribes do not have the benefits of the Jay Treaty to ensure passage into the United States, which offers First Nations people the ability to work once they are in the country.

At the southern border, Matus said, "Indians are treated as aliens. We feel we are not aliens, we are indigenous to this land and have been here since time immemorial."

Although tribe members of the Kickapoo Tribe in Texas have a congressional agreement that allows tribe members to cross the border with their tribal identification cards, other Native tribes at the southern border lack this benefit, he said.

Matus is urging the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to look closely at conditions faced by American Indian tribes at the southern border. He said it is important for NCAI to consult both the elected tribal leaders and the ceremonial leaders of tribes.

"In terms of the Yaqui, it is the ceremonial leaders who govern the people," he said.

"Sometimes, in the United States, the elected tribal leaders do not recognize the importance of bringing in ceremonial leaders to maintain the ceremonies and traditions."

Matus is pressing for a NCAI resolution to recognize indigenous who have communities on both sides of the southern border, from Texas to California.

"They should recognize the tribes with relatives on both sides of the border."

At the border of the United States and Mexico, Matus said U.S. agents are engaged in the fight against terrorism and the smuggling of humans and drugs. At the same time, indigenous suffer from the lack of recognition of their identity and respect for their human rights.

Indigenous entering from Mexico must obtain a visa by showing proof of employment, home ownership or paid electricity, gas or water bills. However, indigenous living in villages — and often with other family members — most often do not have these documents or the high fees for visas.

Indigenous might not be allowed to pass, even if they have these documents and pay the fees, Matus said.

"If they are too nervous, or if border agents feel they are lying, they won't be allowed to pass. If they don't get approved, they don't give the visa fees back," he said.

When Matus was a teenager, he was given the responsibility by Yaqui elders to escort Yaqui ceremonial leaders from Sonora, Mexico, across the border to conduct deer dances and other Yaqui ceremonies.

"I said, 'I'm just 18 years old, I'm just a kid.' They just said 'You do it,' and I did. But I found out you can't just bring people across."

During one of those first border crossings, agents said they would "parole" the Yaqui ceremonial leaders into the United States. "I said, 'I'm not bringing them in from prison,'" Matus said. While the terminology and requirements for U.S. entrance changed through the years, the problems continued.

Currently, Matus has a written agreement with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Consulate and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, for Yaqui ceremonial leaders to enter to conduct ceremonies. Still, each time is a struggle.

Recently, in two separate incidents, U.S. border agents destroyed a ceremonial deer head used in the deer dances and agents confiscated Yaqui goat hides used in ceremonies.

Matus said the constant turnover of U.S. border agents in numerous agencies makes conditions worse. Many agents are on the border for only six months to a year and never receive adequate training about indigenous border passage.

Recently, one U.S. border agent said he had never heard of the Yaqui people. Matus pointed out there are 40,000

Yaqui living in eight villages, each with tribal councils and governors. The villages are near the city of Obregon in the state of Sonora, adjacent to Arizona. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Arizona is a federally recognized American Indian tribe.

Matus said another point often overlooked is that many people coming across the southern border are indigenous from the regions of Chiapas, Guatemala and elsewhere in Central and South America.

Meanwhile, NCAI has made border passage a priority. In June, the theme of NCAI's mid-year conference in **Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.**, was "Not Our Borders: Culture and Commerce in the Era of Homeland Security."

NCAI President Joe Garcia said, "These are not our borders, but we live near them and border policies have a big impact on these communities. After Sept. 11, 2001, I know everyone understands that we have to be very serious about border security and immigration.

"But the federal government also has to realize that there are 30 U.S. tribes located right on an international border and there are tribal communities, such as the **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**, where people have many relatives on the other side of a border and most of the business customers flow back and forth across the line. Tribes must be a part of the decision-making process," Garcia said.

At the elders' conference in Port Alberni, Matus praised the indigenous youths for their attentive services to the elderly and the beauty of the mountain area. Matus said the gathering had a tremendous impact on him.

"Elders have life experiences and can educate the youths. I was impressed with the youths. They were from 10 years old to college age. They were really taking care of us; they sure met all of our needs. I learned a lot. I came back with a lot of ideas."

Matus said First Nations youths brought fruit, other food and water to those gathered and continued to ask if there was anything more they needed. At the same time, the elders, with their life experiences, were able to share with the youths.

Matus said the bonds of the indigenous from the northern and southern borders formed by coming together could have a tremendous and long-lasting effect, especially with elders sharing their knowledge with young people.

"As part of the education process, we need to work with First Nations to preserve our ceremonies and language. It is very important to make this identity."

Matus said the 30th anniversary of the gathering marks an important milestone in the healing process.

"A lot of people, who are now elders, truly were kidnapped and taken to residential schools for the purpose of being Christianized. They were not able to speak their language or practice their ceremonies. They were physically or sexually abused in Christian and Catholic residential schools."

Matus said 30 years ago, they decided to gather together with their families and begin the healing process here.

— *Indian Country Today*

What are the Boy Scouts teaching?

FLORIDA — Music and dance fill the life and nourish the soul of Zach Lombardo, a 16-year old Barron Collier High School junior, as does a love of American Indian culture.

Lombardo's long brown curly hair falls over his forehead in a bunch as he shares the memorabilia he collected from his big win on July 31 when he became the national Indian dancing champion with the National Order of the Arrow, an honor society for Boy Scout members.

He beat out more than 50 other dancers.

"When I found out I was in the top ten, I had made my goal so I loosened up and I won it," he says.

Memorabilia from the trip and parts of his dancing costume are spread across his dining room table. There's the plaque he won for placing first in the competition, held in Michigan. In a black frame, he has his competition number (407), a ticket from a Detroit Tigers game he saw while he was there and a patch commemorating the competition from his local Boy Scout lodge.

Also on the table are the bells attached to leather that he straps around his legs when he dances, and a roach — a yellow, black and red headdress made of porcupine feathers.

His costume also includes a colorful "ribbon" shirt with a floral pattern, red pants (called leggings), a concho belt with silver on it around his waist, a neckerchief, scarves and arm band with ribbon dangling from it to match the ribbon in his shirt. There's also an otter strip, made of otter skin about two inches wide, that hangs down his back.

The music he dances to is drums with vocals.

"I love to get moving to the beat of the drums," he says. "It's cool when you're wearing all the stuff because it

flows with you."

Smoothness and precision, with a knowledge of dance etiquette and a powerful sense of pride, mark the outstanding dancer, according to www.powwows.com.

Even though Zach looks as though he could be of Indian descent, he laughs and explains his dark skin, full lips, dark eyes and thick eyebrows are part of his Italian heritage.

Zach learned Indian dancing from his dad, Chris, who learned it as a Boy Scout. There are several types of Indian dancing, Zach explains. The form he specializes in is the straight dance.

Chris Lombardo, a Naples attorney, was a Scout, as was his father before him. He learned about the dance because American Indian culture is an area of study for Boy Scouts, says his wife, Nancy Lombardo. Her husband competed nationally, but never won the championship, she says.

Chris Lombardo has been taking Zach to powwows to see Indian dancing and to learn the culture since his son was a toddler, she says, so Zach began dancing from the time he could walk. Through the years, the family has become friends with several members of the Osceola family, leaders of Florida's Seminole tribe.

Powwows are the Native American people's way of getting together — dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. It is thought of as a time to renew thoughts of the old ways and to preserve a rich heritage, according to the Web site.

There are several stories of how powwows were started. Some believe the war dance societies of the Ponca and other Southern Plains tribes were the origin. Another belief is that when the American Indians were forced onto reservations, the government also forced them to have dances for the public to see. Before they danced, they were led through the town in a parade.

The Indian dancing appeals to Zach because it's a true reflection of American history.

"It's a really interesting culture," he says. "There are thousands of tribes and they have so much tradition."

Nancy Lombardo says she thinks it's great her son is embraced by the Indian culture.

"Naples can be such a bubble," she says. "It's important to understand the beliefs and traditions of other cultures. I believe it improves tolerance and ability to get along with all kinds of people."

— *Naples News*

Navajo sign historic deal with Cuba

NEW MEXICO — Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) has signed a historic agreement that will allow the company to sell its goods to the country of Cuba.

According to a statement issued on Aug. 23, NAPI General Manager Tsosie Lewis signed a letter of intent to sell products to Alimport, Cuba's state food purchasing agency. The letter was negotiated with Alimport Chairman and CEO Pedro Alvarez Borrego.

The agreement came as a result of a New Mexico Agriculture Trade Mission, led by U.S. Rep. Tom Udall, D-N.M., that met with Cuban officials beginning on Sunday, Marissa Padilla, Udall's press secretary, said.

"We are honored that our products will help feed the Cuban people," Lewis said in the release, adding that he will have to study trading regulations to conduct business with Cuba.

"We send millions of tons of beans to Mexico, but this will be much more complicated because of the red tape," Lewis said.

The agreement would allow NAPI to sell yellow corn, wheat, apples, onions, pinto beans and other products, Udall said in the release.

"Cuba has a market of 11.5 million people who need to eat like the rest of us," Udall said in the release.

NAPI would be able to trade with Cuba because of Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000. The act allows Alimport to purchase food from U.S. suppliers on a cash-only basis, Padilla said.

The New Mexican delegation included New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Miley Gonzalez, some agriculture business people and Lewis.

According to the release, the New Mexican group was the highest level U.S. delegation to visit Cuba since Fidel Castro temporarily turned power over to his younger brother Raul.

— *The Daily Times*



September is Substance Abuse Recovery Month

Substance abuse and child welfare

SUBMITTED BY ROXANNE MANNISTO

"All children wake up in a world that is not of their making, but children of alcoholics and other drug-addicted parents wake up in a world that doesn't take care of them." — Jeannete Johnson and Sis Wegner.

Children whose caregivers are substance abusers are frequently victims of neglect; there is often no food, inadequate grooming and clothing, inconsistent housing (frequent moves), inconsistent schooling and poor medical and dental care. These children are often not supervised adequately, therefore leaving them at a very high risk for injury. Children raised by substance abusing caregivers are often exposed to pornographic material, emotionally abused and have a high risk for sexual abuse.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, somewhere between one-third and two-thirds of substantiated child abuse and neglect reports involve substance abuse. In addition, substance abuse is much more likely to be a factor in child neglect than in child abuse.

Depending on the abusers drug of choice, directly affects the caregiver's ability to care for their children. For example, with methamphetamine, children are often neglected during their

caregiver's periods of sleep while "crashing" from a drug binge. Without a caregiver mentally available, this provides for the opportunity for access to the child leaving them wide open for abuse from other perpetrators other than the primary caregiver. Many parents find that they are charged with "failure to protect" their children because they were intoxicated and unaware of what is happening to the child in their home.

The use of alcohol can exacerbate the emotional instability in the user such as poor impulse control, low frustration tolerance and tendencies toward violence.

Alcohol and drugs can lower inhibitors that keep people from acting upon physically or sexually violent impulses. Frustration tolerance may be lowered by alcohol or drugs, leaving a parent more likely to physically abuse a child when under the influence. Substance abuse may also diminish any shame or guilt a perpetrator may feel after maltreating a child.

Children who grow up in a family with severe substance abuse often are affected in a negative manner, such as lack of child bonding, early sexual activity, criminal or runaway behavior, poor self-esteem, poor peer relations, social isolation and social deprivation. Prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol can have devastating effects on the child that

can never be reversed, leaving the child with irrevocable permanent damage, both mental and physical. Children need guidance, support, discipline and consistency for appropriate development.

There is hope. ACFS Child Placement strives to identify the problem in time, and address the substance abuse. Family treatment is available for treatment with family members and the substance user. Referrals can be made to detoxification units, inpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, self help groups, twelve step programs, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). Sault Tribe offers behavioral and American Indian Substance Abuse Services to tribe members with recovery issues. Community mental health programs offer dual diagnosis or co-occurring groups for people identified with a major disorder combined with substance abuse issues.

Anyone suspecting child abuse and neglect can assist a tribal family by calling Child Placement in Kincheloe at (906) 495-1232, Sault Ste. Marie (800) 726-0093 or Manistique at (800) 347-7137. Child welfare caseworkers can make the appropriate referrals for substance abuse or individuals can call Sault Tribe Substance Abuse at (800) 726-9105 to find the nearest American Indian Substance Abuse services.

Is there a correlation between domestic violence and substance abuse?

SUBMITTED BY JENA MCKERCHIE AND ANNA ROGERS-STOTT

Many studies show a high rate of alcohol abuse among men who batter their female partners. Yet is there really a link between alcohol abuse and domestic violence? No evidence supports a cause-and-effect relationship between the two problems.

What is really known about the relationship between substance abuse and domestic violence.

- Battering is a socially learned behavior, and is not the result of substance abuse or mental illness. Men who batter frequently use alcohol abuse as an excuse for their violence. Many men who batter do not drink heavily and many alcoholics do not beat their wives.

- Alcoholism and battering do share some similar characteristics, including; both may be passed from generation to generation; both involve denial or minimization of the problem; both involve isolation of the family.

- Alcoholism treatment does not "cure" battering behavior;

both problems must be addressed separately.

Battered women and alcohol abuse

- A small number of battered women have alcohol abuse problems, which is no more than that found in the general female population.

- A woman's substance abuse problems do not relate to the cause of her abuse, although some women may turn to alcohol and other drugs in response to the abuse. To become independent and live free from violence, women should receive assistance for substance abuse problems in addition to services from a domestic violence program.

- Men living with women who have alcohol abuse problems often try to justify their violence as a way to control them when they're drunk. A woman's failure to remain substance-free is never an excuse for the abuser's violence.

For more information contact the Advocacy Resource Center toll free (877) 639-7820.



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Bringing news from ACFS

Money matters

One of the first steps to financial security is planning and following through on a personal budget. Budgeting is about choices – choosing how to make money and choosing how to spend money. Have you ever taken \$20 out of the ATM and, at the end of the day, not known where it all went? It is critical that you understand where your money goes. Knowing what your income and expenses are every month will help you take control of your financial situation.

Taking control of your financial situation helps reduce the anxiety of not knowing whether you have the money to pay your bills when they are due. It is important to have a sense of control over money rather than letting money have control over you. Budgeting will help you build assets. Building assets improves the quality of life for you and your family.

A good place to start taking control of your financial situation is to develop a savings and spending plan. This is called a budget. It is a step-by-step plan for meeting expenses in a given period of time. If you need assistance in getting started on a budget plan you can contact the following agencies for assistance:

Michigan Works, (800) 285-WORK;

MSU Extension, Mackinac County (906) 643-7307 or Chippewa County (906) 635-6368.

Tribal Housing, (906) 495-1450 (offered to housing residents in all counties).

Sault Tribe Training Department offers a financial planning class open to tribe households. Call Human Resource (906) 635-4937.

Tips to decrease spending

- Carry only small amounts of cash in your pocket so you will not spend it.

- Use direct deposit. You will be less likely to spend money if it goes straight into your account.

- Don't go shopping for fun.
- Control you use of credit cards (better yet don't use them at all).

- Take your written savings goals with you as a reminder.

- Buy only what you need, don't buy because it is on sale.

- Use coupons – you'll be amazed at how much money you can save.

- Use a list to prevent impulse buying.

- Pack your lunch instead of eating out.

- Pay your bills on time to avoid late fees, extra finance charges, shut off, eviction, and bad credit.

ACFS team members are advocates

Anishnabek Community and Family Services is about advocacy and the workers are advocates. Webster's online dictionary definition of an advocate is: "One that supports or promotes the interest of another."

ACFS has three major programs with an array of support staff and services that advocate for tribal members and households.

1. Child Placement – ACFS child placement staff are advocates for children and families. Services include:

- Parenting and nurturing programs
- Adolescent in-home assistance
- Prevention services
- Intensive home based services
- Protective services
- Indian child welfare monitoring

Binogii Child Placement is the Sault Tribe state licensed foster care and adoption services which includes home studies and placements for foster homes and adoptive homes. The first priority for Child Placement is to advocate for the welfare of the child, the bond with the parent and maintaining the home placement. Melissa VanLuyen, child placement supervisor and a concentration of caseworkers are at the 60 Kincheloe location, and can be reached at (906) 495-1232 or calls can be transferred by calling Sault Ste. Marie (800) 726-0093 or Manistique (800) 347-7137.

2. Direct Assistance has several options for advocating for tribal members with basic needs.

- There is child care assistance for coverage of day care costs and day care licensing on tribal lands.

- USDA food program has several food distribution sites and certification specialists advocate for qualified tribal members. The most efficient way to determine qualification and site deliveries is to call (888) 448-8732 or Sault Ste. Marie residents may call 635-6076.

- Additional direct services include: general assistance, native employment works, funeral assistance, emergency assistance, heating and elder heating assistance, weatherization, home improvement, and sanitation assistance.

Direct Assistance Workers advocate for tribal member's basic needs and can be reached in Sault Ste. Marie at (906) 632-5250 or (800) 632-0093; St. Ignace at (906) 643-8109 or (877) 726-9105; Manistique (906) 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137; and Munising (906) 387-3906.

3. Advocacy Resource Center has advocacy services for tribal members who are victims of crime or are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Services include:

- Advocacy services for victims of crime.
- The Lodge of Bravery for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Legal services for domestic

violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

- And women's talking circles. Advocacy resource workers are dedicated to providing criminal justice and emotional support during court proceedings, with information on how the court system works and the status of the case; assistance completing paperwork for a Personal Protection Order; emergency financial assistance with limited funds to ensure the safety of victims of crime; assistance in filing an application with this state program that assists victims of crime with medical and counseling expenses, lost wages, etc. and transportation for ARC clients to medical/counseling appointments and court hearings. Other services and referrals may be available based on individual need. To contact the Advocacy Resource Center call (906) 632-1808 or have calls transferred from the Sault Ste. Marie office by calling (800) 726-0093.

ACFS workers and ACFS Director, Christine McPherson are advocating for children, families, and self-sufficiency. The ACFS mission statement is to promote, advocate, and develop programs that will maintain individual dignity, support family life and promote personal growth within our culture and spiritual heritage. Contacting or receiving services from ACFS should be equated with supporting and promoting one's personal interest.

Winter Wear notice

The annual "Winter Wear Giveaway" is coming Oct. 6 at Chi Mukwa Recreation Center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted Oct. 2 -5 at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services, tribal administration, child care center, Head Start and Chi Mukwa.

Fifth Great North Winds Traditional Powwow

The Fifth Great North Winds "Honor our Warriors" Traditional Powwow will be held at the Pines Park three miles east of Manistique, Mich., next to the airport, on Sept. 8-10.

Grand entries are Saturday, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. Spiritual gathering is Friday at 10 a.m. Crazy auction Saturday at 4 p.m. and a feast will be held Saturday at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for the weekend or \$3 a day. Seniors \$2.50 for the weekend and \$1.50 a day. Children under 12 are free.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own lawn chair. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs or politics. Public welcome to all events. For more information call (906) 359-4645 or visit www.angelfire.com/falcon/gnwpowwow. Email at: greatnorthwindspowwow@yahoo.com.

The Sault Tribe News

welcomes submissions from our tribe members by mail at: Communications, 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or via e-mail at saulttribenews@saulttribe.net. Any questions concerning submissions can be answered by calling (906) 632-6390. The next submissions deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.

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 September 1, 2006
For a complete list of job openings visit the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com and apply on-line.

GOVERNMENTAL OPENINGS

Database analyst - open until filled.
Clinical social worker supv. - opened until filled.
Employee relations specialist - open until filled.
Employment manager - close 09/15/06.

KEWADIN CASINO

Motor coach driver - opened until filled.
Web site administrator - opened until filled.

CHRISTMAS CASINO

Line cook (2) - opened until filled.
Casino porter - opened until filled.
Gaming dealer trainee - opened until filled.

ST. IGNACE KEWADIN CASINO

Tour host - open until filled.
Lead bar server - open until filled.
Bartender - open until filled.
Deli manager - open until filled.
Keno clerk - open until filled.
Front desk clerk - open until filled.

ENTERPRISE

Guest room attendant, St. Ignace - open until filled.

HESSEL AND MANISTIQUE CASINOS

No openings

From our mailbag

To the editor,

I would like to give a big meg-wech to all who helped with our Leask family reunion on Sugar Island. Joe McCoy's property was the perfect spot. Mike Leask and all cooked a pig, turkey, roast beef, hot dogs, hamburgers and salads for a lot of great food. About 300 relatives enjoyed getting together on August fourth and fifth. We all had a wonderful time and can't wait for the next one.
— **Aleyn (nee Leask) Carter**

To the editor,

I would like to thank Sault Tribe for the \$50 I received for getting all As and perfect attendance.

The money will be put to good use like for college in the future. The money will just want to make me work harder in school so I can get it again next year and years ahead in school.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

— **Weston Lawrence**

To the editor,

I'm writing this letter in thanks for the money I received all through middle school from the Young Scholars Program.

I'll be starting high school in the fall and I'll try my best to maintain perfect attendance and straight As while I'm there also.

I've put most of the money in my savings account to use towards my college education in the future.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

— **Ian O'Neill**

To the editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Father John Hascall for the services he said for our mother 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.**

Open swim free for Sault Tribe members



Sept. 8–Dec. 15

Fridays 5–7 p.m.

Sundays 7–9 p.m.

Lake Superior State University

Norris Center pool

Must show Tribal membership card

For more information, call Jessica at 635-7770.

Advocacy Resource Center's 4th Annual Scavenger Challenge

Advocacy Resource Center is hosting their 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. The entry fee is \$20 (\$30 at the door) and includes entry for a two person team, entry into after-challenge party and \$20 Kewadin tokens. First place is \$100, second \$75, third \$50.

Where: Kewadin Casino—Tahquamenon Room

When: Friday, Sept. 15

Time: Registration 6–6:30 p.m.

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

Race Starts at 7 p.m.!

New to the event this year is a raffle (\$1 a ticket) which includes the following prizes:

Paradise getaway

- White Fish Point Lighthouse, Superior wine basket and Midjim gas voucher.

Mackinac Island tour

- Two ferry tickets on star line, carriage ride and tickets for butterfly house.

Kinross Adventure

- Two 18 holes of golf including cart at the Oaks, dinner certificate for the Malamute, two entrance tickets at the Kinross Speedway.

- \$25 Gift certificate: JC Penny.
- \$25 Gift certificate: Gordons Food Service.
- Gift certificate: Angios, gift certificate: The Palace.
- Dream Makers (two tickets — \$80 value).
- Mackinaw Theater tickets.
- T-Shirt Big Bear Rock 101 T-shirts.

Golf Course Packages at:

- Sault Ste. Marie Country Club.
- Tanglewood, Munuscong.
- Les Cheneaux.
- St. Ignace.

And many more prizes.

Raffle tickets and advance tickets for the Scavenger Challenge are now on sale! You can purchase tickets at Sault Tribe Health and Human Services: Lori Jump (906) 632-5250. Community Action: Ken Stott (906) 632-6636.

Advocacy Resource Center: Jena McKerchie, Pat Allard, Tammy Nolan or Anna Rogers-Stott at (906) 632-1808 or (906) 635-7705. Give us a call and we would be glad to bring the tickets to you!

All money raised will be used to provide assistance and support to victims of crime and their children. Show your support and buy some raffle tickets and participate in the Scavenger Challenge!

For more information contact the Advocacy Resource Center 635-7705 or 632-1808.

Walking On...



Darlene S. Cayton, 73, died at Crow Agency, Mont., on April 3, 2006. She was born in Munising, Mich., on March 1, 1933, to Annie (nee Wachter) and Harvey Peters.

She graduated from Engadine High School in 1950 in Michigan. She received an associate degree from Eastern Montana University.

Following her graduation from high school, she married Joseph A. Carson on Oct. 5, 1950. She remarried (name withheld per his request) in August of 1978. She is survived by her husband of 27 years; her brother, Gerald Peters, Renton Wash.; her children, Carol (Lee) Graves, Stuart, Fla.; Terry (Ellen) Carson, Billings, Mont.; Philip (Darlene) Carson, Spokane Wash.; Gary (Denise) Carson, Lewiston, Idaho; Judy (Jon) Cayton, Gillette, Wyo.; Kathy (Ron) White, Sturgis, S.D.; Joseph Carson, Hardin, Mont.; David Carson, Kevin (Diana) Carson, Coram, Mont.; and Sue Davis, Hardin; her step children: Jon Cayton (Judy), Gillette, Wyo.; Cheryl Steele, Wash.; Mary Anne, Idaho; and Jim Cayton, Wash. She is also survived by 35 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Thane, Wayne and Clois Peters, Gene, Dean and Lee Alan Browning; her sister, Shirley Kerridge; son, Richard Carson; grandson, Charles Wood and her ex-husband Joseph Carson.

Darlene loved to travel although her illness limited her journeys during the past 15 years. She lived in Michigan, Illinois, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana. She made Hardin her home in 1975. She loved her children and her grandchildren. She was an



avid rock hound in her younger days and loved to garden. She took pride in her woodcarving, making beautiful sculptures and pictures that will be treasured for years by all who received them as gifts. She loved birds and enjoyed watching baseball with her husband. Darlene's faith was strong and she was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hardin.

I dedicate *Remember* to Mary Lou Caswell whom passed away July 17, 2006. She'll be missed by family and friends, but remembered by so many who knew and loved her.

Remember

By Jenny R. Alden

Shed one tear on my grave
But leave it here for it to stay.
Walk away with faith and love,
Knowing I will be up above
To watch over everyone.
Sing with the angels
And pray to the Lord.
I will be here to watch
You all as you grow up.
New life is born
With each passing day.
But still I'm here to watch and say
Shed one tear on my grave,
But know this;
Remember times we have shared,
Remember the hugs and kisses,
Put away the sorrow and sadness,
But remember and always keep
me close.

Carol A. Thomson, 50, of Manistique died unexpectedly on Aug. 13, 2006, at her home.

She was born May 22, 1956, in St. Ignace, Mich., the daughter of Carl and Lucille (nee Akee) Winberg. She attended school in Cedarville, Mich., and graduated from the Les Cheneaux Island High School in the class of 1974. She continued her education in nursing at Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

She moved to Manistique in 1980 from Cedarville and was employed as a registered nurse at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital for 24 years. She was

Fe, N.M., Aug. 19-20.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 makes it illegal to advertise or sell any art or craft in a way that falsely suggests it is produced by an American Indian or is the product of a particular American Indian tribe. All claims about the Indian origin and tribal affiliation for any product must be truthful. To help consumers shop wisely, the IACB and the FTC have published a brochure, *How to Buy Genuine American Indian Arts and Crafts*, available at iacb.doi.gov/brochures/indianartftc.pdf or ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/products/indianart.pdf. The brochure explains the types of materials used in these products, and includes

a member of the First Baptist Church of Manistique. She was an avid reader and enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

Carol is survived by her son, James Thomson of Jackson, Mich.; mother, Lucille Winberg of Manistique; sister, Joyce (Pat) McDaniel of Escanaba; brothers, Gerald (Cindy) Winberg of Engadine and Bob (Corrine) Martineau of Romulus, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on August 19, at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique. Memorial services followed with Reverend Jay Martin officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church, 319 Walnut Street, Manistique, MI 49854.



Linda Lou Bauer, 60, of Christmas and Gaylord passed away Aug. 3 at her home in Gaylord. "A ray of sun from the world has vanished. She went to join her mother and father in heaven."

The daughter of the late William and Julia Kerridge was born in Bliss, Mich., on Dec. 3, 1945. Linda brought joy to so many lives during her years with her smiling face and laugh no matter what situation in life she was dealt. She used her joy of crafting to lift the spirits of many. Besides being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many, she had a wonderful career throughout her life; the most recent, doing what she always wanted – working with children as a school principal in Kalkaska. She loved her husband and children and enjoyed camping and crafting.

She was married on July 29, 2002, in Gaylord to Warren Bauer.

Linda is survived by her husband, Warren; children, Brent (Kristina) Anderson of Levering, Julie (Jim) Boelter of Pellston, Brian Anderson of Running Springs, Calif., Kelly Bauer of Roseville, Tammy Bauer

of Marquette, and Ryan Bauer currently serving in Kuwait; grandchildren, Brandy Peerey, James Boelter, Jory and Jarrett Anderson, and Imari Ramos; one great-grandchild, Tanner; sisters, Pat Keiser and Mona Fay; brother, William Kerridge; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Ruth Beyerlein, Grace Kochendorfer, Mary Grice, and Dan Rohloff, and many other loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Aug. 7, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gaylord with Rev. Todd Brunworth officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sault Tribe General Scholarship Fund or the Trinity Lutheran Church in Gaylord. The family was assisted by the Stone Funeral Home, Inc., of Petoskey.



Sophie M. Willis, 83, of Sault Ste. Marie, died Aug. 21, 2006, at War Memorial Hospital. She was born Dec. 19, 1922, on Sugar Island, Mich.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and is survived by four sons, Roger Young of Dafter, Mich., Ernest Young of Lake Orion, Mich., Willard and Gerald Willis of Sault Ste. Marie; three daughters, Marie Kinville of Okemos, Mich., Carol Willis and Jane LaTour Willis of Sault Ste. Marie; 12 grandchildren: Ernie, Michelle, Paul, Ellen, Marie, Chris, Sally, Holly, Nathan, Travis, Janelle and Douglas. Twenty great-grandchildren also survive.

She is predeceased by her husband Clyde Willis; brother Eugene Marshall; and grandchildren Tammy, Roger and Chuck; and her parents Charles and Louise (nee Bouley) Mendoskin.

Visitation and funeral service were Aug. 23-24 at the Niiigaanaagizhik Building with Father Al Mott officiating.

Final resting place will be Donaldson Catholic Cemetery.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community hosts culturally relevant Indianpreneur training

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, Sept. 15, 16 and 17 and Sept. 29, 30 and October 1.

This is a two part training class and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) and is open to everyone, Native and non-Native.

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, Minn., that helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, counseling, and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. They participate in the loan process by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business, all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, services coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at (906) 524-2222.

Authentic or counterfeit? How to buy genuine American Indian arts and crafts

Whether drawn to the beauty of turquoise and silver jewelry or the earth tone colors of Indian pottery, having some knowledge about American Indian arts and crafts can help consumers get the most for their money. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) caution consumers that there are unscrupulous dealers who sell imitations, trying to pass them off as authentic and made by an American Indian artist. The IACB and FTC will be offering a brochure with tips to coincide with various American Indian and cultural events this summer, including the Santa Fe Indian Market in Santa

buying tips:

- Buy from an established dealer who will give you a written guarantee or written verification of authenticity.

- Get a receipt that includes all the vital information about the value of your purchase, including any verbal representations. For example, if the salesperson told you that the piece of jewelry you're buying is sterling silver and natural turquoise and was handmade by an American Indian artisan, insist that this information appear on your receipt.

- Before buying Indian arts and crafts at powwows, annual fairs, juried competitions and other events, check the event require-

ments for information about the authenticity of the products being offered for sale. Many events list their requirements in newspaper ads, promotional flyers, and printed programs. If the event organizers make no statement about the authenticity of Indian arts and crafts being offered for sale, get written verification of authenticity for any item you purchase that claims to be authentic.

Copies of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act and related regulations are available from the IACB's web site at www.iacb.doi.gov. The IACB was created by Congress to promote the economic development of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the expan-

sion of the Indian arts and crafts market. A top priority of the IACB is the implementation and enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990. The Indian Arts and Crafts Board is the only federal agency that is consistently and exclusively concerned with the economic benefits of Native American cultural development. More information about the FTC and its consumer protection programs can be found at www.ftc.gov and also from the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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.

Sept. 1-3: Jake Agoneh holds traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Sault Tribal Health and Human Services Center. For appointments, call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

Sept. 3: Join us as we "Hammer Out Some Cash" at all five Kewadin Casinos. Over \$40,000 in cash prizes. Customers will be randomly drawn from noon until 8 p.m. All players earning 25 points on their Northern Rewards Club card are eligible. Customers can begin qualifying at 8 a.m. Table game and keno players may qualify by using their Northern Rewards Club card. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Sept. 4: Tribal chairperson open office hours held on Mondays prior to board meetings from 2-6 p.m. Tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open hours at the tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings are by appointment only. Call Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

Sept. 5: Jake Agoneh holds traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Sault Tribal Health Center. For appointments, call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

Sept. 5 & 7: Healthy Eating on a Budget, Sept. 5 from 1-3 p.m. and Sept. 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Are you wondering if it is possible to feed a family and eat healthy on a tight food budget? 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.

Sept. 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors open hours, from 3:30 until 5 p.m., at the Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Ballroom, Kewadin Casino. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshop and meeting. For questions, call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Sept. 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m., at the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For further information, call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Sept. 5-26: Color the Bear contest. There will be two categories (six to ten years and under six years). Tribal and community children are eligible for this contest. The Bear coloring pages are available starting September 5, at Chi Mukwa reception. To qualify for the \$10 gift certificate, entries must be dropped off at the reception area by 9 p.m. on September 26. The two winners will be announced during the cake reception at noon on Sept. 27. For more information, please call

(906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 5-Nov. 30: Fall fitness classes begin at the All In One Fitness Club at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Classes include: early birds, Pilates/yoga combo, kickboxing, lunch crunch II, step 'n to the groove, ABD/LAB and Sunday fit. For more information call Connie Hill at (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 6: Jake Agoneh holds traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Lambert Center in St. Ignace. For appointments, call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

Sept. 6: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center 2076 Shunk Road. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 6: Meet and Greet fundraiser from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. This is a Meet and Greet fundraiser in conjunction with the Soo Indians Jr. A hockey team and the Boys and Girls Club of Sault Ste. Marie. This Cookout BBQ is open to the public, proceeds from this event will benefit both organizations. For questions call Angela Roy at (906) 635-4906.

Sept. 7: Jake Agoneh holds traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Escanaba Health Center. For appointments, call (906) 786-9211 or (877) 256-0135.

Sept. 7: Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 8: Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 8-9: Constitutional Committee meeting Sept. 8 from 5-9 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. Dates and locations are subject to change. Committee meetings will be open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Sept. 8-10: Jake Agoneh holds traditional medicine clinic, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Munising Health Center. For appointments, call (906) 387-4614 or (800) 236-4705.

Sept. 8-Dec.15: Open swim. Free for Sault Tribe members. Fridays 5-7 p.m. and Sundays 7-9 p.m. at the Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool. You must show your tribal membership card. For more information, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770.

Sept. 9: Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 9: Stained in concert at 7 p.m. Dream Makers Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. Tickets on sale now, \$38.50. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Sept. 9-10: The forty fifth annual Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Traditional Powwow, Riverside Park, Grand Rapids, Mich. Call Lori Shustha at (616) 364-4696 or e mail wabushna@aol.com.

Sept. 11: Dedication ceremony for the Native American Veterans Wall, Day of Remembrance at 10 a.m. at the Niigaanagiiizhik Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. There will be a lunch following. For more information contact Krystal Talentino at (906) 632-7378.

Sept. 11-Dec. 8: Body Recall is a safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people. Body Recall is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in the dance room at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The suggested contribution is \$2. Call (906) 635-RINK ext. 51003 for more information, demonstrations or cost concerns.

Sept. 12: Mark your calendars to attend the fifth annual Chili Cook Off supporting the Chippewa County United Way. The Pullar Arena, on Portage Avenue, will play host from 4-7 p.m. The price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. There will be at least 30 teams judged in two categories: hot or mild. Once again, Bob Flowers from MIS will be the mastermind behind the Sault Tribe chili entry. After many years of the Chili Cookout, new recipes are being sought to try out and serve. Anyone wishing to submit their chili secrets is asked to contact Heather Smith at (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 12: JKL Bahweting Public School Academy Board of Education meeting in the school cafeteria, 1301 Marquette Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. Upon request, the school shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to participate in these meetings. If there are any questions, please call JKL Bahweting at (906) 635-5055.

Sept. 13: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elder services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 14-17: Women's Spring Spiritual Wellness Gathering DAGWAAGI-2006. Come and enjoy a wonderful time of relaxing, friendship, and learning. cultural teachings, health workshops, stress reduction, talking circles, relationships, relaxation, discovery, music, crafts and so much more! Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island, Mich. September 14 from 6 p.m. to September 17 at 12 p.m. Bring bedding, pillows, towels, warm clothes, sweat clothes, toiletries, sewing and craft materials (i.e., fabric, beads, sewing machine, etc.), musical instrument and best singing voice. For more information, or to get an application, please contact Cindy Thomas or Selina McLean, 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-6075, or toll free at (800) 726-9105, fax (906) 635-6549 or email: smclean@saulttribe.net. Funded by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians American Indian Substance Abuse program.

Sept. 15: The Scavenger Challenge is a city wide scavenger hunt. Participants compete in different "challenges" and the top three teams receive prizes. Think Amazing Race, Fear Factor and Survivor, all in one. A \$20 entry

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Sept. 15: Bill Engvall 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. Tickets are on sale now, \$38.50.

Sept. 16: Kewadin Casinos St. Ignace customer appreciation. Join St. Ignace Kewadin Casino for a free pig roast from noon to 6 p.m. Register free at the Northern Rewards Club beginning at 8 a.m. for a free entry into cash drawings. Five \$200 drawings start at 2 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Sept. 16-17: Frank Bush Memorial Walk in the Spirit Powwow, 2425 Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Mich. Contact Anne Bush at (616) 633-0029 or Chris at (574) 234-2992 or Barb at (616) 363-5883 for more information.

Sept. 17: Christmas candy cane cash. Pick a candy cane and win cash! Register free for cash drawings between \$50 and \$500 at Christmas Kewadin Casino. Customers can register between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Drawings will be held from noon to 6 p.m. and will alternate between free entries and random picks from customers actively playing with their Northern Rewards card. For information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Sept. 18: 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 (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 18: Tribal chairperson open office hours on Mondays prior to board meetings from 2-6 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours at the tribal administration building at 523 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open office hour meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Sue Stiver at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26640.

Sept. 18: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets 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 (888) 711-7356.

Sept. 18-27: Please help us to celebrate our 10th anniversary by attending our free public events. Sept. 18: Public skate from 12:15-1:05., Sept. 19: Toddler/adult skate from 12:15-1:35., Sept. 20: Drop in hockey from 12:15-1:05., Sept. 21: Toddler/adult skate from 12:15-1:35., Sept. 22: Drop in hockey from 12:15-1:05., Sept. 23: Tot Zone 10th anniversary theme from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., public skate from 2:30-4:20, Soo In-

dians hockey game 7 p.m., rock n' skate and a balloon drop with Chi Mukwa prizes at 9:30., Sept. 24: Public skate from 2:30-4:20 p.m., Ice cream social from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Soo Indians hockey game at 7 p.m. and drop in hockey from 8:45-9:30 p.m., Sept. 25: Public skate from 12:15-1:05., Sept. 26: Toddler/adult skate 12:15-1:35 p.m., Sept. 27: Drop in hockey 12:15-1:05 p.m., cake/ice cream 12-2 p.m. followed by anniversary ceremony and dance room grand opening. All events will be free of charge to tribal and community members. Chi Mukwa will also be hosting a coloring contest for youth 10 years and under during the schedule of events. Times and events are subject to change. For more details call (906) 635-RINK.

Sept. 18-29: Chi Mukwa's 10th Anniversary. Connie Hill, Wellness Program Manager, and her staff of eight including four fitness instructors and four weight room monitors have put together a two week free schedule to go along with the Chi Mukwa celebration. Since fitness and nutrition go hand in hand, Kristy Hill, RD, will be offering healthy food choice demonstrations including protein drinks, healthy snacks, energy bars, and the importance of dairy at to be determined times during this two week event. Sept. 18: Open weight room/walking track 5 a.m.-9 p.m., early bird from 5:45-6:45, women's weight training from 12:15-1 p.m. and cardio mix from 5:45-6:45, Sept. 19: Open weight room/walking track, beginners Pilates 12:15-1 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 and kickboxing from 5:45-6:45. Sept. 20: Open weight room/walking track from 5 a.m. 9 p.m., early bird from 5:45-6:45, women's weight training from 12:15-1 p.m. and cardio mix from 5:45-6:45 p.m., Sept. 21: Open weight room/walking track from 5 a.m.-9 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and kickboxing from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sept. 22: Open weight room/walking track from 5 a.m.-9 p.m. and Early bird from 5:45-6:45 a.m. Sept. 23: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 24: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 25: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., early bird from 5:45-6:45, Women's weight training from 12:15-1p.m. and a demonstration from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on kickboxing, step aerobics, Pilates, toning/sculpting and the cardio mix classes. Sept. 26: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., beginners Pilates from 12:15-1 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and kickboxing from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sept. 27: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m. -5 p.m., early bird from 5:45-6:45, dance room grand opening 12 p.m., women's weight training from 12:15-1 p.m. and cardio mix from 5:45-6:45. Sept. 28: Open weight room/walking track 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pilates from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and kickboxing from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sept. 29: Open weight room/walking track from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and early bird from 5:45-6:45. If you have any questions call (906) 635-7465.

Sept. 18 Oct. 25: Learn to Swim session one. Free learn to swim classes for Sault Tribe youth. Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-4:50 p.m. Class size is limited. Call Jessica at (906) 635-7770 to register.

Sept. 19: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting in Manistique at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m.



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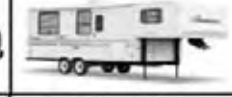
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