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Tips sought in two wolf poaching cases

Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers are seeking information on two separate wolf poaching cases that recently occurred in Mackinac and Schoolcraft counties in the Upper Peninsula.

The first case occurred near the Mackinac-Luce county line close to M-117 southwest of Newberry. The wolf was found near County Road 468 in Lakefield Township Nov. 26 and died of a gunshot wound as determined through a forensic examination. The wolf had been killed at another location and transported to where it was dumped.

The second poaching occurred in Schoolcraft County near Gulliver in Doyle Township. In this case, a wolf, which was part of a wildlife study, was killed and the tracking collar was removed and disposed of. Evidence of this poaching was also located Nov. 26.

A reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the subject or subjects involved. Anyone with any possible information on these cases is asked to call the Report All Poaching Hotline at 800-292-7800, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or to contact their local DNR office or conservation officer. Information may be left anonymously. Callers may remain anonymous and still be eligible to receive a reward.

The maximum penalty for poaching a wolf is 90 days in jail or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both, plus reimbursement of \$1,500 to the state for the animal. Poaching convictions also usually include a suspension of hunting privileges for a period of four years.

Wolves are a protected species in Michigan and cannot legally be killed except in the defense of life. For more information on wolves in Michigan, go to www.michigan.gov/wolves.

Prox Card readers being installed on northbound lanes of International Bridge

SAULT STE. MARIE — Installation of "Prox" toll card readers on the new northbound booths is being finished as part of the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge Toll Plaza Reconstruction project.

The card reader became operational on Dec. 15 on the outside northbound lane to Canada for Prox customers. The second northbound lane will be ready for the cards in early January.

There are now three functioning toll lanes at the International Bridge. A fourth will be added in early February, after steel for the new plaza canopy is lifted into place.

The first southbound card reader and gate will be installed in the next lane to be opened in February. Six toll booths are in place and the remainder of the toll lanes will be constructed in the spring, with the goal to have additional lanes available for customers by the U.S. Memorial Day weekend in May.

When completed, the new toll plaza will have seven toll lanes served by six booths, all of which will be equipped with automated card readers, gates and patron fare displays.

The construction project is expected to be completed in October 2015.

FERC delays Cloverland rate increase

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has postponed the electric rate increase that was poised to take place on Dec. 1 until March 1.

FERC has instructed the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to provide additional information regarding the payments required to keep the Presque Isle Power Plant open be submitted by the end of the month.

Under the previous order, Cloverland Electric Cooperative members were on the hook for \$22 million of the operating cost to keep Presque Isle open, regardless of receiving no benefit from the plant.

The issue stems from a deregulation of utilities that allowed businesses to shop elsewhere for power. In 2013, the mining companies pulled out as a consumer of the

Presque Isle Plant, seeking cheaper services elsewhere, despite Presque Isle being the closest source. With the majority of funding coming from the mines, Presque Isle sought permission from MISO to shut down operations.

MISO, the body responsible for ensuring reliable electricity, conducted a study after the request to shut down was made and denied the closure. The decision was based upon keeping the grid reliable. Presque Isle's coal-fired plant has been deemed necessary to operate to keep the voltage support maintained in the U.P.

If no change is made, the average consumer can expect a \$27 increase a month, while those who rely on electric heat are looking at nearly a \$170/month increase.

Since word of the increase first became public, consumers have been writing local legislators seeking relief, and it appears the legisla-

ture is taking steps to prevent further disproportionate rate hikes.

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, along with Congressman Dan Benishek and Congressman Gary Peters, introduced legislation dubbed the POWER Act on Nov. 17.

The law would require FERC to review, analyze, and disapprove any decision by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation that would place unjust and unreasonable rate increases on businesses and individuals in the future.

"Seniors, small businesses, and families in the U.P. should not be forced to pay for unjust and unreasonable rate increases, while the benefits of this plant continue to be shared with communities in other states," said Stabenow.

"This bill will help keep utility costs from increasing for Michigan families and seniors and keep the doors of small businesses open by

creating a new pathway to make sure everyone is paying their fair share. I don't expect my neighbor to pay my electric bill each month. No one should be forced to pay for unjust utility costs," said Stabenow.

Despite the bill's introduction, the POWER Act was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and has not emerged for a vote.

In the interim, FERC will review the information obtained from MISO to determine what share of the cost Michigan ratepayers will be on the hook for in order to keep Presque Isle open.

Other companies have expressed an interest in building power generation in the U.P., but those alternatives are at least 18 months out, according to a MISO engineer.

Regular updates are being provided to consumers online at Cloverland's website, www.cloverland.com.



Bay Mills Indian Community ushered in the holidays with the annual tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 1. Santa greeted children and officially lit the tree, joined by several community members. Those in attendance enjoyed hot chocolate, carols, and the warmth of a bonfire. The event was hosted by BMIC Healthy Start.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Word banishment season has begun

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University reminds the public that it's time to start thinking of getting rid of those words and phrases that have been abused and mis-used during the past year.

On every New Year's Eve since 1976, the university has issued an annual "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-Use, Over-Use or General Uselessness." Between now and Dec. 22, LSSU will accept nominations sent from all over the world, covering all manner of word or phraseology that some consider to be worthy of exile.

The effort dates back to Dec. 31, 1975, when former LSSU Public Relations Director Bill Rabe and some colleagues cooked up the whimsical idea to banish overused words and phrases from the language. They issued the first list on New Year's Day 1976. Much to the delight of word enthusiasts everywhere, the list has stayed the course into a fourth decade.

Over the years, LSSU has received tens of thousands of nominations for the list. Hundreds of words from the fields of academia, advertising, business, the military, sports, and politics have found their way onto the banishment list.

Words and phrases outlawed in previous years include: superfood ('13), bromance ('10), sales event ('05), 24/7 ('00), alcohol-related drunk driving ('89), free gift ('88), live audience ('83, '87, '90), and large-size petites ('90).

Last year's list gyrated upon "twerking/twerking," deflated "on steroids," and went viral over "hashtag" and "twittersphere."

Nominations for this year's list, along with compelling reasons for banishment, may be submitted online by running a Web search on "LSSU banished" and following the link to submit a word.

The 2015 list will be released on Dec. 31, in time to welcome the new year.

BMCC awarded grant monies

EAST LANSING — U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development State Director for Michigan, James J. Turner, recently announced \$435,906 in grants for Michigan tribal community colleges.

"These investments are crucial to increasing educational opportunities for Michigan tribal members," Turner said.

The USDA Rural Development Tribal College Grant program provides land-grant institutions with funds for outreach and education services to help meet the needs of Native American communities.

The announcement was part of \$4.1 million grants awarded nationally that will help tribal colleges finance infrastructure improvements, purchase equipment and develop essential community facilities.

Michigan's recipients are: Bay Mills Community College in Brimley, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in Baraga and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in Mount Pleasant. Each college will receive a grant of \$145,302.

Bay Mills Community College will use the funds to make exterior renovations to the college administrative and learning center buildings.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College will purchase furnishings for the new east campus, including tables, chairs and appliances.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will purchase software and electronic equipment to improve student record-keeping and enhance the Ojibwa language component of its Native Studies program.

USDA has made significant investments in economic development, housing and infrastructure projects benefiting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Turner was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2009. USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

Under the Obama Administration, USDA Rural Development has invested more than \$6.1 billion in Michigan projects.

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Bay Mills hosts annual Children's Christmas Party

Bay Mills Indian Community hosted the annual Children's Christmas Party at the Armella Parker Center of Dec. 13. Each child in attendance received a gift while enjoying an afternoon visit with Santa and snacks.



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Ojibwe Charter School students send their wishes to Santa

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: a remote control truck, an Xbox and my own tv.
Ryan Chaplin, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: Xbox, scooters, proton gun video game.
Kadon Kuzmik, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: a new BB gun and Xbox 360.
Robert Ferris, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: a snowplow game, snowmobile game, Iphone, and an Xbox.
Sam Malloy, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: a dirt bike, snowmobile and an Xbox.
Terin Forrester, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: snowmobile, ice fishing pole and lures.
Nathaniel Malloy, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: I want a wubble and a toy airplane.
Russell Kern, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: a scooter, Ipod, puzzle, and an Xbox.
Dawson Pouch, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Here is what I want for Christmas: Xbox One, beads and a pet fish.
Sienna Kuzmik, 1st grade

Dear Mrs. Claus and Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I hope you had a good summer. How are the elves?

Have they been working hard?
I would like (and thank you very much for) Lego the Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. I deserve it because I have been following TRIBE in school.

Thanks for reading!
Love,
Raven Shadow

Dear Santa,
I want a phone that is at Walmart and it is only \$30 — that is what I want — and an electric scooter. And I want a good friend. That is it, the end. I deserve it because I was good all year.

Thank you,
Joey Atkins

Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Lord of the Rings set and Barbarians the DVD. I want the Lego Phoenix Fire Temple too. Most of all I want a good Christmas. I deserve it because I was nice to people.

Thank you,
Kyle Perron

Dear Santa,
Can I have a giant stuffed dog, a giant stuffed monkey, a giant stuffed horse, a rocking horse. I would also like a pair of headphones, a blanket, a little table with some little chairs, a bean bag, and a real dog. I would also like a light and a toy Christmas tree. I want you Santa to give all the reindeer apples. I deserve this for standing up for people and I have shared and done so many good things, and I did my homework.

Love,
Autumn Baragwanath

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog, a cat, and to see my great-great grandma, and my auntie Darlene. I want to see my only and baby cousin, a phone, and go downstate with my auntie, and a water bottle, and my cousin sleep with me and me hold the baby and spend time with my grandma and papa and to see my uncle and older cousins. I deserve it because I had Student of the

Month for November.
Thank you,
Rihanna Robbins

Dear Santa,
I hope you get this message. I know I haven't done my homework, but I promise I will get caught up. I promise. Now this is what I want: I want a new puppy and I deserve it because I have been good for my parents and because I've been on green almost everyday and because I am good too — that's why I should get presents.

Korbyn Visnaw

Dear Santa,
I would like a lot of toys. I would also like a stereo and some music. I would like some new Sony headphones. I would also like some toy cars. I deserve this stuff because I was good all summer. Thank you, thank you.

Love, Jesse Small

Dear Santa,

I deserve a lot of presents because I was very good. I deserve 100 presents because my life is very rough. I deserve all the presents I want because my friends are super mean to me. Merry Christmas.

Hunter Baragwanath

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. This year for Christmas I want a remote control car. I would like it to be fast and big. I have been very good this year. I would also like to get a set of hot wheels. Happy Holidays.

Talon Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a cotton candy maker, Lemony-Snicket books, Ever After High books, and a paint maker. I also want a science kit, mini-trampoline, and a Chatster (Abby preferably). The number one thing I want for Christmas is for my parents to get married and for my grandma to get better. Thank you.

Love, Autumn Kuzmik



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OPINION

Lunch, anyone? By Sharon M. Kennedy

Recently a friend invited me to lunch at Sacy's Restaurant. Friday's soup and salad bar is "buy one, get one free," and you know us senior citizens. We're always looking for a bargain, especially when the lettuce is crisp, the soup is hot, and the desserts are plentiful.

Tina and I have been acquainted since kindergarten. We often get together and catch up on what's happening in our lives. This time her invitation was more like a request. An old acquaintance had mentioned he would like to meet her for lunch one Friday, and she wanted me along for amusement. I'm pretty good at handling potentially awkward situations, if they don't last too long.

Anyway, we dolled up and met at the casino. It was a little past noon, and I wondered where her friend was. Sometimes a fellow loses track of time if he finds a lucky slot machine, so we decided to get a booth and wait. Imagine our surprise when we saw her friend with his friend already seated and working on their desserts. What a peculiar date, I thought. Things sure have changed in the new millennium.

As Tina was a little hesitant, I asked the fellows if they wanted us to join them. Their looks of amazement matched ours, but they graciously agreed. We made our salad selections and returned to the booth. To say the least, conversation was forced, but we

mumbled along as best we could.

These boys graduated high school four years ahead of us, but they didn't recognize me, and I had no idea who they were. As folks do when they don't know what to say, we asked about the past 54 years, and we all agreed they were just fine. Our coffee arrived about the same time as their bill. Tina's friend volunteered to pay for our lunch, but she said no, we would handle it.

When they were out of earshot, I asked what kind of date was that. Who invites you to lunch then eats without you? Between bouts of laughter, I asked more questions. Tina finally admitted the guy had called three weeks earlier and casually mentioned they should meet "one day" for lunch. We all know what that means.

When our laughter subsided, I told Tina she had hit on something brilliant. What a wonderful way to meet people. Just mosey over to their table, act like you know them, and join them for lunch. Many folks our age have hazy memories and would be too polite to say "get lost."

So if you're dining one day and notice two old gals heading your way, move over. We're about to join you for holiday lunch and laughter.

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Superintendent's Corner

By Alan Kantola, Brimley Area Schools

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

In the Brimley Area Schools, board members invest countless hours deliberating difficult decisions about curriculum, budget, personnel, school policy and other matters, which affect parents, students, teachers and citizens throughout our district.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. Too often we're quick to criticize school board members without really understanding the complex nature of their decisions. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts.

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. They are alternately described as having the most important volunteer jobs in the country and facing the toughest challenge in elected American government. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our nation's public schools. All Michigan citizens should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and the crucial role they play in the education of our children.

On behalf of our community, I would like to express our appreciation to the following School Board members for the service each provides to our school: Tim Wilson, President; Lee Freedman, Vice-President; Amy Cappelli, Secretary; Robin Bedell, Treasurer; Sandi Wallin, Trustee; P.J. Jones, Trustee; and Jim LeBlanc, Trustee.

Beginning January 1, 2015 Kathy Loup and Kurt Perron will replace P.J. Jones and Lee Freedman on our Board of Education. I would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Jones and Mr. Freedman for their service to our school.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the High School Cafeteria, on Jan. 19th, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is always welcome to attend School Board meetings.

The first semester of this school year ends on Friday, Jan. 16. School will dismiss at 11:30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 14, 15, and 16. Semester Exams will be administered in the morning during each of those days.

Remember, it's your school. Come and visit, anytime.

Top 10 comedic news stories of 2014

Raging Moderate by Will Durst

Hey guys, Will Durst here with your eagerly awaited Top Ten Comedic News Stories of 2014.

Now, here's the deal: please do not confuse these amusing accounts with the Top 10 Legitimate News Stories of 2014. No. No. No. They are as different as silky and spiky. Banjos and bullfrogs. Strawberry daiquiris and Chinese made assault rifles. Earrings and peas.

Oh sure, we saw plenty examples of super serious humor-resistant stuff that went down over the previous 12 months, including but not limited to: Ebola infested ISIS members flying into Ferguson, Mo. on Malaysian Airlines, carrying pictures of Bill Cosby ogling Janay Rice's butt. But fortunately, there were also quite a few events that lent themselves to massive humorosity.

So for anyone looking for a column with the vision and courage to lampoon, satirize, mock, scoff, taunt, tease, rib, ridicule, josh, jibe and kid these episodes of entertaining elucidation, you've come to the right place. Because here they are: the Top Ten Comedic News Stories Of 2014 as determined by the executive council of the Comics, Clowns, Jesters &

Satirists Union, which, as you probably are already aware, is... me.

Read 'em and weep:

10. A new study by German scientists suggests that beer helps prevent prostate cancer. So let's stop calling them bars, and start referring to them as what they really are: clinics. And we are self-administering patients.

9. Winter Olympics in Sochi. The entire world is relieved when Vladimir Putin doesn't enter the triathlon by slapping on skis to shoot Ukrainian journalists. Shirtless.

8. Series of Ice Bucket Challenges sweep the country. Minor celebrities enjoy being seen as all wet. During the hazy days of summer. When the Polar Vortex comes calling, not so much.

7. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford runs for re-election, but due to ill health has to pull out and convinces his brother to run. Torontonians refuse to give the Fords another crack at it.

6. Pope Francis says his religious theology is not in opposition to evolution. This guy really does look determined to drag the Catholic Church kicking and screaming into the latter half of the 19th Century.

5. Alaska, Oregon and D.C. join Washington and Colorado in the

legal marijuana club. Stock of Frito-Lay, the makers of Funyuns and Cheetos, skyrocketed.

4. Donald Sterling's racist statements result in a lifetime ban from the NBA. And many folks hope he lives to be 105. And is forced to bunk with Cliven Bundy.

3. The Midterm elections. Mitch McConnell says he wants to work with the President. Yeah, the same way a 5-year-old with a magnifying glass wants to work with ants. Only a matter of time before GM is forced to recall McConnell as a faulty airbag.

2. Arizona debates SB 1062, which would legalize bigotry based on religious beliefs. The return of Jim Crow with a cactus beat. The postal abbreviation AZ apparently stands for Angry Xenophobes. And yes, xenophobe starts with an "x" but they don't know that.

1. ObamaCare rollout. The President said it could have gone smoother. You think? An anvil studded with titanium spikes could have rolled smoother.

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Remembering the Charlie Brown Christmas miracle

By Tom Purcell

It's amazing that the show almost was not broadcast.

I speak of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" — a show that, for reasons I don't understand, holds more power over me with every passing year.

The show has a very simple premise: Too much commercialization can take the meaning out of Christmas.

As it goes, Charlie Brown is depressed because everyone around him fails to see the true meaning of Christmas.

Lucy complains, for instance, that she doesn't want stupid toys or a bicycle or clothes for Christmas. She wants real estate!

To resolve his depression, Charlie Brown throws himself into his work as the director of the Christmas play. But that soon falls apart, too.

Distraught, he follows a light in the east and finds his way to a Christmas tree lot. The only tree he can find is a small sickly one. When he brings it back, the others mock him.

But then Linus comes to the rescue. At once innocent and wise beyond his years, Linus tells Charlie Brown he knows what the real meaning of Christmas is. He tells the story of Christ's birth by quoting the Gospel of Luke in the King James version of the Bible.

"And, suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, and goodwill toward men,'" says Linus. "And that's what



Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Suddenly, the other characters are transformed. They become compassionate and concerned. They decorate the sickly tree and transform it into a thing of beauty. They wish Charlie Brown a Merry Christmas and sing him a Christmas carol.

The things I like most about the show — the simple, almost primitive animation style, the use of real children's voices, the lack of a laugh track and the smooth-jazz soundtrack — were the very things network executives despised.

According to USA Today, when CBS executives previewed the show, they hated that it was so unlike anything else on the tube. They said it moved too slow. They thought viewers would hate the swinging score by jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi. And they certainly disliked like the idea of Linus reading from the Bible.

"Peanut" creator Charles Schulz refused to make a single change to his show — and since it had been

made under such a tight deadline, there was no time for network brass to replace it with something else. They had no choice but to air it.

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needy family instead?

I know it is somewhat ironic that a television show, whose advertising has sold a lot of consumer goods, would be noted for its anti-commercial message, but it is — because Charles Schulz was a genius.

Which is why I have big plans when "A Charlie Brown Christmas" airs every year.

I flip off the lights as I watch it — just as millions of kids have done every year since 1965.

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Brimley School presents its Fall Sports Awards

BRIMLEY — After several delays due to unseasonable snow storms and school closings, Brimley Area School held their Fall Sports Awards Evening on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in the school cafeteria. Coaches of cross country, football and volleyball teams awarded their players for their efforts.

Athletic Director Milt Sutton announced that Rivals vs Cancer will be held Tuesday, Jan. 20. Brimley will be hosting the annual event, a basketball game between Brimley and Sault High, with monies raised going toward the fight against cancer. He is seeking volunteer committee members, while players are seeking sponsors. Call Sutton at Brimley Area Schools, 906-248-3218 for more information or to volunteer.

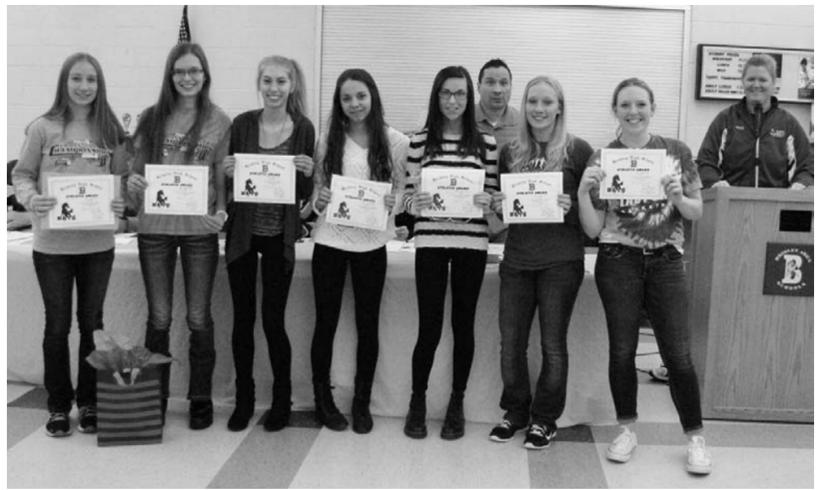
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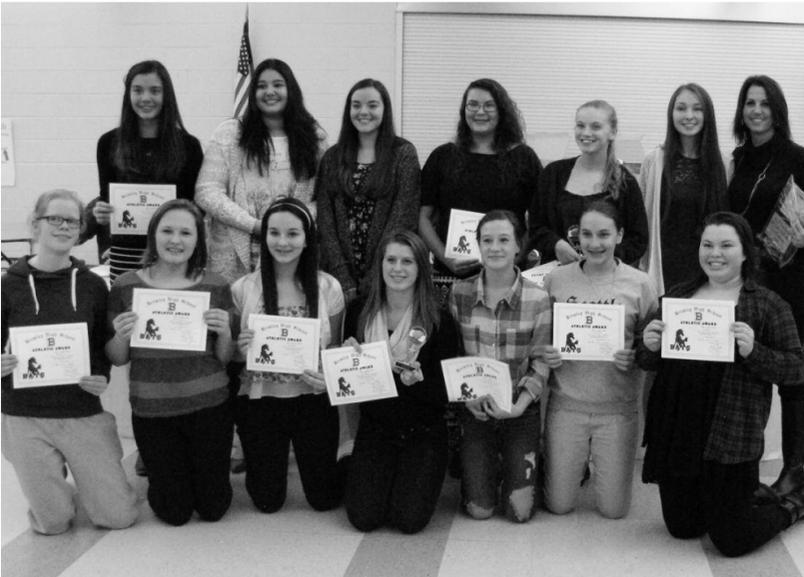
VARSITY FOOTBALL— Pictured front row, left to right: Caleb Johanson, Gabe Teeple, R.J. Carrick (Mister Football and Most Valuable Player), Chris Forrest, Tom Tessmer, Seth Wilson and Tommy Rivers. Pictured, back row, left to right: Ryan Gravelle, Hunter Elenbass (Most Improved Player), Riley Sansone (Defensive Player of the Year), Brandon Mills, Braden Cameron, James Blakely, Robert Negoita, Ethan Shaw (Attaboy Trophy) and Rafael Bettiol. Coach Terry Maguran said several players also won Conference Awards: R.J. Carrick and Ethan Shaw (Special Mentions) and Riley Sanson (Special Mention and Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman).



CROSS COUNTRY BOYS— Pictured left to right: Sean Hill (Most Valuable Player), Austin Teeple (Most Improved), Nathan Recla, John Lufkins, Brendan Schornak, Brendan Mather and Josh Gross. Coach Richard LeBlanc said he was pleased with his team whose "potential is through the roof."



CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS— Pictured left to right: Emily Chartrand (Most Valuable Runner), Jeanette Shaffer, Lauren Halvorsen (Most Improved), Hannah Lyons, Lily Kuzmik, Kerri Chartrand and McKenzie Pentland (manager). Coach Joyel Hyvarinen (far right) said Chartrand was also named to the U.P. Cross Country All State Team and may be running for Lake Superior State University next year.



JV VOLLEYBALL— Pictured, front row, left to right: Maike Fischer, Maryssa Kronmeyer, Brianna Lyons, Cassie Tessmer (Most Dedicated Player), Katya Rozelle, Olivia Wilcox and Daisy Walden. Pictured, back row, left to right: Megan Schornack, Caitlin LeBlanc (Most Improved Player), Sarah Schornack, Autumn Aikens, Adele Healy (Coach's Award), Julia Stenglein and Coach Shelly Deuman-LeBlanc. Their coach said they had a great season, taking first place in their district for the second year in a row and second place in the Pickford tournament.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL— Pictured, front row, left to right: Cassie Leapley (Most Improved), Kitty Breen (Most Dedicated), Christina Fultz and Mallorie Kronmeyer (Most Improved). Pictured, back row, left to right: Kiley Passmore (Coach's Award), Kaylee Hill, Val Lyons (Most Dedicated), Delaney Walden, Chelby Archangeau (Manager) and Anne Archangeau. Coach Courtney Amble said several players were named for All Conference Awards as well: Kitty Breen was named to First Team All Conference, Christina Fultz was named to Second Team and Val Lyons won Honorable Mention.



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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS— Front row (L-R): Dawson Pouch, Emery Kieliszuwki and Autumn Baragwanath. Back row (L-R): Aiyana Giddis, Kaedence Chaplin, Rylan Chaplin and Lillian Thomas.

OCS names November Students of the Month

BAY MILLS — Ojibwe Charter School recently chose their November Students of the Months. OCS uses the Seven Grandfather Teachings for their Student of the Month program along with TRIBE, which is a positive system of following school wide rules. TRIBE stands for: Treat others kindly; Ready to learn; I need to listen; Be safe; and Everyone tries their best. The Grandfather teaching for November was Bravery or Aakode'ewin.

Aakode'ewin/Bravery is to face the foe with integrity. In the Anishinaabe language, the word literally means "state of having a fearless heart." To do what is right even when the consequences are unpleasant.

The following comments were submitted by teachers about their student of the month selections:

Emery Kieliszuwki – Kindergarten Mr. Collins
Emery has displayed bravery in our classroom and on our playground. He has caught worms to feed our pet salamander and he is always the first to try something new. Emery has shown bravery every day by learning and adapting to our school and classroom rules. He has become one of the best behaved students in our classroom.

Dawson Pouch – 1st grade Ms. Di Foggi
Dawson has shown bravery during the month of November. He has worked very hard to earn positive behavior rewards this month by following through on goals he has set for himself. Although it is hard at times, Dawson has chosen to make good decisions about his behavior, which is very courageous, and because of that, he has earned the job to be a Kindergarten helper. Dawson has shown bravery by working with younger students whom he does not know and helping them achieve their goals. It takes a strong person to help others! Keep up the great work Dawson!

Rylan Chaplin – 2nd grade Ms. Di Foggi
Rylan has shown bravery during the month of November. Rylan is a very hard working student who strives to do his very best. This month, I was proud to see that Rylan chose to make brave and great decisions when it came to being respectful, getting work done and showing positive behavior, even when others did not. Since he was courageous, he was able to participate in a positive behavior root beer float party, something he was hoping to participate in since last school year. Way to go Rylan for showing bravery and choosing to do the right thing!

Autumn Baragwanath – 3rd grade Mr. Kerfoot
Autumn has shown bravery for facing her fears. She has spoken in front of a large group of people. She also has not given up if she struggles with her schoolwork. Autumn is an excellent helper in the classroom and is willing to help others. She has a cheerful personality and a great smile.

Aiyana Giddis – 4th grade Mr. Kerfoot
Aiyana has shown bravery this month. She took on a

very large speaking part for the Veteran's Day presentation and did a wonderful job. She has shown improvement in her studies and has become one of the top students in her class. She has become a great helper and is a joy to have in class.

Kaedence Chaplin – 5th grade Ms. Craig
Kaedence is never afraid to stand up for what she believes in! If you have Kaedence as a friend you are very lucky because she is a loyal person, and she will always have your back.

Lillian Thomas – 6th grade Ms. Craig
Lillian shows bravery in many quiet ways. This month for Veteran's Day, Lillian wrote a very moving letter to her Misho (Grandfather) thanking him for his service in the U.S. Military. She shared the letter with her classmates and allowed it to be displayed on our class' Veteran's Day poster.

Northern Lights Volleyball League honors players

The Northern Lights League schools—Beaver Island, Hannahville, Mackinac Island, Maplewood Baptist, Munising Baptist, Ojibwe Charter School and Paradise — are recognizing several athletes from the 2014 volleyball season.

The All-League teams are selected by all coaches from each of the Northern Lights League schools.

2014 Northern Lights All-League Volleyball-1st Team (Ranked according to points earned)

Harmony Bailey (Maplewood Baptist)- Player and Captain of the Year
Peyton Waaso (Mackinac Island)
Jaylyn LaFlamme (Munising Baptist)
Madelynn Martin (Beaver Island)
Hannah May (Maplewood Baptist)
Hannah Robert (Beaver Island)

All-League 2nd Team

(Ranked according to points earned)
Emma Bell (Maplewood Baptist)
Selena Williams (Hannahville)
Lily Parish (Ojibwe Charter School)
Joslyn LaFlamme (Munising Baptist)
Shannon Ortiz (Hannahville)
Autumn Hall (Paradise)

Northern Lights All-League Honorable Mention
Meadow Greenlee (Mackinac Island)
Megan Heyrman (Munising Baptist)
Jen Marks (Paradise)
Malorie Parish (Ojibwe Charter School)

Brimley Board holds monthly meeting

BRIMLEY — Brimley Area School board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 17. Board member Lee Freedman was absent from the meeting.

In the Spotlight on Success, the board recognized Brimley senior Emily Chartrand for placing fourth in the U.P. Cross Country finals. As a result she was named to the Division 3 cross country team.

Under new business, the board discussed the upcoming changes that will take effect in January. Two new members will take their seats in January— Kurt Perron and Kathy Loup. Lee Freedman and PJ Jones did not seek re-election in November.

The board also discussed and approved the raising of substitute teacher pay to stay competitive within the local area. The increase

from \$75 to \$85 per day went into effect on Nov. 24. Brimley Superintendent Alan Kantola had researched the pay scales being used at other schools, as Brimley had not had a substitute pay increase for quite some time.

Elementary Principal Pete Routhier echoed Kantola's thoughts, citing that there has been an issue getting subs this year, as subbing is labor intensive. In a given week the schools have anywhere between five to 10 subs on campus. The board hopes the pay increase will help attract more substitutes to the district.

In response to the growing need for hands-on education in technology, the board also approved implementation of a technology skills class for elementary students. Routhier told the board some state

testing in the spring will require the use of computers and he doesn't want a child's lack of ability with technology to impact their scores.

"We are overdue for our kids to have a more formalized technology education," said Routhier.

Maryanne Keim of the Intermediate School District will be instructing students in the course, which will be offered until the end of the year.

In board reports, the School Improvement Team noted it is working with the Indian Education Parent Committee in an effort to include more cultural activities in the elementary curriculum.

The Brimley Board of Education meets the third Monday of each month in the high school cafeteria. The public is welcome to attend.

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Officers honored by city commission

SAULT STE. MARIE — Sault Ste. Marie Police Sgt. Supervisor Herb Henderson and Officer Phil Donnay recently received commendations from the police department for bravery in the line of duty after the two were involved in a dangerous situation in the city earlier this year. The two convinced a person who was threatening to attempt suicide to drop the handgun with which he was armed.

Henderson, a 1994 graduate of LSSU, relied on his training and years of experience to respond to the situation. Besides being a full-time police officer, he is an associate professor in the LSSU School of Criminal Justice and Fire Science who received the LSSU Distinguished Teaching Award this year. One of his former courses, Crisis Intervention, provided a foundation for his work in situations such as the one that earned this commendation. Henderson has taught Crisis Intervention, and teaches several other LSSU courses.

Henderson was one of Officer Donnay's instructors when Donnay was in LSSU's Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards police academy, shortly before he became a police officer. Donnay, a 1997 LSSU graduate, joined the Sault Ste. Marie Police Dept. within the past year after serving many years with the Bay Mills Tribal Police.

The two are pictured here, Henderson on left and Donnay on right, with Sault Ste. Marie Police Chief John Riley, who presented the commendations at the Dec. 1 Sault Ste. Marie City Commission meeting.

Also during the meeting, Det. Bradley LaCross '92 accepted a commendation in recognition of the SSMPD Detective Bureau's extra efforts during a transitional phase as local law enforcement made a transition from the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement team to the Tri-county Drug Enforcement Task Force, recently, Det. LaCross accepted the commendation on behalf of himself and fellow members of the detective bureau: Det. Darrell Harp '97, and Det. Sgt. Tom Swanson '95. Swanson is also an LSSU adjunct instructor in the School of Criminal Justice and Fire Science. (Photo by Scott Brand, Sault Evening News)

Two LSSU English professors nominated for U.P. Poet Laureate

SAULT STE. MARIE — Two Lake Superior State University poets and writers have been nominated by the Great Lakes Commonwealth of Letters to be the next Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate.

English professors Dr. Eric Gadzinski and Prof. Jillena Rose have been nominated for the title, an honorary position that asks the recipient to foster an even greater appreciation for the reading, writing, and recitation of poetry among residents of Michigan's U.P. and beyond.

In addition to Gadzinski and Rose, the nominees put forward by the public include: Marty Achatz, Elinor Benedict, Kathleen Heideman, Jonathon Johnson, Beverly Matherne, Saara Myrene Raappana, Janeen Rastall, Ron Riecki and Andrea Scarpino.

The polls are open until Dec. 31 for the next U.P. Poet Laureate.

The new U.P. Poet Laureate will assume the position from Russell Thorburn, author of "Father, Tell Me I Have Not Aged," "Approximate Desire," and "The Drunken Piano," among other poetry publications.

GLCL is a nonprofit organization based in Grand Rapids. It was started by a small group of enthusiastic people with a passion for literature and a background in book-selling. In creating the nonprofit, the group hopes to encourage, promote and celebrate the literary endeavors of writers within the



Dr. Eric Gadzinski



Prof. Jillena Rose

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The organization provides a venue for regional author events, holds a growing collection of Great Lakes inventory made available for browsing and research, maintains a central online calendar of regional literary events, sponsors writing contests and workshops with regional authors and more. Find out more at readwrite-live.org.

LSSU to offer additional business classes to adult learners this spring

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University's Lukenda School of Business will be offering additional evening classes this spring to help educate more adult learners who seek to start school or perhaps pick up where they left off some years ago.

LSSU is offering several introductory classes in the evenings this spring, including "Introduction to Business," "Business Communications," "Marketing Principles/Strategy," and "Principles of Accounting I." Classes from the common professional component (core) for all business students are also being offered during the evening, including "Management Information Systems," "Operations/Business Analytics," "Principles of Accounting II," and "Business Policy." Two specialty courses will also be offered in the evenings: "Organizational Behavior" and "Investments."

"In addition, a new degree, a bachelor of science degree in business administration specifi-

cally designed for returning adult learners, was launched this fall on the LSSU campus in Sault Ste. Marie," according to Dr. David Finley, dean of the Lukenda School of Business. "To earn this degree, students complete the university's general education requirement, the business school's common professional component, and a business minor of their choosing."

By offering these evening classes in Sault Ste. Marie, Finley said LSSU wants to provide opportunities akin to what it has been offering for adult or "non-traditional" learners at its Petoskey and Escanaba regional centers for many years. "We want to make this opportunity available to more students in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Northern Ontario, as well," Finley said.

Pending demand, LSSU will explore offering weekend classes in the future. Also, more online courses are planned for this summer.

To apply for grants and loans, students should complete the

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and enroll at least half-time, which is six credits. A portion of LSSU financial aid is available for part-time students.

For more information, please contact LSSU Admissions at admissions@lssu.edu or 906-635-2231 or contact Marcia Jenkins Ball at the Lukenda School of Business at mjenkinsball@lssu.edu or 906-635-2426.

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Students of the Month of November chosen at Brimley Elementary School



NOMINATED IN NOVEMBER — Named by their teachers as being Students of the Month of November at Brimley Elementary School are the following students, chosen for their excellence in academics and citizenship: Front row (L-R) — Raegen Kopitsch, Shemida LeBlanc, Audrey Whealy, Zoe Anderson and Hazel Garvon. Middle row (L-R) — Savannah Albrough, Mila Croad, Anjeni Watson and Mary Jane Cameron. Back row (L-R) — Kora Blake, Andrew Kandler, Alana VanderMeer and Julianna Carrick. Not pictured: Evan Mills. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School has named their Students of the Month of November. Following are the reasons their teachers gave for their choice.

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

Zoe Anderson is a very sweet girl who is always willing to help her classmates and teacher with anything they need. She always does quality work and tries her very best on everything she does. Zoe pays attention in class and is learning so much. — Miss Allison

Kora Blake has worked exceptionally hard this year. She works diligently on her school work and does not complain about the complexity of it. She follows the Bays Ways each and every day. Her homework is always completed, she is polite and courteous in and out of the classroom, she studies and does well on tests and her attitude is always positive. Kora lends a helping hand and offers kind words to her classmates. — Mrs. Osborne

Mary Jane Cameron is a very hardworking student who is thoughtful, kind, outgoing and always ready to help anyone who might need it. She tries her hardest to follow the Bays Ways by being responsible, respectful, safe and ready to learn. Mary Jane always tries her best on her assignments and is a great friend who always has a big smile for everyone. — Mrs. Rutledge

Julianna Carrick has done an outstanding job following our classroom Bays Ways. She is always respectful to her classmates and comes to class every day ready to learn. She is very responsible about getting all her work turned in and always puts in a good effort for every assignment. She never complains when the work is challenging, or about who her part-

ner is, or who is in her group. The great example she sets for her classmates is appreciated. — Mrs. Teeple

Mila Croad excels not only academically, she does socially as well. She has a strong work ethic, always completing her work to the best of her ability and turning it in on time, and can be counted on to participate in classroom discussions with enthusiasm. She follows the Bays Ways to a "T," and does a great job modeling for her classmates what they should be doing. Mila always has a smile on her face and is willing to help everyone, both her peers and adults. — Ms. Peller

Hazel Garvon is an outstanding young person who excels not only academically, but socially as well. She is very dedicated to her school work, always gives 100 percent and is willing to help out her classmates. In addition, she has stellar behavior and always follows the Bays Ways behavior expectations. Hazel sets a great example for her peers and is a role model for the entire classroom in all areas of our school each and every day. — Mrs. Castagne

Andrew Kandler is on top of his school work — he has a great work ethic and gets his assignments completed on time and they are always well done. He shows good leadership qualities when working in a group, keeping them on task and working towards the end goal. No goofing around in his group! Andrew also is kind and thoughtful when interacting with other students and with adults. — Mrs. Hutchins

Raegen Kopitsch is an awesome student who follows the Bays Ways every day. She is a kind, caring young lady who is well liked by her peers and adults alike. She comes to class with a positive attitude and ready to learn. Raegen is helpful and considerate of those around her. — Mrs. Ver Strate

Shemida LeBlanc is a role model, an enthusiastic learner, a leader in the classroom and always ready to learn, with body basics and awesome listening. 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, hallway and bathroom. She is an awesome volunteer and is kind and helpful in the classroom and the school. Shemida is a responsible learner as she completes her tasks in a timely manner, follows directions and makes good decisions when it comes to safety. — Mrs. Nettleton

Evan Mills goes into the classroom ready and eager to learn. He is hardworking and can be counted on to do his best, using his time wisely and consistently completing his work as well as his homework. He is always willing to help others with an assignment or to lend a helping hand. Evan is an excellent example to his fellow classmates and follows the Bays Ways. — Mrs. Gross

Alana VanderMeer is trustworthy and can be counted on to make good decisions and do what is right. She is one of the best at following the Bays Ways consistently. Alana is patient and always kind to other students. — Mrs. Hope

Anjeni Watson is a great friend who loves to help others and always puts forth great effort. Every morning, she enters the classroom with her homework completed and a ready-to-learn attitude. She has wonderful class participation and enjoys coming to the board to solve a problem or offer an answer. Math seems to be her favorite subject and Anjeni soars through her addition math facts. — Mrs. Schaedler

Audrey Whealy is very responsible and gets busy immediately. She loves to learn and is very excited about everything. She makes comments such as: "I love to do these papers!" She is very kind to others and has lots of fun, but knows how to make sure that she is following the rules as well. You can often see her helping a friend or showing them how to do things. Audrey remembers to use the correct voice level in all school settings. — Mrs. Hill

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Hospice of the EUP sees increase in volunteer hours, donations; looks to purchase piano for the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House

SAULT STE. MARIE – As 2014 wraps up, Hospice of the Eastern Upper Peninsula reports that the EUP community has continued to support the organization in a big way, expanding volunteer time by nearly 1,000 hours and increasing donations through the organization's newly created annual Giving Circles, and elsewhere.

The additional assistance comes at a good time, as the need for more volunteers and donations has increased substantially with the opening of the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House. Donors came through at the end of 2013 to pay off the mortgage on the house, which was celebrated with a New Year's Eve mortgage-burning party. Now as 2014 comes to a close, Hospice seeks additional funds to bring some music into the house.

"As a special project this year, we are looking to purchase a baby grand piano to bring music to the Ball Hospice House," said Sue Tetzlaff, Hospice of the EUP board member. "This is something that many of our patients and their families have said would further brighten the warm Hospice House atmosphere."

Tetzlaff said additional funds raised would be used to purchase a sound system for Hospice House

that would have individual controls installed in each patient's room.

With the community's help, Hospice of the EUP was able to assist many in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties in 2014. All told, the organization was able to provide services for 161 patients, including 76 Hospice House admissions. Volunteers logged 10,037 hours throughout the community and Hospice tallied 242 bereavement support participants.

Hospice of the EUP does not charge for its services, but if it did, Hospice House admissions alone would have accounted for \$250,500 in services, all of which were waived due to the generosity of donors and volunteers.

"We can't thank our community enough for what they have done for Hospice over the past year and beyond," said Tracey Holt, Hospice of the EUP Director. "Without everyone's donations and volunteer hours, we would not be able to offer these essential services free of charge."

Tetzlaff commended the more than 50 people and businesses in the community who joined the organization's annual "Giving Circles" by pledging a consistent source of funds to help support Hospice programs all year long. The group was honored during a

celebration earlier in November at Hospice House.

"New Giving Circle members are welcome anytime," Tetzlaff said. "Joining our Giving Circles group or donating funds is as easy as calling us or going to our website, hospiceoftheup.com, and donating through PayPal. Your donation will be put to good use to help your neighbors."

Holt thanked everyone who has contributed over the years and encouraged them to continue their support.

"Please consider a year-end donation, and please continue to volunteer your time," she said. "The need in our community has not diminished."

For more information, call Holt at 906-259-0222.

LSSU to offer third MDOC Academy beginning Feb. 2

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Lake Superior State University's Dept. of Criminal Justice is seeking applicants for its next Michigan Dept. of Corrections Academy, which is set to start Feb. 2 on the main campus. This will be the third MDOC academy that LSSU has offered since last June.

LSSU Criminal Justice Prof. Herb Henderson, who directs the LSSU academy, said the university is one of only six locations in the state that is approved to offer the 320-hour training for prospective MDOC officers.

"The recruits must be certified by MDOC before they can enroll in the academy," Henderson said. "They (MDOC) do the background checks, medical screenings and interviews. So a recruit's first step, after having the necessary college credit, is applying to the MDOC. If everything checks out, then they are allowed to attend the academy."

Recruits must have a minimum of 15 college credits in criminal justice or a closely related field such as sociology, or 30 college credits in any field, or a bachelor of science degree, before they apply to MDOC, Henderson said.

Applicants can find out more about MDOC training by running a Web search on "Michigan Dept. of Corrections training division," or by contacting Henderson at hhenderson@lssu.edu or 906-635-2172.

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund helps with financial emergencies

LANSING – With the early onslaught of winter weather, energy prices are likely to be expensive and can often increase as we get deeper into the winter months. For veterans with emergency financial needs, such as high heating or electricity bills, the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund provides emergency grants to state veterans and dependent family members to help them weather a short-term financial crisis. The fund has over \$50 million to help combat-era veterans (those who served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars or during the many expeditionary operations in between). Over two-thirds of Michigan's 660,000 veterans qualify as combat era.

"Unforeseen situations catch us all off guard but with the MVTF, our veterans do not have to face these temporary emergencies alone," said Jason Allen, senior policy advisor for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. "The trust fund serves as a bridge to support veterans struggling with home repairs, transportation and many other circumstances."

The fund is designed to help veterans with emergency needs. MVTF grants may be applied for online or at an MVTF county committee office, and all applications will be reviewed by the MVTF board of trustees. Most MVTF offices are located in local county government buildings.

For more information on the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund or other veterans assistance, call 1-800-MICH-VET or visit www.MichiganVeterans.com (select "Emergency Assistance" under the "Quick Links" menu).

Yarn Workers Guild donates for the holidays

SAULT STE. MARIE – The Yarn Workers Guild has been meeting monthly at Bayliss Public Library all year to create knitted and crocheted items to donate to various area organizations and causes.

Shown here, members of the group enjoyed late summer weather on the garden bench at Bayliss Library that was built by staff member, Carolyn Person.

The hats, scarves, mittens, socks, dish cloths, and baby hats, booties, and afghans will be donated to the Salvation Army, Hats for Troops, War Memorial Hospital (Obstetrics Department, Long-Term Care, Intensive Care, and the Road to Recovery Van), Malcolm School, EUP Hospice House, and the Neonatal Unit in Marquette.

The informal group will con-



From left to right are Mary-Jill Leonhardt, Cheryl Arbic, Helen Osborn, Lillie Dost, and Christine McLean posing with some of their work in hand. (Several members of the group are missing.)

Photo by Susan James

tinue to meet in the Community Room at Bayliss Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 6 to 8 p.m., starting in January. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Cheryl at 906-632-2014.

Enrollment starts for Michigan prepaid tuition

LANSING (AP) – Michigan is opening the 2015 enrollment period for its prepaid college tuition program.

The Michigan Education Trust said enrollment began earlier this month for the program that allows individuals and organizations to pre-purchase credits toward future tuition at Michigan's public universities and community colleges. Purchasers lock in today's rates and receive a state income tax deduction.

MET says prices for the 2015 enrollment have remained steady from 2014 due to strong investment returns and moderating tuition increases. More than 14,000 students are currently using MET benefits to attend college.

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Merry Christmas, Bryana; and a Happy New Year.



I missed the Thanksgiving deadline, so a belated Happy Thanksgiving. I love you much. I miss you lots. I think of you often. Love to you always, Grandma

Happy 16th birthday to Logan on Dec. 30. Love, Mom, Dad and Kat
~~~~~  
Happy birthday, Kenny, on Christmas day! Love, Shannon, Veronica and Mason

# WALKING ON ...

**Bob Harris**

Don R. (Bob) Harris of Brimley, Mich. died Dec. 4, 2014 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born to I.G. (Tommy) and Hattie G. (James) Harris in Seymour, Ind. on June 1, 1930.

Bob graduated from high school in 1948 and joined the U.S. Navy with 12 other buddies from his hometown. During this time, he met and married Patricia Ann Otte on Dec. 23, 1950.

He was a faithful member of Immanuel EV Lutheran Church and served on both the church and school board. He loved music and sang in the church choir.

A lover of people, Bob found

being a salesman gave him the opportunity to meet all kinds. He was a clothing salesman, a Jewel Tea man, an insurance salesman and an auto parts sales clerk. Bob and Pat also ran a business in Brimley on the corner of Lakeshore Drive and M-221, many years ago. After his retirement, Bob returned to his old location, this time as a clerk at Bay Mart.

Surviving Bob is his wife, Pat Harris; three children, Mary (Dave) Mills of Pickford, JoEllen (Randy(Pesola) of Brimley and Tom (Kim) Harris of Sault Ste. Marie; nine grandchildren, Liz (Jim) Brigham, Ali (Austin) Crawford, Robin (Scott) Sorquist, Tracy (PJ) Jones, Kelly Pesola, Kenny Pesola, Don (Tiffany) Anderson, Kelsie Harris and Seth Harris; 13 great-

grandchildren, Kora, Reece, Cooper and Lena Jones, Mia Pesola, Elsie and Noah Brigham, Logan and Lincoln Crawford, Josephine, Henry and Walter Sorquist and Norah Anderson.

Bob was predeceased by his parents; three sisters, Rachel, Betty and Harriett; and his great-grandson, Joshua Sorquist.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at Immanuel EV Lutheran Church in Sault Ste. Marie with Rev. Jeff Grundmeier officiating. Memorials may be left to First Congregational Church Brimley Release Time Program, Child Evangelism Fellowship or Little Lambs Preschool of Immanuel EV Lutheran Church. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

# Students named to honor roll for 1st quarter

Brimley Middle School/High School 1st quarter Honor Roll

## 7th Grade

Victoria Aikens\*, Tommissa Archambeau, Cole Brehm, Philip Brown\*, Heather Gordier\*, Zachary Gross, Garrett Johnson, Mikayla Kime, Chloe Knoll, Katelyn Krull, Jolie LeBlanc, Bryana Leapley, Justina Massey, Grace McCoy, Trevor Moran, Derek Postma\*, Jacob Skonieczny, Jayden Williams, and Rylee Williams.

## 8th Grade

Samantha Bishop, David Bryer, Dylan Carrick, Kendra Carrick\*, Autumn Charles, Mekalia Cox, Autumn Halvorsen, Tiia

Hyvarinen, Jamie LaFord, Abigaile LaRue, Kierra Perron, Harmony Ranta, Brooke Rivenburgh, Kristyn Van Sickle, and Paula Walden.

## 9th Grade

Autumn Aikens, Michael Gordier, Joshua Gross, Jacob Hopper, Samuel Hopper, Nathan Recla, Brendan Schornack\*, Megan Schornack\*, Sarah Schornack, Julia Stenglein, and Baylie Waybrant.

## 10th Grade

Marcus Carrick, Maik Fischer, Lauren Halvorsen, Natalie Knepper, Caitlin LeBlanc, Mattie Lewis, Brianna Lyons, Hannah Lyons, Caden Moran, Mackenzie

Pentland, and Cassandra Tessmer.

## 11th Grade

Chelby Archambeau, Aaron Carrick, Logan Carrick, Kerri Chartrand, Hunter Elenbaas, Kaylee Hill\*, Alyssa Hyvarinen, Mallorie Kronemeyer, Natalie McGuire, Morgan Osborn, and Jordan Walker-Jenkins.

## 12th Grade

Anne Archambeau, Ronald Carrick, Emily Chartrand, Alyssa Graham, Allen Lounds, Katelyn Mills, Robert Negoita, Kiley Passmore, Connor Pomeroy, Garrett Schofield, Riley Sansone, and Samantha Wilcox.

\*Denotes all A's

# Learning Anishinaabemowin

By Michele Wellman-Teeple, Assistant Director Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program

I have done something a little different — I have recorded a song with a picture of the written lyrics. Anyone who is interested can get on the Internet, get on YouTube. It's under "Ngii Waabimaa sa Santa Claus," and my name, Michele Wellman-Teeple. The song is to the tune of "Up on The House Top". The English translation is on the picture /page.

Here's a little more Anishinaabemowin:  
Manidoo Giizisoons- December (literally- Little Spirit Moon)  
Gchi-manido Giizis/Manidoo Giizis- January (Great Spirit Moon/Spirit moon)  
Biboon Maajtaamigat-Winter Solstice ( Winter Begins)

Niibaa Namaang- Christmas  
Mino Niibaa Namaang!-Merry Christmas!  
Nimkodaading - New Years Day

Gzhe-mnidoo - God (~kind, generous! giving spirit)  
Gichi-manido -Great Spirit  
Shkapijigan-present/ gift (package)  
Nwii-baa-oodetoo- I want to go shopping.

Daawewgamig- store  
Anamewigamig- church (praying building)  
Zhoonyaa gamig- bank (money building)  
Taage gamig - casino ("gambling") building  
Kinoomaagegamig- school (learning) building  
Niwii zhaa daawewgamigong.- I want to go to the store.

Nimbakade! - I'm hungry!  
Aambe wiisnidaa shangegamigong./ Come on let's eat at a restaurant.  
If you add "-ong" to gamig - it becomes a phrase about the location of the building - at/to/in/ by that building.  
Aapiish Ngashi? - where's my mother?  
Gi-gashi nokiigamigong iyaa.- Your mother is at the office (working building).

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# Campaign to raise awareness on necessity of school nurses

LANSING — With Michigan ranked last in the nation for school nurses, Parent Action for Healthy Kids, in collaboration with Michigan School Nurse Task Force, has announced a statewide campaign to increase parents' awareness of the critical role school nurses play in schools.

"Michigan's ratio of school nurses to students is one nurse for every 6,607 students. With chron-

ic diseases such as asthma, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy on the rise, this is a recipe for disaster," said Barb Fils, founder of PAFHK and School Nurses Care campaign coordinator. "We encourage all Michigan parents to stand up for their child's health in school by signing onto the campaign and join other parents in learning about the importance of school nurses."

Brimley Area Schools currently does not have a school nurse on staff; the school secretary is trained to handle some medical situations, such as dispensing medications.

School Superintendent Al Kantola said lack of funding forced the school to eliminate the school nurse position and also closed a school-based clinic. "I wish another grant would become

available to have another school clinic, as that grant lapsed years ago," he explained.

Ojibwe Charter School does not have a school nurse, either. Stephanie Vittitow, chief administrative officer at OCS, said that they try to use the nearby Bay Mills Health Center when necessary. "Having a nurse on hand here at the school would be very beneficial," she added.

According to PAFHK, the impact of school nurses is considerable as it relates to a child's security in the classroom. These professionals are licensed and trained to administer epinephrine during a life-threatening allergic reaction. They are trained to screen for bullying behaviors and to assess students' health complaints, resulting in a reduction of bullying in schools. And, they are equipped to deal with the physical and emotional effects of bullying, should it occur.

The presence of school nurses has also been shown to improve student attendance rates through the promotion of good health, disease prevention and disease man-

agement. These efforts, in turn, save principals, teachers and clerical staff a considerable amount of time that they would have spent addressing the health concerns of students.

Through digital and traditional media, the School Nurses Care campaign aims to bring awareness to parents about the shortage of school nurses in Michigan; provide information about the role of a school nurse; share tips on working with schools to support student health needs; offer resources to parents on student health needs; share parents' stories; encourage parents to join the campaign by visiting [www.parentaction-forhealthykids.org](http://www.parentaction-forhealthykids.org), where a downloadable campaign flyer, fact sheets and additional educational resources can be found; and finally, bring supporters together as a community in social media at [www.facebook.com/ParentActionForHealthyKids.org](http://www.facebook.com/ParentActionForHealthyKids.org).

For more information, contact Barb Fils by calling 248-538-7786 or emailing to [barb@parentaction-forhealthykids.org](mailto:barb@parentaction-forhealthykids.org).

# January is Stalking Awareness Month

Submitted by Bay Mills Journey to Healing Program

BAY MILLS — January 2015 marks the 11th anniversary of the first National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 3.4 million victims a year.

This year's theme—"Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It."—challenges the nation to fight this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact. In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for femicide (homicide of women) in abusive relationships. Victims suffer anxiety, social dysfunction, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as:

— Show up at your home or place

of work unannounced or uninvited.

— Send you unwanted text messages, letters, emails and voice-mails.

— Leave unwanted items, gifts or flowers.

— Constantly call you and hang up.

— Use social networking sites and technology to track you.

— Spread rumors about you via the internet or word of mouth.

— Make unwanted phone calls to you.

— Call your employer or professor.

— Wait at places you hang out.

— Damage your home, car or other property.

One in four victims report that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices, or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities.

Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes.

Individuals identifying as more than one race or American Indian/Alaska Native experience higher rates of stalking. One in four women and one in 13 men will be victims of stalking in their lifetime.

If you're being stalked, you

may be feeling stressed, vulnerable or anxious. You may also have trouble sleeping or concentrating at work or school. Remember, you are not alone.

Every year in the United States, 3.4 million people are stalked and youth between the ages of 18 to 24 experience the highest rates. Most people assume that stalkers are strangers, but actually three in four victims are harassed by someone they know.

If you are in immediate danger, call 911 and report everything that's happened to the police. Remember to save important evidence such as: Text messages; voicemails; videos; letters, photos and cards; unwanted items or gifts; social media friend requests; and emails.

You should also write down the times, places and dates all incidents occurred. Include the names and contact information of people who witnessed what happened.

Stalking is traumatic. You may experience nightmares, lose sleep, get depressed or feel like you're no longer in control of your life. These reactions are normal. Remember it is not your fault and help is available.

For additional information and help, contact the Bay Mills Journey To Healing Program: Anna Rogers-Stott, 906-248-8311 or Ruby Hatfield, 906-248-8312.

# Health Center reminds patients of procedures

By Laurie Paquette, Business Office Manager Bay Mills Health Center

Our billing team is here to help you! The Bay Mills Health Center Billing Team consists of medical billers — Aneen and Andrew, dental biller — Lynda, behavioral health biller — Sara, and business office manager — Laurie. All members of our team assist both tribal and non-tribal patients of our Health Center.

Some of the ways we aid our patrons is to provide them with assistance in understanding insurance coverage and confusing explanations of benefits that subscribers receive from their insurance carriers. We are also available to provide many patients with balance inquiries and payment history documentation.

We work closely to make referrals to our Affordable Care Act Team and Sliding Fee Coordinator for our patients who are either uninsured or under-insured. Obtaining insurance coverage not only gives patients more options and availability, but for tribal patients, it also saves purchased referred care program (formerly

CHS) funds. This will allow the program monies to last longer throughout the year.

If you need help paying, come talk to our staff and we can work with your budget and set up payment agreements to help you get the care you need when you need it. If you are a tribal employee or spouse we are able to extend payroll deduction options.

As of this year, we have been able to provide more services to our population than we have in the past. We have had several successful Seasonal Flu Clinics and for the first time we have made it possible to bill these to insurance carriers and serve a greater population. You know those paper work physicals that your carrier doesn't always cover like sport and drivers license physicals? Guess what...we can do those too, and at an affordable flat rate!

We have accomplished much in the past year and are continuing to make improvements. As aforementioned, we are a "team" and, in the spirit of this, we are also cross training and working closer together than ever before. Don't be surprised if, in the near future, you see one of us at another's desk or sta-

tion just "filling in" so all runs smoothly.

Last but not least, for you our loyal patrons...we also have a new online feature coming soon...this will allow you to view your statements and pay your medical bill online through a secure access site called "Pay My Doctor." You will be able to look up past bills and payments, pay your bill without checks and postage and even receive email reminders when your bill is due.

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## Water trees daily, watch candles

'Tis the season to water your Christmas tree daily and use caution with candles and electric lights to keep this joyous time of year safe.

"Dried out, live trees are a fire danger. Always choose a fresh tree, keep it watered daily and keep it away from any heat source such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, or heat vents," said State Fire Marshal Richard Miller. "If using an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled 'flame-retardant,' which indicates the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, one of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems and one in six are caused by a heat source too close to the tree. Statistics show that Christmas tree fires are much more likely to cause death than average home fires and the risk of fire is higher with natural trees than artificial ones.

When buying a live tree, Miller said to make sure it's as

fresh as possible. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Needles should be green and hard to pull from the branches. Bounce the tree on the ground; if many needles fall off, it's probably a dried-out, old tree that can be a fire hazard.

Once the tree is home, make a fresh cut of 1-2" at the base of the trunk to allow it to absorb water. Place the tree in a non-tip style holder with wide feet. Use only holiday lights that have been approved by a testing agency such as the Underwriters Laboratories and have a UL-tested label on them. LED lights are cooler and use less electricity than conventional lights.

"December is also the peak time of year for home candle fires," said Miller. "More than half of such fires occur when candles are too close to anything that can catch on fire. Never use lighted candles on the tree. Keep candles up high enough away from children and pets and never leave home or go to bed with lights on or candles lit. Use

battery operated, flameless candles instead."

Additional holiday fire safety tips:

— Don't use any strings of lights that are frayed or broken; throw out damaged sets.

— Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

— Place the tree as close to an electrical outlet as possible so that cords are not running long distances. Do not cover up cords with rugs to hide them — this increases the fire hazard.

— Remove your tree soon after the holidays. Recycle it using your community's pickup day if available. Don't leave it in the house or garage. Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.

"Be sure your smoke alarms are in working order, have a fire extinguisher readily available and know how to use it," Miller said. "Have a prepared and practiced home escape plan that will help insure your survival in a home fire."

## Measles vaccinations are being encouraged after two cases confirmed

LANSING — Following the recent confirmation of two measles cases in the Traverse City area, the Michigan Department of Community Health is reminding all residents to protect themselves against the disease by making certain they are up to date on their vaccines. Michigan is now among 23 states that have reported cases of measles in 2014. The Michigan cases were unvaccinated and were exposed to measles during travel in the Philippines. Additional cases are under investigation.

"Although the once common disease is now a rarity in the United States, measles can spread when it reaches a community where groups of people are unvaccinated," said Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Medical Executive with the MDCH. "The progress made here in the U.S. may be threatened by the high incidence of measles elsewhere in the world. To protect against outbreaks and stop the disease from widely spreading in the U.S., we need to succeed in our efforts to keep immunization rates high."

From 2001 — 2012, the average number of measles cases reported nationally per year was 60. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been more than 600 cases reported this year in the U.S., and the vast majority of cases have been among persons who had no history of vaccination against measles.

The Philippines is experiencing a very large and ongoing measles outbreak, with more than 50,000 measles cases and more than 100 measles-related deaths reported this year. Many of the cases in the U.S. this year have been traced to travel in or contact with the Philippines. Measles also continues to be common in many other parts

of the world including some countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Measles is a vaccine-preventable disease that can result in hospitalization, pneumonia, encephalitis, and death. Measles illness involves a high fever, conjunctivitis (red, inflamed eyelid membranes), cough, runny nose, photophobia, and a generalized red, raised body rash starting on the head and face and progressing to the rest of the body. Because measles is highly

communicable, successful prevention and control requires high levels of immunity in all communities.

The measles vaccine is highly effective and very safe. The first of two routine childhood measles vaccine doses is given at 12 months of age. For international travel, infants as young as 6 months should be vaccinated against measles. The vaccination, or documentation of immunity to measles, is recommended for all persons travelling internationally.

## Residents reminded to immunize against flu

LANSING — "Vaccination is the single best way to prevent against getting the flu," said Nick Lyon, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. Influenza activity is increasing in the state, especially in Michigan's Southeast region. MDCH is urging residents not to wait to get their flu vaccine this year.

"Vaccine-preventable diseases like the flu are a very real threat in our communities," said Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive with the MDCH. "It takes about two weeks after vaccination to be protected against the flu, and I encourage all residents to get vaccinated now so they are protected before flu becomes widespread in Michigan."

The flu can be serious, and complications are usually more common in young children, older adults, pregnant women, and people with chronic health conditions. Last flu season, influenza particularly affected healthy young and middle-aged adults. This is why MDCH

urges everyone age 6 months and older, regardless of health status, to protect themselves against the flu.

Each flu season is unpredictable. The 2013-14 season began relatively early, was moderately severe, and was predominantly an H1N1 season. So far in 2014-15, flu activity is increasing and we are primarily seeing H3N2 along with some influenza B viruses. Nationally, about half of H3N2 viruses characterized have drifted and do not match the vaccine strain. Because of this, there may be decreased vaccine effectiveness observed this flu season. However, the vaccine can provide some protection against drifted viruses, and is still strongly recommended.

Last flu season, 42.9 percent of Michigan residents were vaccinated against the flu, which remains below the national coverage of 46.2 percent. Data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry show only 10.1 percent of adults age 18-24 were vaccinated for flu in 2013-14.

## Seasonal Affective Disorder is a real issue

Submitted by Tara Tremblay  
Bay Mills Behavioral Health

Ever heard of SAD? It's very common in the winter months in our region. Seasonal Affective Disorder is also known as the winter blues.

Winter is hard on the body. It's cold and most of us just want to stay warm. This experience is very common and has no specifics on gender or race. Anyone can experience it; you're not alone.

This experience can be shown by feelings of sadness, depression, lack of energy, excessive eating or sleeping, and/or weight/loss.

Although it can be very difficult to do, maintaining your schedule and lifestyle will help with these symptoms.

If you would like to try ways to decrease this, you can always try these remedies:

- Enjoy the company of family or friends.

- Work on hobbies.
- Go for a walk.
- Sit close to a window; the sunlight will help.

Don't be afraid to talk about this condition with a professional; it's nothing to be ashamed or afraid of. With a little effort, the winter blues can be beaten.

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# Feds study bat protection, but loggers disagree

By KEVIN DUFFY  
Capital News Service

LANSING— A fight over logging restrictions is delaying federal protection of the northern long-eared bat, a Great Lakes species already decimated in the American Northeast.

A decision on whether to list the bat as endangered or threatened has been pushed back to April.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has federal jurisdiction over protected species, is using the extra time to respond to the unexpected controversy, said Mollie Matteson, a senior scientist and a bat disease specialist at the Center for Biological Diversity.

Endangered means a species is at high risk of extinction in the wild, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Under federal law, a threatened species "is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range."

Forest industry officials worry a federal listing will hinder logging. They propose state-enforced operational guidelines as an alternative.

The dispute lies between timber industry advocates and bat conservationists, but political leaders and state delegations also have a stake in the issue, Matteson said.

The Center for Biological Diversity, a Tucson, Ariz., non-profit organization dedicated to the long-term protection of species, petitioned the Fish & Wildlife Service to classify the long-eared bat as threatened or endangered in 2010. And a Defenders of Wildlife petition for its endangered listing is closing in on its 50,000-signature goal.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials recommended the listing, later distributing guidelines on how best to log forests without harming the bats.

With the species still officially unprotected, the guidelines lack the force of law, said Matteson.

Enforced or not, the recommendations, which suggest restricted logging from April through October, have fueled industry-led controversy.

The proposed guidelines for long-eared bats follow current restrictions for the Indiana bat, one of the first species listed under the Endangered Species Act, said Rob Mies, director of the Organization for Bat Conservation based at the

Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

An endangered listing is a decision backed by science, not by economics or politics, he said.

Some factions of industry are pushing for a "threatened" listing, which allows special rules to be written that would exempt certain activities such as logging in the bats' native habitat.

"Timber management programs in Wisconsin and Michigan have begun to address habitat features that support long-eared roosting," said Henry Schienebeck, executive director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association.

Long-eared bats, more than any other species of bat in America, are associated with old-growth forests, Matteson said.

These old growth forests provide many of the habitat features – including snags and hollows – that long-eared bats prefer. And industry officials say these trees, often containing dead or dying sections, are the kind that logging operations tend to avoid.

But bats are opportunistic and generally look for any type of tree meeting their reproductive and resting needs, said Matteson.

The primary threat to the bat is white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that takes the bats' fat reserves, killing them during hibernation.

Its presence in the Great Lakes region was confirmed two years ago and in Michigan in April.

Stopping the disease has been nearly impossible, and white-nose syndrome is still without a cure.

But bat advocates say other threats can be minimized to improve the fate of the mammal.

"The argument that the focus on protection of the bats should be reserved for the syndrome does not take into account factors having an influence on the species' survival," said Matteson.

Other threats – habitat loss, hibernation disturbance and environmental toxins – play a role in the near-decimation of the species in the Northeast.

Matteson said those threats are factors federal and state governments can control.

Mies, who is also the coordinator for the North American Bat Conservation Alliance, said, "Many are led to believe this species is endangered, and we should protect it for intrinsic reasons."

"But if these bats are to disap-

pear, people will begin to see a loss of food production and an increased need for forest management," he said.

That's because bats eat lots of the same moths and beetles that destroy crops and forests.

"States generally have no issue with the need for long-eared bat listing – it's an issue of details," Mies said.

As conservation advocates push for a listing that protects both the species and its surrounding habitat, some industry officials question the role of habitat in protecting bats.

Schienebeck said, "The timber industry has already initiated habitat rehabilitation and doesn't see species limited by this habitat."

Despite concerns about their long-term survival, Great Lakes bats aren't dying yet.

Experts say the pattern for the fungal disease takes three years to reach peak intensity. This is the third winter the disease has been in the Great Lakes, so the bats' future is at stake, they say.

The final listing determination by the Fish & Wildlife Service was originally scheduled for Oct. 2 but has been delayed until April 2.

Kevin Duffy writes for Great Lakes Echo.

## Shepler's ferry company having new vessel built

ONAWAY (AP) — A company that provides ferry service to Mackinac Island is having a new vessel built.

Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry says the 85-foot aluminum watercraft is scheduled for completion in time to begin hauling passengers between the mainland and the resort island next July.

It will be christened "Miss Margy" after the mother of company CEO Bill Shepler.

The \$3.8 million vessel will be assembled at Moran Iron Works in Onaway. The companies say they believe it will be the first ferryboat ever built in Michigan.

The keel will be laid in January and the hull built over the next four months. Seating installation and painting will take place at the Shepler's facility in Mackinaw City.

The 281-passenger ferryboat will be the seventh vessel in the Shepler's fleet.

# Network of highway webcams expands in Upper Peninsula

This winter, motorists have an expanded online vantage point to view stretches of state highway across the Upper Peninsula. Thirteen new webcams have been added to the Michigan Department of Transportation Road Weather Information System, or RWIS.

Using federal grant funding, MDOT began installing the system between 2008 and 2010 to monitor atmospheric and road surface conditions in an effort to better manage winter maintenance activities and to provide more travel information to motorists.

The system is made up of a network of Environmental Sensor Stations. These roadside tower installations combine sensors to measure air and road surface temperatures, barometric pressure, wind, salt concentrations on the road surface, frost depth, and dew-point, with cameras that take periodic still images to verify conditions at the site. MDOT and contract county road commissions providing maintenance services use the system to better predict when ice will begin to form on the roadway or bridge decks, or see when snow is blowing and drifting across the road, improving efficiency.

The new camera locations, online since last week, are in: - Calumet, on US-41 at Store Street - Arnheim, on US-41 at the

Houghton/Baraga county line - Nisula, on M-38 at the Houghton/Ontonagon county line - Trout Creek, on M-28 at the Houghton/Ontonagon county line - Rockland, on US-45 at M-26 - Wakefield, on US-2 at M-28 - Republic, on M-95 at the Marquette/Dickinson county line - Sundell, on M-94 at the Marquette/Alger county line - Kiva, on US-41 at the Marquette/Alger county line - Trenary, on US-41 at the Alger/Delta county line - Rapid River, on US-2/US-41 at Brampton 27.5 Road - Manistique, on US-2 at Tannery Road - Blaney Park, on US-2 at M-77

MDOT also provides motorists

with an online view of the ESS cameras and weather data, where available, which can be used to help make travel plans. Views from the 13 new U.P. cameras, along with the 13 original cameras, are available now on the Mi Drive site at [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive). They're also accessible on the new free Mi Drive app available from iTunes and Google Play.

While the ESS network was initially used by MDOT for highway maintenance coordination, the information collected by the stations is now available to other agencies. Weather condition information from the new sites is not yet online. Additional U.P. cameras may be added to the Mi Drive site soon.

## Man dies after fall from freighter into Lake Huron

ROGERS CITY (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard said a 55-year-old man has died after apparently falling from a freighter into northern Lake Huron.

The Coast Guard said the man from Poland was among the crew of the 622-foot *Lubie*, which was heading from Marinette, Wis. to Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Rescuers responded Dec. 7, following a call from the freighter, which was about 10 miles northeast of Rogers City. The crew of the freighter also reversed course and eventually spotted the man floating face down in the approximately 39-degree-F water.

A Coast Guard boat picked up the unconscious and unresponsive man and took him to St. Ignace, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy is planned. The man's name wasn't immediately released. The Coast Guard is investigating how the man ended up overboard.



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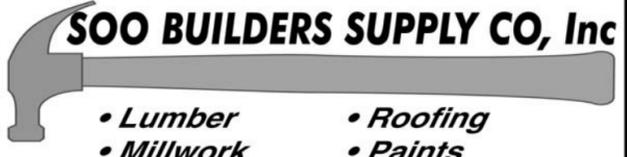




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**Plates/registration hours**

Attention resident tribal members: Regular hours of operation to register and plate vehicles is as follows: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. There will be NO plates and registration issued on the following dates: Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31 of 2014 and Jan. 1 and 2 of 2015. For any further questions, call the tribal office at 248-8100. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Community Health Events**

Thursday, Jan. 22: Foot Clinic at Armella Parker Elder Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**Brimley School meetings**

Indian Education Program Parent Committee meets on

Monday, Jan. 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 408 in the Middle School hallway. Open to all parents and guardians of Native American students. For more information, call Sonja Killips at 906-2483218, ext. 633.

Brimley School Board meets on Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Improvement Team meets on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the school library. Open to all interested community members. For more information, call School Superintendent Al Kantola at 906-248-3219.

**Food Drive**

The Bay Mills Behavioral Health Program is urging local community members and organi-

zations 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.

**Affordable Health Care exemptions**

Native Americans are exempt from the Affordable Health 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.

**Bayliss Public Library events**

An affiliate of Superior District Library -541 Library Dr., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 906-632-9331. www.baylisslibrary.org bayref@baylisslibrary.org All events are free to the public.

Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

Friends of Bayliss Library will have used books for sale. Sponsored by MSU Extension Greening Michigan Institute.

Dec. 24 to 26 Closed  
Dec. 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

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Dec. 31 and Jan. 1-Closed  
Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

Friends of Bayliss Library will have used books for sale. Sponsored by MSU Extension Greening Michigan Institute.

Jan. 6, 2 to 3 p.m. Foyle's War Matinee Film Series

Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Zinio Downloadable Magazines Workshop

Jan. 7, 10 a.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. Support Group for the Visually Impaired, Pat Hughey will speak about ocular bionic implants and library staff will provide a tour of services available for the visually impaired.

Jan. 8, 1 p.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

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Jan. 10, 10 a.m.-noon Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists will meet.

Jan. 10, noon Brown Bag Book Club will meet in the children's room.

Jan. 10, 1 p.m. LEGO Club will meet in the children's room.

Jan. 13, 1 p.m. Homeschool LEGO Club will meet in the children's room.

Jan. 13, 2 to 3 p.m. Foyle's War Matinee Film Series

Jan. 13, 7 p.m. Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan, Steffon McGregor, "What Makes a Great Wildlife Photograph?"

Jan. 14, 10 a.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 15, 1 p.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m. League of Women Voters EUP Meeting

Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

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Jan. 17, 1 p.m. Family Movie, call 906-632-9331 for title of movie. Free movie; popcorn by donation. Shown through Movie Licensing USA.

Jan. 20, 12 to 2 p.m. Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists will meet.

Jan. 20, 2 to 3 p.m. Foyle's War Matinee Film Series

Jan. 20, 7 p.m. Chippewa County Genealogical Society will meet.

Jan. 21, 10 a.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 22, 1 p.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 22, 7 p.m. Office Hours for Sault Ste. Marie City Manager Oliver Turner

Jan. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

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Jan. 24, 1 p.m. Saturday Matinee, call 906-632-9331 for title of movie. Free movie; popcorn by donation. Shown through Movie Licensing USA.

Jan. 27, 2 to 3 p.m. Foyle's War Matinee Film Series

Jan. 27, 6 to 8 p.m. Sault Yarn Workers Guild will meet.

Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Ray Bauer will speak about "Brewing Beer" and provide a taste testing.

Jan. 28, 10 a.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 29, 1 p.m. StoryTime in the children's room

Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Chippewa County Historical Society, Sault, Ontario resident Peter White will provide a multi-media Sault area history program. Free to the public.

Jan. 30, 4 to 5 p.m. Joel Tacey, Duct Tape Workshop in the children's room.

Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market. Food and craft items by local producers will be available for purchase.

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**THANKSGIVING PIES** — On Nov. 25, students from the Native Studies class at Brimley Area School, under the sharp eye of their teacher, Sonja Killips, baked 230 pumpkin pies to be delivered in time for Thanksgiving feasts. The fundraiser made a profit of \$1,326.05, meant to defray the costs of the annual pow wow, set for this spring. Pictured, left to right, mixing up a batch of pumpkin pie filling are Mallorie Kronmeyer, Alyssa Graham, Logan Carrick, Joslynn Johnston and Autumn Aikens. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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# Elementary students honored at giveaway ceremony

BRIMLEY — As part of Brimley Area Schools' Title VII Indian Education Program, elementary school students were honored Dec. 12 at a Homework Giveaway hosted by students of the Native Studies classes taught by Sonja Killips, who is also Title VII coordinator.

To be eligible, students had to hand in every assignment on time for the month of November. As their names were called, each student chose a gift from the display of items that were either made or collected by the students of Killips' classes. Following the giveaway, the students danced to an Honor Song by Bay Mills Indian Community's Aabizii drum.

Kindergarten, Miss Allison: Iris Aikens, Zoe Anderson, Travis Baragwanath, Angel Barnes-Parish, Jelena Buntun, Kane Craven, Krysti Edwardson, James Jamros, Brady LeBlanc, Sylvia Leclerc, Steven Massey, Eric Mongene, Bryton Nichols, Keegan Smart, Sophia Sutter, Tayvin Toms and Freedom VerWiebe.

Kindergarten, Mrs. Hill: Marley Ball, Peyton Beseau, Kade Bowen, Lillian Carrick, Shaylah Elliott, Cole Emplit, Darren Johnson, Cooper Jones, Katie Keyser, Holden LeBlanc, Malina McKechnie, Micah Morrison, Brooklyn Schwiderson, Daniel Tadjerson, Braxton Tessmer, Jayden Thompson, Kade VanderMeer, Audrey Whealy, Caylie York and Charlotte York.

First grade, Mrs. Castagne: Damein Bouschor, Sydney Caraccio, Leila Downs, Hazel Garvon, Stevie-Ann Gordon, Ronnie Harding, Dalton Hoonstra and Tommy Passmore.

First grade, Mrs. Nettleton: Garrett Albrough, Kamara Bator, Scott Bowen, Angela Dawson, Khloe Dumas, James LaFord, Shemida LeBlanc, Ayden McKiddie, Joseph Phillips and Damian Schwiderson.

Second grade, Mrs. Gross: Bradley Anderson, Morgan Barnes, Jordin Brugman, Talissa Daniels, Brennah LaFord, Wasaya LeBlanc, Evan Mills, Jenna Murphy, Jaydon Niemi-Alcorn, Mark Osborne, Clay Palosaari, Maddox Ranta, Angelyn Sergeiko, Elizabeth Stuart, Andrew Teeple and Gabrielle Tremblay.

Second grade, Mrs. Castagne: Ethan Cameron, Addison Carrick, Calix Craven, Addison Hill, Jayna Hunt, Summer Kinney, Andrew LeBlanc, Lawrence LeBlanc, Trey Lynn, Gabriel Lyons, Dominic Miller, Benjamin Smart, Evin Smart, Cassidy Stone, Jay Tadjerson, Savannah Taylor, Caden Teeple and Chendra Tremblay.

Third grade, Ms. Peller: Paris Bedell, Landon Cameron, Mila Croad, Aaliyah Deuman, Laila Duvall, Kaitlynn Ferguson, Kiara Hopper, Owen Johnson-Anargyros, Camela Kemp, Francis Kuzmik, Ceara LeBlanc, Gregory Mills, Kai Morrison, Donovan Murphy and Simon Whealy.

Third grade, Mrs. VerStrate: Gavin Beseau, Stacy Bishop, Hayden Cameron, Isabelle Caraccio, Grace Dumas, Brendan Gross, Abigail Hoffman, Justin Hudson, Anna Keyser, Raegen Kopitsch, Perry LeBlanc, Charles Lyons, Isabella Massey, Cian Parish, Evan Parker, Elijah Tadjertson, Edgar Teeple, Kenneth VanderMeer and Autumn Ward.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Jarvi: Savannah Albrough, Vivian Carrick, Kayleigh Hopper, Braedon Kemp, Kaylee Komejan, Betty Kovas and Logan Peake.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Teeple: Ella Bowen, Ken Clow, Grace Hill, Clayton Johns, Elizabeth Johnson Anargyros, Cameron King, Kelsie Lyons, Keldon Perron, Chloe Teeple, Logan Thomson and Frankee VerWiebe.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Hope: Cole Johnson, Carly Keyser, Caleb Lipponen, Willem Perron and Luke Slater.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Rutledge: Aiden Beseau, Stephanie Bishop, Brooke Carrick, Morgan Fox, Hunter Heck, Alec Hill, Colin Hopper, Alexis Leapley, Sadie McGuire, Dominic Morrison and Riley Parish.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Hutchins: Carmen Cameron, Lily Carlson, Maddisen Hoonstra and Emma LeBlanc.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Osborne: Xavier Bedell, Kora Blake, Justin Carrick, Brianna Clow, John Hutchinson, Paige LaFord, Kalista Perron and Sarah Rosa.



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