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Christmas Parties

Dec. 6, Newberry, 5-7 p.m., at the Newberry Elks Club. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. Sign up deadline is Nov. 27. For more information, call Shirley Kowalke at (906) 293-8181.

Dec. 8, Escanaba, 6-9 p.m., at the Flat Rock Town Hall. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Karen Corbett or Tara Duchene at (906) 786-9211.

Dec. 9, Sault Ste. Marie, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Sue Henderlite at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 9, DeTour, noon-2 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2727.

Dec. 9, Hessel, noon-2 p.m., at the Hessel Tribal Center. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2727.

Dec. 9, St. Ignace, noon-2 p.m., at the Little Bear Arena. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Fred Paquin or Hope Colliat at (906) 635-6065. For information regarding the Mackinac Island children's Christmas party, call (906) 635-6065.

Dec. 9, Munising, 1-3 p.m. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For information, call April Nagelkerk at (906) 387-4721.

Dec. 9, Marquette County, 1-4 p.m., at the NMU Center Peter White Lounge. Gifts will be given to children up to 17 years old. Sign up deadline is Dec. 6. Sign up by calling Gary Carr (866) 279-8323.

Dec. 10, Engadine, 4-6 p.m., at the Engadine Garfield Township Hall. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Laura Frisch or Angie McArthur at (906) 477-6685.

Dec. 16, 4-7 p.m., at the Manistique Tribal Center. Gifts will be given to children up to 12 years old. For more information, call Viola Neadow or Denise Chase at (906) 341 6993.

Kewadin Shores Casino opens



St. Ignace Chamber Ambassadors helped celebrate the official grand opening of the Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel on Nov. 10, 2006. Pictured here with the Ambassadors is, left center, Darcy Chase, casino manager, Fred Paquin, unit III representative, Tony Goetz, casino chief operating officer, Shirley Petosky, Unit V, and Aaron Payment, tribal chairperson. Other tribal representatives at the ribbon cutting include Joe Eitrem, Unit I, Lana Causley, Unit II, Keith Massaway, Unit III, Tom Miller, Unit IV along with Kewadin Casino management team members.

Photo by Alan Kamuda

By CORY WILSON

The new Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel in St. Ignace celebrated the grand opening of their casino floor on the evening of Nov. 10, which included a grand prize giveaway for a new Jeep Liberty Renegade, (see photo on page 2), and \$25,000 in cash prizes. A brief ceremony and ribbon cutting with casino management, tribal board representatives, city officials and other local dignitaries kicked off the event.

Kewadin Casino Chief Operating Officer Tony Goetz stated, "This is a day that many members of our team and community have looked forward to. I am proud to say that we've built a first class facility here that will play a major factor in bringing in increased tourism, visitors to the local area and provide additional employment opportunities for our community members and definitely improved working conditions for our work force. It has taken a

lot of hard work and commitment in bringing us to where we are at today. I first and most importantly want to thank the many team members of Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel. It's through their dedication, commitment, hard work and high level of hospitality and customer service that has allowed us to rejoice at so many successes. To all the front line team members, you are the back bone of our success and we are grateful for all your contributions. We

have been blessed to have such wonderful people working for us at Kewadin."

To allow for immediate gaming at the facility, the casino added and completed a new addition to the gaming complex which originally opened on Oct. 13. In an eight-hour time period, casino staff moved 14 tons of coins from the old facility to the new facility. The new structure houses a full service bar, 809 slot machines, 19 gaming tables and six

poker tables. The new Shores facility also includes an 81 room hotel, water front horseshoe bay restaurant with a seating for 225, campfire deli which seats 40 guests, northern pines lounge with 125 seats, and the White Tail sports bar that can seat 80 patrons. The eagle feather gift shop is also an amenity on the main floor. *-Continued on page 20.*

Greektown construction moves forward amid land purchase delays

DETROIT — Recent media reports about the construction of the Sault Tribe's permanent Greektown Casino in Detroit have left out some important facts tribe members need to know.

First, Greektown Casino is not for sale. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe is, and will continue to be, the owners of the downtown Detroit property.

"The Sault Tribe will continue to oversee the construction, opening and operation of the permanent location," said tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment. "Greektown Casino will be a

significant financial success, just like our temporary Detroit casino, and continue to support tribal programs and services."

The final completion date of the permanent casino hotel will be about nine months later than was originally projected last November due to circumstances beyond the Sault Tribe's or operators' control. Much of the delay can be attributed to complicated negotiations with the City of Detroit to purchase a rundown city-owned garage that stood on the site of the planned permanent casino.

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Local tribes sign water treaty

By CORY WILSON AND BRENDA AUSTIN

BAY MILLS — A treaty signing between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Garden River First Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community and Batchewana First Nation regarding the preservation, protection and enhancement of the waters of the St. Marys River ecosystem was held on Nov. 8 at the Bay Mills Casino and Convention Center.

The treaty focused on the tribes' understanding that the waters of the St. Marys River and its ecosystem have undergone sig-

nificant abuse and mistreatment resulting from the introduction of toxic substances and aquatic alien invasive species.

Recognizing the need for strengthened efforts from each of the four nations to address the continuing contamination of the waters of the St. Marys River ecosystem; the tribes entered into a treaty to continue to recognize the sovereign rights of each of the four nations and their ability to interact with other political bodies on a government to government basis.

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Sault Tribe asks U.S. District Court to settle St. Ignace casino issue

Lawsuit seeks to protect jobs, tribal rights

BY CORY WILSON

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians asked the U.S. District Court on Nov. 8 to resolve a construction oversight at its new St. Ignace casino that could negatively affect jobs, tourism and revenues for the tribe and the Upper Peninsula.

The tribe filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan that seeks to settle a disagreement with the federal government over whether a portion of land, on which the tribe built its new St. Ignace casino and hotel, is eligible for gaming.

Due to an administrative oversight made by tribal officials several years ago and acknowledged by the tribe, part of the new St. Ignace casino was built on land that was never officially approved for gaming by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). The land was already owned by the tribe, but the tribe and the federal agencies never cooperatively completed the

administrative process that would have declared the property gaming eligible.

Sault Tribe officials regret that the issue has now made its way into federal court.

Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment stated, "We have made every attempt to work with the federal government to resolve an honest oversight made by former tribal leaders. We regret litigation has become necessary, but today's Sault Tribe leaders must protect our tribal rights and hundreds of jobs and significant gaming revenues for the tribe and the Upper Peninsula."

The lawsuit maintains the Sault Tribe used its best efforts to comply with federal law. However, because federal law was interpreted by some in a manner contrary to established legal precedents, the Department of Interior and NIGC ultimately declared a portion of the land the casino occupies was and still is ineligible for gaming.

The Sault Tribe invested over \$40 million to build a casino and hotel complex. The facility will

attract more visitors to the Upper Peninsula and improve the tribe's market position in northern Michigan's increasingly competitive gaming industry.

Revenues from the Sault Tribe's casinos in Northern Michigan and Greektown Casino in Detroit fund government programs and services for tribe members and impacts the non-tribal community as well. Gaming revenues fund health care, education, social services, law enforcement and more. The Sault Tribe is one of the largest employers in northern Michigan.

The St. Ignace casino is — and will remain — open during the litigation. St. Ignace casino and hotel guests will experience a brand new casino with state-of-the-art gaming technologies, entertainment lounge, bar area, deli, restaurant, and 81-room hotel complex.

To allow for immediate gaming at the facility, the casino recently added and completed a new addition to the gaming complex which opened on October 13.

Kewadin renovations



Superior entry . . . Crews from Deuman Construction work on placing stone on the new pillars surrounding the entrance into the Sault casino Superior gaming room.

Renovating and re-theming Kewadin's facilities are necessary in order to remain competitive in Michigan's gaming industry. Remodeling includes not only large projects like the re-build in St. Ignace or renovations like Kewadin Sault's gaming rooms, but smaller detailed projects as well.

Here are just a few renovations Kewadin has completed recently in order to keep the facilities fresh and new:

Kewadin Manistique: Kewadin Casino's Manistique location recently completed a variety of renovations to improve the facility. Most recently, a new roof, which had not been replaced since the facility opened in 1994, was put on the building. Other projects over the past year include renovation of office space, the addition of new carpeting on the gaming

floor, in the Mariner Cove Restaurant and the gift shop. In addition, the facility was painted in 2005 featuring a "northern" color scheme. The Team Spirits Bar also received a new etched window.

Kewadin Christmas: Kewadin's northern most property, Christmas, enhanced the look of their log building by restoring the outside and inside of their walls this past summer. New bench seating will soon be installed in Frosty's Bar and Grille to increase seating.

Kewadin Sault: Currently, crews are remodeling the outside front of the Superior Room at Kewadin Sault. The pillars have been re-shaped and covered with stone to enhance the northern theme which is featured inside the casino.

The casino's hotel is also in the midst of an overall renovation

plan as the majority of rooms in the hotel are 10 years old. The plan kicked into gear three years ago when hotel management implemented a program which would continually upgrade and renovate rooms on a regular basis.

All rooms receiving a face lift will feature new wall vinyl, furniture and carpet. Currently, crews are working on 28 rooms on the fourth floor in the tower section of the building. All old furniture from the current remodel was donated to the tribe's ACFS division and other worthy causes such as the Manistique powwow garage sale and to the inter-tribal families first program.

Greektown Casino deals up technology

Casino guests coming to Greektown Casino in early 2007 will see something missing at the poker tables — dealers.

Greektown will be the first casino in Michigan to install two computerized poker tables. The game will operate without dealers, cards or chips but will play exactly the same as a traditional carded poker game. Players can bet, raise, fold and make other plays on a touch screen terminal in front of their seat. The casino will continue to offer 19 traditional poker tables.

In recent years, technology has widely impacted the gaming industry. Many casinos, including Greektown and Kewadin Casinos, now offer coinless slots and now

dealer-less table games.

Computerized poker tables will save the casino money and will speed up the game, earning more profit for the house. Jack McGinty, vice president of Greektown Casino operations, told the Detroit News in a recent article that the change is an opportunity to grow the poker market in Detroit. According to McGinty, the game will be 50 percent faster than traditional poker with a dealer.

Gaming officials expect the new tables to be available at all three of Detroit's casinos in the near future. They are already in use at various casinos throughout the country.

Grand prize winner



It's a new car — Diane Rozek from Cheboygan is the proud owner of a 2006 Jeep Grand Liberty! The prize was won during the Kewadin Shores grand opening event on Friday November 10. Rozek said the car was a beautiful prize and fit her nicely.

Kewadin improves comp services to casino customers

In an effort to improve customer service and increase the availability of complimentary services or "comps" to casino customers, Kewadin Casinos is pleased to announce that "comps" will now be issued through the Northern Rewards Club clerks. This change has taken place at the Hessel, Manistique and Christmas casino locations with the two larger facilities in the Sault and St. Ignace to follow suit at a later date.

Complimentary services are common in the casino industry and are put in place to reward casino patronage. Services include

complimentary meals, tickets, merchandise etc. "This change now allows more of our staff the ability to give complimentary services to our customers," said Tony Goetz, casino chief operating officer. "This was put in place in order to improve customer service."

The change is simple and now makes the services more accessible to customers and easier for our staff to issue them. Complimentary services are received based on casino play and are as they have been in the past.

Holiday hotel specials for tribe and team members

To express appreciation for your business throughout the year Kewadin hotels are offering a special rate during this holiday time. You owe it to yourself to put aside an evening to relax. Starting Nov. 19, through Dec. 29, 2006, the following special rates are offered to tribe and team members.

Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn, St. Ignace

1. Standard room — any day \$39 plus tax
2. Whirlpool room — any day \$45 plus tax
3. Suite room — any day \$51 plus tax

• \$15 Kewadin Gold Voucher for those who qualify.

Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie and Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel, St. Ignace

1. Standard room — any day \$44 plus tax
2. Whirlpool room — any day \$51 plus tax

• \$10 Kewadin Gold Voucher for those who qualify.

The above rates are based on double occupancy and availability. Additional cost for each additional guest. When making your reservation state that you're a Sault Tribe member or a team member. Upon check in you must show your tribal card or team member badge.

COMPILED BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

Team member advocate hired



Lauri Henry, employee relations specialist

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

A new position was created recently within the Human

Resource Department to fill a need determined by comments from team members (employees) and team member surveys, according to HR Director Cheryl Bernier.

The Employee Relations Specialist (ERS) has recently been filled by Lauri Henry, who will act as a confidential team member advocate to help resolve workplace issues concerning policies, procedures, practices and other issues that might arise following the guidelines established within the personnel policy. "I can provide assistance by working with team members to clarify their issues and be their advocate," Henry said. "I can also assist team members who request an advocate at disciplinary meetings, grievances, appeals, risk committee

meetings, and any internal investigative matters. We will address these issues together. I will also be working in conjunction with the lead Human Resource representative to investigate and make recommendations for appropriate action on harassment claims; I will work on your behalf to ensure your rights are being protected."

"I am looking forward to working with Lauri," Bernier said. "Her role is to work with team members who request assistance and the service is available for anyone within the governmental, enterprise and casino operations. The ERS has the ability to meet with supervisors and team members to assist the team member to help resolve workplace issues with their supervisor. Her role is

to also provide the team member coaching and guidance on how to approach issues in a productive and positive way."

Henry earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lake Superior State University in political science with minors in public and business administration. She also attended Michigan State University for a two-year Native American fellowship program in addition to being a certified grant writer and a course co-sponsored by Harvard Business School in public policy and administration.

Henry's previous work experience with the tribe includes ombudsman/special assistant to a past tribal chairman, project officer, contract specialist, personnel manager and property control officer.

"I will be there for you. I will guide you through the personnel policies and procedures for any workplace issue that is a concern to you. Hopefully, we can resolve most issues before any disciplinary action comes into place. If not, we will face them together. I look forward to working with each and every one of you and strive to afford you with a better work environment," Henry said. "If meeting on a weekend or evening is more convenient for you due to your shift, an appointment can be scheduled to accommodate you."

ERS Lauri Henry can be contacted at (906) 635-4937 ext. 53446 or email: lhenry@saulttribe.net.

Tribal members guaranteed access to federal forests to gather plants

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Tribal members now have the right to access national forests to gather plants for medicinal or ceremonial purposes. The U.S. Forest Service, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Sault Tribe all signed an agreement the end of October covering the Huron-Manistee National Forests in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula and the Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula.

The four signing tribes are among tribes affected by the 1836 treaty ceding a huge part of western and northern Michigan to

the United States with the understanding they would retain access for hunting, fishing and gathering.

"Over the years as Indian people, we've been denied our rights to practice our religion and culture," said Aaron Payment, Sault Tribe chairperson. "This is one step toward recognizing our rights."

The agreement is similar to one in the late 1990s between the U.S. Forest Service and tribes in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's western Upper Peninsula.

The agreement doesn't grant tribe members new rights or privileges but clarifies what they can do. It recognizes the tribe's

authority to regulate plant gathering by members making sure tribal rules closely resemble those of the Forest Service.

The agreement deals with activities such as cutting firewood, logging, taking plants for medicinal or ceremonial uses, collecting maple sap, and ginseng and conifer boughs. In some cases it allows members to obtain waivers from fees and length-of-stay requirements at national forest campgrounds.

All parties involved agreed to cooperate on resolving disagreements and to protect our natural resources in the forests.

Bush signs Internet gambling ban into law

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

President George W. Bush signed the online gambling ban into law on Oct. 13 as an amendment to the Port Security Bill. The President's signing of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act bans the use of credit cards, checks and electronic transfers to place bets on gambling Web sites on the Internet.

The new law also prohibits banks and credit card companies from transferring money to online gambling sites, even if those sites are based overseas. Exemptions are made for betting on horse races, as well as futures and securities trading.

Keith Whyte, National Council on Problem Gambling, said, "The bill is interesting in that it doesn't make gambling on the Internet illegal. It makes funding your wager on the Internet illegal. The financial transaction is what is criminalized here, not necessarily the state of play. So really, it's illegal to gamble on the Internet in states where it is illegal to gamble on the Internet. And in states where it is legal or that might want to legalize it, it's perfectly allowable."

Tribes have fought for years to restrict Internet gaming. Earlier versions of the bill left tribal rights in question. The new bill exempts tribal gaming from the definition of unlawful Internet gambling allowing bets made entirely within Indian lands, or bets made between Indian lands of multiple tribes.

The new law also exempts, or allows, bets or wagers that comply with federally approved tribal ordinances or with tribe-state compacts, as long as the state and tribes take measures to prohibit underage gambling. The definition of "unlawful Internet gambling" does not include bets or wagers complying with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

According to Mark Van Norman, executive director of the National Indian Gaming Association, the new law will not adversely affect tribal rights. "It has respect for tribe-state compacts, respect for the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and respect for existing rights of tribes to have linked gaming from reservation to reservation," said Van Norman at the recent National Congress of American Indians

conference in Sacramento, Calif.

An estimated eight million Americans made wagers online last year while playing poker, blackjack, or betting on a sports team. Estimates put the value of the American online gaming market around \$12 billion in 2005.

After the bill passed several foreign online gambling businesses gave up their U.S. operations. Drops in the stock prices of foreign online gambling companies of as much as 75 percent, as reported by *The Times* of London, indicate that the law will have real effects.

In a comment made in a press release from Congressman Bob Goodlatte's (R-Va.) office prior to the President signing the bill into law, Rick Boucher (D-Va.) said, "Offshore Internet gambling Web sites take billions of dollars out of our economy each year, damage families and serve as vehicles for money laundering. The approval of this legislation by the U.S. Congress represents a positive step towards curbing this harmful practice."

Greektown moving forward

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Once the tribe and the city agreed to a purchase price for the garage, the city took months longer than expected to complete legal and other actions needed to finalize the sale. In addition, the city took months longer than expected to approve certain key elements of the permanent casino design, including where vehicles will enter and exit the new hotel and parking garage.

"Look, we are building our new casino resort in a heavily developed urban neighborhood, not on an open plot of land," said Greg Collins, vice president of development and management board representative. "When you build a project as large as a 400-room hotel, a 2,800-space parking garage and 100,000-square-foot casino on a spot that is surrounded by development, delays often arise that are beyond anyone's control."

"What's important to keep in mind here is that Greektown Casino is being built by the tribe, will be owned and operated by the tribe, and is not for sale, contrary to some of the doom and gloom media reports."

The media stories resulted from concerns about the new construction time line raised by members of the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB). Because final completion of the casino hotel has been pushed back, increased revenues that will result from opening the new hotel, parking garage and expanded gaming space have also been pushed back by the same number of months. The Greektown Casino management board representative and casino operators are communicating almost daily with the MGCB staff to address these concerns

and to make sure they understand that even if delayed the increased revenues will be realized.

"The temporary Greektown Casino has been and continues to be a financial success by any measure," Collins said. "This is not an issue related in any way to questions about financial strength or weakness. It's about a new construction time line caused by circumstances beyond our control."

Collins noted that in 2004, the Legislature and Gov. Jennifer Granholm increased the taxes paid by the three Detroit casinos by 6 percent. Two percent of that tax increase gets rolled back once the casino's hotel is open, which will immediately increase Greektown Casino's revenues. In addition, the casino's financial strength has improved in the past couple of years thanks to improved operational efficiencies that have reduced operating costs.

Chairperson Payment noted that Detroit's other two permanent casinos will be what some experts call "fortresses," or casinos built on isolated parcels of land that do not integrate with the neighborhoods around them. The permanent Greektown Casino is different.

"We are the hometown team. We are thrilled to be building the permanent Greektown Casino in the heart of Detroit's entertainment district," Payment said. "We knew that constructing a hotel, parking garage and casino inside a developed area of the city would be challenging, however we believe that being in the heart of Detroit's entertainment district will be our biggest advantage in the end."

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.

Attention Medicare recipients

If you are a Sault Tribe member or a spouse of a Sault Tribe member you will be receiving a letter about Medicare Part D "Creditable Coverage" that has information regarding the current prescription drug coverage benefits under the Medicare Part D program. You should have received your letter within the last few weeks. If you did not receive this letter or you have any questions or concerns please call Colleen Carr, Sault Tribe Health Center at (906) 632-5200 ext. 23611.

Remembering where we came from: Mar-Shunk legacy



**Aaron A. Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson**

Beginning in August of this year, I began a series of meetings in each of the Tribal units, as well as, meetings in Cheboygan, East Lansing, and Detroit to try to reconnect the Tribe with the Members and to give voice to Members at these meetings. For Unit 2, I have rotated between Hessel and Newberry. For Unit 4, between Manistique and Escanaba. For Unit 5, between Marquette and Munising. For Members residing in Western, Michigan, in the coming months I will make my way to your part of the State as well. These meetings have been very enjoyable and truly enriching. The format has been primarily an informal question and answer session, but some have taken on a sort of town hall meeting approach. All have been done in a very informal approach and Members who attend appear to be very comfortable expressing themselves.

What I find most interesting is that in each community is that we have a distinct character and historical continuity to our original culture and traditions. Of course, my experience growing up on Shunk Road in poverty, without indoor sanitation plays a significant role in establishing who I am today. Through this hardship, I learned the beautiful teaching of what we can accomplish as a people if we set our minds in the right and positive direction. This spirit of mobilization and empowerment, motivates me to this day. As I meet and greet Members throughout the communities in which we live, I am gaining a perspective that clarifies that our Tribal experience is not unique to any particular community.

In fact, with many of the challenges we faced and continue to face in each community, I am phenomenally impressed with the perseverance and tenacity of our people. Another common element is the leadership of our fellow Tribal Members in each of our communities to convince others that life could be better for our people. With this belief, these folks in all of the communities in which we live, then found ways, to pull together resources though whatever means they could to make life better for their fellow Tribal Members.

Though I am extremely proud of my neighbors in the Mar-Shunk neighborhood who led the way, the Marquette - Shunk community is just one of the communities in which our Members resided. Prior to federal recognition, mostly our Members lived in poor Indian communities on the periphery of the general population. In my family's case, though we lived within the city limits, we did not have the benefit of basic

civic services like sewage, fire safety, sidewalks, paved roads, school bussing, and other items many of us now take for granted. The tar paper shack pictured



Uncle Chester Cook's tar paper shack about 7 feet by 12 feet in dimension.



Uncle Chester with a watchful eye over one of his great nephews - Norman Payment.

above is where my uncle Chester Cook resided. Somehow I remember it bigger but Uncle Chester lived in this pitiful little shack with no insulation, and only a pot belly stove to keep him warm in the winter. Often times, he lived in our home with us, but given he wanted his independence, he usually made his way back to his shack.

Most of the homes had a simple water line but no sewer. Nearly all of the families did not have septic systems so almost everyone had outhouses until the early 1980s. Residing in a swampy area, the raw sewage seeped into the water table and created serious health and disease problems for neighbors. I recall after the spring thaw, many of the neighbor kids, coming down with a rash of impetigo. Many of our homes did not have adequate insulation, most had faulty fuel oil tank systems and dangerous furnaces that often broke down in the winter time.

I think about how destitute we were and sometimes, humor helps to put things in perspective. Today, I joke about how the non-Native kids at the local school (Finlayson Elementary) lined up in the morning to get breakfast, while the Indian kids lined up to use the indoor toilets at school rather than using their outhouses in the dead of winter.

The Mar-Shunk experience is not unique. Over the last three decades, our quality of life has improved dramatically. Though most of this is attributed to seeking and receiving federal recognition, the kinds of spirited mobilization found on this page actually predates the receipt of any federal dollars. Our successes today were certainly helped by the advent of federal recognition in the 70's, HUD housing in the 80's under George Nolan's leadership, and gaming in the late 80s and 90s, but our real success is due to the sheer perseverance of our people to ensure that future generations would live a better life. Again, this experience is not

unique to Sault Ste. Marie, but has been our experience in each and every community in which we live.

As you know, one of my heroes was and is Rosemary Gaskin. In the early 1970s, Rosemary found ways to bring resources to our community. She worked as a volunteer and worker through the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Community Action Agency. On this page are old photos of community renewal dollars at work improving the conditions in our Mar-Shunk neighborhood. In the photo at right, unloading playground equipment is both my cousin Maria (Marble) Parr and me helping out. I can remember being thrilled about getting a new playground and be so grateful that these, otherwise strangers, were bringing this to us. Truthfully, at the time, I thought they were angels. Below left is a photo of childhood friend Laurie Gaskin looking over our new playground. To the right is both myself and Maria celebrating our new playground. Just look at the grateful expression on Maria's face below.

Our Anishnabe way, is to not forget where we came from. Many Members continue to have needs that we must try to meet. Our success as a Tribe, is measured by how we treat and care for one another. Too often we get into unit wars at the Board level. Those caring Members I know who live in the service area, agree it is our responsibility to reach out



View from Rosemary Gaskin's home. Laurie Gaskin looking at new playground concrete.

CLM community action long term commitment to our community



Chippewa - Luce - Mackinac Community Action Mobile Medical Unit providing basic medical check ups for Mar-Shunk residents.



Volunteers, CLMCA workers and local youth helping top unload playground equipment.

to Members everywhere for they are our blood relatives. I hope this report serves as a reminder of our responsibility. In January, I will propose legislation to address this specifically. Please watch for it as we can only address this issue as a unified community.

Chi McGwitch, Negee.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact me by Email at apayment@saulttribe.net or call (906) 632-6578 or toll free at (888) 94-AARON.



Celebrating the completion of the New Mar-Shunk playground in 1972.

Tribal Membership Meetings

Format: We open up the floor for questions from Members and updates are given. If you have any questions about the meetings, please call me toll free at: (888) 94-AARON.

Area	Time	Date	Location
Unit 1	6 p.m.	December 19	Sault at Kewadin
Unit 2	6 p.m.	December 20	Newberry at Tribal Center
Unit 3	6 p.m.	December 27	St. Ignace at McCann School
Unit 4	6 p.m.	December 6	Manistique at Tribal Center
Unit 5	6 p.m.	December 13	Munising at American Legion
Tri-county Detroit Area	1 p.m.	December 10	Detroit at Greektown Casino Olive Room
Northern Lower MI	5 p.m.	December 29	Cheboygan Public Library
Mid-Michigan	5 p.m.	December 28	Okemos, MI / Nokomis Learning Center

Rosemary Gaskin Memorial Scholarship winning essays

Though there are many tribal heroes from our contemporary history (and I recognize all their contributions) several years ago, I chose to create a scholarship (with my own funds) to recognize the beautiful humanitarian works of Rosemary Gaskin. Besides playing a significant role in mobilizing our people in the Mar-Shunk neighborhood in the early 1970s before we were a newly recognized tribe with tribal funding, Rosemary found ways to bring resources to our community.

One way was through the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency. After years as a staff member, Rosemary served on their board of directors. It was with great pride that I served in her seat on the Community Action Board with the last four years as the vice-chairperson. The wonderful part of our group is that we are all there for the pure act of helping others. No politics. No posturing. Just helping others.

What moves me the most about Rosemary was her belief in us as a people. I feel privileged to know that she believed in me as a person. In fact, she talked me into running for tribal office in the first place back in 1996. Anyone who knows Rosemary knows that she loved everyone and treated everyone with unconditional positive regard.

— *Aaron Payment, tribal chairperson*

Annually, the Chippewa County Community Foundation accepts applications (including an essay) for the Rosemary Gaskin Memorial Scholarship. Below are the top three essays submitted this year, the scholarship recipients and their award amount. Congratulations!

\$1,000 Barbara Gravelle
\$ 250 Deanna L. LaLonde
\$ 150 Lynda Mangene
\$ 100 Diana Cryderman
\$ 100 Miguel Campos
\$ 100 Alison Frazier
\$ 100 Melissa Beard
\$ 100 Jamie Maki
\$ 100 Taryn J. Kuusisto

For more information or to apply for the Rosemary Gaskin Memorial Scholarship, please contact my office or call Sue Atkins-Wagner at the Chippewa County Community Foundation at (906) 635-1046.

Submitted by Barb Gravelle

I am a senior at Lake Superior State University. My major is communication with two minors in public relations and professional communication. It has been a difficult year both working and attending classes full time. The reward will be my graduation next May 2007 when I receive my degree. Education is very important to me because I will only be the second person in my entire extended family to receive a bachelor's degree. My parents graduated from high school but always pushed me to go further in my education. It has been a long, hard road.

My job with tribal youth pushes me harder because I want to be a good role model for the young people in our community. That is why I am applying for the Rosemary



Rosemary Gaskin created a legacy of charity, volunteerism, mobilization and empowerment. Her humble home served as the Mar-Shunk Neighborhood Center.

Gaskin Memorial Scholarship. She was a strong woman leader in our Indian community and I look to her as a mentor. I am pursuing my degree in higher education and feel strongly about promoting education to our local Native American youth so that I can be a mentor and a role model for young people who may struggle with education like I have in the past.

Through my work with the Sault Tribe, I have watched many Native youth struggle to learn and overcome academic obstacles. I am proud to say that I feel that I have helped some along the way and built some lasting relationships. I struggled with school and did not plan on attending college. I decided to start taking courses at Lake State because I realized that I did not want to work as a cashier my entire life. I wanted to make a difference. I wanted to help others in my community. At the same time that I began my college career, I started working for youth education. College was not easy. I did not have a good foundation built from my high school years and struggled along the way.

I always had to work to support myself and it has taken me a long time to learn how to juggle everything in my life and succeed. I have taken my time with school but I always realized that my goal was to receive my degree. Now that I am close to my goal, I realize that my reason for achieving it has changed. I feel like I'm not just getting a degree for myself, because I already have a career that I love working with the youth, and I am doing it for them. I want them to say "She did it. I can do it too." I want to help the Native American youth in my community by being a role model for them. I want to show them that college is easier if you work hard in middle and high school. Education is a challenge and at times an obstacle but the reward is greater by how hard you have to work for it. I want to teach my community of young people that they need an education and that I am here to be their mentor.

Submitted by Deanna LaLonde

As an introduction to my essay I would like to express my appreciation to those who value the pursuit of educational goals and who make scholarships like the Rosemary Gaskin Memorial Scholarship available. I believe the more educated the world becomes, the more likely it is that we will find peaceful solutions to conflicts that arise in our families, communities, in the nation and in the world. I have seen with my own eyes in my generation, how an education can open up a life to a better way of living, better health, more choices and freedom to explore dreams.

I was born in Saginaw, Mich. I grew up going to Caro, Mich., public schools and upon graduating from high school I went to Arkansas to study at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. I have been a teacher in Arkansas, Virginia and Michigan and have also served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a language specialist. I now reside in my hometown of Caro and teach in the public schools. My educational goal is to earn my master's degree in education. This is my reason for making application for the Rosemary Gaskin Scholarship.

I would like to achieve my goal of earning a master's degree. This goal, when met, will help me to fund my own daughter's education in the future. In addition to that, it will open doors for me to provide more leadership in work and community situations. The opportunity to educate others about Native American cultures, beliefs and important areas of interest is a wonderful opportunity that I would consistently try to achieve through honesty and openness toward all cultures of the world.

Despite the fact that my mother quit school in the 12th grade she went back to high school and then to college and eventually got her degree in English. She was constantly setting a good example for the importance of going to college. She was living proof of how education opens the door to freedom as she progressed from having to drag six children into the local Aid to Dependant Children office to retiring from teaching English to help raise grandchildren.

As I grew up one of the strongest influential people in my life besides my mother was my grandmother. My grandmother, half Chippewa, from the Mackinac Band, was frequently there to encourage me to do well in school. I believe my grandmother's influence still guides me. I believe that she would want me to be a leader for women in my community. She endured racial discrimination, the hard discipline of nuns in Catholic schools, the Depression and the death of her own infant children. I believe that her life gives me courage this very day to write from my heart and pursue this scholarship. I believe she and my mother have passed on to me, the inspiration to learn and lead.

It is with great humility and hope that I request the gift that Rosemary Gaskin leads Native American people with.

Submitted by Lynda Mangene

I once attended a funeral for my mother's sister and was touched and moved by the words of the wise pastor. Although his words were meant to comfort and reassure our family, his eulogy and tribute to my aunt was actually a call to action for her family and me. He said that people do not really die, but that nations do. The pastor went on to further explain that we humans live on in the hearts and minds of others, but if we do not carry on the traditions and teachings of our elders, nations DO and WILL die.

All the things that we were taught, what is celebrated, what our traditions are, the blueprint to our existence, otherwise known as our culture, dies with us. In time, our nation, as we know it, could die with only a few trace artifacts, if we are not alert to the importance of our nation's historians and culture preservers. There is nothing in today's technological advances that could ever restore our culture once lost.

These words made me realize that we all need to set to work. Our society is often so worried about its young people that we fail to realize that it is our elders who are the glue that hold our communities together. They are the ones who keep our traditions alive and ensure our families are intact and strong; they are the ones who hold the store of memories that are so critical to our culture and traditional beliefs.

We can honor our parents, grandparents, and other elder relatives, hopefully before they walk on, by not only practicing their teachings but also by carrying on those teachings to our own children. In doing this, we will preserve our culture, carry on our family traditions and honor them and the things that they hold/dear. This means that our elders' lives and their work would not be in vain — their life purpose would be fulfilled. In this way, they will truly live on in the hearts and minds of our youth, and what could be more important?

It is not too late to accomplish this. Through all our efforts and through education, we can continue to share and practice our traditions. Often we young people are so much in a hurry to establish our independence by rebelling against our families' traditions, that we don't realize that they are an integral, undeniable part of who we are. We all need to take time to share family stories with our children, talk about our relatives, discuss our beliefs and pass on these keys to our cultural future. It is important to keep the traditions alive and to honor the lives of our decedents with the vital details of the trials, tribulations and celebrations that are part of our families' heritage.

Our heritage is worth preserving, and we can all become keepers of it. By not letting the blueprint of our culture die, our nation can benefit from the rich history and deep understanding that comes from knowing where we are, how we got here and where we are going.

BOD meeting brief

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors met for a general meeting on Nov. 7 in Sault Ste. Marie. Board members Todd Gravelle and Keith Massaway were absent. Minutes from board meetings on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 were approved.

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

A right-of-way easement was granted to the Township of St. Ignace on tribal trust land in Mackinac County. The free easement will facilitate sewer work

which will benefit tribe members.

A resolution was passed stipulating terms of accountability, such as regular activity reports, for tribal lobbyists. Board member Dennis McKelvie opposed the measure.

The board renewed liquor licenses for both Midjim stores and all five Kewadin Casinos properties. Board member Cathy Abramson opposed the renewals.

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

Membership Q & A

Q: What can I do, or give, to help my fellow tribe members this holiday season?

A: It is very refreshing to have a tribe member ask what they can give and the answer is whatever is needed, regardless of the time of year. My co-worker D.J. Malloy and I often receive inquiries like, "How does my membership benefit me?" or "Thank you for my new membership card, what do I get?" So, this question, along with a recent donation by a new member of 250 hand-made hats and scarves, is very much appreciated.

Gift giving and sharing are activities that we, as Anishinaabe people, have done throughout our history and practicing them involved much more than just giving to others because you had extra, they were used as a means of survival and social binding.

Members of a band or tribe were expected to share their food, labor or material goods because these things could become extremely scarce in a very short period of time. A harsh, lengthy winter could easily deplete the food storage of any camp, putting everyone in jeopardy and, if you were not willing to share what you had, then you took the very real risk of not receiving help when you needed it.

By giving of yourself, you gained the respect and esteem of individual tribe members as well as entire families. Wealth was measured by what you gave or did for your band or tribe, not by how much you could accumulate. Thus, a skilled young hunter may "gain riches" by bringing a deer back to camp and giving the entire animal to the families that were struggling to feed themselves, choosing for himself to go hungry that night. This unselfish act of generosity would not go unnoticed and it certainly would not be forgotten.



Clarence Hudak and DJ Malloy

A very moving account of this willingness to share comes from the writings of a non-native by the name of Jim Baker. Mr. Baker and his family moved to northern Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1888 and in correspondence to a friend by the name of Cecil Prater he described the Indians giving nature as follows, "*The Indians were better to us than our own kind. They gave us lots of fish and venison. Dad and the rest of our family have always been grateful to Indian people everywhere for their kindness. Here we were over a thousand miles from home, strangers in a strange country, yet we never had an Indian steal from us. In fact they gave.*"

Once again, thank you for your question and regardless of the time of year, don't hesitate to help anyone in need. You won't be able to deposit your rewards in a bank account but they may just be returned to you someday, with interest!

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 e-mail 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.

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Lana Causley
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

During the month of October, the board had an opportunity to attend an Economical Development Conference in Traverse City.

At the symposium we had discussions on where tribes have grown and also the success stories of other tribes, despite many mistakes in the past. It is long overdue and time for us to seek out other opportunities to generate revenue for our future generations. As it stands, our tribe has a generating income from our northern casinos of about 29 million that can go toward our governmental budget with little or no increase expected. The projected cost for membership services to maintain the service the same as last year is about 34 million.

As written about in the last issue there is a deficient of six million plus for 2007. This is evidence that we need to create other opportunities for income for membership services based programs. I look forward to contributing to this new EDC committee.

Our casino in Greektown has also had many challenges that it has faced in the past. At this time we are in the early stages of building our new parking garage, hotel and casino. The board members

Giving thanks for our elders

have the responsibility of meeting once per week in Detroit to monitor the project and make sure it is on target with the budget as well as time lines. Many tribe members have different views on our casino in Detroit, but I would like to point out that it is in our compact with the city that we must have a permanent casino, being able to add on the existing has saved us. Once finished, we will see a decrease in the taxes that we pay to the city and the extra revenue will be beneficial to the need for membership services here. As reported to us, we are on the time line and also monitoring the budget so that we maintain the original amount for the project.

As reported in the last article of the tribal paper we did lower the gambling age to 19 years old. I am sure you all know that I was opposed to this change two years ago and still disagree, although we did accomplish a compromise. I and Mr. LaPoint advocated that we do not change the age at all but once the decision was made to lower the age we (and other board members) began advocating for the students in high school and we were successful in the age being at least 19 instead of 18. After much discussion and input from members of the board about young adults not being out of high school yet there was a consensus to change the age to at least 19 in hopes these ones will have finished with high school. As stated above, I understand that we have to find other opportunities to generate income, but I do not believe that this will be an increase that will be as effective as expected. It has been reported that there are not many 19 years olds coming in to our casino to date.

I would like to congratulate the new Naubinway (Voices of the Echoes) Elderly Committee. Arnold Frazier, chair, Carl Frazier,

vice chair, Linda Livermore, secretary, Vivian Wilson, treasurer, Lenora Vowell Kerridge, Emmet Vallier, John King, Charles Wilson and Marilyn McArthur.

The group had a requirement to maintain minutes and meet as a group for a period of one year to see if there would be commitment from the community, it turned out as months went by the group grew and became very dedicated to becoming recognized. At the Nov. 7 board of directors meeting we supported the above elders to continue on with their endeavors as a formally recognized group. Your dedication to the community and elders committee has been successful, congratulations.

Today we held our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the elders. It was so nice to see all of you and I hope that I was able to at least stop in and say hello. Thanksgiving means much more to me than the stuff we learned in school about the holiday. I am very blessed and thankful each and everyday for my family and waking up everyday to work towards goals for our people. I feel grateful that there is an opportunity for us as a nation to work together for our children's future.

Our tribe has had many challenges that we face, but working together and not losing prospective, will and courage to stand up for what is right is something that I am very grateful for. After seeing all of you today reminds me of time I spent with my grandparents and how much I miss them. Make sure you tell your mishomis and nokomis (grandfather and grandmother) each and every day how much they mean to you and how thankful you are for them!

Baamaapii, Lana Causley (906) 484-2954, lcausley@saulttribe.net

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Many of the facts were misinterpreted



Keith Massaway
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

The holidays are quickly approaching and I wish you all the best and for you to have safe travel as you visit your family and friends. Working with the board of directors is a challenge but also very exciting. We are deluged daily with mounds of information and statistics. We rely on this information to be correct and up to date so we can make proper decisions and follow correct procedures. Our staff works very hard and I must thank them for their diligence and patience. I have been attending the Marketing Committee meetings and I am very pleased at how the entire project is coming together. Our outdoor displays (billboards) will have a well thought out concept and target certain areas of our state with different designs. The print advertising has been streamlined and publications that have under performed have been dropped. The most exciting part of

the marketing plan is the T.V. ads. I will not miss our previous ads. I have had many complaints and suggestions on what to do with those old ads, none of which I can print here. The new ads are based on animated, computer generated, animals that have personalities to fit their appearance. The animals are a beaver, a moose, a bear, a raccoon and a squirrel. I believe this campaign will be a big hit with all age groups. Many other different marketing ideas have already been raised to accompany this animal theme.

On the political front, after the election, the Democrats have a new majority in the state house. That of course changes the leadership and many new faces were introduced into key roles. The board and tribal representatives MUST BE quick to introduce ourselves to the leadership and to reaffirm our relationships with existing politicians. This is very important part of the boards job, we have to work hand in hand with them in order to have a positive outcome to the many bills, projects and agreements that arise. We have to personally know and be known by our representatives.

I went to the Michigan Gaming Board meeting on Nov. 13. Many of the facts that were reported were misinterpreted or misunderstood. We are not in dire financial trouble. When the MGB put in the EBIDA ratios (they are debt to earnings ratio) into the covenants (a long term financial model we signed) it was coupled with a construction schedule and a completion date of the permanent casino

and hotel. Due to unforeseen problems we could not complete the purchase of the building lot until eight months after we thought it would be purchased. This put our building schedule off by that amount of time. With this offset the EBIDA ratios show a dip in one quarter in 2008. The dip is because in the model, we were to be taking in revenue from the entire complex but in reality we won't be receiving that revenue until eight months later. This dip in the EBIDA is only for one quarter and the next quarter it corrects itself. The reason we went to the MGB is to ask for the covenant to be realigned with the construction schedule. This would solve the problem with the dip in the EBIDA. The MGB did not say no they just said to bring it back to them at the next meeting. I know this is an extremely brief and incomplete effort to explain this complicated project but I hope I shed some light on this misunderstanding. Please understand we are doing everything up front and have tackled these problems years before they happen. We will not wait until the last second anymore.

I have had many phone calls about this and other concerns. You can call me and we can meet if you would like. My Wednesday mornings and early afternoon are the best time for me to schedule a meeting. Call (906) 643-6981 and I will get back to you.

Keith Massaway 702 Hazelton St., St. Ignace MI. 49781.

Shores opening was inspiring



Shirley Petosky
Unit V Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Our children and elders come first and health, safe homes and education are needed for all of us. Expenses for all services keep going up and so does our Native population. So even though our tribe can generate more money than in the past, it has to stretch much further in today's economy.

The flu shots were a big disappointment for those in Marquette. Not enough vaccine came in to take care of everyone. On Tuesday, when I last spoke to someone about this, there was still no word on when a new shipment would arrive. Hopefully, by time you read this you'll be all vaccinated and ready for winter.

Like all of you I am both apprehensive and disturbed by the Detroit Free Press article concerning Greektown. It can be blown out of proportion and, yes, we are having to tighten up on spending. But we still have some time ahead of us to come out on the bright side.

We cannot keep dwelling on past mistakes except to learn from them. We are the way we are for just two reasons, "Because of" or "In spite of." Next year, lets be able to say "In spite of" we are home safe.

The coming season reminds all of us to be kinder, giving, understanding and loving.

All of us in the work place need to offer a smile and a sincere hello even when we are having a bad day. It will make us and the customer feel much better and will soon be contagious.

May peace be in your hearts, love in your handshakes and sincerity in your eyes. My you be blessed with family, dear friends and food enough to share.

Until next time, stay warm and fight nice.

Love,
Shirley Petosky, Unit V Rep
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P.S.
All three Thanksgiving dinners I attended were wonderful!

The Shores Hotel and Casino is a huge success



Fred Paquin
Unit III Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

A little over a year ago, I was appointed to the position of owner's representative to the Kewadin Shores project in St. Ignace. It was both an honor and a challenge. There were a tremendous amount of changes that needed to be made, but with the support of the board of directors and past and present administrators, the changes were implemented and the project is a huge success.

I am so proud of everything that the staff has accomplished. We started out with a lot of challenges and hurdles, but by working together we have fulfilled our mission and have successfully completed the Shores project. The board of directors, past and present administrators worked diligently to ensure that this project would succeed.

I would like to thank the chairman and the board of directors for the honor of working on this project, their insight was invaluable and the encouragement was irreplaceable. I would like to thank the current and past administration for the challenge of over seeing such a huge project. I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work; it did not go unnoticed, for the privilege of working with them and for their support. All of these facets contributed to the success of the entire project.

Now it is time to pass the torch to our team members that will be running the day-to-day operations of the Shores. These are the

visionary leaders that will take this project to the next level of successful operations. We have one more major hurdle in regards to the gaming floor. This issue is being worked on diligently. Nothing has come easy for this tribe; it is through the hard work and dedication of the tribal leaders and tribal membership that we accomplish many of our goals and objectives.

Change has been the only constant this year and we should all be excited of the changes occurring in our tribal organizations, there is nothing but positive ahead. We should be thankful and celebrate the successes of this past year, we have resolved some serious issues and somehow rallied around each other, supporting one another and presenting a united front in the face of adversity. I am thankful for the chance to serve the tribal membership and I am grateful for the opportunity the members in Unit III entrusted upon me.

Hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

The next deadline for submissions to The Sault Tribe News is 8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Sault Tribe elders' Christmas dinners

Dec. 7: Unit IV Manistique elders' Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 12: Unit I, II and III elders' Christmas celebration dinner, 12 p.m., Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 13: Unit V Marquette elders' Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Walkstrom's Restaurant, Harvey, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 18: Unit V Munising elders' Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Woodlands Restaurant, Shingleton, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 20: Unit IV Escanaba elders' Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Chip Inn Island Resort and Casino, Hannahville, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

I am pleased to report the resolution results



DJ Hoffman

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

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is success." -Henry Ford

The last board meeting saw an unfamiliar face rear its head, professionalism. The board, as a whole, conducted itself in a very commendable manner. This is the

product of many conflict ridden meetings, and a sign of proverbial growth – derived from what I have previously described as "constructive chaos." Now one meeting does not guarantee continual professionalism, however, it is a great start.

My last report described a few of the resolutions that were being submitted at upcoming board meetings. I am pleased to report on the results of those resolutions in the following paragraphs.

Diesel quota

The resolution to expand the diesel fuel quota for tribal members was removed from the board agenda. Instead, the board directed staff to amend the quota policy by legislative directive. The diesel quota has now been increased from 150 gallons per month per member, to 250 gallons per month per member. I have no problem leaving a resolution that I submit off the agenda, so long as the intended benefit is enacted on

behalf of the membership.

Kinross gas discount

The resolution directed at expanding the gasoline discount to our members in Kincheloe/Kinross has been tabled until our December board meeting. The rationale for tabling this resolution was to afford administrative staff the opportunity to allow for this enhanced benefit without being detrimental to our existing Midjim businesses. Staff is working to provide a creative solution to provide this service to the members in the Kinross/Kincheloe area. I hope with the suggestions of the staff, as well as the support of the majority of the board of directors – We will be able to bring this benefit to the membership in this area.

Class III gaming

In addition to the Kinross gas station resolution, the Class III Gaming resolution was also tabled until our December board meeting. Staff (Gaming Commission,

legal and casino) have been directed to put together the information necessary to enact this legislation. I look forward to the suggestions that they bring forward and thank them in advance for their work in this area.

Lobbyist resolution

In light of the Lobbyist scandal related to tribes and Jack Abramoff (lobbyist), I introduced a new resolution to protect our reputation and interests. Our board has taken the initiative to be proactive regarding lobbying practices. At the last meeting the Board passed a resolution to:

"Extensively monitor the activities of lobbyists to ensure accountability," and, "Impose reasonable requirements on lobbyists to ensure accountability and protect the assets and reputation of the tribe."

To facilitate this, the tribe is requiring detailed reporting on activities of lobbyists actions on behalf of the tribe on a monthly

basis as well as limiting lobbyist contracts to a period of no more than one year at a time.

As I have previously stated: I will continue to push forward with members of the board that wish to be progressive. We will work to ensure the protection of services for the membership of the tribe. Make no mistake when I say WE. No one does anything alone to make this tribe move forward, it takes a majority of the board as well as the membership. But make no mistake, one person can make a difference, whether on the board or not!

Sincerely,

DJ Hoffman

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We will persevere



Cathy Abramson

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

"You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted lies. You may tread me in the very dirt, but still, like dust, I'll rise." -Maya Angelou

Our tribe will persevere as long as there are people who hold to our core teachings and pass them on to our future generations.

As Anishinabe people, we have always been resilient and we will continue to be. We are writing our

own history right now. So, where do we go from here? Are we going to be modern warriors or shadows of our former selves? Are we going to be strong economic and political leaders or remnants of a broken tribe piecing back together our culture and traditions? Let's stop this destructive cycle before it goes too far. The fighting makes us weak and there are people outside our circle that are preying on that weakness.

As your leader I try hard to look out for your best interest. The board as a whole works hard to try to make good decisions for our people and our communities. I will continue to work on establishing good relations within our board and tribal organization, with other tribes and first nations, and with officials of our state, federal and local governments. We must do so.

At this time, I would like to congratulate Gary McDowell who overwhelming won his bid for reelection for state representative. You deserve it! Also, congratulations to Senator Deb Stabenow

and Congressman Bart Stupak. These individuals, along with Senator Carl Levin, have worked along beside us in our efforts to help protect and preserve our St. Mary's River. I believe that they will continue to help us. Chi megwetch!

On Nov. 8, at Bay Mills Convention Center, a treaty was signed between our tribe, Bay Mills, Garden River First Nation and Batchewana First Nation in regards to the preservation, protection and enhancement of the St. Mary's River. I am so happy that our nations have promised to join together to address the continued contamination of the river that we share. I would like to thank members of our St. Mary's River Task Force for all the work they did to bring this together: Mike Ripley, Courtney Katchur, Cory Wilson, Dan Tadgerson, Bob Lehto and Charlie Matson. Chi megwetch to DJ Malloy for all her help in bringing this day together and to our pipecarriers: Bucko Teeple, Harvey Bell and Bud Biron. Thank you to the Healing Lodge

Singers and to Frank Ettawageshik and State Representative Gary McDowell for witnessing and supporting this historic event. Now the real work begins as we work together to get the Canadian and U.S. government to take corrective action in the clean up of our river.

I am very supportive of re-establishing an economic development commission. The board had its first meeting to discuss just how this commission would be designed. Directors Causley, Miller, Massaway, Eitrem and I, along with Chairperson Payment attended the Great Lakes Tribal Economic Development Symposium on Oct. 25-26. It was an excellent opportunity to meet other tribal leaders, business leaders and representatives of local, state and federal government to meet and discuss the critical issues surrounding tribal economic development. All board members in attendance were impressed with the topics of discussion and left with great information and ideas to bring back to our tribe.

We continue to work on the development of our legislative committee and will soon meet to strategize our legislative agenda.

Tribal leadership must meet directly with our state and federal representatives. It is important that we continue to educate them about who we are as a people and inform them about our issues and concerns. This will require more travel, but we need to deliver our own messages so that they will come to know who we are.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. Please continue to keep our servicemen and women in your prayers. These are such trying times for many of us. We must keep our faith and know that the Creator does not give us more than we can handle. Take care and if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (cell) (906) 322-3823 or (home) (906) 635-3054. My address is: 410 Dawson, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. I look forward to hearing from you.

— From our tribe's mail —

Cultural teachings appreciated

Chi miigwetch! Thank you, Sault Tribe, for creating the women's spring spiritual wellness gathering DAGWAAGI-2006! I loved the cultural teachings and experiences, the new friendships, the opportunity to be on Sugar Island with nature, the fantastic food and the sweat lodge.

I can't wait to see all the empowered and beautiful women again. Thanks to everyone who supported the easeful, welcoming, blessing-filled gathering.

—Leisha Bell

Tribute to veterans

On Sept. 11, 2006, the Sault Tribe dedicated a monument to all veterans in America's major conflicts.

The monument was created with much forethought and care-

ful planning. It is a tribute to veterans and honors their service and sacrifice for their country.

It seems incredible that local news sources and the city of Sault Ste. Marie officials chose not to attend this dedication ceremony right here in our own community. In remembrance of Sept. 11, firefighters and police were also honored.

Invitations were sent in timely fashion but no response was forthcoming.

This monument honors Sault Tribe veterans and all veterans and their ultimate sacrifice for their country; their sacrifice provides freedom for us all.

It would have been appropriate if our own city officials could have at least acknowledged this exquisite monument on a most important day in our history.

—J. Baron – Retired teacher

Kinross powwow committee thanks those who helped

On behalf of the Kinross Annual Veterans Powwow Committee I would like to thank the following people: Jason Grondin, Chippewa County Animal Clinic, VFW, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Anderson Pest Control, Holiday Inn Express, Kinross Co-Op, Frank and Janine, Gene and Jan Biron, Steve and Kathy Biron; Melissa Causley, YEA, Kinross Recreation Center, Dee Dee Frazier, DJ Malloy, Hessel elders, Kathy DeVoy, Lana Causley, Sharon Downs and all of our fantastic vendors.

I would also like to thank all of our dancers, drums and, most importantly, our veterans. This years powwow was a success with over 50 dancers and 350 specta-

tors and participants. If anyone's name was not mentioned I apologize. The powwow committee would like to say Chi Miigwech for everyone's hard work and participation.

—Kinross veterans powwow committee

Family of William Sparks thanks Tribe

We want to thank the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for the use of the ceremonial building for William Sparks memorial service, and also thanks to the Kewadin Casino for the donation of food.

Thank you very much,

—The family of William Sparks

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

Changes to Contract Health Service program

SUBMITTED BY TINA FOX,
CHS UTILIZATION MANAGER

The board of directors has approved a Supplemental Health Fund to assist Contract Health Service. There will be two programs under Contract Health Service beginning Jan. 1, 2007.

Contract Health Service AFA funds-priority 1A services:

- Services deemed to be limb or life threatening.
- Prescriptions deemed priority 1A—such as heart, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetic medications, etc.

Supplemental Health Fund

- Non-1A services.
- 60 years and older.
- Based on income.
- Sliding fee scale.
- Assist the neediest.

Will not affect if income is at or below \$15,000 for single person or \$20,000 for family of two.

Does not affect any service provided at tribal clinics. Does not affect non-native spouse at tribal clinics.

Medications:

- Applies to everyone regardless of age.

- All non-1A medications.
- Based on income.
- Co-pay of \$0 if income at or below \$18,000 for single person \$23,000 for family of two.

• Co-pay of \$15 if income between \$18,001 and \$24,000 for single person \$23,001 & \$29,000 for family of two.

• Co-pay of \$30 if income above \$24,001 for single person \$29,001 for family of two.

If you should have any questions, please call Contract Health Service at (906) 632-5220, or (800) 922-0582.

Foundation supports land management and ownership by Indian tribes and individuals

BY RICK SMITH

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation, established in 2001 and based in Little Canada, Minn., describes itself as a nationwide, nonprofit, independently governed organization which supports activities related to the acquisition, ownership and management of land by tribes and Indian individuals. It functions as a community foundation by accepting gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses and re-distributing funds to Indian land programs in a focused manner.

"The foundation was established to help tribes and individuals to regain their tribal land base," said Howard Valandra, vice president of grants and programs for the foundation. "We do this through a couple of mechanisms, one is focused on education; in this component, we have put together some curriculum geared from Head Start and K to 12. We also have grants to programs in school systems." Valandra said the grants usually go to tribal

schools, but they can be awarded to mainstream schools that have a significant Indian student population. He said the foundation also conducts strategic land planning training for tribal councils. "We also do grants for sacred site identification, protection and education."

According to the foundation's Web site, the Indian Land Tenure community set the following goal for the foundation: Lands within the original boundaries of every reservation and other areas of high significance where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in Indian ownership and management.

The foundation will support activities and projects that seek to:

- Educate every Indian land owner about land management, ownership and transference issues so that knowledge becomes power when decisions about land assets are made.

- Increase economic assets of Indian land owners by gaining control of Indian lands and by creating financial models that

convert land into leverage for Indian owners.

- Use Indian land to help Indian people discover and maintain their culture.

- Reform legal mechanisms related to the recapture of physical, cultural and economic assets for Indian people while strengthening the sovereignty of Indian land.

- Proposals for funding of projects closely aligned with the foundation goals may be submitted at any time but, because of the organizational structure of the foundation, it is suggested to submit applications when the foundations makes requests for proposals. The requests solicit applications to address specific problems, issues or needs in Indian Country and have the best chance for review by the foundation staff.

The foundation can be contacted via Indian Land Tenure Foundation, 151 East County Road B2, Little Canada, MN 55117-1523; phone (651) 766-8999; fax (651) 766-0012 or e-mail info@indianlandtenure.org.

Long time museum director resigns

BY RICK SMITH

The founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian submitted his resignation to the museum's board of directors last Oct. 26, his resignation is effective in November of 2007. W. Richard West, Jr., director of the museum

project since its inception 17 years ago, told the board and his staff that he wants a more flexible demand on his time, and it's time to transfer the reins as the museum enters a new phase.

"I do value time," West, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho, told *Indian Country Today*. "I would like to have more flexibility in how I use my time." West also wrote in his resignation letter, "Now is the time for the museum to have new leadership as it embarks on the second phase of



its journey. My resignation next year will enable me to take on new special projects and pursue interests that I have yet to explore."

The National Museum of the American Indian was authorized by Congress in 1990 as a component of the Smithsonian Institution. The museum has three main facilities opened under West's supervision, the Gustav Heye Center in New York City in 1994, the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md., in 1999 and the museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in 2004.

West received a master's degree from Harvard in 1968 followed by a doctor of jurisprudence from the Stanford University School of Law in 1971. He practiced law in New

Mexico and Washington, D.C., and has represented numerous tribes and Indian organizations in federal, state and tribal courts and before federal agencies and Congress. He also served as chair American Association of Museums from 1998 to 2000.

"The National Museum of the American Indian has risen to international prominence, thanks to Rick West's steadfast dedication, tireless drive and inspired leadership as founding director," Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence Small said. "He started with an idea and turned it into a reality. The Smithsonian Institution, the American people and visitors from around the world have benefited greatly from his talents, creativity and wisdom. We'll be forever grateful to him for all that he's done."

Access to American Indian "think tank" improved via Web

BY RICK SMITH

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) opened its Policy Research Center in late 2003 in Washington, D.C. The center came as a result of numerous requests by NCAI member tribes and serves as a consortium of researchers who focus on issues in Indian Country. In other words, a "think tank."

Last October, the research center furthered its capability of becoming the premiere American Indian "think tank" by launching its Web site, www.ncaiprc.org, allowing tribal leaders worldwide access to crucial research and data for use in developing policies and practices.

According to the center's Web site, "The mission of the NCAI Policy Research Center is to provide tribal leaders with the best available knowledge to make strategically proactive policy decisions in a framework of Native wisdom that positively impact the future of Native peoples.

"This is an invaluable tool for tribal leaders to use," NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson explained. "Using the accessibility of the Internet, we can share a wealth of information gathered through the center's forums and practical research. I truly believe this will change the way tribes determine policy options and develop tribally-driven policy."

The Web site also noted that under the direction of an advisory council convened to guide the center's initial implementation, the NCAI Policy Research Center serves to:

- Connect leading thinkers and institutions in a cohesive, shared network that builds on existing strengths within Native communities;

- Identify priorities for research and policy analysis and commission objective, independent research on selected issues relating to tribal governance, federal Indian policy, and the socioeco-

omic status of Native peoples;

- Assemble groups of experts to develop proactive models and strategies for data collection and analysis;

- Inventory current data collection within federal, state, and local governments and institutions to determine what is being collected and what additional information is needed, particularly in the area of reporting on impacts of federal appropriations for tribal programs;

- Provide access from the Policy Center's Web site to information and useful data pools that would be helpful to tribes, other agencies, etc.;

- Organize data into useful and manageable formats to improve its accessibility to the public, tribal leadership, public officials, and academics;

- Serve as an information clearinghouse to provide public information and connect existing Native institutions and projects through a comprehensive Web site;

- Support fellowships and internships to support scholarship and provide practical experience for young Native academics and scholars;

- Convene working groups to share research and undertake policy analysis.

"This Web site is an interactive resource for tribal communities seeking to collect data and conduct and control research as well as for scholars who are interested in working in partnership with tribal communities to conduct research," said NCAI Policy Research Center Director Sarah Hicks. "It provides access to data, a place to discuss research, and tools to build tribal research capacity."

To learn more about the National Congress of American Indians' Policy Research Center, visit the aforementioned Web site or e-mail Sarah Hicks at shicks@wustl.edu or Adam McMullin at amcmullin@ncai.org.

R.J. Wallis Elementary School raising funds for new playground

The parents, teachers and volunteers of R.J. Wallis Elementary School in Kincheloe, Mich., are kicking off the new school year with Friday popcorn sales, a Club's Choice food and gift sale and an RJ Wallis Elementary School cookbook sale, which will be available to purchase at the cost of \$12 each during the holiday season. All proceeds will support Project Playground: Phase II, which involves updating the existing upper elementary playground.

During Phase I of the playground project, the preschool and lower elementary playground area was completed during the summer of 2003 with the monies generously donated by area businesses, organizations and community members as well as material donations, in kind support and grants.

Phase II of Project Playground will involve updating the remain-

der of the playground area, which is used primarily by the upper elementary students, by raising an additional \$50,000 via donations, fundraising activities and grant writing. Broad-based community support and involvement is essential for the completion of this project. The target date for completion of the playground is the fall of 2007, contingent upon total funds raised by that time.

A total just shy of \$10,000 was raised last year.

For further information about Project Playground Phase II, please contact Julie Trotter at (906) 495-5309 or RJ Wallis Principal Bill Goetz at (906) 495-5323.

Donations may be sent to RJ Wallis Elementary School, Attn: Wendi Norton, school secretary, 15901 Country Club Drive, Kincheloe, MI 49788.

A big thank you to each and everyone who volunteered to make this years Elder Thanksgiving dinner a big success! Your help was very much appreciated.

The banquet staff also did a wonderful job!

Chi-Miigwetch, Carrie Sayles
Elder Services Division

Committee publishes draft of new Constitution

The Sault Tribe's Constitution Committee is pleased to announce that the latest **DRAFT** of the new Constitution is now available for public review and comment. The **DRAFT** of the new Constitution represents a work in progress, and all provisions are subject to change.

Since January 2006, the Constitution Committee has held fifteen two day meetings to debate and develop proposed amendments to the Constitution. All meetings have been open to the public. The Committee has spent hundreds of hours on a volunteer basis developing **DRAFT** proposals to improve the tribe's current Constitution originally adopted in 1975. The working **DRAFT** published by the Committee below includes proposals which the Committee has tentatively agreed upon are in regular type face, and those items considered by the Committee but not yet agreed upon are in italics type face). There are also a few items which the Committee has not yet discussed or fully addressed which appear at the end of the working **DRAFT**.

Before the Committee makes any final recommendations to the board and the people, the Committee will hold public hearings on the latest proposals. All final proposals developed by the Committee will be presented to the board of directors to begin the Secretarial (BIA) Election process as required by federal law.

Submit all questions and comments to:

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Constitution DRAFT
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PREAMBLE

ARTICLE I - SOVEREIGNTY

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 this Constitution.

ARTICLE II - BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1. Bill of Rights. The government of the Tribe shall not make or enforce any law which:

(a) infringes upon religious or cultural beliefs or prohibits the free exercise thereof nor any law which establishes religion;

(b) prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to associate or assemble, and to petition the government for

redress of grievances;

(c) infringes upon the right of any person otherwise eligible at any time to seek and hold elective public office;

(d) violates the right of the People to be secure in the privacy of their persons, houses, papers, electronic and telecommunications information, vehicles, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, nor issue warrants but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation signed by a Judge and particularly describing the place, person, house, or things to be searched, the object and scope of such search, and the person or thing to be seized, nor execute an arrest without probable cause, nor exercise a detention without reasonable suspicion, nor conduct any custodial interrogation of a suspect unless recorded visually and by audio;

(e) subjects any person to search without probable cause or to interrogation while in custody without informing the person of their right to remain silent, to have access to an attorney, to be informed that anything they say can be held against them in a court of law, and to have these rights explained at the time of arrest;

(f) subjects any person to criminal prosecution or punishment more than once for the same offense arising out of the same incident, nor compels any person in any criminal case to be a witness against himself or herself;

(g) discharges any person from employment without due process, or takes any private property or possessory interest in private property for public use, without due process and just compensation;

(h) discharges any person from employment or takes any other retaliation against an employee who makes public any information of misconduct by officials or employees of the Tribe;

(i) denies to any person in a criminal or civil proceeding the right to a speedy and public trial, to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her, to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or her favor, and in a criminal proceeding to have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense subject to income guidelines;

(j) requires excessive bail, imposes excessive fines, or inflicts cruel and unusual methods of interrogation or punishment;

(k) denies to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection, application, or opportunity under the law or deprive any person of liberty or property without due process of law, provided, that the government shall have the power to enact and implement laws that provide employment preferences;

(l) directs a criminal proceeding against a specific individual or group, or punishes conduct after the fact through the enactment of laws or resolutions which criminalize such conduct;

(m) denies to any person accused of an offense punishable by imprisonment the right upon request, to a trial by an impartial jury of not less than six persons, and all persons shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a

court of law;

(n) denies to any person the access to his or her own personal information maintained by the Tribe;

(o) denies to any Person the right to own, bear, and use arms subject to regulation by the Tribe by law.

Section 2. Pardons. A panel comprised of the Ogema, the Speaker of the Legislature, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Ganawendamaw shall have the power to issue a pardon by unanimous vote of the panel; provided, that no pardon may be issued until the passage of three years from the date of conviction.

Section 3. Reserved Powers. Powers not granted to the government shall be reserved to the People.

ARTICLE III - TERRITORY

Section 1. Territory. The Territory of the Tribe shall encompass all lands which are now or hereafter owned and held by the Tribe or owned by the Tribe and held in trust for the Tribe or Members by the United States. The Territory shall include lands and waters ceded by the 1836 Treaty or any other treaty entered into by the Tribe for purposes of exercising, regulating, and protecting reserved rights of hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, and cultural activities. The Territory shall include but not be limited to, the environment, all water, air, airspace, surface and subsurface land and water, submerged lands, and any resource severable from the land, minerals, and natural resources, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent or right-of-way in fee or otherwise existing now or in the future. No Territory shall be ceded or conveyed unless authorized by law subject to the approval of the voters in a Special Election.

(Move this to sentence to a new "Property" Article?):

No real property, personal property, or intellectual property shall be transferred, mortgaged, or otherwise encumbered unless authorized by law.

Section 2. Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction and governing authority of the Tribe shall extend to all persons, property, and activities within the Territory and shall include exercising, regulating, and protecting reserved rights to fish, hunt, trap, and other usual rights and privileges of occupancy over all lands and waters ceded by the 1836 Treaty or any other treaty entered into by the Tribe. The Tribe shall have the power to assert the Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of the Tribe over all matters that affect the interests of the Tribe. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit the ability of the Tribe to exercise its Jurisdiction based upon law or its inherent sovereignty.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements. The requirements for membership in the Tribe shall be:

(a) all persons validly enrolled as members of the Tribe as of the date of the approval of this Constitution and their lineal descendants;

(b) all persons who can trace their ancestry to any historical annuity (or census) roll of the

seven historical bands, which shall include Sugar Island, Grand Island, Point Iroquois, Sault Sainte Marie, Garden River, Drummond Island, and Mackinac. *(and who are not enrolled in another Tribe or Band? - TABLED)*

(c) Adopted minor children of Members of the Tribe?

ARTICLE V - SEPARATION OF POWERS

Section 1. Branches of Government. There shall be one Legislative branch, one Executive branch, and one Judicial branch. There shall be a system of separation of powers and checks and balances between the branches of government. No branch of government or official of any branch of government shall exercise any power granted in this Constitution or properly delegated by law to any other branch of government except as expressly directed or permitted by this Constitution and each branch shall act as a check and balance upon the actions of the other branches as permitted by this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI - JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1. Composition of the Judicial Branch. There shall be one Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch shall be made up of one Trial Court which shall be called the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin, one Appeals Court which shall be called the Court of Nbwaakawin, a Constitution Court which shall be called Ganawendamaw, a *Judicial Commission*, and court staff including a Chief Administrator of the Judicial Branch, staff attorneys, a Chief Clerk of each Court, and appropriate subordinate clerks of court. The Judicial Branch shall also include trial level courts of special jurisdiction as established by law.

(a) Composition of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin. The Court of Gweyakwaadziwin shall be made up of one Chief Judge, one Associate Judge, and any other Associate Judges or Substitute Judges as authorized by law. The Chief Judge shall have oversight authority of all matters related to the operations and administration of all trial level courts.

(b) Composition of the Court of Nbwaakawin. There shall be five Justices on the Court of Nbwaakawin. There shall be one Chief Justice and four Associate Justices. The Chief Justice shall have oversight authority of all matters related to the operations and administration of the Court of Nbwaakawin.

(c) Composition of the Court of Ganawendamaw. The Court of Ganawendamaw shall be made up of seven Judges (*use a different word besides "Judge"?*), including two Judges, preferably one man and one woman selected by the Judges from among themselves, to preside together in accordance with tradition, over the proceedings of the Court of Ganawendamaw.

(d) Composition of Courts of Special Jurisdiction. Courts of Special Jurisdiction shall be made up of judges or peacemakers, including appropriate staff, as established by law.

Section 2. Election and Selection of Justices and Judges.

(a) Election of Judges of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin. Judges of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial level court shall be elected directly by the voters except Substitute Judges.

(b) Election of Justices of the Court of Nbwaakawin. The Judges of the Court of Nbwaakawin shall be elected directly by the voters.

(c) Election of Judges of the Court of Ganawendamaw. The Judges of the Court of Ganawendamaw shall be elected directly by the voters.

(d) Selection of Substitute Judges. Upon recusal of the Chief Judge and all Associate Judges, the Chief Judge shall select a Substitute Judge from among the current Judges serving on the Court of Ganawendamaw, subject to any restrictions imposed by rules of the Courts or by law.

Section 3. Terms.

(a) The term of office for each Judge of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial level court shall be four years and each Judge shall remain seated, unless removed, until an oath of office is administered to a successor. The terms of office for each Justice of the Court of Nbwaakawin shall be six years and each Justice shall remain seated, unless removed, until the oath of office is administered to a successor. The term of office for each Judge of the Ganawendamaw shall be eight years and each Judge shall remain seated, unless removed, until an oath of office is administered to a successor.

(b) The terms of office for Justices and Judges of the Courts of Gweyakwaadziwin, Nbwaakawin, and Ganawendamaw shall be staggered.

(c) In the First Election for purposes of establishing staggered terms of office, the Chief Judge of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin shall serve for four years, and one Associate Judge shall serve for two years. In the First Election for purposes of establishing staggered terms of office, two Justices of the Court of Nbwaakawin who receive the two highest number of votes shall each serve a term of six years, and two Justices who receive the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of four years, and one Justice who receives the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of two years. In the First Election for purposes of establishing staggered terms of office, four Judges of the Court of Ganawendamaw shall serve for eight years, and three Judges shall serve for four years.

Section 4. Qualifications.

(a) The Chief Judge shall be a Member of the Tribe, at least forty years old, (*and a resident of _____ before and/or after being elected?*). All Associate Judges shall be Members of the Tribe, at least thirty-five years old, (*and a resident of _____ before/after being elected?*).

(b) The Chief Justice shall be at least forty years old. Four Associate Justices shall be of voting age. The Chief Justice and at least one other Justice shall be attorneys.

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(c) No person shall be eligible to serve as a Judge or Justice who has ever been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction unless pardoned by the Court of Ganawendamaw after holding a public hearing, or by the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred as long as such pardon is consistent with the laws of the Tribe.

(d) Judges of the Court of Ganawendamaw shall be eligible voters of the Tribe, and at least one seat on the Court of Ganawendamaw shall be reserved for an attorney; provided, that if no candidate is an attorney, then the seat shall be considered an open seat for any otherwise qualified person.

(e) A Judge or Justice cannot be an elected or appointed official of any other government.

Section 5. Jurisdiction of the Courts.

(a) The Court of Gweyakwaadziwin shall have original jurisdiction over all cases and controversies, both criminal and civil, in law or in equity, arising under the Constitution, treaties, laws, and customs of the Tribe, including cases in which the Tribe or its officials and employees shall be a party. Any such case or controversy arising within the jurisdiction of the Tribe shall be filed in the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin before it is filed in any other court or in any other jurisdiction, *except for an appeal of a decision by the Election Commission on any election protest or challenge including challenges to a redistricting and reapportionment plan filed in the Court of Nbwaakawin. This grant of jurisdiction shall not be construed to be a waiver of the Sovereign Immunity of the Tribe.*

(b) The Court of Nbwaakawin shall have appellate jurisdiction over any case on appeal from the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial level court. The Court of Nbwaakawin shall also have original and exclusive jurisdiction over any final determination of an election dispute by the Election Commission or on any approved plan to redistrict or reapportion, and such jurisdiction shall include the power to make findings of fact and conclusions of law, and to issue all remedies in law and equity.

(c) The jurisdiction of the Court of Ganawendamaw may be invoked by any individual citizen when an action of the government gives rise to any issue arising under this constitution and no individual citizen or group of individual citizens can establish standing in the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin. If the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial level court determines that a party has standing, then the Court of Ganawendamaw shall not be authorized to hear any case arising out of the same incident or facts and raising substantially the same constitutional issue. The Court of Ganawendamaw shall cancel the proceedings in any case when a case arising out of the same incident or facts and raising substantially the same constitutional issues shall be filed and accepted by any trial level court.

Section 6. Powers and Duties of the Courts.

(a) Healing. The primary duty

of the Judicial Branch shall be to promote community and individual healing and forgiveness in all matters which come before the Courts in accordance with the laws, customs, and traditions of the Tribe.

(b) Court of Gweyakwaadziwin.

(i) The Court of Gweyakwaadziwin shall have the power to make findings of fact, interpret the Constitution, treaties, and laws of the Tribe, make conclusions of law, and issue all remedies in law and in equity.

(ii) The Court of Gweyakwaadziwin shall have the power to declare the laws of the Tribe void if such laws are not consistent with this Constitution.

(iii) The Courts shall have the power to review and determine if actions of the Executive, including any Department, Board, Committee, or Executive Branch official are consistent with this Constitution, and to order an appropriate remedy for actions which violate this Constitution.

(iv) All proceedings of the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial court shall be recorded for purposes of appellate review.

(v) The Chief Judge shall have oversight authority of all matters related to the operations and administration of all trial level courts including the employment and discharge of Court personnel.

(c) Court of Nbwaakawin.

(i) The Court of Nbwaakawin shall have the power to interpret the Constitution, treaties, and laws of the Tribe, make conclusions of law (*and make findings of fact in election disputes?*), and issue all remedies in law and in equity. Decisions of the Court of Nbwaakawin shall be final.

(ii) The Court of Nbwaakawin shall have the power to declare the laws and Executive actions of the Tribe void if such laws are not consistent with this Constitution.

(iii) The Chief Justice shall have oversight authority of all matters related to the operations and administration of the Court of Nbwaakawin including the employment and discharge of Court personnel and the preparation and presentation of an annual budget request for the Judicial Branch.

(d) Court of Ganawendamaw.

(i) All seven Judges of the Court of Ganawendamaw shall hear and decide each case unless a Judge is recused.

(ii) No case or controversy shall be filed in the Court of Ganawendamaw unless the case has first been filed in the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin and the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin has determined that the party filing the case lacks standing. Any interpretation of the Constitution by the Court of Ganawendamaw shall be explained in a written opinion and shall be final, binding, (*and shall be enforceable in, but not appealable to, any other Court*). The Court of Ganawendamaw shall not have the authority to issue orders. Any party who obtains a final interpretation of the Constitution by the Court of Ganawendamaw shall be deemed to have standing to seek enforcement of such interpretation in the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin.

(e) Court Rules. Each Court

shall have the power to make its own rules of court, procedure, evidence, and other judicial matters, subject to the power of the Chief Judge to make or modify such rules, and any rule established by any Court or the Chief Judge shall be subject to the power of the Legislature to make or modify any rule by law.

(f) Written Decisions. All orders, judgments, opinions, or final decisions of any Court shall be written and published in a timely manner.

(g) Final Disposition. The Courts shall render a final disposition in all cases properly filed.

(h) Right to Appeal. Any party to a civil action, or a defendant in a criminal action, who is dissatisfied with the judgment or verdict may appeal to the Court of Nbwaakawin. The Court of Nbwaakawin shall have the right to accept or deny any appeal from the Court of Gweyakwaadziwin or any other trial level Court. All appeals that are accepted for review by the Court of Nbwaakawin shall be heard by the full court.

(i) Precedent. The Courts shall develop rules regarding precedent. The Courts shall require all parties to a case to present arguments regarding the customs and traditions of the Tribe. In the absence of an applicable written law of the Tribe, the Courts shall separately consider and explain in writing the application of the customs and traditions to the disposition of the case.

Section 7. Conflicts of Interest. Judges and Justices shall disclose when they have a conflict of interest, and shall not hear a case where they have a conflict of interest. Any party to a case shall have the right to request a Judge to recuse, and a decision on recusal shall be accompanied by a written explanation for the decision.

Section 8. Judicial Commission.

ARTICLE VII - LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1. Composition. The Legislature shall be comprised of fifteen Representatives elected from the eight voting Districts as follows:

(a) The Upper Peninsula shall be divided into five voting Districts with a total of twelve Representatives.

(i) Until the boundaries of the voting Districts are modified pursuant to the terms of this Constitution, the respective boundaries of the Districts shall continue as they existed at the time of ratification of this Constitution except the boundary of District Five which shall be expanded to include the remainder of the western Upper Peninsula.

(ii) Until the number of Representatives per District is modified pursuant to the terms of this Constitution, the number of Representatives per District shall continue as they existed at the time of ratification of this Constitution.

(b) The Lower Peninsula shall be divided into three At-large voting Districts, with one Representative per voting District, with the Northern At-large voting District encompassing the area in the Lower Peninsula north of the (*45th?*) parallel of latitude and the

boundary between the Western At-large voting District and the Eastern At-large voting District shall be the (_____) meridian of longitude south of the (*45th?*) parallel.

(c) Redistricting and Reapportionment of the Upper Peninsula Districts.

(i) After the next census in 2010 and every ten years thereafter, the Election Board shall make Findings of population patterns and demographics for purposes of redistricting or reapportioning. The Election Board shall prepare a proposed plan to redistrict or reapportion the five voting Districts in the Upper Peninsula to achieve an equitable distribution of Representatives based on the Findings, but each District shall have at least one Representative.

(ii) The Election Board shall present the proposed redistricting or reapportionment plan to the Legislature for approval or disapproval. The Legislature shall have the authority to modify the plan submitted by the Election Board. If the Legislature fails to approve or disapprove a plan to redistrict or reapportion the five voting Districts in the Upper Peninsula within sixty days of submission of the plan to the Legislature, then the original plan proposed by the Election Board shall be deemed final for purposes of judicial review.

(iii) Any Member of the Tribe shall have standing to challenge in the Court of Nbwaakawin any redistricting or reapportionment plan adopted by either the Election Board or the Legislature within thirty days of approval, and any approved plan shall be subject to review by the Court of Nbwaakawin which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction, and a decision by the Court of Nbwaakawin shall be final, provided that if the Court does not make a decision within sixty days of filing of the challenge, then the plan as approved shall be final and no further judicial review shall be permitted.

(iv) Any redistricting or reapportionment plan approved pursuant to this Section shall be implemented prior to the beginning of the 2012 election cycle, and each ten years thereafter.

(d) At-large voting Districts shall not be subject to redistricting or reapportionment.

(e) Eligible voters of the Tribe shall be permitted to vote exclusively in the voting District in which they hold primary residence. Eligible voters of the Tribe who do not reside in any of the voting Districts shall be permitted to register to vote and vote in any one of the three At-large voting Districts; provided, that once registered to vote in an At-large voting District voters shall not be permitted to change voting Districts unless they establish their primary residence in a voting District.

Section 2. Terms. The term of office for each Representative shall be four years. The terms of office for all Representatives shall be staggered.

Section 3. First Election. For purposes of the First Election under this Constitution to be held in June 2008, the term of office for the Representatives of the Northern At-large voting District

and the Eastern At-large voting District shall be four years, and the term of office for the Representative of the Western At-large voting District shall be two years and a four year term thereafter. If this Constitution is not in effect in June 2008, then a Special Election shall be held to fill the three At-large seats for the remainder of the staggered terms.

Section 4. Qualifications.

(a) Every Legislator shall be a Member of the Tribe and of voting age.

(b) No persons convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction shall serve as a Legislator, unless pardoned by the Tribe after holding a public hearing, or by the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred so long as such pardon is consistent with the laws of the Tribe.

(c) Every Legislator shall physically reside in the Unit which they represent for at least two years immediately prior to the election.

Section 5. Compensation. Legislators shall be paid a reasonable compensation commensurate with a full-time job. No Legislator shall be fully employed in any other capacity.

Section 6. Powers. Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature.

(a) The Legislature shall have the power to make laws, raise revenue, borrow money, and enact an annual balanced budget for the entire Tribe by law, and take any other action as provided in this Constitution. The Legislature shall not have the power to make a private law.

(b) There shall be one comprehensive annual balanced budget for the entire Tribe. The annual budget shall include all revenue and funds controlled by the Tribe and all revenue and funds received by the Tribe from any and all sources. The Legislature shall have the power to conduct one semi-annual budget assessment and make appropriate modifications to the annual budget by law. Upon request of the Executive, the Legislature shall have the power to make the requested modification to the annual budget by law at any time. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury unless it has been separately and previously authorized by law and included in an approved budget.

(c) If the Legislature fails to approve an annual budget by the start of the fiscal year, then the entire Tribe shall continue to function at the level of the previous year's budget, and no Legislator shall be paid any compensation until a new budget is enacted and Legislators shall not receive any retroactive compensation for the period of time when the previous year's budget was in effect.

(d) The Legislature shall follow a public Legislative Process to make laws and approve budgets.

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(i) All actions of the Legislature shall be embodied in a written law or budget, unless otherwise indicated in this Constitution. Each Legislator shall have the power to introduce a Bill or proposed budget which shall be read into a public Legislative Record and placed on a public Legislative Calendar. The name of the Legislator who is the primary sponsor of each Bill shall be indicated on the Bill. Every Bill shall include a section explaining how the law derives from, comports with, or affects the historical customs and traditions of the Tribe. Every Bill shall include a statement identifying the specific law, if any, to be amended, superceded, or repealed.

(ii) The Legislature or a Legislative Committee shall be required to conduct at least one public hearing in any Unit held outside the time of a Legislative Session which shall include time for public comment on a Bill or proposed budget prior to passage by the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the power to compel evidence and witnesses by subpoena. Members of the Tribe shall be afforded the opportunity to address the Legislature privately, however, the Legislature shall not be permitted to take any action at such time.

(iii) The Legislature shall be required to publish a Bill or proposed budget in the Tribe's newspaper, Web site, and in other public places at least thirty days prior to passage by the Legislature, unless the Bill or proposed budget modification exclusively addresses a request of funds from a funding source other than the Tribe and that a contribution from the Tribe to secure such funds shall be permitted.

(iv) A majority of the total number of seated Legislators shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum shall be required to convene a Regular Session or Special Session of the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the power to enact a Bill or budget in public by a majority vote of the quorum or a majority of those present whichever is greater, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution. The Legislature shall vote on each Bill or budget by separate roll call votes. A legislator shall be present to cast a roll call vote, and the names and votes of each Legislator on each Bill or proposed budget shall be recorded and published. Proxy voting shall be prohibited.

(v) All Bills and proposed budgets passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Chairman for signature or veto. The Chairman shall have ten days from receipt of a Bill or proposed budget passed by the Legislature to sign or veto with a written explanation of objections; provided, that if the Chairman takes no action on the Bill or proposed budget, then such Bill or proposed budget

shall become law. The Legislature shall have the power to override an Executive veto by a vote of at least three-fourths of the seated Members of the Legislature.

(vi) No Bill or budget passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Chairman or enacted by veto override by the Legislature shall be valid until it has been published in the Tribe's newspaper and a period of at least ninety days has passed. The laws shall be compiled into one code which shall be published annually.

(vii) Unless otherwise permitted by this Constitution, any action by the Legislature which does not follow the Legislative Process shall be deemed void and shall not be implemented or enforced by the government, Chairman, or any official or employee.

(e) Beginning two years after the effective date of the Constitution, a permanent interest-bearing trust fund shall be established and the principal of such fund shall remain unencumbered, unappropriated, and unspent. At least 7.5% of that part of the Tribe's annual budget revenue derived from the Tribe's businesses shall be budgeted and deposited into the permanent trust fund. The Legislature may budget and appropriate up to ninety percent of the interest from the permanent trust fund for services to Members and reasonable and customary fund administrative fees, and the remaining interest shall become principal of the permanent trust fund.

(f) The Legislature shall have the power to create internal rules and procedures for the Legislative Branch including the power to establish Legislative Committees comprised exclusively of Legislators. The Legislature shall have the power to employ legislative staff including legislative counsel. The Legislature shall have the power to employ both political staff and career staff.

(g) The Legislature shall have the power to establish executive Departments, Commissions, Boards, Offices, and other subordinate entities by law. No Legislator may be elected, appointed, or employed in the Judicial Branch, in the Executive Branch, or in any other government or its political subdivisions in any capacity including as a consultant, contractor, or otherwise.

(h) The Legislature shall not have the power to enact, adopt, authorize, or otherwise approve any cession, diminishment, or relinquishment by law, agreement, or by any other means any treaty rights reserved to the people by our ancestors. The Legislature shall not have the power to pass any law or to negotiate any agreement prohibiting or abridging the exercise of any reserved treaty hunting or fishing right except for temporary conservation purposes which shall be subject to the approval of the voters in a Special Election.

(i) *The Legislature shall have the authority to delegate powers of home rule by law to each District and to budget a specific amount for the District governing body to administer for such purposes.*

Section 7. Legislative Sessions.

(a) Regular Sessions. The Legislature shall meet in Baawating in a Regular Session beginning on the first Monday of the first full week of the month for up to seven consecutive days.

(b) Special Sessions. _____ shall be permitted to call a Special Session of the Legislature. A Special Session may be held in any District and the date and location of the Special Session shall be made by public notice. The purpose of the Special Session shall be explained by public notice and only that purpose shall be considered during the Special Session. A Special Session shall last no longer than one day.

(c) Every Regular Session and Special Session shall be open to the public, and no closed sessions shall be permitted.

(d) Legislators may vote on matters only during a Regular Session or a Special Session.

(e) The seat of government shall be Baawating, the traditional gathering place.

Section 8. Recall and Removal.

(a) Recall of a Legislator. A Legislator shall be subject to recall.

(i) A Recall Election shall be initiated by petition signed by at least twenty-five percent of the total number of ballots cast in that District in the election in which that Legislator was elected.

(ii) Only registered voters from the respective Unit shall be entitled to sign a recall petition. A separate recall petition shall be required for each Legislator subject to recall.

(iii) A recall petition shall be submitted only to the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall determine within five days whether the numerical requirements for the petition are met. If all numerical requirements are met, the Election Commission shall hold a Recall Election after thirty days but no more than sixty days.

(iv) All eligible voters of the Unit shall be entitled to vote in the Recall Election. A Legislator shall be recalled and removed from office if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the Recall Election vote in favor of recall.

(v) A recall petition shall not be initiated or submitted to the Election Commission until at least six months has passed since the start of each new term of a Legislator. A recall petition shall not be initiated or submitted to the Election Commission if six months or less remain in the term of the Legislator. Once a petition is initiated, the petitioners shall have no more than sixty days to collect the requisite number of signatures.

A Legislator subject to an unsuccessful recall vote shall not be subject to another Recall Election during their term unless the basis for the recall is a conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction.

(vi) A Legislator who is successfully recalled from office shall not be eligible to run for any elected office until the original term of the Legislator would have expired.

(b) Removal of a Legislator: A Legislator shall be subject to removal for good cause.

(i) The (*Chairman*), any Legislator, or any one hundred Members of voting age (*from the Legislator's Unit?*) may present to the Court of Ganawendamaw a signed written petition stating good cause and requesting a removal hearing against a Legislator. The Court shall decide within fifteen days upon receipt of a petition whether the petition states good cause to conduct a removal hearing.

(ii) If the Court finds that a hearing is warranted, the Court shall conduct a public hearing providing due process and make a final determination whether the accused shall be removed from office.

(iii) The conviction of a Legislator in any court for the commission of a felony shall constitute good cause for purposes of removal and a convicted Legislator shall be suspended until a final determination is made regarding removal. If the Court of Ganawendamaw fails to conduct a public removal hearing and make a final determination regarding the removal within sixty days, then the Court shall make a written explanation for refusing to conduct a hearing, the conviction shall result in a final determination regarding removal of the Legislator, and the seat shall be deemed vacant.

(c) Suspension of a Legislator: A Legislator who is formally charged or indicted for alleged major criminal offenses in any jurisdiction as determined by the Legislature by law shall be suspended without pay and shall remain unseated until the charge or indictment is finally resolved, however, the Legislator shall receive back pay from the date of suspension if exonerated.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Branch shall be comprised of one Ogemaa, one Vice Ogemaa, a Department of Administration including property and supply, records, personnel, grants and contracts, and procurement, a Department of Cultural and Tradition, and any other Departments established by law. The Office of Vice Ogemaa shall be subordinate to the Office of Ogemaa and any decision made by the Office of the Vice Ogemaa shall be subject to approval of the Ogemaa. The Ogemaa shall be in charge of the Executive

Branch of government.

Section 2. Terms. The term of office for the Ogemaa and Vice Ogemaa shall be four years.

Section 3. Selection. The Ogemaa and Vice Ogemaa shall be elected as a team on the same ballot by all eligible voters of the Tribe by a majority vote of the Members who cast their ballots in the General Election. The General Election shall be held on the 4th Thursday in June.

[Add to Election Article: There shall be a Primary Election].

Section 4. Qualifications. (a) The Ogemaa and Vice Ogemaa shall not be permitted to hold another job in any capacity.

Section 5. Powers. Executive power shall be vested in the Executive Branch. The Executive Branch shall execute, enforce, and administer the laws and budgets of the Tribe.

(a) The Executive Branch shall present a proposed annual budget to the Legislature no later than (*date?*) of each year.

(b) The Ogemaa shall serve as the Tribe's official representative.

(c) The Executive Branch shall have the power to veto a Bill within ten days of passage by the Legislature and presentation to the Ogemaa. A veto shall include a written explanation of any objections to the Bill.

(d) The Executive Branch shall have the authority to introduce a Bill to the Legislature for consideration.

(e) The Ogemaa shall not have the authority to spend money unless previously authorized by law and appropriated in a budget.

Section 6. Removal and Recall.

Section 7. Vacancy. A vacancy in the office of Ogemaa shall be filled by the Vice Ogemaa for the remainder of the term of office, and the resulting vacancy in the Office of Vice Ogemaa shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the Ogemaa subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

ARTICLE IX - NEWSPAPER

Section 1. Official Newspaper. The government of the Tribe shall operate a newspaper which shall be separate and independent from the political branches of government. The editor of the newspaper shall be selected and employed using the established hiring process utilized by the Executive Branch. There shall be a newspaper oversight Board comprised of three individuals with one person from each Branch of government elected by the voters.

ARTICLE X - ELECTIONS ARTICLE XI - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Constitutional Convention Committee schedule

Date	Time	Unit/Location
Nov. 17/18	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Dec. 1/2	5-9 p.m./8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Unit I/Sault Casino, Room TBA
Dec. 15/16	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.

ELDERS' THANKSGIVING DINNER



Chairperson Aaron Payment, third from left, and Elder Services Division Director Holly Kibble, right, get together with Elder Committee chairs, Basil Willis, Unit II-Hessel; Joann Smith, Unit III-St. Ignace; Nancy Allard, Unit I-Sault Ste. Marie; Sally Burke, Unit II-Newberry and Carl Frazier, vice chair, Unit II-Naubinway.



Judy and Roy Hirt came to the dinner with news of their 10 grandchildren and their 11th great grandchild who was born recently. Said Roy, "I have to get a Greyhound bus to carry the family around now."



Punkey and Jim Hill, left, and John and Dorothy Leach enjoyed the turkey dinner and pumpkin pie along with over 500 elders from Units I, II, and III.



Good old friends Julie Petermen and Frances Mende say goodbye after the dinner.



Grace Flowers, left, and Sylvia Olsen give each other a goodbye kiss after the dinner.



Cello player Miranda Reno, a member of the JKL Bahweting Fifth Grade Orchestra, helped entertain the elders during their dinner.



Joyce O'Dell, center has a chance to get together with her brother and sister-in-law Frank and Molly LaCoy.



Unit II Director Lana Causley with 84-year young elder Fannie Aslin from Newberry.



Chairperson Payment with the oldest elder at the dinner, 100 year old Jenny Lee Olesek from the Sault.



Unit I Representative Cathy Abramson, center, chats with Mary Willis, left, and Margaret Vassar.

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News of other nations

The future of tribal sovereignty

NORTH DAKOTA — According to traditional American Indian elders, tribal sovereignty was given to Indian nations by the Creator. Yet today, that sovereignty must be constantly protected from the United States government and internal forces. Among the insights by Indian leaders:

"We have to have a sustained national sovereignty effort. We must rekindle the (National Congress of American Indians') effort to reaffirm sovereignty," said Tex Hall, former NCAI president.

Melanie Benjamin, chairman of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, says the current trend is to pit the tribes against state and federal governments in court. "Ever since Indian self-determination and the Reagan administration, states' rights have taken priority. Now, with the Bush administration, there is more power going to the states. In the future, we may find ourselves in more courts."

Ken Davis, chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, says that to expand sovereignty, the land base has to be expanded. "To purchase land only from tribe members doesn't expand sovereignty. We have to come to grasp with it and accommodate growth on the reservations . . . We are not as isolated and uneducated as we once were. We have lawyers; we have political rights and a special political status. No longer do we allow encroachment within our own boundaries."

Ron His Horse is Thunder, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, agreed with Davis. "The treaties are the recognition of tribal rights, not gifts." He also says that the federal blood quantum for tribal membership will lead to tribal extermination. "It's not blood but culture and language which determines a tribe's sovereignty. Without the language you can't know 100 percent of the culture — in the language is the culture. Every sovereignty is recognized by its language, government, membership and established boundaries. Who ceases to have any one of these will find termination."

His Horse is Thunder also warned members that citizens must have faith in the tribal government. "There is an internal attack — Indian against Indian. If we don't protect sovereignty, we will see termination."

— *Indian Country Today*

Yup'ik diva dances once more

ALASKA — The Egan Center was packed for the drumming and dance showcase during the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. Many — perhaps hundreds — were turned away at the door.

Performers representing Alutiiq, Inupiat, Yup'ik and Southeast Indian traditions took their turns, and then a surprise: 87-year old Mary Ann Sundown planned to dance. As the beloved "Dance Diva" from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta hobbled onto the stage, bent and slow, cheers and whistles from a thousand or more fans shook the roof. She donned her fur headpiece and gripped her dance fans, sitting in a chair to perform.

Mary Ann's coordination, grace, charm, and humor showed through, and at the end of each song, she struggled to her feet for the final choruses. Her performance included two comic numbers associated with Sundown: the "Mosquito Song," which includes hilarious swatting and itching pantomimes; and the "Cigarette Song," in which the performers try to imitate the elegant puffing of movie stars and wind up coughing.

Sundown's set closed with a tribute piece to her grandchildren, her trademark laugh and an expression of wondering love as she looked back at her family — some in diapers — in front of the stage.

Before leaving, Mary Ann told the crowd in Yup'ik, through a translator, how happy she was to be there. How she had lost her ability to walk for a while but it had returned. How she had fallen off a four-wheeler while berry-picking but been unharmed. "She says someone's looking out for her," the interpreter said, "and that's God."

— *Anchorage Daily News*

American Indian activist remembered

CALIFORNIA — Humboldt State University has dedicated a room to Vine Deloria Jr., an American Indian scholar, author, teacher and activist. Mr. Deloria has written more than 20 books including "Custer Died for Your Sins," which made him a national figure in the American Indian rights movement. He has been described as "the most eloquent and prolific writer in Indian voice opposing U.S. colonial policies in the 20th century." Time Magazine also named him as one of the 10 most influential theologians of the 20th century. "He's like the Martin Luther King for American Indians," said HSU Native American studies Professor Joseph Giovannetti. Mr. Deloria's room is located in Haskell's Multicultural Center.

— *The Eureka Reporter*

Center for Native Peoples launched

NEW YORK — Robin Kimmerer wants every scientist graduating from State University of New York's (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry to understand issues facing American Indians. She wants students to leave with a knowledge of treaty rights, environmental justice and native sciences.

Kimmerer just might get her wish.

Robin has been named director of a new Center for Native Peoples and the Environment. The center is the only one of its kind in the Northeast. It will draw on both American Indian wisdom and conventional science to help protect and restore our environment.

"What makes this center unique is the bridge between western scientific knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge," Kimmerer said. "This is a way to increase our ability to learn from each other and work together to solve environmental problems."

The Center for Native Peoples and the Environment will focus on education, research and public outreach. New courses will include indigenous issues and the environment, ethnobotany (the plant lore of indigenous cultures) and traditional ecological knowledge. The first new classes begin in spring 2007.

SUNY will also will create a minor: Native Americans and the Environment.

— *The Post-Standard*

Convention sees donations, youth programs

CALIFORNIA — The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) has concluded its national convention in Sacramento. This year, the NCAI established the Youth Ambassador Leadership Program which recognizes the strong leadership skills of American Indian youngsters.

"Native youth are collaborating in ways that will benefit all of us in the future, and this program will only enhance the way in which they coordinate their efforts to improve the lives of their peers," said NCAI president Joe Garcia.

Each year, one male and one female will be selected to act as the public face for the NCAI's youth commission.

Meet this year's ambassadors:

Patricia Carter, Nez Perce, is a sophomore at Northwest Indian College. "The implementation of this new program is exciting. Our strength is our diversity within the leadership program," Carter said. "We all have various ideas and have the drive and passion to implement new initiatives such as creating a multimedia campaign to fight drug and alcohol abuse and push for stronger possession laws. We can educate other youth about NCAI and Indian Country initiatives."

Quintin Lopez, Tohono O'odham, is a high school senior. "For the next two years as a representative, I will express my true feelings and those of the young," Lopez said. "They should be heard. I will do more with Native youth and have them be more outspoken about who they are and where they come from."

Meet the under-ambassadors:

Marrisa Corpuz, Tlingit-Haida, is a freshman at University of Alaska Southeast. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me to reach out to youth on a national level and a personal level. I am very excited to see the issues that we will be dealing with and to assist in creating solutions," Corpuz said. "I know that I am working with three wonderful Native youths and with the emergence of all our individual strengths, we will make a difference and impact on Indian nations. I can't wait to get out and hear the voices of the Indian youth of America. I can assure you that we will represent Indian youth across the nation to the best of our capabilities."

Nick Stranger, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, is a high school senior. "I look forward to this opportunity to learn more about politics and the political process in Indian Country," Stranger said. "I've always been active in sports so this is something new that I can do. I'm interested to learn more about American Indian issues."

— *The Native Times*

Columbus Day may lose holiday status

MINNESOTA — Oct. 9, 2006, was the last time Duluth employees got Columbus Day off as a holiday. The city's five unions told Mayor Herb Bergson they would rather take another day off than one honoring Columbus. So, Bergson proclaimed the second Monday in October as a day to honor the Indigenous instead of a man whose legacy is historically contentious. "We can't honor a murderer," Bergson said. He called Columbus a slave trader and tyrant and suggested that American Indians organize boycotts of stores and dealerships that hold Columbus Day sales.

— *Duluth News Tribune*

Shoes as social wardrobe

ARIZONA — Shoes have been part of the human set for up to 500,000 years. People living in cold climates were the first to wear foot coverings, although examples of their shoes have disintegrated with time. American Indians also developed their own unique footwear: Sandals and plain animal hide construction were the norm for people 30,000 years ago;

The North American early hide coverings have evolved into today's moccasins;

The oldest existing shoe specimen is a 9,000-year old sagebrush bark sandal discovered at Fort Rock Cave in central Oregon;

Mesoamerican people (1600 BC) used rubber to sole their sandals;

Mayans are thought to have made a temporary rubber shoe by dipping their feet into a latex mixture;

In the American Southwest (900 AD), many people wore sandals woven of yucca or hemp weed;

The Utah Museum of Natural History has American Indian footwear up to 800 years old. Most are plain hide construction. Some are fringed with remnants of quillwork;

A 1555 Frenchman describes women's moccasins from the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes region with "fancy work and rich colors" decorated with porcupine quillwork, shells, stones, seeds, insects and various animal parts;

Early moccasin construction has subtle differences, yet various tribes could be recognized by their footprints:

Through contact with Europeans and other tribes, decorations and "trademark" images grew more individualized;

Many moccasins shared special images given to the owner by his spirit helper during a vision;

The Comanche would tie small medicine bundles on their moccasins or leggings to help them travel safely;

Moccasins might also referred to bands or tribes. For unclear reasons, the Siksika were called Blackfoot, and the Sihasapa (members of the Teton Sioux) became known as Blackfoot Sioux;

Moccasins are often given as gifts to honor an individual;

And they are frequently the first gift given to newborn babies.

Like all artists, American Indians continually respond to their environment, combine the traditional with the new and seek their own individuality.

A new exhibit, "Sole Stories: American Indian Footwear," opened Oct. 27 at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. Using modern shoes from accomplished Indian artists and American Indian shoes from the museum collection, the display celebrates this important part of American Indian culture.

— *The Heard Museum*

Sampson takes pride in being American Indian

INDIANA — All of his life, Kelvin Sampson has heard the same question. "People would look at me, and they'd go, 'What are you?'" Sampson said. "I can't tell you how many times I've been asked that."

Sampson, a Lumbee Indian and basketball coach at Indiana University, used to be offended by the question. Now he has fun with it. "I started asking back, 'What are you?'" Sampson said. "But that's why it's important to have a strong identity and know who you are."

Sampson was recently presented with an American Indian robe at the Indiana Native American Education Conference. He told the audience that they are role models. "It's important for kids to see people who look like them succeed."

Sampson's own role models include basketball coaches John Thompson, Nolan Richardson and John Chaney. "I related to those guys early and often, because they looked more like me than the other guys," Sampson said. ". . . Now it's important that I do well, the right way."

— *The Indianapolis Star*

New documentary examines dwindling Indian lands

MONTANA — new film, *American Indian Homelands: Matters of Truth, Honor and Dignity Immemorial*, focuses on the loss of tribal lands through federal policy and how it affects American Indians today. The film was viewed by American Indians and non-Indians before its release. Among the comments: "The Indian focus groups that we showed it to absolutely loved it and thought every Indian should see it. They thought it should be longer," said Cris Stainbrook, president of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation in Little Canada, Minn.

— *Billings Gazette*

Third annual veterans powwow celebrated at Kinross Recreation Center



Flag carriers prepare to post their flags.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Powwow participants dancing during an intertribal dance.



Fancy shawl dancer Daraka McLeod dancing in honor of veterans.



Left, John Perrault carrying the Mackinac Band staff and head veteran dancer Paul Yarnell with an eagle staff lead the afternoon grand entry.



Marsha Nolan-Ailing working on her jewelry while powwow participants visited the different craft tables set up in the hallways.

The third annual Honoring Our Veterans Powwow was held Nov. 11 at the Kinross Recreation Center in Kincheloe, Mich. Crafters had tables displayed in the hallways while families helped each other with last minute regalia adjustments in preparation for the afternoon grand entry. A potluck feast was offered at meal time.



People lined up in their vehicles inside the Sanderson Air Field hanger in Sault Ste. Marie to get their flu shots.



Russ Payment happy that this year's shot is now a thing of the past.



Mary Sauro, employed with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Fisheries, sporting a bandaid where a nurse gave her a flu shot.



LSSU nursing student, Natalie Evans, helps people with the registration process.

Flu shot clinics held around community

Photos by Brenda Austin & Coast Guard reservist OS2 Nate Bryan



Tom Sauro, Sault Tribe Community Health, volunteered with the Chippewa County Health Department and helped direct traffic into the airport hanger.



Left: Mary Ann Stott, a Sault Tribe community health diabetes nurse educator, fills syringes as the cars keep rolling. Above: Cars stretched from the hanger door out to the street in front of the airport. Right: Andrea Kelps getting her flu shot at the LSSU Norris Center while her two-year-old daughter, Jade Teneyck, sits in her lap. Below: Devin Driedric gives Peggy Clement her flu shot at the Norris Center.



The fourth annual community flu clinics were judged a success despite the blustery winter weather. Six sites in Chippewa County were activated for providing flu vaccinations to residents of Chippewa County. Over 3,000 vaccinations were administered during the clinics, conducted from 2-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2.

Several agencies including Chippewa County Health Department, Lake Superior State University Public Safety and Nursing Programs, War Memorial Hospital, Sault Tribe Health Center, United States Coast Guard, Bay Mills Tribal Health Center, Northern Urgent Care Clinic, Drummond Island Clinic, Chippewa County Emergency Management, American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team, Sault Ste. Marie City Auxiliary Police and many area volunteers participated in making the clinics a success.

Flu clinic locations included the LSSU Norris Center, the Bay Mills Resort Horizons Center, Northern Urgent Care Clinic, Sault Health Adolescent Care Center, Drummond Island Township Hall and a drive-through clinic at the airport hangar at Sanderson Air Field in Sault Ste. Marie.

New gate dedicated at ancestral memorial



A momentary break in the clouds allows the sun to illuminate the gilt highlights of the new gate of the ancient burial ground site at Brady Park in Sault Ste. Marie. The gate was created by the hands and minds of Bill Morrison and Cecil Pavlat.



Details of the gate's ornamental bars, fashioned after arrows.

After hundreds of hours of laboring with hammers, tongs, chisels, fire and steel, a beautiful new, hand-forged gate stands as a constant, silent tribute to the ways of the Anishinaabe ancestors buried on the hill of Brady Park in Sault Ste. Marie. The richly ornate gate, dedicated last Nov. 1 with standard traditional rites, is made of steel and features symbolic likenesses of arrows, spears, deer antlers and plants.

"We wanted something fitting," said Bill Morrison, blacksmith and JKL. Bahweting Public School Academy art instructor. Cecil Pavlat, Sault Tribe repatriation specialist, helped Morrison in designing and building the gate.

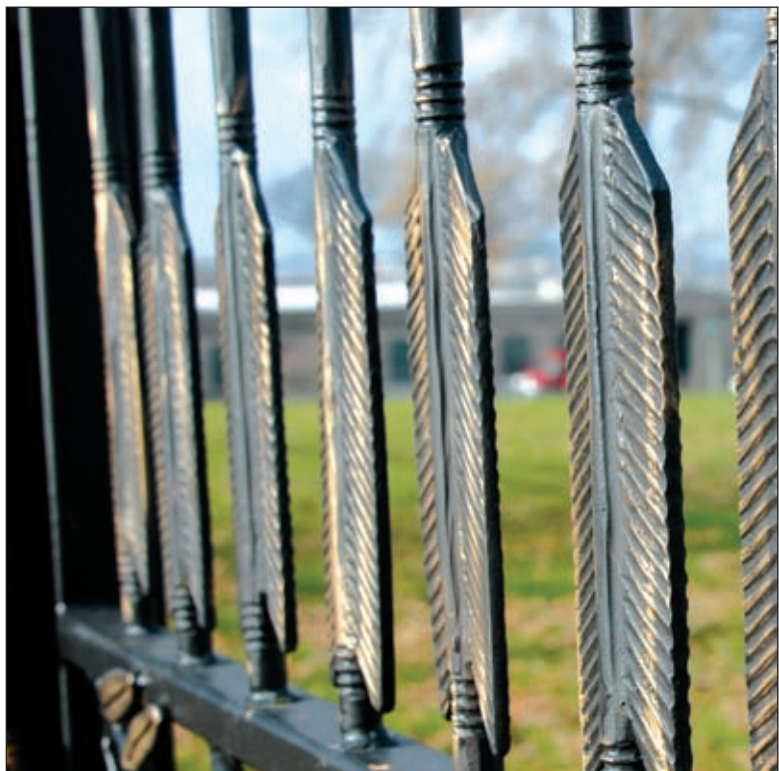
The gate replaced a plain, barred steel gate. An equally symbolic arch over the gate was put in place in the summer of 2005. Morrison explained the arch represents feminine arts while the gates represent masculine concerns. All features represent facets of the ways of Anishinaabek ancestors as well as Anishinaabe spiritual and worldly views prior to European contact.

The idea for a symbolic gate surfaced about two years ago. Pavlat, knowing Morrison to be a first-rate blacksmith with his own forge and shop, asked him to take on the project. Construction of the gate took about six months.

Morrison, originally from Milford, Mich., learned the arts and sciences of blacksmiths under the guidance of Russell Johnson of Strongs Corners. He continued studying the craft in Maine where he also learned about early American hardware. He worked on a gate for the governor of New Mexico in 1980. He had about four years of apprentice time. "As an apprentice, you work for free to learn the trade," he laughed.



Above, gate handles resemble whitetail deer antlers.



All ornamentation on the gate was formed by hand.



Detail of corner shows one of the spearheads of the gate trim.

Barbeaux retires, recognized for service



"I've been there long enough," said Barbeaux. "It's time to let the younger ones have at it."

Born in Sturgeon Bay, Wisc., and raised in the fishing town of Fairport, Mich., Barbeaux began his career in fishing in 1970, back before American Indian fishing rights were acknowledged by the state. In his early years as a fisherman, it became clear he would also need to become a tribal activist and demand the state allow him to exercise his right to fish. While this proved to be gainful in the long run, it did have setbacks such as when he was arrested for fishing in Bay de Noc, his fishing gear was confiscated and he was taken to court.

Barbeaux's first boat was 14 feet in length, he gradually acquired bigger boats and today owns a 51-foot trap net vessel and, at one time, operated a gas station in Fairport along with fishing. "I made more money fishing

at night than I did running the gas station all day," he said. "I'd run the gas station all day, then fished afterward at night." He moved his family to DeTour after the 1985 fishing agreement altered the tribal fishery.

The Conservation Committee sets regulations and oversees Sault Tribe tribal fishing, hunting and gathering operations and developments and "argue with the state."

While retiring from the committee, Barbeaux plans to make himself available to them as a consultant and remain active in the fishery.

Barbeaux said he wanted to express his gratitude to those who planned and helped with the retirement party, including the drum. He also wanted to thank everyone for the all of the gifts presented to him at the party.

BY RICK SMITH

Sylvester "Butch" Barbeaux was recognized on the evening of Nov. 8 for over 20 years of service as he retires from the Sault Tribe Conservation Committee. He was honored at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center with a banquet following a committee meeting.

Master Sergeant Salter retires from U.S. Air Force



Training Academy, where she again received the distinguished graduate award.

MSgt. Salter completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas in March 1984. Following her graduation from technical school, she was assigned to the 81st Component Repair Squadron, Bentwaters Royal AFB, United Kingdom, as an administration specialist, where she received senior airman below the zone.

In 1987, MSgt. Salter transferred to the 319th Operational Maintenance Squadron at Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota as an assistant noncommissioned officer in charge, technical administration. She was then reassigned to the 35th Mission Support Squadron, Georgia AFB in California, where she performed numerous duties, ending with noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of wing administration, 35th Fighter Wing.

In September 1992, MSgt. Salter was reassigned to Shaw AFB in South Carolina, serving as the NCOIC of the 309th Fighter Squadron orderly room, and was then reassigned to the 20th

Operations Support Squadron in September 1995 as chief information management. She was also an Airman Leadership School instructor, assigned to the 20th Mission Support Squadron, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB in South Carolina. She assumed her current duties as an instructor in February 2000.

Sgt. Salter's military awards and decorations include the Mentoug Medal with two Oak Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five Oak clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six Oak clusters, National Defense Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with a Bronze Star.

MSgt. Salter completed a year's tour of duty in Korea from May 27, 2004, to May 30, 2005, after which she was assigned to Davis-Monathan AFB in Arizona. As an instructor, she was at Lajes Field in the Azores, then went to Fort Meade, Md., to teach classes.

MSgt. Salter has one son, Tyler Baldwin, 16, who lives with her in Vail, Ariz.

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Master Sergeant Jacquelyn J. Salter recently retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant. A 1981 graduate of Engadine High School, she is the daughter of Mary and Jack Salter of Gould City.

MSgt. Salter is a graduate of the Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course and the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, where she received a distinguished graduate award. She is also a graduate of the Noncommissioned Officer

Tribe member 2006 president of Michigan Association of Realtors



The 2006 President of the Michigan Association of Realtors, Cathy Sherman Bittrick, is a Sault Tribe member. She is photographed (above left) with Chairman Aaron Payment at the Detroit Chamber meetings on Mackinac Island. "My mother, Maxine Smith (nee Howick) was from St. Ignace, but passed away when I was ten years old in 1957. My father was James Howick of Alpena, Mich., but also passed away in 1983. It wasn't until my stepmother, Marie Potter, also of St. Ignace, passed away in 1995 that I found out where to send the birth and death certificates that I'd been gathering for years." Marie's brother and sister-in-law are David and Fidele Potter of St. Ignace. "We were pleased to find our mother was one half Chippewa and we are one quarter. We have now been enrolled in the tribe for eleven years. My youngest brother, Pat (above right) was just married on Nov. 11 in Cocoa, Fla. He and his wife, Lyn, paid tribute to our Native American heritage by asking our oldest brother, Jim, to officiate a tribal ceremony in their garden." Cathy lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., with her husband, Barry, where she is the broker/owner of RE/MAX SunQuest Realty."

Stork Report...



Gunnar Matthew Pollman

(Owaasisee) was born to Jeffrey Pollman and Whitney Colmer on Oct. 14, 2006, at 7:45 p.m. at Marquette General Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18.5 inches in length.



Grandparents are Ann Pollman and Mike Ferguson of Sault Ste. Marie and Todd and Sandy Davis of Hulbert. Siblings are Andrew Wood, Madyson and Quynon Pollman.

Grandparents are Kevin and Carol McLean of Jeddo, originally from St. Ignace, Michael and Beverly Jurzysta of Jeddo, and Nancy Jurzysta of Athens, Tenn. Great-grandmother is Aimee Tilford of Port Huron, Mich. She is originally from St. Ignace.

Isabelle Allyn Benoit was

born Aug. 22, 2006, at 1:43 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich. Bella weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 20 inches in length.



Proud parents are Troy and Leslie (nee Brookes) Benoit. Bella has one big sister Brooke, two Boxers, Izzo and Rock, and they all reside in Charlotte, Mich.

Paternal grandparents are Barb Christie, from the Sault, Mel and Barb Benoit, also from the Sault.

Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Barb Brookes from Lansing, Mich.

Darcy Robert and Kathleen Marie McLean are the proud

Sayles-Gordon united in marriage

On Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, Carrie Gordon was united in marriage to Richard Sayles at the Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace, Mich. Maid of honor was Tracey Boileau, friend of the bride. Her attendants were Sissi Ouillette, sister of the groom, Renee Baker, cousin of the bride and Tracy Sayles, cousin of the groom, and flower girl Kylee Johnson, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Ray Sayles, who is brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Troy Leveille, Eric Baker and John Fountain, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Lucas Sayles, nephew of the groom. Ushers were Galen Kinney, friend of the groom, and Jesse Gordon, son of the bride. Richard is the son of Ray and Joce Sayles of St. Ignace. Carrie is the daughter of Dorothy Cobb

parents of their new son, **Gavin Robert McLean**.

Gavin was born on Sept. 5, 2006, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, Tenn. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 20 inches in length. He joins the family with brother, James, and sister, Justine.

Grandparents are Kevin and Carol McLean of Jeddo, originally from St. Ignace, Michael and Beverly Jurzysta of Jeddo, and Nancy Jurzysta of Athens, Tenn. Great-grandmother is Aimee Tilford of Port Huron, Mich. She is originally from St. Ignace.

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Gordon William Alden was born Oct. 19, 2006, at 10:46 a.m. weighing nine pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches in length. He was born at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich. His mother is Sault Tribe member Jenny Rose Alden and father is Dennis Jo Alden, both of Flint, Mich.

Proud sister is Caitlin Rose Alden. Grandparents are Bernice Price of Gulliver, Mich., Isaac Peaine of Newberry, Mich., Rick and Kathy Granger of McMillan, and Dennis and Mary Jo Alden of Fenton, Mich.



of the Sault.

The groom is employed with DTE Energy of the Sault and the bride is employed with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elder Services in the Sault, they will reside in Brimley, Mich.

Golf tourney donates to Special Olympics



SUBMITTED BY LAURA AIKENS

Above, Special Olympian John MacMaster presenting a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Skip Palmer Memorial Golf Tournament to Laura Aikens EUP Special Olympic Area 35 director. This year, EUP Special Olympics has received a total of \$1,655 from this memorial to assist athletes in the EUP bowling program. There are currently a total of 60 bowlers in St. Ignace, Newberry and Sault Ste. Marie.

Tribes sign treaty to protect the St. Marys River

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Chairperson Aaron Payment, said, "We are pledging to work together with other tribal communities to make sure that we protect our water which is the lifeblood of our Mother Earth. It is our responsibility to not only protect it, but to work together as Anishinaabe. Our brothers and sisters across the river don't yet have the political clout that we have and so we are going to lend whatever support we have to help them as well. It is in all of our best interests to protect and clean the water."

The four nations are uniquely able to influence other governments to respond and take action because of their inherent sovereignty. This effort will reaffirm the spirit of friendship, cooperation and pledged commitment to work together to secure a healthy future for the Great Lakes, including the St. Marys River, under the tribal and first nations Great Lakes Water Accord, signed Nov. 23, 2004; and that the four nations' mutual interests regarding the St. Marys River are better served when their efforts and influence are united to serve a common goal.

Terry Carrick, vice-chair of the Bay Mills Band of Chippewa Indians, said, "This is an important step, everybody working together to get the river system cleaned up. It's a commitment from each tribe and the first nations, we will make it happen together."

The purpose of this convention was to unite the efforts and influence of the four tribal nations



Chief Lyle Sayers, Garden River First Nation, Council member Vice President Terry Carrick, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Tribe Chairperson Aaron Payment, and Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation, sign a treaty to protect the waters of the Great Lakes as Unit I Board Representative Cathy Abramson and Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Chairman Frank Ettawageshik watch.

Photo by Brenda Austin

bordering the St. Marys River and to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the river waters. In order to achieve this objective, all four tribes formed a collaborative agreement to use maximum efforts to develop programs and practices necessary for a better understanding of the St. Marys River and its ecosystem; and eliminate or reduce the discharge of toxic substances and introduction of invasive species into the river.

The four nations' goal is to work collectively to influence the governments of the United States and Canada, and their respective

political subdivisions and agencies, to abide by existing commitments to revitalize, preserve and protect the waters of the St. Marys River; and encourage the governments of Canada and the United States, and their respective political subdivisions and agencies, to develop additional programs and practices to achieve those results.

Chief Lyle Sayers from the Garden River First Nation said, "I believe with the signing of this agreement we will be better off as a whole in negotiating with federal governments on both sides of the border to clean up the bed of the river. We can blame

Sault, Mich., or Sault, Ont., but the bottom line is it's an international waterway. It is a great feeling that we are setting a goal to accomplish this as a whole, our four nations. We haven't worked together in many years, we are all too busy with our own issues but it is nice to see that we can come together on this important issue."

According to the agreement, the four tribal nations also seek to form a tribal and first nation joint commission. The commission will be comprised of one representative of each of the four nations to facilitate open communication between and coordination among each of our nations.

Chief Dean Sayers from Batchewana First Nation said, "I am really excited that we have committed to take action to make those accountable for decisions they make regarding the St. Marys River. We have a commitment to take action, now we have to put it to work, that is the next challenge. The St. Marys River is a historical fishing village for us, we have a village on Whitefish Island in the middle of the river and our fisherman still depend on fishing to some extent for sustenance and it is unfortunate that the water is in such poor condition that we have been fishing in other areas away from St. Marys such as Gros Cap and Whitefish Bay. I would like to think that the powers that be on both sides of the border, whether they be provincial, federal or state, once they see this pact they will be more inclined to fund the clean up. I spoke to the provincial government recently and encouraged them to fund initiatives that would fund the clean up of the river on the Ontario side. The Minister of Finance was in our area and asked us what we thought money should be spent on in the next few years from the provincial coffers and I suggested that the river be a priority. I think the municipality of Sault, Ont., is also encouraging the province to step up to the plate as well. Both our countries have the resources and money to clean up St. Marys River. With a little encouragement from this consortium I think we will see some action."



Ground breaking for the Mackinac Straits Hospital. A ground breaking was held on Nov. 1 for new joint hospital proposed for St. Ignace. The Mackinac Straits Hospital Board has authorized excavation to begin this fall, which would shave six months from construction and open the hospital doors as early as October 2008. St. Ignace Mayor Paul Grondin, left, Mackinac Island Medical Center board representative Walter North, who is also a member of the Mackinac Straits Hospital board, project architect Greg Koenig of URS, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians board members Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway, Tribal Chairman Aaron Payment (without a hat), Mackinac Straits Hospital Board Chairman Ron Mitchell, Michigan Lieutenant Governor John Cherry, 107th District Representative Gary McDowell, former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley, and Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Mitch Irwin took part in the impromptu ground breaking.

Photo courtesy of The St. Ignace News

What you need to know about the flu

Influenza is more than a bad cold. It is a very serious and highly contagious disease. Each year over 114,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 people die from complications of the flu. Children who are less than five years old, are as likely to be hospitalized as the elderly for flu related complications. In fact, flu puts more children in the hospital than any other vaccine-preventable disease. Flu vaccine is a good idea for any child over the age of six months. In addition to those between the ages of six months and five years, all high risk children should be

vaccinated.

Adults over the age of 50, and all pregnant women should be vaccinated against the flu. Any adult who cares for an infant under six months of age and any of the following should be vaccinated against the flu:

- Adults over the age of 50
- Pregnant women
- All health care providers
- All adults who care for infants under six months of age.
- Any adult with chronic disease such as diabetes or asthma.
- Any adult or child who does not wish to get the flu.

The Health Dept. is offering the following clinics:

- Chippewa County Health Department (please enter in through Avery Square) Dec. 5, 3-6 p.m.
- Rudyard area schools Nov. 30, 3-5 p.m.
- Brimley area schools Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The cost for kids is \$7; please bring insurance card if covered. Adult's flu shots are \$20, or coverage through Medicare. Call the Chippewa County Health Department at (906) 635-3572 if you have any questions.

St. Ignace casino opens

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"We would like to thank all the contractors that made this beautiful facility possible. On behalf of the team members here at the Shores Casino and Hotel we would also like to thank the chairman and the board of directors for our beautiful new facility. We would also like to thank Tony Goetz for his hard work and dedication for this facility over the years. I would like to thank all the managers and team members for doing an outstanding job — each and every one of them makes this facility a special place to work," added Shores Casino Manager Darcy Chase.

Mayor Paul Grondin also served as a guest speaker and stated, "I want to congratulate the tribal board of directors, Chairman Payment, and Directors Keith Massaway and Fred Paquin. This is a beautiful complex. . . the tribe is the largest employer in the eastern Upper Peninsula and that's going to be good for the people in this area . . . the city and the tribe have always had a good relationship, a good working relationship with each other and (the city manager) and I am committed to ensure that continues. So, on behalf of the city council and the city of St. Ignace, congratulations for this complex, it is really beautiful."

Speakers at the event also addressed the land concerns regarding gaming at the facility which

stemmed from a recent announcement on Nov. 8, indicating the tribe was following through with a lawsuit to settle a disagreement with the federal government over whether a portion of land on which the Tribe built its new St. Ignace casino and hotel, is eligible for gaming. The space originally designated as the gaming floor of the casino is ineligible for gambling and is currently being utilized for entertainment.

Chairperson Aaron Payment stated, "We are confident, that eventually we are going to have slots on this side of the casino and then we will have a beautiful large entertainment venue. . . St. Ignace, since we've constructed this has actually been our saving grace. Some of our smaller markets are down a little bit but St. Ignace has been up 8 to 11 percent, so we definitely invested in the right community in St. Ignace."

Unit III Representative Fred Paquin reiterated, "We will be having slots in here, it will happen, nothing that the tribe has done over the years has come easy, everything we've done has been a battle." Unit III Representative Keith Massaway also added, "We will work as hard as we possibly can to make sure that this (portion of the complex) does become a gaming operation." **For more details regarding the lawsuit, please see story on page 2.**

Health screenings are a vital part of good health for your child

SUBMITTED BY TONYA JOSS

Do you have questions or concerns about your child's health? Have you ever wondered if Johnny is acting appropriately for his age, or if Emily is on target developmentally? If you or your children are under the age of 21 and have Medicaid, it may be time for a well-child screening. This health check-up can find problems you may not know about such as lead poisoning or hearing and vision problems. Early treatment may prevent you and your child from getting really sick later. Check-ups include:

- Head to toe exam
- Health history
- Developmental testing (up to age 5)
- Height, weight and head mea-

surements

- Blood pressure check
- Needed immunizations
- Nutrition history
- Hearing and vision checks
- Dental check
- Blood lead testing and check for iron
- Health education and guidance on developmental issues, accident prevention and parenting skills
- Important referrals

Children on Medicaid or Healthy Kids are eligible for at least 10 free health check-ups during the first two years of life. This coincides with the immunization schedule and also gives parents a chance to ask questions or get extra education and guidance in the early years of a child's life. Normal changes in a child's devel-

opment or behavior sometimes worry parents. By providing information about anticipated changes in a child's physical, emotional and psychological development, you and your health care provider can help alleviate parental concerns and promote confidence in parenting skills. Yearly checks can continue through age 20 and can be scheduled at your doctor's office or the county health department. Come with questions and discuss findings on this well-child exam. Call (906) 635-3572 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Special clinics have been scheduled for November and December for your convenience. Your child's health may depend on it!

Hospice; more than just a place

Throughout our lives, all of us encounter difficult and challenging situations. Most of us can remember someone who helped during those times — a grandparent, a special teacher, even a stranger who became a friend. The recollections of these "faces of caring" bring comfort and calm in the midst of crisis.

Yet when recalling end-of-life situations of those we love, many of us have different recollections. These memories may include the hurt on the face of a loved one in pain; the sorrow on the face of a family member who did not get the opportunity to say goodbye to a dying relative; the stress on the faces of those making difficult decisions about end-of-life choices without guidance or support.

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This month, professionals and volunteers work to raise awareness of this invaluable system of care. Those who provide hospice and palliative care offer pain and symptom control, dignity, spiritual and emotional care for both

dying persons and their loved ones when a cure is not possible.

Hospice and palliative care puts a "face" on quality end-of-life care — the faces of nurses, doctors, social workers, spiritual caregivers, homecare aides and volunteers who provide services and support to families during one of life's most challenging times.

Facts you should know:

- More people choose hospice and palliative care each year. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that there are more than 4,000 hospice programs in the United States, and these programs cared for more than 1.2 million people last year.
- For 25 years, hospice has been a fully covered benefit under Medicare. Hospice is also covered by Medicaid, most private insurance plans, HMOs and other managed care organizations.
- Hospice and palliative care can take place in a variety of settings, including private homes, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

• Approximately 400,000 hospice volunteers contribute more than 18 million hours per year.

• Hospice and palliative care is an option for those with illnesses other than cancer, including HIV/AIDS and dementia.

• Professionally-trained staff help to facilitate communication between family members about advance care planning, end-of-life wishes and decision making.

• Studies have shown that hospice and palliative care directly address the concerns that many people have about dying, which include being in pain and being a burden on family.

• The majority of families whose loved one was cared for by hospice overwhelmingly support their decision to choose hospice care; the most common statement heard is, "we wish we had chosen hospice sooner."

For more information, call Hospice of Chippewa County at (906) 253-3151.

—Walking on—

LeRoy Mills of St. Ignace passed away on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, at his home surrounded by family and friends after a nine-year battle with Parkinson Plus Disease.

LeRoy was born Feb. 14, 1938, in Escanaba, Mich., to LeRoy and Susan (Anthony) Mills. He was raised in Gros Cap, Mich. by his step-grandparents Elwin and Mabel Cheeseman. He attended school in Gros Cap and graduated from LaSalle High School class of 1956.

LeRoy is survived by his wife of 46 years, Prudence (Tamlyn) Mills. His children: Daniel and Theresa Mills of Portage, Jeanne and Mel Flynn of Cadillac, David and Kim Mills of St. Ignace and Kincheloe, and Cindy and Eric Bauknecht of St. Ignace, 10 grandchildren, Ryan, Aaron, Allyson, Courtney, Travis, David, Melissa, Sarah, Sonnie, and Lindsey, and two great grandchildren, Josie and David. LeRoy loved his family and considered them his greatest accomplishment.

His brother Robert and Linda Cheeseman of St. Ignace, his sisters and brothers-in-law Laurie and Al Stempki and Marty and Paul Davis of St. Ignace, as well

as four nieces and six nephews also survive LeRoy.

He was preceded in death by his step-grandparents, his father LeRoy Mills, his mother and stepfather Susan and Adrian Cheeseman, his sister Faye Marie Cheeseman, his mother and father-in-law Martha and Pooch Tamlyn, sister-in-law Linda Tamlyn Novenske, and brother-in-law Michael Tamlyn.

LeRoy worked in St. Ignace at Saul's Department Store, Pemble Brothers, and general construction. He began working for the Detroit Free Press in 1973 with the circulation department as a traveling sales representative. In 1998 after 25 years with the newspaper, LeRoy retired because of his health.

He was a life member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and very active at St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church, and sang in the church choir until ill health caused him to completely retire. He and his wife lived in Cadillac for 20 years and moved back to St. Ignace in 1992.

He married Prudy Tamlyn on Oct. 1, 1960 at St. Ignace Church, and she survives.

Mass of Christian burial was

held Nov. 8 at St. Ignace Church with Fr. Jim Williams and Deacon Don Olmstead officiating. Burial of his remains will be in St. Ignace Cemetery.

Dodson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Rita Ann Goudreau, 69 of Salem, Oregon died on Nov. 2, 2006 in Salem. She was born Jan. 11, 1937 in Rexton, Mich., to Wilbur "Buck" Goudreau and Neila Goudreau. She is survived by her two children, William and Kimberly Anderson, Salem, Oregon and Robin Higgins, Pawtucket, R.I., siblings, Peter and Barbara Goudreau, Florence, Alabama; Mary Salter, Gould City; and Wilbur "Pud" and Kathy Goudreau, Northville; and two grandchildren, Steven and Samantha. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at St. Ignace Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace with Deacon Donald Olmstead officiating. Graveside services were at Epoufette Cemetery following the memorial service. At her request, cremation has taken place. Dodson Funeral Home handled local arrangements.

Employment Opportunities!

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(906) 635-7032 or toll free (866) 635-7032
APPLY on-line at www.saulttribe.com

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 Youth Program Group Leader Until Filled
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 Physician Assistant Until Filled

SAULT KEWADIN CASINO
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 No Openings

HESSEL
 No Openings

CHRISTMAS
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Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Presseau and Zalewski announce engagement

This is a correction from the Nov. 3 edition of The Sault Tribe News.

Dean and Bonita Presseau of Cheboygan wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Elizabeth Presseau to Chad Anthony Zalewski, both of Cockeysville, Md.

Chad's parents are Anthony and Antoinette Zalewski of Cheboygan.

Jen and Chad are both 1999 graduates of Cheboygan High School. Jen graduated from



Ferris State University in 2002 and is currently employed at "Spa in the Valley" in Hunt Valley, Md., as a nail technician.

Chad is a 2003 graduate from Ferris State University. He is project engineer from Cherry Hill Construction in Jessup, Md.

Their wedding will take place July 7, 2007, at St. Mary's St. Charles Catholic Church in Cheboygan.

Jen is a member of the Sault Tribe.

William (Bill) Patrick Brady,

a former long-time resident of Sault Ste. Marie, passed away at his home in Dansville, Mich., after a courageous battle with prostate cancer and severe heart problems surrounded by his loving and devoted family on Nov. 9, 2006.

Bill was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Sault Ste. Marie. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1938. He worked with the Soo Carbide Company before owning several small businesses, including the Marshall Motel in Grayling, Mich. Bill and his wife of 63 years, Katy, enjoyed the friendship of many people who gathered at the Elder Center for lunches and card games. Katy and her children are members of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Catherine (Tallion), one son Dan (Karen) of Sheboygan, Wisc.; four daughters, Patricia



McCafferty of Okemos, Mich.; Nancy (Ward) Staffeld of Dansville, Mich.; Colleen (Irv) Gossman of Mason, Mich.; and Janet Mouw of Dansville, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, Kara, Marty, Kristin, Mike, Jeff, Doug, Lisa, Carrie, Loren, Angela, Hannah, and Will; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a very close and special sister, Margaret Kamm, of Englewood, Fla.; and his faithful dog, Ginger. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anne; three brothers, Jack, Leo, and Dick; and dog, Pele.

His wish for cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Spring 2007. The date and time of the memorial service will be announced at a later time.

Contributions may be made in Bill's memory to Eaton Rapids Medical Center, 1500 S. Main, Eaton Rapids, Mich., 48827; or to Heartland Hospice, 865 S. Cedar, Mason, Mich., 48854. The family is being served by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 621 S. Jefferson, Mason, Mich., 48854.

Friends Who Care



Special Olympians Larry Kovack, left, Kamalia Munz, Joan Aikens and Christina Paquin standing in front of a Mackinac Island Carriage Tours' wagon. On Aug. 22, EUP Special Olympics had a fundraiser called Bike Around Mackinac Island and the carriage tours treated 40 athletes and chaperones, the Friends Who Care, to a carriage ride.

Sault Tribe Public Awareness is recognizing December as Disabilities Awareness Month and encourages the tribal community to consider that anyone could become disabled during their life. If someone is not born with a disability, an illness or accident could render a person disabled. It is important to appreciate what it is like to have a handicap, how a person is treated and the difficulties that can occur with mobility and social acceptance.

Learning to accept ourselves is one of the hardest jobs we have to do, especially when we want so much to fit in with our friends or classmates.

Most of us are self-conscious about the way we look, or we wish we could be better than we are at something. Many of us worry about things that are invisible to our friends and our families but are important to us. They influence the way we act, or walk or what we hear.

When you have a disability, fitting in is even harder. A dis-

ability may be the first thing other people see. Sometimes it's the only thing. And what happens is that people forget to look behind the wheelchair, or the hearing aid or handicap.

We don't see the person — only the person's disability. We forget that these are people who could be our friends. Kids with disabilities may seem different, at first, but they are people with many interests, ideas and feelings, just like everyone else!

Everybody's fighting some kind of stereotype and people with disabilities are no exception. One of the main differences is that barriers people with disabilities face begin with people's attitudes — attitudes often rooted in misinformation and misunderstandings about what it's like to live with a disability.

You can help remove barriers and be a friend who cares by:

- Understanding the need for accessible parking and leaving it for those who need it.
- Encouraging participation of

people with disabilities in community activities by using accessible meeting and event sites.

- Understanding children's curiosity about disabilities and people who have them.
- Advocating a barrier-free environment.
- Speaking up when negative words or phrases are used about disability.

• Accepting people with disabilities as individuals capable of the same needs and feelings as yourself, and hiring qualified disabled persons whenever possible.

Sault Tribe public awareness would like to remind everyone that anyone can become disabled. Considering what it would be like and practicing common courtesy are ways to help everyone feel inclusiveness. This information was adapted from disability facts at www.easterseals.com, where there is more to learn about disabilities and the Friends Who Care program.

Multi-Disciplinary Team attends Alaska conference



Sault Tribe Multi-Disciplinary Team members Sharon Skjolaas, Traci Swan, Juanita Bye, Lillian McBroom, Derek Black and Dr. Vivica Sherman at the conference in Alaska.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) attended the Alaska Child Maltreatment "Strengthening Collaboration with Action" Conference in Anchorage, Alaska in October. The conference was sponsored in part by the Children's Justice Act Task Force and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

The conference focused primarily on strengthening the collaboration between the several disciplines that serve abused and neglected children. Enhanced knowledge of each agency's role in protecting children was provided by a multitude of experts from across the United States. The conference provided a forum for understanding the roles each discipline has in addressing the needs of child victims and how we can improve the response to child maltreatment in our community.

Training forums attended by the MDT members included topics on child abuse investigations involving law enforcement, protective services, prosecution, medical examination, treatment and advocacy with the focus on improving the quality of services provided directly to community members.

MDT members who attended included Juanita Bye, ACFS Child Placement Program director;

Dr. Vivica Sherman, Sault Tribe pediatrician; Lillian McBroom, Sault Tribe behavioral health therapist; Jennifer McKerchie, Sault Tribe domestic violence advocate; Derek Black, Sault Tribe law enforcement officer; Traci Swan, Sault Tribe legal secretary; Sharon Skjolaas and Jami Moran, ACFS Binogii caseworkers.

MDT was formed in 1993 in an effort to improve communication and collaboration between the multiple tribal agencies that serve American Indian children who are the victims of abuse or neglect residing on trust land. Team members include representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, protective services, advocacy resource, mental health, medical, FBI and the United States Attorney's office. The function of the MDT is to review and coordinate the investigation of referrals for severe physical or sexual abuse. The MDT has continued to grow and improve the quality of services provided in communities across our tribe's seven-county service area.

Attendance at the conference was supported and financed by an Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) grant from the Office of Victims of Crime Children's Justice Act Grant.

A Helping Hand

Anishnabek Community and Family Service would like to express their immense gratitude to the Kewadin Hotel and Convention Center for their generosity during this season of giving. After renovating a number of rooms in the hotel, the furnishings were donated to families in need. By contacting ACFS, a number of families received items ranging from sofas and chairs to light fixtures and wall hangings.

Thanks go out to Sault Tribe Shipping and Receiving for their assistance in moving the furniture, with a special thanks to Mario and Chris for all the time and effort they put into the project. We also wish to thank Bob Henderson of the Sault Tribe Motor Pool for transporting the furniture to the western end, allowing us to help families in that area.

ACFS is pleased that so many families benefited and Chi-Migwetch for all the helping hands at Sault Tribe.

Yooperaid.org a good resource for community members



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Yooperaid.org is a human service Web page originally funded by a Department of Justice grant through the Safe Kids Safe Streets program in 2001.

Very well organized and easy to use with bright colors and a map of the Tribe's service area this directory is used by local agencies such as United Way, EUP Intermediate School District, MichiganWorks! and Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

The site has a link for each of the seven counties which directs you to a map of the area you selected with additional links for services in that area. When you choose a service such as domestic violence, the name of the organizations, their locations and contact information, the services they provide and any fees associated with their services are

displayed.

For each of the seven counties information is available in the following areas: Adoption, basic needs, child advocacy, child care, child protective services, community information, cultural/spiritual, disability, domestic violence, education, elder services, employment, foster care, health, housing, legal, maternity and infant services, mental health, substance abuse, transportation, veteran services and youth services.

In order to maintain funding for this award-winning Web site, Anishnabek Community and Family Services has created a Yooperaid board of area organizations, including the Tribe, who have signed an agreement for the maintenance of the site. Organizations joining the Yooperaid board pay an annual Web page maintenance fee of \$25.

Julie Menard, ACFS special projects assistant and the Web site administrator and Yooperaid board facilitator said, "The board was formed with a tribal representative and 12 to 25 members from the community. Each organization also agrees to additional support such as public service announcements, recruiting volunteers or student interns to help with site maintenance. Formation of the board guarantees the life of the Web page, it is no longer in jeopardy of closing down due to lack of funding." The grant that the Web page was

created under expired in 2005.

Current members of the Yooperaid board are EUP Intermediate School District, United Way of Chippewa County and the Diane Pepler Resource Center. The board also has commitments from MichiganWorks! and Hiawatha Behavioral Health.

For questions or more information Julie Menard can be contacted at (906) 632-5250 ext. 23320 or e-mail at: jmenard@saulttribe.net.

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Bringing news from ACFS



November is Diabetes Awareness Month

It is never too early to try and reduce your risk of diabetes and it is never too late to begin to take care of yourself if you already have this disease.

Diabetes can be delayed or even prevented. If you knew there were steps you could take now to protect yourself and your family from developing diabetes, wouldn't you take them? Well, there are steps you can take!

- Control your blood pressure.
- Stop smoking.
- Increase your daily activities to at least 30 minutes every day.
- Encourage your children to stay active for 60 minutes a day.
- Eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- Drink less pop and more water.
- Limit TV, video, and computer game time to less than two

hours a day.

Know the warning signs:

- Excessive thirst.
- Frequent urination.
- Cuts or wounds that heal slowly.
- Unexplained weight loss.
- Blurry vision.
- Increased fatigue or irritability.

Do you already have diabetes? Taking care of yourself can help

you to lead a long and healthy life. Know your ABCs:

A. Know your A1C test results. This is a test your doctor can do several times a year which tells you what your blood sugar has been for the last three or four months.

B. Control your blood pressure. Less than 130/80 is the goal.

C. Keep your cholesterol under control. Less than 100 mg/dl of

the lousy cholesterol (LDL) is good.

All people with diabetes should take action by asking their health care providers what their blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol numbers are, what they should be and what they can do to get to the goal.

For more information, please call your provider, nutritionist or the diabetes program.

Insulin therapy for Type 2 diabetes

Stanley had closely followed his diet requirements, measured his blood glucose levels at the proper intervals, took his diabetes medicines and generally did what he had to keep his Type 2 diabetes well controlled. Then he was told his diabetes was worse and he would have to start taking insulin. He wondered what he had done wrong since he "knew" that this change in his medicines was because he had failed somewhere along the way. However, like many of the things people "know," this too, was wrong.

Kathleen Wyne, M.D., Ph.D., an endocrinologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, says, "Insulin therapy is part of the natural progression of the disease."

Teaching this from first diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes is important. The thought that starting insulin is somehow interpreted as a sign of personal failure or irresponsible behavior may be the biggest misconception in the

treatment of Type 2 diabetes. Results of a study called the Diabetes Attitudes, Wishes and Needs (DAWN/2001), suggested that 58 percent of those surveyed believed injected insulin meant that they had failed therapy. (In the DAWN study, people with diabetes, primary-care physicians, specialists such as endocrinologists, and nurses were interviewed about their perceptions and attitudes about diabetes.)

The United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study of Type 2 diabetics found that more than 50 percent of people with Type 2 diabetes will need insulin within six years of their diagnosis no matter what the type or dose of oral diabetic medicines a person uses.

Richard Hellman, M.D., president elect of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists says, "The natural course of events is that the longer a person has diabetes, the worse the deficiency of natural insulin

becomes and the more likely it becomes that insulin therapy will be needed."

The DAWN study showed that all types of professions have told patients that if they did not do something, they would be put on insulin. There are many people who do all that they are required to do to manage their Type 2 diabetes and they often have to take insulin because their pancreas's ability to produce it falls short of their body's needs for it.

Dr. Hellman notes that as little as three days of high blood glucose levels can damage the body's ability to produce insulin. The damage brought about by delay in starting diabetic pills can be worse later on when physicians are not prompt in adding insulin to the regimen when needed. "In Type 2 diabetes insulin is often used too little, too late," says Dr. Hellman, "this is because of misconceptions that both doctors and patients have about insulin."

Dr. Wyne, notes "If we wait

until patients have been out of control for a long time, and they have become used to skyhigh blood glucose levels, when we start the medication, their blood glucose levels may drop and they may feel like they are hypoglycemic even though it is well above the level that could cause worry. If you spend all your time above 300 mg/dl to get the blood glucose levels below 200 mg/dl feels like hypoglycemia." Patients who continue to take oral diabetic pills as well as slowly increasing the dose of insulin can help to reduce symptoms of hypoglycemia.

The worries about dangerous drops in blood glucose level also can affect the initial insulin doses prescribed. Dr. Wyne says that she often gets calls from pharmacists suggesting that she is giving too much insulin. The standard dose of insulin is one to two units per kilogram of body weight per day which can translate into a higher dose with Type 2 diabetics.

Insulin will most often be

needed sometime during the course of Type 2 diabetes treatment. The best advice is to be as educated as one can be about the disease and medications for treatment. You are welcome to call the Sault Tribe Diabetes Program if you have questions about insulin and other diabetes medications. Our phone number is (906) 632-5210.

Adapted from Diabetes Self-Management/Sept-Oct '06, Insulin and Type 2 Diabetes by Kurt Ullman, RN.



Diabetes is a serious problem

SUBMITTED BY CHARLA GORDON, TRIBAL NUTRITIONIST

Diabetes is serious, but I always smile to myself when I remember that the American Diabetes Association recognizes November as Diabetes Awareness Month. Anishinaabe communities are well aware of diabetes every day of the year. Diabetes affects every Sault Tribe member in some way or another. Some members already have diabetes, while others have grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents, sisters, brothers or neighbors with diabetes.

According to the 2004

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 12.6 percent of those surveyed stated that they had been told they had diabetes while the 2005 Michigan BRFSS states that 8.1 percent of Michigan residents have been told they have diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or properly use insulin. The hormone insulin allows blood glucose (sugar) to enter the cells of the body to be used for energy. November is a good time

to learn more about diabetes and what you can do year round to reduce your risk of developing diabetes or the complications that often go along with the disease.

If you visit the Web site for the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) you can take a diabetes risk test. There are seven questions that ask about your age, height, weight, amount of exercise you get, if your siblings or parents have diabetes and if you ever had a baby weighing more than nine pounds. Certainly we know that as you get older your chance of getting diabetes

goes up. If you have gained extra body weight over the years, and especially if you carry it around your waistline, your risk also goes up. If you are on the couch more than off it, your risk is definitely going up.

Type 2 diabetes is the kind of diabetes most tribe members have. If you have family members with the disease, that also puts you at higher risk. Interestingly enough, having a brother or sister with diabetes is a higher level of risk than if one of your parents has diabetes. Women who have had infants

weighing more than nine pounds are at higher risk, because they may have had gestational diabetes while they were pregnant. Another interesting piece to add to that is the infant of that mother is also at higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes at a younger age.

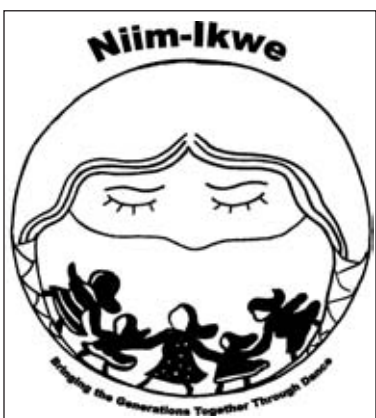
If you have specific questions call your local tribal health center to get the answers. We are here to help you take action against diabetes!

Healthy Anishinaabe Women's Project

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE WILLIS

Sault Tribe's Community Health Department received funding through the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and Indian Health Services to conduct activities for the Healthy Anishinaabe Women's Project. Starting in December, staff from Community Health, Rural Health and Youth Education and Activities will be joining forces to coordinate Niim-Ikwe: Bringing the Generations Together Through Dance.

Niim-Ikwe which means "dancing woman" in Anishinaabemowin, will target moms, aunts, grandmothers and girls 11 and older living in the seven-county service area who are concerned about their health. Niim-Ikwe will host day-long workshops in Manistique, Munising and Kinross. These workshops



will focus on Anishinaabe traditions, good health and powwows.

The idea stemmed from a group of Sault Tribe women who wanted to get in shape and encourage more young ladies to get involved with the Anishinaabe culture. So they posed the question, "Why not do both?" The best way to encourage others is to get involved.

Powwow dancing is a great way to get fit and maintain a healthy heart regardless of age. At these workshops, we will be sharing teachings and techniques to help tribe members at any fitness level fine tune their dancing skills. Participants will also enjoy good food and lots of important health information. Other topics may include nutrition, self-esteem, an overview of traditional women's teachings, weight management and the prevention of diabetes.

The first workshop will be held in Manistique on Dec. 9, 2006, at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dates and times for workshops planned in Munising and Kinross are to be announced. If you would like more information, please contact Michelle Willis at Community Health (906) 632-5210.

Time management strategies for holiday stress relief

Here are a few ways to avoid stress in the coming holiday season.

1. Make a list. It works for Santa, and it will work for you.
2. Pick and choose activities.
3. Get an early start. There's no rule that says that all Christmas activities have to be crammed into the week before Christmas.
4. Get help. Who says you personally have to wrap all the holiday gifts, do all the baking or do all the holiday season decorating?
5. Break the holiday gift shopping gridlock. You don't have to take the time to drive anywhere to shop if you don't want to. Shop and buy holiday gifts online.
6. Call ahead before you shop offline. Why go six places looking for that one holiday gift.
7. Avoid rushing around in a holiday frenzy. Pre-plan and coordinate your journeys.

8. Turn chores into events. Everyone finds some holiday season activities that have to be done; drudgery. Make whatever it is you find drudgery more enjoyable by making it special and different. For example, make the Christmas baking a family affair or invite some friends over for a tree-trimming night.

9. Slow down. You don't need to buy, raise and decorate the tree all in the same day.

10. Build time to relax and enjoy the festive season into your schedule.

11. Plan ahead for the next holiday season. Christmas supplies, such as decorations and gift wrap, are often available at discounted prices in the week after Christmas and they don't go bad! It's easy enough, too, to buy holiday gifts any time of year; all it takes is some planning.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities at Kinross

There are a lot of things happening at the Kinross Recreation Center these days. In August of last year, Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities placed a coordinator in the facility to help bring more educational services to our tribe youth in that area. The coordinator's name is Tim Haller. Tim has been working with tribe youth since 1999. Before that he worked with youth all through college. Tim's field of study was therapeutic recreation and he lives in the Sault with his dog and travels to Kinross each day to work with the kids. Tim says he absolutely loves his job and it is one of the most rewarding jobs a person could have.

Some of the activities Tim is doing with the kids are homework lab, times table practice, reading

groups, art class, traditional teachings, field trips and more.

- Homework lab is Monday-Wednesday 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Times table practice is every day at 4:30 p.m.
- Reading groups are every Thursday at 5 p.m.
- Art class is every Friday at 4 p.m.

Another program that Tim runs in the Kinross area is a tribal youth council. This council is normally for kids in grades eight to 12. A junior council is also possible for kids in grades five through seven. These tribal youth councils are affiliated with the United National Indian Youth (UNITY) Organization. They work together to make a difference in their community. They do community service, promote

healthy lifestyles, actively participate in their culture and promote cultural awareness in their community. They get to travel across the seven-county service area and meet with other councils. There is always food and lots of fun. Even more exciting is the fact that once a year they get to travel to the National Unity Conference where they will meet tribe youth from all across the country. The last trip was to Buffalo, N.Y.

Tim and everyone at Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities wants you to check out all these great activities at the Kinross Recreation Center today!

For more information please call Tim at (906) 495-1082 or the Recreation Center at (906) 495-5350.

Engadine students celebrate character education



Back row, Autumn Arseneau, left, Tyler Freeman, Austin Buss and Aspen Hood. Front Row, Kaleb Metcalf, Tyler Bulkovich and Ashtyn Buss.

Participants of the character education class offered by the Youth Education and Activities, and the Engadine Title VII Indian Education Programs enjoyed learning the traditional American Indian guidance of the Seven Grandfathers while having fun.

Each week consisted of a new lesson with a craft project. The craft projects included friendship necklace, medicine pouch and the medicine wheel, also known as the prayer wheel.

Classes were also provided in DeTour and are currently available in Drummond Island Schools for students in first through fifth grade. The classes will soon be available in the Les Cheneaux Community School.

For more information on activities in Unit II, contact Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2298 or e-mail lburnside@saulttribe.net or agraham@saulttribe.net.

Munising youth get into the Halloween spirit



Thirty-one Munising students got into the Halloween spirit by making Halloween crafts and decorating Halloween cookies. Cindy Blank, Sault Tribe YEA service coordinator along with Kim Swanberg, Title VII coordinator held the activity. Above, Mackenzie Masters, left, Karlee Decet, Alexis Downing and Olivia Wyers work on decorating their Halloween cookies. Below, first grader Kelsea Ackerman looks at the crafts and cookies made at the activity.



The next deadline for the last issue of 2006 is 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5.



Drum Social

Everyone is welcome

Where: Manistique Tribal Community Center on Hwy US-2

When: December 31st (New Year's Eve)

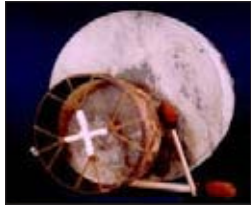
Time: 8:00p.m. Until midnight

Please bring a healthy snack to pass to help Celebrate Native Health

This is a DRUG and ALCOHOL free event

Sponsored by: Anishinabe Nimmki Tribal Youth Council





Dewegaans Hand Drum Camp

Dec. 8 and 9, 2006

Where: Sugar Island, Mary Murray Culture Camp

When: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9

If you would like to sign up your child or participate, please give Josh Homminga or Melissa Causey a call at 635-6050, ext. 26146 or ext. 26145.



Permission slip required for youth attendance
LIMITED SPACE CALL TO SIGN UP TODAY!

Schedule

Friday

6 p.m.-leave for camp, 7 p.m.-light supper, 8 p.m.-talking circle, 8:20 p.m.-starting workshop/ sanding rings / cutting hides, 9:45 p.m.-movie/popcorn, 11 p.m.-lights out

Saturday

8 a.m.-breakfast, 9 a.m.-cleanup, 9:15 a.m.-workshop/drum tying, 11:45 a.m.-set up for lunch, 12 p.m.-lunch, 1 p.m., cleanup, 1:15 p.m-workshop/drum tying, 4:30 p.m-clean up/Get ready to go home, 5:30 p.m.-catch the boat



Sault Tribe Artisans Craft Show Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 23

Located in the Bawating Art Gallery

Kewadin Casino
2186 Shunk Road



To register, please contact Jan Cooper
635-4754 or 632-0530/extension 53015

Attention Munising tribal and community members

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is gathering historical information and photographs of the former Lincoln School. The information gathered will be used to publish articles in *The Sault Tribe News*.

If you have photos or experiences you would like to share, please contact Kim Green at (906) 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660 or via e-mail at kkgreen@saulttribe.net.

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.

Tell us what you think about K-12 Education

Sault Tribe Education Division Survey

1. Do you live in the seven-county service area? (circle one) YES/NO

2. Do you have children in grades K-12? (circle one) YES/NO

3. What is one program, service or activity with which we do a good job? (Something you wouldn't want us to change?)

4. What is one thing we need to improve?

5. What do you think is the MOST IMPORTANT thing we, as a tribe, should be doing to help our children do their best in school?

Miigwetch for your comments

Please return survey by Dec. 1, 2006

MAIL: Angeline Matson, 2 Ice Circle,
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

FAX: (906) 635.6511 or EMAIL: amatson@saulttribe.net.

The Escanaba elders will not have a December meeting. They meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 11, 2007. It will be at the Terrace Bay Inn Gladstone Mich.

Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m.

Escanaba elders secretary

Gladys Marcus: gmaemar@yahoo.com

Attention College Students!

If you are pursuing a degree in a health-related field and are interested in gaining practical experience, consider applying for the Commissioned Officer Student Training Extern Program by contacting:

Junior COSTEP Recruitment/TAB/
DCP 5600 Fishers Lane—Room 4-35
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: (800) 279-1605

The deadline is Dec. 31 for positions during May 1—Aug. 31, 2007. The application process is very lengthy. Students are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible.

Good Luck!

Higher Education programs

BY JANICE M. LEWTON,
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Higher Education Grant Program 2006-07

There are 185 students eligible for the Fall Semester 2006 grant for \$66,966. The maximum semester award was \$375.

Schools, students, and amounts are as follows:

Alpena Community College, one at \$375; Bay de Noc Community College, two at \$670; Central Michigan University, 19 at \$6,862; Delta College, one at \$375; Eastern Michigan University, one at \$375; Ferris State University, 11 at \$4,125; Grand Rapids Community College, three at \$1,125; Grand Valley State University, 15 at \$5,411; Henry Ford Community College, one at \$375; Lake Michigan College, one at \$375; Lake Superior State University, 35 at \$12,472; Michigan State University, 17 at \$6,375; Michigan Tech University,

eight at \$2,923; Mid-Michigan Community College, two at \$750; North Central Michigan College, three at \$1,125; Northern Michigan University, 21 at \$7,357; Northwestern Michigan College, three at \$1,125; Oakland Community College, one at \$375; Oakland University, two at \$750; Saginaw Valley State University, four at \$1,500; Schoolcraft College, one at \$375; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, eight at \$3,000; University of Michigan-Dearborn, one at \$375; University of Michigan-Flint, one at \$375; Wayne State University, three at \$822; and Western Michigan University, 13 at \$4,574.

Vocational Training Program

To date, 42 students have been funded \$76,163. If you are planning to attend a vocational training program, please contact Heather Corbiere at (906) 635-7784 or e-mail her at hcorbiere@saulttribe.net

2006-07 school year applications

As of October 31, we received 1,164 applications. It is too late to participate in the grant program, but not for the incentive award program.

If you're looking for college financial assistance, you must complete our higher education assistance application. Once you send in your application, that's the only application you'll need for the whole school year.

You can contact our office or go to the tribe's Web site at www.saulttribe.com and file an online application. Our office is located on the second floor of the Chi Mukwa recreational center.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at (906) 635-7784 or (800) 793-0660 (ask for Higher Education) or email jl Lewton@saulttribe.net. We are located at Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena), 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., supports American Indian College Fund

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. announced a \$66,000 grant to the American Indian College Fund (AICF) in support of the Wal-Mart Tribal College Scholarship Program. The grant, announced at the American Indian College Fund Flame of Hope Gala in New York, will provide \$66,000 to the nation's 32 tribal colleges and universities.

As a long time partner of the AICF, this latest donation demonstrates Wal-Mart's continued commitment to diversity, education and the American Indian community. Through its Associate Giving Campaign, Wal-Mart will also match any monies raised for the AICF up to \$1 million. The partnership between Wal-Mart and the AICF began in 1999 and works to benefit American Indians throughout the country.

"Wal-Mart has taken an extraordinary step to help a community that has often in the past been overlooked," said Richard Williams, president of the American Indian College Fund. "Wal-Mart and its associates are visionary in their support of American Indian students, through their contributions to the American Indian College Fund. We would like to thank Wal-Mart and all of its associates for helping us to make a difference in our student's lives."

Since 1989, the American Indian College Fund has awarded more than \$45.6 million in scholarships and grants for American Indian students to attend the nation's 32 tribal colleges and

universities. A vast majority of tribal colleges are located on or near reservations and serve isolated areas—providing access to higher education for people who otherwise would not be able to advance beyond a high school diploma. Ninety-one percent of the scholarship recipients are "non-traditional" students—they have dependents, are older than 24, work full time—or are a combination of the three characteristics. In addition, 56 percent of tribal college graduates go on to a four-year institution, a far greater number than the transfer rate of community colleges in general. "At Wal-Mart, we have a long standing commitment to supporting diverse communities through various efforts and initiatives," said Ann Cato, vice president of Corporate People Division Administration for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Board of Trustees member for the AICF. "It is an honor for Wal-Mart to partner with the AICF to help provide higher education opportunities for individuals within the Native American community who desire to go beyond the high school level, but may not have the financial means readily available."

As the country's largest private employer, Wal-Mart employs more than 1.3 million U.S. associates, including more than 16,000 Native Americans. In 2005, Wal-Mart's Diversity Relations Department founded the Associate Resource Groups program in its home office to foster a sense

of community among associates sharing similar backgrounds. "Tribal Voices," the Native American Associates group, helps associates to stay connected with their rich cultural heritage. Externally, the company works with numerous Native American community leaders and groups including the Cherokee Nation, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, National Indian Education Association, and Native American Chamber of Commerce, the Gathering of Nations, and the Native American Business Alliance.

The American Indian College Fund has spent more than a decade helping to increase educational opportunities for Native students. With its credo "educating the mind and spirit," the Fund is the nation's largest provider of private scholarships for American Indian students, providing 5,000 scholarships annually for American Indian students seeking to better their lives through continued education. In addition to distributing scholarships to students attending tribal colleges across the country, the Denver, Colorado-based Fund also supports endowments, developmental needs and public awareness for the tribal colleges. Tribal colleges, commonly referred to as "underfunded miracles," serve more than 30,000 part-and full-time students, representing over 250 tribes. To learn more, visit www.collegefund.org, or www.collegefund.org/scholarships/main.html.

Want to get a better job? Need to obtain a state license or certification for your occupation? Check out the Sault Tribe Vocational Training Program

- \$3,000 (maximum) to earn a vocational degree, certificate or license which leads to gainful employment. This is a need-based program—you must qualify under income guidelines.
- \$500 (maximum) for test fees, certification classes, license fees which leads to gainful employment. This is not a need-based program and any Sault Tribe member is eligible.
- Assistance to attend Ojibwe Language classes and immersion institutes. This is not a need-based program and any Sault Tribe member is eligible.
- Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You are not required to live within the seven-county service area. This benefit is available to all members.
- New policies begin January 1, 2007.
- Application available from Higher Education Office, contact Heather Corbiere at (800) 793-0660.

After school program collaborates with Bahweting School

In October, Chi Mukwa established an agreement with Bahweting Elementary School to collaborate on after school programming. Bahweting was seeking more recreational programming for their students and the facility's program already provided this type of programming and had the space, it was a natural partnership.

Bahweting transports approximately 75 students to Chi Mukwa on Mondays and Wednesdays to participate in sports, organized games, skating and special events. The facility's current program participants join the Bahweting students and are divided into three

groups based on age and ability. The additional participants have allowed the program to implement new activities.

The facility is very excited about the arrangements with Bahweting School. Christina Wilkins, newly hired youth program administrator, works closely with the school on transportation, schedules, paperwork and all other aspects of the program. "I am pleased to work with the school on such a great project," said Wilkins.

For more information about after school programming, please contact Christina at (906) 635-4777.

Attention parents of children ages 0-5

SUBMITTED BY ANGELINE MATSON

If your child is not enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start, or a Michigan School Readiness Program — consider the PIE program or Great Parents-Great Start program.

What is PIE?

It stands for Parent Involvement in Education. It is a home-based, parent education program. There are no eligibility requirements for this program. It includes group socialization for the little ones and family activities for all. Parents decide how often they would like assistance.

What school districts offer PIE?

Sault Ste. Marie, DeTour, Les Cheneaux, Taquamenon and Whitefish.

What is Great Parents-Great Start?

It is similar to PIE but is offered in other school districts not receiving PIE funding. Again, no eligibility requirements and includes group and family activities.

What school districts offer GP-GS?

St. Ignace, Brimley, Engadine, Pickford and Moran.

How do I sign up?

Contact the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District at (906) 632-3373. There is no charge for these services.

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors

Did you know:

- All 11th grade students in Michigan must take the ACT test in place of the MEAP test. The test is being administered in Michigan high schools on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. All students are required to take it.
- The ACT is a national college admission exam. It tests in four areas: English, math, reading, and science. There is an additional writing section that may or may not be required by your school.
- Students who wish to take the test additional times must pay the registration fee. The ACT test is offered three times in the Spring/Summer: February 10, April 14, and June 9, 2007.
- Students are strongly encouraged to attend prep workshops 2-3 weeks ahead of time. If there are costs for these workshops, check with your school, Title VII Coordinator, or Tribal education staff to find out about resources available to pay for these workshop costs.
- If you take the test more than once, you can pick which test results to send to the colleges you are considering. You must pick one test date only and unfortunately cannot combine scores from sections taken on different test dates to get your best scores.
- Students as young as sixth grade may take the ACT.
- For more information, visit the website: www.actstudent.org

Sept. 8-Dec.15: Open swim. Free for Sault Tribe members. Fridays 5-7 p.m. and Sundays 7-9 p.m. at Lake Superior State University, Norris Center pool. You must show your tribal membership card. For information, call Jessica at (906) 635-7770.

Sept. 11-Dec. 8: Body Recall-A safe, tested program of gentle exercises possible for all people. Body Recall is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-10:50 a.m. in the dance room at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. The suggested contribution is \$2. For information call (906) 635-RINK ext. 51003.

Sept. 12-Dec. 22: YEA homework/computer lab hours at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie. Homework lab, peer tutoring, small group tutoring and reading is Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and computer lab, educational games, Internet and snacks from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Available for all tribal students in elementary, middle school and high school. For information call Sault Tribe YEA at (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 13-Dec. 20: Bahweting Anishinabek Tribal Youth Council meetings Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., for eighth through grade twelve students at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

Oct. 4 - Dec. 13: TRACKS 10 week weight management class begins. Held Wednesdays. Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun, conference room B on third floor. No charge to attend and open to all members of the community. Class size is limited, please pre-register. Call Betty Noland or Charla Gordon at (906) 632-5210 for more information or to sign up.

Oct. 18-Dec. 27: Lounge Days at Kewadin Casinos, Sault Ste. Marie. Every Wednesday and Thursday in the Signatures Lounge from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight anyone who enters the lounge will receive an entry. Names will be drawn every half hour to spin our wheel of cash and prizes! Coaches Corner Club members receive two entries. Come lounge around with us. Have fun with friends, win cash and prizes, and watch TV on our multiple screens. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Oct. 30-Dec. 12: Learn to Swim Session II. 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.

Nov. 19 - Dec. 29: Kewadin Hotel holiday special. Once again we would like to say thank you to all team members and Sault Tribe members this holiday season. To express our appreciation for your business throughout the year we are offering a special rate during this holiday time. You owe it to yourself to put aside an evening to relax. We are offering the following special rates.

Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn, St. Ignace: A standard room – any day \$39 plus tax, whirlpool room – any day \$45 plus tax, suite – any day, \$51 plus tax. \$15 Kewadin Gold voucher for those who qualify.

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Casino and Hotel, St. Ignace: A standard room – any day \$44 plus tax, whirlpool room – any day \$51 plus tax. A \$10 Kewadin Gold voucher for those who qualify.

When making your reservation state you're a Sault Tribe member or a team member. Upon check in you must show your Sault Tribe membership card or team member badge. We look forward to serving you! Happy holiday's from Kewadin Casino Hotels and Inn. Call 1-800-KEWADIN.

Nov. 24: Culture hour will be held Fridays. Learn about pow-wow dancing, regalia, beadwork and crafts from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Nov. 24: Northern Lower Michigan monthly chair meeting at the Cheboygan High School in Cheboygan, Mich. from 5-7 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 24: Soo Indians vs. Abitibi, 7 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Free admission for Sault Tribe elders and \$2 admission for Sault Tribe members. Tribe members must present tribal card. Soo Indians toy drive starts Nov. 24 through Dec. 16, bring a new unwrapped toy and receive discounted ticket price at door. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Nov. 25: Super Science Saturday 1-4 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. For more information call Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program at (906) 635-7010.

Nov. 26: The Marquette Rangers will be hosting youth hockey day at the Lakeview Arena in Marquette, Mich. Face off is at 1 p.m. Wear your team jersey and get in for free, immediately following the game is "Skate with the Rangers" so bring your skates and have your Ranger gear autographed. For more information call Cheryl Shutty at (906) 225-9077.

Nov. 28 & 30: HDL, LDL – What's It All About? Nov. 28 from 1-3 p.m. and Nov. 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. What are cholesterol, lipoproteins and triglycerides? What readings are important for heart health? Find out how to keep your readings in the target range by joining us at this session. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

Nov. 28: Unit I monthly chair meeting at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie from 6-8 p.m. Tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 28: The New Cars in concert, 7 p.m. at Kewadin Shores Casino, St. Ignace, Mich. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Nov. 29: Unit III monthly Unit meeting held at the McCann School in St. Ignace, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with Chairperson Aaron Payment and Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway

to answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 23: Sault Tribe artisans craft show held Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Located in the Bawating Art Gallery at Kewadin Casino, 2186 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. Please contact Jan Cooper at (906) 635-4754 or (906) 632-0530 ext. 53015.

Dec. 1 & 2: Constitutional Committee meeting Dec. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. Committee meetings open to Sault Tribe members to observe committee proceedings. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Dec. 1 & 2: Hand Drum Camp at the Mary Murray Culture Camp. Space is limited to the first 30 people. Sign up is required in advance. Permission slips available. Please call (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 1-3: The annual madrigal celebration is scheduled to take place in the theater of the Kewadin Casino Convention Center. The celebration lends itself to an office party atmosphere, and is also great for couples or small groups. Tickets are available now at the Kewadin Box Office. All proceeds from the celebration will benefit Hospice of Chippewa County, a participant of United Way of Chippewa County.

Dec. 2: Gumball rally at all five Kewadin Casino sites from 2-10 p.m. For more information call 1-800-KEWADIN or visit www.kewadin.com.

Dec. 2: Art Club from 1-4 p.m. the first and third Saturdays of the month at the YEA homework/computer lab, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Activities will include: painting, photography, beadwork, jewelry making and arts and crafts. For more information call Sault Tribe YEA Program at (906) 635-7010.

Dec. 2: Anishnabe drum teachings with making of hand drums at the Hessel Tribal Center at 6 p.m. Serving healthy food. There will be a sleepover for youth who participate with the Hessel community drum; for more information contact Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2298.

Dec. 4-5: Jake Agoneh will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Sault Ste. Marie at the Sault Tribal Health Center 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 632-5210 or (877) 256-0009.

Dec. 4: 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. Contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at (906) 632-6578 ext. 26640 or (888) 94-AARON to make an appointment.

Dec. 4: Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meets at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn the first and third Monday of every month. For questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 5 & 7: Healthy Eating on a Budget Dec 5 from 1-3 p.m. and Dec. 7 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, held at the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Call Community Health at (906) 632-5210 with questions or to register.

Dec. 5: Sault Tribe Board of Directors open hours from 3:30

until 5 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino grand ball room. Tribe members can meet with their unit directors or the chairperson between the board workshops and the board meetings. For questions, contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Dec. 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, contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050 ext. 26337.

Dec. 6: Jake Agoneh will be holding office hours at the Traditional Medicine Clinic in St. Ignace, Mich., at the Lambert Center, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For appointments call (906) 643-8689 or (877) 256-0135.

Dec. 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 in Sault Ste. Marie. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 6: Newberry Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 5-7 p.m., Newberry Elks Club. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. Sign up deadline is Nov. 27. For more information, call Shirley Kowalke (906) 293-8181.

Dec. 6: Unit IV monthly Unit meeting Manistique Tribal Center, Manistique 6 pm until 8 p.m. Tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Dec. 7: Jake Agoneh will be holding clinic hours as follows, Traditional Medicine Clinic Escanaba, Mich. at the Escanaba Health Center from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for appointments call (906) 786-9211 or (877) 256-0135.

Dec. 7: Unit IV Manistique Elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 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.

Dec. 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.

Dec. 8: Escanaba Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 6-9 p.m., Flat Rock Town Hall. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information, call Karen Corbett or Tara Duchene at (906) 786-9211.

Dec. 8-9: Dewegaans Hand Drum Camp, Sugar Island Mary Murray Culture Camp, from Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. to Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Call Josh Homminga or Melissa Causley to register at (906) 635-6050. Permission slip is required for youth. Limited space.

Dec. 9: Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information call, Sue Henderlite at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 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.

Dec. 9: DeTour Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 12-2 p.m., Sacred Heart Church Hall. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information, call Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2727.

Dec. 9: Hessel Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 12-2 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information, call Lisa Burnside or Arlene Graham at (906) 484-2727.

Dec. 9: St. Ignace Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 12-2 p.m., Little Bear Arena. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information, call Fred Paquin or Hope Colia at (906) 635-6065. For information regarding the Mackinac Island children's Christmas party, call (906) 635-6065.

Dec. 9: Munising Sault Tribe children's Christmas party from 1-3 p.m. Gifts will be given to children ages birth to 12 years old. For location and more information call April Nagelkerk at (906) 387-4721.

Dec. 9: Marquette County Sault Tribe Christmas party for children ages up to 17 years old NNU University, Center Peter White Lounge, from 1-4 p.m. Sign up deadline is Dec. 6. Sign up by calling Gary Carr at (866) 279-8323.

Dec. 10: Engadine Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 4-6 p.m., Engadine Garfield Township Hall. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For information, call Laura Frisch or Angie McArthur at (906) 477-6685.

Dec. 13: Unit V Marquette Elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Wallstrom's Restaurant, Harvey, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 14: Tri County Detroit Area monthly chair meeting held at the Greektown Casino in Detroit, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

Dec. 15 & 16: Constitutional Committee meeting Dec. 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin Casino. Dates and locations are subject to change. Open to Sault Tribe members to observe proceedings. For more information, please call Candace Blocher at (866) 632-6281.

Dec. 16: Manistique Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, 4-7 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center Community Room. Gifts will be given to children ages up to 12 years old. For more information, call Viola Neadow or Denise Chase at (906) 341-6993.

Dec. 18: Unit V Munising Elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Woodlands Restaurant, Shingleton, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 20: Unit IV Escanaba Elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Chip-Inn Island Resort and Casino, Hannahville, Mich. For any questions, please call Elder Services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 20: Unit II Monthly Chair meeting held at Best Western, Newberry, Mich. from 6-8 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information call (888) 94-AARON.

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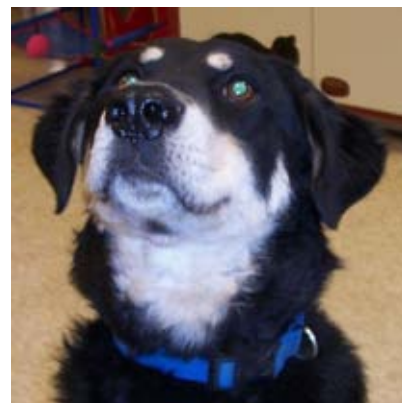
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December 7th at 7:00 pm
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