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Accepting the award in Baltimore were elementary teacher Alicia Johnson, Superintendent Alan Kantola, elementary teacher Alyssia Teeple, and Elementary Principal Pete Routhier.

## Brimley Elementary School recognized

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School is one of only three schools nationwide being honored for their outstanding efforts to educate students of color and low-income students.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, at the 12th Annual Dispelling the Myth Awards in Baltimore, Md., The Education Trust recognized three schools for their success in educating students from diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds — dispelling the myth that these students' challenges are insurmountable. This year's Dispelling the Myth Award recipients are: Brimley Elementary School in Brimley, Mich., Charles R. Drew Public Charter School in Atlanta, Ga. and Menlo Park Elementary School in Portland, Ore.

The conference, entitled "Become the Change: Closing Gaps in Opportunity and Achievement," gathered educators and advocates across the country who are working towards the shared goal of raising student achievement and closing opportunity gaps. Receiving the award for Brimley were School Superintendent Alan Kantola, Elementary School Principal Pete Routhier and teachers, Alyssia Teeple and Alicia Johnson.

The award recognizes schools with large populations of low-income students or students of color that are delivering a rich, coherent, engaging curriculum and providing individual support to ensure every student reaches their potential. They dispel the damaging myth that schools can do very little to help students overcome the barriers of poverty and discrimination.

Following is the information provided about Brimley Elementary School at the conference:

"In a small, rural district just south of Canada and down the road from the Bay Mills Indian Community, where most of its Native American students live, Brimley Elementary School in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is an example of a school that has improved even within the confines of limited budgets and a remote location. The school invests time and energy to ensure that teachers develop and share expertise about reading and math instruction through collaboration with other teachers in the school and throughout the area. Their work is paying off. Much higher percentages of Brimley's Native American students and students from low-income families are proficient or advanced when juxtaposed against their counterparts in Michigan. In fact, in sixth-grade math, nearly half of Brimley's Native American and low-income students meet or exceed state math standards, compared with just over a quarter of their state counterparts. Not that the school is satisfied. 'There's room for improvement,' Routhier says, as he and faculty members work on expanding their focus on science and social studies."

## Cloverland calls upon consumers to contact legislature about increase

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Cloverland Electric is continuing to urge consumers to flood the legislature with letters regarding the proposed electric bill increase, which will go into effect on Dec. 1.

"Lansing got us into this and we are looking for Lansing to get us out of this," said Cloverland President Dan Dasho at a public forum on Nov. 13 held in Sault Ste. Marie. The forum was sponsored and moderated by the League of Women Voters.

Cloverland Electric customers will see a dramatic change in their bills if the state legislature and federal regulators fail to act prior to the Dec. 1 implementation. Dasho told residents in attendance that a delay is a short term fix to the problem; ideally, making the mines get their electricity from the Presque Isle plant would negate the impact.

The issue stems from allowing the mines to shop for power elsewhere, part of state legislation enacted in 2008. When the mines pulled out of Presque Isle in 2013, the plant lost the majority of its revenue for operation. As a result, those still in the grid — the majority of the U.P. and a portion of Wisconsin — became responsible for the costs to keep Presque Isle in

operation. Ironically, the Presque Isle plant was constructed in the 1950s to support the same mines that have now pulled out of the system.

As of Dec. 1, those with electric heat could see their bills increase as much as \$170 a month; other consumers will see an increase of approximately \$27 a month.

The original plan for Presque Isle was a closure of the plant. However, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, the body responsible for ensuring reliable electricity, conducted a study and found Presque Isle is needed to keep the system solid.

According to Melissa Seymour, a senior level executive and engineer with MISO who also presented at the forum, Presque Isle is critical as part of voltage support for the U.P. MISO has been looking at alternatives to allow the closure of Presque Isle, but those are at least 18 months out, said Seymour.

"Our goal at MISO is to get the plant retired as soon as possible, cut costs and keep reliability," she said.

The cost being allocated to Cloverland consumers is not being levied by either Cloverland or MISO, but is coming from the federal government. When a plant cannot be retired, federal regulators levy the cost to keep it open on the population that gets the most benefit, which falls

on the U.P. While residents don't actually get their power from Presque Isle, the voltage support issue is critical to keeping the grid intact and essentially "keeping the lights on."

Residents will see the charge on their bills as part of the Power Supply Cost Recovery charge, which is a charge passed through the power supplier to have electricity generated and delivered across transmission lines. Currently, the PSCR charge is .04 cents per kilowatt-hour. On Dec. 1, the charge will be reflected at 3.4 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Cloverland has appealed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about the cost, concerned that residents will not be able to afford such a dramatic increase, but Dasho worries about the Dec. 1 deadline creeping up without a decision being made. If FERC turns down Cloverland's appeals, Dasho said Cloverland will sue, but this is another time consuming process.

Ultimately, Cloverland wants to see the Dec. 1 implementation delayed for further study and discussion with FERC about the cost and a more equitable distribution of the \$52 million bill to keep Presque Isle open.

Consumers can find information about where to write on the Call to Action section of Cloverland's website at [www.cloverland.com](http://www.cloverland.com).



HONORING OUR VETERANS — Ojibwe Charter School students and staff welcomed community members and veterans to a Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 11 to honor local veterans for their service. Students presented what they had learned about veterans to the community and thanked them for their service.  
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## DNR will have to approve land transaction for Graymont mine

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — The fate of the land transaction request made by Graymont, Inc. to develop a limestone mine in the Upper Peninsula rests with one man — Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Creagh. Appointed by Governor Rick Snyder, Creagh has the sole authority to make a final decision on the proposal.

This fact was disclosed at a meeting held at Bayliss Library on Thursday, Oct. 16 during a presentation by Kerry Wieber, MI-DNR forest land administrator, who explained the policies and procedures necessary to make state land transfers to private parties. The DNR was granted that authority in a 1994 public act.

When the DNR receives a request, there is a fee charged to process it, whether the request is successful or not. The application goes to Lansing to the DNR real estate section who make sure the application is completed properly before turning it over for a field review by the resource-managing divisions, including forest resources, wildlife, fisheries, parks and recreation and minerals management. Wieber said they also do a legal and social review.

A lead person is assigned to each case. They compile the reports from each division and then complete the review, either recom-

mending approval, approval with recommendations added, or denial. Whether all divisions are in agreement or if they are non-concurrent (not all in agreement) the review is passed on through local, regional and statewide administrators up to the Land Exchange Review Committee. Throughout the lengthy procedure, public comments are collected and taken into consideration while making a decision.

Following their review, the National Resource Commission — all political appointees — makes its recommendation to Creagh, who has the final word. Wieber said he can choose to ignore the recommendation completely and make his own independent decision, but that the director follows the board's recommendation 99.9 percent of the time.

Graymont made its initial request in November 2013 and submitted a revised land transaction application on Oct. 15. Wieber said that the initial DNR review raised some concerns. "That is why it was not approved as proposed. So Graymont has made this response and we have not yet decided on this new proposal."

It is considered a revision and not a new application since it involves the same land, Wieber explained. Since the field work has already been done, it won't take the same length of time to review the revision as it did for the first application.

The first proposal asked for 13,000 acres, which included approximately 11,500 acres of state land and approximately 1,500 acres of private or federal land. The revised proposal reduces the amount of public land the company would purchase. Graymont now seeks to acquire limestone mining privileges on approximately 10,357 acres of state-owned land and an easement for surface use on a planned 7,256-acre underground mining location near Rexton, land it had previously sought to purchase. In addition, the company is proposing to directly acquire the state-owned mineral rights for the underground mine.

Graymont also wants to directly purchase the surface of 1,005 acres and acquire an additional 1,630 acres of land surface through exchanges — offering other property for public ownership in exchange for the desired acreage. Part of the proposed exchange would include 801 acres of state land as a buffer around a proposed limestone processing facility. The company is also requesting an easement for a transportation corridor for mining products.

The new application, for the first time, gives a proposed valuation for the limestone to be mined — 18.75 cents to the state for every ton of extracted limestone. The royalties would be deposited into the State Parks Endowment Fund.

According to the proposal, Graymont will permit public access to continue on the lands they seek to acquire, except where active mining or processing is occurring. DNR would continue to manage the surface of the proposed underground mine location for recreational, environmental and economic purposes, including logging, but Graymont can designate exclusive use areas in the surface easement area for mining infrastructure, such as vent shafts.

The company has agreed to perform reclamation on surface mine areas and give the state the "right of first offer" to purchase back all the affected lands at market value when mining is completed.

This would be the largest land relinquishment in Michigan history, one of the reasons Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians opposes the plan. Their chairman, Aaron Payment, attended the Oct. 16 meeting and reiterated that taking that much public land away will adversely affect the rights spelled out in the 1836 Treaty for the Ojibwe to hunt, gather and fish on public lands.

Wieber said that, at this point, 96 percent of comments are opposed to the Graymont land transaction. No decision had been made by press time and comments can still be submitted by email to [DNR-GraymontProposalComments@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-GraymontProposalComments@michigan.gov) until the director makes his final decision.

# Region to be represented by new faces starting in 2015

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

Voters took to the polls on Nov. 4 and voted in a handful of new faces to represent the region.

For seats on the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Conor Egan defeated incumbent Ted Postula 1,173-1,066 for the seat representing District 4. Republican Raymond "Rudy" Johnson defeated challenger Democrat Gary McDowell for the District 5 seat in a tight race, 1,322-1,291. Incumbent George Kinsella had been defeated in the August primary.

In District II, Democrat Jim Martin defeated Republican Francis "Frank" King, 1,060-704 for the seat left by the departure of Commissioner Don Cooper. Cooper

announced earlier this year that he would not be seeking re-election.

In District 1, Scott Shackleton will continue to serve as he faced no opposition on the ballot, as well as Don McClean representing District 3.

The U.P. will also have a new state representative for the 107th District, which encompasses Emmet, Chippewa, Mackinac and part of Cheboygan County. Republican Lee Chatfield, who defeated incumbent Frank Foster in August, took the lead against challenger Jim Page, a retired Sault teacher, defeating him 17,906-11,462. Chatfield, 26, is a teacher at Northern Michigan Christian Academy in Burt Lake.

Sault resident Phil Belfy was defeated in the race for the state senate seat by challenger Wayne

Schmidt, R- Traverse City, who terms out as a state rep. at the end of this year. Schmidt garnered 46,245 votes on election night, while Belfy had 30,395. Current State Sen. Howard Walker did not seek re-election.

Incumbent U.S. Congressman Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls, defeated Democrat Jerry Cannon for the 1st Congressional Seat and will serve a third term. Benishek garnered nearly 60 percent of the vote.

Voters were in an approving mood on election night. Special Education Millage from the

Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District received a positive response, approved 11,593 to 5,295. Voters in the Kinross area also overwhelmingly approved a millage request that would keep the recreation center open and provide funding to a handful of the community parks. The Fire/EMS Millage for Chippewa County also garnered approval.

In regards to the state's wolf hunting issues on the ballot, which were seemingly moot after the legislature circumvented the voters by approving a measure and tying

appropriations to the bill, the opposition to the hunt and the Natural Resource Commissions authority was overwhelming. On both proposals, voters said they did not approve, defeating the symbolic referendum.

In Chippewa County, the wolf hunt was supported 6,472-4,202, but the measure allowing the Natural Resources Commission as the body that determines what can or cannot be hunted was defeated, 5,539-5,076. It's likely the measure will end up in court in the coming months — no hunt is scheduled to take place this year.

## Michigan voter turnout lower than the 2010 midterm

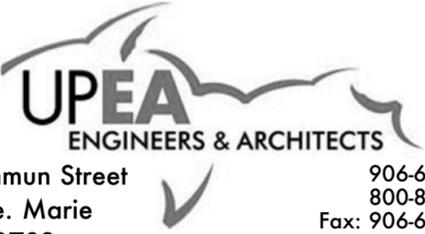
DETROIT (AP) — Election officials say fewer people participated in Michigan's general election than four years ago.

The secretary of state's office reports that about 3.2 million votes were cast on Nov. 4. That's about 83,000 fewer than in the 2010 midterm election.

Voter turnout was 41.6 percent of the voting-age population, down from 42.9 percent four years ago. It was the lowest turnout on a percentage basis since 1990.

Democrats' efforts to improve their chances targeting people who vote in presidential races but not midterm elections proved to be bust.

Republican Gov. Rick Snyder won re-election by 4 percentage points in a successful night for the GOP. The lone bright spot for Democrats was Gary Peters, who won a U.S. Senate seat by 13 points.



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## Appeals court overturns order stopping casino work

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A federal appeals court has overturned a judge's order that stopped work on a planned casino in northeastern Oklahoma.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 3-0 on Nov. 10 against the state of Oklahoma. The Denver-based court instructed U.S. District Judge Gregory Frizzell in Tulsa to set aside his order that halted construction on the proposed Red Clay Casino in Broken Arrow. It also ordered the judge to dismiss the state's lawsuit against Kialegee tribal officials.

In 2012, Attorney General Scott Pruitt sued the Kialegee Tribal Town, arguing the casino's planned construction and operations violated the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and a gaming compact between Oklahoma and the tribe.

The appeals court said Pruitt couldn't sue because the casino isn't on Indian lands. It also said Pruitt couldn't sue because the gaming compact requires disputes between the two groups to be sent to arbitration rather than civil court.

Pruitt spokesman Aaron Cooper told the *Tulsa World* that the attorney general's office disagrees with the court ruling and is evaluating the state's options on how to proceed. Cooper said the National Indian Gaming Commission has ruled the tribe can't open a casino on the Broken Arrow site.

Representatives for Kialegee Tribal Town declined to comment, saying no public statements will be made until its business committee meets and discusses the court's ruling.

In May, the justices reaffirmed that tribes can't be sued without their consent or without a waiver from Congress in *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community*. More specifically, they held that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act can't be used against tribes for activities that do not occur on "Indian lands."

## United Way holds annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser

SAULT STE. MARIE — The annual Chili Cook-off was held at Lake State University's Norris Center on Monday, Nov. 10. The fundraiser helps local United Way funded agencies.

People's Choice — U.S. Border Patrol; Best Mild Chili — First: Soo Eagle Hockey, Second: C-L-M Community Action Agency's Meals on Wheels, Third: Community Health Access Coalition, sponsored by War Memorial Hospital; Best White Chili — First: Great Lakes Recovery Center, New Hope House, Second: Boy Scouts of America, Third: CHAC, sponsored by WMH; Best Vegetarian Chili — First: Feeding America of West Michigan, sponsored by Huntington Bank, Second: Diane Pepler Resource Center, Third: Child & Family Services of the EUP, sponsored by Eagle Eye Grooming; Best Hot Chili — First: Girl Scouts of NW Great Lakes, Second: EUP Community Dispute Resolution, sponsored by Lighthouse.net, Third: The Palace Saloon; Best Professional Chili — First: The Palace Saloon; Best Decorated Booth — First: CHAC, sponsored by WMH, Second: The Luce County Resource and Rec Center, Third: Girl Scouts of NW Great Lakes.

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# MSP Trooper Recruit School recognizes graduates

LANSING — Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue announced that Michigan citizens will soon benefit from the services of 80 new troopers following the graduation of the 127th Trooper Recruit School. Governor Rick Snyder served as the keynote speaker at the Oct. 31 ceremony.

"These new Michigan State Troopers should all be proud of their accomplishments in proving they have what it takes to enter this elite force," Snyder said.

"We're so proud of these men and women devoting their careers to public safety and we thank them for their courage and professionalism in service to all Michiganders. We wish them all long, safe and fulfilling careers in the service of our great state."

"As you accept the honor of becoming troopers, I expect you to keep sacred the public's trust in you and in the Michigan State Police," Etue said.

"The department demands, and the public deserves, nothing less than

your very best performance every day. It is your duty to provide service with a purpose, serving those citizens who choose to break the law and those who choose not to break the law."

Tpr. Tara LaMilza, who was elected Class Orator by her fellow recruits, spoke on behalf of the graduating class. Other award recipients included Tpr. Michael Thomas, who received the Team Building Award and the Outstanding Performance Award; Tpr. David Deuman, who received the Marksmanship Award; and Tpr. David Williams, who received the Academic Achievement Award.

The 127th Trooper Recruit School began on June 8, when 98 prospective troopers reported to the MSP Training Academy. For the past 21 weeks, recruits received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

In order to be selected to attend the academy, all applicants had to pass a

stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.

As part of the department's commitment to "Providing Service With A Purpose," the recruits participated in community outreach projects with the Boys & Girls Club of Lansing, Woldumar Nature Center and Potter Park Zoo.

The following local graduates are now working in their new posts: Tpr. David Deuman of Sault Ste. Marie has been assigned to the Houghton Lake Post; Tpr. Benjamin Eckola of Rudyard has been assigned to the Gaylord Post; Tpr. Jonathan Morrison of Pickford has been assigned to the St. Ignace Post; and Tpr. Michael Mariuzza of Sault Ste. Marie has been assigned to the Calumet Post.

The MSP is actively recruiting; interested candidates should visit [www.michigan.gov/mspjobs](http://www.michigan.gov/mspjobs) for more information on how to apply.

The next trooper recruit school is expected to start early next year.



Lake Superior State University graduate Tpr. David Deuman was presented with the Marksmanship Award by MSP Deputy Director Lt. Col. Thomas Sands.

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# OPINION

## What did you track in?

By Sharon M. Kennedy

A month ago, a good buddy of mine from Grand Marais stopped by for a few minutes on his way to a friend's house. He had spent a miserable night in Newberry and driven through blinding rain on M-28, which put him in a rather questionable mood. Roger's my age, and it doesn't take much to set off either one of us. We've been friends for 28 years and we're used to each other's idiosyncrasies, but sometimes enough is enough.

Roger is an excellent gardener and wanted to share his prize potatoes. This year was a bumper crop for red ones. For some reason known only to him, he removed the spuds from their container but kept them in the water-logged plastic bag he packed them in when he left home. It wasn't until he dropped the bag in my kitchen sink that I noticed the black trail he left behind.

I forgot my manners and yelled a few choice words. Undaunted by my barrage, he suggested I get out the vacuum or a rag and wipe up the mess. After all, it was only water and dirt and that's no big deal. And my carpet is almost 20 years old, so it probably needed a good cleaning anyway. In other words, the disaster he created was a good thing. This observation got me thinking about all the stuff people track into our lives and how that affects us.

Throughout the years Roger has tracked happiness and laughter into my daughter's life and my own. He's also tracked in an appreciation for wood stoves, birch bark Christmas cards, homemade wooden signs, and plank fish cooked over an outdoor fire pit. Not once in all the years I've known him has he tracked in anything negative, which is a remarkable testimony to his character.

Some people are like that. The tracks they leave are pleasant ones. Unfortunately, not all folks are agreeable and their tracks are best forgotten. You know how some animal tracks are linear and others zigzag all over the place? It's the same with people. Some enter our lives and we find their linear company delightful because we know what to expect from them. We can depend upon their consistency.

The folks who zigzag into our lives create tracks impossible to follow. We never know what mood they'll be in or how they'll greet us. Sometimes they're jovial and other times we wish they had driven by our door without stopping. Often they track in gossip, ridicule, envy, and a whole list of other undesirables. When they leave, we get out the air freshener.

Tracks are amazing things. We decide which kind we'll leave behind.

*Kennedy is a freelance writer who resides in Brimley.*

## It all goes up in smoke

By Tom Purcell

I admit it: I feel sorry for cigarette and cigar smokers these days. But changing fashions and the results of the recent election may offer them hope.

Cigarette smoking used to be fashionable. Actors like Steve McQueen and Sean Connery made it look manly and cool in their many movies.

Women who smoked used to be considered sexy, too. No sooner did they pull a Virginia Slim out of their cigarette case than men everywhere would rush toward them with lighters.

But somewhere along the way, smoking became vile and ugly. Americans began hating it the way they once hated communism and polio. The government sued cigarette makers for misleading the public about the addictive nature of nicotine and billions in punitive tax revenues are now pouring into public treasuries. Smoking has been banned in public places in many states.

And so it is that cigarette smokers are shunned at family gatherings and sent to the garage or the street, so as not to stink up the house. Even executives at the highest level of corporate America are sent down the elevator to the basement or courtyard, where they mingle with other smokers like some kind of pigeons while passersby snarl at them in disgust.

It's not much better for cigar smokers.

I smoke 15 or 20 stogies in a good year. Why? I don't know. Maybe it's the manly feeling I get when I see my breath billow out of me like a chimney. Or maybe I want to be in the company of legendary cigar smokers like Mark Twain and Winston Churchill. And there's something calming about taking a slow, deep drag on a stogie. It's like male yoga — for males who would never do yoga.

Sure, there are health risks to those who smoke cigars on a daily



basis. Such smokers are more prone to cancer of the mouth and other maladies — and fully aware of the risk.

All I know is that it is dang relaxing and it promotes some very enjoyable conversations with friends and strangers at my favorite cigar bar, the Leaf & Bean in Pittsburgh's Strip District.

But the federal government is going after cigars now, too. President Obama's Food and Drug Administration proposed sweeping regulations last spring that would affect the availability, accessibility and cost of my favorite cigars.

As stated in the Federal Register, the FDA believes that "asserting our authority over these tobacco products will enable us to take further regulatory action in the future as appropriate."

Like they did with cigarettes and cigarette smokers?

Well, if the recent elections are any indication, I think the future suddenly is looking good for smokers — marijuana smokers.

You see, many of the same totalitarian do-gooders who loathe cigarettes and cigars and who have been doing all they can to limit their use have been doing everything they can to allow people to smoke weed freely.

Referendum initiatives legalizing recreational marijuana just passed in Alaska, Oregon and the District of Columbia — even though inhaling weed is much harder on one's lungs than inhaling cigarettes and far riskier than puffing on a cigar without inhaling at all.

In any event, the trends are looking good for marijuana legalization. Whether you agree or disagree with the trends, legal weed smoking is the hot fashion of the day.

So if you like to sit back and enjoy smoking dried leaves without the government butting in and telling you what you can and cannot do, maybe it's time to give up unfashionable vices — cigarettes and cigars — and prepare to make the switch to a vice that is highly fashionable, marijuana.

And if you don't like such government hypocrisy, too bad. You're just going to have to put it in your pipe and smoke it.

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## Internet gambling ban is a losing bet

By Ron Paul

Most Americans, regardless of ideology, oppose "crony capitalism" or "cronyism." Cronyism is where politicians write laws aimed at helping their favored business beneficiaries. Despite public opposition to cronyism, politicians still seek to use the legislative process to help special interests.

For example, Congress may soon vote on legislation outlawing Internet gambling. It is an open secret, at least inside the Beltway, that this legislation is being considered as a favor to billionaire casino owner, Sheldon Adelson. Adelson, who is perhaps best known for using his enormous wealth to advance a pro-war foreign policy, is now using his political influence to turn his online competitors into criminals.

Supporters of an Internet gambling ban publicly deny they are motivated by a desire to curry favor with a wealthy donor. Instead, they give a number of high-minded reasons for wanting to ban this activity. Some claim that legalizing online gambling will enrich criminals and even terrorists. But criminalizing online casinos will not eliminate the demand for online casinos. Instead, passage of this legislation will likely guarantee that the online gambling market is controlled by criminals. Thus, it is those who support outlawing online gambling who may be aiding criminals and terrorists.

A federal online gambling ban would overturn laws in three states that allow online gambling. It would also end the ongoing debate over legalizing online gambling in many other states. Yet some have claimed that Congress must pass this law in order to protect states rights. Their argument is that citizens of states that ban Internet gambling may easily get around those laws by accessing online casinos operating in states where online gambling is legalized.

Even if the argument had merit that allowing states to legalize online gambling undermines laws in other states, it would not justify federal legislation on the issue. Nowhere in the Constitution is the federal government given any authority to regulate activities such as online gambling. Arguing that "states rights" justifies creating new federal crimes turns the Tenth Amendment, which was intended to limit federal power, on its head.

Many supporters of an Internet gambling ban sincerely believe that gambling is an immoral and destructive activity that should be outlawed. However, the proposed legislation is not at all about the morality of gambling. It is about whether Americans who do gamble should have the choice to do so online, or be forced to visit brick-and-mortar casinos.

Even if there was some moral distinction between gambling online or in a physical casino, prohibiting behavior that does not involve force or fraud has no place in a free society. It is no more appropriate for gambling opponents to use force to stop people from playing poker online than it would be for me to use force to stop people from reading pro-war, neocon writers.

Giving government new powers over the Internet to prevent online gambling will inevitably threaten all of our liberties. Government bureaucrats will use this new authority to expand their surveillance of the Internet activities of Americans who have no interest in gambling, just as they used the new powers granted by the PATRIOT Act to justify mass surveillance.

The proposed ban on Internet gambling is a blatantly unconstitutional infringement on our liberties that will likely expand the surveillance state. Worst of all, it is all being done for the benefit of one powerful billionaire. Anyone who thinks banning online gambling will not diminish our freedoms while enriching criminals is making a losing bet.

Ron Paul is a former Congressman and Presidential candidate. He can be reached at [VoicesofLiberty.com](http://VoicesofLiberty.com).

## You've got mail- oh wait, it's just spam

By Peter Funt

It's been years since I used AOL for any kind of meaningful email but I can't bring myself to close the account. I keep thinking that somewhere in my cyber past there's an old friend about to reach out — and all he has is my AOL address.

As a result I spend an inordinate amount of time deleting junk mail, because apparently whatever AOL has lost in actual customers it has gained in semi- and totally-sleazy mailbox-stuffing spammers.

This morning I got an email from Ashley Madison, "The world's leading married dating service." And right below it in my queue was a message from Dentures Online: "Get the smile you've always wanted." I suppose if one were considering an extra-marital affair it would make sense to have

teeth.

Every morning for over a year I've gotten this email: "Join the club. Install a walk-in tub today." I also get this one with alarming regularity: "Make funeral costs more affordable with burial insurance."

And this: "Blowout prices at up to 98% off!" A firm called Beezid claims to have sold a 42-inch LG television, retailing at \$1,299.00, for \$32.14. My takeaway: P.T. Barnum would have made billions in the digital age.

Most AOL junk pops in during the wee hours. At 12:41 a.m. — "Discover the stories of your family's past." At 1:00 a.m. — "Add to your home's value with replacement windows." At 1:21 a.m. — "Depression Help: find options to help you treat the blues." My advice: stop reading depressing emails in the middle of the

night.

I got a seemingly urgent message with the subject line "Homeland Security." Turns out the email was about how I could "Safeguard the U.S." by getting an online degree.

Apparently most of this spam is perfectly legal according to the CAN-SPAM Act of 2003. It says unsolicited emails like those AOL dutifully distributes must have a "truthful" subject line and no "forged information" in the technical headers. Clearly, no self-respecting spammer would violate a law with teeth like that.

Anti-spam regulations are the responsibility of the Federal Trade Commission, which, on April 9, 2014 (and I am not making this up) issued a news release with the headline, "FTC Warns Small Businesses: Don't Open Email Falsely Claiming to be

From FTC." At the bottom of the release was the obligatory: "Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter."

Back in 2004, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates received the unofficial title of Most Spammed Person in the World. It was estimated at the time that Gates was receiving roughly four million junk emails a year.

Apparently beaten down, as many of us are, by messages with subject lines such as, "Learn about urinary incontinence," Gates made a hasty prediction. He told the World Economic Forum in '04 that spam would be "a thing of the past" within two years.

Okay, so Bill Gates is so distracted by junk mail that his projections are a little behind schedule. He's probably mulling over the same email offer I

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There you have it. Proof that a fool and his AOL are not soon parted.

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## OCS recognizes Students of the Month

BAY MILLS — Ojibwe Charter School recently chose their Students of the Month for October. The school uses the Seven Grandfather Teachings as the basis for their selections, along with TRIBE: Treat others kindly; Ready to learn; I need to listen; Be safe: Everyone tries their best. The Grandfather Teaching for October was Humility or Dabaadendziwin. Following are their teachers' comments.

Kindergarten: **Morris LeBlanc** acts and behaves like he is an equal with his classmates. Often at this age level, we feel our wants or needs are more important than our friends. Morrison is always concerned with his friends at snack time and is willing to share. If his classmates do not understand their work, he is always willing to help. Morrison follows TRIBE and is an excellent student and classmate. — Mr. Collins

First Grade: **Nathaniel Malloy** comes to mind when thinking about the Grandfather Teaching of Humility. He is such a patient, caring student. Almost every day after school he comes back to the class-

room and begins picking up the floor or starts straightening things up without being asked; he does it simply to help the teacher and other students and never asks for anything in return. His calm and gentle demeanor makes Nathaniel a great friend to others and a great partner to any other student during work time. — Ms. Difoggi

Second Grade: **Russell Kern** shows the Grandfather Teaching of Humility. He is a very sweet student and hardworking when it comes to school work and following the classroom rules. He is a good role model to all other students, especially when he models our school-wide positive behavior expectations, TRIBE, without being asked. Russell chooses to always be kind and respectful to others because that is what he would like in return. — Ms. Difoggi

Third grade: **Talon Thomas-Holm** is a very caring student who places his classmates' needs above his own. He shows compassion to others around him and is a very calm, patient individual. Talon works diligently to complete his work. — Mr. Kerfoot

Fourth Grade: **Ashlynn Turner** worked hard through the month of October. Even when school gets challenging, she puts forth her best effort and is willing to help others. Ashlynn shows patience while tackling her education and puts her classmates' needs above her own. — Mr. Kerfoot

Fifth Grade: **Billy Parish** is an amazingly humble student. He is ready and willing to help other students when asked and sometimes when he is not asked. Billy's classmates, when asked who they think shows humility responded: "Billy, because he has been honest," "He reminds me and he is nice to me," and "because he cares," and "he helps people when they fall." — Ms. Craig

Grade Seven: **Colin Keiliszewski** best represents Humility because he is so humble. It can be difficult to describe all the ways that he epitomizes humility. He always puts others first and show his selflessness by making sure others are taken care of. Colin does everything: from the simple things like holding doors for others to helping a friend in need, or even helping to care for an ill family member. Colin's ability to put others first without showing concern for his own needs is something we can all do better in striving for. — Mr. Webb

Grade Eight: **Lily Parish** is an excellent student who comes to class prepared and eager to work. She provides assistance to classmates and teachers without any expectation of reward or acknowledgement and is always willing to lend a hand or take charge of a project when the need arises. She has a quiet demeanor but has a great sense of humor when it comes to challenging teachers with riddles. Lily is fondly referred to as "the Riddler" by the high school teachers. — Ms. McKillip

High School: **Kendra Berger** is a very hard worker in and out of the classroom. She doesn't always understand everything the first time, but she doesn't give up trying until she does. She showed her hard work and dedication during the Halloween Carnival and in her presentation for Veterans' Day. Kendra always treats her classmates and teachers with respect and shows true compassion for the people around her.



**BOOK FEST DANCERS** – The Lake Superior State University Dance Company performs an adaptation of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* for kids and families during LSSU's third annual Superior Children's Book Festival on Nov. 8. The festival hosted three nationally recognized children's book authors and offered writing workshops and contests for both adults and kids. Pictured here is dance company member Jenna Perry (a junior in psychology with dual minors in counseling and dance, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.) as the Mad Hatter. According to a rough headcount, up to 350 people attended the daylong event in Sault Ste. Marie. Follow the festival's Facebook page for updates and plans for a 2015 event. (LSSU/Kati Doty)

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## Students of Month of October



**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FOR OCTOBER** — Front row L-R: James Jamros, Micah Morrison, Khloe Dumas and Ben Smart. Middle row L-R: Kayleigh Hopper, Cameron King, Caleb Lipponen, Colin Hopper, Grace Dumas and Paris Bedell. Back row L-R: Lily Carlson and Brandon Pomeroy. Missing from photo: Bradley Anderson and Ronnie Harding.  
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**BRIMLEY** — Brimley Elementary School has chosen their Students of the Month for October. Below are their teachers' comments on their accomplishments.

**Bradley Anderson** is new to our school and has become an excellent addition to the class. He can be counted on to follow the Bays Ways and is a great example to his fellow classmates. Bradley is an active participant in class discussions and provides great insight into what we are discussing. — Mrs. Gross

**Paris Bedell** has done a great job transitioning into a new school in her first year at Brimley. She quickly learned all of the Bays Ways and has been following them in all parts of the school and classroom. Paris is a friendly girl who is very helpful to everyone. — Ms. Peller

**Lily Carlson** is a conscientious student who will often ask questions about her school work to ensure a better understanding for herself. She is always willing to assist the teacher and is often sought out by her classmates as a peer tutor because of her calm and patient ways. With her keen mind and good heart, Lily should continue to do well in school and life. — Ms. Stanaway/Mrs. Hutchins

**Grace Dumas** is a very good student who turns in quality work and does her best. She follows the Bays Ways by following all the classroom rules and procedures. Grace is helpful and kind to her classmates and adults alike. — Mrs. Ver Strate

**Khloe Dumas** is a role model and leader in the classroom, always ready to learn, with body basics and awesome listening skills. She is respectful in school and on the playground, where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard and always has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hall and bathroom. She is kind and

helpful in the classroom and at school. A responsible learner, she completes her tasks in a timely manner, follows directions and always does a quality job. Khloe also makes good decisions when it comes to safety. — Mrs. Nettleton

**Ronnie Harding** not only excels with the Bays Ways behavior expectations, but with his work habits also. He continuously does his best with 100 percent effort. Ronnie is a great friend to everyone in our classroom and can always be counted on to set a stellar example for others to follow. — Mrs. Castagne

**Colin Hopper** is an excellent student who always tries his hardest to follow the Bays Ways by being respectful, responsible, safe and ready to learn. Colin is a hard-working student who always participates in class and is a very helpful friend to his classmates. — Mrs. Rutledge

**Kayleigh Hopper** is a star student who always gives her best effort. She is always ready to learn and consistently follows the Bays Ways throughout the school. Kayleigh is courteous, respectful and can be counted on always to make the right choice and be an example to others. — Mrs. Jarvi

**James Jamros** has been a wonderful role model for other students in class. He is a hard worker who always tries his best. A happy boy who is always smiling, James gets along with others in class and is always willing to help his classmates and his teacher. — Miss Allison

**Cameron King** comes in every morning with a big smile that brightens up the whole room. He is always respectful and kind to his classmates. He is responsible about getting his work done and is happy to help anyone who needs it. Cameron has a great sense of humor and sets a wonderful example for his classmates. — Mrs. Teeple

**Caleb Lipponen** has had a great start in fifth grade. He is responsible, follows classroom rules and procedures, pays attention during lessons and isn't afraid to ask questions. He uses his time well, consistently completes his work on time and can be counted on to help others in the classroom. Caleb has a positive attitude and is kind and respectful to all those around him. — Mrs. Hope

**Micah Morrison** is very respectful and kind to everyone. He is a perfect gentleman who remembers to use his manners and wait for his turn. He is constantly looking for ways to help others by reaching their milk, picking up messes, getting needed material or running errands. He is an excellent listener and works very hard on everything, taking time to add details to his pictures and make his writing nice and neat. Micah can be counted on to be doing exactly what was asked of him and has an outgoing, positive personality. — Mrs. Hill

**Brandon Pomeroy** has shown good work habits and a positive attitude towards school. He is doing well in his academics this school year. He has participated in various school sports, most recently youth football. Brandon always pitches in and helps out in the classroom and is more than willing to help his classmates, too. — Mrs. Osborne

**Ben Smart** is a very hard worker who always tries his best. He does a great job of following directions and getting right to work every morning. A very polite young man and a great friend to his classmates, he enters the classroom every day with a smile and a positive attitude. When he is having difficulty or struggling with an assignment, he never hesitates to ask for assistance from an adult or fellow classmate. In return, Ben is always willing to help out someone with an assignment or simply lend a helping hand. — Mrs. Schaedler

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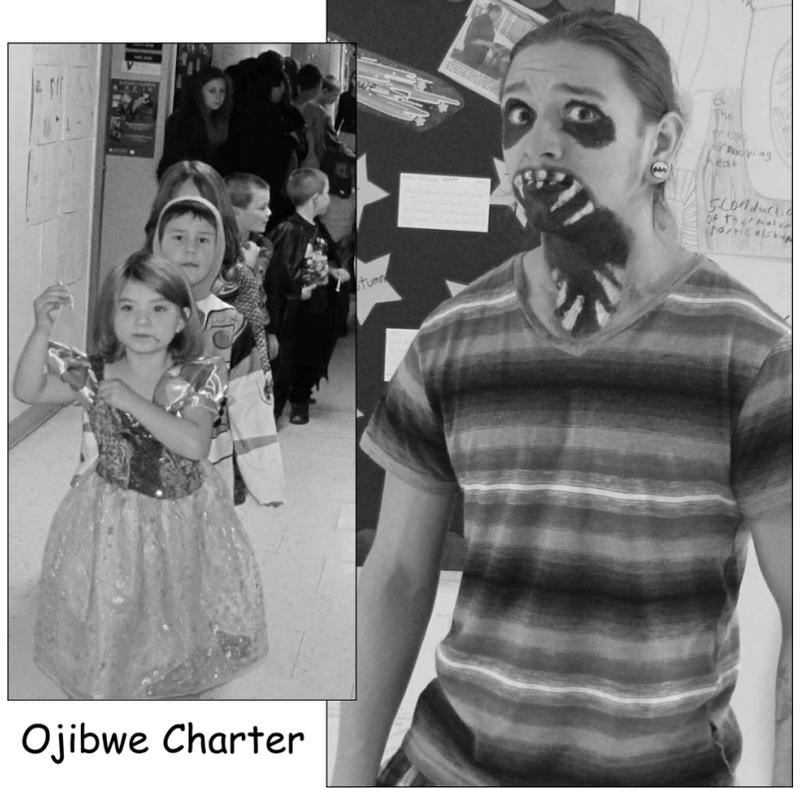


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# Brimley School Board discusses audit, board appointments

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Brimley Area School Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 20. All board members were in attendance.

The board was presented with the school district's annual audit report by Anderson Tackman. According to a firm representative, the district is in good shape financially. Brimley had no budget nor compliance issues in the 2013-2014 audit, which was accepted as presented by the board.

The board also accepted the resignation of Allyn Cameron, who was working as the junior high boys basketball coach. Current physical education teacher, Bob Lohff, applied for the position and was voted in to take Cameron's place. Samantha Luttmann was also hired as a special education/classroom aide to meet current student needs.

In regards to finances, the board made budget amendments based upon current funding and expenditures. The foundation allowance per

student has gone up \$225 over last year, but expenses also increased by approximately \$100,000. Superintendent Alan Kantola said this should not be an issue as impact aid is likely to increase as well. While expenses for teaching staff are predictable, some costs for the district are unpredictable — such as fuel and utilities — as these items may fluctuate throughout the year. The board will make additional amendments in early 2015 and final amendments at the end of the school year.

The district is still considering a free breakfast program for all students but, according to Elementary School Principal Pete Routhier, the issue is not money; it is logistics. The current program serves approximately 120 elementary students in the multipurpose room with a limited amount of space and time. Expanding the program without additional room would cut into classroom time and likely be chaotic, said Routhier. The board is still considering the option, but more time and research will be done

before any action is taken.

Before concluding the meeting, the board appointed current board member PJ Jones to serve the one-month gap that will be left after the recent election. Current board President Tim Wilson elected to run for a two-year term on Nov. 4, which began on Nov. 5. As a result,

Wilson's seat, which did not expire until Jan. 1, was vacated. Jones did not run for his seat and his term expired on Nov. 4. Ultimately, an individual was needed to fill a seat for one month, as the other new board members will not begin their terms until January. Jones accepted the 30-day appointment.

As of January, the board will consist of Tim Wilson, Sandi Wallin, James LeBlanc, Amy Capelli, Kurt Perron, Kathy Loup, and Robin Bedell.

The Brimley Area School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.



**FUTURE FARMERS** — Ojibwe Charter School's kindergarten class, taught by Matt Collins, held a farmers' market in their classroom on Halloween Day. Some crops were harvested from the school's hoop house — tomatoes, chard and kale — while other items were donated by community members. The event raised \$106, which will go towards the end-of-the-year field trip to Mackinac Island. Pictured L-R: Ricky Robbins, Michael Bell, Reilly Carrick, Carter Sullivan-Peake and Troy McSorely.  
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**PARENTS NIGHT AT OCS** — On Tuesday, Oct. 14, parents of athletes on the Ojibwe Charter School volleyball team were honored before the games began at the Waishkey Center gymnasium. Pictured to the left is Angel Shipman, with her parents, Kelly and Gail Shipman. Pictured to the left below, is Claryssa LaBranche and her grandfather, Vincent Teeple. Pictured below is Twyla Ball and Skye Carrick.  
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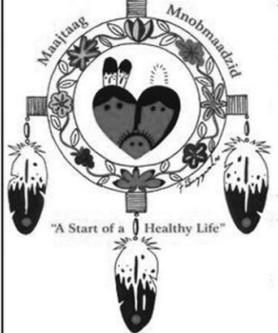


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# NAMES & FACES ...



Kaytlyn St. Peter and Taylor Hatfield welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Harper Gwendolyn Hatfield on October 2, 2014 at 11:15am. Harper weighed 7 pounds 12.9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her Grandparents are Richard and Shelly Deuman-LeBlanc, Ben and Lori St. Peter, and Sam and Ruby Hatfield. Great Grandparents are Amelia LeBlanc, Bob and Marilyn St. Peter, Gwen Deuman, Ethel Brand, Sam Hatfield Sr., Jeanette LeBlanc, George Bowen, and Lynne Ermatinger Weaver.



Camie Leapley and Joann LeBlanc would like to say a huge "thank you" to all the bands that participated in the Nic Cam Jam on Friday, Oct. 24. They were awesome. Another huge "thank you" goes to the people who worked the food and drinks, Jean Cadotte and her crew. Finally, thanks to all the people who attended this benefit for Nick Cameron— if it wasn't for you, it would not have been the great success it was. Thank you all!

Grampa would like to give a big congratulations to my great kids.  
On the birth of my grandkids: to Mike and Joanna, Harper Leigh Parish, Aug. 15, 2014; to Jake and Steph, Sawyer Bear James Parish, Sept. 15, 2014; to Amanda and Craig, Briella Sela-Lynn, March 15, 2014.  
Fifty percent Dad, fifty percent Mom = 100 percent perfect.  
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## Sutton named as a 2014 National Distinguished Principal

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Kurt Sutton, principal of Orville C. Krause Later Elementary School in Armada Area Schools, Macomb County, is the only educator in Michigan, among more than 50 across the country, to receive a major honor from a national group. Sutton was named to the 2014 Class of National Distinguished Principals in a ceremony held Oct. 16 to 17 in Washington D.C. His wife, Andrea, and parents, Marsha and Milt Sutton of Brimley, attended the ceremony as well.

The program is headed by the National Association of Elementary School Principals who recognized Kurt's leadership in having his school

recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards for outstanding Fine Arts, STEM, Green Club and after-school programs for four years in a row. They also cited his fundraising efforts and ability to forge community partnerships in expanding curriculum and club offerings.

Raised in Brimley, Kurt graduated from Brimley High School in 1995 and attended Alma College, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and then earned his master's degree in education from Saginaw Valley State University. He was a superb athlete during his high school years and attended Alma on a basketball schol-

arship. The father of four children, Kurt comes from a family of educators. His father, Milt, taught at Brimley School and his sister, Kristin Gross, now teaches at Brimley while her husband, Vince Gross, teaches at Bahwating in Sault Ste. Marie. His brother, Kevin, began a teaching career but has since become a chiropractor. While not a teacher herself, his mother, Marsha, has brothers and sisters in the profession.

Kurt previously was the 2013 Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association Outstanding Practicing State Principal.

## WALKING ON ...

### Clare Patton



Clare R. Patton, age 88, died Aug. 20, 2014 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, Fla. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on Aug. 15, 1926 to Reno and Beulah (Smith) Patton.

He grew up on a farm in Brimley, Mich. and graduated from Superior High School in 1945. He then sailed the Great Lakes for a year before enlisting in the U.S. Army. Upon discharge in 1947, he enrolled in agricultural classes at Michigan State University, where he met Louine Dahlman, from Sault Ste. Marie. They married on Oct. 9, 1949.

Clare worked in Sault Ste. Marie as a wholesale grocery salesman and

a construction worker before moving to Flint in 1951, where he worked in a factory and then as a carpenter, opening his own business in 1954 doing remodeling work and building new homes. In May of 1957, he was converted at a Methodist Church in Flint, Mich. and began ministry studies in 1960.

In 1962, he was appointed to Columbiaville Methodist Church and ordained Deacon in 1964 and Elder in 1966. Serving his Lord and his family were most important to him and he served four congregations during his 27 years of ministry. During those years he also served on two District Boards of Building & Church Location and for 18 years on the Conference Division of Outdoor Education.

Clare had a special love for Bay Shore Camp in Sebawaing, Mich. and served many years as president

of the Camp Association. After his retirement in 1989, he spent many hours volunteering at the camp in whatever capacity was needed. When the Mini-Retreat Center was built, the Camp honored him by naming it The Patton Lodge.

Surviving Clare is his wife of almost 66 years, Louine; three children, Stephen (Laura) Patton of Nicholasville, Ky.; Brian Patton of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Terry (Judy) Patton of Caro, Mich.; his sister, Avis Alcorn of Brimley; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Clare is preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Grant Patton, Heber Patton and Wilda Edward.

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# IHS is partnering with DOJ to prevent opioid overdose fatalities

The Indian Health Service has partnered with the U.S. Dept. of Justice in the development of a Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit to help reduce the rate of fatalities from opioid overdoses in Indian Country. Naloxone is a potentially lifesaving drug known for effectively restoring breathing to a patient experiencing a heroin or other opioid overdose.

The IHS and other Health and Human Services Agencies participated in a July 2014 law enforcement naloxone toolkit expert advisory panel meeting. The toolkit was released on Oct. 27 and it is now available nationwide. The toolkit is being provided free to all interested tribal and IHS facilities.

Opioid overdoses can be fatal in 45 to 90 minutes. The IHS is encouraging health care providers from IHS, tribal, and urban facilities to work with law enforcement agencies to use the toolkit to help save patients. Law enforcement officers are often the first on the scene of an overdose, so their actions can mean the difference between life and death.

The toolkit was developed with guidance and input from IHS personnel. "This toolkit provides criti-

## New 800 number provides veterans with information

LANSING — Michigan veterans now have a new 800 number to access information on benefits, healthcare, claims, education and quality of life issues. Recently, Gov. Snyder announced the formal opening of the Michigan Veteran Resource Service Center at the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Headquarters in Lansing, in hopes it would aid veterans in getting assistance.

The great distances in Upper Michigan, coupled with the high number of veterans to serve, has proven challenging. With nearly 90,000 veterans north of Clare and over 30,000 in the Upper Peninsula, the MVRSC is designed to be a one-stop-shop for the many divergent needs of veterans.

The center is staffed during regular business hours; however, the Michigan Association of United Ways 211 phone system, which includes the Upper Peninsula omission for Progress, enables 24/7 coverage. Staff has been trained to help veterans access information. Michigan veterans, family and friends can call 800-642-4838 for more information, or access a variety of resources at the website, MichiganVeterans.com.

MVAA serves as the central coordinating point, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Services and their families to services and benefits throughout Michigan. The agency values inclusion, integrity, transparency, innovation and respect and aspires to provide the customer service that veterans deserve.

cal resources for us to partner with law enforcement to reduce fatalities from opioid overdoses," said Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, acting IHS director.

The toolkit offers answers to frequent questions about Naloxone. It also contains sample documents and templates, such as data collection forms, standard operating procedures, training materials, press releases, community outreach

materials, and memoranda of agreement between first responders and medical directors. The toolkit can be accessed at [www.bia.gov/naloxone](http://www.bia.gov/naloxone).

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.2 million Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

## New data shows veterans are more likely to have arthritis

LANSING — In Michigan, 42 percent of veterans suffer from arthritis. That's why this Veterans' Day, the Michigan Department of Community Health was raising awareness about programs that can help increase physical activity, improve daily functioning, and reduce pain, depression, and disability among adults with arthritis.

Among both men and women, arthritis is more common among veterans than non-veterans. The higher prevalence of arthritis is likely related to joint injuries that commonly occur during military service. A history of joint injury is one of the strongest risk factors for osteoarthritis, the most common type of arthritis. Studies show that adults with obesity are also at an increased risk of OA. Similar to the general population, the prevalence of arthritis was highest among veterans who are obese.

Fortunately, there are inexpensive, proven strategies that are available to veterans and others to help them manage their arthritis. MDCH is encouraging residents to utilize community resources such as EnhanceFitness classes and Personal Action Toward Health workshops to help manage arthritis and other health conditions.

EnhanceFitness is a group exercise program that helps older adults at all levels of fitness become more active, energized, and able to maintain their independence. Classes are one-hour long, meet three days a week, and are offered at more than 75 community locations around the state. Each one-hour class consists of strength training, flexibility and balance exercises, and aerobic exercise. Certified instructors lead the class, and they can help each participant adapt exercises to match their fitness level and abilities. EnhanceFitness classes are fun and easy.

Personal Action Toward Health workshops are proven to help adults with arthritis or other long-term health conditions feel better, be in control of their health, and do the things they want to do. PATH workshops are six weeks long, typically have 12 to 16 participants and are appropriate for caregivers as well as people with chronic health conditions. Workshops are led by two trained leaders, at least one of whom has a chronic condition. PATH workshops are offered in communities throughout Michigan and are usually free of charge.

For more information about arthritis, EnhanceFitness classes, or Personal Action Toward Health workshops in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/arthritis](http://www.michigan.gov/arthritis).

## Program to boost Michigan health access to expand

DETROIT (AP) — A program that seeks to improve access to primary care providers in medically underserved Michigan communities has received a federal funding boost to help it expand.

Detroit-based Wayne State University recently announced that the Michigan Area Health Education Center program has been awarded a one-year, nearly \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to maintain its four regional centers and launch a fifth.

The Northern Lower Regional Center is scheduled to open in 2015. Current locations are the Southeast Regional Center in Detroit, the Mid-Central Regional Center in Mount Pleasant, the Western Regional Center in Grand Rapids and the Upper Peninsula Regional Center in Marquette.

The funding also will help the Michigan Area Health Education Center promote and provide health care career preparation initiatives, clinical experiences and continuing education programs across Michigan. Rural areas, in particular, are expected to see improvements.

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# Two receive Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award

MARQUETTE — Bernadette Parker of Holy Name of Mary Parish in Sault Ste. Marie and Roger Irie of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Manistique are the recipients of the 2014 Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award. Bishop John F. Doerfler announced the recipients of the award, which annually recognizes members of the Diocese of Marquette for lifetime dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

Parker is a lifelong member of Holy Name of Mary Parish, where she serves the church in many capacities. She uses her talents to decorate the church for each liturgical season and makes it a family affair by getting her husband and four children involved. Parker also serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and a lector for Masses and attends to the many other daily needs around the church. For the past five years, Parker has volunteered her time to coordinate and assist Father Sebastian Kavumkal in providing Catholic prayer services and Mass for residents of a local nursing home.

In addition to her endless dedication to the parish, Parker is a strong advocate for St. Mary's Catholic School. She served as the president of the school council for several years and still dedicates many hours to the school. Outside of her parish work, Parker is a devoted wife and mother of four. She and her husband, Scott, own a local hardware business, where she puts in endless hours each week when she's not volunteering behind-the-scenes for the parish.

Roger Irie of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Manistique also received the Catholic Service Award for his continued dedication to the church and community. Over the last 20 years, Irie has taken on countless tasks to improve his parish. He serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a sacristan, a member of the parish council and chairperson of the Finance Council.

For several years, Roger has been in charge of the ministry schedule and trains all of the liturgical ministers, altar servers and sacristans. He serves and coordinates

all of the ministries for funeral Masses. In addition, he helps out at the parish's annual All Souls' Dinner by providing his special lasagna. Irie also plans and cooks the parish's Harvest Dinner, Knights of Columbus breakfasts and many other events.

Irie is a true witness to the Catholic faith and someone to whom everyone can relate. One of the letters received in support of his nomination for the Catholic Service Award stated, "The Roger who stands in the sacristy preparing everything for Mass is the same person who stands directing traffic, stands by with the ambulance for school and public events, and patrols the streets of our community. He treats all people with dignity and compassion. Everyone seems to know Roger."

Bishop Doerfler presented Parker and Irie with a Catholic Service Award commemorative medallion and honored them at the Bishop's Ambassadors' Dinner held recently in Marquette.

The Catholic Service Award is a



program of Legacy of Faith, the Endowment Foundation of the Diocese of Marquette. The award was created in 2006 in the spirit and intent of the endowment to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula. Nominations for the annual award are due by May 1 of each year. For more information, contact Terri Gadzinski at 906-227-9108 or visit the website: [www.LegacyOfFaith.net](http://www.LegacyOfFaith.net).

**Pictured above: The two recipients of the 2014 Legacy of Faith Catholic Service Award, Roger Irie of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Manistique (left) and Bernadette Parker of Holy Name of Mary Parish in Sault Ste. Marie (right), were recently honored by Bishop John Doerfler of the Diocese of Marquette (middle) at the Bishop's Ambassadors' Dinner in Marquette.**

## Getting the most out of your doctor's visit

By MSU Extension  
For Bay Mills News

More and more people are taking an active part in their own health care. You can improve your health and avoid harmful errors by learning to ask questions that give you a better understanding about disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Michigan State University Extension delivers research-based and relevant information to help you make the best decisions about your own health and wellbeing. MSU Extension experts recommend the following to help you get the most out of your time with your health care provider.

Doctors seem to have less and less time to spend with patients. It is important to have a list of current medications, symptoms and other questions you may have. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality recommends the following helpful things you can do during your doctor's visit:

- Take notes or have someone come with you to take notes.
- If possible, ask for printed material on diagnosis, treatment and medications you and your doctor talk about.
- Bring up problems or concerns you may have about current treatment plans. Let your doctor know if what you are doing now isn't helping. Ask for alternative treatment options.
- If you don't understand what

your doctor is saying, ask them to repeat it until you do understand. Ask them to draw a picture if that will help you understand.

• If you are getting medical tests, make sure you know what they are for. Ask when and how you will get the results. For example, in a week or two weeks and by mail or phone call. If possible, ask for a printed copy of medical test results. Tip: Check to see if your medical insurance requires a pre-authorization that must be completed by your doctor prior to a medical test(s). This could save you a great deal of money.

• Be sure to share information about how you feel both physically and emotionally. Both of those can help your doctor figure out the best treatments for you.

• Ask your doctor what lifestyle changes you can make to improve your health. Ask for informational brochures or community resources to help you learn ways to make improvements.

Things you should know and write down before you leave your

doctor's appointment:

- What is your blood pressure?
- What is your weight and BMI?
- If you are diabetic – what is your A1C?

Before you leave, be sure you make any follow-up appointments that are suggested. Know where to call if you have questions after hours, and where to go if you need to see someone in between scheduled visits, such as a recommended urgent care or emergency room.

One way to get high quality health care is to be your own best advocate. Know what you need to ask, be honest about your symptoms, listen and write things down, and if you don't understand, keep asking. Get information, give information and take information home.

*This article was written by Holly Tiret, Michigan State University Extension. For more information, visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu>. To contact an expert in your area, visit <http://expert.msue.msu.edu>, or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464).*

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"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

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# Money is coming to help erase last winter's infrastructure damage in Northern Michigan

By IAN K. KULLGREN  
Capital News Service

LANSING — As winter approaches, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. is pouring an additional \$1.6 million into the effort to assist communities still reeling from damages sustained during last year's deep freeze, bringing the total to \$7.6 million.

The funds will partially reim-

burse more than 30 communities in the northern Lower and Upper Peninsulas for repairing damaged roads and water mains and to wrap up construction before the cold weather sets in.

"It's really the first time we've seen that scale," said Lisa Pung, manager of the MEDC community assistance team.

"There are some projects that are being addressed now and some that will have to extend into the

winter and spring seasons." Marquette, for example, had 700 water main breaks last year at a cost of \$1.7 million. The city received nearly \$500,000 to mitigate infrastructure costs, in addition to \$3,400 to Marquette County.

Workers are now monitoring ground freezes to try and anticipate the severity of this coming winter.

City workers spent 12 hours a

day thawing water mains last winter, Public Works and Utilities Director Curt Goodman said. In addition to damage to pipes and roads, the city lost an estimated 75 million gallons of water by requiring customers to keep faucets running to prevent more ruptures.

Other recipients include Petoskey (\$96,255), Cheboygan County (\$20,419), Bear Creek Township (\$105,000), St. James Township (\$94,700) and Charlevoix (\$114,299).

Among the hardest-hit cities, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace and Ishpeming each received nearly \$1 million to pay for their infrastructure repairs. In some cases, cities tore up entire streets to gain access to broken mains, Pung said.

St. Ignace received nearly \$1 million, although the funding came through too late for the city to complete some of the major

repairs needed, City Manager Les Therrian said.

The primary water main that services the city's business district is still broken, and workers now must wait until spring to make repairs.

"Our biggest issue we have right now is keeping those people with water if this winter turns out the same," Therrian said.

The MEDC grants come mostly from federal assistance to the state from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Goodman said Marquette is exploring the possibility of hiring more outside contractors to make themselves eligible for more federal emergency money, which doesn't cover work by city staff.

"If we would have hired more outside contractors, we would have been reimbursed more," Goodman said.

## Motorists advised to take winter weather precautions

Motorists should take extra precautions when stopping and driving in winter weather. Remember to do all of your braking before the turn is made and take the proper line of travel through the turn to reduce the potential for a skid to occur. If your vehicle begins to skid, let off the throttle and brakes and use a quick hand-over-hand steering technique to turn the front tires in the direction you want to go.

Safe winter weather travel tips:

- Check the weather before leaving for a destination. If the weather forecast looks dangerous, reschedule or postpone the driving trip.
- Keep tires at the vehicle manufacturer's recommended pressure and routinely check tire pressure during cold weather.
- Keep windshield solvent at full strength and make sure the reservoir is full, and keep new wiper blades on front and rear wipers, if so equipped.
- Wash your vehicle for better visibility to other drivers, and remove ice and snow from all lights, windows and the license plate before driving.
- Periodically check all lights and replace when necessary.
- Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle (e.g., a hand-crank flashlight and radio, cell phone charger, windshield scraper, emergency contact list, blanket, "Help" signs, jumper cables, tow strap, fire extinguisher, cat litter or sand for better tire traction, shovels, flares, first aid kit, bottled water and non-perishable, high-energy foods).

Michigan weather is unpredictable any time of year. If you are stranded in a winter storm, do not leave your vehicle. Stay with the vehicle and wait for help.

Travelers are encouraged to go to [www.michigan.gov/roadconditions](http://www.michigan.gov/roadconditions) and [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive) to check road conditions before traveling. Road conditions are also available by calling the MSP Travel Hotline at 1-800-381-8477.

## Salt prices jump nearly 50 percent this winter

The severity of this winter is anyone's guess, but one thing's for sure: road salt will cost a lot more for Michigan road agencies battling the snow and ice.

Last winter, the Michigan Department of Transportation and other road agencies buying salt through the MiDEAL purchasing program paid an average price of \$44.99 per ton. This year, the average price is \$65.81 per ton, an increase of more than 46 percent.

During the winter of 2013-14, MDOT and its contract agencies used 653,500 tons of salt on Michigan state highways at a total cost of more than \$32.4 million.

Since 2007, salt use on state highways has ranged from a low of 343,200 tons in 2012 to a high of 759,248 tons in 2008.

"It's impossible to predict how much salt we'll need to use for our highways this winter, but the higher prices make it more likely that salt will eat up a large

portion of our budget," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "If we use the same amount as last year, the total bill for salt could top \$40 million."

Last year's state highway winter maintenance budget was set at \$88 million, and total costs exceeded \$136 million. This coming winter's maintenance budget, which is based on a five-year average, is \$95 million.

"MDOT's fiscal year starts Oct. 1, so winter maintenance is one of our first expenditures each year, and since it is directed at safety, it's a top priority," Steudle said.

"However, if we exceed our winter budget keeping roads safe, we have to scale back on non-winter maintenance items to stay within our overall budget."

Despite the rising price of salt, MDOT anticipates it will be able to purchase all the salt that is needed for the coming winter. Though salt is not appropriate

for all winter conditions, MDOT and contract agencies won't cut back on salt use on state highways due to cost alone.

Rising salt prices and decreased funding over the past decade prompted MDOT to implement "sensible salting" procedures. These include setting application guidelines for winter conditions, using weather stations to better target areas that will benefit most from salt, pre-wetting the salt so it sticks to the road and starts working faster, and slowing plow trucks to 25 mph when applying salt to prevent it from bouncing and scattering off the roadway.

## Grant opportunity announced

HOUGHTON — The Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition has a grant opportunity for educators and youth workers who provide quality environmental education programs to regional children from preschool to high school. The UPEC Educational Fund offers grants of up to \$500 for the 2015 calendar year, with applications due Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

Teachers, 4-H leaders, Scout leaders, museum staff members, youth service workers — anyone who wishes to start or maintain an environmental project involving preschool through high school age children — are eligible for funding, which may be used for all program expenses other than salaries.

During 2014, UPEC funded nine projects that included an environmental day camp, hands-on education about Lake Superior, a "BioBlitz" on ecosystem education, a dramatic presentation about protecting pollinators, learning about radiation detection and exposure, and community garden, greenhouse and rain garden projects. As the U.P.'s oldest grassroots environmental organization, UPEC is equally willing to fund outstanding projects inside and outside of formal school settings. A new opportunity this year includes support for programs that blend environmental awareness with the arts, thanks to the Bonnie Miljour Memorial Fund.

To learn more about the program, download a grant application, or obtain mailing information, visit [upenvironment.org](http://upenvironment.org). Completed applications must be received no later than Jan. 5, 2015. Funding for successful proposals will be announced by the end of January 2015.

## 2 sites dropped from list of Great Lakes hot spots

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — Federal officials say two locations in Michigan are being dropped from a list of 43 highly contaminated sites in the Great Lakes region.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Nov. 13 that cleanup work has been completed at White Lake in Muskegon County and Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula.

Both were designated as "areas of concern" in 1987 under an agreement between the U.S. and Canada that pledged to restore toxic hot spots around the Great Lakes watershed. But little was accomplished on the U.S. side until the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative began pumping additional funds into cleanup activities in 2010.

Four U.S. sites have now been dropped from the list, along with three in Canada. EPA says several others are on the verge of removal.



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# U.S. wilderness areas study includes 16 in Michigan

By ERIC FREEDMAN  
Capital News Service

LANSING – The federal government has launched a five-year study of the National Wilderness Preservation System, but public land agencies say they have no plans for major changes in Michigan's 16 designated wilderness areas.

The project involves five public agencies. Three of them – the National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service and Forest Service – manage land in Michigan.

The best known Michigan sites are Sleeping Bear Dunes Wilderness – the state's newest – and Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness in the Lower Peninsula. In the Upper Peninsula, Isle Royale Wilderness, the largest in the state, is part of Isle Royale National Park.

The smallest, at 12 acres, is Michigan Islands Wilderness, comprised of three islands in Lake Huron.

Congress designated the Sleeping Bear Wilderness, which covers almost half of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, earlier this year.

Overall, there are 758 wilderness areas in 44 states and Puerto Rico, accounting for almost 5 percent of the U.S. land mass. Visitors are restricted to non-motorized recreation and activities like fishing, hunting, horseback riding and backpacking and to scientific research.

During the next half-decade, the five agencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Geological Service, will work with nonprofit groups to protect wilderness resources, connect the public with their wilderness heritage and foster coordination and leadership.

In announcing the project, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said, "The character of wilderness is unique because of its combination of biophysical, experiential, and symbolic ideals that distinguish it from other protected places."

"Wilderness can be a life-changing experience, and it is part of our mission to preserve wilderness for future generations. Our challenge is to offer this experience to an ever-diversifying public while remaining true to our stewardship mission," Jarvis said.

Sierra Club of Michigan forest ecologist Marvin Roberson said his organization is generally satisfied with the existing wildernesses in the state.

"Sure, we'd love to have more, but we looked at what was feasible and what was reasonable. We're not like out West where there are huge areas that were not included and deserve it," he said.

The one additional wilderness the Sierra Club advocates would be the Trap Hills part of the U.P.'s Ottawa National Forest, south of Porcupine Mountains State Park.

"It's a special, wonderful area that we think deserves a second look," Roberson said.

According to the Forest Service, Trap Hills, "comprised of large tracts of undisturbed forest, rugged slopes and ridges, streams, waterfalls and ponds, offers solitude and a sense of remoteness that is unique in the Great Lakes area."

However, land agency personnel said they don't foresee major changes in Michigan.

"We do not have any plans to add acreage to our existing wilderness areas," said Park Ranger Jennifer McDonough of the U.P.'s Seney National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is run by the Fish & Wildlife Service and is responsible for the Seney, Huron Island and

Michigan Islands wildernesses.

"Management challenges for our existing wilderness lands are fortunately minimal," she said.

She quoted a 2011 report that said, "The overall condition of the Seney Wilderness is excellent. Refuge management has exerted significant effort to keep the natural systems intact and to allow most natural processes to function freely. The Seney Wilderness requires relatively few management actions, and very little recreational use occurs within its boundaries due to its remote nature."

As for wilderness users, "it is very difficult to really determine the exact number of visitors," said Lisa Klaus, the public affairs officer at the Ottawa National Forest. The official estimates for 2013 are 92 at Sturgeon River Gorge, 1,221 at McCormick and 8,170 at Sylvania wildernesses, based on vehicles counted at trailheads and visitors who notified the agency office.

"Totals are probably much higher," Klaus said. "Our greatest time of use is Memorial Day through Labor Day, but we do have some adventurous visitors who enjoy the unique beauty and pristine settings of the wilderness in the winter."

In the Huron-Manistee National Forest, no undesignated area meets the legal criteria for inclusion in the wilderness system because of minimum size requirements or the presence of such improvements as an earthen dam, Public Affairs Officer Ken Arbogast said.

There are challenges in protecting the existing wildernesses.

Consider Nordhouse Dunes: "For us, it's a challenge because the wilderness is very accessible. It's relatively small, and people look at it as kind of a beach area," Arbogast said. "We do have problems where people aren't thinking of it as a wilderness, such as cutting green trees for firewood and riding fat-tire bicycles on the sand. We expect people to respect the area," he said.

The Sierra Club's Roberson said money remains a major problem.

"Most wilderness areas don't get patrolled by rangers like we and the Forest Service would like because of funding cuts."

Roberson said he's never seen a Forest Service employee in the U.P.'s McCormick Wilderness in the "hundreds of nights" he has spent camping there during the past 25 years.

## Cougar sightings confirmed

RABER TOWNSHIP (AP) — There are two new confirmed cougar sightings in the eastern part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The department said that it has verified two photographs of the large predators this fall. There now have been 26 sightings in 11 Upper Peninsula counties since 2008, it said.

One photo was taken by a camera phone in late October on private property in Chippewa County's Raber Township. The site is about 30 miles south-southeast of Sault Ste. Marie. The second photo was taken in early November by a trail camera on public land in Mackinac County's Garfield Township.

The department said it believes that young cougars are dispersing from established populations in the Dakotas seeking new territory.

"There is no evidence of a breeding population of cougars in the state," it said.

Adult cougars generally weigh between 90 and 180 pounds and live mainly on deer. They live an average of eight to 12 years.

According to the state's website, cougars were native to Michigan but were exterminated about 100 years ago. The last known cougar capture was in 1906 near Newberry.

## Meetings announced

Meetings will be hosted to educate Upper Peninsula producers on crop variety trial research conducted at the MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center.

Michigan State University AgBioResearch and Extension staff will be hosting a series of meetings throughout the Upper Peninsula to report on the crop variety trials that were hosted at the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center this past year. In partnership with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, researchers in Chatham were able to test a host of varieties concentrating on small grains and forages.

Production data and crop potential in the U.P. will be explored. Specific crops highlighted include malting barley, spring and winter wheat, oats, dry field peas, and various forage crops.

Please mark your calendars for the meeting held closest to you. These meetings are open to the public and are free of charge. However, please RSVP so that we can plan accordingly for refreshments. We hope to see you this winter!

If you have any questions regarding the meetings or to RSVP, please contact Ashley McFarland @ ashleymc@anr.msu.edu or 906-439-5176.

In the Sault area, the meeting will be held at Bruce Township Hall, Dafter, on Jan. 28, 7 to 8:30 pm.

## Shipwreck cluster found

CROSS VILLAGE (AP) — A Michigan shipwreck diver says he has discovered a cluster of wrecks in northern Lake Michigan.

Ross Richardson of Lake Ann said he uncovered the wrecks this summer in the waters around the small Island of Skelligalee, located between Beaver Island and the northern Lower Peninsula community of Cross Village, *The Grand Rapids Press* (<http://bit.ly/10KU6ac>) reported. An extensive reef system about four feet under the water was responsible for many shipwrecks in the area before advanced navigation.

"I was looking for wrecks that haven't been discovered and have a decent last known position," said Richardson, who's originally from Grand Rapids. "This is kind of the last place in Lake Michigan where there's a concentration of wrecks that are undiscovered, but somewhat attainable."

The avid diver prepped for his season-long search of shallow wrecks with research during the winter. Richardson said he believes his discoveries include the remains of a 226-foot sidewheel steamer called *A.D. Patchin* that sank in 1850. Although its identity hasn't been proven, he said he made an educated guess based on the size of the wreck and its location.

The sinking of the *A.D. Patchin* prompted the construction of a lighthouse on the island to warn crews of the nearby reefs. The wreck is below about 30 to 35 feet of water.

He found four other wreck sites during his three trips to the island. Richardson believes one of his other discoveries, the largest of the Skelligalee wreck sites with the greatest amount of artifacts present, is the wreck of the 150-foot brig *Julia Dean*. The captain blamed the ship's 1855 sinking on Beaver Island pirates. The three other wrecks remain unidentified.

Richardson documented each of his dives this summer using a GoPro camera attached to a pole. The videos, which are posted to YouTube, mimicked the technique of a South African diver.

"I thought the technique was brilliant," he said. "Great Lakes wreck filming has pretty much stayed the same for decades — you move the camera slowly over the wet wood. I wanted to get the diver in the shot for perspective."

Richardson found the wreck of the *Westmoreland* in 2010.

## Holiday trees available for cutting

SAULT STE. MARIE — Holiday trees are available for cutting on Hiawatha Forest land for the price of a tree tag — \$5 — and a little sweat. To obtain a permit, or tree tag, stop at a local Ranger District Office. Along with the permit, tree cutting guidelines, information regarding cutting trees and suggestions for flame-proofing your tree are available.

The Forest is offering something new this year. Those who buy a tree tag and cut a tree on Hiawatha National Forest are invited to post photos of their family's tree-cutting outing on the Forest's Facebook page. The photos will be used to create an online holiday tree-cutting photo album that will add to the fun of cutting a tree and spread the idea of getting outdoors in the winter.

For more information about tree tags, contact the U.S. Forest Service Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30, except as noted. Sault Ste. Marie, 906-635-5311; St. Ignace, 906-474-6442; Munising, 906-387-2512; Rapid River, 906-474-6442; and Manistique on Wednesdays only at 906-341-5666.

## USPS processing consolidation to restart

OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service says the planned consolidation of mail processing work done at five Michigan distribution centers will restart in January.

Sabrina Todd, a spokeswoman for the Postal Service's Greater Michigan District, said that a moratorium that put the planned consolidations on hold since early 2012 was lifted earlier this year.

The Postal Service hopes to save millions of dollars with the Michigan consolidations.

Mail that's handled at a center in Kalamazoo County's Oshtemo Township will be shifted to Grand Rapids. The Postal Service has announced plans to close dozens of centers nationwide, including ones in the Lansing, Gaylord, Saginaw and Iron Mountain areas.



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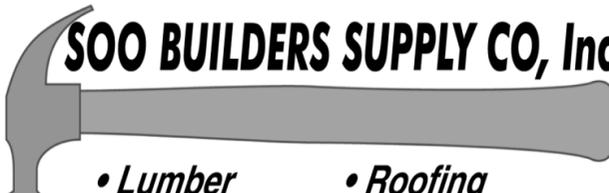
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## President's Corner



I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving, and I hope that you are able to get a little more rest during the break. This should be helpful while you finish the semester and prepare to take your final exams. I want to congratulate the new Student Council officers and hope they have a good experience.

The one big item to report is the start of a new building on the M-221 Farm Property. This will be a multi-purpose building with two classrooms and a kitchen area. The kitchen could be used for canning workshops using the vegetables from the hoop house and community gardens. The classrooms will replace the space presently used at the Great

Lakes Composites Institute as I am hoping that we will soon need that space to support production.

We have been exploring a number of avenues in hopes of securing the first contract. This has resulted in the signing of a joint venture agreement, with another in the works. Two agreements are in place that guarantee payment for contracts secured by third parties that are trying to sell our products. I am really hopeful that we will soon have the opportunity to employ more people from our community in the composite manufacturing business.

On that hopeful closing note, I wish everyone a good ending for a fruitful semester.



BMCC President Michael C. Parish

Bay Mills Community College

# NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Friday, November 21



**Fall Semester Cultural Workshop**  
"Plants as Food and Medicine"

Guest Presenter: Peggy Holappa, Odawa Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program

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10 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Everyone Welcome

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, AIHEC will be serving Native dishes and cuisine for lunch, throughout November.



**Student Success Workshops** are a series of free, short workshops offered to all BMCC students and staff throughout the year. On Nov. 4, opening BMCC's "Native American Heritage Month," Kathy LeBlanc, BMCC cultural services director, facilitated two workshops on "Traditional Native Teachings." Shown above are students from Mike Willis's Native American Awareness class and Chris Miller's math class listening to Kathy share historical and cultural information about Bay Mills.

### Happy Birthday!

Albert Bertram	11/8
Laura LaMothe	11/10
Tim Spencer	11/13
Kasey McCullough	11/14
Heather Fegan	11/15
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## Financial Aid Disbursement Dates

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Spring 2015	January 2015 February 2015 March 2015	February 16, 2015 March 16, 2015 April 16, 2015

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If you receive other types of Financial Aid it will be disbursed on the closest refund date.

## November's Healthy Tip

November is here. The few leaves that haven't been blown off the trees are hanging on for dear life. The cold, crisp autumn scents are everywhere. This time of year is a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the scenery with family, friends and even the furry ones. A healthy tip for this month is rake up all the leaves or do some outdoor last minute cleaning to spruce your yard for the cold winter freeze that is coming our way. Did you know that raking vigorously for 45 minutes can burn, on average, 150 calories? The most important thing is to remember that being active and healthy promotes a healthy lifestyle. All the little activities can really add up to give you an overall optimal health. Another excellent tip is when checking the mail or walking into a store, do something a little more challenging like walking faster, walking knee highs or doing lateral walking to add some sweat to the simple tasks. Another way to add some healthy steps in your shopping days is to park further away, or do an extra lap around the store. You never know, you may be the one to start a revolution on health. Every little bit counts. Above all, you were given this one body to live in, so remember that you deserve to have a healthy one. Take a step in a healthy direction!

Lori Gambardella  
BMCC Mukwa Health and Fitness Program Coordinator

## Student Council Information

### Raffle Tickets on Sale

Raffle tickets are now on sale at Bay Mills Community College (organized by the BMCC Student Council) at a cost of \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six tickets. Eight prizes total, giving away turkeys, just in time for Thanksgiving. Drawing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20 at noon in the BMCC Administration building. Proceeds are going towards the BMCC Student Council.

### Student Council Meeting

There will be a Student Council Meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Room 103. All students are encouraged to attend.

### Non-perishable Decorative Display Boxes

Bay Mills Community College Student Council will display Christmas decorative boxes in the BMCC's administration building, Mikanuk Hall, Learning Center, and the Bay Mills Soo-Coop Credit Union to collect non-perishable food donations. All donations will be donated to the local Salvation Army. The items will be delivered on Dec. 11.

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## Techy Tip

### BMCC STUDENT EMAIL INFORMATION

Starting in the Fall 2014 Semester, all BMCC students are assigned an email account hosted by our domain— student.bmcc.edu— provided by Google.com. This is how BMCC will begin communicating with all BMCC students.

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Example (jlearner1234@student.bmcc.edu)

The default password is: BMCCmoodle09. The first time a student logs in, s/he will be prompted to change it. To sign in, connect to the internet. Go to a Google web site and click on "Gmail."

For example: Jane Learner, student number 1011234 would type:

Username: jlearner1234@student.bmcc.edu

Password: BMCCmoodle09

You will be prompted to change your password to something unique, and that you will remember.

If you have trouble with accessing your student email account, here is a list of contacts of the technology people who can help you:

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Deb Wilson — 1/800/844-2622, ext. 8442, or 906/248-3354, same extension, or ask for her by name. Email: dwilson@bmcc.edu

Sarah Wellman — 1/800/844-2622, ext. 8403, or 906/248-3354, same extension, or ask for her by name. Email: swellman@bmcc.edu

Duane Bedell — 1/800/844-2622, ext. 8407, or 906/248-3354, same extension, or ask for him by name. Email: dbedell@bmcc.edu

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## STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS 2014-2015



(L-R) Holly Bedell (Vice President), Yolanda Petitpas (President), Alex Mason (Treasurer), Sarah Brigman (Secretary), Joseph Lindsay (Sergeant at Arms)



Photo of the Month

By Liz Landreville

### It's Puzzle Time!

What number gives the same result when it is added to 1.5 as when it is multiplied by 1.5?

Submit your answer to Laura LaMothe - lauralamothe@bmcc.edu

Bay Mills Community College would like to wish all students and staff a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Remember the school will be closed **Nov. 26 to Nov. 28** in observance of the holiday.

### Halloween Door Contest Winners announced

° Diane Sliger  
TRiO 1st place

° Jan Miller  
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° Deb Wilson  
LC 3rd place  
(pictured at right)



## AIHEC CLUB LUNCH

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For more information, please see a member of the AIHEC COMMITTEE: Tina Kelly, President's Office, Duane Bedell, Administration Building, Kendra Mills, Mikanuk Hall, and Diana Cryderman, Mikanuk Hall

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# MPSC issues 2014-2015 Winter Energy Appraisal

The Michigan Public Service Commission has released the "Michigan Energy Appraisal: Winter 2014/2015." The appraisal, published since 1978, reviews the projected prices and availability of energy in Michigan over the winter months.

Energy supplies in Michigan will be adequate to meet anticipated demand this winter. Overall annual demand for natural gas and electricity are expected to increase slightly in 2014 as a result of deviations from normal weather. Colder temperatures this past winter increased demand for natural gas, but a cooler than normal summer lessened the need for natural gas as an electric generation fuel source during peak times. Motor gasoline demand is expected to show a slight gain over last year as ongoing improvements in vehicle fuel efficiency continue to dampen usage. Diesel fuel demand is largely dependent on the industrial sector, whose continued strength is driving consumption higher.

Assuming a return to normal weather for the 2014-2015 heating season, the usage of all heating fuels is expected to decrease significantly from last winter. Accounting for both fuel price reductions and anticipated normal winter weather, average expenditures for both heating oil and propane customers could decrease by over 20 percent from the previous winter. Natural gas utility customers are expected to see a 9 percent reduction in winter heating bills with a return to normal temperatures.

Electricity — Michigan's total electricity sales in 2014 are expected to increase by 0.8 percent from 2013 sales, assuming normal weather for the rest of the year.

This projected increase is driven by the industrial sector, whose usage is expected to grow by 3 percent. Residential demand is projected to remain flat, with the commercial sector expected to see a slight decrease. Increased energy efficiency and mild summer temperatures appear to be contributing to these trends.

Natural Gas — Assuming normal winter weather for the remainder of the year, total natural gas sales in Michigan are projected to increase by about 1 percent to 793.1 Bcf from 2013 sales. This increase is primarily due to the colder-than-expected temperatures experienced during last winter and continued growth in the industrial sector. The 2013/14 heating season was about 15 percent colder than normal and was followed by a 17 percent cooler summer in 2014. Due to the unusually cool summer, natural gas demand for electric power generation is expected to be lower this year, currently estimated at 19 percent below the five-year average for this sector. With an expected return to normal weather, natural gas consumption for the remainder of 2014 should fall below levels seen at the end of 2013 and offset some of the dramatic increases seen at the beginning of the year.

Petroleum — Total liquid fuels consumption in 2013 rose by 2.5 percent (470,000 bbl/d), the largest annual increase since 2004. This increase can be attributed to a nearly 2 percent increase in gasoline consumption and an 8.5 percent increase in propane consumption due to extreme winter temperatures. U.S. crude oil production increased to an average of 8.5 million bbl/d in September of this year, nearly 15 percent higher than

the 2013 average and the highest production levels in the U.S. since 1986. Production is expected to average 9.5 million bbl/d in 2015, reaching levels not seen since the 1970s. This increase in production is having a positive impact on world crude oil prices which have dropped over 15 percent since summer.

Motor Gasoline — Gasoline sales in Michigan are projected to increase by less than 1 percent (0.6) in 2014, marking the second straight year of increased demand and bucking a decade-long trend of declining sales. Regionally, gasoline sales are expected to increase at an even slower rate of 0.4 percent in 2014. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) attributes this sluggish demand to increases in vehicle fuel efficiency which is somewhat offset by increased highway driving. Since October 2007, gas mileage of new vehicles has improved approximately 26 percent, from 20.1 mpg to 25.3 mpg, according to the U-M Transportation Research Institute. The fuel usage resulting from this efficiency gain was estimated to be over 15 billion gallons, which at today's price of \$3.00/gal is more than \$45 billion dollars of fuel cost savings to U.S. drivers.

Distillate Fuels — Total distillate sales in Michigan are projected to increase by 2.9 percent to 1.09 billion gallons in 2014. This will mark the second year of growth in distillate sales, based in large part on continued growth in the industrial sector stretching back to 2008. Michigan's industrial production index increased an average of 5 percent year-over-year for the first two quarters of 2014. In recent years, heating oil has become an increasingly small

component of the overall distillate picture in Michigan because fewer homes use it as a primary heating source. This year, however, a significant uptick in usage was noted for the beginning of 2014 due to extreme winter weather.

Propane — The upcoming 2014-2015 heating season (November - March) is projected to see an 8.5 percent decrease in propane use over last year, assuming normal winter weather. Colder than normal temperatures throughout the 2013-2014 heating season caused propane use to increase nearly 23 percent over the previous heating season. With an expectation of normal weather, residential usage should return to historical demand volumes of about 200 million gallons.

Winter Heating Bills — Assuming a return to normal weather, the usage of all heating fuels is expected to decrease significantly from the previous year. Accompanying this decrease in usage is an expected reduction in

fuel prices for both heating oil and propane, while natural gas will experience a slight uptick as utilities recover unanticipated expenses from last winter. Accounting for both fuel price changes and anticipated normal winter weather, average expenditures for both heating oil and propane customers could decrease by as much as 20 or 30 percent, respectively, for the 2014/2015 winter. Natural gas utility customers are expected to see a 9 percent reduction in winter heating bills.

In Michigan, 77 percent of households heat with natural gas; 8.5 percent use propane; 9 percent use electricity; 4 percent use wood; and 1.5 percent use heating oil.

The Michigan Energy Appraisal is prepared every six months. The Energy Appraisal is available on the Commission's website at: <http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/mpsc/reports/energy>. The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

## Comments sought for update of Wolf Management Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is updating the 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan and is seeking comment on the implementation of the plan. The plan, and more specifically the four principal goals within the plan, has guided wolf management in Michigan for the last six years.

During this time, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the wolf population in the western Great Lakes region (including Michigan) had recovered and the species no longer required the protection of the Federal Endangered Species Act. After the removal from the ESA, the State of Michigan had full management authority for wolves.

The Wolf Management Plan was created using extensive public input to identify important issues and assess public attitudes towards wolves and their management, as well as a review of the biological and social science on wolves. The four principal goals within the plan are:

- maintain a viable wolf population;
- facilitate wolf-related benefits;
- minimize wolf-related conflicts;
- and conduct science-based and socially acceptable management of wolves.

These goals will remain the same in the updated plan. The update will include reviewing scientific liter-

ature and including new information, evaluating implementation based on the action items in the plan, updating action items and addressing outdated information or clarifications that may be needed.

The DNR is seeking comment from those interested in wolf management to aid in the evaluation of plan implementation so far. Review of the plan update will occur in two distinct phases. The first phase will consist of a 30-day period in which interested parties, DNR staff members and Natural Resources Commission members can provide comment on the implementation of actions in the 2008 Plan. The second phase will be a 30-day period to comment on the Draft Updated Plan before it goes to the Natural Resource Commission for endorsement and the DNR director for signature.

The Phase 1 electronic survey is now open ([www.surveymonkey.com/s/wolfplanupdate](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wolfplanupdate)). The survey is structured around 12 strategic goals and corresponding actions within the 2008 plan. Those interested in wolf management are encouraged to provide input. Comments will be accepted now until Dec. 11. Those unable to participate in this survey electronically are asked to contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453 to receive a paper survey.

The DNR hopes to have the wolf plan update completed by spring of 2015.

## McIntyre elected to chair IBA board for 2015

SAULT STE. MARIE — Longtime Canadian board member James McIntyre was elected as the 2015 chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority board of directors, the bi-national body which supervises operations of the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge. His election took place at the board's regular meeting on Nov. 13.

McIntyre's involvement with the bridge spans more than 50 years, starting when he was mayor of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, from 1960-1964. Since then, McIntyre served on the board of the St. Mary's River Bridge Company, the Canadian board of directors representing the federal government interests in the governance and operation of the bridge. McIntyre served as president of SMRBC for decades, and was the first chairperson of the Joint International Bridge Authority, the bi-national governance board established in

September 2000 when the bridge construction bonds were retired. He has since served a number of one-year terms as the chair of the JIBA and its successor, SSMBA.

The SSMBA board consists of eight members, four Michigan members appointed by the governor and four Canadian members appointed by the SMRBC.

Nicholas White of Petoskey was elected vice chairman for 2015. The other U.S. representatives are Scott Shackleton and Linda Hoath of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and Stuart Bradley of Ishpeming; the other Canadian representatives on the board are Rick Talvitie of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Helen Gillespie of Vancouver, British Columbia; and Glenn Hewus of Ottawa, Ontario.

The IBA reports that in the last 20 years, \$17.5 million in bridge revenue has been spent on major contracted projects, such as repainting structural steel and

resurfacing the concrete bridge deck. Looking ahead, the IBA's Long Range Capital Plan calls for spending more than \$28.9 million in bridge revenue on contracted bridge repainting in the next 10 years, and an additional \$28.3 million in concrete deck repair projects in the next 15 years.

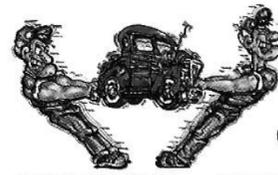
The SSMBA board also set its 2015 meeting schedule. The board will meet in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Feb. 19 and Aug. 13; and in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on May 21 and Nov. 19.

The IBA's sole source of funding is from tolls and fees collected; the bridge receives no federal, provincial, or state government operational subsidy. All revenue collected is used to maintain, operate, and protect the bridge structure, the Canadian plaza, and the U.S. toll plaza.

For more information, go to the IBA website at [www.michigan.gov/iba](http://www.michigan.gov/iba) or [www.saultbridge.com](http://www.saultbridge.com).

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# LSSU graduate discovers Atlantic salmon reproducing in the wild

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — A Lake Superior State University graduate has published findings in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research* that answer the question many anglers have been asking for years: Are Atlantic salmon reproducing in the Great Lakes?

According to Stefan Tucker, Belmont, Mich., yes, they are — at least in the St. Mary's River.

Tucker, who graduated from LSSU in 2012 with a degree in fisheries and wildlife management, found wild Atlantic salmon fry in the St. Mary's River while conducting research on lake sturgeon as part of his undergraduate senior thesis, a requirement for students in the sciences and other fields at LSSU. He published his findings with LSSU biology professors Dr. Ashley Moerke and Dr. Geoffrey Steinhart, and LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory Manager Roger Greil in the October issue of *JGLR*.

The discovery is not only excit-

ing for those at LSSU, the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, and others who have been involved with stocking Atlantic salmon in the upper Great Lakes for nearly three decades, but also to anyone who follows the changing dynamics of the Great Lakes, especially in relation to lake trout and salmonids.

"We were conducting research for my sturgeon thesis when we found the Atlantic salmon fry," said Tucker. "It was very exciting to everyone who was a part of my research to imagine what we had just stumbled upon.

"While sorting through my samples at the lab with Roger (Greil), we began to ID the salmonids and Roger had a suspicion that they were Atlantics," he added. "We caught wild Atlantics in our next two sampling events, so we wanted to confirm our ID and we sent a few to Dr. Gerald Smith at University of Michigan, who confirmed the identification.

So, while sampling for several days catching what we believed to be Atlantic salmon was exciting, it was even more so to get confirmation from a reputable, professional taxonomist."

Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) are native to Lake Ontario; but their populations severely declined by the late 1800s, according to Tucker's abstract. During the early to mid-1900s, Atlantic salmon were stocked throughout the Great Lakes in an effort to reestablish them into Lake Ontario and introduce the species into the upper Great Lakes. However, these efforts had minimal success.

In 1987, LSSU, in cooperation with MDNR Fisheries, began stocking Atlantic salmon in the St. Mary's River. While the effort has resulted in a very successful recreational fishery along with an excellent educational experience for students, it appeared that Atlantics were still not reproducing naturally, even though they would return to the river spawning grounds every year. Biologists wondered if competition from other salmonids spawning in the St. Mary's in greater numbers — including chinook and pink salmon — was keeping Atlantics from thriving.

While this is the first documentation of natural reproduction of Atlantic salmon in the upper Great Lakes, Tucker's study concludes that "the extent of natural reproduction and mechanisms influencing reproductive success are unclear and warrant further attention."

Tucker said unclipped yearlings have been captured in the past, and while they could potentially be naturally-produced fish, it is not likely. His study says it is suspected that thiamine deficiency has been a possible factor contributing to the limited success of natural reproduction and survival of salmon, including wild Atlantic

salmon in the Great Lakes.

It was another LSSU study led by Dr. Marshall Werner and his students in 2006 that confirmed that thiamine deficiency — also known as Early Mortality Syndrome — was probably affecting wild salmonids in the upper Great Lakes. Werner's study noted that the deficiency results from the presence of thiaminase, an enzyme that degrades thiamine, or vitamin B1, and is found at high levels in common prey fish, including alewives.

"EMS is detrimental to the embryonic and larval stages of salmonids within the Great Lakes basin because it reduces their ability to convert carbohydrates into energy," Tucker said. "For over a decade, EMS has been successfully treated in hatchery settings via thiamine baths, but treatment of naturally spawned embryos has not been possible."

After the crash of the Lake Huron alewife population more than 10 years ago, thiamine concentrations in eggs of salmonids and lake trout were found to be much higher.

Tucker's study noted, "A direct correlation between increased egg thiamine levels and decreased alewife abundance has supported an increase of spawning success for Atlantic salmon and lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*). The patterns observed in Atlantic salmon and lake trout suggest that these species may be experiencing the removal of long-standing reproduction impediments and show that low alewife abundance is a vital pre-requisite for natural reproduction."

In addition, with the crash of the alewife population in Lake Huron, the chinook salmon population followed suit, possibly reducing competition for spawning areas.

"Stefan's research is a fantastic example of unexpected scientific

discovery that is leading to new questions and hypotheses about the life history of Atlantic salmon in the upper Great Lakes," said Moerke, who is co-director of the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory. "Undergraduate students can contribute to and advance our scientific understanding, and Stefan's publication illustrates that our students at LSSU are doing so. It's an impressive accomplishment to be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, but even more so to do it as an undergraduate."

Tucker's senior thesis was "Verification of natural lake sturgeon reproduction in the St. Mary's River, Michigan." It expanded upon a growing body of data collected on lake sturgeon by LSSU students and faculty since the mid-1990s. Tucker was awarded an LSSU undergraduate research award to conduct the study, and he won the Best Student Field-based Thesis Award for his research from the LSSU School of Biological Sciences in 2012.

"So, in addition to writing my original thesis, I took on writing the Atlantic salmon paper as lead author," Tucker said. "It was a great honor and learning experience to do so. Roger, along with Dr. Steinhart (former LSSU ARL co-director) and Dr. Moerke played a huge role with the technical aspect in some of the writing and their assistance after graduating has been incredible."

Tucker's research is timely as the MDNR has recently expanded its Atlantic salmon stocking program in the state and is hoping to see these salmon step in for the once abundant chinook salmon, which were highly sought by anglers in Lake Huron.

For more information on the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory, visit [www.lssu.edu/arl](http://www.lssu.edu/arl).

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"Each year, we see hunters using ORVs where it is illegal to operate them," said Lt. Andrew Turner, who leads the DNR's recreation safety program. "We remind hunters that ORV restrictions are in place to protect natural resources and minimize user conflict with other hunters and outdoor recreation enthusiasts. To ensure everyone's safety and to help everyone have an enjoyable hunt, we ask riders to know the rules and encourage others to do the same."

ORV land-use regulations hunters should be aware of include the following:

It is illegal to operate an ORV on public lands in the Lower Peninsula that are not posted open. ORVs are prohibited on state game areas or state parks and recreation areas unless posted open.

On state forest lands, ORV use on designated trails is limited to vehicles less than 50 inches in width. Off-trail or off-route ORV operation outside of a designated area is prohibited, except for licensed hunters operating an ORV at speeds of 5 miles per hour or less using the shortest possible route to the game for the purpose of removing deer, bear or elk. Big-game ORV retrieval provisions do not apply to the Pigeon River Country State Forest, or to state game areas and national forests.

In all national forests, motor vehicles can be used only on roads, trails or areas that are designated as open to Motor Vehicle

Use maps. For more information, contact the local national forest headquarters.

It is illegal to operate an ORV from 7 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. on any area open to public hunting during the Nov. 15 to 30 firearm deer season. For exceptions to these time restrictions, see the 2014 *Hunting and Trapping Digest* or the *Handbook of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Laws*.

Roads, streets and highways maintained for year-round automobile travel (including the shoulder and the right-of-way) are closed to ORV operation unless designated open to ORV use by local ordinance. ORV operators should check with the county for local ordinances.

Private land is closed to ORV operation except by the landowner and the landowner's invited guests.

## Family Dollar Stores now fundraising for Brimley/Bay Mills Boys & Girls Clubs

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills/Brimley Boys & Girls Club has been chosen as a participant in a program sponsored by Family Dollar Stores, Inc. — "Open the Door for America's Kids."

For four weeks, beginning Nov. 1, Family Dollar customers at Cheboygan, St. Ignace, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, Harbor Springs, Kincheloe, Pellston, Cedarville, Naubinway, Munising and Manistique can make a monetary contribution at checkout to be donated to the Club this holiday season.

Family Dollar stores invite customers to give \$1 at the register during the month of November with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Boys & Girls Club of America. Every \$1 donation helps provide 20 minutes of after-school programming for a Club youth, while \$15 helps keep a child safe after school.

Sandra Walden, director of the Bay Mill/Brimley Boys & Girls Club said, "Our club is located in a very rural area, so anytime we can participate in an event of this magnitude, it is an amazing opportunity for our Club."



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Bay Mills Indian Community's waste management site, located in the maintenance garage parking lot, is only open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday and Monday are NOT drop off days. When someone does drop garbage off on those days, birds and other creatures are making a mess before waste management staff can pick it up.

Effective immediately, anyone dropping garbage off outside normal hours will be issued citations for littering.

**Christmas bazaar**

The annual "Christmas in Paradise Bazaar" will be held Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Center, sponsored by the Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce.

Vendors can set up at 8 a.m. Luncheon will be available to everyone, with specials for vendors.

For more information, call Sherri McLellan at 906-492-3560, or email to tahqa@light-house.net.

## Boys & Girls Club provides schedule

BAY MILLS — As the holidays arrive in November and December, the Boys & Girls Clubs in Bay Mills and Brimley will have some unusual schedules.

Two mandatory trainings in December require participation for three staff members. Some confusion may result, cautioned Club Director Sandy Walden, and she asked that parents pay close attention to scheduling and apologized for any inconvenience. She also stressed that all parents/guardians need to communicate with their children's schools when after-school routines are changing.

Friday, Nov. 21: Brimley Club closed; Bay Mills Club open to all members. The Club will host a Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner at 5 p.m. at the Waishkey Center. All community members are welcome and asked to bring a dish to pass. For more information, call Candice Leapley at 906-248-8577 or email to cmleapley@baymills.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Friday, Nov. 28: Both Clubs are closed and reopening for regular hours on Monday, Dec. 1.

Monday, Dec. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 9: Brimley Club closed. All Club members invited to attend the Bay Mills Club.

Wednesday, Dec. 10 and Thursday, Dec. 11: Bay Mills Club closed. All Club members are invited to attend the Brimley Club.

Friday, Dec. 12 and Thursday, Dec. 18: Both Clubs will be closed.

Friday, Dec. 19: Brimley Club closed. Bay Mills Club open 12 to 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22, 2014 through Friday, Jan. 2, 2015: Both Clubs closed. Both Clubs will resume normal hours on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

**Thanksgiving pies**

Once again, students from Native Studies classes at Brimley Area Schools will be selling pumpkin pies as a fundraiser for the annual school pow wow. Pies will be available Wednesday, Nov. 26 and can be pre-ordered by calling Sonja Killips at 906-248-3218, ext. 633, or find her on Facebook.

**T-shirt sale**

Students from Native Studies classes at Brimley Area Schools will be holding T-shirt sales during the month of November, which is designated Native American Heritage Month. The shirts will be \$15 and will bear the name "Education broadens our horizons," in the Ojibwe language. For more information, contact Sonja Killips at 906-248-3218, ext. 633, or find her on Facebook.

**Unclaimed funds**

Elder payments have not been claimed for the following deceased members: James J. Blackburn, Denise LeBlanc, Edward Menominee, Gary Payment, Frances Semasky and Barbara T. Teeple. The personal representative or executor for each person's estate may obtain payment upon presentation to the Bay Mills Accounting Department of a copy of the

court-issued letters of authority to that individual, which is certified as a true copy by the court. Any funds that are unclaimed by Dec. 1, 2014 will be subject to a petition for escheat filed with the Bay Mills tribal court.

**Home delivered meals**

Attention: Bay Mills tribal elders — Elders who are not currently receiving home delivered meals can become eligible for the service by providing a doctor's note verifying the need for home delivered meals.

**Community Health events**

Dec. 3: Flu Clinic at Bay Mills Health Center from 2 to 6 p.m.

Nov. 20 and Dec. 18: Foot Clinic at Armella Parker Elder Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Healthcare Event Nov. 20**

Healthcare Open Enrollment event will take place Thursday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at Bay Mills Resort & Casinos. Call 906-635-7483 to schedule an appointment. Please attend if you have no health coverage; need to renew your marketplace plan; want to enroll in a new marketplace plan; or have questions about healthcare coverage options. You will receive free in-person assistance from Certified Marketplace Navigators, CAC's MMAP Counselors and MI Bridges Navigation Partners.

**Affordable Health Care exemptions**

Native Americans are exempt from the Affordable Care Act, but they have to go into a healthcare exchange and apply for an exemption and get an exemption

number. It takes four weeks to get mailed an exemption number. When Native Americans go to file for 2014 tax returns, they need their exemption number. If they don't have it, they can go on the healthcare exchange and apply for it retroactively, but they have to wait four weeks to get it, which puts off their tax refunds for four weeks.

**Lighthouse events**

Point Iroquois Lighthouse presents Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29 through Dec. 21 from noon to 2 p.m. Children young and old are invited to bring their Christmas lists and sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and tell them about their hopes for Christmas. Be sure to bring a camera for pictures. While there, take a walk around and learn about life at Point Iroquois. ENFIA Book Nook sale: 20 percent off.

Saturday, Dec. 20: Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Research Society's Christmas Tea from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Hiawatha National Forest at 906-643-7900 or Point Iroquois Lighthouse at 906-437-5272.

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

Hosted by Bay Mills Healthy Start, a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at the Bay Mills Ball Field on Monday, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited for hot cocoa, snacks and a visit from Santa.

**Food Drive**

The Bay Mills Behavioral Health Program is urging local community members and organizations to donate food to the Bay

Mills Emergency Food Bank. Most needed items are: Canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, pork; canned fruit and vegetables; peanut butter; canned/boxed meals, such as soup, stew, macaroni and cheese, rice dishes; pasta, rice and juice. To ensure food safety, we cannot use rusty or unlabeled cans, perishable items, open or used items. We are not accepting clothing donations at this time.

Donation locations are on the first and second floor of Ellen Marshall Building, AOT, Four Seasons, North Shore Market, Post Office and Tribal Office. Donations will be accepted from Nov. 21. For more information, contact Anna Rogers-Stott at 906-248-8311 or Ruby Hatfield at 8312.

**Farmer Program**

Applications are now open for the 2015 Apprentice Farmer Program at the North Farm at the Michigan University Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham, Mich.

The program is designed to help beginning farmers who are interested in starting their own farm business.

Three apprentice farmers will be selected to begin the two-year program in 2015. They will receive a ¼-acre plot on which to produce, technical support, use of UPREC and North Farm equipment and resources and optional housing at North Farm.

Apprentice farmers should have basic horticultural knowledge and experience working on diversified vegetable farms. For more information or to apply, visit [www.msunorthfarm.org](http://www.msunorthfarm.org).

## Community bike program asks for equipment return

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Biology Department and Mukwa Fitness Center are ending the community bike program for the year and want to make sure that community members are aware of the program for next summer.

The program is funded by the Biology Department's Great Lakes Restorative Initiative Tribal Capacity grant, which began in 2012. One of the goals of the program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the community. All the bikes have a computer that displays speed and tracks the mileage, enabling the department staff to calculate

the reduction in greenhouse gases using the number of miles each bike is ridden as reported by the computers.

Through this program, 20 bikes are available for community members to check out from Mukwa Fitness Center during the summer for an alternate form of transportation or for personal exercise. A variety of bikes is available, including mountain bikes, hybrid bikes, tandem bikes and tricycles. Next year, there will be children's bike seats on several adult bikes.

Bikes are available for one week at a time starting in May

or earlier, weather permitting. The program ends in the fall so that the bikes can be properly stored before the first significant snowfall. We have moved most of the bikes to winter storage, but several bikes have not been returned. If you checked out a bike this summer, please call the Fitness Center at 907-248-9009 and return it as soon as possible.

For further information, call Lori Gambardella at the Fitness Center, 906-248-9009, ext. 1, or Emily Martin in the Biology Department, 906-248-8651 or [emartin@baymills.org](mailto:emartin@baymills.org).

# Fundraising campaign under way to honor Andary's life

SAULT STE. MARIE — A fundraising campaign has been started by Maxine Anderson of Sault Ste. Marie in honor of Marcus Andary, a young hockey player killed in 2011 by a drunk driver.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 by Thanksgiving to name a section of the Pullar Stadium bleachers after Andary. All donations (no amount is too small) can be sent to the Pullar Community Building Renovation & Expansion Project, in care of Marcus Andary, Sault Ste. Marie Parks & Rec Department, 225 East Portage Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783.

Following is a brief account of Marcus Andary's life, written by his sister, Lara Andary.

"On the blue line of the historic Pullar Stadium, teammates past and

present lined up to give one final salute to their fallen teammate, Marcus Andary. Only a few days before, on Dec. 18, 2011, Marcus' life was taken from the world because of the poor choices of a drunk driver. As 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' played over the loudspeakers, the family was handed Marcus' No. 18 Sault High Blue Devils captain's jersey. It was a bittersweet moment, when the entire Pullar Stadium was overwhelmingly filled with so much love, despite the deep sorrow over the loss of our brother, son and friend.

"On Dec. 23, 2011, Marcus Andary took center ice at Pullar Stadium for the last time. Here, he was surrounded by family, friends, teammates and so many others he had touched in his lifetime. It was a

true celebration of his beautiful life in a place that was a second home to him. Stories were shared, laughter was not absent and music rang out as we all gathered to say farewell to Marcus. It was his wish to be remembered that way and what better place than Pullar Stadium? As his No. 18 banner waves in the rafters, the Pullar Stadium was, and will always remain, his home ice.

"Marcus laced up his skates for the first time at the age of four. Like many other young boys growing up in the Sault, he spent much of his youth on the ice. For nine years, he developed as a player on teams represented by Soo Michigan Hockey Association. It was here that he made lifelong friends and learned the fundamentals of teamwork and dedication. As a freshman in high

school, he became an integral part of Sault High Varsity Hockey. By his sophomore year, he was named assistant captain and, as a senior, he earned the role of captain of the Sault High Blue Devils. Over the span of his high school career, he was merited Most Valuable Player three times. In 2008, he was chosen to play for Team Michigan — one of a select few in Sault High history to earn this honor.

"After graduating high school in 2008, Marcus joined the Dubuque Thunderbirds in Iowa, a junior team in the CSHL. He played there for two seasons and became assistant captain. In 2010, Marcus began his freshman year at Iowa State University and played for the Cyclones. His last hockey endeavor was, in Marcus' words, 'putting

together the best intramural hockey team of all time,' in the fall of 2011. His team, 'Teem-u-Selanne,' went on to win first place in Marcus' honor.

"With the Pullar being so much a part of Marcus' life, we know he'd be honored to be memorialized there. For all of us who knew the Pullar growing up, we are brought back to great memories each time we walk through the Pullar doors. Having his name in the stands gives us, and all those who knew him, another way to remember who he was. It is also our hope that his story will ring out to new generations and that we will not forget what Marcus stood for: humility, love, cleverness, selflessness, strength of character, humor, graciousness and diligence."

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