

Tribal Youth Development program available



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This is a reminder to all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of tribal youth the Tribal Youth Development program opened Aug. 1. Youth may request

funding for a variety of purposes: sports fees (registration, equipment, shoes, music, dance and theatre lessons, instrument purchase and rental, language lessons, camps sports, band, art, academic) and related travel fees, educational, cultural and class trips; testing fees, driver's education, senior pictures, school supplies and book deposits, regalia and youth drum. Applicants may receive funding up to \$100 once per academic year Aug. 1 – July 31. Applicants must reside in the seven-county service area and provide proof of household income. For more information about the program, please contact Jessica Dumback at (906) 635-7770. Applications are available at the Manistique Tribal Center ACFS office please call (906) 341-6993 to have an application mailed to you.

At the time of this report, the government has shut down and we have no definite number as to what sequestration is going to be. With the reality of sequestration and the government shut down now is the time our tribal leaders need to step up and make some long overdue changes to our casino operations.

During this first year on the board I have heard many complaints about the mismanagement of our casinos and how miserable all the team members are that morale is at an all time low. At one time, all five casinos had a good family atmosphere. Everyone helped each other out, there was real team work. Everyone took pride in their work and we all worked for the success of the Sault Tribe. Since 2008, somewhere along the line, that way of think-

ing went by the wayside. Now it seems most top management only work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., some even work four 10-hour shifts. How do you run a business and actually have a handle on it unless you work different shifts, during promotions and weekends?

It seems management does not care that we are not increasing revenue because they are still being paid. The audit team Innovative Gaming Solutions has come in and provided the board with a report that shows many areas of improvement and currently the board has started going through the casino team member surveys. While going through these surveys and with the audit report, I hope that all board members can see that we need to make a big move in the right direction. I

cannot see how any board member can justify not making some major changes in our casinos.

Director Chase and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Unit IV elders picnic on Sept. 18 at the Manistique Tribal Center. We had a great turn out with 62 elders attending from across the service area.

We would also like to thank everyone who was able to donate items to the giveaway drawings. It was such a nice time to have all the elders under the same roof enjoying each other's company.

If I can answer any questions, feel free to give me a call at (906) 203-6699 or email me at dmorrow@saulttribe.net or darcymorrowforunit4@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Darcy Morrow