Names & Faces

Happy belated birthday to Mare-bear who hit the Big 5-0 on April 6!
Love from all your friends.

Happy 12th birthday, Bryana Leapley, on April 30.
Love you, miss you, Grandma Arizona

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held for Lloyd Campbell, who died Dec. 26, 2013. The event will take place Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Brimley VFW.

Happy 29th Birthday Paco! We Love you!

Boys & Girls Club hosts focus group

In March, Raelene Menominee, Coordinator for the Tribal Youth Program, hosted a youth focus-group luncheon to gather information to be used by the Boys & Girls Club for grant writing and program and activity design. Youth participants from UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) included Ethan Shaw, RJ Carrick, Braden Cameron, Donavan LeBlanc, Ryan Gravelle, Delaney Walden, Francesca LeBlanc, Darcey Parish, Jazlyn Walden-Parker, Daisy Walden, Hannah Lyons, and Valencia Lyons. Miigwech to the Bay Mills UNITY group for sharing with us. We look forward to continuing our partnership!

This information is an important piece in the Tribal Youth Program as it helps determine the focus of community-wide youth services. Topics under discussion were: youth needs and strengths, community problems, and adult strengths and weaknesses.

These same items have been targeted for the TYP Advisory Council and a Community Survey. We would like to host additional youth focus groups to ensure that we are collecting from a broad sample of area youth.

If you are interested in participating in a youth focus group and are between the ages of 13 and 18, please contact Raelene Menominee at rmenominee@baymills.org or 248.8576.

DeWitt honored

Paul DeWitt, OD, a 1995 graduate of Brimley Area High School, has been awarded the Armed Forces Optometric Society Public Health Service Optometrist of the Year Award. He received the honor during the AFOS Federal Service Optometry Meeting on March 12 in Atlanta, Ga. DeWitt is the son of Marvin and Charlene DeWitt of Rudyard.

Currently, LCDR DeWitt is a staff optometrist at the Tohatchi Health Center in Tohatchi, N.M., where he supervises optometry residents and fourth year externs. He holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the Southern California College of Optometry. He attended Ferris State University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Among his accomplishments, DeWitt has developed a specialty contact lens program to serve the dual purposes of providing a contact lens option to patients for whom spectacles are not ideal treatment, as well as adding a dimenstion to the residency program based at the Gallup Indian Medical Center. He is also recognized for his contributions to the externship program, which increased student awareness of the significatnt need for eye care in the Indian Health Service, while giving optometry students top-notch clinical experience.

Each year AFOS recognizes an outstanding federal service optometrist from each of the five services through the program. Candidates are judged on public service, service to the visual welfare of the public, service to optometry, and service to the AFOS and the American Optometric Association. DeWitt will compete as a candidate for the AFOS OD of the Year, which will be awarded in November.

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Schauer has picked running mate

LANSING — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer has named Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown as his running mate in this year's election in a series of news conferences.

Schauer's campaign announced the choice in an email sent to supporters and obtained by *The Associated Press*. Schauer, a former congressman and state legislator, is challenging incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Snyder.

Brown served four years in the Michigan House before becoming clerk in 2013. She drew nationwide attention in 2012 for being barred from speaking in the House after using the word "vagina" during a debate over anti-abortion legislation.

Brown most recently was among four county clerks who issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples a day after a federal judge overturned the state's ban on them and before a federal appeals panel suspended the marriages.

Schauer campaign manager BJ Neidhardt called Brown "a proven fighter for middle class families, education and equal rights" in the email to supporters.

"As a candidate, Lisa has a record of winning tough races in Michigan's second-largest county, and as a former legislator from a marginal district, she has the right experience to be an incredibly effective Lt. Governor in Mark's administration," he wrote.

Snyder is expected to keep Lt. Gov. Brian Calley as his running mate this year. Snyder campaign communications director Emily Benavides declined to comment on Schauer's choice of running mate.

"Voters are more interested in hearing if Congressman Schauer has a plan for Michigan," she said.

A Schauer campaign spokesman declined to comment.

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