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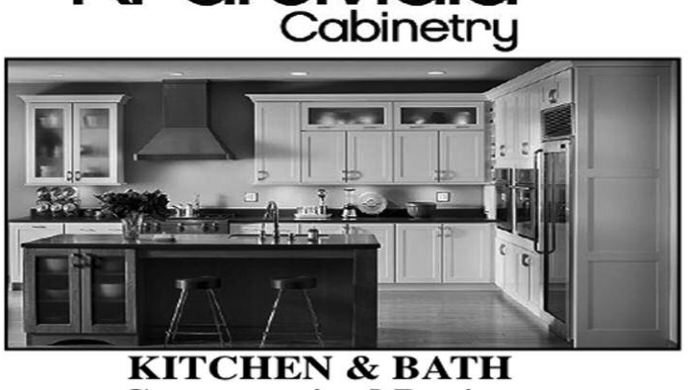

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School discusses security measures

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Amped up security at Brimley Area Schools brought one parent expressing concern to the regularly scheduled Sept. 16 school board meeting.

Recently the school installed a camera system at the doorway and began asking all visitors to check-in with the school office when they enter the building. The parent said she understood the buzzing in part, but did not like the inability to visit her son's classroom freely. The incident she was referring to led her to the principal's office prior to being able to see her child for a medical event. Elementary Principal Pete Routhier made arrangements for the parent and said cases of a medical event would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

"The door is tighter," said Routhier of the additional security. "Society has changed the rules on us."

Superintendent Alan Kantola said he encourages all parents to visit the school, but disruptions to the classrooms need to be on a limited basis. The parent said she spoke with other parents who were also discouraged by the school's new security policy and said she would like to be able to "visit" the classroom unannounced. Kantola said parental involvement is important to the district and can be coordinated with the teacher through observations and volunteer opportunities.

Kantola, as well as Principals Routhier and High School/Middle School Principal Brian Reattoir said they are available to meet with any parent who has a concern about the new security policy.

In other business Debbie Kavanaugh was hired as the new middle school English teacher. She recently moved to the area and will replace Ann Capling, who resigned for another position elsewhere. Resignations were also taken from a bus driver and 7th grade basketball coach Rudy Hyvarinen, Jr.

The next meeting of the Brimley School Board will take place on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The board will be establishing goals for the 2013-2014 school year at the next meeting.

Bayliss Library announces upcoming events

Oct. 17, 7 p.m., War Memorial Hospital Education Program, Dr. Paula Rechner, "Breast Cancer & Genetic Testing"

Oct. 22, 12 to 2 p.m., Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists

Oct. 22, 7 p.m., UP Paranormal Research Society presents their "Haunted Holidays" program

Oct. 23, 6 p.m., War Memorial Hospital and League of Women Voters, What the Affordable Care Act Means to WMH and You. David Jahn, WMH Pres. and CEO and the LWV will hold a public information forum on the ACA and the Insurance Exchange.

Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to noon, Meet and Greet the Candidates for the Sault City Commission, hosted by the League of Women Voters

Oct. 26, 1 p.m., Saturday Matinee, call 632-9331 for title of PG-13 foreign film

Oct. 29, 7 p.m., The Way North: Collected Upper Peninsula New Works author event (Ellen Airgood, Julie Brooks Barbour, Eric Gadzinski, Sue Harrison, L.E. Kimball, Mary McMyne, Janice Repka will read from their works). Co-sponsored by LSSU. Barnes & Noble college bookstore will have books for sale and signing.

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) Write-ins in the Community Room

Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m., People to People International, topic to be determined.

Nov. 7, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Story Spinners Group

Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Local author Jim Menard, The Oshkosh WT-2206 America's Cold Warrior, with editor Jan Reed and designer Bill Gerrish, will discuss the book, the history of the truck, and self-publishing. The book will be available for purchase and signing.

Cloverland Electric issues a warning about phone scam

DAFTER – Cloverland Electric warns members to be aware of a recent phone scam that names the utility.

The co-op was contacted recently by business owners in the Sault Ste. Marie area who had received bogus calls from a caller demanding payment for electricity bills and threatening the disconnection of service. The caller is falsely stating that he is from Cloverland Electric Cooperative and is asking to speak with the business owner or manager to make payment arrangements. These calls are coming from an 816 Missouri area code.

"Our members did absolutely the right thing. They notified the co-op and did not give the scammer any personal or financial information," says Wendy Malaska, director of communications and member services.

Members are encouraged to call the cooperative at 1-800-562-4953 for verification if there is ever any question about the nature of the call or the caller's identity and to notify local law enforcement if it seems suspicious.

Cloverland reported the incidents to the Michigan State Police.

LSSU continues its presidential search

SAULT STE. MARIE – Lake Superior State University's Presidential Search Committee is reviewing a growing number of candidate resumes and moving ahead in its task to appoint a new university president later this year.

Current LSSU President Tony McLain, who has served for the past three years, stabilized the university and guided it through an accreditation process, has announced his intention to retire in the coming year.

LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Patrick Egan reported at the group's most recent meeting that the committee, assisted by search firm EFL Associates, is in a "recruiting and candidate phase" that will have committee members reviewing resumes over the next several weeks. The group is meeting in early October to start winnowing what he characterized as a robust candidate pool.

Following a number of campus and public forums to solicit input on the search, representatives of the search firm compiled a list of skills desired in a new president, including requirements for the position and areas of emphasis. The firm then put together a presidential prospectus, which was submitted to prospective candidates and is available on the LSSU website.

"The search is continuing, and we are seeking qualified candidates from across the nation," said Jan Asnicar, vice president of EFL Associates.

"We are pleased with the progress made in attracting a strong pool of presidential candidates and we encourage continued nominations. We expect that in early November the committee will be able to meet with candidates and decide on finalists to bring to campus.

Egan encouraged regional community members, LSSU employees and students to continue to submit possible candidates for the position.

"If you know someone who you feel would be qualified and interested, we encourage you to work through the search process and let us know. We'll follow up," he said. He directed those interested to the page set up on the LSSU website to learn more about the position.

Egan said the LSSU Board of Trustees regards this national search as one of the more important events the university will undertake, as it will influence the direction of the institution for years to come.

LSSU trustees selected a new member of the search committee to replace former LSSU Human Resources Director Marta Warren, who recently left the employ of the school. LSSU Foundation Executive Director Tom Coates will take Warren's place, representing LSSU administration.

In addition to Coates, the committee's membership includes: Scot Lindemann, Ann Parker and Egan, from the LSSU Board of Trustees; Lee Freedman, Nancy Neve, Prof. Marshall Werner and Doug Jones, representing LSSU employees and the student body; and community representatives Patricia Caruso, representing the LSSU Alumni Association; David Jahn, CEO, War Memorial Hospital; Aaron Payment, chair, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and Larry Westby, representing the LSSU Foundation.

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