

Head Start kids parade through Kewadin casino trail looking for treats and giving out smiles



Mary Kallio and Stephanie Leask as the spider queen.



Lisa Kerfoot and her daughter Helen, 4, with cousin Eva Collins, 3, and her mom Laura Collins.

Photos by Brenda Austin



Alexis Mourufas, 4.



Stephanie Leask (right) handing out candy to Sarah Weber, 4. Left, back is Danielle Jackson, 4, and Alexis Mourufas, 4.



Little Caribbean pirate Quintin Limonez, 3.



From left to right, 3-year-olds Eva Collins, Samantha Hale, and Tommy Vassar.

Honoring our Anishinaabe Veterans' Powwow



M.C.s for the fourth annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veteran's Powwow were, left, Tic Bush and Bucko Teeple. Head veteran George Anziano (right) waits for Grand Entry.



Left: Head veteran George Anziano and Less Ailing lead Saturday's Grand Entry.

The fourth annual Honoring our Anishinaabe Veteran's Powwow was held the weekend of Nov. 10 & 11 at the Kinross Recreation Center in Kincheloe, Mich. Invited drums were the Bahweting Singers "Minidoo-zaagigan," Ogee Ma Miishishino and White Buffalo Cloud. A feast was held Saturday with Kewadin Casinos donating white fish and rice for the event.



Left: Head female and male dancers Michelle and Mike Willis.



Ken Biron presents the Sault Tribe flag during Saturday's Grand Entry.

Photos by Brenda Austin and Nathan Wright



Nancy Shananaquet from Brutus, Mich., a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, offered her handcrafted bead work, small drums and dream catchers for sale. This was her first time at the Veteran's Powwow.



Left: Alaysia Brewer, Lacey Ailing, and Tracy Ailing with Autumn Wright, 2, practicing with her dance hoops.



Giizhiday Matrious, 4, takes a break from dancing to play with her friend Devin Broom.

Tribal member family selected for North Star Habitat For Humanity home

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007, will always be a day to be remembered for three Sault Tribe members, Cindy, Joe and Josh North. This was the day representatives from North Star Habitat for Humanity and members of the local community joined the family for a dedication of their new home on West 16th Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie. "Today is my favorite day for a couple of reasons," said Ted Curry, executive director of North Star Habitat for Humanity. "Dedicating this home today indicates this project is over and we can begin to look at next year's projects.

Also, it is really the essence of what Habitat is all about; bringing people together to help a family, lift a family up. This isn't charity, it's an opportunity to give a hand up, not a hand out, to a local family that deserves it. As a member of this community its pure joy seeing people come together to help members of the community get to another lever of economic stability. Homeownership is a big thing and I think it will be for Cindy and her boys."

A lot of planning and work goes into the preparation, selection and building of Habitat homes. The North family was selected from a group of applicants and notified the third week of February that groundbreaking for their new home would take place in May. "I felt overwhelmed, thankful. The selection committee called me the same day they made the



Photo by Brenda Austin

Cathy North, left, holds the key to her new house. With her was her mother Mary Snider, sons Josh and Joe, and father George Snider.

selection. I hung up the phone and called everyone I knew, it was very exciting. The application process was not long or hard to do at all. A little bit of paperwork and it was done," said North.

North said from the day the ground was broke she would drive by and check on the homes progress. By the end of June, the home was shelled in and the dry wall, paint, fixtures, plumbing and outside landscaping were all done by the dedication in October. "They didn't even have the walls up yet and the boys had their rooms picked out," she said. Josh is 13, and Joe, 14.

"The tribe contributed funding to the project and Aaron Payment is now on our board of directors and looking for ways to continue tribal support, pos-

sibly in the form of volunteers to help with the projects," Curry said. "Also, through the tribal newspaper we are able to get our message out to ensure that tribal members are aware of their opportunity to be involved in our family selection process."

"The funding is important, but not the most important. The human resources, the community support, the people who are willing to get behind the mission is what makes this happen. You can't do it with just money."

Habitat for Humanity International coordinates volunteers from across the country who donate their time, money and sweat to work on these projects. "We tell them how many people we would like to have and for what time periods. The last two weeks of June we

had 14 individuals from all over the country including Texas, Las Vegas, New York and Connecticut. Kewadin Casino, for the second year in a row, allowed the Care-A-Vaners who travel in their fifth-wheelers and motor homes, to stay at the campground free of charge. We really appreciate that. We had some repeat Care-A-Vaners that have come here two years in a row and have made a tentative commitment to come back next year. They have said very nice things about the way they were received at the campgrounds and how the community treated them. Many of them are excited to come back next year and that means a lot to us" said Curry. "The Care-A-Vaners are very professional and highly skilled and willing to not only dedicate their time but their resources to

make this happen."

Curry said he also receives local support from the Coast Guard. "When we need young legs and strong backs to carry shingles up a ladder they are there for us. They also send their electricians and plumbers to help. When we need a little booster shot, the Coast Guard is there for us."

Proud homeowner, North said, "I will have a mortgage like any other homeowner but I won't have any interest on the loan and will be paying between a half to a third of what the home is worth. The down payment is also lower than an average down payment on a new home. This is a wonderful program, if there are families that need a home they should definitely apply with North Star Habitat for Humanity."

North's parents are George and Mary Snider of Sugar Island. "We are pleased to see the tribe involved in Habitat for Humanity, it is a good organization. Cindy is very deserving of this because she is a responsible parent and has established herself in a good job and also established a good credit rating as part of making this all possible. We are very proud of her as our daughter," said George Snider.

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ReStore abounds with Christmas spirit

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

If you haven't already stopped at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on M-129, you are invited in for a cookie and a look around.

With the holidays fast approaching the spirit of giving has overcome store manager Rex Nowling, and his wife, Linda, who volunteers at the store. Witnessing young mothers trying to make ends meet and single dads making a home for their kids, Linda said they do everything in their power to help everyone who walks through the door. Cleaning up donated toys and purchasing batteries from money out of his own pocket, Rex and Linda have been wrapping the toys and putting them under the beautifully decorated tree in the back of the store to give to parents to put under their trees at home.

In order to make this a wonder-filled Christmas for our community's disadvantaged children, the Nowlings are asking for your help. Any donations of nicely used toys for children birth to 14, or new toys, would make a wonderful addition to those already resting under the tree. If you have extra tape or wrapping paper those



Photo by Brenda Austin

Back left, Carol Eavou and Ted Curry. Front, Rex and Linda Nowling.

items are also much needed.

Linda said, "We see a lot of kids come through here whose parents are staying in shelters because they don't have a home. They try to accumulate things for their families such as blankets, shoes and boots, things they need to live. Any donations of toys between now and Dec. 10 will be reconditioned and given to parents to give to their kids."

The ReStore does not take clothing donations due to lack

of storage space, however they will accept winter wear such as hats, gloves, boots and coats. "We ask that all donations be in good enough shape to be resalable. Anything that we have to dispose of we have to use money that should be going towards building homes," Linda said.

Linda, who worked for Kewadin Casino for over 10 years as the restaurant and conventions manager, said that over 75 percent of the people walking through the doors are Sault Tribe members. "I never realized there were so many tribal members in such dire need until I began volunteering here. A tribal elder came in with a broken cane and we were afraid for her safety. She couldn't afford a new one and Medicare was unable at the time to help her. So Rex went to the back of the store and washed a cane off and gave it to her. That is what this is about, we want people to come in here and feel at home. We are here for them, no matter what their income level is," she said.

Linda contacted Carol Eavou, V.P. of hotel operations for Kewadin Casino, about donating items from Kewadin Casino. "We had a couple dif-

ferent organizations inquiring about room furniture because we are in the first phase of a remodeling project on the casino's sixth floor. For the most part, 99 percent of the furniture on that floor is being donated to Habitat for Humanity," Eavou said. "There are 28 rooms with two mattresses per room, night stands, credenzas, tables, and chairs; things that people need to make their house comfortable. Kewadin Casino and Hotel is glad that we can make a difference that will benefit the entire community," she said.

The ReStore is also asking anyone who has a few hours a day and would like to lend a hand to contact them. They need daily volunteers to help with cleaning, organizing, washing dishes and helping people unload and load their vehicles. Linda said, "Dr. Pahn's son, Brian Pahn, volunteers every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. He is our only volunteer except for college students who will occasionally drop in to offer a hand."

The ReStore is also hoping to provide needy families gift certificates from Gordons Food Service (GFS) for Thanksgiving dinners. If you would like to contribute, you can purchase a

gift certificate or make a donation of cash.

"There are little kids coming in here without socks, shoes or boots and have runny noses. Their mother is trying to find a pot or pan and some coats for her kids. We take the kids and find stuffed animals for them to play with while their mother shops; she may find 10 items and we charge her seventy-five cents. The smiles on their faces are worth it, we don't make them feel bad. That is not what this place is about," Linda said.

Donations of household items are always welcomed with the funds from their purchase going to our local community to help build homes. The ReStore offers gently used appliances, furniture, building materials and household items.

"I think we are doing a good thing here and the whole community will be rewarded by this. No matter what kind of day you are having when you come in that door, we will make sure you leave having a better one," Rex said.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore is located at 3203 S. M-129 in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information call (906) 632-6616.

Hessel elder Leona Brown celebrates 80th birthday

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Leona Dutcher was born the second child of Harvey W. Dutcher and Lucy "Andress" Dutcher Oct. 22, 1927, in Cedarville, Mich.

Born two years before the Great Depression hit our country at the end of 1929, she grew up in hardship and learned at a young age about death and the frailty of life. Although she was the second child, she had an older sister who died at the age of two in 1921 from polio. After her came siblings Raymond, Alice, Harvey Walter, Jacqueline and Marjorie, who shared the same birth day as Leona.

Her father, Harvey Dutcher, advertised his services as an Indian guide to tourists during the summer months, showing them the best spots to catch fish and fowl. In the winter months, he cut and sold timber to support his family. "Our life was rough. We had nothing, our house was an old shack with wood floors," Leona said. "During the summer months, my father took parties of fishermen out on boats, and on days when they had a good catch he would make a fire on shore and clean and cook the fish for the men while tending to the potatoes roasting on the fire. It was hard living on the wages he made back then. Our mother stayed home to care for her children. We used a wood stove for heating and cooking because we didn't have electricity and our bathroom was an outdoor outhouse. At night we used kerosene lamps for light."

Leona said her father never drove a car. Anywhere he had to go, he either walked or took a boat.

Her mother's father, a full-blooded Chippewa Indian, lived with the Dutcher family until he passed away. "I was acquainted with death when I was young, my grandfather died when I was 7. Our family had gone away for the weekend and when we came back the shades were down and there was no fire. Mother found a window she could look through and there he was lying on the floor. She asked me if



Photo by Brenda Austin

Leona Brown (center) celebrated her 80th birthday with friends at the Hessel elder meal site in Hessel, Mich.

I was scared because grandpa had gone to heaven. I told her no, so she asked me if I could crawl through the window and unlock the door for her and my dad. She was pregnant with my sister, so I went in and unlocked it," Leona said.

At the age of 49, Harvey Dutcher took a group of friends out duck hunting towing a smaller boat behind them. He took them to Suttons Bay by Marquette Island and told them to sit there and see what they could find and at about 10 a.m., he took the bigger boat and went around to one of the other bays to scout around. By noon his friends began wondering why he wasn't back and rowed their boat across the lake to the hotel on Lake Huron where Harvey was working as a guide. The sheriff's department was called and began searching for him with his uncle and cousin. A short while later Harvey's uncle and cousin found his body lying near a dock where he had pulled the boat in to start a fire and heat up some peppermint water for chest pains he was having. He died of a massive heart attack on the beach waiting for the water to warm. Leona was 15, Raymond, 13, Alice, 7 and Walter was 4 at the time of their father's death.

"My mother was pregnant with my youngest sister and my aunt came down early that eve-

ning to tell us about my father. My mother fainted and put her hand through the kitchen window. She went into early labor and was in the hospital when my dad was buried," she said.

Leona, her two brothers and sister went to live for a short while with their Uncle George and Aunt Pearl until their mother was well enough to come home. Then a few days after her father's death and Leona's fifteenth birthday, her baby sister died and she had to help pick out clothes to dress her in and a small coffin for the funeral.

Leona said, "My father's death was devastating. We had a terrible winter that year. I had trouble in school because I didn't have any nice clothes and we were so poor. I went to school and finished up that year and the next fall we moved into a different house in Cedarville."

That spring she met and dated Howard Crisp who was in the armed services in North Africa during WWII, until he was medically discharged. "I knew I was too young but I was lost without my dad. That fall when I turned 16, I went back to school for about two months and couldn't handle it any more. I didn't have any clothes to wear and was being treated badly; the other kids all had nice clothes to wear. So I came home one day after my birthday and told my mother that I had

quit school," she said. Leona was in the ninth grade.

Deciding to find a job in Sault Ste. Marie, she went to work for Kresges Department Store that November for the holidays. She stayed with a local family and received room and board in exchange for watching their children in the evenings. After the holidays she was laid off and moved back home for the winter. "I had made enough money to buy my mother, brothers and sisters Christmas presents. We had a good dinner that year as well. I was still dating Howard and that spring he asked me to marry him," Leona said. "I told my mother I would be one less she had to worry about."

They were married for five years and had two boys, Harvey and Howard. She said, "It was the war, he was in uniform and was a white boy with blue eyes and blonde hair. I was an Indian with nothing. He was 11 years older than me — I thought I would do better with him, have a better life. I found out that my husband was a very poorly educated man who had been raised on a farm by his grandfather who was a mean, miserable person. Looking back now through the years I can understand why things worked out the way they did. I wanted too much, I was too young. I wanted romance and flowers, and you just don't

get that kind of stuff when you are poor and are starting a family with nothing."

He moved to Detroit and left her and their boys to fend for themselves in Cedarville. Then for New Year's Eve in 1952, Leona, her sister and cousin Dorothy went to St. Ignace to visit Dorothy's older sister whose boyfriend owned a bar there. "Her boyfriend asked me is I could like to work for him waiting tables. I had never done that before but he told me there was nothing to it, so I agreed to give it a try. While I worked there I met Ray Litzner and fell head over heels in love with him. I didn't know at the time that he was married, he never told me. By the time I found out I was too deeply involved with him to care," she said.

Eventually, the pair moved to lower Michigan where they were both able to find jobs. Returning to the Upper Peninsula for their children, Brock Litzner, 6, Cheryl Litzner, 5, Katie Litzner, 2 and Pat who was about 10 months, in addition to Leona's two boys, they rented a farmhouse in lower Michigan. They moved back to St. Ignace a few years later and were married on Sept. 10, 1955, on Leona's mother's birthday. They remained married until his death in 1994.

She met and married another special man in 1998, Dean Brown, and was with him until his death in 2006.

Today Leona lives on the Sault Tribe reservation in Hessel, Mich., and enjoys being called on by her "boyfriend" in one of the elder units in which she lives with her two cats, one named Muckadae, meaning "black," and Menue. Between her children and stepchildren, she has 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Leona was active in the Cedarville and Hessel areas for over 10 years as the Sault Tribe Hessel Elder Committee chairperson. Leona celebrated her eightieth birthday with the Hessel elder group during their weekday lunch on Oct. 22, 2007, at the Hessel elder meal site.

From the Kitchen of Bob Flowers

Bob's Chicken Velvet

1.5 tsp. cooking oil
2 tbs. cornstarch
1 tsp salt
¼ tsp. Chinese 5-Spice Powder
½ tsp. powdered ginger
3 egg whites
1 cup cooking oil
2 cups snow peas, strings removed
1 tbs. cornstarch
1 tbs. water
¼ cup minced deli ham

Place chicken and ½ cup of chicken stock or broth into a food processor or blender and blend to

and combine with the salt, 5-spice powder, ginger, and half of the cornstarch. Mix completely.

Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form and gently fold into chicken mixture along with the remaining cornstarch.

Heat 1 cup of cooking oil in a large, heavy skillet. Tear pieces of the chicken mixture away from the main mass and place into the hot oil, taking care to not overcrowd the pan. Fry until lightly browned on each side,

drain.

Heat 2 tbs of cooking oil in a wok or frying pan. Quickly stir fry the pea pods for about 30 seconds. Remove and set aside.

In the pan used to stir-fry the snow peas, add the remaining stock or broth and bring to a low boil. Immerse the chicken. Thicken with 1 tbs of cornstarch mixed with 1 tbs. of water.

Serve with the pea pods and minced ham sprinkled over top.

Child Advocacy Center holds open house



Photos by Brenda Austin

The Dawn M. Eavou Child Advocacy Center in Sault Ste. Marie held an open house recently highlighting their new playground and interior renovations. Right: Jamie Eavou holds the cake prepared for the occasion.



"Our Children" Part II: Back talk Youth surveyed on their views

Second in a series of articles exploring the relationships between area youth and communities.

BY RICK SMITH

Recent survey responses of 1,135 eighth graders, high school sophomores and seniors in eastern Upper Peninsula schools introduced in the first part of this series showed numbers both troubling and encouraging.

Some Sault Tribe members enrolled at Sault Area High School and LaSalle High School in St. Ignace, the two largest school populations in the surveyed area, participated in more recent informal focus groups. The groups were briefed on the survey and asked for their opinions on a few of the resulting percentages.

One of the most disturbing figures came from the finding that only 22 percent of the surveyed students perceived adults in their communities regarded them as having any value.

The response from the focus groups were most interesting in that, for starters, the majority were surprised at the low percentage of students who feel a lack of esteem in the eyes of adults. A few said they have a generally positive sense of how adults feel toward them, but can understand why so many students feel otherwise.

They split the cause of such



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FACES OF THE FUTURE — Some of the Sault Tribe members attending Sault Area High School are (seated, left to right) Brian Horn and Eric Peshlakai, (standing, left to right) Raven Monroe, Heather Lipponen, Nick Kibble, Karen McKelvie, Nathan Switzer and Kim Knauf. These were some of the regional students who fielded questions for this part of the "Our Children" series.

negative feelings between adults and youth, pointing to prejudice by both age groups.

Compounding the problem, it appears, is a lack of communication between parents and their children stemming from, in part, youthful fears of parents rushing to judgment and overreacting. That assertion came from a student panel during a question and answer session at a family and youth conference on the campus of Lake Superior State University last Sept. 17. The panel was made up of stu-

dents from Sault High, Malcom High and the university.

Students in the focus groups generally concurred with the claim of the conference panel.

The survey indicated communities in the area need something for many students to make positive use of their free time. While participation in various arts, school groups, sports or church functions occupy many students, a nearly equal number find those sorts of activities too limited, regimented, expensive or inappropriate.

"Whatever is offered isn't going to fill everyone's need," said Don Gustafson, principal of LaSalle High. "You need to have interested numbers for anything."

One focus group member pointed to the Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Program as a good source of fun and educational after-school past-times. She said she enjoys the leadership skills and education she is acquiring through her involvement with a YEA youth council.

In fact, the Sault YEA has a wide array of after-school offerings of interest to young people. The only problem here for teens is sharing space with the grade school set.

Kit Spring, acting president of the Sault Boys and Girls

Club of America, recently noted that teens seem to generally avoid fraternizing with pre-adolescent children. The focus groups agreed with Spring's observation but, for the most part, offered no clear explanation why that is the case. One teen said she simply doesn't want the added pressure of acting as a role model while trying to enjoy activities.

The Sault YEA facility is in the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center and can accommodate about 50 visitors. It is open to youth from kindergarteners to high school seniors.



Photo by Rick Smith

MORE OF THE FUTURE — Some of the Sault Tribe members studying at LaSalle High School in St. Ignace are (front, left to right) Chelsea Cowell, Marcie Rickley, Mallory LaLonde, (back, left to right) Chad St. Andrew, Evan Everson and Andy Mullins.

Manistique elders serenaded



Photo courtesy Gail Sulander

The elders group in Manistique held its first entertainment and potluck event Oct. 18. According to Eva Johnson, who is entertainment co-chair with her husband Dan, there will be future events like this. Pictured above are the musicians who volunteered their time to give a two-hour concert for area elders. The musicians (shown above) included (not in order of photo) Dan Johnson, Tom Grendell, Mary Ann Pippin, Harley Pippin, Don Lancour, Mark Peacock, Ed Peacock, Lea Peacock, Mike Johnson, Bob Lockwood and Bill Gark. A special thank you goes out to the musicians for volunteering the time to share their musical talents with the Manistique area elders.

Coordinator Rachel Mandelstamm said the Sault YEA receives about 30 youngsters daily who are mostly in grades 3 through 8. She said less than a dozen teens usually come in just long enough to check e-mail and MySpace accounts.

Then, too, there is the tiny, cramped Teen Drop-In Center not far from the YEA studio. Assistant Ronni Gardner said, "We're looking for a bigger building. Something with an oven."

It is ill equipped because there simply isn't space for much.

Sault Tribe supports YEA after-school accommodations at the St. Ignace Middle School. Like the Sault YEA program, it is open to students from Kindergarten to grade 12. Sue St. Onge, St. Ignace coordinator, said the program there also takes in about 30 youngsters a day, mostly up to eighth grade. Most of the high school students she sees there are tutors from the local YEA student council.

A member of one of the focus groups said, "Sure, it would be great to have something positive for teens. Up here, it would be nice to have something that's warm and comfortable." Then, after a deep sigh, she added, "Something that doesn't cost us anything!"

In the next and final installment, potential solutions are afoot.

Elders reach out to encourage students

FROM THE ELDERLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A goal adopted this year by the Elderly Advisory Committee encourages interaction with the youth of our tribal community. The elders are currently working on two student-based incentive projects. One project sets up an elder-sponsored scholarship to help one or two students continue their education once they graduate from high school. The other project stimulates cultural awareness in our kindergarten through twelfth grade students by sponsoring an essay contest requiring them to express their views on matters relevant to our tribal heritage. The plan is to have the nine Elder Unit Subcommittees contribute a little over \$130 of their recreation money to fund the projects.

The proposal before the subcommittees is to establish one \$1,000 or two \$500 scholarships to be awarded based on the student meeting certain qualifying criteria. The qualifying criteria is still in the process of being developed and will include, but not be limited to, such things as a minimum grade point average; acceptance by a college, university or trade school; being an enrolled member of our tribe; and describing career plans. It is hoped that this program can be in place for those students advancing their

post secondary education in the fall 2008.

The first essay contest is scheduled this year and will ask students, ages 5 to 18, to describe "What Elders Mean to Me." A future essay might be titled, "What Being an American Indian Means to Me." A \$25 award will be made to the winning student in each of four age categories: K through grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12. Look for particulars of the contest to be posted elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper.

Education Division Director Angeline Matson has volunteered that she and her staff will administer both programs for the elders.

Undeniably the most valuable asset of the tribe is our youth. Tribal elders want to reach out to the young people of our community to impress on them that they will be the custodians of our culture in the generations to come, that they will be looked upon to protect and preserve our sovereignty and that the best way they can meet these expectations is by recognizing who they are as Anishinaabe and acquiring a good education.

The elders want to send a clear message to our youth that they are here for them, to help them and to share their wisdom with them.

Christine McPherson resigns after 28 years

Christine McPherson, Anishnabek Community & Family Services division director, officially resigned Oct. 25 to pursue her long-term career goal by signing on with Casey Family Programs. She has served the tribe with distinction for 28 years.

"I believe I have accomplished my goals with the tribe and now want to be in a position to assist other tribes and other agencies what tribes can do for themselves," she said. She will leave the tribe November 16, and Juanita Bye has been named interim director. McPherson said that she has such an excellent staff that members will not notice the change.

"I have worked with Christine over the years and have come to respect her commitment to children and families," said Tribal Chairperson Aaron Payment. "Her contributions in the area of Indian Child Welfare transcend our community as she is respected on a national level. Though I am sad to see her leave us, I am excited about the contributions I am sure she'll make at the national level."

Established in 1966, Casey Family Programs is a foundation based in Seattle, Washington. McPherson signed on as managing director of Indian Child Welfare Programs, which assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribes working to develop and improve their own child-welfare systems. She will also help implement the foundation's — 2020 Strategy — which aims at reducing the number of children in foster care and improving the self sufficiency of those still in care — 50 percent by 2020.

Casey's executive vice president of Child and Family Services, David Berns, said they are very excited to have her on board.

Much of what we take for granted today was made possible by pioneers like Christine McPherson, who feels her greatest achievement has been her work to keep tribal families together, so that our children can grow up to live and work in their own community with families of their own. As division director of today's Anishnabek Community and Family Services, she handles a



comprehensive social services system with a \$6 million annual budget and over 60 employees that helps tribal members across the seven county service area. But before she could manage a social services system of this size, she had to build it.

McPherson took her undergraduate degree in social services with high distinction from Ferris State College in 1980. She finished her degree in three years and was working for the Sault Tribe before she hit 21. She spent the next 15 years developing a system to implement the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, a landmark decision that kept American Indian kids in the Native community instead of being adopted out. What is expected now was a struggle then — it was McPherson's job to work in a resistant environment when state courts perceived the federal legislation as infringing on local authority. At the same time, McPherson worked to develop the Binogii Placement Agency as a state-licensed, child-placing agency, working there as a casework supervisor for two years. In 1987, she was named the Division Director of the Anishnabek Community and Family Services as well as the Executive Director of the Binogii Placement Agency.

While accomplishing this major work, McPherson went back to school and received her Master's in Business Administration from Lake Superior State University in 1994. Three years later she

added Economic Development Finance Professional Certificate from the National Development Council and in 1997, a certificate in Executive Program in Managed Care from the University of Missouri.

In 1995, her career rose to a new level when she was named a fellow of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. By accepting the national fellowship, McPherson entered an intensive development program designed to provide an integrated, well-rounded set of experiences for professionals whose work affects the lives of children and their families. The candidates were those who, like McPherson, had already demonstrated leadership, innovation and accomplishments in their field. During the 11-month fellowship, McPherson not only learned a great deal, she did some amazing work. She participated in numerous seminars, residency at the foundation, two field placements — one at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the other split between the Save the Children Organization in Oklahoma working with the Cherokee tribe and then the Mille Lac Tribe — met with leadership of several diverse national foundations, the Domestic Policy Council of the White House and wrote an individual fellowship plan.

"This fellowship was very hard with moving away from home, marriage and child," McPherson recalled. "In retrospect, this was the best opportunity for me for growth both professionally and personally. I was no longer afraid to challenge myself to change things for the betterment of myself and my work environment."

When she returned, she directed both the new Superior Health Alliance until it was closed and the growing ACFS and Binogii Placement Agency. In 2005, she served her tribe as ACFS director and interim Health Division director for a year. After a year, she was able to "relax" when a new health director was found.

Today, ACFS oversees

Child Placement Services, the Advocacy Resource Center, and Direct Assistance, all of which offer a plethora of services across the tribe's seven counties.

While she remains an Annie E. Casey fellow, McPherson is also serving as a member of the Governor's Task Force on Juvenile Justice, where she has been appointed for six terms.

Over the length of her career, she has served on many, many boards and committees, among them the Native American Retention Task Force as co-chair; many subcommittees of the Annie E. Casey Fellowship network, the Michigan Women's Foundation Board; advisory committee member of the IMPACT project for Michigan's Children Organization a member of the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel; Michigan State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board; United Way of Chippewa County; the Michigan Family Independence

Agency's Native American Task Force Implementation Team; Michigan Department of Social Services' Native American Task Force Team; Michigan Department of Social Services' Reunification Task Force; the International Foster Care Education Committee; Eastern Upper Peninsula's Substance Abuse Program Directors; Chippewa County's Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team; Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Education Committee; Chippewa County's Youth Programs Development Inc.; and the Chippewa Child Protection Council. She has been a trainer for the Midwest Area Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Indian Child Welfare Association and many other seminars and conferences.

McPherson is married to Michael McPherson, has two stepchildren, Michael John and Kara McPherson and one son, Tyler Moody. She is the daughter of Deward and Mabel (Moses) Rickley of St. Ignace.

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Elderly Advisory briefs for September 2007

Summary of Elderly Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2007.

Phyllis Colgrove opened the meeting with a prayer.

There was a quorum present with seven regular voting members and three alternate members participating. John Andrews, Robert Menard, Nancy Allard and Bob St. Andrew were regular voting members absent. Staff Members present were Holly Kibble, Bonnie Culfa, Marlene Glasemann, Kourtney Bradley, Tina Fox, Carol Pages-Montie and Angeline Matson. Ann Miller and Lola Davis were guests in attendance.

The agenda and the draft minutes for August 27, 2007 were approved without changes.

What's Going On In Your Unit—A representative from each Unit Subcommittee except Hessel made a report:

Worley Rittenhouse of Unit 1 reported that they continue with fund-raisers; are planning a trip to Branson Mo. October 14-19.

Fannie Aslin, Unit 2 Newberry, said that their powwow held on Sept. 15 was a huge success.

Unit 2 Hessel - nobody in attendance at report.

Arnold Frazier, Unit 2 Naubinway, reported they continue planning for a trip to Branson, Mo., in September 2008; had a bake sale at the Naubinway Fall Fest on Sept. 8; had a fish fry on Sept. 15 in conjunction with local antique snowmobile swap; had a bake sale at the Newberry powwow and are hosting a speaker at

their Sept. 26 unit meeting to explain proposed changes to the constitution.

Phyllis Colgrove, Unit 3, reported that they are continuing plans for a trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., (Dollywood) and a one day trip to Pictured Rocks for those who can't go on the Dollywood trip; that they raised \$600.50 at a rummage sale; plan a potluck dinner and card playing on Oct. 14; and plan a soup/fry bread/dessert fundraiser on Oct. 16 with a bake sale immediately following to dispose of the leftovers from the dinner.

Jerome Peterson, Unit 4 Manistique, reported that they are planning a trip to the Copper Country on Sept. 27 and will be staying overnight in Keweenaw Bay at the casino; are planning a potluck dinner at the tribal center for Oct. 18 with music from 2-5 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. and their Thanksgiving dinner will be at the tribal center at 6 p.m. Nov. 8.

Jerry Miller, Unit 4 Escanaba, reported that they will be going on an overnigher to the Sault to take in the Ray Price show and plan to stop at Tahquamonen Falls and Whitefish Point along the way there.

Dolores LeVeque reported that their powwow was a great success with people attending from the upper and lower peninsulas, Wisconsin, Florida and even a man from Belfast, Ireland.

Gary Carr, Unit 5 Marquette, reported that so many people signed up for the planned

trip to Las Vegas that there wasn't enough money to cover expenses. The trip has been put on hold to decide what to do. Plans are also continuing for the Thanksgiving dinner to be held at Wahlstrom's Restaurant on Nov. 1.

There were no members of the tribal board in attendance to offer comment at this place in the agenda.

Holly Kibble, Elder Services director, reported that: the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for Units 1, 2 and 3 will be held at the casino on November 6 and December 11 respectively. The other units should publicize the date of their dinners; the meal program at St. Ignace will now have a new dishwasher, to be funded from donations collected at the meal site; she was unable to locate a business that can provide a tribal logo decal; she has no new report on 50/50 raffles other than Mr. Brown is working with the Unit 3 group to get their program up and running; Jane Penny, one of the Elder Care home technicians is out on medical leave and that Jim Andrews, brother to John Andrews, suffered a heart attack while delivering meals in Hessel.

Two items were discussed under Old Business:

It was reported that the tribal board of directors tabled the request for changes to the Elderly Advisory Committee (EAC) by-laws that was submitted in August and want to discuss the proposed changes with this committee at a 1 p.m. workshop to be held on Oct. 30

at the Sault. This matter will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the EAC on Oct. 22 in Newberry.

(Not on the agenda.) Jerome Peterson initiated a brief discussion regarding the Tax Exempt Agreement. He was advised to contact Candace Blocher for a copy of the agreement.

There were four items on the New Business agenda:

Bonnie Culfa, Health Division director and staff members, Marlene Glaesmann, Kourtney Bradley, Tina Fox and Carol Pages-Montie, reported on the status of the various health-related programs they administer and what was being done to address some of the issues that the tribal membership has identified as being problematical. Handouts were presented to the attendees and used as a basis for the discussion. Watch for an article in the tribal newspaper titled "Good news for Contract Health (CHS) programs in Indian Country around the nation."

Angeline Matson, Education Director/Assistant Membership Services director, led a discussion on the proposed new Elder-sponsored Scholarship and Student Incentive Programs. Committee members went over a list of 15 questions that was presented by Angeline for their consideration. It was agreed that the scholarship program would be named the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Elder Scholarship." There were concerns regarding whether there should be one \$1000 or two \$500 scholarships, whether

the qualifying grade point average should be 2.5 or 3.0, and whether an essay should be part of the application requirements.

It was decided that these issues would be taken back to the subcommittees for consideration and the final decision will be made on these issues at the October EAC meeting. A complete report on the 15 questions will be made after the October meeting. Relative to the student incentive concept, a pass-out listing 10 considerations regarding a youth essay contest was presented for discussion. The essay would be titled, "What Elders Mean to Me." There appeared to be a consensus on the entire list of 10 items. This program, too, will be finalized at the October meeting after which a report on the outcome of the discussion on the 10 items will be shared with the tribal community. These programs would be funded by a donation of \$122.22 from each of the unit subcommittees.

Jerry Miller reported that progress in the review process of the proposed new constitution is slow and that meetings for member input are still being scheduled around the units.

There was no discussion on possible news articles, other than this meeting summary, for the new tribal newspaper section, dedicated to Elders, titled, "Elder Advisory Briefs."

There were no Questions/Comments from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for October 22, 2007.

Elderly Advisory briefs for October 2007

BY ROBERT S. MENARD

The Elderly Advisory Committee met Oct. 22. Ilene Moses opened the meeting with a prayer. There was a quorum present with six regular voting members and two alternate members participating.

Worley Rittenhouse, John Andrews, Nancy Allard, Dolores LeVeque and Bob St. Andrew were the regular voting members who were absent. Staff Members present were Holly Kibble and Angeline Matson. Ann Miller was the only guest in attendance.

The agenda was approved with an additional of item, "Report on October M.I.E.A. meeting."

The draft minutes for Sept. 24, 2007, were approved with three changes, all relating to changes in the date of upcoming events.

What's Going On In Your Unit—A representative from each unit subcommittee except Hessel and Munising made a report:

Judy LaJoie of Unit 1 reported that they are working on a fund-raiser calendar for the coming year; just completed an enjoyable trip to Branson, Mo. (40 participated); planning a pie sale in the lobby of the Tribal Health Center on Nov. 20; and will have Ed Cook speak at their next meeting Nov. 7 on the Veterans Memorial.

Fannie Aslin, Unit II Newberry, had nothing new to report.

Arnold Frazier, Unit II Naubinway, reported they have firmed up plans for a trip to Branson, Mo., in September 2008; and had four members of the Constitution Committee speak at their Sept. 26 unit meeting to explain proposed changes to the constitution.

Phyllis Colgrove, Unit III, reported that they had excellent trips to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. (Dollywood), and Pictured Rocks; their planned Oct. 14 pot luck dinner was cancelled and rescheduled for November; they raised \$552.75 at a soup and fry bread luncheon/bake sale; Cecil Pavlat will make a presentation later that day (10-22-07) at the Senior Center about Indian funerals, burials and ghost feasts; sent 11 "get well" or "thinking of you" cards to members of their group who were either ill or away for some reason; and they are opening a checking account for their fundraiser revenue.

Jerome Peterson, Unit IV Manistique, reported that their Thanksgiving dinner will be at the tribal center at 6 p.m. Nov. 8; their Christmas dinner will be held at the tribal center on Dec. 13 starting at 6 p.m. and they plan to go to the Marie Osmand show at the Island Resort and Casino on Dec. 14.

Jerry Miller, Unit IV Escanaba, reported that their overnigher to the Sault to see the Ray Price show with stops at Tahquamonen Falls and Whitefish Point went well;

their Thanksgiving dinner will be Nov. 12 at the Terrace Bay Inn starting at 6 p.m.; and their Christmas dinner will be at the Chip-Inn Island Resort and Casino on Dec. 6 starting at 6 p.m.

Gary Carr, Unit V Marquette, reported that their Thanksgiving dinner will be held at Wahlstrom's Restaurant in Harvey on Nov. 1 starting at 6 p.m.; their Christmas dinner will also be held at Wahlstrom's Restaurant on Dec. 13 starting at 6 p.m.; their annual kids Christmas party will be held at the Peter White Lounge at Northern Michigan University on Dec. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Gary also reported that the Marquette Area Elders approved allocating \$122.60 to the proposed, elder-sponsored, student essay contest and scholarship program.

Nobody was in attendance to report for Unit 2 Hessel, or Unit 5 Munising. There were no members of the tribal board in attendance to offer comment at this place in the agenda.

Holly Kibble, Elder Services director, reported that she and her staff are gearing up for the upcoming holiday events and that her budget report was made to the board of directors on the various programs that she administers.

Two items were discussed under OLD BUSINESS:

The request for changes to the Elderly Advisory Committee (EAC) by-laws

that was submitted to the tribal board of directors (B.O.D.) in August was tabled and they, the B.O.D., requested that the EAC Committee meet with them to discuss the matter at a 1 p.m. workshop to be held on Oct. 30 at the Sault. This proposed meeting was discussed and the chairperson will call a special meeting for that date, time and location to comply with the B.O.D. request.

Since several of the subcommittees were either not represented or had not committed to donating the funds necessary (\$122.22) to establish the student essay contest and elder-sponsored scholarship, it was decided to revisit this item at the January meeting (the next regularly scheduled meeting). However, it was decided to proceed with an essay contest at this time with the members present committing to the \$11.11 necessary to initiate this program yet in 2007. Angeline Matson, Education Division director, was present and agreed to get the essay contest under way. She and her staff will administer the program. Bob Menard is to write an article for the newspaper explaining what the elders have in mind for both the essay contest and elder-sponsored scholarship.

There were four items on the NEW BUSINESS agenda:

Chairperson Menard reported that board of director input has been completed on the proposed

new constitution and that a meeting has been scheduled for the Constitution Committee to hopefully come up with a final draft that can be sent to the tribal membership for a vote. The meeting, open to the public, is to be held at Kewadin Casino in the Sault on Oct. 26 and 27.

In addition to a summary of the Elderly Advisory Committee meeting minutes, Chairperson Menard was authorized to write two articles for the "Elder advisory briefs" section of the tribal newspaper, one relating to the proposed elder-sponsored programs for our students and one to express the appreciation of the tribal elders for the many programs and benefits the tribe provides for tribal members.

Several members of the Committee who had attended the recent Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, offered their appraisal of the meeting. All thought that it was an excellent experience.

The annual election of officers was held. Phyllis Colegrove was elected secretary. Jerome Peterson was elected vice chairman and Bob Menard was elected chairman.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Jan. 28, 2008, at the Newberry Community Center.

The four sacred medicines and their uses

Dear Aunties:
What are the four sacred medicines, and what are they used for?

Boozhoo!
The aunties are really pleased to hear this question; they take me gathering for these sacred medicines through out the year. Why, they even have a friend, who has a friend, who has a friend, who has a friend, who has an acquaintance who grows tobacco in the "old" way. So let's start right here.

Tobacco (Asemaa) is considered the first of the four sacred medicines. Asemaa is often used in prayer and thanksgiving. You can take a pinch of it in your left hand and say a prayer, or just hold it and your energy and inner most feelings and thoughts will be absorbed by the tobacco. Then you can offer it to the water, the earth,

Ask the Aunties



a fire, or to a pipe (pawaagon). If you offer Asemaa to another person, you do so because you want to express the sincerity of your request; and if the person takes it in agreement, they also do so with sincerity and honor. Hence a sort of pact is made between the two individuals.

Cedar (Giizhig) is often used in a protective manner. We use Cedar in a variety of ways. We make a circle out of it to place around us when we are fasting, we use it as a smudge to burn, we hang it over our doors and windows, we bathe in it, make a tea of it, and the Aunties even put little bits of it in their shoes.

Sage (Moshkodebak) is most often used as a cleanser or smudge. When it is lit and burned it "pushes" away negative feelings or energies that might be lingering about. Thus, you will see this Medicine burned at almost every ceremony to ensure that negative thoughts and feelings stay far away. The Aunties are always burning this at the cribbage and poker games, go figure eh?

Sweetgrass (Wiingosh) is one of my favorites. It's sweet, inviting smell tells the story of its medicine. Wiingosh takes

over where Moshkodebak (Sage) leaves off. Sweetgrass calls the positive energies in. It calls to the good spirits to come and be participants of the ceremony underway. I personally use it right after I smudge my house with sage. The aunties say that if you are going to "push" something negative out, you should then replace that void with something good.

The aunties want to remind you that these are very basic ways that these medicines can be used. If you want to know more about them, take asemaa (tobacco) to an elder, or to Harlan or Jake at the Community Health Clinic. You can also call the Cultural Department at (906) 632-7494, and someone there would be more than happy to help you.

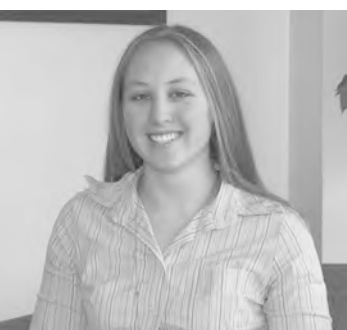
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Those with a question for the aunties can write to them in care of the newspaper (see page 2 for contact information).

Disclaimer:

The opinions and views of the Aunties may not reflect the opinions of this Newspaper, the Sault Tribe, or any of its employees or affiliates. Furthermore, although we are all Anishinaabek, we understand things from our own unique perspectives. Therefore, it is our intention that no one will regard the contents of this column as that of Absolute.

Tribal member moves to culture department



Laura Porterfield, pictured at left, was hired Oct. 15 as the Culture Department's new assistant camp coordinator. She will assist the tribe's camp coordinator, Bud Biron, with everything from ordering supplies to scrubbing pots. One day she might be outside helping with a smoked fish camp, and the next she

might be indoors helping with a beadworking program.

The 23-year-old tribal member most recently worked for YEA at its Sault Ste. Marie site, but she wanted to try something different. So far she loves her new job, and at the same time she still gets to see many of the kids she saw at YEA when

they attend camps at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island.

Although Porterfield grew up in the area, she does not know much about the Anishinaabe culture, and her new job gives her the opportunity to learn more — hopefully for many years to come.

Announcing 2008 prevention activities

Announcing American Indian Substance Abuse, Sault Tribal Health Division, Cultural Prevention Activities for 2008. For more information or to sign up, call (906) 635-6075 or 1-800-726-9105 and ask for either Selina McLean or Cindy Thomas.

Winter Women's Wellness Gathering — Jan. 24 6pm to Jan 27, 12 p.m., at the Mary

Murray Culture Camp
Spring Spiritual Gathering — April 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nigaanigiizhik
Spring Women's Wellness Gathering — May 15, 6 p.m. to May 28, 12 p.m., Mary Murray Culture Camp
Regalia Sewing Day in the Sault — June 7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nigaanigiizhik
Teen Wellness

— June 20 6pm to June 22, Noon, Mary Murray Culture Camp

Regalia Sewing Day in Manistique — TBA
Fall Women's Wellness Gathering — Sept 11, 6 pm to Sept 14, 12 p.m., Mary Murray Culture Camp
Men's Wellness Gathering,

October 2008, date and time TBA, Mary Murray Culture Camp

Fall Spiritual Gathering — Veteran's Pow-Wow, November 2008, Kinross
Regalia Sewing Day in the Sault — Dec 8, 8a.m. to 6 p.m., Nigaanigiizhik Center.

Ryes graduates MCOLS Academy



Tribal member Eric Rye of Pickford, recently earned Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certification after a 7-week MCOLES academy at Lake Superior University. Photo courtesy of John Shibley/LSSU.

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Births

EASTON WAYNE MCKERCHIE (Deer That

Runs With the Wind) was born to Harold (Joe) and Megan McKerchie of Mobile, Alabama on Oct. 1, 2007. Easton

weighed eight pounds nine ounces and joined two brothers, Austin ('Tchimakwa) and Gunner (Migisins) McKerchie.

Grandparents are Harold (Bud) and Linda McKerchie and Wayne and Karen Wallace, all of Mobile.

Great grandparents are Harold (Cub) and Mary McKerchie of Sugar Island, the late Thomas Watt and Dorothy Watt of Detroit. Betty Jo Cram and the late Edward Waldo Cram. The late Rich and Rosa Mae Wallace all of Mobile, Ala.

HUNTER DAVID SCOTT SICOTTE

Tribal member Theresa Marie Sicotte and Franklin

Arnold earns Eagle Scout honor



Tyler W. Arnold (Center), Troop 97 of the Gerald R. Ford Council, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on Feb. 20, 2007. He received his certificate and pin at his Court of Honor on October 19, 2007, presented by Scout Executive Matt Hogg. Tyler is the son of Kris and Mary Arnold of Wayland, Mich., shown in photo.

Young poet is published



Shelby Clark is the author of one of the high merit poems published in a 303-page anthology titled *Celebrate! Young Poets Speak Out, Great Lakes* — Fall 2006. The book showcases the original poetry of regional high school students.

The poem, My Mind's Eye, was written by Clark when she was a sophomore.

Clark is a junior at Dakota High School in Macomb Township, Mich., who has been on the varsity swim team since ninth grade and is an honor student. She is an avid reader, writer, swimmer and likes sports.

Allen Sicotte are the parents of a son, Hunter David Scott Sicotte, born Sept. 27, 2007, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Mich. He weighed seven pounds, 22 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are William and Debra Menard of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Scott and Barbara Sicotte of Marquette, Mich. Hunter has a big sister Cecilia and many cousins who are tribal members.

ANTHONY JOSEPH ALBERT BACKUS

Tribal member Nicole Dominique Backus and Anthony Carl Backus are the parents of a son, Anthony Joseph Albert Backus, born on May 24, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He weighed six pounds, 9.5 ounces and was 19.25 inches in length. Grandparents are William and Debra Menard of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Sandra and Robert Simmers of Kincheloe, Mich. A.J. has a big sister, Emma, and many cousins who are tribal members.

Joanne Umbrasas joins Housing Department as a project specialist



BY BRENDA AUSTIN

Joanne Umbrasas has worked in a variety of positions within different tribal departments over a 12-year period. Her experience as an administrator and grant specialist will serve her well in her new position as a project specialist for the Sault Tribe's Housing

Authority.

Her main focus will be to secure additional funding in the form of grants to enhance the department and its programs.

Umbrasas said she is very pleased to have accepted the job with Housing and appreciates the way she is treated as a valued employee. "The staff that I have met at this point make customer service their top priority. They don't just want their customers to be treated well but they also expect the same kind of customer service and respect to be reflected within their staff. Housing is very special in that they provide a real product for people that has life enhancing properties. As many years as I have been around the tribe I had no idea how vast housing has become."

Umbrasas said the department is always looking for

ways to improve housing sites within the seven-county service area. "The Housing Department looks at building a community, not just a housing site, and putting the needs of the community first. They have a very specific strategic plan and my job is to find the money to do the things recognized as community needs," she said.

Joanne is married to Helmut Umbrasas and has two children, Amanda and husband Mike "Seed" Fairchild of Drummond Island and Chris Cottelit (formerly Chris Roberts) and his new wife Kate who reside in Florida. She also has two grandchildren, Michael, 4, and Gus Fairchild, 3.

Joanne Umbrasas can be contacted at (906) 635-7707, ext. 57707, or by email at jumbrasas@saulttribe.net.

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LSSU's Native American Awareness Month

BY MALINDA MARSHALL

November is Native American Awareness Month on the Lake Superior State University campus. This is a chance for Native American students to share and celebrate their heritage with the rest of campus and the community. The Native American Center at LSSU, along with the Native American Student Organization (NASO), will be celebrating Native American Awareness Month by hosting and sponsoring various activities and events through out the month.

The art gallery, in room 205 of the Kenneth J. Shouldice Library, is being reserved for Native American students to display their artwork during the month of November. Christopher Fish will feature his regalia, appliqué, and beadwork. Students Natasha Therrien and Daniel Stinehart will also have their artwork on display. Stop by and see what the students have on exhibit.

Monday, Nov. 12, marks the much awaited first Indian Taco Sale of the semester. Indian taco sales cause quite a buzz on campus because they are a sought after treat. Members of NASO will sell the tacos in the library lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. tacos are \$3.50 and cans of soda will be available for \$1. Proceeds will be used in to fund the spring 2008 powwow. Come early and mark your calendars to make sure you don't miss out.

On Thursday, Nov. 15, the Native American Center is hosting a Native American Scavenger Hunt on campus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participation is limited to the LSSU campus community (the students, faculty, and staff). Participants must pre-register by sending an e-mail to ssabatine@lssu.edu or calling (906) 635-6664. Pre-registration starts on Monday, Nov. 12, and will remain open until the scavenger hunt begins at 9 a.m. on Nov. 15.

The questions for the scavenger hunt will be available for pick up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of correct answers to each question. Clues will be located throughout various departments on campus. The prizes are a hotel stay at Kewadin Casino, concert tickets for the Kewadin Box Office, and dinner for two at the Dreamcatchers Lounge. Prizes are courtesy of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. A big "Thank You" (Chi Miigwech) goes out to them.

Everyone who participates in the scavenger hunt is in for a treat because on Nov. 16 at the Native American Center, there will be frybread and chili at noon for those who participated in the scavenger hunt. Winners of the scavenger hunt will be announced at this time. Stephanie Sabatine, director of the Native American Center,

came up with the idea for the scavenger hunt. She describes it as "an excellent way to involve the campus community to celebrate Native American Heritage."

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Quarterdeck will feature a local Native American drum group who will play at the LSSU Cisler Center in the Quarterdeck from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. The Quarterdeck will also be serving traditional Native American foods that day during its normal lunch hours.

Please join the Native American Center and NASO in celebrating Native American Awareness Month at LSSU. Stop by the library to check out Native American students' artwork. Bring your appetite to the Indian Taco sale. Put on your detective cap and learn a thing or two along the way in the scavenger hunt and get free meal the following day and chances at a great prizes. Last, but not least, enjoy traditional drumming at the Quarterdeck while dining on traditional

Native American foods.

The Native American Center is located at 650 W. Easterday Ave. on the eastern edge of campus near the library. Please contact Stephanie Sabatine at (906) 635-6664 for more information on any of the upcoming events or visit the Native American Center's official website at www.nac.lssu.edu.

Malinda Marshall is the Public Relations assistant for the LSSU Native American Center.

JKL Bahweting gets best elementary school of the year



Elementary School Principal Lynn Methner (L) and Middle School Principal and K-8 Curriculum Director Carolyn Dale (R) receive "best elementary school" in Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac County from a Sault Evening News representative. (Photo by JKL Bahweting.)

Yes, kids, there really is a magic school bus

WASHINGTON — Science, imagination, education, healthier kids and a cleaner environment come together when Scholastic Inc. and EPA teamed up to clean up the Magic School Bus. Just released, "The Magic School Bus Gets Cleaned Up" — a new special edition book based on the popular Scholastic series — takes children on a smart, fun and colorful trip to learn what can be done to protect their lungs and their world from air pollution.

"President Bush and EPA are making that black puff of diesel smoke from school buses something children only learn about

in history class," said EPA Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock. "This book is a fun way to inspire our children to make our communities cleaner, healthier places to live."

"The Magic School Bus for decades has entertained children and educated them about how innovation and science can make the world better," said Leslye Schaefer, Scholastic Media Senior Vice President. "Scholastic is thrilled to join the EPA in its effort to educate children and their families about clean air — and to make The Magic School Bus more environmentally friendly at the

same time."

EPA Deputy Administrator Marcus Peacock read the book to second graders gathered in Cunningham Park Elementary School library in Vienna, Va., outside Washington, D.C. Afterward, the students boarded Scholastic's traveling Magic School Bus, which is an interactive science experience for children. The bus, which had a new diesel particulate filter installed, courtesy of Caterpillar Inc., has had its particulate matter pollution reduced by up to 90 percent.

Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of diesel emissions, which can cause respiratory disease and exacerbate long-term conditions, such as asthma. EPA has set stringent standards to dramati-

cally cut nitrogen oxides and particulate matter from new heavy-duty diesel engines, such as those used in school buses. EPA addresses emissions from the nation's existing fleet of school buses through Clean School Bus USA, a component of the National Clean Diesel Campaign. Clean School Bus USA brings together partners from business, education, transportation and public health organizations to eliminate unnecessary school bus idling, add pollution control devices to buses, and replace the oldest buses with new, cleaner buses. Because of Clean School Bus USA, more than 2 million students across the country are riding on cleaner buses. The special edition book is Clean School Bus USA's first partner-

ship with Scholastic.

Scholastic — the global children's publishing, education and media company — is celebrating The Magic School Bus book series' 20th anniversary this year as the Emmy award-winning television series marks ten seasons on the air. Over the years, millions of children have joined Ms. Frizzle as she takes her students on class field trips and scientific adventures. Kids can join the class by reading the books, watching the television show on The Learning Channel and Discovery Kids, and viewing DVDs.

More information about the book and how to order: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/schoolbus/msb-book.htm>. More about Clean School Bus USA: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/schoolbus>.

Get ready to send in grades for incentive award checks

Sault Tribe Higher Education reminds those tribal members who receive incentive award checks under the 2007-08 Higher Education Self-Sufficiency Program:

— Please make sure that when sending in grades that it includes: name, the school's name, the Fall Semester or Term 2007, and the grades.

— Keep in mind that checks cannot be issued until late January 2008.

— Checks cannot be processed for students who have no application on file, or students

who have not submitted their W-9 forms.

Send grades to: Sault Tribe Higher Education, 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie MI 49783, Fax (905) 635-7785, or e-mailed as a word document attachment to jlwton@saulttribe.net.

As always, please contact Higher Education with any questions or concerns at (906) 635-7784, 1-800-793-0660 (ask for Higher Education), jlwton@saulttribe.net

Higher Education is located at Chi Mukwa (Big Bear Arena), 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste Marie.

Thank you letters to Education Dept.

Dear Ms. Lewton,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the grant that I have recently received from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. Your past and continued support of my education at Michigan Tech has been very much appreciated.

Within the next two months, I will be interviewing with Marshfield, Aspirun Wausau, and Sacred Heath Eau Claire Hospitals in Wisconsin for the practicum that I will be completing next August following

my May 2008 graduation. Your support has been appreciated in helping me to complete my bachelors degree here at Tech.

Sincerely,
Jessica Aho
Iron River, Mich.

Education Department,
What a wonderful surprise it was to open the mail and receive the \$1,000 scholarship. It will be such a help to me in my pursuit of my higher education. I would like to thank the Higher Education Committee,

the tribal board of directors, and everyone who is involved with giving out the scholarships. I cannot thank you enough for your support and belief in me.

I am in my sophomore year at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. It is my great honor to represent my tribe and continue my endeavor in higher education. Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Jolene Bailey,
Oberlin, La.

ACFS Child Placement and ICWA work to promote tribal child welfare placements

1978 is not so long ago when talking about history. It was not until 1978 that congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Prior to ICWA, an alarmingly high number of Indian children were being removed from their homes by public and private agencies.

ICWA makes the public and private agencies apply a higher standard of proof in child welfare cases with tribal children. Before ICWA and with ICWA, Sault Tribe was fighting and continues to fight to protect the rights of tribal children and their families.

Try to imagine the difference

this act is making for tribal children. Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) Child Placement, also known as Binogii Child Placement Agency, upholds the Indian Child Welfare Act rights for Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian children and families. Because of ICWA, ACFS Child Placement has the right to review child welfare cases involving children that are out of the Sault Tribe service area, monitor treatment plans and make recommendations to the courts with authority over these cases. ACFS Child Placement currently monitors

94 child welfare cases out of the Sault Tribe service area, making a difference in each case. (ICWA does not apply to divorce custody placements)

Most tribal members would not realize ACFS Child Placement offers a much larger variety of child welfare services than other public or private agencies. State programs have taken drastic cuts, while ACFS Child Placement has secure existing child welfare services, maintain the child's culture and heritage, and has established additional caseworkers and services.

The extensiveness of services

surpass ICWA requirements; services such as a Child Welfare Committee operating independently of ACFS, a multi-disciplinary team made of a group of local professionals meeting to coordinate services for children who are victims of abuse, and numerous in-home services for child welfare cases assist child placement in meeting the best interest of the child.

ICWA reinforces ACFS efforts to keep American Indian children with American Indian families and ACFS honors ICWA. The majority of ACFS child welfare cases receive in-home services and these ser-

vices keep families together. Most children in foster care are placed with relatives and a tribal foster home campaign has been initiated to increase the availability of tribal homes.

Occasionally, adoptions are necessary for the best interest of tribal children and ACFS Child Welfare has an exceptional record of keeping adoption with family members or other tribal homes.

ICWA and ACFS Child Placement services are complex. The two work hand in hand to ensure to protect the placement of tribal children.

Giving to the community

"Dear ACFS Fundraising, On behalf of Sault Tribe's Head Start, Early Head Start and Child Care Center, I would like to extend our appreciation for your donation to the Reading is Fundamental Family of Readers Program. Your generosity will provide 495 books to 165 tribal children.

*Sincerely,
Anne Suggitt"*

The ACFS Fundraising Committee began in 2003 and worked hard again this year to live up to its mission: "Lead fundraising activities to enhance ACFS relations and sponsor youth and family community events."

The donation to Head Start is one of many contributions made in 2007. The committee supported the following activities: Children's prizes for the New Year's Powwow, Sault Ste. Marie Family Celebration, St. Ignace Family Day, Manistique Family Event (approved), Kincheloe Family Event, Advocacy Honor Breakfast, Teen Lock-in, Father Daughter Dance, Sault Tribe Powwow Children's Area, Promise Dance (youth drug free prevention), Nightmare on Bear Street, prizes for the ACFS Fun Wheel and most recently approved funds for a Manistique New Years Sobriety Drum Social. Many of these activities could



Committee members in 2007 are (back left) Dan Doyle, Amber Visnaw, Kelly Smart (front left) and Julie Menard. Not pictured is Shirley Goudreau and Sharon Hutchinson from the Manistique Office.

not be funded with monies from grants or government funds and may not occur without the efforts of the ACFS Fundraising Committee.

The committee has taken the lead to raise monies with monthly fundraising activities. During 2007, the committee held a white elephant sale and silent auction, breakfast with the Easter bunny, and close to a half a dozen other breakfasts. Four ice cream socials were given and two spaghetti lunches. In addition, the Ruth Pickem at the Lambert office has been selling popcorn and

"to go" drink mix for water and in Manistique ACFS staff have been selling Popcorn, pop and candy bars.

Looking ahead, the committee has started drafting a calendar of fundraising activities and would like to initiate a pledge form. Contributing to youth and family community events is something anyone can do and will find rewarding. The ACFS Fundraising Committee invites you to get involved or help out with fundraising activities or sponsored events just contact Amber or Julie at (906) 632-5250 or 800-726-0093.



Home Improvement Program

Funds have been restored to the BIA – Indian Services budget for 2008

To receive 2008 funds applications must be received by Nov. 30, 2007

Repairs are intended for low income homes to bring the condition of the home up to standard conditions. The goal is to eliminate substandard housing for tribal members.

Examples can include but are not limited to structural such as: roof repairs, foundation, windows, exterior paint or siding; major systems such as: plumbing, heating, electrical and accessibility accommodations such as: ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms. In some cases, if the home is too substandard, it is possible to be funded for a new home. *Each project is evaluated case by case based using the following guidelines.*

Homeowners meeting the following guidelines are encouraged to apply.

Income guidelines:

- 1 person-\$12,763 or less
- 2 person-\$17,113 or less
- 3 person-\$21,463 or less
- 4 person-\$25,813 or less

Each additional person add \$4,350

Additional guidelines include:

- Applicants must live in the seven county service area (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Schoolcraft, Mackinac, or Marquette).
- Home must be in substandard condition.
- Must be your year around residence.
- Must possess a record of deed.
- Must be an enrolled Sault Tribe member.
- Provide a copy of your Social Security Card
- Points are necessary, based on factors such as: number of children, age & disabilities.

In addition to the Home Improvement Program there are other services such as: weatherization, and sanitation for home improvements which have other guidelines.

To receive information contact any ACFS office or ACFS 2864 Ashmun on the third floor of the Sault Tribe Health Center or call 800) 726-0093 or 632-5250.

McPherson shares letter with membership

I have resigned my position of Director of Anishnabek Community and Family Services as of November 23rd 2007. I have been with the tribe's social services program for 28 years and I have enjoyed the challenges and opportunities that this position brings. The Director of ACFS can do little by themselves, it has been the staff of ACFS that has provided the membership with the caring, dedicated, resources to help our membership and they remain here to provide a smooth transition with a new Director. I regret that I can not personally speak directly to each friend, co-worker, member, and family prior to my departure. I am leaving on Thanksgiving and it is symbolic of my thankfulness in having had the time to get to know you and to have been able to help in a small way for our community.

I will never forget the wonderful friendship, great memories, and my superb opportunity of working for our tribe and community.

*Best regards to all,
Christine McPherson*

November is American Diabetes Awareness Month

During American Diabetes Month, which is recognized every November, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is focusing on the "Many Faces of Diabetes" within the community. Nearly 21 million children and adults have diabetes and an additional 54 million are at-risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

During the week of Nov. 5, the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program and Sault Tribe Community and Rural Health staff will raise awareness about the importance of knowing the risk factors and symptoms associated with diabetes, as well as its serious and life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation. To help prevent



this epidemic from growing further, Sault Tribe community health educators, dietitians, community health nurses, community health technicians, and diabetes educators will be setting up displays at each of the five Kewadin Casinos.

Kewadin Casinos, Sault Ste. Marie will also be offering a "Healthy Choice Special" at the Upper Deck Cafeteria in order to encourage healthy eating. Promoting healthy lifestyles in the workplace can help to prevent type 2 diabetes and its complications, saving companies thousands of dollars a year.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association has offices in every region of the country, providing services to hundreds of communities. For more information, please visit www.diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2382).

Great American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout is sponsored annually in November and challenges people across the nation to stop using tobacco and raises awareness of the many effective ways to quit for good. If you are a commercial tobacco user, this is a great time to consider quitting once and for all!

Approximately 22.1 percent of Michiganders smoke and 62.2 percent of these adult smokers have tried to quit smoking in the past year. Research shows that quitters are most successful when using a combination of methods, including such things as stop smoking medications, coaching, classes, self help materials and a strong support network of family and friends.

If you or someone you know is thinking about quitting, there are many quit tobacco programs available in Michigan.

Your insurance plan, including Medicare or Medicaid may pay for quit programs or even medications that could help. You will need to call your insurance plan to see what your coverage is. In addition to your insurance, there are many free or low cost smoking cessation resources available to help:

THE SAULT TRIBE TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM: When you are ready to quit, call (906) 632-5210 or call your local tribal health center.

MICHIGAN TOBACCO QUIT LINE – (800) 480-QUIT (7848): A free service to help people who are ready to quit. Talk with a professionally trained smoking cessation coach 24 hours a day. Receive information, a Quit Kit or referrals to local programs.

FREE MICHIGAN QUIT KITS: 1-800-537-5666 or www.healthymichigan.com.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/tobacco: Get quit tobacco materials and information.

Quit Net: www.quitnet.com: Quit Net offers information and support chat rooms.

Nicotine Anonymous: www.nicotine-anonymous.org: Information, support, literature, and referrals.

American Lung Association of Michigan: www.ALAM.org: Includes Freedom From Smoking, an on-line smoking cessation program.

American Cancer Society: www.cancer.org, (800) 227-2345. Free materials, quit kits and referrals.

American Heart Association: www.americanheart.org, (800) 242-8721. Free materials.

Make a commitment to wellness. Participate in the Great American Smokeout and quit using commercial tobacco for good!

Healthy Heart Program is Rewarding

BY MARLENE CRISP AND DARLENE PEARSON

As identical twins, we do many things together. The most beneficial thing we've ever done was starting the Healthy Heart Study in February of 2006. Through this program, we've gradually changed our lifestyle to include healthy habits. Our teachers taught us to monitor our eating and gradually increase our activity. Now it's a natural part of our life and will continue to be.

The focus of the program is to improve heart health by achieving more normal blood sugar levels, maintaining proper

blood pressure, and bringing lab readings to normal. The purpose of this study isn't weight loss, but we've both lost over twenty pounds so far. We have fewer aches and pains, more energy and a more positive attitude as a result.

Diabetes coordinator Linda Cook and Dietician Stacy Story gave us serious but good natured positive lessons. We began by changing our food intake to follow the diabetes eating plan. There were no food restrictions, but we were asked to add more fruits and vegetables and whole grains while lowering fats and salt.

With the encouragement of the ladies, we've added activities like walking, biking, weight lifting and yoga. The gradual way we introduced these made it easy. In fact, we are more active overall. We also came to realize the importance of taking our meds as prescribed. We've learned that what we do influences our health, for good or for bad.

The Healthy Heart Study is a positive experience for both of us. We encourage anyone who wants better health to join. The minimal effort required pays back many times over in well being.

walk.

Less than 10 percent of Michigan's children walk to school. A generation ago it was the majority.

JKL Bahweting School is working to change this scene by forming a committee which will develop a Safe Routes to School proposal.

Jim Lucas, from MSU

Extension and Donna Norkoli, Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe program coordinator, met with parents at the October meeting of the JKL Bahweting Parent Action Council to talk about Safe Routes to School and to recruit interested parents to serve on the committee. For more information call Donna Norkoli at (906) 635-8844.

I have my life back!



At left is Tammy Weston before her weight loss .
At right, is Tammy today.



SUBMITTED BY DONNA NORKOLI, SAULT TRIBE STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ANISHINAABE COORDINATOR

Many people think that there is little or nothing you can do to prevent type 2 diabetes. Also, people believe that once you have diabetes there is little or nothing you can do to manage the disease or to prevent complications. But we all have the power to prevent or control diabetes through healthy eating and increased physical activity. This is the story of one person who changed her life and took control of her disease.

Tammy Weston is a Kewadin Casinos team member at the Hessel Casino. About one year ago she was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. "I felt miserable. I was sick all the time and I could hardly keep my eyes open during the day." Tammy made an appointment at the Sault Tribe Health Center. She remembers clearly the day Nurse Practitioner, Rae Ann Brand called her and told her she had type 2 diabetes. "I was devastated. I thought I could not get diabetes since it does not run in my family. I thought diabetes was hereditary."

Tammy was told she could not take the most common oral medication used to treat type 2 diabetes because of some liver problems and yet she did not want to be put on insulin. She was given three months to see if she could get control of her blood glucose levels without insulin. Brand referred her to Stacy Storey, registered dietitian at the Sault Tribe Health Center.

"The very first day I came home from my appointment with Stacy I dug out my old Richard Simmons videos and worked out. I couldn't even get through one video. Now I can work through two videos, no problem," laughed Weston. One year later she is physically active for ninety minutes daily. Tammy works out at Chi Mukwa three days a week and has a gazelle machine at home that she uses the remaining days of the week.

Storey encouraged Tammy to slowly cut out the pop and to make gradual changes from white products to whole grain products. Weston stated, "I also learned that a portion size is not as big as a dinner plate. I can't believe such simple changes made such a big difference." Storey also has Tammy monitoring her carbohydrate intake. Storey recommended a range of daily carbs for Tammy and emphasized protein at each meal and her bedtime snack.

"Stacy told me that you can't win against a craving. Don't

eliminate any food completely from your diet. I used to put a frozen pizza in the oven for a snack every night. Now I have it occasionally and it is a reward. I have a couple of pieces instead of half a pizza and I am happy."

The three month time limit was finally up and Nurse Practitioner Brand could hardly believe the progress Tammy had made. She had lost twenty five pounds and her A1C was down to 5.8 from 13.8. Her liver problems were gone. Even her asthma problems were disappearing. Weston said, "everything was falling into place. I felt wonderful."

One year later Tammy has lost one hundred pounds and her A1C is now at 5.0. The A1C test is a simple lab test that reflects your average blood glucose level over the last three months. It is the best way to know your overall blood glucose control during this period of time. An A1C of 6 or less is normal.

Now Tammy says her whole family is making healthy changes including going on walks with her. Recently she went on a family vacation to Niagara Falls which marked a great experience in her life. "I had never wanted to go because I couldn't walk very far. Now I out-walked my husband and my kids."

Tammy has a sit-down job at the Kewadin Casino Hessel but she makes an effort to move when possible, taking the stairs and walking around pushing in chairs. "At work I have been participating in some wellness programs sponsored by Kewadin Casinos and the Sault Tribe Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program. There is a small group of us working on making some healthy changes in our lives. We support each other. I recently won a tote bag of fruits and vegetables by participating in a 5-a-day challenge in September."

Tammy wants everyone to know how great the resources are at the Sault Tribe Health Center. "You don't need to have lots of money for expensive programs. The help is right here."

"I have been overweight my whole life. I tried fad diets – watch out they don't work. I lost some weight but I gained it all back. Simple changes make the biggest difference.

If there is anything I can say to someone who is just finding out they have diabetes, it is that you can change the outcome by making small lifestyle changes one day at a time. I have diabetes but I control the disease it does not control me."

Tribe collaborates with Chippewa County for successful annual flu clinic drill



Incident Command- LSSU students employed with the Department of Public Safety made sure all in-coming and out-going communications were directed to the proper individuals. Left, standing, Nick Lemcool and Chris Betres, both studying fire science at LSSU and sitting, Ashley Skiera and Kara Klupacs, both criminal justice students.

By Brenda Austin

The tribe, in collaboration with 12 Chippewa County agencies, held a successful fifth annual Community Flu Clinic, administering over 3,000 shots in six hours.

Sault Tribe Health Clinic Operations Manager Joel Lumsden, who served as co-incident area commander of the community flu clinic, said, "We model the clinic as if there were a real emergency for the purpose of practice and to make sure everyone knows what to do in the case of a real scenario. This was a mass vaccination drill to prepare people in Chippewa County in case we

ever need to vaccinate a large section of people. Our goal, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, is to figure out how we can vaccinate 38,000 people within 48 hours."

In order to meet that goal about 800 vaccinations an hour would have to be given.

Flu clinic locations included six sites with the main hub for "incident command" being located at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. The other sites were Northern Urgent Care Clinic in Kinross, the Bay Mills Resort Horizons Center, the DeTour Village Township Hall and a drive-through clinic at the airport

hangar at Sanderson Air Field in Sault Ste. Marie. There was also a location for students only at Sault Area High School's student clinic.

Security was tight at Chi Mukwa Arena during the drill. "We use the incident command structure during these exercises, this structure is used at all levels of government. There is a presidential directive stating that in order to receive federal funds and be able to be reimbursed by FEMA, federal and state agencies must utilize the incident command structure. It is very effective," Lumsden said.

that because it creates a good environment for emergency response. We share a lot of responsibilities and have a lot of good resources to add to the drill. It is a great cooperative effort between agencies within our community."

Dr. Aldridge said in the event of a real emergency the clinic would run for 48 hours day and night with less detailed and more simplified paperwork to get people in and out quickly. "At any one given time one of our goals is to be able to take a 'snapshot' at incident command to know exactly how many immunizations have been given

center of operations due to the way the facility is laid out. "Chi Mukwa has a lot of potential and I think we will capitalize on our strengths in the future if we have to meet that emergency. You would probably see more drive-through clinics across the county as well, not just at Sanderson Air Field," he said.

Lumsden said, "We had over 150 volunteers from the community and different agencies who all came out and did a great job. A lot of those people were on their own time. There is more to a clinic this size than just walking through the door and getting your shot. It took months of planning. They is why we need to keep having it annually. You have to keep in mind that when an event happens we are not going to have that two-month planning period. We will probably have a few days, weeks at the most."

In addition to the Sault Tribe, other agencies participating in the Community Flu Clinic were: Bay Mills Indian Community, Lake Superior State University, United States Coast Guard, War Memorial Hospital, Chippewa County Health Department, American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team, Michigan Department of Community Health, Region Eight State Police Commander Don Brown, United Way of Chippewa County and Northern Urgent Care Clinic.

Those who have not yet received their flu vaccination are asked to contact their family physician or local medical agency.



Photos by Brenda Austin

Leona Kay, a Chi Mukwa employee, receives her flu shot from Melanie Henson, senior nursing student at LSSU.

According to the medical director for the flu clinic exercise, Dr. Scott Aldridge, "The Chippewa County Health Department is the lead agency because they are the ones ultimately responsible. The Sault Tribe plays a large part in this drill and we are happy to do

and how many are left. There are other factors as well such as big rushes after school when we need to be able to move immunizations effectively, sometimes to different sites that are less busy."

Aldridge said he was pleased to have Chi Mukwa as the main

Health Department holds open house for Sault High Adolescent Care Center

SAULT STE. MARIE — On Oct. 27, the Chippewa County Health Department held an open house for the Sault Health Adolescent Care Center (SHACC), a student-based health center located at the Sault Area High School in Room 601.

The SHACC has been serving students since January 2006 and offers a variety of services to students who attend Sault High, Sault Middle School, Malcolm High School and the Career Center.

Services provided to students include physicals, immunizations, acute care, mental health counseling, and education sessions. The SHACC values input regarding services from students and parents and offer the opportunity for membership on Student and Parent Advisory Councils.

For more information please contact Karen Senkus at (906) 253-3103 or log onto the Chippewa County Health Department Web site at www.chippewahd.com.

Free Heart Support Group meetings

The next two Heart Support Group meetings will take place Thursday, Nov. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

At the November meeting, obstructive sleep apnea, sleep deprivation and cardiovascular disease will be discussed by Dr. Margaret Moen on videotape.

The theme of the December meeting is "heart healthy holidays" with samples of healthy holiday foods and information about stress management, physical activity, recipes, and

gift ideas to help you stay on track this holiday season.

Heart Support Group meetings take place at the first floor auditorium of the Sault Tribal Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

They are a free service made available to all members of the community by Sault Tribe Health Center, War Memorial Hospital, and Chippewa County Health Department. There is no need to pre-register.

For more information call Betty Noland at 632-5210.

U-M opens new inflammatory breast cancer clinic, one of few in U.S.

BY NICOLE FAWCETT

ANN ARBOR — Everyone knows to be concerned about a lump as a sign of breast cancer. But there's another type of breast cancer — much more rare and much more lethal — that has as its primary sign redness, sometimes without any lump.

Inflammatory breast cancer represents up to three percent of breast cancer diagnoses in the United States, but it is a particularly aggressive form of the disease that can be fatal in a few months if untreated.

"This disease needs immediate diagnosis to save lives. The mortality is high, but there's a lot that can be done. You can live 10 to 20 years or longer with treatment," said Sofia Merajver, M.D., Ph.D., co-director of the Breast Oncology Program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Merajver, internationally known for her research into this rare type of cancer, will direct a new clinic at the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center specifically for inflammatory

breast cancer. The clinic will allow women to receive state-of-the-art care and research opportunities. It is one of only a handful of sites in the country to specialize in inflammatory breast cancer, and the only site in Michigan.

Inflammatory breast cancer is a very aggressive type of cancer in which the cancerous cells move rapidly throughout the breast and clog the lymph vessels in the skin, causing the breast to look swollen, red, itchy or inflamed. It's often mistaken for a rash or infection and many women are initially treated with antibiotics or steroids.

"There are many options for treating this disease. In many cases, the treatment is going to be on and off for life. There will be times of remission, but this is a serious disease that has a high chance of recurring," said Merajver.

Because the disease tends to come back, it's important to have continuity of care and for doctors to know what treatments have already been tried or have failed. The new

U-M clinic will allow for this type of record-keeping, even if patients are treated by their community physicians or at other centers.

"The U-M Inflammatory Breast Cancer Clinic will be a clearinghouse where we can provide tertiary care and advice," Merajver says. She currently consults with oncologists from around the world about patients with inflammatory breast cancer and expects to continue this practice.

The Cancer Center expects to see about 80 patients per year at this clinic. About a quarter of those patients will come only for consultations and will eventually be treated in their community; the remainder will receive treatment at U-M.

Any woman with persistent signs of redness or inflammation on the breast that does not go away with antibiotics should be seen by the inflammatory breast cancer clinic. For an appointment or questions about inflammatory breast cancer, call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at (800) 865-1125.

BERNARD MANITOWABI

In loving memory of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather: Bernard "Ben" Manitowabi, who passed away peacefully in his home on Oct. 13, 2007. Bernard was born in Wikwemikong, Ont., Canada, on Sept. 7, 1921, to Joseph and Julia (nee Wakegijig) Manitowabi.

At age 12, he was taken from his family and sent to the Spanish Residential School in Spanish, Ont. When he turned 18, he went to work in the great Canadian Forrest cutting pulpwood. He joined the Canadian Army in 1944 and served in World War II on the European warfront as a medic. He landed in Normandy, joined Allied Forces and marched into Belgium. He held numerous jobs including: Algoma Steel, sailed the freighters on the Great Lakes, and the Sault Area Public Schools from which he retired in 1984. He was predeceased by his parents; four brothers, Stanley, Alphonse, Joseph, Daniel, Herbert; wife, Myra in 1994; son, Kenneth in 2007; and, Bova Grenier, foster father.

He loved watching the freighters sail by, fishing, camping, horseshoes, and watching sports (hockey, football, and baseball). He loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a very generous man and always willing to help anyone.

He is survived by a sister, Bernice Ward of British Columbia, Canada; his children, Mary Lenore Green (Rick Steinhaus), Raymond Manitowabi, and Bernard P. Manitowabi, all of Sault Ste. Marie, Joseph Manitowabi of Kinross, Lorraine Bouley of Rapid River, Luanne Manitowabi of Escanaba, Roberta Manitowabi (Paul Figuli) of Sault Ste. Marie, Roger Manitowabi (Jessica McCullough) of Wilson, Mich., Louis Manitowabi of Duluth, Minn., Virginia Manitowabi of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lisa Manitowabi of Kinross; grandchildren Carla (David) Feinauer of Bay City, Mich., Weston Cooper of Punta Gorda, Fla., Teresa Maviglia of Chicago, Ill., Jennifer Bouley and Sarah Bouley of Rapid River, Mich., Joseph Manitowabi, John Manitowabi and Martin Manitowabi all of Kinross, Mich., Anthony Manitowabi, Vincent Manitowabi, Eric Manitowabi, Stevie Manitowabi all of Escanaba, Mich., Ryan Manitowabi of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Nick Pavlat, Rachel Pavlat, Autumn Pavlat all of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Christie Blue, Amy Blue, Heidi Blue, Travis Blue all of Oshkosh, Wisc., Olivia Manitowabi, Sophie Manitowabi, Natalie Manitowabi all of Wilson, Mich., and Landon Manitowabi

of Duluth, Minn.; great-grandchildren Weston LaCross and Mariah LaCross of Bay City, Mich., and Haley Cooper and Kylie Cooper of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The family held traditional services at the Niiganagizhik Cultural Building, with prayer services a funeral mass at St. Joseph's Church.

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

David A. "Peteo" Campbell, 64, of Wisconsin Rapids died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at his home. A memorial service was held at the Feldner/Ritchay Funeral Home in Mekoosa, Wisc., with Rev. John Swing officiating.

Dave was born Sept. 6, 1943, in Munising, Mich., to Gordon and Audrey (Shamberger) Campbell. He was a longtime forester for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. For many years he worked at the Griffith State Nursery.

He is survived by six children, Dawn Hampton of Manistique, Mich., David Campbell Jr. of Washington, Jimmy Campbell of California, Randy (Jamie) Campbell of North Carolina, Richard Young of Michigan, and Lisa (Michael) Matzler of Seymour, Wisconsin; 14 grandchildren; three brothers, Gordon (Helen) Campbell of Milwaukee, Wis., James (Judy) Campbell of Manitowac, Wis., Don (Theresa) Campbell of Iron Mountain, Mich.; four sisters, Judy (Ron) Latvala of Munising, Candie (Bob) Hertzler of Pennsylvania, Joan (Emmett) Gundick of Sparta, Mich., and Lynn (Jim) Garipey of Munising. Dave was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Tim and Mark.

DAVID PAQUIN SR.

September 9, 1937 - October 10, 2007

David William Paquin Sr., 70, of Bemidji, Minn., died Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at Red Lake Indian PHS Hospital in Red Lake, Minn.

Funeral Services were Oct. 13, 2007, at the St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji with Rev. Vincent Miller officiating. Interment following cremation will be in St. Ignace, Mich.

He was born September 9, 1937, in St. Ignace, Mich., the son of William and Agnes (Moses) Paquin. He was raised and educated in St. Ignace graduating from LaSalle High School in 1956.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1956-1958; he was a M.P. stationed in Germany. He moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he married Barbara Northbird on October 1, 1960. The family moved to Michigan in 1966 where he graduated from Muskegon Community College with a degree in pipe-fitting-welding. He worked with

Union Local # 70 out of Grand Rapids as a pipefitter-welder. The family moved back to the Minneapolis area where he continued his work in construction, mainly in power plants. He was forced to retire due to health reasons in the mid-1970s. He started in his favorite business venture in Flea Marketing from Minnesota and Michigan to Arizona specializing in collectibles, turquoise, silver and Native American Art. He was a generous, giving person who enjoyed hunting, golf and watching sports such as boxing, baseball and football.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Paquin of Bemidji; two sons, Gregory Paquin of Bemidji and David, Jr. (Stacey) Paquin of St. Paul; two daughters, Michelle (Ernest) Paquin Johnson of Red Lake and Elaine Paquin of Shoreview, Minn.; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother and four sisters, Virginia, Doris, Ann and Ilene.

Casketbearers were Ernest Johnson, Greg, Mark and Joseph Wood, and Vernon and Jason Northbird.

DONALD RAY RICE

Donald Ray Rice of Sugar Island passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich., after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on March 20, 1956, Dearborn, Mich.

He enjoyed fishing, playing his guitar and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie Rice and children, Pam (Matt) Gervais, Jim (Linda) Williams, Rossie (Joe) Nasser, Donnie (Jessie) Rice and Earl Rice; his birch bark wife Donna Spencer and children Wade (Stacey) Spencer, Christine (Kyle) Sjöholm, Jeanann (Andrew) Gooch, and Angela Spencer; his adoptive mother, Catherine LaPointe; siblings William (Karen) Rice, Rick (Terry) Rice, Linda (Michael) Bell, Kim (Kaylii) Rice; several grandchildren including Ashley, Austin, Owen, Josie, Donnie, Devin, Tyler and Alea; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Mildred Rice.

Funeral Services were held at the Niiganagizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating. Final resting place is Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island. The family was assisted by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home.

Memorial Contributions to the Wilwalk Cemetery Statue Fund would be appreciated.

ELANOR IDALSKI

Elanor Idalski, 89, of Rogers City passed away Oct. 16, 2007, at Medilodge in Hillman surrounded by her family.

She was born April 23, 1918, in Cheboygan to Charles and Florence (Rabideau) Martineau. On Jan. 15, 1938, she married Michael Idalski at St. Charles Catholic Church in Cheboygan. Mrs. Idalski was a charter member of the Daughters of Isabella, a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, its Rosary and Altar Society's Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post #3209, and a life member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Mrs. Idalski is survived by eight children, Michael Jr. (Elaine) of Hillman, Patricia Idalski of Rogers City, Robert (Marcella) of Posen, Florence (Jerry) Wisniweski of Hillman, Nancy (George) Sytek of Gaylord, Mary (Jack III) Lawson of Knoxville, Tenn., Edward (Mary) of St. Ignace, and Donna (Larry) Hopp of South Haven; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; three grandchildren, Michael III, Dawn and Sapphire; three sisters and five brothers.

Mass of Resurrection was celebrated by Fr. Charles Donajkowski at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Interment took place in Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Medilodge of Hillman or St. Ignatius Catholic School in memory of Eleanor Idalski.

ROBERT D. CORP

Robert D. Corp of Algonac crossed over on Sept. 12, 2007, at Detroit Receiving Hospital. He was born May 14, 1932, in St. Ignace, Mich., to Phillip Corp and Helen Curnow.

Robert graduated from trade school and served in the U.S. Air Force. He later married Lorraine G. Garvin, and they enjoyed 35 years together.

Robert was a family man. He enjoyed reading, drawing, hockey, football, and baseball. Bob was a walking encyclopedia of information. He loved the country and animals especially his bullmastiffs, Ceaser and Beau.

Robert is survived by his children Helen (Flint) Corp, Carol (Lacy) Corp, Gaile (Norman) Corp, and Susan (Jones) Corp; his niece and nephew Phillip and Robin Corp; his grandchildren, Christina Babel, Jennifer (Bullard) Babel, Timothy Babel, Helen Flint, Robert Flint, Scott Kobe, Adam Kobe, Crystal Kobe, Christopher Maynard, Matthew Maynard, Benard Shovan, James Jones, Joshua Jones; his great grandchildren, Jarrett Childers, Lucas Kobe and Jerry Kobe; his great aunt Evelyn Corp; and his cousin, Robert

Nelson.

Robert was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lorraine G. Corp, his parents Phillip Corp and Helen Curnow, his brother Phillip (Ward) Corp, his sister Gail W. Corp, and his stepfather Ralph Howard.

Robert's wishes were to be cremated and laid to rest with his wife throughout eternity. A memorial service will be held June 29, 2008, in honor of his life.

VANDA KAY NOLAN

Vanda Kay Nolan was born on January 10, 1969 and went to her

untimely death on Tuesday October 23, 2007. She was loving mother to Derrick Nolan,



Samantha, Robert and Mandy McRorie; and step-mother to TiJean and Nicole; beloved daughter of John (Muggo) and Shirley Nolan; Best of friends with siblings Tammy Nystrom, Diane (Tom) Captain, Debbie (Ken) McDonald, Frank Nolan, John (Teresa) Nolan, Yolanda Nolan, Will (Katie) Nolan; kind and generous aunt to Areka (Jason) Blain, Jessica (Roger) Skindell, Austin, Laci and Tyler Lowes, Sheena and Kylee Nolan, Summers Captain, Calvin Nolan, Megan Schmidt, Shauna Denton, Frankie Nolan, Chenise, Alexis and J.J. Nolan, Arianna Nolan, Jacob Nolan; and great Aunt to Collin Skindell and Ava Blain. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends, long time friend of TiJean Vinette and special friend to Kayla and Brendan.

Vanda's many interests and passions included Harley Davidson motorcycles, attending bike rallies, traveling, gardening, photography, crocheting blankets, walking the boardwalk, reading thrillers, watching movies, avidly listening to music, with her favorite band being AC/DC. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Visitation was held at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home on Oct. 31, 2007. Funeral Mass was held at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church on Nov. 1, 2007, with Brother John Hascall as celebrant, followed by a luncheon at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building. Final resting place is Riverside Cemetery.

The family of Vanda Kay Nolan would appreciate memorials to the Advocacy Resource Centers Domestic Violence Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Sault Tribe and team member holiday special offered by Kewadin Lakefront Inn

We would like to say thank you to all Sault tribe members and team members this holiday season. To express our appreciation for your business throughout the year we are offering a special rate during this holiday season. Starting Nov. 11, through

Dec. 29, 2007 we are offering the following special rates at our Kewadin Casino Lakefront Inn, St. Ignace:

Standard room, \$39 plus tax. Whirlpool room, \$45 plus tax. Suite room, \$51 plus tax.

\$15 Kewadin Gold voucher for those who qualify.

When making your reservation, please state that you're a Sault tribe member or a team member. You must show your Sault Tribe card or team member badge and you must occupy the room. We accept cash, credit cards or payroll deduct for team members who qualify.

Bouley Family Reunion

Plans are underway for a large family reunion for the descendants of Edward and Katharine Bouley to be held Memorial Day weekend 2008. If interested in helping with planning, contact Angeline Bouley-Matson at (906) 632-7776 or angelinematson@yahoo.com. Updated family addresses needed. Miigwetch!

Sept. 4-Dec. 28: Homework and computer lab at YEA located at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Computer lab, Saturday; 11-4 p.m. Free tutoring. For information, call (906) 635-7010.

Sept. 4-Dec. 28: St. Ignace Youth Education and Activities Program homework lab, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3-5:15 p.m. Cultural activities, Tuesdays, 3-5:15 p.m. Tribal Youth Council meeting, Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. The lab is located at the St. Ignace Middle School, room 173. For more information, call 643-7262.

Sept. 4-Dec. 28: Escanaba Youth Education and Activities Program open homework and computer lab, Monday-Friday, 1126 Wigob, Escanaba. Thursday's lab will include culture and crafts and Friday is teen day. For more information, call 789-0976.

Sept. 4-Dec. 28: Munising Youth Education and Activities Program homework lab, Monday-Thursday after school until 5 p.m., Munising Schools, Native American room; Friday's cultural crafts, 3-5 p.m. Youth Council meetings are held bi-weekly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. For information, call 387-3861.

Sept. 5-Dec. 19: Tribal Youth Council, Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. at YEA, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Transportation provided. For information, call 635-7010.

Sept. 6-Dec. 28: YEA Game Day, Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. at YEA located at Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For information, call 635-7010.

Sept. 7-Dec. 28: The Dance Dance Revolution tournament is back! Join YEA every Friday, 4-6 p.m., Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Free gift certificates to the winner each week with a chance to win an MP3 player at the end of the school year! For more information, call 635-7010.

Sept. 8-Dec. 29: YEA Art Club at YEA, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. For more information, call 635-7010.

Sept. 10-Dec. 17: Explorations in Media, Mondays, 4-6 p.m. at YEA, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. For information call 635-7010.

Oct. 5-Dec. 26: Anishinaabemowin Language Class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., 531 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie. No sign up necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch. For information, call 632-6050.

Oct. 11-Nov. 17: Sault Tribe Artisans exhibit and sales, Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Bawating Art Gallery at Kewadin Casinos. Artisans can request a reservation by contacting Sharon Downs at 632-8368. Artisans must be Sault Tribe members.

Oct. 15-Dec. 17: Anishinabe Language class, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center. For information, call 484-2298.

Oct. 15-Dec. 17: Unit II Tribal Youth Council meeting, Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center. For information, call 484-2298.

Oct. 17-Dec. 19: Anishinabe Culture Class, Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center. Students in first-fifth grade can participate. For more information, call 484-2298.

Oct. 18-Dec. 27: Mukkwa Giizhik Drum Practice, Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center. For more information, call 484-2298.

Oct. 24-Nov. 30: It's a hunter's dream at Kewadin Casinos! Don't miss your chance to win an ATV package including a trailer by playing at any five Kewadin Casino locations! For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN.

Oct. 25-March 20: Free enrichment classes for elders. Sign up now. Spaces are limited, call 635-7010. Classes are open to anyone age 55 and older. Classes are offered by Community Consolidated School Services through a two percent grant from the Sault Tribe. Classes offered are Scrapbook/photo album class; Watercolor Sketchbook; Journaling for Beginners; Singing and Playing the Guitar, and Stained Glass for Beginners.

Oct. 29-Dec. 12: Learn to Swim, Session II, Free for Tribal Youth, Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-4:50 p.m., LSSU, Norris Center pool. There will be no classes on Nov. 19 or Nov. 21. Contact Jessica at 635-7770 to register.

Nov. 6-Dec. 15: The Sault Tribe Elder Advisory Committee is sponsoring the "Tribal Youth Essay Contest." The contest is open to all Sault Tribe members between the ages of 5-18, who are attending school, grades K-12. For questions, call Angeline Matson, Education Director at 635-4944.

Nov. 18: Tri County Detroit Area monthly chair meeting, Greektown Casino, Olive Room, Detroit, Mich., 12 p.m. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson to hear your issues, answer questions and give updates. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 19: The 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 questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Nov. 19: Tribal chairperson open office hours are held one Monday a month. The tribal membership can meet with the chairperson during open membership hours. These meetings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact Sue Stiver-Paulsen at 635-6050.

Nov. 19: The Unit V Munising Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings Munising Tribal Center, 4:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month. On the third Monday of the month the dinner, 6 p.m. Please use the west entrance. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Nov. 19: Gashkigwaas daa (Let's sew), 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Cultural Training Center, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. Learn how to build regalia for men, women and children from

instructor Edye Nichols. Sewing machines and material will be available. For information call 632-7494.

Nov. 19: Unit I monthly chair meeting, Mary Murray Culture Camp, Sugar Island, Mich., 6 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 19: Unit V Munising elder Thanksgiving celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Woodlands Restaurant, Shingleton. For questions, call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Nov. 20: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Hessel, 6 p.m. Open community, 5-6 p.m. For information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Nov. 21: Unit II monthly chair meeting, 5 p.m., Naubinway Pavilion, Naubinway, Mich. For information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 23: The Unit II Newberry Elderly Committee monthly meeting the fourth Friday of every month after the noon meal, Newberry Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Nov. 25: Mid Michigan monthly chair meeting, Grand Rapids, Days Inn, 310 Pearl St. NW/I-196, 12 p.m. For information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 25: Northern Lower Michigan monthly chair meeting, Gaylord, Mich., Location TBA, 6 p.m. For more information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 27: Escanaba Area Diabetic Support Group, Escanaba Health Center conference room, 10-11 a.m. For questions, call 786-9211.

Nov. 27 & 29: Move More - Feel Better, Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Nov. 27, 1-3 p.m. and Nov. 29, 5-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open to the public. For questions or to register, call Community Health at 632-5210.

Nov. 28: The Lambert Health Clinic will be closed all day for required AAAHC, HR, Safety, and CPI trainings.

Nov. 28: What was Never Told lesson 10 - Contemporary Acts of Self-Determination: What Was Never Told series, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., cultural training center, 532 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. Please join us for one or all the sessions. For information, call 632-7494.

Nov. 28: Unit III Board of Directors Fred Paquin and Keith Massaway are pleased to invite you to attend a Unit III meeting, 6 p.m., McCann Center, 399 McCann Street, St. Ignace. For questions, call Lona Stewart at 635-6050.

Nov. 28: Unit III monthly chair meeting, McCann Center, St. Ignace, 6 p.m. For information, call (888) 94-AARON.

Nov. 28: The Unit II Naubinway Elderly Committee monthly meeting held the last Wednesday of every month, Naubinway Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Nov. 29-Dec. 22: Sault Tribe Artisans exhibit and sales, Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Bawating Art Gallery, Kewadin Casinos.

Dec. 3 & 17: The Unit V

Munising Elderly Committee monthly meeting, Munising Tribal Center, 4:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month. On the third Monday of the month the dinner is at 6 p.m. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 3: Gashkigwaas daa (Let's sew), 5-7 p.m., Cultural Training Center, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information or to register, call Elaine Young at 632-7494.

Dec. 4: Sault Tribe Board of Directors meeting, Sault Ste. Marie, 6 p.m., Kewadin Casino Convention Center. Open community hour, 5-6 p.m. For information, call Joanne or Tara at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Dec. 5: What was Never Told lesson 11 - Rebuilding our way of life: What Was Never Told series, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., cultural training center, 532 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 632-7494.

Dec. 5: Unit I Sault Ste. Marie Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of every month after the noon meal, Nokomis/Mishomis, 2076 Shunk Rd. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 5: Culture Committee meeting. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at the Niigaanaagizhik building, 6 p.m. For more information, call 495-5165.

Dec. 6: Unit V membership meeting, 6 p.m., Victor Matson Sr. Community Center, Munising. Meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Dec. 6: The Unit V Marquette Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meetings, 6 p.m., Walstroms Restaurant the first Thursday of every month. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 6: Unit IV Escanaba elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Chip-In Island Resort and Casino, Hannaville. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 8: Sault Tribe children's Christmas party, Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center, 2 Ice Circle. For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

Dec. 8: The Sault Tribe children's Christmas party for DeTour, 1-3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Hall. For more information, call Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Dec. 8: Hessel children's Christmas party, 1-3 p.m. at the Hessel Tribal Center. For more information, call Lisa Burnside at 484-2298.

Dec. 8: Marquette County Children's Christmas party for ages birth - 17 at the NMU University Center, Peter White Lounge, 1-4 p.m. Sign up deadline is Dec. 5. Sign up by calling (866) 279-8323.

Dec. 10: Unit V Munising elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Woodlands Restaurant, Shingleton. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 11: Bone marrow registry at the Sault Kewadin Casino Blood Drive, 10-4 p.m. Whitney Jo Anderson, 9, is a student at Bahweting who is currently being treated at UofM

for Leukemia. We are in urgent need of Native Americans to volunteer for the bone marrow registry to find a potential donor for Whitney Jo who needs a stem cell transplant. Several bone marrow registry days are being sponsored in her honor. You must be 18 years old or under 61 years of age to donate, fill out an application form with signature and swab the inside of your mouth. For more information, please call 632-5283 or the National Marrow Donor Program at (800) MARROW-2.

Dec. 11: Enjoy Living Smoke-Free - Yes, You Can! Honoring the Gift of Heart Health, Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m. and Dec. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium, 2864 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. Open to the public. For questions or to register, call 632-5210.

Dec. 11: Unit I, II and III elder Christmas celebration dinner, doors open at 10:30 a.m., Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater. For questions, please call the Elder Services Division at 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 12: What was Never Told lesson 12 - What Does the Future Hold? What Was Never Told series, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., cultural training center, 532 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 632-7494 or 322-3961.

Dec. 12: Unit IV Manistique Elderly Committee will be holding monthly meeting on the second Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. after the noon meal at the Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 12: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Conservation Committee Meeting, 6 p.m. Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie. For information, call 635-6050.

Dec. 13: The Unit IV Escanaba Elderly Committee will hold the monthly meeting at the Terrace Motor Inn the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 13: Lunch n' learn, Gashkigwaas daa (Let's sew), 12-1 p.m. at the Cultural Training Center, 531 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie. For more information or to register, call Elaine Young at 632-7494.

Dec. 13: Heart Support Group, Heart Healthy Holidays, 2-3:30 p.m., Sault Tribal Health Center, 2864 Ashmun St. For more information, call Betty Noland at 632-5210.

Dec. 13: Unit IV Manistique elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Manistique Tribal Center. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 13: Unit V Marquette elder Christmas celebration dinner, 6 p.m., Walstrom's Restaurant, Harvey. For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

Dec. 13: Country Christmas Tour, 7 p.m., Kewadin Casinos DreamMakers Theater, Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, call 1-800-KEWADIN.

Dec. 14: The Unit III St. Ignace Elderly Committee will hold their monthly meeting the second Friday of every month after the noon meal at the McCann School. Call 643-7710

YEA brings culture to class

MANISTIQUE — The Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities Program Youth Service Coordinator Patty Teeples and Manistique Area Title VII Program Coordinator Janet Krueger have been busy bringing Anishinaabe culture into the classroom.

The two developed a Powerpoint presentation consisting of powwows and drum socials. Along with students and volunteers, Teeples and Krueger go into the classroom dressed in their regalia. They talk about their regalia and what it means to them, then give a dance demonstration and explain the different styles of dances and dancers. At the end,

they invite the youth to dance with them.

Teeples and Krueger said it gives the Native American students a sense of pride.

“We are looking forward to the school year and sharing our culture with our community,” they added.

At right, Dakota Robitaille and Madison Ozanich (L-R) pose in their regalia. Behind them are (L-R) Janet Krueger, Patty Teeples and fancy shawl dancer, Kayla Houghton. Behind Patty is her husband, Terry.



Make a Difference Day 2007



John Menard makes cards for tribal elders during a local Make a Difference Day organized by Maagwejig. Photo by Sonnet Quinn.

THE MAAGWEJIG VOLUNTEER CENTER

Volunteering builds strong families and connects our community. Each person has a gift to give; choose to be a gift-giver and volunteer with your tribe!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Elder's Annual Christmas Dinner — December. Volunteers needed to help with registration, serve food, and pass out fliers and tickets.

New Years Eve Powwow — January 1. Gain the satisfaction of serving and help with set-up and / or clean-up.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES:

Moving Volunteer: Lend a hand and help an elder or disabled member move.

Teen Drop-In Volunteer: The Teen Drop in Center is in need of volunteers as it works on filling empty staff positions.

Volunteer Driver: Provide much needed transportation to appointments.

Volunteer Tax Preparer: Help prepare income taxes for eligible families.

To get involved call the Maagwejig Volunteer Center at 635-6050 or send an e-mail to volunteer@saulttribe.net.

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Weekly Events

Christmas Pick My Seat Play Trick or Treat

Random table draws Tuesdays in November from 4-8pm

Rapids Lounge Entertainment Sault Ste. Marie

Comedy starts at 8pm — Thursday

- Nov. 22 - Allyn Ball & Patrick Fisher
- Nov. 29 - Derek Richards (Derek Marcy) & Kevin Kravis
- Dec. 6 - Michael Dean Ester & Bill Arrundale
- Dec. 13 - Dan Ellison & Todd Link

Live Music starts at 9pm Friday & Saturday

- Nov. 23 & 24 - Bad Side
- Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 - Uncle Ugly
- Dec. 7 & 8 - Uncle Ugly
- Dec. 14 & 15 - Touch of Class

Northern Pines Entertainment - St. Ignace Wednesday Comedy Shows start at 9pm

- Nov. 21 - Allyn Ball & Patrick Fisher
- Nov. 28 - Derek Richards (Derek Marcy) & Kevin Kravis
- Dec. 5 - Michael Dean Ester & Bill Arrundale
- Dec. 12 - Dan Ellison & Todd Link

Live Music starts at 9pm Friday & Saturday

- Nov. 23 & 24 - Showdown
- Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 - Touch of Class

Manistique Comedy Night Every Friday Night

- Nov. 23 - Allyn Ball & Patrick Fisher
- Dec. 7 - Michael Dean Ester & Bill Arrundale
- Dec. 14 - Dan Ellison

Live Band Friday & Saturday
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
Soul Express

Tribal Members in Sault pro boxing show

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Tribe members Francis McKechnie, Phil McKechnie and Randy McCrorie fought in a professional boxing show at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center on Oct. 18.

The main event came in the form of a bout between former Baltimore, Md., heavyweight champion, Hasim Rahman, and Cerrone Fox of Benton Harbor, Mich. Fox went down after Rahman pummeled him into a knockout soon after the start of the first round.

Francis McKechnie went up against Detroit middleweight fighter Ibrahim Mihtar. McKechnie lost in the second round to a technical knockout. Mihtar's record is 36 wins and two losses since 2005.

Phil McKechnie emerged as the Sault super middleweight champion by a unanimous decision after a four-round bout with

Randy McCrorie.

Other contenders on the roster for the show were welterweights Vernon Paris of Detroit winning a unanimous eight-round decision over John Brown of Atlantic City, N.J.; female minimum weight fighter Tara Davis of Merrill, Mich., scored a four-round decision over Gina Abel of Chickasha, Okla.; heavyweight Raphael Butler came from Rochester, Minn., to win by a unanimous decision over Sam Commings of Lansing in the fourth round; and Jason Wahr of Manistee, Mich., and Alexis Hloros of Clinton Township, Mich., fought a four-round draw.

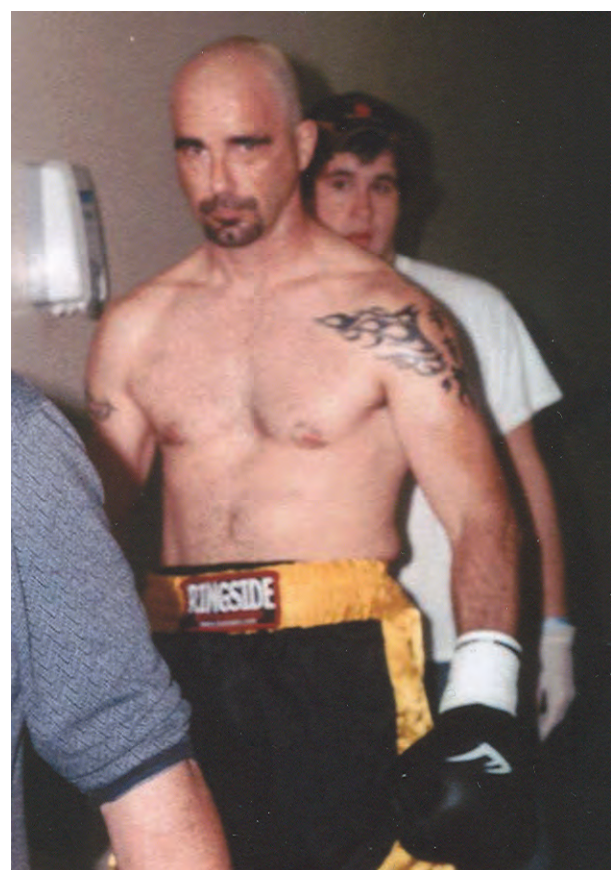
The show was put on by down state companies Carlos Llinas International Productions and Blue Cap Promotions and aired on Fox Sports Network.



Francis McKechnie



Phillip McKechnie



Randy McCrorie

Nightmare on Bear Street a huge success!

FROM RECREATION

With the 11th annual party switching to the Sunday before Halloween, more families joined in the festivities as the lobby, volleyball court, basketball court, mezzanine area, and parking lot were jam-packed.

The upstairs mezzanine was decorated as a haunted school, including classrooms, nurse's office, library, principal's office, chemistry lab, janitor's closet, cafeteria, gymnasium, and wood shop. There were 80 costumed ghouls scaring over 900 patrons and distributing candy in the haunted area of the facility.

The volleyball court served as the "Not So Scary" area for those 10 and under. This area was decorated with ghosts, spiders, skeletons, motorbikes, and pumpkins and contained no live characters. An overwhelming 1,500 plus patrons trick-or-treated through this area.

Our basketball court housed the Halloween games and costume contest. A dozen or so games were offered for patrons to win more candy. The costume contest included four categories with a total of 164 youth participating. The generous cash prizes were sponsored by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors.

Just prior to the party ending, the fire alarms sounded resulting in a full evacuation. It was determined that dense fog used to create theatrical affects near an upstairs air handling unit triggered the fire alarms. All patrons evacuated safely and unfortunately the party concluded.

This event would not have been possible without the support of the following individuals and businesses: Sault Area Public School's Transportation Department, Anishinabek Community & Family Services, Youth Education and Activities Department, All In One Fitness Club, Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, Sault Tribe Shipping and Receiving, Sault Tribe Housing, Sault Tribe Administration, Sault Tribe Construction, Sault Tribe Board of Directors, Superior Physical Therapy, War Memorial Hospital, Federal Employees of Chippewa County Credit Union, Soo Coop Credit Union, Soo Coop Grocery Store, Guido's Pizza, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Sears, Erickson's Appliance, JCPenney, All-Star Graphics, Chippewa County Sheriff's Office, Rent-A-Center, Glen's Market, WalMart, Palace Saloon, Gary and Joan Hill, Karla Suriano, Sue Stiver-Paulsen, and Sharon Downs.

We would like to thank the following volunteers for donating their time and hard work: Lisa, Donna and Dick Kurtz, Richard Little, Kristi Little, Lauri Gaskin, Lawrence Taylor, Chris Edgerly, Jeff Stefanski, Christian Sowers, Chris Hazen, Jacob Elliot, Bryce Sanderson, Josh Elliot, Jacob Schopp, Siera Castro, Kendra Becker, Erin Flemming, Kristi Cleary, Young Champions, Delta Sigma Phi, Sault High WOW, Tribal Youth Council, LSSU track and field, and the LSSU men's tennis team.

Costume Contest Winners —



2 AND UNDER WINNERS — Left to right, Ari Stevens (3rd), Cayson Erno (1st), and Joshua and Matthew Lumsden (2nd).



6 TO 8 YEARS OLD WINNERS — Left to right, Taylor Atkinson (1st), Samantha Brandt (2nd), and Madison McDowell (3rd).

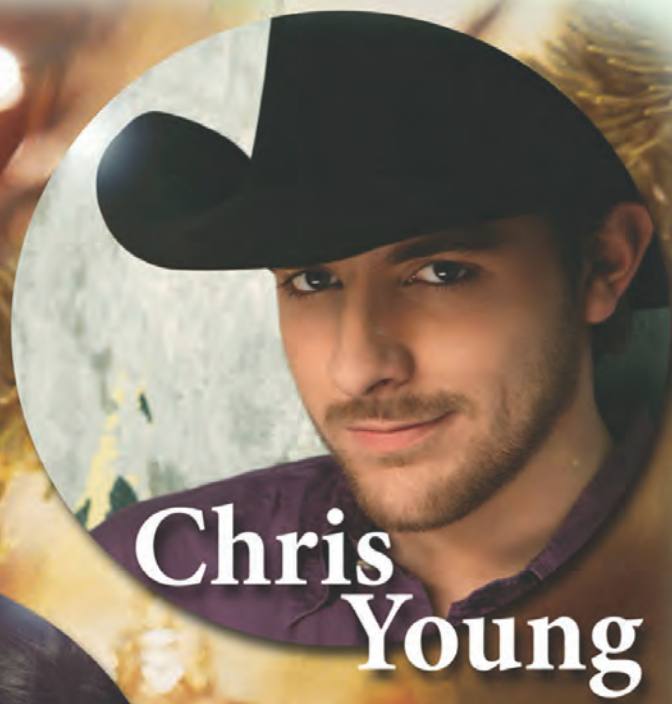


3 TO 5 YEAR OLD WINNERS — Left to right, Garret Johnson (1st), Ethan McDowell (2nd), and Nico Lukkarinen (3rd).



9 AND OVER WINNERS — Left to right, Ben Anderson (1st), Erin Pierce (2nd), and Stephanie Terian (3rd).

Country Christmas Tour



Chris Young



Jessica Andrews



Shannon Brown



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