

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

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Manidoo giizisoons "Little spirit moon"

Win Awenen Nisitotung "One Who Understands"

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Santa comes to town. . . Above, left, Trevor LaCrosse-LaTour thinks about his Christmas list while visiting with Santa at the Hessel party and, right, Laqueria Peake, 14 months, doesn't have any trouble remembering hers at the children's Christmas party in the Sault. For more photos from some of the parties, please turn to the photo gallery on pages 18 and 19.

PHOTOS BY AL KAMUDA AND BRENDA AUSTIN

Membership to decide if defendants are eligible to run in tribal elections

BY CORY WILSON

The Sault Tribe Board of Directors passed a resolution at the Dec. 6 meeting that will allow the tribal membership to decide if candidates who are in current litigation with the tribe will be allowed to run for elected office.

The Sault Tribe is currently engaged in litigation, where the tribe alleges that the defendants, including former Chairperson Bernard Bouschor and Director Paul Shagen, committed fraud, breached fiduciary duties and wrongfully converted payments in excess of \$2.6 million from the tribe. During the course of the litigation, in an opinion dated Aug. 11, 2005, the court has ruled that former Chairperson Bouschor did not have the lawful authority to transfer the payments to the recipients, including Director Shagen.

According to Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses, Section 71.808, it is a crime to knowingly convert for his use, or the use of another, any of the monies or funds belonging to any tribal organization or to receive or retain any such monies or funds. Subsection 71.1002 also states it is a crime to obtain money from another by intentional misrepresentation or deceit.

According to the action, the board of directors desires to submit directly to popular referendum the question of eligibility for any of the defendants currently in litigation with the tribe intending to run for an elected office in any tribal election.

The referendum will ask the membership, "Do you approve or disapprove of the following new subsection to be added to Tribal Code Section 10.109, Candidates

for Election: No individual may run for election to office, who is currently a defendant in Chippewa County Circuit Court Case No: 04-7606-CC, in which the tribe is pursuing civil litigation against the defendants, including claims involving fraud, breach of lawful authority, breach of fiduciary duties owed to the tribe, and conversion of over \$2.6 million, until such litigation has been finally resolved."

In August of 2004, the board of directors agreed to take legal action against former Chairperson Bernard Bouschor and seven key employees. These seven key employees were immediately terminated by Bouschor following election night and unlawfully received severance payments in excess of \$2.6 million.

Televised board meetings on Charter Cable in Sault Ste. Marie temporarily unavailable

This is a notice to all Sault Tribe members that Charter Communications has notified the Communications Department that board meetings and workshops scheduled for broadcast on Charter Cable channel 2 in Sault Ste. Marie will be temporarily unavailable due to technical difficulties.

According to a Charter Communications representative, a lightning storm in early November damaged equipment in the Sault Ste. Marie office and, therefore, is unable to broadcast the meetings. Charter Communications has informed us they will try to remedy the situation as soon as possible. The Communications Department will work with Charter Communications in the next several weeks to ensure this service is restored in a timely

manner for tribe members residing in the Sault Ste. Marie area, and will announce when this service is restored.

The broadcast of Sault Tribe board meetings and workshops throughout the seven-county service area is a public service offered by Charter Communications and is free of charge.

Please note, members can still view the meetings by visiting the Sault Tribe's official Web site, www.saulttribe.com. Board meetings can be downloaded and viewed by accessing a free version of Real Media Player. The Nov. 14 meeting is currently available online. The Dec. 6 meeting will be available in its entirety by Dec. 14.

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Sault Tribe Police report

Warrant arrests

Nov. 1, female, 25, St. Ignace, undisclosed warrant, jailed Mackinac County Sheriff's Department (MCSD).

Nov. 2, male, St. Ignace, undisclosed, jailed MCSD.

Nov. 4, female, 38, Cheboygan, disorderly conduct, jailed MCSD, bond \$1,000.

Nov. 4, male, Sault, probation violation, jailed at the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department (CCSD).

Nov. 4, male, 46, Kinross, violation of bond conditions, jailed CCSD. No bond.

Nov. 5, male, Newberry, friend of the court, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 5, male, Sault, undisclosed, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 7, male, 21, Sault, undisclosed, jailed CCSD. Bond \$5,300.

Nov. 15, male, Kinross, undisclosed, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 17, male, 20, Sault, friend of the court, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 18, male, 37, Sault, failure to appear, posted \$100 bond.

Nov. 19, male, 40, Kinross, felony fraud, jailed CCSD, bond \$500.

Nov. 21, female, 30, Sault, felony fraud, jailed CCSD, bond \$500.

Nov. 21, male, 19, Bay Mills, undisclosed, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 23, male, 29, Sault, friend of the court, jailed CCSD.

Child abuse

Nov. 4, male, 50, Kinross, jailed CCSD.

Placement

Nov. 5, male, court ordered pick up.

Driving while license suspended

Nov. 4, male, Kinross, plus violation of Controlled Substance Act, jailed CCSD, \$1,000 bond.

Unlawful driving away automobile

Nov. 18, male, Sault, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 18, male, 23, Sault, jailed CCSD.

Nov. 23, female, Sault, confined to juvenile detention center.

Nov. 25, female, Sault, plus minor in possession of alcohol, confined to juvenile detention center.

Nov. 25, female, Sault, confined to juvenile detention center.

Minor in possession

Nov. 5, male, 20, Rudyard, bonded \$150.

Delinquent minor

Nov. 20, female, confined to juvenile detention center.

Attention Sault Tribe members — regarding tribal enrollment cards

Public notice

In order for tribe members to receive tobacco and fuel product discounts, tribal cards must have magnetic strips on the back. If the tribal cards do not have the magnetic strips on the back, please call the Enrollment Department (1-800-251-6597 or (906) 632-8552 to make arrangements for a new card.

As of Jan. 1, 2006, the new fuel pumps and cashiers will no longer be able to process those cards without the magnetic strip. This may result in members paying full price for tax exempt products at the fuel station and gift shops. However, if your card has a magnetic strip that is defective, the cashier will assist you with the purchase and you will need to contact enrollment to have your defective card replaced.

The tribe tracks all purchases of tobacco products, diesel fuel and gasoline and has a duty to prosecute violators.

County health department donates to Red Cross



Lana Forrest (left) and Tonya Joss (right) of the Chippewa County Health Department deliver a check to Brian Davie (center) of the American Red Cross from proceeds raised during the Health Department's countywide dress down week to support the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians 18th annual Sobriety New Year's Powwow Two Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Gibisdowaanaa jichaag

We are listening to the spirit

Dec. 30, 2005 — Winter gathering

Niigaanagiizhik Building, 11 Ice Circle Drive

9 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Dec. 31, 2005 — New Year's Eve Sobriety Powwow

Chi Mukwa Arena, 2 Ice Circle Drive

1 p.m. — Grand entry

5 p.m. — Feast

7 p.m. — Grand entry

Come and dance the New Year in!

Due to safety concerns, all vendors will be upstairs. This is a drug and alcohol free event.

If you have any questions please contact Bud, Melissa or Wendi at (906) 632-7494.

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By Randy Gordon

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BAAPI TO LAUGH
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GMIWAN TO RAIN
GNAMAAGE TO FORBID
GOOGII TO DRIVE
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MAKAAN TO FIND
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Announcement of bidding changes for the Munising Community Center Project

We regret to inform you that bidding of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Munising Community Center Project will be delayed for a short period of time.

A revised advertisement for bid will be published explaining the project requirements and dates for the following:

- New date for construction document availability
- New walk-through date, with time and location
- New bid due date, with time and location

In addition, the project delivery method is being changed from multiple bid packages and general contract assignment to general contract lump sum, all trades.

Any deposits received to date for construction documents will be returned to sender.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your continued interest in the project.

Thank you and please look for the revised advertisement for bids.

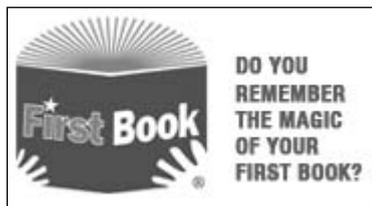
Donation of over 300,000 books benefit American Indian children

First Book and CDC distribute books to promote health

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In recognition of National Diabetes Awareness Month, First Book, an award winning national nonprofit organization, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on Nov. 14 that they will distribute more than 300,000 free new books to American Indian and Alaska Native children throughout the United States.

The First Book National Book Bank (FBNBB), a subsidiary program of First Book, is using its nationwide distribution system to place these books into the hands of American Indian children. Starting in January 2006, the books will be distributed to organizations, schools and libraries serving American Indian children.

The books, developed in partnership with the Native Diabetes Wellness Program, the Indian Health Services' Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention and the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee were written by Georgia Perez and illustrated by Patrick Rolo and Lisa A. Fifield. The four titles in the series, *Through the Eyes of the Eagle*, *Knees Lifted High*, *Plate Full of Color* and *Tricky Treats* were designed for five to eight-year old American Indian children, although the books offer timeless messages about the importance of good health, dia-



betes prevention, physical activity and healthy eating, they are relevant for children of all ages and all ethnic groups.

A Web site, The Eagle's Nest, and a teachers' guide will be available in January to help children, their parents and their teachers to learn about diabetes and living a healthy life. The child-friendly site and teachers' guide will feature information and exercises encouraging children to learn as much as possible about eating nutritious foods, being physically active and seeking balance in their lives.

"First Book is excited to partner with the CDC to reach American Indian communities nationwide," said Kyle Zimmer, President of First Book. "We are looking forward to our coming distributions — this is an unprecedented opportunity for us to serve American Indian children across the country with the valuable resource of high quality, culturally sensitive books."

"With American Indians and Alaskan Natives at a particularly high risk for developing diabetes, CDC and Indian Health Service have worked closely with

American Indian communities to share important health information through the ancient art of story telling. The Eagle Books are an incredibly innovative example of CDC's commitment to finding new ways to reach the public whose health we protect," said Dr. Janet Collins, director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC. For more information, please visit www.FirstBook.org or www.cdc.gov/diabetes.

First Book is a national nonprofit organization that gives children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. In neighborhoods across the country, First Book advisory boards unite leaders from all sectors of the community to identify the most effective community-based literacy programs reaching children living at or below the poverty line and provide them with First Book grants of free books and educational materials. The First Book National Book Bank, a subsidiary program of First Book, is the first centralized system that enables publishers to donate books and educational materials online to reach millions of children who need them the most. First Book has distributed more than 35 million new books to children in need in hundreds of communities nationwide.

EPA requests proposals to aid tribal solid waste efforts

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) work group is soliciting proposals for its eighth year of the Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project (previously called the Open Dump Cleanup Project). Since fiscal year 1999, the EPA has funded over 100 projects with about \$15.4 million. In fiscal year 2005, the EPA made approximately \$2 million available to fully or partially fund 20 selected projects. A similar amount of funding is projected for fiscal year 2006.

The project is part of a federal effort to help tribes comprehensively address their solid waste needs. The purpose of the project is to assist with closing or upgrading tribal high-threat waste disposal sites and providing alternative disposal and integrated solid waste management. The work group was established in April 1998 to coordinate federal assistance to tribes in bringing their waste disposal sites into compliance with the municipal solid waste landfill criteria (40 CFR part 258). Current work group members include representatives from the EPA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, and the Departments of Agriculture and Defense.

For consideration, proposals must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2006, and received by EPA no later than Feb. 10, 2006. Proposals received after the closing date will not be considered. Electronic submissions must be submitted no later than Jan. 31, 2006. See the guidance for applicants package for more information on the submission deadline.

Copies of the guidance for applicants package may be downloaded from the Internet at www.epa.gov/tribalmsw by clicking on the "Grants/Funding" link. Copies may also be obtained by contacting EPA, IHS or BIA regional or area offices or one of the following work group representatives: EPA — Christopher Dege, (703) 308-2392 or Charles Bearfighter Reddoor (703) 308-8245. IHS — Steve Aoyama, (301) 443-1046. BIA — Debbie McBride, (202) 208-3606.

Eligible recipients of assistance under The Open Dump Cleanup Project include federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortiums. A full explanation of the submittal process, the qualifying requirements and the criteria that will be used to evaluate proposals for this project may be found in the guidance for applicants package.

No down payment home loans for eligible tribe members

Submitted by Jodi Talentino

USDA Rural Development offers no down payment home loans to eligible tribe members. Through its Direct Home Loan Program, lower income members can borrow directly from the USDA and get a no-down payment, 30-year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. The program works on or off reservation.

For middle income members, USDA Rural Development offers the Guaranteed Home Loan Program. Members can get a home loan from an approved local lender such as a bank or credit union. Through the Guaranteed Home Loan Program members get a no down payment, 30-year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. The program also works on or off reservation.

Tribe members can purchase new or existing homes and condominiums through this program,

even new manufactured homes are eligible for purchase through this program. However, members must purchase homes in areas considered rural by USDA Rural Development. In Michigan, the entire Upper Peninsula is considered rural. In the Lower Peninsula, everywhere from Clare County northward is considered rural. And every county south of Clare County has parts considered rural by USDA Rural Development.

Income limits apply to both home loan programs. For more information or to request an application contact Angela Spencer, home buyer advocate at (906) 635-7723. Members can also contact USDA Rural Development in Michigan toll-free at 1-800-944-8119 or 1-888-771-6993 for more information, (TDD/TTY 1-800-649-3777).

USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

Tribal trivia

The Aztec chewed chicle, the latex from the sapodilla tree. North American Indians chewed gum and licorice root.

They taught New England colonists to chew spruce sap, which became the first commercially sold chewing gum in the United States. Chicle was used as a base for modern chewing gum.

— National Museum of the American Indian Magazine



Tune into Native America Calling

Tune in and take part in this intense and stimulating one-hour call-in radio talk show inspiring people from all walks of life to reflect on American Indian issues and how they influence our lives. Call toll free at 1-800-996-2848.

A couple of recent highlights include Native in the Spotlight honoree Della Warrior who, for more than 30 years, has supported American Indian education. She was the education specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and she served as the director of Indian education for the Albuquerque Public Schools in New Mexico. She was the first woman elected as chairperson for her tribe. She later became the tribe's chief executive officer. In January of 1998, Della became the president of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), a premiere Native American Art School located in Santa Fe, N.M. Before her presidency, she was the IAIA development director from 1993-1997. During her tenure at IAIA, she has raised more than \$9.5 million for the establishment of IAIA's permanent home. On January 1st, 2006, she will retire as the president of the institute. Della Warrior (Otoe-Missouria) was the November Native In The Spotlight.

Later, the program reported on a coming movie of interest to

American Indians. *Christmas In The Clouds*, a new romantic comedy coming out this holiday season. The movie premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Christmas in the Clouds was written and directed by Kate Montgomery and features a great line-up of American Indian actors and actresses. The film gives viewers a glimpse into the life of a close-knit tribal community and pokes fun at stereotypes and celebrates American Indian wit. Some of those involved with the movie were guests on the program and included Brian Wescott (Yupik/Athabascan), co-producer; Sheila Tousey (Stockbridge/Munsee), executive producer/actress; and Sam Vlahos (Pima), actor.

Another edition of the radio program examined what Thanksgiving means to American Indians with participation from listeners. Thanksgiving is a time for many families and friends to gather and feast. Favorite recipes are shared and lots of food is prepared in addition to the traditional turkey. This day is usually celebrated in some Indian communities while others prefer not to recognize this day. For many Indian families, giving thanks is a daily tradition. The people who surround us, the food placed in front of us and ending the day with a prayer is a way of giving thanks.

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Election code changes are on deck



**Aaron Payment, MPA
Tribal Chairperson**

TRIBAL ELECTION COMMITTEE CONSURS CHANGES

During and following the 2004 Tribal Election, there was a great deal of interest from Tribal Members for us to make necessary changes including changes that will equalize the election playing field such that the merit of a candidate's platform has more to do with their likelihood of being elected than the amount of money they have to spend. Incumbent Board Members make \$67,000 a year; an amount that puts them in the top 5% of incomes in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

I am happy to report that the Election Committee agrees that we should return the campaign spending limits back to the 2002 levels at \$25,000 for the Chairperson position and \$10,000 for a Tribal Board seat. In January the Tribal Board will vote on whether or not to accept this change.

PREVENTING ELECTION 'SMUT' MAIL

During the 2004 Election, Tribal households were subjected to the kind of ugly, negative campaigning that has become common in Federal elections. With the 'Pink Post Cards' and the 'Michael Jackson' mailers, my predecessor sunk to an all time low.

It's tempting to conclude that, candidates who sent out this kind of salacious campaign materials into Tribal homes lost their elections, therefore, we should just move on. However, having sent these materials out, meant to have violated Tribal Law with regard to the Membership Code. The list used for these smut mailings was accessed by the former Chairperson through his position as Tribal Chairperson. Most disturbing is that our Tribal children had access to this offensive material. Bouschor illegally obtained this list. I feel strongly that this individual needs to be held accountable for his actions including possibly criminal charges.

Though the Election Committee apparently had no direct authority over these possible criminal act such as, "Abuse of Office", the Election Committee is recommending much stronger enforcement provisions to be established in Tribal Law. I am grateful they see the need to protect the integrity of our Elections by preventing these kinds of abuses.

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

There is one item for which I absolutely disagree with the Election Committee - a new requirement for those who live in the service area to have to register to vote. I previously wrote in my monthly report to the Members about how Director Dennis McKelvie suggested that we require those who live in the service area to have to register to vote. I couldn't disagree more with Director McKelvie on this matter.

Currently, those who live within the service area (*Sault Ste. Marie, Sugar Island, St. Ignace, Mackinac Island Hessel, Newberry, Marquette, Munising, Manistique, Escanaba and everywhere in between*) are automatically registered. Those who live outside of these areas have to register to vote for each election.

The Tribal Constitution does identify a requirement to register to vote for both those who live within the service area and those who live outside of the service area. But there currently is an 'Equal Protections' issue with treating the groups differently - that is to say requiring those who live outside of the service area to register while those in the service area are automatically registered.

My suggestion was and is to treat everyone equally and not require anyone to have to register to vote. Voting is your fundamental democratic right as a Tribal citizen. If we previously interpreted that your enrollment in the Tribe constituted your voter registration requirement, then why not extend this same benefit to all Members regardless of where they live?

Again, some Members of the Board have consented to creating a new barrier for those who live inside the service area to have to register to vote. This makes no sense to me, because we should want to increase, not decrease, voter participation.

In Tribal Elections, we see as high as a 70% voter participation rate for those registered to vote. Creating new, more cumbersome barriers to voting, will no doubt decrease voter turnout. Why would we want to go backward? One answer might be that more restrictive voter registration

requirements tend to reduce voter turnout and benefit incumbents.

At the December 6th Tribal Board Meeting, I presented a resolution titled, "the Payment Equal Voter Registration Bill" to:

- **Treat all adult Tribal Members equally with regard to voter registration;**
- **Utilize your current enrollment in the Tribe and updated address as your voter registration to vote in Tribal Elections.**

The actual draft language (in part) follows:

10.108 Registration of Voters

(1) Any person, eighteen (18) years of age or older at the date of the election as determined in section 10.105, who is a member of the Tribe, shall be eligible to vote in the tribal election. All eligible members shall be deemed registered to vote. Members residing outside of the election units shall designate the election unit in which they will participate as a voter as follows:

- (a) If currently registered, the election unit will be designated by the non-resident member on his/her voter registration form;
- (b) If currently unregistered, the non-resident member must designate the election unit in which he/she shall participate for all elections on forms provided by the Election Committee. If the non-resident member has not designated an election unit by the deadline set for preparing the voter registration rolls pursuant to Section 10.107 (5) (b), the non-resident member shall be deemed registered in Unit 1 until otherwise designated by the non-resident member.

(2) Once a member is registered, and if applicable, designated an election unit, the registration is permanent and shall not change unless the member changes residency into or out of an election unit. Members changing residence from one election unit to another will be registered in the appropriate election unit once the member's address is corrected in the tribal enrollment records. Members changing residence out of any election unit must designate an election unit in accordance with Subsection (1) (b).

The intent of the above Election code revision is to make it easier for you to exercise your most important right, your right to vote. Directors Lambert and McKelvie and a few others did their best to filibuster the item such that the resolution was not motioned for enactment. I will introduce this resolution once again during the series of meetings we plan to hold in January to enact our new Tribal election laws.

\$2.66 MILLION LOOTED

As Members know, the Tribe is currently in litigation with the former Chairperson - Bernard Bouschor and seven others who conspired to take \$2.66 Million from Tribal funds on Election night in 2004. Again, these individual and the amounts they took were:

Name	Amount
Daniel Green	\$ 608,479.97
Daniel Weaver	\$ 519,426.86
Jim Jannett	\$ 452,643.95
Jolene Nertoli	\$ 419,325.36
David Scott	\$ 398,460.62
Paul Shagen	\$ 202,707.48
Joe Paczkowski	\$ 59,091.40
	\$ 2,660,135.64

If not for radically reducing our operational costs (without reducing services) we undoubtedly would have to have taken this loss from our Elder Fund or Trust accounts.

Members are surprised when they hear that criminal charges have not yet been filed against these 7 + Bouschor. Our first goal, however, is to recover the \$2.66 million through a Michigan civil suit. Then we'll weigh our options for filing criminal charges.

Members are amazed that we do not prohibit such individuals from running for office. After all, we prohibit Members with relatively minor misdemeanors for 'acts of dishonesty' from being able to run. If taking the \$2.66 million ultimately constitutes an act of theft, embezzlement or a criminal act of 'Abuse of Office' you would think that Members would not want to give such individuals further opportunity or access to Tribal funds.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO: LET THE MEMBERS DECIDE ?!

All Members, everywhere, deserve to weigh in on this issue. On 12-6-05 the Tribal Board voted to let the members decide election eligibility in this circumstance. The resolution (in part) reads:

...Whereas, it is inherent in the position of Chairperson and Director that each owes certain fiduciary responsibilities to the Tribe, including duties and care and loyalty; and

Whereas, the Tribe is currently in litigation where the Tribe alleges that defendants, including former Chairperson Bouschor and Director Shagen, committed fraud, breached fiduciary duties, and wrongfully converted payments in excess of \$2.6 million from the Tribe.; and

Whereas, during the course of litigation, in an opinion dated August 11, 2005 the court has ruled that former Chairperson Bouschor did not have the lawful authority to transfer the payments to the recipients, including Director Shagen; and

Whereas, it is a crime pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses, Section 71.808 to knowingly convert for his use, or the use of another, any of the moneys or funds belonging to any tribal organization, or to receive or retain any such moneys or funds; and

Whereas, it is also a crime pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 71: Criminal Offenses, Section 71.1002 to obtain

money from another by intentional misrepresentation or deceit; and

Whereas, pursuant to Tribal Code Section 12.105(b) the Board of Directors may submit any proposed ordinance or resolution by resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board; and

Whereas, The Board of Directors desires to submit directly to popular referendum the question of eligibility for any of the defendants in the litigation to run for office in any tribal election until the litigation has been finally resolved;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Directors submits the following referendum question for a proposed amendment to the Tribal Code Section 10.109 Candidates for Election:

"DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTION TO BE ADDED TO TRIBAL CODE SECTION 10.109 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION"

No individual may run for election to office who is currently a Defendant in Chippewa County Circuit Court Case No: 04-7606-CC, in which the Tribe is pursuing civil litigation against the Defendants, including claims involving fraud, breach of lawful authority, breach of fiduciary duties owed the Tribe, and conversion over \$2.6 million until such litigation has been finally resolved.

Surprisingly, some Members of the Tribal Board voted to prevent you from being able to decide this weighty issue that effects all Members. Among those who voted 'No' to allow you, the voter, to decide this issue were Directors McKelvie, Lambert and Causley. This vote begs the question: How is it that those who have made their political careers on being anti-Bouschor could now vote to shield him from a vote of the entire Membership, in all units and everywhere, to decide if he should be permitted to run again after he conspired to take \$2.66 million from Tribal funds!

Now I understand Bouschor plans to circulate a referendum petition, (costing another \$10,000) to prevent the above referendum. This would prevent Members in Units 2, 3, 4, 5, lower Michigan, and throughout the county in addition to Unit 1 from being able to vote on the issue of whether or not someone who orchestrated taking \$2.66 million should be able to run again.

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

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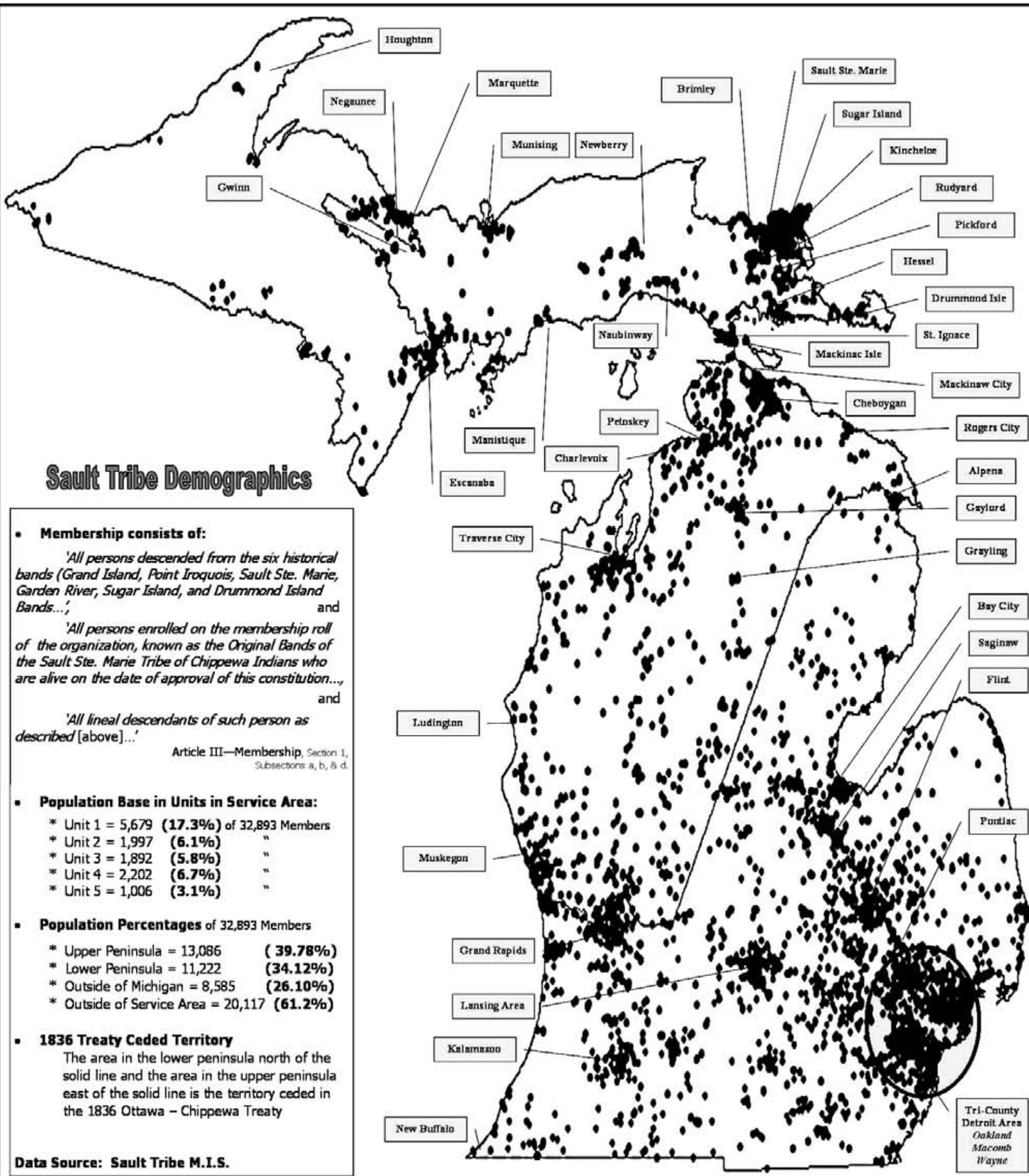
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WHERE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVE IN MICHIGAN



The map above displays where Sault Tribe Members live in Michigan. Approximately 74% reside within Michigan's Borders. Of this number, nearly 40% reside in the upper peninsula and 34% reside within the lower Peninsula. The majority (61%), however, reside outside of the seven county service area.

The map also shows concentrations of Members who reside in an around the following communities: Mackinaw City/ Cheboygan, Petoskey/ Traverse City, Bay City/ Saginaw/ Flint; Grand Rapids/ Muskegon; Lansing; and the Tri-County Detroit Area. The populations of each of these communities, rivals the population concentrations in the upper peninsula.

The view of our Sault Tribe Membership through population densities shows an picture that transcends individual communities. Though Sault Tribe Members may live in several different communities across Michigan and the United States, all Members trace back to the six historical bands, and/or the Original bands (including Mackinac Band) of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.



Sault Tribe Members at a community gathering in Cheboygan, Michigan promoting the unification of Sault Tribe Members in all communities where Sault Tribe Members reside.

Sault Tribe board meeting brief for Dec. 6

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians met for a general meeting on Dec. 6, 2005, in Sault Ste. Marie. Board members Paul Shagen and Fred Paquin were absent.

Approved resolutions:

Voting is not noted on decisions made unanimously.

The board authorized a donation of at least \$15,000 commencing in 2005 and annually for the next three years to support the Children's Christmas Committee holiday activities.

Furthermore, any additional funds required to meet the needs of identified families of our tribe's members can be requested by the committee and such requests can be authorized by the board at a scheduled meeting or by polling board members by phone.

The chair was authorized to open a checking account for the Munising Community Center at National Bank of Michigan/Illinois and the account will require the signatures of two following for any and all transactions:

Aaron Payment, Todd Gravelle, William Connolly, Robert LaPoint or Victor Matson, Jr.

An easement was granted to the City of St. Ignace for maintenance and snowplowing.

Another easement was granted to Semco Energy Gas Company for construction and maintenance of pipelines in the Township of St. Ignace.

A waiver of sovereign immunity and a consent to waiver tribal court jurisdiction was passed to facilitate a contract with Gaming Hospitality Solutions, Inc., for software which will be used to streamline and improve the gas and tobacco discount management, quota management and tax removal system at the



Heather Smith, Sault Tribe Coordinator for United Way and Chairperson Aaron Payment present the checks to Cindy and Randy Peterson, Campaign Co-Chairs for United Way.

The board presented a check for \$18,500 to the United Way of Chippewa County, above, at the Dec. 6 meeting. Chairperson Aaron Payment also personally donated \$5.00 for every Sault Tribe team member who contributed to United Way totaling \$525.

Total contributions from Sault Tribe employees are still being tallied and are projected to be over \$15,000. In all, total contributions to United Way, including employee donations, are estimated at approximately \$34,000.



Team members donating \$50 or more to United Way were entered into a contest to win a 51-inch big screen television. Team member Judy LaJoice, above middle, from the Sault Tribe Cultural Department was the winner.

Midjim stores, Kewadin gift shops and participating off reservation gas stations.

A plan for the new Constitution amendment project was approved.

A resolution was passed to clarify and reinforce board responsibilities in hiring and termination of key employees (heads of the executive, regulatory and board branches as well as

casino management staff).

A one time offer of a tribal employee early retirement incentive plan was passed. The plan is a voluntary option for employees with at least 10 years service whose combined ages and years of tribal employment equal 75 and are employed by the tribe as of Dec. 6, 2005. The offer is valid only until Dec. 31, 2005, and will be revoked after that

date has passed. No offer will be made in 2006 or beyond. Board members Dennis McKelvie and Robert Lambert opposed the measure while Denise Chase abstained.

An amendment to Chapter 87 of the Tribal Code was passed to clarify allowing the tribal prosecutor to designate stand-in and assistant prosecutors in misdemeanor cases. The amendment

also defines prosecutor as the prosecuting attorney for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians or any person designated by the prosecutor. Board members Todd Gravelle and Lana Causley opposed the amendment.

A referendum was passed on the issue of disallowing former Chairman Bernard Bouschor and Representative Paul Shagen from running for election until civil case litigation in Chippewa County Circuit Court Case 04-7607-CC is finally decided. The vote was tied with board members Cathy Abramson, McKelvie, Causley, Lambert and Chase opposing the referendum while Joe Eitrem, Todd Gravelle, Robert LaPoint, Tom Miller and Victor Matson, Sr., approved. The chair, Aaron Payment, broke the tie with a vote favoring the referendum.

A proposed revision of tribal employee sick leave policies was approved as was a revision to employee vacation policies.

The board formalized approval and support for the coalition of governments and organizations assembling to protect the waters of the Great Lakes Basin, including their attempt to prevent the diversion or exportation of the water of the Great Lakes. They further authorized Frank Ettawageshik, chair of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to sign the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy as Great Lakes tribal representative.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and tribe members are invited to attend. Call (906) 635-6050 for scheduled meeting locations.

Setting the record straight

trovial and encouraged members to vote in the recent referendum. To claim that it was not published due to content would only make sense if there was something printed that was controversial.

ALLEGATION: McKelvie claims the communications director was hand picked by the chairman and suggests that board members should not have to be held to any rules with regard to deadlines in the tribal paper claiming, "Who is running this tribe, the administration or the board of directors?"

FACT 1: The communications director was hired by an interview panel which included the associate executive director, director of planning, human resources director and the chairperson. Tribal board members were invited to attend. There were two solid tribe member candidates. The panel picked the individual for whom they felt was the best fit. No conspiracy here.

FACT 2: The tribal board is not exempted from following the policies and procedures of the tribe. To suggest otherwise is embarrassing. If the tribal board collectively makes a decision; that is one thing. However, can anyone respect a board

member thumping his chest or attempting to intimidate staff to get his way?

At the November 1, 2005 tribal board meeting, McKelvie further argued that if the tribal board has to meet a deadline that news submissions in our tribal paper should also be withheld from publication. This is asinine!

The board has a deadline because, the staff at the paper must know what space to reserve. Some board members show up at the last minute with handwritten notes and an expectation that staff type their articles for them and even correct grammatical and spelling errors. Given board members make twice as much income as our newspaper staff, I find this objectionable.

The news of the tribe must not be censored or withheld from the membership. The news of the tribe should not be held to a submissions deadline as McKelvie has proposed. If our team members can live with a submission deadline, why can't McKelvie?

Finally, if the tribal board was censored in our tribal paper, would you even see the kinds of unadulterated rants written by Director McKelvie?

ALLEGATION: McKelvie claims that a tribe member was allowed to stand up and give a speech to the audience at a recent tribal board meeting while others were only allowed to ask questions behind closed doors.

FACT 1: The tribal board enacted policy defines when membership input at meetings is for public consumption or for closed session. Those items that are targeted at individuals are scheduled for closed session. In every case, those items requested of members at the meeting McKelvie speaks of were legitimately closed session items. I assume McKelvie agreed because he certainly did not object or let his apparent consternation be known at the time. To suggest otherwise at this point is simply dishonest.

ALLEGATION: McKelvie claims that the current tribal administration has sent out a directive to unduly limit board access to information.

FACT: Each member of the tribe who applies for services has a file that is considered confidential as governed by tribal law, as well as, various regulatory requirements to not disclose client information (health or income records for example).

Tribe members expect complete confidentiality with regard to their records. The memo McKelvie mischaracterizes actually calls for full cooperation with the tribal board, but underscores the nature of confidential client information that simply cannot be shared. See for yourself, below is the actual text.

In the interest of full disclosure with all members of the tribal board...you are hereby directed to inform the entire tribal board of any and all requests made to you from individual members of the tribal board... If the information requested is of a confidential nature... please inform the tribal board member that you will assist them by drafting their request for submission to the entire board...

Finally, please inform all of your subordinate team members of this new directive and ensure that they treat the tribal board with respect as you implement this new directive.

To suggest a controversy here where none exists is nothing more than the beginning of the kind of election politics that put Dennis McKelvie in office.



Todd Gravelle
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

ALLEGATION: In the last edition of *The Sault Tribe News*, Director McKelvie reported that his unit report was not published because of the content.

FACT 1: The posted deadline for all *The Sault Tribe News* submissions is the Monday - one week prior to the print date. The board is given special consideration four days after everyone else to have their information submitted. McKelvie submitted his article after the deadline.

FACT 2: The content was unknown to the communications director. As it turns out, the article (posted online) was uncon-

Board highlights



Tom Miller
Unit IV Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I hope everyone is enjoying the onset of the winter months and getting ready to enjoy the upcoming holidays and is in good health.

Winter makes me appreciate the other three seasons just a bit more. We have some good news in the fact that the Greektown financing package was finally approved by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. This will put the Greektown Casino on better financial footing for the future and removes the partnership debt and their influence.

I believe that we are on the proper financial path for Greektown and, in the future, this will lead to an increase of money northward to help in providing services to the members. It will take

a few years to reach this point, but we are moving in the right direction.

Highlights for the period are as follows: Bahweting School continues with no interruption in the educational process, with unionization still a major concern; gas and cigarettes quotas are used up and there will be nothing for the month of December, diesel still remains available; interviews are being arranged for the position of casino manager of the Kewadin Shores Casino in St. Ignace; forensic audit reviewed as to the need to continue; election code is being worked on; overall tribal budget process is being looked at in an attempt make it more efficient and streamlined; housing is looking at it's overall staffing and efficiency; and the schedule for the Constitutional convention process and it's community meetings are being finalized and will begin in the month of December.

Denise Chase and myself will not hold office hours for the month of December, there are plenty of other activities in the community to keep us busy.

If you have the need to reach me, please call (906) 340-5737 or (906) 644-3334.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. It has been a pleasure serving you for the 2005 year.

Happy holidays

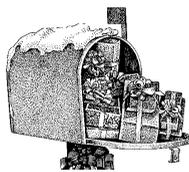


Dennis McKelvie
Unit I Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

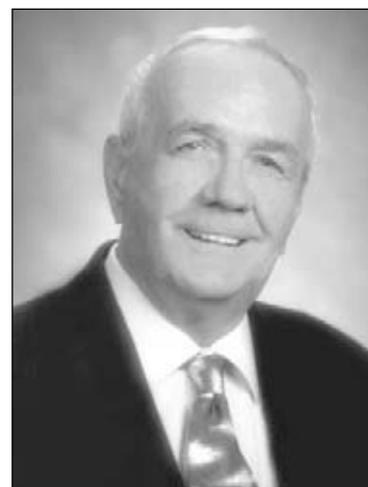
This time of year I hope you and your families have a very merry Christmas filled with health and happiness and a very prosperous new year.

I would also like to thank our hard working employees, without your dedication throughout the year we would not be the great tribe we are.

Look for good things to come in the next year.



Things seem to be going well



Victor Matson Sr.
Unit V Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

Ahnee, we are into the winter and holiday season. I wish everyone happy holidays.

Talking with members from our unit, people seem positive about the direction the tribe is going and say more information is going out to the members with the newspaper Web site and letters sent out.

They were really impressed with the inland hunting and fishing community meetings and I want to thank the committee for all the information they shared and especially the survey that was sent out. The negotiations with

the state are moving along more smoothly because we know what the membership wants.

The Lincoln school project is moving along slowly, but it is getting to the point where we see progress. The board, at the meeting in Hessel, voted to put the financing in place to try to speed things up. We have weekly meetings so we can chart the progress and stay on top of things.

The Christmas parties for the children are all set. Here are the dates: Dec. 3 for Munising and Dec. 10 for Marquette. Thanks to all the volunteers who put these parties on and a big thank you to the elders who also volunteered. I know the kids really enjoy themselves, as it brings young and old together for a special event. Again, chi megwetch to all volunteers.

Some other coming events are the elders' Christmas dinners and parties in Marquette on Dec. 8 at Walkstrom's, 6 p.m., and the Munising party is on Dec. 15 at the Woodlands, 6 p.m.

Happy holidays, if you have any questions or need help, call me at (906) 387-4378. My mailing address is N4228 Powell Lake Rd., Wetmore, MI 49895.

Are your Constitutional rights being denied?



Rob Lambert Sr
Unit III representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to wish all the best that life has to offer to each and every one of you. I also hope you have a safe and joyous Christmas filled with lots of hugs and good thoughts. The New Year's weekend is a time to exercise added care when driving to keep yourself and those around you safe. Happy holidays to all the men and women in the United States armed forces. Many of these brave souls will spend the holidays alone or away from family and friends, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Now on to the business of our tribe.

There is currently a movement under way to deny the majority of our membership one of their very basic Constitutional rights. Our members at large make up about two-thirds of our entire membership. Article 5, Section 5 of our governing document says "in any

general election called pursuant to this constitution, each eligible voter shall vote within his unit of residence. Voters residing outside of any unit shall register not less than three months prior to any election and vote in the unit of their choice." What this means to me is that each member who lives outside of the seven-county service area has a constitutional right to decide what unit they will vote in for each general election. What some on your board are saying is this means that those members who live outside of the seven-county service area shall register one time only and must vote in that unit for life. They would also like to choose what unit you will vote in if you do not make that decision on your own. The fear of some on the board is that the members at large will some day figure out that if they organize and vote out of the same unit they would control our elections. I need to hear from you on this issue. Do you think this effort to lock you into a unit for life is unconstitutional or are you okay with it?

Another issue that was brought up is a new community center in Escanaba. The idea is to borrow \$500,000 over the next 20 years to pay for this. I want to say loud and clear I support the members of Escanaba having a new center but, as a member of the board of directors, I must look at the big picture to see how this affects our entire tribe. At this time we are laying team members off. We are stopping budget increases to our programs and we will see the money coming north from our Greektown Casino cut in half from \$10,000,000 a year to

\$5,000,000 a year. We are going to offer an early out program to about 70 team members to slow our financial bleeding. I think when our financial picture looks better we can again look at an updated facility or at least a scaled down version of what was proposed. From what I understand, the \$500,000 would not cover the added cost of additional staff or the cost of furnishing the new facility. The bottom line is, when we can afford a new facility in Escanaba, I will gladly vote to fund it.

The year of 2005 may come to be known as the year of the tribal referendum. All eligible voters will soon be receiving another ballot. This time it will ask the question of whether certain individuals including Bernard Bouschor and Paul Shagen should be allowed to run for and, if elected, be seated as members of our tribal board of directors. I do not support either one of these people or would I ever vote for them but I cannot deny them their right to run. I am not going to tell you how to vote or tell you how I will vote. That is your decision to make.

I would like to again wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. Take the time to tell those around you how much they are appreciated and loved. That's the gift that costs nothing and everyone wants.

Rob Lambert, Sr., 23 Stockbridge St., St. Ignace, MI 49781, 643-8840 home, toll free 1-800-484-7919 PIN 8106, or e-mail roblambertsr@sbcglobal.net.

Referendum is not necessary



Fred Paquin
Unit III representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

I would like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The tribal board of directors appropriated monies to help out tribal children in foster care and tribal families in need. I feel this is a very good thing the chairman and the board has done and I am happy to be a part of that decision.

I would like to apologize to the membership for my absence at the Dec. 6 meeting. I was unable to attend due to an illness in my family. That meeting resulted in the passing of several resolutions, one of which involved tribe members who are in litigation with the tribe.

The tribal board chose to file a law suit in an attempt to regain tribal funds that were paid out after the last election. That litigation is now in the state court. It appears these issues continue to come to the board in reference to

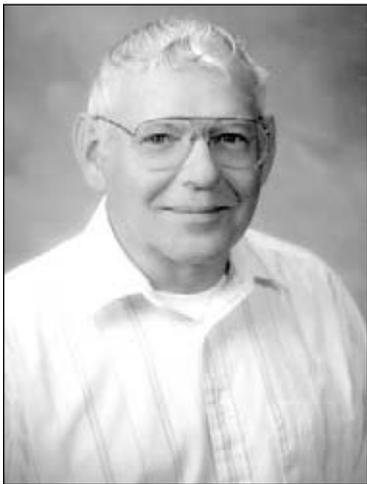
these individuals. One issue is that they want a referendum vote to decide if these individuals can run for the tribal board of directors if involved in this law suit. I do not feel that a referendum is necessary and the tribal membership will decide who to elect.

I feel the board has elected to file suit in state court and now the court will decide the outcome. As far as individuals running for the tribal board of directors, I feel this should be an issue to be decided by the membership. The membership alone should decide who to elect to represent them. If any action is taken during litigation regarding the suit, the courts will make that decision and how ever the election turns out should be a result of the memberships' decision.

Have a safe and happy holiday. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the tribal membership and community as a member of the board of directors this past year, and I look forward to continuing my service in this capacity. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (906) 643-8878.



Big issues facing the tribe



Bob LaPoint
Unit II Representative
Sault Tribe Board of Directors

paid out over \$2.6 million dollars to his top cronies. Several laws were broken. Serious laws. As board members we are sworn to uphold the tribal constitution. We have a legal obligation and a fiduciary responsibility to protect tribal money. There is no good reason why a board member would try to prevent members from deciding if these two characters should be able to run for office. I am very disappointed that several board members are supporting Bouschor trying to come back. This matter is in the courts as we try to recover this money. After that I believe criminal charges should be brought against Bouschor and Shagen.

Our first obligation is to the members. I am very disappointed that some board members are playing political games. The last thing we need is for Bouschor to come back. What we need is to move forward so that our Tribe can heal. Bouschor has already done enough damage to this Tribe. It is clear he does not care about the welfare of the members. We are working hard to clean up his debt and the mess he made. All the delays at the St. Ignace casino is mostly his fault. Bouschor has cost this Tribe tens

of millions of dollars. I'm not sure but the action of some of these board members might even hurt our case. I support a board members right to be independent but when it comes to money that belongs to the members, I think they are legally obligated to protect the members interest.

Next year starts another election season, the degree in which we debate the issues is what will help reshape our tribal identification. This new administration has been talking with many of the other Michigan tribes. In some cases we have literally apologized for many of the mistakes made by the past chairman in his dealing with the other tribes. Part of the problem I think is in the difficulty of reporting all the news going on in the tribe. There are countless numbers of positive things happening within the Tribe that you never read about. Right now, our lead attorney is meeting with Senator John McCain.

We are very fortunate that we have an attorney who has these kinds of contacts. Senator McCain as you might know is a strong supporter of Indian tribes. Senator McCain might also be a leading candidate for the presidency in 2008. Steve Morello is

one of us and he is doing a fine job. His time in the military is a plus for our board, he helps us comprehend the jurisdiction of our duties. In all aspects of business and government, there is a bureaucratic chain of command. We can bet that Senator McCain will value his contact with our Tribe just as much. Something else I want to report. Even though some members think we pay too much for our legal department. The cost of legal expenses has gone down considerably. This is a savings to the Tribe, roughly \$500,000 less than previous years.

We have some big issues facing us. Our Constitution is antiquated and many of its aspects need to be reformed or abandoned. I would like to see something positive emerge in debating the new Constitution. Something that will replace the negative politics of the past. We need to make our new Constitution tamper-proof and something the voters will understand. Then we can become an entrepreneurial government and focus on tourist development and investing in new business ideas. We are strapped for cash right now but we must be willing to face this challenge

with a new economic mode. Creating new jobs should be very high as one of our priorities. The St. Ignace casino is going to create some new jobs, our construction crew is going to be able to keep working after the first of the year and any rumors of lay offs are simply false.

Thank you again for all your support, please enjoy your holiday and I want to say how proud am of my daughter. She just finished running a marathon down in Mexico and came in 17th place out of hundreds of runners. Not bad for a women 38 years old and a mother of six. Lets try to remember all our family members, elders and youth this Christmas. Lets say a prayer for all our troops over seas, for our leaders in the United States government, and lets see if we can begin to focus the debate on the future and the new Constitution. Lets begin to hear from the members about what provisions you would like to see added to our new Constitution. Please don't hesitate to call or email we with your concerns and ideas. Bob LaPoint, Vice Chairman and Unit 2 representative. (906) 493-5311.

Sign-up for the new Constitution Committee, open to all members of our tribe

I want to serve on the new Constitution committee. I am an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

I am listed in the following unit:	My age is:	_____	under 18
Sault Ste. Marie	_____	_____	19 to 29
St. Ignace	_____	_____	30 to 39
Manistique	_____	_____	40 to 49
Christmas	_____	_____	50 to 60
Hessel	_____	_____	over 60

Brief personal statement (feel free to include information on your background, occupation, education and significant life-experiences. Attach extra pages if necessary).

I want to serve on the Constitution committee because _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Submit this form or a letter or interest to:

Candace Blocher, coordinator
Constitution amendment project
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
523 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
Tel: (906) 635-6050
Fax: (906) 632-6587
E-mail: cblocher@saulttribe.net

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM
OR A LETTER OF INTEREST:
Jan. 6, 2006, at 5 p.m.**

Vehicles For Sale

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department is accepting sealed bids for the following two vehicles.

- 1994 Ford Aerostar Van with 159,758 miles
- 1996 GMC Safari Van with 188,506 miles

Vehicles are sold "as is"

All bids must be submitted by Jan. 6, 2006, at 2 p.m.

Bids must be submitted to:

Sault Tribe Purchasing
Tamara Leask/Vehicles
2186 Shunk Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
For more information please call
Tamara Leask at (906) 635-7035

Constitution workshops and informational meetings

- Detroit
Dec. 17, 2005
Alley Grille in the Greektown Casino
1 to 5 p.m.
Unit III
St. Ignace
Dec 19, 2005
Little Bear East - 275 Marquette
5 to 9 p.m.
Unit II
Hessel
Dec. 16, 2005
Hessel Community Center
5 to 9 p.m.
Unit I
Sault Ste. Marie
Dec. 20, 2005
Kewadin Convention Center
5 to 9 p.m.

NOTICE

**Constitutional Convention will be held
on January 14, 2006.
Kewadin Convention Center.
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Eight committee members will be selected at this convention.
Food will be served.**

Kalamazoo Fountain of the Pioneers called monument to evil

By Rick Smith

The city of Kalamazoo lies in the southwestern area of Michigan in what used to be Potawatomi territory. Within the city is a beautiful New England-style commons called Bronson Park. The park features a variety of trees, flowers, paths, a fountain and an American Indian burial mound. The park is a favorite picnic and recreation spot for the locals.

The burial mound has the distinction of being the oldest man-made object in the park. The fountain features art deco statues of an American Indian wearing a war bonnet kneeling before a white settler who wields a club over the other figure's head. The sculpture was completed in 1940 by Italian-born architect, artist and sculptor Alfonso Ianelli and the fixture was named "Fountain of the Pioneers." There have been years of random rumbling about the statue from various groups, but no action.

Dr. Jeanne Baraka-Love, a Kalamazoo educator, founder, president and CEO of Ujima Enterprises Incorporated, a non-profit organization dedicated to education, culture and community service presented a petition to the Kalamazoo City Commission at a meeting on Nov. 2. The petition, with 300 of over 500 signatures asks the City Commission to work with the County Commission to remove and replace the fountain's sculpture with an honorable and dignified depiction of Chief Match e Be Nash e Wish — founder of Kalamazoo.

The petition drive got its start last June at an annual Juneteenth celebration sponsored by Ujima Enterprises. Ujima Enterprises was joined in partnership by the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce, Galilee Baptist Church and the Kalamazoo Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in an initiative to remove the statues and raise funds for a new work of art for the fountain in Bronson Park. Those who want to replace the statue describe it as a "monument to evil subjugation, the violent removal of the people who were first on this land."

A press release Nov. 9, 2005, sheds light on the heart of the issue. The release headline calls for citizens to, "Change the heart of our community: Remove and replace the shameful statue in Bronson Park." A portion of the text reads, "Ujima Enterprises



Two views of the statues on the Fountain of the Pioneers in Kalamazoo, Mich. Local organizations are concerting efforts to replace the monument. Photos courtesy of the Kalamazoo YWCA



Incorporated, Galilee Baptist Church, the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, and the YWCA are collaborating in an effort to remove and replace the "Fountain of the Pioneers" statue in Bronson Park.

"Over 500 signatories on a petition to the Kalamazoo city and county governments for a monument to recognize the First People of Kalamazoo — the Budawatomi (Pottawatomi) — agree with the petition language which states: We, who are seekers of truth, justice and harmony, in honor of the sacrifices of our ancestors, and on behalf of a peaceful future for our children, do hereby request that the Kalamazoo City and County governments take immediate and appropriate steps to replace the shameful statue in Bronson Park with an honorable and dignified recognition of Chief Match e Be Nash e Wish together with other men and women contributors to the life and culture as cited by the Match-e Be-nash-e Wish (or Gun Lake) band of Budawatomi.

"The collaborating organizations are establishing a fund to support the replacement of the statue and are calling on all citizens and businesses to contribute to the fund as well as city and county governments.

"Citing the 'historical debt' owed by African Americans to the indigenous people of the region, Dr. Jeanne Baraka-Love said it is only fitting that the movement to replace the statue should begin in the African American community. 'We do not want to continue to expose generation after generation of our children to a monument to injustice and humiliation. We do not want the heart of our city to sym-

bolize oppression and conquest. We believe Kalamazoo can be far better than that."

"Pastor Dr. J. Louis Felton, president of the Northside Ministerial Alliance, sees the statue as a monument to the immorality of wanton disregard of one group of God's children for another group of God's children.

"Mr. Ron L. Coleman, chairman of the Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce believes the promotion of the culture of the first people of Kalamazoo and the surrounding region is not only the right thing to do, it is also good business.

"According to the Travel Industry Association (TIA), cultural tourism is based on the mosaic of places, traditions, art forms, celebrations and experiences that portray this nation and its people, reflecting the diversity and character of the United States.

"Garrison Keillor, in an address to the 1995 White House Conference on Travel and Tourism, best described cultural tourism by saying, 'We need to think about cultural tourism because really there is no other kind of tourism. It's what tourism is . . . People don't come to America for our airports, people don't come to America for our hotels or the recreation facilities . . . They come for our culture: high culture, low culture, middle culture, right, left, real or imagined — they come here to see America.

"The call for the statue removal and replacement comes from the understanding that world and intergroup tensions must be ameliorated by both words and deeds. The replacement of a

shameful statue in the heart of the Kalamazoo community is an important symbolic deed that signals a love of justice and a goal of harmony on the part of the citizenry."

Jennifer Shoub, CEO of the Kalamazoo YWCA said the sentiment behind the movement is nothing new. She said there have been rumblings about the fountain for years before the renewed interest and certainly the organizational partners have come together to bring the community's attention to the matter.

Shoub said at a recent city commission meeting, several individuals who identified themselves as having American Indian ancestry expressed general support for the initiative."

Baraka-Love said the Gun Lake Band, who live near Kalamazoo, is "keeping a watch on the situation, but this initiative is the responsibility of the citizens of Kalamazoo to usher in a new era of a more truthful representation of history. The fact is the Potawatomi were here first. They represent a history, a culture, a way of life that made positive contributions to humanity. Kalamazoo got its name from the first settlement called Kekalamazoo, where Chief Match e Be Nash e Wish established his village. Those who revised the telling of the history to start with the coming of whites must learn to tell the story from the beginning and change the symbolic heart of the City of Kalamazoo. There was and remains far more to the Potawatomi than their removal from Kalamazoo. No people want to be depicted by their defeats into perpetuity. And those who insist on portraying another people in a posture of defeat are themselves morally challenged."

Shoub believes the statue illustrates how deeply imbedded racism is in our culture. She said some people contend the sculpture serves as a reminder of something that should never happen again, but that idea is not clearly conveyed by the art work. Removing and replacing the statue would further the community's efforts to eliminate racism, which is paramount to the YWCA's mission. Information about the current statue and an opportunity to sign the petition can be found on the Kalamazoo YWCA Web site at www.ywcakalamazoo.org.

Second Great Lakes Legacy project finished

SUPERIOR, Wisc. — EPA Great Lakes National Program Director Gary Gulezian and Gov. Jim Doyle on Nov. 28 celebrated the completion of the state-federal cleanup of contaminated sediment from Newton Creek and Hog Island Inlet. The \$6.3 million cleanup project was the second completed under the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002, a special initiative to clean up 31 pollution hotspots on the U.S. side of the Great Lakes.

"As the second cleanup funded under President Bush's Great Lakes Legacy Act, this restoration has delivered a water body with enhanced recreational, residential and economic values," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "Every drop of water that flows from Newton Creek and Hog Island Inlet and out to Lake Superior will be cleaner because of our efforts."

The creek and the inlet are part of the St. Louis River watershed, the largest tributary to drain into Lake Superior.

Over the past four months, EPA and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) have removed 60,000 tons of sediment polluted by petroleum products and lead from the mouth of the creek and the man-made inlet. The contamination damaged the habitat for fish and other aquatic life and local officials had posted "No Swimming" signs around the area, which have now been removed.

The project was the final step in the cleanup of three-mile long Newton Creek and Hog Island Inlet. Murphy Oil Co., which owns a refinery in Superior, cleaned up the upper reaches of Newton Creek in the mid-1990s and WDNR cleaned up the middle stretches in 2003. Said Gov. Doyle, "This shows that great things can be accomplished when government agencies and citizens groups pool their resources to achieve a common goal."

Contaminated sediment is one of the major reasons why many Great Lakes fish are not safe to eat in unlimited quantities. It also harms aquatic habitat and pollutes sources of drinking water.

The Great Lakes Legacy Act authorizes \$270 million in funding over five years for cleanups of contaminated sediment hotspots. In 2004, the first year funds were available, Congress appropriated \$9.9 million. In 2005, Congress appropriated \$22.3 million and \$30 million will be available in 2006. The cleanup of the Black Lagoon, an inlet of the Detroit River in Trenton, Mich. was completed earlier this month. Another Legacy Act project is currently underway at Ruddiman Creek in Muskegon, Mich., and more projects are expected to begin soon.

The cost of the Newton Creek and Hog Island Inlet cleanup was shared between EPA (65 percent) and WDNR (35 percent).

For more information, go to www.epa.gov/glla/hogisland.

Stupak's Great Lakes drilling ban signed by the president of the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thanks to a decade's worth of work by Congressman Bart Stupak, we now have a permanent ban on any new oil and gas drilling in or under the Great Lakes. The ban is part of the comprehensive energy bill signed into law by President Bush on Aug. 8.

The drilling ban will protect human health and the environment. With oil and gas drilling comes the possibility of intentional or accidental release of potentially deadly hydrogen sulfide gas. Several years ago a number of people in the Manistee area became severely sick and permanently disabled after being

exposed to hydrogen sulfide gas. We have a responsibility to our citizens to protect their health, safety, drinking water, and the one natural resource that we cherish the most — our Great Lakes.

The ban permanently prevents any state or federal government agency from issuing a permit or lease for oil or gas drilling in or

under our Great Lakes and will protect them for countless generations to come.



Last Comanche Code Talker dies in Tulsa at 83



Charles Chibitty

By Rick Smith

The last of an elite group of young Comanche warriors specializing in combat communication during World War II died last July 20 at the age of 83 in Tulsa, Okla.

Charles Chibitty was born near Medicine Park, Okla., on Nov. 20, 1921, and attended the Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kans. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1941 as one of 14 Comanche Code Talkers who served in the European Theater of Operations who were involved in the D-Day operations on Utah Beach. There were a total of 17 Comanche Code Talkers in Europe during the war.

Chibitty was a member of the Army's 4th Signal Company. Like the Choctaws of World War I and the Navajos in the Pacific Theater, during World War II, the Comanche Code Talkers used their native language to prevent the enemies of the European Theater from intercepting messages of the allied troops. The unit was crucial during the Normandy invasion.

While in the Army, Corporal Chibitty earned the World War II Victory Medal, the European Theater of Operations (fifth Bronze Star) Victory Medal, the Europe-African-Middle East Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. In addition to his role as a Code Talker, Chibitty was a champion Army boxer.

He was the only Comanche Code Talker living when the unit was recognized for their significant contributions to military intelligence endeavors by receiving the Knowlton Award.

The Knowlton Award was established in 1995 by the Military Intelligence Corps Association to acknowledge those who contributed significantly to Army Intelligence, have high standards of integrity and moral character and display outstanding professional competence.

In 1989, the French government honored the Comanche

Code Talkers by presenting them the "Chevalier of the National Order of Merit." Former Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney presented Chibitty a certificate of appreciation in 1992 for his service to the country. Chibitty also received a special proclamation from the Governor of Oklahoma who honored him for his contribution to Oklahoma and the United States. In 1999, Chibitty was honored at the Pentagon for his military service. Chibitty was known nationwide for his championship Indian dancing.

The retired glazier also used to visit schools to tell youngsters about what code talkers did and how they did it.

Last March, Chibitty was the first inaugural inductee into the American Indian Festival of Words Circle of Honor. Indian writers have been honored during the festival since 2001 with the American Indian Author Award and the Circle of Honor was created to honor those who have performed acts of bravery in the face of adversity and who have maintained the American Indian culture for future generations. Chibitty received a bronze medal for his induction into the Circle of Honor along with a \$5,000 honorarium.

Native Vote 2004 turn out report

The Native Vote Campaign is an extensive national non-partisan effort to mobilize the American Indian and Alaska Native vote in collaboration with regional organizations, local tribal governments, centers serving the Indian populations of urban centers and non-governmental organizations whose focus is on democracy initiatives.

In 2004, the National Congress of American Indians spearheaded this groundbreaking campaign to register and turn out a record number of American Indian and Alaska Native voters this election year. The culmination of the Native Vote 2004 efforts on Nov. 2 of that year was a resounding moment for tribal governments nationwide, as it empowered American Indian voters and raised the profile of their issues in the eyes of politicians. It was a truly historic moment for all of Indian Country. American Indian voters proved we can make our voices heard with the power of the vote.

Native Vote is a permanent project intended to advance the American Indian agenda at all levels of decision-making and promote Indian candidates to public offices. Our next step is to protect the incredible strides we have made and be proactive in our approach to Native Vote. We must ensure that American Indians' right to vote is never threatened again, as it has in the past. We need consultation with Secretaries of States and election boards to maximize accessibility to the polls. We should be heartened by court victories that guar-

anteed the right to use tribal identification cards to vote. These are huge victories for American Indian voters. We must not wait until election time to be concerned with elections.

The rising political clout of American Indian voters will only grow going forward, as the unified voice of American Indians becomes a force for political candidates to address their concerns by developing platform statements and having campaign promises to American Indian voters. The power of the vote will put their issues before elected leaders like never before in history.

We have just completed planning for the Native Vote 2006 Campaign so stay tuned for coming events and exciting news.

Native Vote: How to be a candidate for public office

Whether you are an individual who has considered running for public office, a tribal leader who is interested in learning how to recruit candidates to run, a political organizer who wants to see more Indian candidates run and win or just simply interested in getting more involved in the election process, this breakout session is for you. The participants on this panel will discuss various topics pertaining to running for public office such as the importance of more Indians holding elected positions, considerations for making the decision to run for public office, resources available to Indian candidates, and how to organize a successful campaign. In the 2004 Election, Indian Country saw how we can have a

huge impact on elections at the local and state levels. The 2006 and 2008 elections will be Indian Country's chance to elect more Indians to public positions.

Breakout session at the NCAI mid-year conference on June 13 highlighted current and former American Indian public office holders, candidates and political consultants.

Panelists included John McCoy, member of the Washington State House of Representatives and member of the Tulalip Tribe; Dawn Charging, member of North Dakota House of Representatives and member of Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota; Jack Jackson, Jr., former member of the Arizona State House of Representatives and member of the Navajo Nation; Sharon Clahchischilliaage, executive director, Navajo Nation Washington Office and former candidate for New Mexico Secretary of State; Kalyn Free, former Congressional candidate, member of the Choctaw Tribe and president of INDNS List; Peggy Flanigan, member of the Minneapolis School Board and a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe; and Eli Lee, Soltari Political Consulting, Albuquerque, N.M.



Shawnee pioneer of rock guitar walks on

By Rick Smith

Frederick Lincoln Wray, Jr., a three-quarter Shawnee born into poverty in Dunn, N.C., on May 2, 1929, died at his home in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Nov. 5, 2005.

Better known as Link Wray, he began learning to play guitar when he was eight years old. He was taught how to play chords and blues by a circus worker. As a young man starting off in the music business, he started experimenting with different sounds using electric guitars. He is credited with inventing the power chord, fuzz tone, feed back and distortion effects and other styles that are now ubiquitous sound in all forms of rock music.

Wray didn't have any formal musical training but he relied on his ability to pick up tunes of his favorite guitarists such as Grady Martin, Johnny Smith, Les Paul, Hank Williams and Chet Atkins. "If a song is easy and has simple chords," Wray once explained in an interview, "I could probably hear it once or twice and then play it, if it's a real fast lead, I'd probably have to play it two, three or four times to really get the idea of what's going on."

Wray started his music career in the early 1950s in a band he formed with his brothers, Vernon and Doug, called Lucky Wray and the Palomino Ranch Hands moving from North Carolina to Washington, D.C., where he concentrated on experimenting with guitar.

He recorded the now classic

rock instrumental *Rumble* in 1958 on the Cadence label and soon had the received the dubious honor of having the only instrumental recording to be banned from radio play. While it seems laughable by today's standards, the song was banned because the title was a word associated with gang fights at the time. In spite of the ban, the recording sold over one million copies.

In 1959, he recorded his next solid gold hit with the instrumental *Rawhide* which was released on the Epic label.

His third big smash, *Jack the Ripper*, was recorded in a tiny recording studio that was a refurbished chicken coop. The song was later used in a remake of the film *Breathless* starring Richard Gere.

Wray was chummy with rock legends such as Elvis Presley. He also worked on projects with the likes of Commander Cody, Jerry Garcia and David Bromberg. His influence is heard and acknowledged in the works of Pete Townshend of The Who, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, Jeff Beck and others. Bob Dylan was a fan of Wray's music.

It would be impossible to determine how many guitarists Wray influenced while they were learning the instrument, but Townshend said, "The man was the King; if it hadn't been for Link Wray and *Rumble*, I would never have picked up a guitar."

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) has hired experienced staff throughout Indian Country to serve Indian trust beneficiaries.

For the first time in the history of the Indian Trust, the Department of the Interior has staff members specifically designated to serving as direct informational contacts for tribal and individual Indian beneficiaries. In the past, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) employees were required to juggle a variety of trust needs for beneficiaries — including leasing issues, payment tracking and probate matters to name a few. The new OST trust staff has the responsibility to serve and respond to tribal and individual beneficiaries, allowing BIA and OST field staff more time for their programmatic responsibilities.

OST has hired six regional trust administrators with extensive trust, banking and legal experience to assist the special trustee with oversight for fiduciary management of the Indian Trust assets.

By the end of 2005, over 50 skilled fiduciary trust officers will be stationed at offices throughout Indian Country to serve as the

first points of contact for trust beneficiaries.

In partnership, OST, Bureau of Land Management and the BIA have hired professional Indian land surveyors to work with tribes to address a long list of land survey needs.

Indian Trust beneficiaries may obtain additional information about new staff in their region by calling the Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll-free at (888) 678-6836 ext. 0.

The new field employee positions are part of a number of efforts underway at OST to reform services for tribal and individual trust beneficiaries. Other recent reforms include the Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll-free information center, the availability of direct deposit for account holders, upgraded nationwide information technology systems and the establishment of a funds receivable system. OST has also established a "lockbox" procedure for trust collections. All of these efforts fall under the umbrella of the fiduciary trust model adopted by the Department of the Interior in 2004. For a copy of the model visit OST's Web site at www.doi.gov/ost.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Sault Tribe Young Scholars Program offered to high achievers

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Education Department will be accepting applications for the Young Scholars Program.

The purpose of this program is to recognize the hard work and dedication of our tribe's students in grades six through 12 who have received all A grades or perfect attendance for one or more marking periods.

Students may apply twice a year, after the first semester and again after the second semester.

The tribe will be accepting applications for the fall semester of the 2005-06 school year as soon as the first semester is over.

Students will receive an award of \$25 for each marking period in which all A grades or perfect attendance was achieved with a maximum award of \$50 per semester. For eligibility, a student must be an enrolled member of our tribe in grades six through 12 at a public or private school.

All A grades means students must receive some form of an A

(A+, A, A-) in all courses for a marking period. Students in schools grading on a numerical basis must receive the equivalent of A grades to qualify. In such cases, please attach a letter stating the school's equivalency with the application.

Qualifications for perfect attendance means students must have been in school or at a school function each day of the marking period with the report stating zero absences. Excused absences do not constitute perfect attendance.

In order to qualify for the Young Scholars Program, the following information must be received by Feb. 24, 2006: A completed application with all parts completed; a copy of the student's report card signed by a parent or a letter from an administrator at the school stating the marking periods for which the student earned all A grades and/or perfect attendance; a copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card (If the student doesn't have a card, please call enrollment to

request one); a photograph suitable for printing in the tribal newspaper is optional, send a picture you can spare and please write the student's name on the back.

The information can be sent by mail to Sault Tribe, Attn: Jack Kibble, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

All information must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 24, 2006.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Young Scholars Program Application form

Student's name:		Age:	Grade:
Address:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Phone:	E-mail:
School name:		School phone:	
School address:		All A grades, number of periods for first semester.	Perfect attendance, number of marking periods for first semester.
Principal's name:		Student's Social Security number: mandatory	

Please attach the following:

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by their parent or a letter from an administrator of their school stating the marking periods for which they have had all A grades and/or perfect attendance, students must be in grades six through 12 to qualify.
2. A copy of the student's Sault Tribe membership card. If the student doesn't have a card, please call enrollment to request one.
3. If a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program, please enclose it with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Sault Tribe education department officials may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and likeness for the promotion of this program.

Parent's signature _____

Date _____

Please mail the preceding information to Sault Tribe, Attn: Jack Kibble, Two Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or fax the information to (906) 635-6511.

All information must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 24, 2006, to be eligible for the program.

RIF: Reading is FUNdamental



Mary Green, family services coordinator accepts the donation from Dan Inglis, commander of the American Legion Post 3 in the Sault.

SUBMITTED BY MARY GREEN, FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR, SAULT TRIBE HEAD START

The Sault Tribe Head Start and Early Head Start Program has been awarded the grant for the Reading is FUNdamental Family of Readers' Program for the fifth consecutive year. This year, we had to seek sponsorship for the matching funds required of the grant. The American Legion membership kindly donated \$115 of the \$215 required matching funds. The other \$100 was donated by Dewey Baldwin of the DonDee Lanes Bowling Alley. Please accept thanks from our parents and children for your generous donations.

The Family of Readers' Program provides free books to all enrolled children of the Head

Start and Early Head Start Programs, four workshops to teach parents the importance of early literacy to young children and a Twice Upon a Time Reading Challenge which partners with parents to promote reading at school and at home twice a day for two weeks.

During the Twice Upon a Time Reading Challenge, our program will be inviting parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and community members to come into the classrooms to read to our children.

If you are interested in coming into the classrooms to read, please call Janet Bowlin or Mary Green at (906) 635-7722, Terri Allan at (906) 643-9733 or Dawn Fegan at the Sault Tribe Child Care Center at (906) 632-5258, for more information.

Higher education programs

SUBMITTED BY JANICE LEWTON

The higher education staff wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Regarding the 2005-06 fall incentive awards, students, please don't forget to turn in your fall 2005 term or semester grades as soon as they are posted.

It is a first-come, first-served based program which means as grades come in, checks are sent until the award money runs out — so the sooner you get them in,

the sooner you'll get a check.

However, please keep in mind checks will not be sent out until late January or early February of 2006.

Please send your grades to the Sault Tribe Education Department, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time. Call us at 635-7784 or 1-800-793-0660 and ask for higher education or e-mail jlewt@saaulttribe.net.

The next deadline for submissions to *The Sault Tribe News* is Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at 9 a.m.

Adult education

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE SNIDER

It's hard to believe the Christmas holidays are here already.

We have a few people who have given themselves the wonderful gift of a GED certificate for Christmas. We want to congratulate those adult students who completed all of their tests.

We will be taking a Christmas break from GED classes starting Dec. 22 and will return on Monday, Jan. 2.

On behalf of Phyllis Bigelow, Debra Gardner and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous

Christmas holiday and a prosperous new year.

If getting your GED is one of your New Year's resolutions, we would be more than glad to help you achieve this. We would be pleased to have you sign-up on our first night back on Jan. 2.

We are located at the JKL Bahweting School, 1301 Marquette Avenue, Monday through Thursday evenings.

Please feel free to just stop by. If you have any questions please contact me at (906) 635-7786 or e-mail gsnider@saaulttribe.net.

Birth announcements

Caitlin Alden was born on Oct. 29, 2005, at Marquette General Hospital weighing eight pounds, 3.6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her parents are Sault Tribe member Rose Alden and Dennis Alden.



Her maternal grandfather is Isaac Peaine of Newberry.

Lucas Matthew Cole was born on Nov. 11, 2005, weighing six pounds and was 11 inches long.

He joined his brother, Benjamin Andrew Cole, at home. Parents are Dana (nee Andrews) and Matt Cole of Massassa, Va.



Grandparents are Gale and George Andrews of Fairfax, Va., and he has a great-aunt Mary (nee Andrews) Willis of Cedarville, Mich.

Jadyn Nicole Drobek was born on Aug. 21, 2005, to proud parents Denise and Tom Drobek of Washington, Mich. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

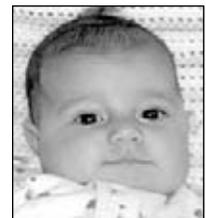
Jadyn joins big sister Jessi and big brother Joey.



Grandparents are Susan Kowalke of Plymouth, Mich., and Garden Kowalke of St. Clair Shores, Mich., and Pam and Russ Moran of Washington, Mich.

Madison Ruth Durnion was born on Sept. 1, 2005, at Marquette General Hospital at 6:19 a.m. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and 18.75 inches long.

Proud parents are Bryan and Jessica Durnion of Ishpeming,



Mich.

Grandparents are Mike and Patti Wachter of Marquette, and Sharon and Tom Marinich of L'Anse.

Great-grandparents are Wayne and Mary Wachter of Marquette and Jean Townsend of L'Anse.

Kade Shannon Rosum, a boy, was born May 17, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich. He weighed seven pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Shannon and Sarah Rosum of Benzonia, Mich.



Grandparents are Pierre and Cindy Odum of Lake Ann, Mich., Janie Rosum of Frankfort, Mich., and the late Eugene Rosum of Flint, Mich.

Nahni Skaih was born on Nov. 11, 2005, at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was eight pounds, 4.1 ounces.

Proud parents are Niogaanii Maang Kwe (Leading Loon Woman), better known as Haley Sebastian, and Michael Medrano



who is currently serving with the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq.

Mishoomis is Terry Sebastian of Sugar Island and Nokomis is the late Melinda (Mindy) Sebastian.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Mendoskin and the late Oliver (Duke) Sebastian of Sugar Island; George and Linda Bowen of Bay Mills; and James Badder of Dollar Settlement.

Zhishenh — Aaron (Bill) Cammeron, Jr., of Bay Mills became a proud uncle and was present at her birth with hopes to be home for our Fourth of July powwow.



New Manistique human resources coordinator hired

Submitted by Lynn Trozzo

Brian Barbeaux retired out of the Navy for just three months was perusing the Sault Tribe Web site for employment opportunities recently when we just happened to post for a human resources coordinator to work out of the Manistique health center.

This is the greatest starting point for anybody who is looking to return home from where ever their professional careers may have taken them. It seems as though most tribe members looking to work for their tribe usually start with visiting our Web site to see the availability of employment and then just keep checking to see what changes from day to day.

Barbeaux graduated from Manistique High School before leaving for his career with the Navy so he is quite familiar with the area and the folks. His family is located throughout the U.P. and in all corners, so he will be right at home. That may have been his

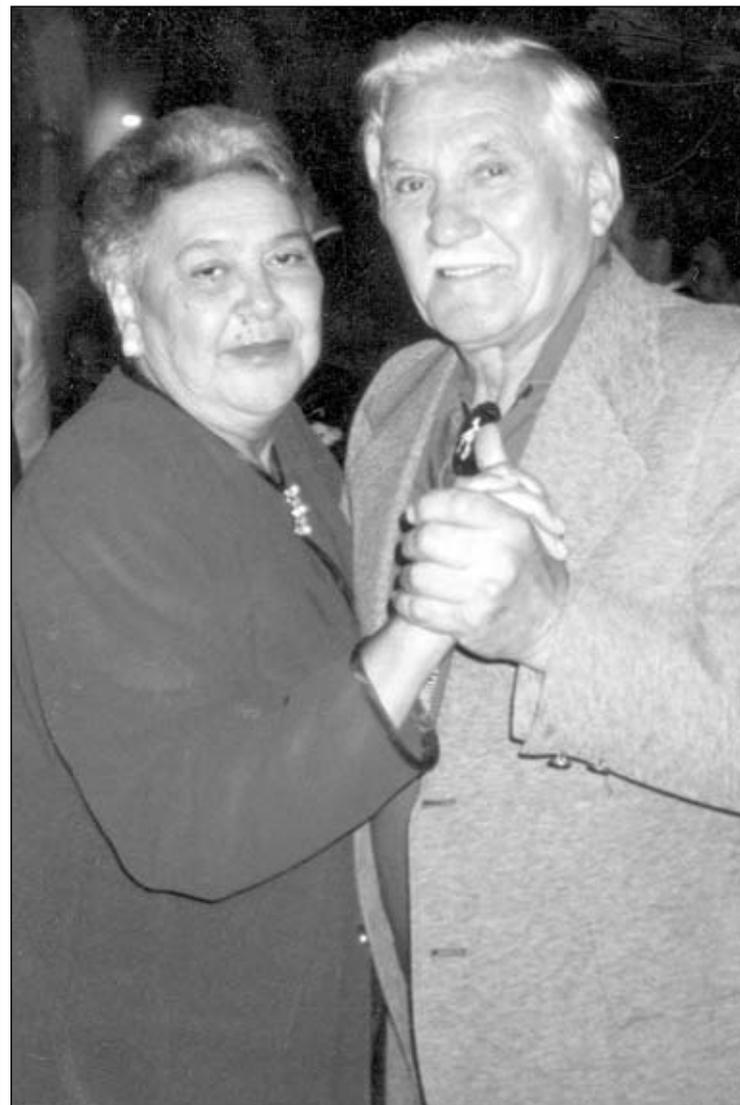
calling after all, although he states that getting out of the city was the most important thing for him after all his travels and the fact that he loves the Upper Peninsula.

After a week long training in the Sault with our human resources team, Barbeaux will set up office in the Manistique Community Center. He will be assisting applicants and team members for the areas of Manistique and Christmas, recruiting for these two sites as well as the health clinic.

Barbeaux will work closely with Jennifer Mitchell, the lead HR representative, to coordinate the functions of the office in the outlying areas.

Please take the time, if you are in the area of the Manistique Community Center, to drop in and visit Brian and give him a big U.P. tribal welcome! Be sure to check our Web site daily at www.saulttribe.com for employment opportunities or call 1-866-635-7032.

Siblings dance



Sister and brother, Rosemary (nee Cadreau) Albert and Francis "Miles" Cadreau enjoy a dance together. They are the only children left of the John Joseph and Ruby Theresa (nee Bebo) Cadreau family. Rosemary celebrates 74 years on Dec. 18th and Miles will celebrate 82 years on Jan. 5. Their ancestry comes from Bai de Waisi, Sugar Island, near Sault Ste. Marie, and Alger and Marquette Counties. Family names include Pemousse, LaCoy, Laliberty, Bebo and Cadotte. They are both proud members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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 you won't miss a single issue of The Sault Tribe News. You can call enrollment with your new address at (906) 632-5221.

Horn and Kellan take vows



Dara Lee Horn, of St. Ignace, and David Louis Kellan, Jr., formerly of Ishpeming, were married in a special ceremony surrounded by their sons, Garrett and Gaven, and family on Aug. 19, 2005, at the Mackinac County Courthouse in St. Ignace, Mich. The magistrate Judy St. Louis officiated the afternoon ceremony.

The bride wore a spaghetti strap chiffon dress in a rainbow of beautiful striped pastel colors which included mauve, yellow, ice blue, lilac and pink.

The bridal bouquet was an arrangement of long stemmed orange tiger lilies.

Dawn Lynn Baker, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bonnie Michaud, mother of the groom, stood up for her son.

Guests included Jarrett Kellan, brother of the groom, of Ishpeming; Bonnie Michaud from Ishpeming; Dawn, Brittany and Brendan Baker from Roscommon; Robert and Elaine Horn, parents of the bride, attended from St. Ignace.

Parents of the groom are David Kellan, Sr., of Negaunee and Bonnie Michaud of Ishpeming.

The family lives in St. Ignace. David is a manager for Applebee's Restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie. Dara works as a U.S. Postal carrier in Cheboygan.

Killips, Kavanaugh set April wedding

Ophelia Tang retires after 17 years with Tribe



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Killips Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Sue, to Mark Christopher Kavanaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh of Sault Ste. Marie. An April 29, 2006, wedding is planned.



BY BRENDA AUSTIN
After 12 years with ACFS as a clinical social worker and five years as a medical social worker with the tribe's health department, Ophelia Tang retired Oct. 31.

Tang began working for the tribe's ACFS department in January of 1989 and in January 2001 began her work with the health department.

Putting her retirement on hold for the past five years, Tang said she has many plans which include gardening at her home and cottage, visiting friends, traveling to Australia, Russia, Norway, Finland and a Mediterranean cruise. "Now I can pack my suitcase and fly last minute. I have friends all over the world," she said.

Tang and her husband plan to travel to China to provide health services and missionary work. "I will have to brush up on my Mandarin which I have forgotten. I learned Mandarin in grade

school but have not practiced it in a very long time. My dialect is Cantonese," Tang said. Tang and her husband are both from Hong Kong but didn't meet each other until she came to Canada to work in 1966, he had been there since 1961. "We have lived in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, since 1969."

While in China, the couple hope to explore the Marco Polo silk route and visit other historically significant locations.

"It is exciting to retire but I really like to work here. It is a great joy; I love my work, I like the people I work with and I have a wonderful supervisor. But, you cannot work forever. When the going is good, then go. This way, I will have fond memories that will stay with me," Tang said.

Menard brothers excel academically

Brothers Anthony Menard, 16, and Dillon Menard, 14, attend classes in the Negaunee school system.

They are the sons of Janice and Daniel Menard of Negaunee, Mich., grandsons of June and Robert Menard of Ishpeming, Mich., and great-grandsons of the late Juliette and Napoleon Menard of Sault Ste. Marie.

Tony, currently a junior, achieved the rarest of feats, having earned a perfect report card. Working in a college preparatory program heavily structured in hard science, which currently includes biology, advanced algebra, computer aided drafting and second-year Spanish, he earned six A-plus grades and six first rate scores in the citizenship categories. He earned a B-plus in one subject in the first marking period of sixth grade and, since then, has never received a grade less than A-minus.

Tony currently ranks first in his class and has been elected as vice-president of the National



Anthony Menard

Honor Society.

Tony also distinguished himself in basketball and tennis.

Dillon, currently a freshman, recently graduated from middle school at the top of his class of 117 students with a grade point average above 4.0.

He has earned nothing less than an A-minus since entering middle school and was named the Negaunee Education Association



Dillon Menard

eighth grade scholarship winner for 2005. The \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student demonstration outstanding academic achievement, citizenship, school and community involvement.

Dillon also distinguished himself as a tailback in football, a shooting guard in basketball and in track, he set the Negaunee Middle School record in the 55 meter high hurdles.

Seniors driver's test on library CD-ROM

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. —

Bayliss Public Library now has the new CD-ROM, *Roadwise Review: A Tool to Help Seniors Drive Safely Longer*. It is an interactive computer-based screening program developed by the American Automobile Association (AAA) to help senior drivers determine their driving health.

Roadwise Review measures eight physical and mental abilities that are strong predictors of crash risk among senior drivers. It helps determine leg strength and general mobility, head and neck flexibility, visual acuity, working memory, field of view and etceteras. The program provides feedback to guide seniors in making driving decisions, such as

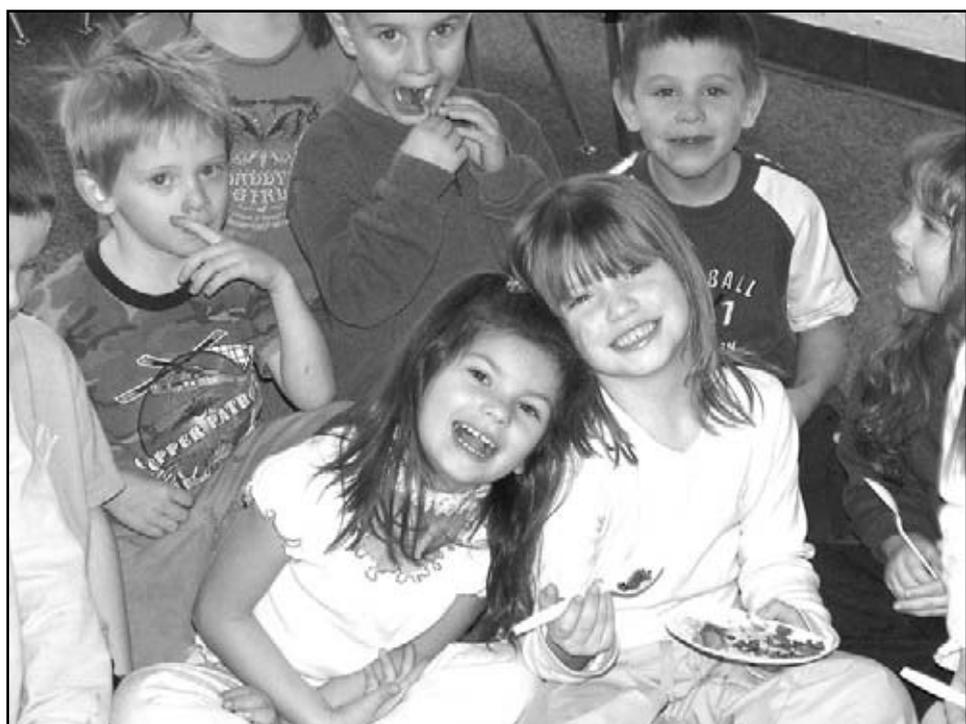
reducing the number of left turns, avoiding congested traffic and limiting night driving.

The CD-ROM was donated to Bayliss Library by the AARP Driver Safety Program and Michigan AAA and may be borrowed for one week. The program requires a computer with Windows XP, 2000, or ME. Windows 98 may require an upgrade to be able to use the program.

The area AARP Driver Safety Program instructor, Jack Olson, finds Roadwise Review to be an excellent first step towards assessing a senior's safe driving habits. To obtain a copy at a modest price, you may call AAA Michigan in Marquette at 1-800-222-6424.

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

Tidbits from Munising



Mrs. Young's kindergarten class sharing the American Indian harvest feast. Francie Wyers, cultural instructor for Munising Schools prepared a harvest feast for all Central Elementary School students, 435 children participated. Tom Derwin, tribal member and sixth grade teacher, spent all day preparing venison for everyone to taste.

Photos courtesy of Kim Swanberg



Bud Biron brings Anishnaabe culture to Munising students. Bud spent Oct. 29 with about 50 students and adults making moccasins, chokers and medicine pouches. Everyone participated in a talking circle before workshops began. Students were measured for their moccasin size, cut out the material and stitched their own footwear. Students also designed and made their own chokers and medicine pouches with Bud. The entire day was a celebration and a feasting of food. We look forward to the next culture class with Bud.

We have the power to prevent diabetes

Submitted by Charla Gordon

Did you notice the article *Empowerment for Diabetes Prevention* in the Oct. 11 issue of *The Sault Tribe News*? The article stressed seven steps for preventing type two diabetes. The second step, "Eat Healthy. Focus on eating less and making healthy food choices. Eat more fruits and vegetables and cut down on fatty and fried foods," has four major eating changes listed in it. Today we will focus on eating more fruits and vegetables. Look for articles about the other three eating changes in future newsletters.

How can you eat more fruits and vegetables and do it at low cost? Start by adding fruits and vegetables to meals you already

are making. For instance –

- Having tomato soup tonight? Open a can of diced tomatoes and add it to make a chunky tomato soup. If you want to try a new flavor, add a shake of Italian seasoning or basil. Tomato soup is good with grilled cheese sandwiches made on whole wheat bread for more crunch and fiber. Grapes or pineapple chunks make a great sweet dessert.

- If frozen pizza sounds good for dinner, pull it out of the freezer, go to the cupboard and grab a can of mushrooms to spread over the top before baking. At our house we also add tomato chunks (use canned, diced tomatoes or fresh) and small pieces of fresh onion. A side salad, or carrot

sticks, with a glass of milk and a banana completes the meal.

- A can of vegetable soup is real vegetable soup when you add some extra vegetables. Use canned or frozen mixed vegetables, either one works. Heat through and enjoy with some bread, cottage cheese and canned peaches to make a hearty meal.

- Sandwiches are even more satisfying when you pile on the vegetables. Tomato slices, onion slices, dark colored lettuce, fresh spinach or even coleslaw make tasty fillings to add to sandwiches. Enjoy your sandwich with some soup, a glass of milk and a bowl of pear slices.

- Making chili for supper? Try cutting back on the meat and

adding two different kinds of beans. Pintos, kidneys, black beans and even garbanzos are great in chili. Enjoy your chili with whole wheat bread or corn tortillas, apple slices and some caramel dip.

- Nachos are another fast meal and you can layer on the vegetables. Refried beans, onions, green pepper pieces, tomato chunks and then a sprinkle of cheese make a delicious combination. A cup of yogurt mixed with added fruit tastes great after a spicy meal.

- Breakfast for dinner? Sure, why not? Frozen waffles topped with warm applesauce and sprinkles of cinnamon are wonderful on cool nights. Peanut butter, cottage cheese or ham slices will add

protein to the meal so that it has staying power.

- Speaking of breakfast, cereal with fruit is a great choice to start your morning. When you make oatmeal with raisins in the morning, sprinkle on some walnuts or almond pieces for crunch, healthy fats and some protein. The whole grain oatmeal and sweet raisins taste great with nuts.

If you would like more ideas for building a healthier plate or the prevention of diabetes, please contact Sault Tribe Community Health, the home of the nutrition services and diabetes programs.

Christmas feast

By Bob Flowers

You know how you always get stuck fixing big meals during the holidays while everyone else gets to play? Well, I've got an easy solution for you. My wife's family taught me this one.

Bake all of your cookies, cakes, pies and pastries during the week preceding Christmas. Also, purchase some torpedo buns, a couple of different varieties of breads or rolls, various crackers, several types of lunch meats, sausages, olives, favorite cheeses, celery, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, peanut butter, honey, jams and jellies, lettuce, cucumber slices and relish tray items. Lay these out on the table, keeping the cold stuff on bowls or tubs of ice, and let everyone fix their own sandwiches or

snacks throughout the day.

This frees you from cooking chores and allows everyone to make their own favorites. And you, why you're the hero as usual.

How good is the response? Well, my youngest son who is now 22, the one with the unending appetite from seven to 17, would enter the dining room with wide-eyed expectation. His face would just light up with a grin as he exclaimed, "The feast!" Then he would dig in. The rest of my crew loved it as well. It was like being thrown into a deli and being able to create whatever sandwich your heart desired.

Add to this the normal holiday festivities and it is a truly wonderful celebration, for everybody, head cook included.

Horn and Baker score medals



Congratulations on your medals and continued success in hockey from your families who are very proud of the both of you. Best buddies — Baker and Horn pictured with their hockey medals.

Garrett Horn, son of Dara and David Kellan, Jr., of St. Ignace, and Brendan Baker, son of Nick and Dawn Baker formerly of St. Ignace and now residing in Roscommon, participated in the St. Ignace Hockey Association for the winter 2004 season.

During July 11-15, 2005 Horn and Baker, both young Sault Tribe members, attended the world-renowned Rick Heinz Goalie and Hockey School for players at the Big Bear Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

On July 15, 2005, Horn was awarded a medal for most dedicated player and Baker was awarded for most improved player.

Currently, for the winter 2005 season, Horn plays for the St. Ignace mites hockey team with Coach Rick Eberts and has already scored two great goals and had one assist.

Baker plays mini-mite hockey for Gaylord with Coach Chris Kelly and played a good defensive game in their first mini-mite game against Cadillac.

Tribal pregnancy services

Submitted by Carrie Perez, RN

Congratulations on your pregnancy. Pregnancy can be a very exciting time for both you and your partner but it can also be a very scary time too. There is a lot to think of while you are pregnant. The health of both you and your unborn baby are very important during this special time.

If you are a Sault Tribe member or are pregnant with a member's child, you may be eligible for services provided by The Sault Tribe Community Health Program. The program has a lot to offer during your 40 weeks of pregnancy and beyond.

We offer personalized one on one visits with a registered nurse,

registered dietitian, diabetes case coordinator or a health educator. These visits are designed to meet the individual needs of the patient and may be different for everyone.

If you are pregnant for the first time or have been pregnant before, a registered nurse can provide prenatal and breast feeding education for both you and your partner. A registered dietitian can help you with concerns regarding healthy weight gain and can assist you with making healthy nutritious choices. A health educator can help you quit smoking and can help develop an exercise plan with you in mind. A diabetes case coordinator can help you with

concerns or risks related to gestational diabetes.

The Sault Tribe Community Health Program is ready to help you make the transition from pregnancy to child birth to being a wonderful parent.

If you would like learn more about the services offered by the Sault Tribe Community Health Program in Chippewa County, please call (906) 632-5210; in Mackinac County, call (906) 643-8689; in Luce County, call (906) 293-8181; in Manistique, call (906) 341-8469; in Munising, call (906) 387-4614; and in Escanaba, call (906) 786-9211.

Holt is three time state competitor



Benjamin (Mohawk Boy) Holt is well known in his area for his the Mohawk haircut, which he's had since he was four years old, and his running ability.

Sault Tribe member Benjamin Holt made it to the state level in cross-country competition for the third consecutive year.

Holt, who is on the St. Clair High School cross-country team, finished third in the division championship with a time of 16:34 giving the St. Clair Saints their second championship title in as many years.

He then went on to run in the regional and finished 20th with a time of 16:45. It was at the regional that his knee started giving him problems but it was enough to put the team firmly in the chase for the state finals in Brooklyn, Mich., on Nov. 5, even with an inflamed tendon in his right knee he man-

aged to finished in the top third at the state competition with a time of 17:38 giving his school a ninth place overall finish.

Holt has been the number two runner all year and he showed pure guts and determination to run with such pain. "I expect great things from him next year," Coach Jon Davison said later in an interview.

The runner has placed himself in the top 10 of the fastest kids in the history of his school. He was also voted in to the first league and all-area teams for the second year in a row.

The young athlete is the son of Chris and Danielle Holt of St. Clair, Mich., and the grandson of Donald and Sally Holt of Sault Ste. Marie.

Holt will be coming to the Sault next summer to run in the annual Billy Mills Run.

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

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) 632-5221 or 1-800-251-6597.

A journey of our tribal youth leadership conference



Politics and legislation is presented to the conference by Sault Tribe Board of Directors members Cathy Abramson and Lana Causley.

SUBMITTED BY LISA BURNSIDE UNIT II YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

You are about to embark on a journey. A journey following the footsteps of our tribe's youth as they planned, organized and facilitated the *Leaders of Tomorrow are Here Today Youth Leadership Conference: Learning to take steps to change the unchangeable.*

The tribal youth council participants began planning this conference earlier this year. Four different tribal youth councils brought their ideas to the Maamwi Niig-aanziwag Grand Tribal Youth Council, who then assigned certain tasks and responsibilities to each council.

The St. Ignace youth council completed the task of public relations and advertisement. The Manistique council was in charge of entertainment and setting up the workshop rooms. The Sault council was in charge of the conference budget, securing the national speakers and planning the 10-year reunion alumni banquet. The Hessel council was in charge of organizing the workshops and assigning presenters, the conference agenda and the registration process.

After many months of organizing and planning, the final conference date was set.

Youth from the Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community and the Sault Area Middle School Title VII Indian Education Program attended. They were also joined by more youth from the Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Hessel and Munising areas. Together they all began learning how to take steps to "change the unchangeable" from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20, 2005.

Friday, Nov. 18, the participants enjoyed the pre-conference workshops which reflected our American Indian culture. Workshops included American Indian drumming presented by Bud Biron, traditional basket making by Ron Paquin, teachings of the Seven Grandfathers by Calvin

Burnside, women's hand drumming with Kat Memengos and Amanda Teeples and Ojibwa regalia styles with Jackie Halfaday Minton. One more workshop was added for some variety. It was "energizers" with Sue St. Onge, youth services coordinator, and members of the St. Ignace youth council. They were joined later by national speakers LeAndra Bitsie and Running Horse Livingston.

The afternoon opening ceremony began in a traditional way. The youth wanted to begin with their culture. The tribal eagle staff was brought in by Les Ailing. The Sault Tribe flag and American flag were carried in by members of the St. Ignace council. All to the beautiful beat of the honor and flag songs played by members of the Behweting Drum.

Keynote speakers, LeAndra Bitsie, Chance Rush and Running Horse Livingston, all travel throughout Indian Country and are known nationally for their motivational speeches for our youth.

Following the keynote speakers, clan teachings were presented by Jackie Halfaday Minton. After explaining the clans and their responsibilities, she divided over 85 youth into clan systems. Each clan discussed issues they felt needed to be changed in their communities. They addressed issues in government, education, leadership, health and community.

After their brainstorming session, the clan groups discussed the workshops they would like to attend the next day that would help them formulate an action plan to change their issues of concern. During the evening hours, the youngsters enjoyed unleashing their energy and sharing their talent during a talent show in the Dream Makers Theater.

Saturday morning, our journey continued with workshops on finding the right college presented by the Sault Tribe Higher Education Department, cultural government presented by LeAndra Bitsie and Running Horse Livingston,

community youth mapping presented by Kim Swanberg, Title VII Indian Education Coordinator for Munising Area Schools; teen violence presented by Joanne Umbrasses, Tribal Court Office of Juvenile Justice Prevention Program; and public speaking presented by Chance Rush.

The Saturday afternoon workshops included employment in and out of school presented by the Sault Tribe HR Department, education presented by Running Horse Livingston, politics and legislation presented by Sault Tribe board members Cathy Abramson, Unit I director and Lana Causley, Unit II director; community service and giving back to the community presented by A.J. McLarahmore and members of the Hessel Tribal Youth Council, spiritual, emotional and mental health presented by Lisa Burnside, Darrell LaBranche and Barb Gravelle; balance presented by LeAndra Bitsie, and self improvement presented by William "Buckshot" Gravelle.

The evening was completed with the 10-year reunion alumni banquet held in the Dream Makers Theater. Tribal Chairman Aaron Payment delivered the opening speech and started the evening. He delivered an inspirational message to the youth about never giving up and asking for help when it's needed. It was followed by personal stories shared by some of the original tribal youth council members who started the tribal YOUTH council in Sault Ste. Marie 10 years ago with the assistance of Alan Rabideau, former youth service coordinator and Cathy Abramson, former program administrator for the Youth Education and Activities program, formally known as the Johnson O'Malley Program. The banquet was concluded with a dance for the children.

After enjoying an evening of dancing, our journey was coming to an end as Sunday's closing ceremony began with reports from the clan groups on their issues of concern. They wanted to share

their work with everyone as the first step to "changing the unchangeable."

The clan's issues and solutions are solutions on eating disorders, bringing in more inspirational speakers, assemblies for all ages, guest speakers who know from experience, including family and friends in the support process, getting information about the effects of eating disorders out to the community, getting involved in sports, stress "getting in shape" - not losing or gaining a certain amount of weight, solutions on pollution issues such as stopping trash from Canada and making a petition to present to the governor and the two senators. The petition would talk about how Canada has a lot of empty space and they can keep their garbage on their own land. The only reason we are taking their garbage is to get paid for the cost of bringing their garbage over. "We, as youth, think this is not right because we are the Great Lakes state not the garbage state," recycling your own trash," said one youngster.

Solutions included starting small by gathering support from more youth, have a recycling day once a week, conduct awareness seminars in local communities, get communities involved and take oaths to stop being lazy and start recycling anything possible.

Solutions on inland hunting and fishing rights include getting a direct interpretation of the treaty.

- Further, demand an even trade, if we give up rights they have to give up land.

- Hold a vote of the people to see what they support.

- Freedom of speech.

- Unify youth to tell leaders the youth don't want any of their rights taken away.

Solutions on education:

- Increase the budget for education.

- Do more fundraising with teachers and students.

- Campaign for more funding.

- Create a student union, collaborating with the teachers

union.

- Parent board meetings and media outreach.

- Switch-a-roo (trade places with the congressmen) propose ideas to change the budget.

- Write letters to elected representatives.

- Offer broader areas of study.

- More American Indian studies.

- Better teaching materials.

- Field trips.

- Physical education.

- Update teacher's training with in-service training, workshops, and teachers' training, observation and networking.

- Student teaching groups on lessons outside of school for everyday life.

Solutions for drug and alcohol abuse:

- After school hang-out zones.

- Play a part, stay strong and influence friends in a positive way.

- Obtain information from people with experience.

- Stop using excuses.

- Help, encourage, offer or attend health classes, never give up, listen and forgive.

- Parents need to be more responsible.

- Counselors need to be more involved and genuine.

- Get into the communities with individuals and counselors.

The conference was a remarkable display of teamwork between the youth from all of the councils, staff of the Youth Education and Activities Program and tribal court staff. Our leaders of today, the youth, learned solutions and ways to take these solutions back to their communities and begin making changes for a brighter future.

Chi-megwetch to Kewadin Casino, all presenters and staff, all participants and tribal court for making this first youth leadership conference a success.

Sponsored by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Youth Education and Activities program and tribal court, Office of Juvenile Prevention Program.

Celebrating ACFS team members

The Team Member Relations Awards Committee was created in 2004 by funding provided tribal wide. After many deliberating meetings we came up with a mission statement that we all agreed on. "The Team Member Relations Awards Committee provides opportunities for ACFS team members to recognize and celebrate the commitment and contribution of ACFS team members."

As a committee, we implemented a plan to disseminate 'miigwech' cards, pat-on-the-back cards, welcome cards, anniversary certificates, Golden Feathers and the prestigious Team Member of the Year Award.

The 'miigwech' cards, pat-on-the-back cards and welcome cards are considered a day to day recognition. This type of recognition does not cost anything, other than basic supply costs, and can be given by any team member to any other team member.

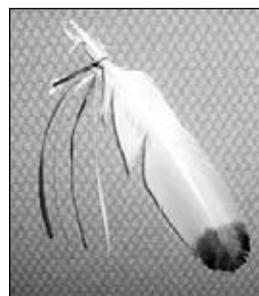
Day to day recognition provides team members with the opportunity to provide and receive timely, if not immediate, recognition for a job well done. Praise and recognition are essential building blocks of a great workplace and are critical in motivating, satisfying and retaining team members.



Above, left to right, 2005 Golden Feather recipients Roberta Fisher, Gail Carr, John Ekdahl, Lena Quinlan, Caryn Royer, Christina Wilkins, Jennifer Lehto, and Teri Romano. Missing from the picture is Roxanne Mannisto. Below, the Golden Feather.

The committee also compiled a list of each team member's anniversary dates and created a certificate for each team member. The anniversary certificates would be announced at each of our quarterly meetings.

The Golden Feather was developed to recognize team members who have demonstrated STAR model criteria — Service, Teamwork, Attitude and



Respect. Nomination forms were provided to every team member. When a nomination was made, the committee would review it to make sure the nomina-

tion fell within the guidelines. Once the nomination was reviewed, the chairperson would create a Golden Feather. Every quarterly meeting each golden feather awarded throughout the quarter was read. Every month anyone who received a Golden Feather was mentioned in the ACFS monthly newsletter. During the last quarterly meeting of the year, we were able to provide each team member who received a golden feather throughout the year with a token gift.

The Team Member Relations Awards Committee developed the team member of the year incentive program to recognize team members who have demonstrated outstanding service, a positive attitude, excellent customer service, innovation, community volunteerism, leadership and dedication to ACFS. The team member of the year is nominated by their fellow team members. The nomination forms are then reviewed by the committee, supervisor's and the previous year's winner by secret ballot. This year's team member of the year will receive a personal plaque, their name on the perpetual plaque hanging in the lobby of our main office and a night stay with dinner for two donated by Kewadin Casino.

Sault Tribe Public Awareness recognizes December as Disability Awareness Month

By William Lane Barber, MA, LPC, NCC, ACFS outpatient mental health therapist

About 49 million people with a disability live in the United States today (ADA, 1990). It is estimated that one in three Americans will acquire or develop a disability in their lifetime. Historically, society tended to isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act or ADA, as it is more commonly known, enacted legislation prohibiting discrimination of those with disabilities. With the passing of this legislation, individuals with disabilities were able to work, use public transportation and obtain accesses to public buildings and businesses, which provided freedoms to them that had not previously existed. Even though fifteen years have passed since the ADA was enacted, biases and misconceptions about people with disabilities are still prevalent today.

In 1997, Dennis J. Harper examined children's attitudes about physically disabled people. This study began through a realization that visible physical differences, such as facial deformities, mobility impairments, and amputations, have been viewed with hostility, rejection and certain levels of fear. He began by examining how children viewed various physical disabilities. The children were presented with several pictures showing children in wheel chairs, with limbs missing, with facial deformities, obesity, with crutches or braces, and children with no visible disability. The children of this particular study generally preferred those with less severe disabilities to those with more severe disabilities. When asked why they chose not to interact with the children with physical disabilities the children generally stated that the non-disabled were more normal and can "do

everything" because "he/she's healthy" or "because he/she looks good." The explanations given by the children as to why they preferred non-disabled people to interact with demonstrates that visible social barriers are present even with children. This is evidence that social barriers are set at an early age for children with various physical disabilities. These barriers are a reflection of societal views that are common in this country today. (Harper, D. 1997).

Why do children have these views of normalcy and lack of compassion (Sutherland, A. 1969)? In response to Sutherland's question, one might consider that it is the result of old attitudes and perceptions not disability in and of itself. Those with physical disabilities are subjected to false presumptions, hostility, teasing, and depersonalized reactions based upon these inaccurate beliefs and attitudes. Outdated ideas and stereotypes are the greatest obstacles facing people with disabilities. This attitudinal barrier may not always be visible to the naked eye, but it rears its ugly head across all environments and results in children and adults with disabilities being socially isolated, physically segregated, and excluded from the mainstream of American society. The problem has never been the disability; the problem is (and has always been) society's beliefs about disability. People with disabilities are not broken, and they don't need to be fixed! Disability, like ethnicity, religion, age, gender, and other characteristics, are natural parts of life. Some people are born with disabilities; others acquire them later in life. If we live long enough, many of us will acquire a disability through an accident, illness, or the aging process. Here are steps we can take toward changing attitudes

about disabilities:

We need to change how we think about disability. How we think about disability is necessary for change to occur when we think differently, we'll talk differently.

Think of the person, not the disability, get to know the person, they are more than their disability.

Focus on similarities (i.e., things the person has in common with yourself or others).

Allow children to ask questions. Often I have had parents jerk their child away or scold their child for looking at my wheelchair or asking questions. Children are curious and by looking and asking questions they learn about their world. When a child is told not to look or talk to a person with a disability, that child is taught that a person with a disability is to be avoided.

Include the person with disabilities in activities at home, the classroom, or in a social setting. Don't focus on what the individual cannot do but what they can do. How can the person contribute to the discussion, game or activity?

Offer the person your assistance or let them ask for your help.

Very young children with disabilities may spend countless hours, day in and day out, receiving "special services" and interventions, or attending "special programs" and in the process, the opportunities to interact with the nondisabled world may be lost, or limited at best. Many school-aged children with disabilities are sorted by medical label and shuttled into segregated special education classrooms. From there, they may have to "earn" their way into general education classrooms when they've proven they're "ready." In the meantime, they have no friends, they don't get invited to

birthday parties, and the greatest lesson they learn is that they don't belong. Thinking one does not belong can be the foundation of depression and anxiety disorders.

Adults with disability labels, instead of working at the jobs of their choice and living in the homes of their choice, with the supports they need to succeed, may spend their days in sheltered, segregated day programs or workshops (earning sub-minimum wages), and their nights are spent in group homes or other segregated, congregate environments. As one day passes into the next, so their lives pass by. Their hopes are dashed, their dreams are unfulfilled, and opportunities to lead a normal life fade.

Understanding is the first step to change and by seeking to learn about a disability or looking at the person as a person and not their limitations can add hope and encouragement where once was only despair.



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2006 LIHEAP weatherization guidelines

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services wishes to remind Sault Tribe households residing in the tribal service area that they may be eligible for assistance in weatherizing their home.

The goal of weatherization assistance is to improve the heating efficiency of the home, reducing the energy burden and reliance on energy assistance programs.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds may be used for low-cost residential weatherization or other energy related home repair for low-income households.

Households must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Head of household must submit a completed application which includes proof (copies) of income for the past twelve months for the entire household, proof of tribal membership, social security cards, property deed and proof that property taxes are current (paid).

If the tribe member in the household is a minor (under age 18), the application must be completed by the head of household and the minor tribe member must meet the residency requirement.

The applicant household must meet current income guidelines.

Applicant must be a permanent resident of the tribal service area.

We reserve the right to offer services to priority individuals. Priority for services shall be homeowners, who are: Elderly (age 60 plus) who have not been served in the past three years, disabled who have not been served in the past three years, applicants with the lowest income who have minor children in the home and who have not been served in the past three years and applicants with lowest income who have not been served in the past three years. Call (906) 632-5250 or 800-726-0093.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! PEACE AND JOY TO ALL!



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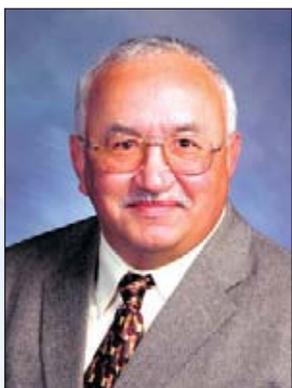
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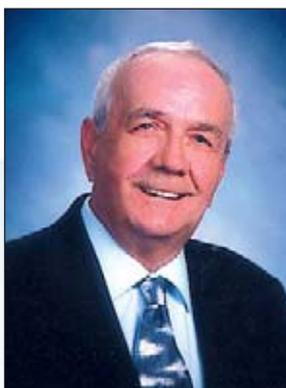
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Two-year-old Michael Schroeder won't let go of his dad, Keith, as he gets near Santa in Engadine. Brother Kyle, 6, has already visited with Santa and is in the background.



Makayla Lockhart, 3, from Hessel, is a little shy of Santa but still happy to tell him her wish list.

Here comes Santa Claus



Bryana-Mae Biang, 8, can't wait to show her mom Nanette, left, and gramma Shirley M. Nichols, right, what Santa gave her at the Engadine children's Christmas party.



Santa has his arms full with 6-month-old twins Alexis, left and Anthony Cairns from Kinross at the Hessel Christmas party.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with (back, left to right) Taylor, Trenton, Tristen and Tiffany MacDowell, in front is Taylor Babcock.



Taylor Ann Mackety, 7, enjoyed her visit with Santa as her parents looked on.

Photos by Alan Kamuda and Brenda Austin



Carson Mackety, 4, with Santa.



Aysa Kenwabikise, 5, looks up for a little help from mom as she talks to Santa at the Engadine party.



Clarissa LaBranche gives a shy smile to her family from Santa's lap.

Meet Kewadin Casino's management



Tammy Schroeder

BY MICHELLE BOUSCHOR

In part three of our meet the management series, we take a look at two management team members who have worked with the Kewadin organization for a combined 30 years.

Like all of Kewadin's management team, years of service with the organization and in the gaming industry makes this team top notch. Many of the management team have worked at a variety of positions before accepting management jobs and have a first hand understanding of the complexity of all casino positions.



Tel Fox

Retail and Support Services Director Tammy Schroeder

has 13 years of experience working in the gaming industry. She began working in the Human Resources Department where she was involved with various areas including payroll, training and employment. Following that, Schroeder accepted a position as the assistant to the general manager of the casino.

In October, 2003, Tammy accepted the position as retail and support services director. She is now responsible to oversee the gift shops, Bawating Art Gallery, the recreational vehicle park, the

maintenance and motor pool departments, the mail room and support staff for Kewadin Casinos.

Tammy graduated in August, 2003, from Lake Superior State University with an associate degree in business administration and is continuing her education to earn a bachelor's degree.

Hessel Casino General Manager Tel Fox has over 18 years of gaming experience with Kewadin Casinos. She began as a blackjack dealer in 1986 when Kewadin Casino in the Sault had just recently opened. Fox has held many positions since her career began at Kewadin Casinos including blackjack dealer, pit boss, shift manager and assistant manager.

In 1997, Tel accepted her current position as the manager at the Hessel Casino. In her position, Tel organizes and develops programs that promote the Kewadin Casino in Hessel as well as overseeing day to day casino operations.

Tel attended Conestoga College in Kitchner, Ontario, and Canadore College of North Bay, Ontario.

St. Ignace resort and casino in search of staff



The 81-room hotel of the new St. Ignace Casino will feature a picture perfect view of Lake Huron.

Nearly 90 full-time and 45 seasonal team members are needed for the new St. Ignace Kewadin Casino facility which will open in the summer of 2006.

"Positions for our new hotel, food and beverage department, gaming department and house-keeping staff will need to be filled before we can open our doors," said St. Ignace Casino Manager Darcy Chase. "These jobs offer above average wages, a generous benefit package including sick, vacation and personal time, health insurance and a comprehensive retirement plan."

In an effort to fill positions, the casino will be hosting three job fairs in St. Ignace and Cheboygan.

St. Ignace job fairs are scheduled for Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 14 at the Little Bear East, from noon to 6 p.m.

Cheboygan job fairs are slated for Jan. 25, Feb. 22 and March 15 at Michigan Works! from noon to 6 p.m.

"We are looking to hire all of our needed positions by April of 2006 so we encourage community members to come to our earlier job fairs," said human resources recruiter Lynn Trozzo.

The new casino will be located on a bluff overlooking Lake Huron's Horseshoe Bay. The project consists of over 127,000 square feet of space, including a new casino with 800 slot machines, 26 table games, 20 Keno seats, a buffet style restaurant seating 225, an entertainment lounge seating 125, a sports bar, an 81-room three-story hotel and additional parking.

For more information on the job fairs, please call (906) 635-7032 or toll free 1-866-635-7032.

GOOD NEWS FROM



Team member appreciation party



At the Manistique casino, left to right, Steve Ash, Joey Wheaton, Gerry Johnson, Dave LaPratt, Barb Burton, and Rob Johnson playing blackjack with dealer Tammy Schroeder of the Sault.



Team members at Hessel sure know how to have a good time!

Before spinning off during one of the slot tournaments is, front to back, Paula Thompson, security guard, Jackie Germain, maintenance, Jessie Cruickshank, and Jamie Lockhart, bar/deli servers and Jim O'Brien, security guard.

St. Ignace general manager selected



DARCY CHASE

Darcy Chase has been chosen as the general manager of Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace. "It is a great honor to be selected for this position. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead to ensure a smooth transition into our beautiful waterfront property which is expected to open in June 2006," said Chase. "When I came to work at the Shores I was welcomed by all team members and made to feel right at home. This is a great facility with awesome team members and I am proud to represent them."

Chase was born and raised in Manistique and attended Northern Michigan University. She began working for the tribe as a student worker for Tribal Social Services

and worked at the Tribal Health Center in Manistique as a family resource specialist.

In 1999, Chase embarked on her gaming career as the marketing coordinator for both Manistique and Christmas Casinos and in 2000 she was hired as the assistant casino manager at the Christmas Casino. In January 2004, she was selected as the assistant casino manager at Kewadin's St. Ignace facility, a position she held until May of 2005 when she was appointed interim general manager.

"Darcy is a very talented and dedicated manager," said Tony Goetz, Kewadin chief operating officer. "She has proven that she is very capable, deserving, and worthy of this great opportunity."

In her new position, Chase is responsible for the oversight of approximately 400 team members. She works with all departmental managers ensuring that the casino is running in a functional and effective manner. The casino is currently expanding to a brand new building which will be up and running in the summer 2006. Darcy Chase is a tribe member and resides in Moran. She is the daughter of Frank and Denise Chase and has a brother, Frank Jr., and a very special niece, Jenna, all from Manistique.

Let the games begin!

Kewadin Casinos hosted nine team member appreciation parties in November. Breakfast and lunch were provided and team members received a special Kewadin T-shirt. Slot and blackjack tournaments were played and \$20 gift certificates and other prizes were given away. "We can not succeed with out all of our team members and we recognize how valuable they are to the Kewadin organization," said Tony Goetz, chief operating officer. "Our team members can count on more events like these in the future."

In 2006, four team member events will be planned. The first will be a New Year party in early January. Other events will include a summer picnic and a fall get together.

Human Resource Department team member promotions



HR staff, back row, L to R, Brian Barbeaux, Dana Andrews, Vicki Sumner, Linda Bentgen, Christie Duffiney, Jennifer Mitchell and Gerry Brow. Front row, Nick VanAlstine and Jennifer Torstenson.

The Sault Tribe Human Resource Department has made many staff changes in 2005 in the areas of training, HR rep, St. Ignace, and employment. In the training department, Nick VanAlstine, formerly a training instructor II, was promoted to training manager in July 2005.

Nick has worked for the the department since Oct. 2003. Prior to his recent promotion, he held the position of human resource representative. Nick received a bachelor's of science degree in social sciences and minors in history and education from LSSU in May 2000. Nick is a tribe member who lives in Sault Ste. Marie with his wife and two sons.

Also in the month of July, Jennifer Mitchell was promoted to lead human resource representative. Jennifer's role in this position deals with team member retention, developing policies, drug testing compliance, FMLA,

grievance and appeal process, unemployment insurance and background investigations are some of the many duties this position entails. Jennifer will also have oversight of the HR coordinator position in Manistique. She has worked for the department since September 1998 and, prior to that, worked for the accounting department. Jennifer received a bachelor's of science degree from Michigan State University in 1995. Jennifer is also a tribe member who lives in Sault Ste. Marie.

In August 2005, Vicki Sumner was promoted to the human resource representative assistant. This position allows Vicki to assist the representatives with team member retention, developing policies, drug testing compliance, FMLA, grievance and appeal process, unemployment insurance and background investigations. Vicki has worked for the

department since August 1996 and previously held the position of employment representative and records clerk within the department. Vicki is a tribe member who lives in Sault Ste. Marie with her children, Andrew, Cyrelle and Dakota.

The St. Ignace location also had promotions within their area.

Gerry Brow was promoted to a

representative in September 2005. This position will entail the same duties as in the Sault. Gerry has worked for the department in St. Ignace since May 1995. Prior to this Gerry worked for the St. Ignace casino in the gift shop and the food and beverage department. Gerry is a tribe member who lives in St. Ignace with her husband and two children.

Linda Bentgen was promoted to a St Ignace employment representative in July 2005. Her duties include processing applications along with posting and filling open positions. She was hired with the department in September 2003 as an employment clerk for the St. Ignace location. Linda lives in St. Ignace with her husband and two children.

The employment department also had staff changes.

Jennifer Torstenson, who previously held the position of employment receptionist, was promoted to employment clerk in

August 2005. She has worked for the department since July 2003. Jennifer is a tribe member who lives in Sault Ste. Marie with her three children.

Dana Andrews was promoted from data entry clerk to an employment clerk position in August 2005. Dana has worked for the department since October 2003. Dana is a tribe member who resides in Kincheloe.

Welcome new HR team members

Christie Duffiney was hired in November 2005 with the St. Ignace office as an employment clerk. Christie is a tribe member who lives in St. Ignace with her two children.

Brian Barbeaux was hired in December 2005 as a coordinator in the Manistique and Christmas areas. His office is in the Manistique Tribal Health Center.



Membership Q & A

Q: I never go near my monthly gas quota but, yet, regardless of what I used or did not use this year, the tribe is expected to exceed their quota for tax exempt purchases of gasoline at the end of November. If the tribe sets a quota for tribe members per month, why would you not set aside that same amount to cover all members? On the surface, it doesn't seem that we should run out as long as we, as individuals, don't exceed our gas limits each month.

A: The quota for the tribe was decided upon by looking at past history and usage. At that time, the base of members using the tax exemption was much smaller than it currently is today. Once the quota went into place on April 1, 2003, we then used the data month after month to see how many members were "using" the products. We then extrapolated this amount out to see if current usage compared to prior usage, of course, as more and more people started using the discountable products the two figures did not compare. We also had to make changes to allow for the five outlying stations to get up and running.

As time progressed, we decided to figure out a quota amount per member that would allow the most members the best benefit. We came up with a 70 gallon quota by looking at the total members using and the amounts used, this amount was a middle ground which had as many people below this figure as it did above it. We know by giving every member a 70 gallon quota and, if

every member purchased their quota in one given month, the tribe would be out of quota in that one month. This simply is because you have over 30,000 members at 70 gallons a month, equating to 2,100,000 gallons of fuel. The tribe's quota would be exhausted. However, because you only have a base of members using the fuel, the fuel quota, which is based on past user statistics, is extended out and estimated to last the entire year. Ideally, we would like to see it last the whole year, but unfortunately our best attempts to come up with a quota that would allow members to benefit from the discounted products over the largest base of possible users has come up short. Please keep in mind that this was the tribe's first year serving members at five outlying gas stations. The tribe is serving more members today than ever before.

To contact Sault Tribe membership liaisons DJ Malloy or Clarence Hudak, with questions or concerns, call (906) 632-6578 or 1-888-94-AARON, or e-mail dmalloy@saulttribe.net or chudak@saulttribe.net or post your question on the Web at www.saulttribe.org.



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*Thanks for making this Christmas
a special one!*

Miss Bates, Jerry, Jody and the Santa suit

BY JAMES H. CARR

Jerry Hardy pulled out his old Santa suit. When he'd gotten married 50 years ago his new bride, Emmy, had insisted he play Santa at the school Christmas party. She was the third grade teacher and was in charge. He could hardly refuse her since she had gone out and bought a Santa suit complete with beard.

"Top of the line," she told him. "\$21.15 tax included."

He had dug it out every year since and, even though Emmy had passed on five years back, he kept up the tradition. The principal, Mrs. MacDonald, had insisted only he entertain the children.

Miss Bates, who had taken over the third grade class, told him, "I don't think we could find neither a more qualified nor handsome Santa."

The suit should have paid for itself 10 times over. Every year he had gotten his \$10 for the work. Every year he had it spent before he got home; \$5 for the Salvation Army and \$5 for the Goodfellow's. Jerry had many hours alone to think of his life now. They had not been fortunate enough to have children. They had spoken of adopting, but procrastination had put that idea on the back burner until it was too late.

This year he had not only the school Christmas party to do but, three weeks ago, Mayor Bousman had called him. "Come over to my office," he said. He offered Jerry the Santa job in the Christmas parade. "Pays \$25," he told him. "Would you like the job? Our old Santa retired and moved away and we're in a bind. You will probably have the job permanently."

Jerry hadn't hesitated. "I'll take the job," he told the mayor.

"Well, that's \$10 for the school party and now \$25 for the city parade," he thought. "Even giving to my two charities I'll come out ahead. Finally, I'll put money in the bank," he thought.

The school party went off as planned. Mrs. Darling was happy for him having gotten the Christmas parade. "They should have had you a long time ago," she told him.

Miss Bates told him, "You've got a button missing on that uniform. Come over tomorrow and I'll sew it back on. I've got a great button collection and I'm sure I can match it. I'll even fix supper. What kind of supper is your favorite?" she asked.

"Roast with vegetables," he told her. "But I won't have time. Thanks much though."

The big day finally came. He met the mayor at 8 a.m. There was a short wait for Mr. Savard, the farmer to come in with his hay wagon to pick him up for the parade.

Jerry climbed onto the hay wagon when it came and the mayor said, "Meet you at the speakers' stand. Have a fun trip."

The ride began. It was a five block parade route jammed with happy children. Jerry waved at them constantly and every 25 feet or so he would dip into his big bag he was provided and throw goodies; candy, noise makers and packages of balloons. He was having as much fun as the children. They had even provided

him with a microphone to yell his "Ho-ho-ho! Merry Christmas."

Finally, they arrived at the mayor's podium. He got down and was surprised to find Miss Bates waiting there for him.

"Hi, Jerry," she said. "Just dropped by to wish you luck and

went and sat down.

"Very nice young lady," the mayor said. "She looks after you quite well." Then he smiled.

When desert time came, Miss Bates found out he likes blueberry pie and he got the biggest slice he had ever seen.



to tell you I found an identical match for that button. I can sew it on anytime." She smiled and straightened his coat. "Come over tomorrow and I'll sew it back on." Jerry liked the attention, and he didn't like the attention. Confused, he headed for the mayor up on the podium.

"And here he is everyone," the mayor yelled into the microphone. "Let's give a big cheer for Santa." Loud cheering and applause rose from the assembled children and their parents. He liked being the center of attention for the children. Then Jerry gave the children a few words of greeting.

"Hope to see all of you after the luncheon this afternoon," he told them. "Have your list ready." He waved. Make it short he told himself. Kids want action, not talk. "Okay, let's eat."

The gathering broke up and most of the people headed over to the Christopher Columbus Hall. When his group got there, Jerry was seated with the mayor and his friends.

"This is turning out to be a fun event," he said to the mayor.

"Well, you're doing fine Jerry. As far as I'm concerned you've got the job permanently if you want. You've got my vote."

"He's got my vote too," came a sweet voice behind him.

"Oh, no," he thought and turned around. There was Miss Bates standing, smiling at him.

"I thought you went home," he said.

"Oh, no," she said. "I'm going to make a day of it. This is fun. I like the kids. I'll be right over here." She went over to a nearby table and sat with some other teachers she knew.

It was a buffet lunch and had just about anything you might think of from salads, meats, breads and some of the nicest looking desserts Jerry had seen in a long time. He pigged out in filling his plate and went over to eat. Shortly, Miss Bates appeared, "How you doing Jerry," she asked. She grabbed his coffee cup and filled it. "If you want anything just yell," she told him and

The big moment came and Santa went over to his big chair that had been set up for him. The children began coming up. First a little boy.

"And have you been a good boy?" That was a silly question to ask them. He had never had a kid yet who said, "Nope, I've been bad." The boy had a fair size list and then he said, "And, oh yes, could you bring my poodle a little coat to put on. He got a haircut late in the season and his hair is still short." Nice of him to think of his dog, Jerry thought as he gave him a ball.

The next one up was a talkative little girl. "Hello, Santa. My name is Nancy and I've got my list made out. Last year I could only count up to seven, so I asked for seven things. This year I can count up to twenty-seven. Jerry sat patiently while she listed all 27 gifts she wanted and then gave her a rag doll.

And so it went for the next two hours. It was nearing the end when his helper came up to him and said, "This next little girl's mother died three months ago. She's living with her aunt now, but she is afraid she won't get anything for Christmas because she knows her mother always got her presents for her. Put on a specially good show for Jody," he told Santa.

The little girl walked up slowly, looking at him with a rather questioning eye. Then she came up and let him put her on his lap. "Well now, Jody," he said. "I don't have to ask if you've been good. I know you have. You know something else," he asked her, "I think you're going to get everything you ask for. What is it you want Santa to bring you?"

"I'd like you to bring my mother back," she told him.

Jerry had never been without words before that he could recall, but now he didn't know what to say.

"I feel sad for you darling. But you know, honey, as you go through life you will have a lot of disappointments and a lot of happiness. You have to enjoy the good things while you have them

and when they are gone have happy memories of them. I lost my wife, so I guess we have something in common. But we'll make it through, won't we." Then he thought to himself, "I just told this little girl Mrs. Santa Claus died."

Jody didn't miss what he told her, "Mrs. Santa Claus died?"

He was stuck with it and had to carry on. "Oh, this happened years back. But you know, she has still been around helping me."

"She has?"

"Yes. Just remembering how she used to advise me, do this, do that. You know, I still do those things. You'll find that things your mother told you will come back throughout your life. Your mother is still around helping you, honey." That was the best he could do. "You sure you don't want something special?"

"No," Jody said, jumping down off his lap. She looked back at him. "You've got a button missing on your suit, Santa." She turned and walked away. A little Miss Bates he thought and smiled.

Everyone had left now except the mayor and Miss Bates. "This has been a great day," the mayor said to Jerry. "Have a good time?"

"Up until the end," Jerry told him. "All I can think of is Jody not asking for a Christmas present. She wanted the one thing I can't give her."

They said their goodbyes. Miss Bates told him to bring the suit over the next day and she'd have a roast and vegetables waiting for him and sew the button back on. He thanked her. "Can't make it tomorrow, Pat," he told her. Then he caught himself. He had called her by her first name. He had never done that before.

The next day he got up bright and early and headed to town. The store was filled with lots of toys. What to buy? Then he saw it, a little red tricycle. He had to buy it unassembled but that was fine. The rest of the night was spent with his wrench and pliers putting it together. When it was assembled, he took out the letter decals he had bought and pasted them on the back of the seat. They read, "Jody." Then he headed for bed.

He got up early and put on his Santa suit. Perfect timing he thought. Day before Christmas and he could deliver the present and be home and watch TV. Her aunt lived down on Portage Street. He had always thought this was an ideal place to live, being able to watch the freighters in summer. He knocked on the door and her aunt answered. "Why, hello."

"I've got something for Jody," he told her. "She is home I'm sure?"

"Yes, in fact she wanted to see you. I'll get her. She had something for you."

Jody came in bright eyed and smiling. "Santa," she yelled. "I'm glad you came." She handed him an envelope. He opened it. It was a gift certificate for shampoo at the Beauteous Beauty Salon. Your beard is dirty, she told him. I figured I'd have it cleaned for you. You can sew your own button on."

She used her entire Christmas

money on this, her aunt told him on the side.

He gave her the tricycle and felt good when her eyes lit up. All she said was, "Thanks."

"And thank you Jody," Jerry said and left. There was still time for one quick stop before he got home.

Early the next morning, Christmas Day there was a knock on the door. When he opened it, there was Miss Bates smiling at him.

"Merry Christmas," she said. "Brought you something." He took the package.

"I had no idea," he exclaimed. "Do I eat it, wear it or play with it?"

"You may end up eating some of it over the years," she grinned. He opened the box and looked down on the whitest Santa beard he'd ever seen. "Just hand wash it in cold water with a mild detergent and hand rinse in cold water," she said. "Guaranteed to keep it bright white for 10 years or more."

"In 10 years I'll be permanently retired," he laughed.

"That isn't all that's in the box," she told him. He looked further. There scotch taped on the bottom was a button. A perfect match for the ones on his suit.

"You can sew your own button on," she laughed. "Now come on over, the roast and vegetables are waiting for us."

"Don't be so blamed fast, young lady," he told her. "I've got something for you too. You saved me a trip over to your house." He went over to the table and came back with an envelope. She opened it. There was a gift certificate from the Beauteous Beauty Salon for a hair wash, perm and style set.

"How thoughtful," she told him.

"You've got Jody to thank for some of it and I chipped in a little to bring it up to a gift fitting a lady."

"Well, I'm not going to accept this."

"You're not?"

"Not unless you come over to my house right now for dinner. It's on simmer and I don't want it burning, so move it."

For some reason he didn't think how wrong it might look, going to her house for dinner. He could only think it's been a long time since he had a good home cooked meal. And what could he do when she demanded him to "move it now."

Later on that evening, as they sat together watching TV, he told her, "This is, without doubt, the best Christmas I've had since Emmy died. I just hope Jody can say the same.

"I'm sure she can," she said. "Thanks to you." She gave him a kiss on his cheek.

He lay his head back, eyes closed. "Should I?" he wondered. But he didn't give her a big kiss back. Maybe in the future.

After all, New Years Eve was only a week away.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

Sault Tribe youth may request funding for a variety of purposes to be expended outside of tribal programs, including:

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- 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

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be a tribe member in grades 0-12 living in the seven-county service area.
- Applicant may receive funds once per academic year (Aug. 1-July 31), up to \$150.
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APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must submit current copy of tribal membership card.
- Applicant must submit copy of invoice, registration, brochure/literature with organization's name and costs or receipt of payment.
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- Proof of household income (most recent check stub, tax forms, W-2, etc.) must be submitted with all applications.
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General meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and start at 6:00 p.m. All meetings in Sault Ste. Marie will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, locations for meetings in other areas will be announced. For further information, please call Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26337.



International indigenous news



"Build coalitions among American Indian nations. There is strength in numbers. Your vote counts now as never before." — Leonard Peltier

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Canada's aboriginal veterans honored in France

FRANCE— Canadian war veterans recently visited France to honor the aboriginal contribution to the First and Second World Wars. Private Leo Goulet, a Metis who lives on the Atikameg First Nation, and George Horse of the Thunder Child First Nation, recalled Juno Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

"So many things happened to me when we landed 61 years ago," the 81-year-old Goulet said as he stood on the same shores watching the now-calm scene of gentle waves, sand, and seaweed. "There were dead soldiers here and there, some floating, some dry. It's all like a big dream — or nightmare I should say."

"It was tough," said Horse, 86. "We were wide open, the Jerries were up on the hill firing at us, but we just kept going ahead."

In a separate service at Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, a First Nations honor dance, a Metis fiddle lament and an Inuit throat song paid tribute to the heroic veterans. Governor-General Michaëlle Jean, Veterans Affairs Minister Albina Guarnieri and other French attended the ceremonies.

— *American Indian Listserve*

Menchu: Society is ailing

CALIFORNIA— Rigoberta Menchu Tum recently spoke at Cosumnes River College and made a pronouncement — society is spiritually sick and people need to search for a spiritual balance and live in harmony with the earth and each another. "At this moment, humankind is sick. We want to convince ourselves that wars are the only evil, but wars are only a point of distraction."

The 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner from Guatemala said violent gangs have spread throughout Central America, many indigenous villages were devastated by Hurricane Stan and people are dying from hunger, poverty and lack of health care. After spending decades working for social justice worldwide, Menchu is returning her attention to Guatemala. She challenged the audience to step into leadership roles.

— *The Sacramento Bee*

The National Day of Mourning

MASSACHUSETTS — On Thanksgiving Day, many American Indians and their supporters gather at the top of Coles Hill, overlooking Plymouth Rock, for the "National Day of Mourning." The first National Day of Mourning was held in 1970 and Massachusetts had invited Wampanoag leader Frank James to deliver a speech. Mr. James wrote a powerful speech about the oppression of America's Indian people, but when the text became known before the event, Massachusetts "dis-invited" him. That silencing of a strong and honest American Indian voice led to the National Day of Mourning.

In truth, the historical "First Thanksgiving" was not called Thanksgiving, but was a harvest festival held in 1621 by the pilgrims and their American Indian neighbors and allies. Over time, their respect and friendship evolved into the theft of Indian lands and destruction of traditional ways of life. Those participating in the National Day of Mourning have an equally valid voice in what Thanksgiving means to them. There is room for more than one history; there is room for many voices.

— *Pilgrim Hall*

Unenrolled Indians embrace their heritage

Hundreds of thousands of American Indians unable to enroll in federally recognized tribes still identify with their indigenous heritage. These people are often denied official recognition because they lack ancestral birth records, have a low degree of tribal blood or their tribes and the federal government don't have a political relationship. Yet they continue to practice traditions and customs passed down since the beginning of history.

"Their voices need to be heard," said David Arv Bragi, enrolled member of the Muscogee Nation. "Hopefully, they will demonstrate that one does not need to carry official papers in one's pocket in order to be a 'real Indian.'"

Bragi, author of *Invisible Indians: Mixed-Blood Native Americans Who Are Not Enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes*, spent years interviewing unenrolled people from over 25 North American tribes.

Among the comments: "We lead traditional Indian lifestyles to the best of our ability although we do not 'belong' to a tribe. Some of the traditions of our people, I believe, are ingrained in us, it is instinctual. We eat the

food of our ancestors because we know it is good for us," said Jessie Mato-Toyela, descended from the Tarascan tribe of Mexico.

"If you've heard the phrase 'you can take the Indian out of the woods, but not the woods out of the Indian' it would be close. Much of our life happens in the way our ancestors of thousands of years, as well as just one hundred years ago, lived their lives, just different environments, different obstacles," remarked Charlie Mato-Toyela, of mixed Ojibwa, Lakota, Kuna, Choctaw and Cherokee descent.

"Legally, we have lost our right to be acknowledged as existing. We receive ridicule from our own 'blood' relations who call us derogatory names such as wannabes, fake Indians and traitors. Please don't tell me I'm playing at being an Indian. I do it because it is who I am," noted Barbara Warren, a Cherokee.

"People at powwows sometimes ask for your (enrollment) card and it is a condition of getting in. It is a prejudice that was inflicted on some of us by 'numbering us' like we're in some death camp," observed Charlie Mato-Toyela, mixed Ojibwa, Lakota, Kuna, Choctaw and Cherokee descent.

— *Native Times*

House committee supports Makah whaling effort

WASHINGTON, D.C. — By a 21-6 vote, the U.S. House Resources Committee has passed a measure urging the Bush administration to uphold the 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay. The treaty promised the Makah the right to conduct whaling along with hunting and fishing at their "usual and accustomed places." Makah Tribal Chairman Ben Johnson, Jr., was elated. "We won a big one today," he said. "They made my day when that happened. They recognized our treaty — again.

We've had that treaty since 1855," Chuck Owens, an anti-whaling activist, noted that the Committee passed the non-binding measure without allowing debate. "The Republican committee would not allow Jay Inslee to explain to everybody the issue. That's why it passed. There was no argument on this issue."

— *Peninsula Daily News*

American Indian scholar Vine Deloria dies

COLORADO — Revered American Indian scholar Vine Deloria, Jr., died Nov 13 at a Denver hospital. Mr. Deloria was a longtime University of Colorado professor and award-winning scholar best known for his many books, including *Custer Died For Your Sins* and *God Is Red*. "He was one of those individuals who really kept Indian people from becoming extinct," said Rick Williams, president of the American Indian College Fund. "He was politically active early in his career, with the National Congress of American Indians, and he really helped turn the nation's view around about Indian people. He was also probably one of the first recognized political, cultural and historical geniuses who was allowed to develop the intellectual thought of Indian people. He was one of my teachers and I just had the utmost respect for him."

— *Rocky Mountain News (More, see page 25)*

Famed Navajo artist R.C. Gorman dead at age 74

NEW MEXICO — Famed Navajo artist R.C. Gorman has died at age 74 from a blood infection and pneumonia. Called "the Picasso of American art" by the *New York Times*, Gorman was praised for the quality of his work and his contributions toward putting American Indian artists into the mainstream. Governor Bill Richardson says New Mexico has lost a great citizen and the world has lost a great artist.

— KPHO Phoenix

Kiowa language scholar named to school's hall of fame

OKLAHOMA — Known for her lifelong devotion to teaching and preserving the Kiowa language, Alecia Keahbone Gonzales was named to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) Alumni Hall of Fame. "I'm speechless," Gonzales said. "This is an overwhelming honor. I am so grateful. I love to share the ways of my people, the Kiowa."

Among her many accomplishments: Visitors to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington hear Gonzales' recorded voice in an audio tour, NMAI officials chose only one voice to represent each of five geographic areas in America. For the

central United States, they chose Gonzales; with the 2001 release of her Kiowa language textbook, *Thaun Khoiye Tdoen Gyah: Beginning Kiowa Language*, Gonzales may have secured the Kiowa language's future and created a model to help other American Indian tribes preserve their own languages; Gonzales teaches Kiowa language classes at the USAO in Chickasa; she also teaches at Anadarko High School; in recent years, Gonzales has taken legendary Kiowa folk songs and is giving them life through children's storybooks. These bilingual children's books include *Little Red Buffalo Song*, *A Mother Bird's Song*, and *Grandma Spider's Song*.

— *Native Times*

Pair study American Indian languages to preserve them

OREGON — The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla say only 44 elders among its 2,525 tribe members still fluently speak their three native languages: Cayuse, Nez Perce and Walla Walla.

To help preserve those languages, the tribe received \$585,000 in grants to create language classes on reservation schools and master-apprentice teams for elders to pass on the language to others. At the end of three years, apprentices may become licensed as language teachers.

"It's been the best year of my life, the most enlightened," said apprentice Linda Sampson. "It's opened my eyes." Sampson hopes the program will spark renewed interest in learning tribal languages, something she believes is crucial. "Every tribe has the same goal — keeping their language going," she said. "You can preserve it, but you've got to transfer it to your kids."

— *Oregon Live*

Conference seeks solutions for Indian education

SOUTH DAKOTA — Robert Watters, a freshman at Pine Ridge High School, says too many of his classmates don't understand or participate in their Lakota culture. That could be one reason they don't stay in school. "A lot of kids don't care that they're Lakota," he said. "They're trying to be black and white. They don't want to be Lakota because they know it's a hard life and they want to take the easy way out."

That easier way often includes joining gangs, drinking and dropping out of school, he said. Robert, 15, made his statement at the "Strengthening Partnerships for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Students Education Project" conference in Rapid City. About 100 school officials from 16 states attended the conference.

One featured speaker, Luann Werdel, directs the freshman academy program at Pine Ridge High School. Freshman academy was created to help keep new ninth-graders in school. Students are divided into small learning communities and attend all classes with that same group of students. By the end of their freshman year, the students will have visited a college and a vocational school and will have completed a life and learning skills course. Now in its second year, the program is proving it works — reading levels improved among last year's freshman and the dropout rate decreased dramatically.

"We still have a long way to go with academic achievement, but all of the students moved at least one reading level," Werdel said. "We made adequate yearly progress with our freshman for the first time in 31 years."

— *Rapid City Journal*

Study warns of toxic buildup in humans

ONTARIO — An organization called Environmental Defense tested blood and urine samples from 11 volunteers across Canada. Participants were tested for 88 chemicals which included suspected carcinogens and chemicals that may cause reproductive disorders, harm the development of children, disrupt hormone systems or are associated with respiratory illnesses. The tests showed a total of 60 chemicals, with an average of 44 found in each volunteer. David Mast, a Cree chief from northern Quebec, had the most toxins (49), and the highest levels of PCBs and mercury. Mast was alarmed at the results. He thinks the high levels are due to his traditional diet of fish and seal contaminated by pollutants that travel up from southern Canada. "Canadians expect their country to be a leader in environmental protection and in protection for human health," said Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence. "The reality is that Canada is lagging behind Europe and the United States when it comes to regulating pollution and reducing the number of toxic chemicals in our environment."

— *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*

Walking On



Vine Victor Deloria, 72, the most effective weapon of the American Indian historian and activist was the scathing and sardonic humor in his accounts of white treachery towards his people. He also knew that its novelty helped him to destroy myths, a major objective.

Widely regarded as the 20th century's most important scholar and political voice in American Indian affairs, Deloria was at his most formidable when demolishing clichés and stereotypes and their associated thinking. Anthropologists were an important, and unexpected, enemy and they suffered such an onslaught in Deloria's first book — for alleged laziness and limited thinking — that, in later references to their own scholarship, they would ask jokingly if it was AD, or after Deloria.

An equal target were Christian missionaries, whom Deloria attacked from a secure position, having undergone four years at a seminary and taken a degree in the theology — and later, in law. He once said missionaries had "fallen on their knees and prayed for the Indians" before rising to "fall on the Indians and prey on their land."

The book that made his name was *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* (1969), described by one scholar as "the single most influential book ever written on Indian affairs." Part of its success was because of Deloria's views. He wrote, "We have brought the white man a long way in 500 years . . . from a childish search for mythical cities of gold and fountains of youth to the simple recognition that lands are essential for human existence."

In his next book, *We Talk, You Listen: New Tribes, New Turf* (1970), he claimed that the destruction wrought by corporate values and its technology was so damaging that a return to American Indian tribal standards and culture could be viewed as salvation.

His hatred of General George

Custer, until then the white American hero and martyr of the Little Big Horn battle — his "last stand" — led Deloria to more provocative language still. He described the officer as the "Adolf Eichmann of the plains", whose soldiers were tools "not defending civilization; they were crushing another society."

Deloria wrote 20 books, edited others and published his memoirs and a two-volume set of U.S.-American Indian treaties, all of which make devastating reading because of how many agreements were broken by lies and cheating. He also opposed the anthropological theory that American Indians only arrived on the American continent from Asia via the Bering Straits — a critique gaining in credibility — and argued that, unlike Afro-Americans, American Indians did not seek to be equals in U.S. society. They wanted no part of it.

Among his most important works were *Behind the Trail of Broken Treaties: An Indian Declaration of Independence* (1974); *A Better Day for Indians* (1976); *The Metaphysics of Modern Existence* (1979); *A Brief History of the Federal Responsibility to the American Indian* (1979); *American Indians, American Justice* (1983); *The Nations Within: The Past and Future of American Indian Sovereignty* (1984); *American Indian Policy in the Twentieth Century* (1985); *God is Red: A Native View of Religion* (1994); *Red Earth, White Lies* (1995); and *For This Land: Writings on Religion in America* (1999).

Deloria was born into a distinguished Sioux family, the son of an Episcopalian clergyman in one of America's poorest areas, then and now, the town of Martin, S.D., near the Pine Ridge Oglala

Sioux reservation. After a spell in the U.S. Marine Corps, he got a master's degree from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, in 1963, before taking a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1970. He taught at the University of Arizona from 1978 until 1990, when he returned to Colorado to teach history, political science, law and ethnic and religious studies.

From 1964 to 1967, Deloria was an executive officer of the National Conference of American Indians, where, before the Custer book made him famous, he was a leading spokesman on American Indian affairs in Washington. He often testified before the US Congress at times when civil rights and ethnic identity movements were causing volatile dissension and change in America.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Deloria died Nov. 13 2005.

Charles A. LaPoint, Sr., 74, of Pinconning, Mich., passed away Nov. 28, 2005 at St. Mary's Standish Community Hospital. He was born in DeTour Village, Mich., on Dec. 28, 1930, to the late Charles H. and Delia (nee LeMieux) LaPoint.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and retired from Saginaw Powder Coating. He married the former MaryAnn Nadeau on Nov. 27, 1954, at St. Mike's church. She survives him.

Charles enjoyed woodworking and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

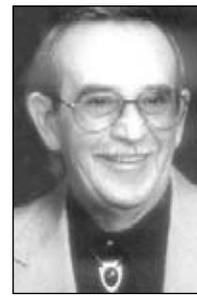
In addition to his wife of 51 years, he is survived by their children, a son, Charles LaPoint Jr. of Pinconning; daughter, Laura (Clair) Hyde of Pinconning; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Norma Case, Mary Lou LaPoint both of Newberry and Jean Johnson of Goetzville.

According to Charles wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Donald Joseph Shannon, 68, of Owosso, Mich., went to our Lord on Nov. 17, 2005.

Don was born on Sugar Island, Mich., on Feb. 26, 1937. He was

raised in the Sault Ste. Marie area and at Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on Sept. 1, 1955, and was stationed in Italy, Greece and Japan. He was honorably



discharged on Aug. 29, 1958. Don married Barbara Hilbert of Trout Lake on Sept. 5, 1959. The couple moved to lower Michigan and made their home in Morrice where they raised three children while Don was employed by GM Truck Assembly in Flint.

On April 13, 1991 he married Sherry (Lighthill-Lingo) and moved to Owosso. He became stepfather to her two children and had two more children with her. Don and his children were members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and began making American Indian crafts. They became traders, known as the Cloud Dancers, and enjoyed towing their travel trailer to powwows around Michigan where they sold their creations.

Don is survived by his wife Sherry, their daughter Staci (Brian) Owens of Niles, Mich., and her daughters, Taydra, Mika and Amber Holton; son Steven (Jamie) Shannon of Owosso; stepdaughter Tami Henderson and her son Kevin and her special friend, Tim Holton all of Ovid; and her daughter Mikaela (Deron) Lamreux and their son Jameson of Owosso; stepson Bill Lingo and his son Justin both of Owosso; mother-in-law Leona Lighthill and three sisters-in-law. He is also survived by his former wife, Barbara, who remained a close friend and their children; Donald Jay Shannon of Morrice and his children Christopher and Megan of Owosso, daughter Brenda (Kevin) Garey and their son Nathan of Morrice and Brenda's son David Temple of Mt. Pleasant; daughter Debbie (Jason) Helps, their son Shane, and Debbie's special friend Dale Dohr all of Bancroft; brothers Frank (Mary) Shannon of Sault Ste. Marie, Russell (Dorothy) Shannon of Sugar Island and

Merlin (Carol) Shannon of Durand, Mich.; and sisters Mildred (Gary) Gregg of Brimley, Mich., and Beatrice (Ron) Lee of Sault Ste. Marie.

He was predeceased by his parents Charles and Jenny Shannon, brother Dave, sister Theresa, several cousins and a niece.

Visitation was held at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagizhik Building on Nov. 20 and a service was held there on the following day with Father Ted Brodeur as celebrant. Burial will be at Willwalk Cemetery.

Memorials may be left to the American Cancer Society. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may also be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Julia A. (nee Carpentier) Thompson of Sterling Heights, Mich., passed away Oct. 9, 2005. She was born Dec. 8, 1938.

She was the wife of Donald Thompson, mother of Laura A. Fields, Steven M. Thompson and Kathleen M. Thompson of Sterling Heights, Mich.

Kenneth Owen White, 60, of Kincheloe, passed away Nov. 19, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital.

Ken was born on April 29, 1945, in Detroit, the son of the late Ivan and Elsie (nee Shetler) White.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Ken enjoyed fishing, shooting his guns and going to the casino.

Ken is survived by his wife, Lottie, whom he married on March 7, 1986, in Madison Heights, Mich.; two sons; Jim White of Macomb, Mich., and Dennis White of Warren, Mich.; one grandson, Andrew White of Warren; and one brother, Robert White, of Royal Oak, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ron White.

There will be no public services held. Interment will be at Wequayok Cemetery. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home assisted the family. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Radiation treatment prolonged liver cancer patients' lives, U-M study finds

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Surgery is the most effective way to treat tumors that grow in the liver. But for most patients, the tumor is growing in a way that it can't be removed. And when that happens, few options remain.

Now, researchers at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center are reporting success with a new method of attacking these cancerous tumors. Radiation is aimed precisely at the tumor — not the entire liver — and 400 times the normal amount of chemotherapy is fed directly to the liver. The combination delivers an intensive punch directly to the tumors while limiting exposure to normal tissue.

Of the 128 patients treated, median survival was 15.8 months, significantly longer than traditional survival rates for patients with these types of tumors. Results of the study appear in the Dec. 1 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

The researchers looked specifically at patients with bile duct cancer, liver cancer or colon cancer that had spread to the liver, all of whom were not candidates for surgery. Typical survival rates for these cancers are eight or nine months. In this study, liver cancer patients lived an average 15.2 months, bile duct cancer patients lived 13.3 months and colon cancer patients lived 17.2 months.

"The patients with metastatic colorectal cancer who were entered in this trial, for example, were, for the most part, out of chemotherapy options at the time of referral. These are patients that we estimate would have had a life expectancy of nine, maybe 12 months. They also did not have any surgical or other local treatment options. So a median survival of 17 months in such patients is quite a substantial improvement and definitely clinically relevant," says lead study author Edgar Ben-Josef, M.D., associate professor of radiation

oncology at the U-M Medical School.

In the study, patients received radiation twice daily for two weeks, along with a continuous infusion of the chemotherapy drug floxuridine. The patients then had a two-week break before repeating the radiation and chemotherapy regimen for another two weeks. The chemotherapy was delivered through a catheter into the artery that directly feeds the liver.

The treatment was developed at U-M by Theodore Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., Isadore Lampe Professor and Chair of Radiation Oncology, and William Ensminger, M.D., Ph.D., professor of internal medicine.

Traditionally, radiation therapy has not been effective against liver cancer because the liver is too sensitive to receive radiation. Instead of treating the entire liver, though, the U-M researchers theorized they could focus the radiation on only the tumor. The radia-

tion oncologists designed a treatment that directly targets the tumor, using conformal radiation techniques that pinpoint precisely where the radiation beams go. This allows a higher dose of radiation to be used and spares as much of the normal liver tissue as possible.

As a result, less than a third of the patients in the study experienced severe complications from the treatment. The most common severe problems were upper gastrointestinal ulcers or bleeding, liver disease from the radiation and problems from the catheter.

The chemotherapy delivery takes advantage of the liver having two major blood supplies but needing only one. The tumor lives off one of the two blood supplies, and the artery feeding into the liver actually feeds the tumor's growth. With the treatment used in this study, the chemotherapy is infused directly into this artery so the drug goes directly to the tumors in the liver.

The liver is also where chemotherapy drugs are typically processed and removed from the blood supply. By targeting the drugs to the liver, very little of the drug travels throughout the body, allowing researchers to deliver a higher dose.

Most often, liver tumors originate as cancer in another part of the body and spread to the liver. Primary liver cancer, or cancer that starts in the liver, is among the most serious and deadly types of cancer. Typically, it's not discovered until an advanced stage because it causes few distinct symptoms. About 17,500 people are expected to be diagnosed with primary liver cancer or bile duct cancer this year, and 15,420 will die from it, according to the American Cancer Society.

For information about liver cancer, go to: www.cancer.med.umich.edu/learn/liver or call the cancer answer line at 800-865-1125.

Community Calendar

Dec. 1-24 – American Indian crafts Christmas bazaar at Kewadin Casinos Hotel and Convention Center in the trail area near the waterfall. Please stop by for handmade crafts made by local native crafters. Booth space still available, please call (906) 632-0530. ext. 53018.

Dec. 15 – Newberry, Sault Tribe children's Christmas party 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion, call Shirley Kowalke at (906) 293-8181.

Dec. 15 – Unit V Munising elders Christmas dinner 6:00 p.m. at Woodlands Restaurant. For any questions please call elders services (906) 635-4971 or toll free at (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 15 – Constitution workshop and informational meeting Unit IV Manistique. Manistique Community Center 5-9 p.m. Workbooks will be provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Candice Blocher, coordinator, Constitution amendment project at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 16 – Escanaba, Sault Tribe children's Christmas party from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Flat Rock Township Hall. Call Karen Corbett or Tara Duchene at (906) 786-9211 or Viola Neadow or Denise Chase at (906) 341-2993.

Dec. 16 – Constitution workshop and informational meeting Unit II Hessel. Hessel Community Center 5-9 p.m. Workbooks will be provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Candice Blocher, coordinator, Constitution amendment project at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 17 – "Reindeer Games" Totzone at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Dec. 17 – Constitution workshop and informational meeting in Detroit. Location to be announced 5-9 p.m. Workbooks will be provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Candice Blocher, coordinator, Constitution amendment project at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 18 – Lorrie Morgan and Ronnie Milsap concert at Dream Maker's Theater in the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800) -KEWADIN.

Dec. 19 – Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 19 – Unit V Munising Elderly Committee monthly meetings at 4:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Monday of every month. For any questions please call elders services (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 20 – Constitution workshop and informational meeting Unit I Sault Ste. Marie. Kewadin Convention Center 5-9 p.m. Workbooks will be provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Candice Blocher, coordinator, Constitution amendment project at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 19 – Unit IV Escanaba elders' Christmas dinner 6 p.m. at

the Hannahville Chip-In Resort and Casino. For any questions please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 19 – Men's education group Mondays from 6 - 8 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. This is a format for men who batter, based on the Duluth model. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Dec. 20 – Constitution workshop and informational meeting Unit III St Ignace. Location to be announced 5-9 p.m. Workbooks will be provided. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Candice Blocher, coordinator, Constitution amendment project at (906) 635-6050.

Dec. 21 – Voices to Choices adolescent group 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Dec. 23 – Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or 888-711-7356.

December 27-30 – Drop-in basketball, volleyball, public skating, drop-in hockey (ages 16 and up) and youth drop-in hockey (ages 13-15) from 12-5 p.m. daily at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (906) 635-RINK.

Dec. 28 – The Chippewa County Caregiver Support Group will meet in the second floor conference room at the Avery Square Center, 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, at 2:00 p.m. For more information please call (906) 632-3363.

Dec. 28 – Voices to Choices adult group is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Dec. 30 – Winter gathering at the Niigaanagizhik Building at 2 Ice Circle Drive in Sault Ste. Marie from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 31 – 18th annual Sault Tribe sobriety New Year's pow-wow "Gibisdowaanaa jichaag: We are listening to the spirit" at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle Drive, in Sault Ste. Marie. Grand entry 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feast 5 p.m. Come and dance the New Year in! This is a drug and alcohol free event. If you have any questions, please contact Bud, Melissa, or Wendi at (906) 632-7494.

Jan. 2 – Unit V Munising Elderly Committee monthly meetings at 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 3 – Sault Tribe board of directors meeting in Sault Ste. Marie at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26337

Jan. 4 – Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 4 – Voices to Choices adolescent group is held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building 2175 Shunk Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, MI. For more information call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Jan. 5 – Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Walstroms Restaurant on the first Thursday of every month. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 11 – Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 11 – Voices to Choices adult group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Jan. 12-15 – Women's winter spiritual wellness gathering. Come and enjoy a wonderful, relaxing time of friendship and learning of Cultural teachings, health workshops, stress reduction, talking circles, relationships, relaxation, discovery, music, crafts and so much more!

Bay Mills Cultural Camp.

Bring bedding, pillows, towels, warm clothes, sweat clothes, toiletries, sewing and craft materials (i.e., fabric, beads, sewing machine, etc), musical instrument, best singing voice.

For more information, or to get an application, please contact Karen Howell or Selina McLean, 1022 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, (906) 635-6075 or toll free at (800) 726-9105, fax (906) 635 6549 or email sskarenh@saulttribe.net.

Jan. 13 – Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee meeting on the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 14 – Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee meeting and potluck lunch on the second Saturday of each month at 11 p.m. at the Escanaba Civic Center, 225 N. 21st Street, Escanaba, Mich. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 14 – Foghat and Rare Earth Concert at Dream Maker's Theater at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (800)-KEWADIN.

Jan. 16 – Unit II Hessel Elderly Committee meeting on the third Monday of every month after the noon meal at the Hessel Tribal Center. For any questions please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Jan. 16 – Unit V Munising Elderly Committee meetings at 4:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn on the first and third Mondays of every month. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

January 17 – Sault Tribe board of directors meeting in Kincheloe at 6 p.m. Open community hour is from 5-6 p.m. For information contact Joanne Carr at (906) 635-6050, ext. 26337.

Jan. 18 – Voices to Choices adolescent group 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Jan. 23 – Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 12:30 p.m. at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions, please call elders services at (906) or (888) 711-7356.

January 24 – Kewadin Shores Casino Job Fair at Little Bear East, St. Ignace from Noon to 6 p.m. For more information call the Sault Tribe Employment Office at (866) 635-7032 or apply online at www.saulttribe.com.

Jan. 25 – Voices to Choices adult group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the George K. Nolan Judicial Building, 2175 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call Pat McKelvie at (906) 653-4963.

Jan. 25 – Kewadin Shores Casino Job Fair at Michigan Works!, Cheboygan, MI from Noon to 6 p.m. For more information call the Sault Tribe Employment Office at (866) 635-7032 or apply online at www.saulttribe.com.

Jan. 27 – Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee meets on the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal at the Newberry Tribal Center. For any questions please, call elders services at (906) 635-4971 or (866) 711-7356.

Youth Education and Activities

school year activities:

Homework labs

Monday-Friday

3:30-6:30 p.m.

East wing computer lab
Chi Mukwa Community
Recreation Center
in Sault Ste. Marie
Tutoring available

Computer Lab

Saturday

1-4 p.m.

East wing computer lab
Chi Mukwa Community
Recreation Center
(Art Club every other week)

Tribal Youth council

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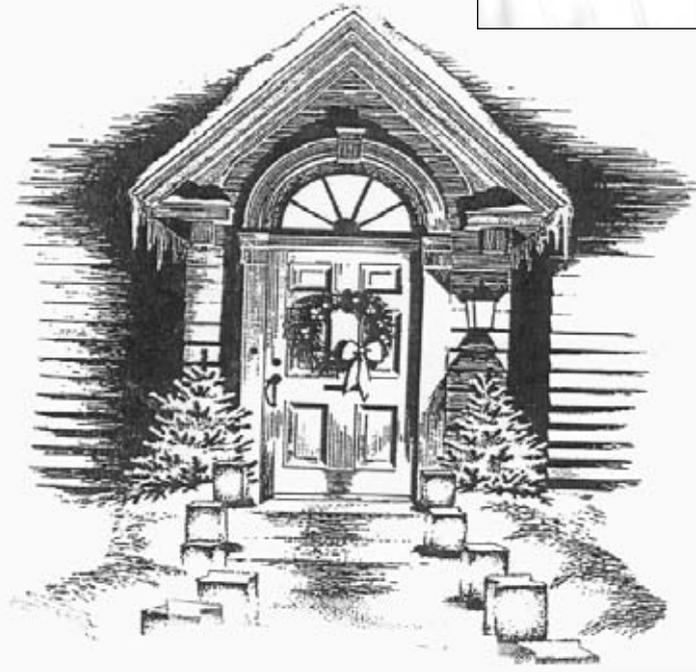
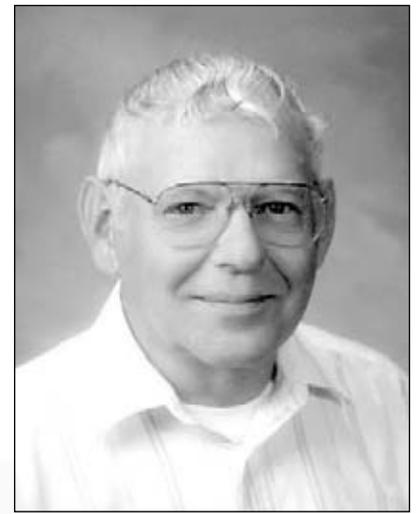
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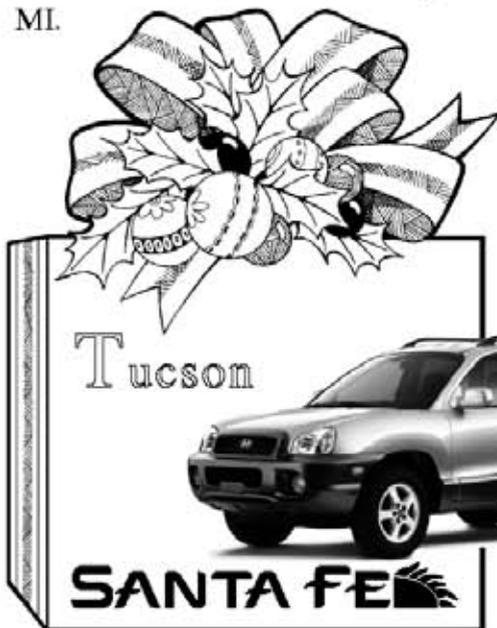
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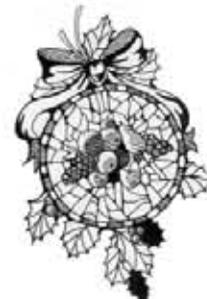
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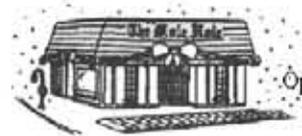
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