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Tribes stock waterways with 1.4 million walleye fingerlings

SAULT STE. MARIE – Michigan inland lakes along with Great Lakes waters and tributaries received almost 1.4 million walleye fingerlings raised under a program administered and funded by Indian tribes.

The 2-inch fingerlings were raised by the Inter-tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program based in Sault Ste. Marie. The program is administered by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and also receives funding from the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

This year's walleye egg hatching program was so successful the tribe had additional spring fingerlings to stock sites not planned for this year. ITFAP received a Michigan DNR permit for stocking inland lakes and Little Bay de Noc, areas not included in the tribe's normal stocking plan.

"The fingerlings will help boost future fishing opportunities for tribal and non-tribal fishers alike," said Sault Tribe Chairman Aaron Payment. "The amount of surplus fingerlings we were able to provide this year should help boost those walleye populations."

Payment added, "Little Bay de Noc in particular is a valuable walleye fishery."

Walleye fingerling stocking figures for June 2014:



Bay Mills — 101,396
Suttons Bay — 29,300
Northport — 101,165
St. Martin's Bay — 244,150
Potaganissing (Drummond Island) — 490,898
Rainey Lake — 16,000
Mullett Lake — 20,000
Black Lake — 147,200
Brevort Lake — 10,000
Pretty Lake — 1,000
AuTrain Lake — 20,300
Deer Lake — 4,000

Little Bay de Noc, Escanaba River— 62,150
Little Bay de Noc, Gladstone— 82,373
Epoufette — 64,350
While stocking Little Bay de Noc, the tribe's stocking crew ran into Delta Dawn Charters. "In Gladstone, we ran into Captain Bill Meyers, a charter fisher who was very involved in the Little Bay de Noc walleye stocking program, and was very excited to see us," Greg Wright, ITFAP's hatchery manager, said.

Due to the successful fingerling production and wide ranging stocking, ITFAP received assistance from the Michigan DNR this year. The DNR provided a couple of crew and stocking trucks. Eggs were collected from Little Bay de Noc for stocking back into Lake Michigan and inland lakes. ITFAP collected walleye eggs from the St. Mary's River for stocking in Lake Huron and the St. Mary's River as well

as some inland lakes. This year, ITFAP collected 8 million eggs from St. Marys' River walleye.

"We had a remarkably high survival of eggs and spring fingerlings this year, which made possible the high numbers of fingerlings available for stocking," said Matt Allard, ITFAP's hatchery assistant. He added that the remarkable hatch out rate of 89 percent is the result of working every year to improve survival.

The ITFAP-reared fingerlings that were stocked in inland lakes were in excess of the tribes' annual Great Lakes stocking targets and, as part an ongoing cooperative walleye stocking partnership, were offered to the state for stocking in inland waters important to both the tribes and the state.

Cooperative walleye rearing and stocking work between the DNR and ITFAP has been ongoing for several years. "The partnership is an example of how the tribes can contribute to the fishery on lakes important to tribal members, while also benefiting non-tribal anglers," said Wright.

"We have built a successful history of cooperative Great Lakes walleye stocking through the mutual sharing of eggs, fry, fingerlings and technology," said ITFAP Director Tom Gorenflo.

Celebrate local history

SAULT STE. MARIE — July 26 and 27 is the date for the second annual Rendezvous in the Sault celebration of the history of the Sault Ste. Marie. The event is sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society and the City of Sault Ste. Marie with support from The Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Downtown Development Association.

In 2013, more than 120 merchants, demonstrators, musicians and campers set up on the City Hall north lawn. Despite tornado warnings, torrential rains and flooded tents, these hearty souls welcomed nearly 1,000 visitors and there were many positive comments about the event. This year expect many of the same participants along with some new attractions. During the weekend will be the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the destruction of the Johnston property.

Great soup, cornbread, root beer and more will be available on site and children may take part in the Voyageur Log program, which helps them learn more about our historic city. Storyteller Genor Picor and the musical group La Compagni will perform again this year. The Historic Water Street buildings will be busy with animals, herb planting, demonstrations, and children's activities while docents give tours of all or part of the four buildings.

Once again, Rose and Harry Burgess of The Feast of the Ste. Claire in Port Huron have agreed to coordinate the encampment and Angie Patterson and Ginny Cymbalist are again co-chairing the whole event.

Mark your calendars for July 26 and 27 when you can observe cannon firings, tomahawk throws, military musters, dancing, food, and much, much more. For up-to-the minute information, or if you'd like to participate in Rendezvous in the Sault 2014, visit the website, www.historicwaterstreet.org/rendezvous or phone CCHS.

Brimley students continue to excel in state testing

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY – Gains in all subjects, led by big jumps from 2013 to 2014 in both social studies and reading scores of 5.3 and 5.2 respectively, highlight the 2014 high school assessment results earlier this month by the Michigan Department of Education.

Students at Brimley Area Schools continue to improve and rank above average for not only the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, but the state average as well.

"We were very pleased with the results. Our scores on the Michigan Merit Exam were above the state average and the EUPISD average on each test. On the ACT, we were also above the state and EUPISD average on each part of that test except for English. In our area, only DeTour had better overall scores," said Brimley Superintendent Alan Kantola. "I would like to congratulate our students and our staff for this achievement. Obviously, our students take this test seriously and are well-prepared for it. Our staff devotes much time and energy in

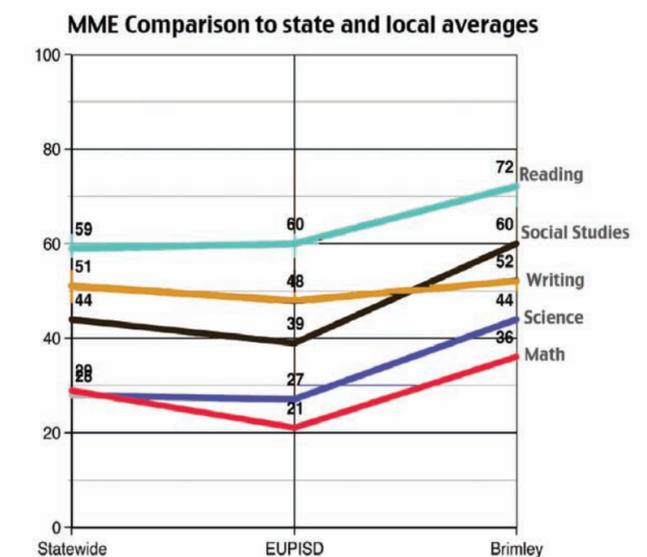
ensuring that our curriculum is sufficient to prepare our students for this rigorous test and ensuring that classes are meaningful and provide the appropriate lessons so that our students can be successful."

The Michigan Merit Exam is given to all 11th grade students testing their knowledge in math, writing, science, social studies and reading. Each year, teachers continue to tailor the school curriculum in response to results and state benchmarks.

Amid advances in all subjects, student reading scores posted both short- and long-term increases of more than 5 percentage points, while math, writing and science results continued to show progress, and social studies broke new ground in reversing a downward trend of several years, according to results of the spring Michigan Merit Exam. The MME is administered annually in the spring.

And while Brimley is doing well, the school plans to continue its efforts and hopes to boost scores once again next year.

"Although we are pleased with these results, there is still work to be done. We will continue this effort on behalf of our students and communi-



ty. Our staff is constantly searching for ways to improve and ways to be more successful," said Kantola.

"There is always room for improvement. Our school's focus will continue to be student growth and student achievement."

Parent Reports, outlining individual student achievement on the MME, have been provided to schools

for each student tested. Local schools distribute this state-developed report to parents and guardians.

While most high school students in Michigan participated in the MME, it was not appropriate for some students with disabilities. Michigan's alternate assessment program, MI-Access, was given to those students.



NEW OFFICERS — Bay Mills Indian Community recently hired two new Safety Officers, Brent Aikens and Jared Parish (left to right). The pair were sworn in by Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Levi Carrick in late June. They will be part of a newly conjoined force of police and conservation departments. The duo will be attending basic training downstate in August.

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Gov. Snyder finishes signing a \$53.2 billion state budget

By **DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press

LANSING (AP) — On June 30, Gov. Rick Snyder finished signing a \$53.2 billion state budget that commits to spending 6 percent more than this year, largely because of Michigan's new expansion of Medicaid eligibility to more low-income adults and anticipated higher tax collections in an improved economy.

The \$3.1 billion funding increase includes an overall 7 percent boost in revenue sharing to local governments, with amounts varying depending on the community, along with money to train 100 new state police troopers and 31 new motor carrier officers, and hire 25 more conservation officers. There is almost \$200 million to help prevent steeper cuts in Detroit retiree pensions and the sale of art in the city's bankruptcy.

By privately approving the \$37.5 billion general budget bill the last day of the month after signing a \$15.7 education spending plan in public last week, Snyder was able to boast of four straight years of completing the budget in June, at least three months before the fiscal year begins Oct. 1. The Republican governor, who has enjoyed GOP control of the Legislature his whole term, said it gives K-12 school districts and municipalities time to plan their budgets.

More than three-quarters of the budget is devoted to education and health and human services, he said.

"These are protections and improvements that affect every member of our state," Snyder said in a statement.

The governor exercised two line-item vetoes. Like last year, he again nixed \$1.5 million to explore putting barriers at crossings along a higher-speed rail line in southwestern Michigan, saying "current traffic control measures are consistent with federal standards."

Snyder also removed \$80,000 to study the feasibility of building a pedestrian-only bridge over the Bear River in Petoskey, calling it an "unnecessary" expenditure and noting a plan to raise more revenue for road upkeep is still pending in the Legislature. He urged lawmakers to keep working to pass road-funding legislation, saying it is a critical issue affecting all residents and tourists and essential to accelerating economic growth.

Bills that would more than double state gasoline and diesel taxes stalled earlier this month before legislators adjourned for much of the summer, and it is unclear if some lawmakers could become more receptive to hiking taxes after the November election.

"It's unfortunate that Gov. Snyder signed a budget without fully funding our roads and bridges," said Geno Alessandrini, business manager of the Michigan Laborers District Council, which has been traveling the state on a "Fix our Roads" tour. "We'll continue to call on the governor and the state Legislature to address the dire need for critical infrastructure funding."

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, who will face Snyder in November, continued to criticize the governor for his 2011 push to offset a major business tax cut in part by eliminating tax exemptions on pension and retirement income for people born after 1952.



EMERALD ASH HARVEST — Lake Superior State University physical plant workers Ron Throener (in distance) and Shane Hubbard (operating backhoe) dig up upwards of 20 trees from in front of Crawford Hall that had been killed by the emerald ash borer. Crews planted more than 40 large-caliper maple, oak, and flowering crab apple trees to replace those they took down on July 8. These tree types are impervious to the invasive insect that is wiping out ash species throughout North America. LSSU has planted more than 75 trees around campus over the past seven years to replace diseased or dead trees. Contaminated wood is being quarantined to keep the ash borers from spreading any farther than they've already gone. (LSSU/John Shibley)

Michigan seeks volunteers to help improve websites

LANSING (AP) — The state of Michigan is seeking volunteers to participate in usability studies to help improve the state's websites.

Yvonne Morrison, service manager of the User Experience and Quality Assurance team, said in a statement that the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget is looking for "all types of users," from experts to inexperienced ones.

Anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in taking part in a usability study may fill

out an online participant questionnaire. As the need for testers arises, state employees plan to contact people who have completed the questionnaire.

Some tests may be done from home, while others require visiting the Usability Lab in Lansing. The state says it's a way people can help government improve its websites and applications.

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Soo Co-op Credit Union has announced scholarship winners



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — Pictured left to right are Nick Gerrish Scholarship winners and Soo Co-op Credit Union staff: Joy Hill, Soo Co-op CFO; Lynda Ellis, Soo Co-op president; Rebecca Miller, Diane McLeod-Maleport, Rhiannan Sibbald and Melissa McClendon, Soo Co-op vice president. Missing from photo: Mary Fentiman. Photo courtesy of Soo Co-op Credit Union

SAULT STE. MARIE — Soo Co-op Credit Union has announced the recipients of the Nick Gerrish Scholarship for the 2014/2015 school year. Four college scholarships were awarded to area students, totaling \$9,000.

This year, the recipients were selected from 32 applications from eligible students. Rebecca Miller, Mary Fentiman and Rhiannan Sibbald each received \$2,500 scholarships to the school of their choice, while Diane McLeod-Maleport received a

\$1,500 scholarship to Bay Mills Community College.

The first Nick Gerrish Scholarship was awarded in 1986 and, to date, has given a total of \$169,000 in college scholarships to area students. The scholarship was named after a longtime credit union supporter, founder and former manager, who retired from the Soo Co-op Credit Union in 1979.

Applications for the 2015/2016 school year scholarship will be available January 2015.

Locally known florist lands job with Sault flower shop

By Sharlene Myers
Bay Mills News



SAULT STE. MARIE — When she closed the doors at Stuff's Gift Shop in Brimley the end of May, Janet Bertram, known as JB to her many friends, did not know what the future held for her. Happily an opportunity presented itself immediately and JB is now employed at Petals on Ashmun — a florist shop in nearby Sault Ste. Marie where she can keep doing the work she loves — arranging flowers.

Neil Edmonds, co-owner of Petals on Ashmun had heard from a mutual friend that Stuff's Gift Shop was closing. While making a delivery in the Brimley area, he decided to stop by and see if JB would be interested in working with him and co-owner Nancy Wilson at Petals on Ashmun. After checking out their enterprise, she accepted and now works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as a floral designer.

JB ran Stuff's Gift Shop for 16 years, eight as a manager and the last eight as owner. The shop sold gifts, cards and local artist's craftwork, as well as flowers, but it was the flower arranging that captured her interest. Self-taught, JB became well known in the Brimley area for her beautiful floral arrangements.

Raised and educated in Brimley, JB graduated from Bay Mills Community College with an associates degree in business management. She is now enjoying the new education she is

receiving as a floral designer from Wilson, who not only has many years of experience, but holds a degree in floral arranging.

"Nancy has such an artistic eye and I've been learning so much," said JB. "Especially about plants, as I only carried flowers at Stuff's."

She added that floral arrangement was always the part she liked best in her own shop and now she is learning even more under an expert's guiding hand.

Edmonds said they are happy to have JB with her years of experience in managing Stuff's Gift Shop and her knowledge of flower arranging.

"We are glad to have her here and look forward to seeing all her friends from Brimley," he added.

JB too, is looking forward to seeing some familiar faces in her new location. Petals on Ashmun is located at 1901 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie and can be contacted by calling 906-632-6100, visiting their website at petalsonashmun.com or on Facebook.



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OPINION

Have we not learned anything from Iraq?

By Alan Demroske

Iraq, again? Some facts: Over 4,500 U.S. soldiers killed and 33,000 wounded and a trillion dollars spent.

Congressional Democrats and Republicans do agree on one thing: Our country is pretty nearly broke and we have a large national debt that needs to be addressed. We also spent lives and millions more to train the Iraqi military to defend themselves. At the first sign of danger, many of them stripped off their uniforms, abandoned the military weapons and equipment supplied by U.S. taxpayers, and ran.

By all accounts, the present Maliki regime has been corrupt. Millions of U.S. funds just disappeared, plus, the Iraqi government asked us to get out. These religious factions have been fighting each other for a good thousand years.

Now we are being told that the terrorist group, ISIS, who has, by force, taken over large sections of Iraq, is a real threat to the U.S. Sounds kind of like the weapons of mass destruction argument that put us there in the first place. But Iraq is much closer to the European countries and Israel, itself, is a neighbor. So why do these countries not come forth and offer their money and blood? Why should they? Our politicians will "save the world."

Back in the U.S., federal and state spending has declined and there are those who still want more reductions. We have rebuilt roads and buildings and schools in Iraq, while our own infrastructure is slowly rotting away. Yet, our politicians are still finding ways to pour tax dollars back into



Iraq.

Generally speaking, Republicans are considered to be "hawks" and quite willing to use military force. I found it very interesting when I watched former Vice President Dick Cheney respond to Senator Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, on his views of the present Iraqi situation. I will quote the views of these two Republicans from "Meet the Press" on NBC and let you decide.

Paul: "What's going on now, I don't blame on President Obama. Has he really got the solution? Maybe there is no solution. But I do blame the Iraq War for the chaos that is in the Middle East. I also blame those who were for the Iraq War for emboldening Iran. You have to ask yourself, 'Are you willing to send your son, am I willing to send my son, to retake back a city, Mosul, that they weren't willing to defend themselves?' I'm not willing to send my son into that mess."

Cheney: "I'm a strong supporter now. Everybody knows what my position is. There is nothing to be argued about. Rand Paul, with all due respect, is basically an isolationist. He doesn't believe we ought to be involved with that part of the world."

And before Democrats get all puffed up in righteous indignation — remember, a lot of Democratic senators and House members voted to give the authorization for the Iraq War. And, there is that Vietnam War that Democratic President Johnson conned us into.

The question that comes to my mind: Have we not learned anything from these two disasters? Two costly foreign wars fought with the belief that we can change very different and very foreign cultures that took centuries to develop way on the other side of the world with our military might and occupation of their countries — forever?

Demroske is a retired teacher who resides in Brimley.

Common Sense at 60

By Sharon M. Kennedy

Lying at all ages

We all know people who stretch, bend, or ignore the truth. Lying begins in childhood and seems as natural as breathing. Kids learn at an early age they can't fool their parents for very long, but that doesn't discourage them. When asked if Junior spilled milk on the floor or Sis hid popcorn in Mom's bed, a lie pops out of their mouth like a clown popping out of a jack-in-the-box.

Wading through all the lies of childhood is frivolous compared to the lies of teenagers. Anyone who has lived with a teen is aware of the labyrinth woven to trick adults into believing falsehoods. The wrecked car, the reek of cannabis or alcohol, and the school absentee reports are all met with defiant denial. I'm convinced teenagers would rather extract their teeth with a pair of pliers than admit the truth.

Lying might taper off as teens pass into their twenties, but it picks up again when they enter college or a new relationship. Professors hear about the deaths of phantom relatives, and sweethearts promise a semester of faithful affection. When offenders are caught in deceitful webs, the lies increase. After marriage, lying becomes a way of life.

There are many kinds of liars. Some are creative, and some are stupid. Some learned at an early age that lying is a great way to skate through life if you

have the charm and wit to match the lies. My second husband lied for no reason at all. He was a good man except for one flaw. I couldn't believe a word he said.

When asked if the gas tank was full, he replied he sold the car, although it was parked in the driveway. If I requested a loaf of bread, he informed me grocery stores closed at 5 p.m. When quizzed regarding the whereabouts of our two year old daughter, he assured me she was nightclubbing with grandma. The man couldn't help it. He never told the truth if a lie would do.

We've all heard of "white" lies. Those little fabrications we tell people so we don't hurt their feelings. Be careful, though, because sometimes they backfire. You end up with someone or something you really didn't want.

The most troublesome liars are those who lie through omission. They may tell you the truth, but only part of it. Sneaky omission liars have faulty DNA. Put them in a witness box, but don't trust them unless all you want is half the story.

Wouldn't it be nice if the nursery rhyme was true and we watched the noses of liars grow longer? What a wonderful world this would be.

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Should it be a 'right' to have a paid vacation?

By Tom Purcell

Ah, summer is here. We all know what that means: The rights crowd will demand that our politicians pass new federal laws to make paid vacation mandatory.

It is true that the United States is the only advanced economy that does not require employers to provide paid vacation time.

It's also true, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, that the United States is in last place when compared to the paid vacation time offered to workers in the top 21 industrialized countries.

And it's true, reports CNN, that "not only do American workers get less vacation time than workers in other industrialized countries, but they also opt to take fewer days off."

Consider: The average American worker gets about 18 paid vacation days a year and uses only 14 of them. Compare that to the French, who average 37 paid vacation days a year and use nearly every one of them.

So, the solution is to create new laws and mandates that would force private employers to give their employees paid vacation?

Not so fast, argues Welch Consulting senior economist Stephen Bronars, writing for *Forbes*.

For starters, 91 percent of full-time private-sector employees already receive paid vacations. Those who do not are typically low-tenure employees at small businesses — and new mandates would hurt, rather than help, such employees.

Bronars says U.S. labor law is flexible enough to allow employees to negotiate fringe benefits that benefit them and their employers.

Perhaps an employee prefers higher pay and less vacation time, for instance. Maybe he or she prefers more flexible hours. The current flexibility allows employees to work out a range of win-win scenarios with their employers.

So long as the cost of the fringe benefits is lower than the value a particular employee brings to the company, lots of creative and mutually beneficial options are on the table.

Paid-vacation mandates would eliminate such flexibility, however. By forcing employers to give paid vacations to new or part-time workers, who may not currently be receiving them, labor costs will increase.

Private companies, which are in business to make a profit, will have to make up for the increased costs somewhere. They will have to lay off new or part-time workers and reduce the fringe benefits they provide to their most productive full-timers — hindering their ability to reward productivity and performance.

Bronars writes that our current flexibility "is an advantage, not a weakness, of our system and leads to more employment growth and greater job security than we would have if we adopted European-style labor market regulations."

In other words, the freedom of an individual and his employer to work out the terms of employment themselves generally benefits everyone.

It incentivizes employees to demonstrate and improve their performance and value. And it incentivizes employers to reward employees with the fringe benefits they prefer — thus increasing employee morale and productivity.

Happier, more productive employees make American companies more competitive and successful, which is key to helping the companies grow and hire more employees, which increases tax receipts for local, state and federal governments.

But none of these benefits matter to the rights crowd that is calling for new government mandates to force private employers to fund another "right" — the right to a paid vacation. None of the detrimental consequences matter, either.

And we all know what that means: Summer has arrived and the rights crowd will demand that our politicians pass new federal laws to make paid vacation mandatory.

2014 Tom Purcell, *Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood" and "The Lone Humorist: A Lone Humorist Takes on a World Gone Nutty!" is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc.*



BMIC hosts annual 'Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow'

Bay Mills Indian Community paid special tribute to veterans once again this year with the annual pow wow being held the weekend of June 27. This year the pow wow was traditional, not competitive. However, pow wow organizers Angie Tadgerson and Sonja Killips anticipate next year they will return to the competitive format and have already begun fundraising for the event. The decision will be made in February 2015. Those in attendance had the opportunity to dance, listen to traditional drumming and enjoy Native cuisine.

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Brimley Board prepares for its upcoming 2014-15 school year

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Brimley Board of Education held two meetings in the last month to discuss issues impacting the district for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.

During the regular meeting on June 16, the board approved the contract negotiations with the teacher's union. The three-year contract was reached relatively quickly, noted Superintendent Alan Kantola, and only took three meetings to come to a settlement. Main points of the contract include a 2-percent salary increase for the next three years, health insurance deductible changes and unused sick days reimbursement.

Staffing changes were also discussed as two English teachers hired last year, Kristen Houtteman and Deb Kavanaugh, resigned due to relocation. In hiring, the board approved Courtney Amble as the new varsity volleyball coach and Shelly Deuman-LeBlanc as the junior varsity volleyball coach. Both will have salaries per the Master Agreement. The board also approved the hiring of Denise Sweeney as the middle school special education teacher on a half-time basis. Sweeney has worked for the district for more than 20 years as a bus driver and previously as the Title I technical aid.

In budgets, the board approved the food service budget for next year with Kantola noting the district should look at how to lower food service costs in the future. Fewer students are eating school lunch, resulting in a decrease in revenue.

An increase in state aid will benefit Brimley Area Schools in the upcoming year as the student foundation allowance has risen to \$7,251 per pupil. Kantola said State Sen. Howard Walker lobbied on behalf of rural schools, noting funding wasn't equi-

table for the smaller, rural districts. The new allowance includes an equity payment of \$125 per pupil.

The board also addressed the building of new structures to house the press box and the concession stand. Previous bids were considered too high and the district is working with an engineering firm to come up with new, more cost-effective plans.

On June 30, the board held a special meeting to address administrative salaries and approve hiring of additional staff and an early retirement. Cynthia Albrough was hired as playground aide, one of two needed by the district. The other position remained vacant as of press time. The board also approved the retirement of Ron Petts, who applied for the early retirement incentive. As of press time, the board was still interviewing for kindergarten and English teacher vacancies.

Superior Township has requested the school property around the tennis courts be transferred to the township for possible recreational development. Township Supervisor Rich Phillips was on the agenda to appear; however the issue was tabled, as Phillips was not present for the meeting.

Administrative salaries for principals Brian Reattoir and Pete Routhier were approved for the 2014-2015 year with a 2 percent and merit pay increase per the annual state mandated evaluation. Salaries for department heads Chris Chartrand (food service), Denny Holdsworth (building and grounds) and Brian Komejan (technology coordinator) were approved for a 3 percent increase for the 2014-2015 year. Superintendent Kantola will be eligible for an increase in compensation by merit pay based on evaluation.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Brimley School Board will be held on Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.



GO CLIMB A WALL — Lake Superior State University student Andrew Jackson summits the area's only indoor climbing wall, in LSSU's Student Activity Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on June 12. The newly opened wall is 26' tall by 21' wide (8 x 6 ½ meters), with color-coded routes mapped by challenge level. Summer hours are 5 to 8 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. Admission is free for LSSU students and staff, \$3 per person for the public. The wall can be reserved off-hours by small groups for events such as birthday parties, church activities, or Scouting projects. Booking rates depend on group size. Contact wall manager Paul Tunney at 828-310-3057 for details. Kids must be at least six years old to climb. Parents must be present and sign a waiver for minors under 17. LSSU will open a Regional Outdoor Center later this year, stocked with a variety of gear that students can rent. Jackson is a senior mechanical engineering major from Cheboygan, Mich. (LSSU/John Shibley)

EUPISD millage to be on the Aug. 5 ballot

SAULT STE. MARIE — On Tuesday, Aug. 5, the Primary Election will include a request asking voters to approve the County Allocated or "pegged" millage. This request is to approve continuation of the millage rate for the County Allocated Millage that has been in existence for many years.

Currently, Chippewa County has 8 mills unreserved that are required to be distributed among the County, the Townships and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District. The current and proposed distribution of this millage is as follows: Chippewa County, 6.15 mills; Townships, 1.65 mills and EUP Intermediate School District, 2 mill.

This millage distribution is required and, if the four-year pegged distribution is not approved by voters, the distribution will be decided annually by an appointed Allocation Board. Voter approval of this request will mean that the millage rates will remain the same as they have been and that the Allocation Board will not be required to be formed to distribute the allocated millage annually.

Voting yes will not increase those millage rates and voting no will not decrease them either. Voting yes results in one less governmental board having to be formed for the next four years. It also ensures that the distribution will remain the same for the next four years.

Officials of Chippewa County, the Townships and the EUPISD support this proposal and request your community approval at the Primary Election on Aug. 5.

BMCC offering new journalism course

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Community College will be offering a new hybrid class for the fall 2014 semester. The course, JRNL 110, will focus on today's world of mass media industries and support businesses as well as the legal, ethical, social, global, and technological issues these businesses face every day. An emphasis on mass media as a business helps students see how economic concepts apply to the publishing industry in regards to books, newspapers, magazines and Internet.

Bay Mills News Editor Shannon Jones will be teaching the course, which will also provide students with the opportunity to have their work published in the local newspaper. The course will consist of classroom work Wednesday mornings from 9 to 10:50 and online work for two hours during the week and is being offered as an elective.

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Names & Faces

Thank you!

The Pow Wow Committee would like to thank everyone involved that made our 23rd pow wow year a success. Even though we had to switch to a traditional format this year because of lack of funding, all of our participants and spectators had a great time.

The Pow Wow Committee is anticipating returning to the competition format for the coming 24th year of operation in 2015. This will be determined in February 2015, if enough funds are raised by the committee through sponsorships and other means. So, if you see the committee having a bake sale, Indian Taco sale, rummage sale, etc., please stop by. We are also looking for new motivated committee members who are willing to put forth the extra effort this event needs to make it a success in the future. We still have some t-shirts left for sale and very limited sweatshirts. Contact Angie Johnson at 906-248-8527 for more information. Thank you again to everyone who helped us this year.

Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee



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Clifford Kubont

Clifford Richard Kubont, 69, of Caseville, Mich., died July 1, 2014.

Clifford was a graduate of Sault Ste. Marie High School where he ran track and played offensive tackle and he was a U.S. Navy veteran. He previously resided in Rochester, Mich., and retired after working many years there for Michigan Bell.

He is survived by four children, Laurie (Andrew) Metanchuk of Wheaton, Ill., Christine Kaczmar of Metamora, Scott (Angela) Kaczmar of Shelby Twp., and Evan Kubont, formerly of Caseville; six grandchildren, Peter, Drew, Cali, Shyann, Cody and Austin; a brother, Edward (Linda) Kubont and two sisters, Melanie (Dennis) Puidokas and Sue Kubont, all of Sault Ste. Marie; as well as various nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Clifford is predeceased by his parents, Clifford Sr. and Doris (Burr) Kubont; his brother, Michael Kubont; and long-time partner, Nancy Jean Evans.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 26 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel of Caseville with visitation from 1 p.m. that day until the time of service. Condolences may be shared at www.cfcCaseville.com

Francis 'Buzz' McKechnie

Francis 'Buzz' McKechnie of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. died June 22, 2014. He was born April 7, 1977 in Sault Ste. Marie to Robert and Peggy McKechnie.

Buzz enjoyed hockey, boxing, softball, poker and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Austin McKechnie; parents, Robert and Peggy McKechnie; two sisters, Rachel (Gene Vassar) McKechnie and Robin McKechnie; two brothers, Philip (Niki) McKechnie and Eric (Ashley) McKechnie; grandfather, Pete Shinos; and, nieces and nephews including Alyssa, Bailey, Maddie, Noah, Paityn, Sawyer, Colton, Mason and Charlotte.

Services took place at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Brother John Hascall officiating. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Monica "Monnie" Norton

Monica "Monnie" A. Norton, died July 6, 2014 at Hospice House of the E.U.P. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. She was born June 8, 1933 in Gaylord, Mich., the daughter of the Frank and Gertrude (Swiecicki) Vinecki and lived most of her adult life in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Monica married Charles W. Norton on Jan. 28, 1956 at St. Mary's Church in Gaylord. They were married for 58 years. As a couple, they enjoyed traveling the United States and also enjoyed spending winters together in Orange Beach, Ala.

She also enjoyed camping, cooking, crocheting, knitting, quilting, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She spent a great deal of time fishing for salmon on the St. Mary's River with her husband in their boat named after her; the "Monnie."

She was an Avon lady for many years and enjoyed the many friends she made during that time.

Monica is survived by her husband, Charles Norton; two sons, Chuck (Kim) Norton of Sault Ste. Marie and Doug Norton of Hubbardston, Mich.; two daughters, Kathy (Steve) Waybrant of Wayland, Mich. and Karen (Frank) Storey of Sault Ste. Marie; eight grandchildren, Danielle Hendrick, Mike Waybrant, Tom Waybrant, Dan (Carley) Storey, Holly (Chris) Porcaro, Doug (Kayla) Norton, Christin (Mike) Hatch, and Kevin Norton Jr.; six great grandchildren, Maddison Hendrick, Memphis Meyer, Jaiden and Easton Porcaro and Olivia and Brayson Norton; and her dear friends, Kathleen and Norris Poirier.

She is predeceased by her son, Kevin Norton, Sr. and her parents, Frank and Gertrude Vinecki.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 10 at the St. Joseph Church with Father Jose as Celebrant.

Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery at a later time.

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Michigan won't bar all its felons as home-help aides

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING (AP) — Michigan's plan to conduct criminal background checks on 60,000 workers hired to help disabled Medicaid recipients live in their homes will not lead every ex-felon to be disqualified as an aide, top state officials said July 7.

Gov. Rick Snyder's administration said the U.S. government — which helps fund the state-federal Medicaid program — automatically excludes people from being independent-living workers only if they have been convicted of patient abuse or neglect, health care fraud, drug offenses or a Home Help Program-related crime.

The state will begin doing background checks by Oct. 1 at an unspecified cost and notify Medicaid recipients whose caretakers have a criminal history of any sort. The 67,000 patients could choose whether to stick with their caretakers or not.

"Michigan isn't writing on a clean public policy slate in this area," state Department of Human Services Maura Corrigan told reporters while joined by Department of Community Health Director James Haveman. "You've got a backdrop of federal law that we have to be consistent with."

Asked if the state, though, could pass its own law prohibiting former felons convicted of violent crimes from being home-help aides, Corrigan said "that is the big \$64 question" that the Snyder administration will study this summer.

The media round table came nearly two weeks after a state audit found nearly 3,800 home-help aides with felony convictions. Corrigan cautioned that another audit will soon be released show-

ing problems related to adult protective services.

"It will show again that we have work to do to improve our services to serve the adults who are in this program," she said, adding that she could not discuss the audit's findings until it is released. "We have been laying the groundwork for changes."

After the home-help audit's release, Haveman said a background check policy would be enacted within a month, but now it will not be until October by the latest because of the time needed to approve new administrative rules, he said.

The audit identified 3,786, or 6 percent, of the state's 60,000 independent-living aides with felony convictions: 572 convictions for violent crimes ranging from homicide to assault, 285 sex-related convictions, 1,148 convictions for financial crimes and 2,020 for drug-related offenses.

The state said it's not uncommon for disabled Medicaid recipients who need assistance to eat and bathe to hire family members

knowing of their criminal past.

The audit's release has put a renewed spotlight on a 2012 decision by Snyder and Republican lawmakers to ensure union dues were no longer collected from certain home-help workers, which also led to the end of a voluntary registry of aides who had already undergone background checks. The law was a response to what conservative critics considered a stealth collection of union dues from Medicaid providers under former Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Before the registry was disbanded, it had 933 approved workers, according to supporters.

"Taking away the registry was a huge mistake that opened the door to many of the problems cited in the audit of Michigan's Home Help program," said Marge Robinson, president of SEIU Healthcare Michigan.

Haveman countered that the background check policy being implemented to cover all independent-living aides will be on a scale of "no comparison" to the voluntary program that was ended.

Cooley Law School plans cuts to faculty and staff

LANSING (AP) — A Michigan-based law school has announced it plans faculty and staff cuts as enrollment and revenue declines.

The Lansing-based Thomas M. Cooley Law School has campuses across Michigan and in the Tampa, Fla., area. It announced the plans in mid-July, noting rising health care and legacy costs. It also told students it wouldn't enroll a new class at its campus in Ann Arbor this fall.

The school said it's conducting a wide review of its programs and looking at all campuses and facilities as well as purchases, travel and other expenses.

In a statement, the school said: "The plan will help the school remain at the forefront of innovative approaches to legal education and continue to deliver the broad, high-quality access to legal instruction students have come to expect from Cooley."

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OLIVE CRAIG SAMPLER — Kyung Hatfield discusses her watercolor work *Sky Series 2* with fellow artist Maureen Mousley (right) and Lake Superior State University Arts Center Gallery Manager Sharon Dorrity on July 7. Thirty-eight works of well-known local and regional artists — about one-third of the Alberta House Olive Craig Gallery permanent collection — are being featured at the LSSU Arts Center Gallery through August. Alberta House was opened in 1987 and houses the Sault (Michigan) Area Arts Council. Hatfield and Mousley are members of the Olive Craig Gallery governing board. LSSU's Arts Center gallery is open Tues.-Thurs, 12 to 4 p.m. (LSSU/John Shibley)

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IT'S GOING DOWN — Yelling “Timberrrr” as Brim-O Bay Motel, located on the corner of Lakeshore Drive and M-221 in Brimley, falls under the claws of demolition equipment owned by R&R Excavation of Pickford on July 8. The motel and a nearby house will be leveled to make room for a proposed Superior Township park and marina.
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Michigan school chief tightening charter oversight

LANSING (AP)— Michigan’s top education official said Monday that he will suspend the power of institutions that authorize the opening of charter schools if those groups don’t meet certain new standards.

According to a statement from Superintendent Mike Flanagan’s office, the Michigan Department of Education will establish measures of the “the transparency, academic, and financial practices of the charter schools of each authorizer.” The result of those measures will “determine which authorizers would lose their chartering capabilities,” the statement said.

Michigan spends about \$1 billion a year on about 370 charter schools, which teach about 140,000 state children. Among the leading issuers of school charters are Central Michigan, Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley

State universities.

The announcement said that a recent series of news articles had prompted Flanagan to “think differently about whether to suspend an authorizer’s ability to open new charter schools.”

“It’s my authority in state law and I will be using it,” he said.

The *Detroit Free Press* has run stories questioning Michigan’s charter school oversight.

Charter school operators defend the quality of the service the schools provide.

“Charter school oversight and quality standards in Michigan are rigorous and the state law expanding charter opportunities requires that increased academic achievement for all pupils must be the most important factor in charter renewal,” Sherry Haueter, a member of the board of the Great Lakes Charter Academy, told the

newspaper in response to the series.

Some charter schools are operated by nonprofit groups, while profit-making businesses operate 61 percent of them. *The Free Press* report concluded that much of the spending takes place with little public accountability or transparency.

The move drew support from an official at Grand Valley State University, the state’s second-largest authorizer of charter schools.

“I agree with Superintendent Flanagan’s decision to suspend authorizers not complying with quality standards and keeping schools open that should be closed for poor academic performance,” Tim Wood, special assistant for charter schools to president Thomas J. Haas, told *The Grand Rapids Press*.

County in Michigan seeking more Canadian trash

KIMBALL TOWNSHIP (AP) — A company likely will be helping St. Clair County find more Canadian trash to be sent into the U.S. for disposal at a Michigan landfill.

St. Clair County commissioners on July 9 took the first step in approving a three-year contract with Canadian company Enertec Inc., the *Times Herald of Port Huron* reported. The board will be asked to give the contract final approval on July 17.

The trash would go to the Smiths Creek Sanitary Landfill in St. Clair County’s Kimball Township, about 50 miles northeast of Detroit. St. Clair County Administrator Bill Kauffman said four to six trucks a day currently bring trash from Ontario to the landfill.

“This is a contract with a broker whose task is assisting us in

finding Canadian waste,” Kauffman said.

“The board said quite a few months ago it’s time to find Canadian waste.”

Enertec gets 50 cents per ton of trash it brokers for the landfill.

County chairman Jeff Bohm said the number of Canadian trash trucks on area roads isn’t near 2003 levels, when people complained about traffic heading to Michigan landfills.

“We’re just not opening the floodgates so to speak, we’re looking at 12 trucks (a day) at a maximum,” Bohm said.

Canadian trash makes up about 17 percent of garbage for Michigan landfills. Communities and businesses are paid for allowing Canadian trash to be sent to landfills in the state and the state government also collects disposal fees.

Some Michigan residents complain that trucks carrying Canadian garbage cause environmental and health problems, harm roads and create security risks because of the difficulty of screening trash for contraband.

A memo from landfill manager Matthew Williams said there is no estimated value for the contract due to the uncertainty of how much Canadian trash the landfill will get. Williams estimated each truck coming from Canada carries about 35 tons of trash.

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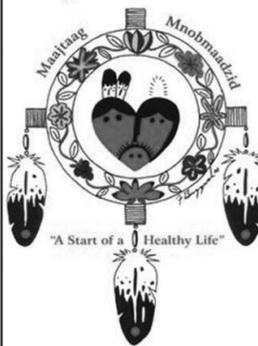
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Bayliss Public Library announces upcoming events

Superior Poetry Café

Bayliss Public Library will host their next Superior Poetry Café on Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. The featured poet will be Julie Brooks Barbour, who teaches composition and creative writing at Lake Superior State University. *Small Chimes*, her first full-length collection of poetry will be available for purchase and signing. She will also read from her forthcoming book, *Earth Lust* that will be available in September. Julie Brooks Barbour received an MFA in Creative Writing from UNC-Greensboro and is a recipient of an Artist Enrichment Grant from Kentucky Foundation for Women. Her previous publication is *Come To Me and Drink* (2012). Her poems are in various journals and anthologies, including *The Way North: Collected Upper Peninsula New Works*. She is co-editor of the LSSU journal *Border Crossing*. For more information about Julie, see www.juliebrooks-barbour.com. After her reading, there will be an open mic, where the public may read their own work.

Secrets in Great Works of Art

Dr. James Walker, a retired professor of Humanities, will present his annual art history talk at Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. "*Secrets in Great Works of Art*" will be the topic. This presentation will examine works of art by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Giotto, Munch, Neuman, and others, which hold secrets generally unknown to the public. Join this participatory "excavation" into the meanings of artwork throughout history.

M.L. Liebler Returns to the EUP

Detroit poet and musician M.L. Liebler returns to the EUP to perform at three Superior District Library member libraries, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' visit to America. M.L. Liebler will present his short story about growing up with the Beatles. Then he and acclaimed musicians Eddie Baranek and Charlie Palazzola will perform Beatles songs and sing-a-longs from "Please Please Me" through "The

Long and Winding Road." The BEATLES FOREVER tour features free concerts on Aug. 14, 7 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library; Aug. 15, 2 p.m., at Les Cheneaux Community Library; and Aug. 15, 7 p.m., at Engadine Library. They promise to be fun for all ages.

Author Michael Secrest

Bayliss Library will be hosting a first of its kind on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 5 p.m. The author will be broadcasting his presentation from the Devereaux Memorial Library in Grayling to other library locations, such as Bayliss, who have video-conferencing equipment.

Michael Secrest will offer a program for all ages related to his book, *The Guy on the Bike: Lessons in Life I Learned While Riding My Bike*.

Secrest is the only athlete in history to have set World Records in four consecutive decades. He is the 500 Mile Triple Crown Champion; the only cyclist to have ridden 500 miles in 24 hours in all three venues—Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, and Road. Thanks to Superiorland Library Cooperative for this opportunity.

MI Big Green Gym

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Recreation and Park Association and Michigan Public Libraries kicked off the 6th annual Park and Read program Friday, May 30, at Bayliss Public Library.

Park and Read offers cardholders at hundreds of participating Michigan libraries a one-day, state park pass to explore any of Michigan's 102 state parks at no cost simply by visiting a library. Six Superior District Library member libraries are participating this year.

Besides Bayliss Library, they are Drummond Island Library, Engadine Library, Les Cheneaux Community Library, Pickford Community Library, and Rudyard Library.

The Park and Read program is a component of MI Big Green Gym, a partnership to encourage Michigan residents to use the state's parks and recreation facilities to increase physical activity. Park and Read enables library cardholders to "check out" a park pass that is valid for vehicle entry

into any Michigan state park or recreation area.

"We have worked with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources in recent years, and with those positive experiences, we are eager to collaborate again," said Ken Miller, director of Superior District Library.

"Park and Read has been a successful event in the past that offers an opportunity, free of charge, for residents to experience some of Michigan's most beautiful venues that we hope continues to be enjoyed by many this year."

Park and Read passes also allow visitors to participate in Recreation 101 classes offered at many Michigan state parks. Upon entry to the park, the classes are free and feature outdoor recreation programming designed to help beginners get started in a variety of activities such as kayaking, windsurfing, geocaching and camping.

For more information on Park and Read, including a complete list of events and participating libraries, visit www.michigan.gov/stateparks.



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BOOK DONATION — On July 2, Natasha Lantz from the Marquette-based group Northern Vegans donated 18 books and four DVDs related to vegan eating and lifestyles to Bayliss Public Library, a Superior District Library branch, in Sault Ste. Marie. Some of the titles donated include: *The Kind Diet: A Simple Guide to Feeling Great, Losing Weight, and Saving the Planet* by Alicia Silverstone; *Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease: The Revolutionary, Scientifically Proven, Nutrition-Based Cure* by Caldwell Esselstyn; *My Beef with Meat: The Healthiest Argument for Eating a Plant-Strong Diet* by Rip Esselstyn; and the DVD, *Forks Over Knives*. Shown in the above photo from left to right are Ken Miller, Superior District Library Director; Natasha Lantz, Northern Vegans Board Member; Susan James, Bayliss Public Library Manager; and Debbie Lehman, Bayliss Public Library Children's Librarian.

Rudyard Summerfest to take place July 24-27

RUDYARD — The Rudyard Summerfest is scheduled to run July 24 through 27 with activities for everyone.

A spaghetti dinner at Rudyard Community Center on Thursday, July 24 will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per family, \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 4 to 14 and under 4 are free. Proceeds will support the Rudyard Boy's basketball program. Music in the Park will follow at 7 p.m., featuring Jimmy Williams.

On Friday, July 25, a children's parade with a theme of "wild, wild west" will start at 6 p.m. on Main Street at the Bible Church parking lot and end at Love Meats. A quilt show will be held at Christian Reformed Church from 6 to 9 p.m. and horseshoe qualifying will also begin at 6 p.m. at the park.

The Amazing Race Rudyard Style will be held again this year, starting Friday in Central Savings Bank parking lot at 7 p.m. Rules can be picked up at the bank or the township office. Also that evening at 6:30 in the park, elementary kids 3 on 3 basketball will be held for those students in fifth grade and under; also at 6:30 will be Roller Blade Fun with individual events

and team relays.

The evening will end with a Youth Dance starting at 8 p.m. at the park pavilion with music by the Generic DJ.

Saturday, July 26 starts with a softball tournament at 9 a.m. For preregistration, call 906-630-3747. Horseshoe qualifying will also continue. At 10 a.m. the parade will begin at the west end of Main Street, ending at the park. The theme is "wild, wild west" and everyone is invited to enter. Following the parade, a flag ceremony will be held at the VFW monument in the park. The 10th annual car & motorcycle show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Call 906-478-4191 for more information.

At 12:30 p.m., awards for the Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year will be handed out at the park and at 1 p.m. there will be a classic antique tractor pull. New this year is lawn mower races. Rules can be picked up at the township hall or call 906-322-2851.

Other Saturday events include kid's pedal pullers, garden tractor pull, kid's games and crafts, free

throw competition, 3 on 3 basketball for various age groups at a cost of \$5 per player, BMX races with \$4 entry fee, kickball in the middle ball field, quilt show at Christian Reformed Church and Historic Society open house at the museum.

The evening will conclude with an adult dance at 9 p.m. at the pavilion with music by Common Ground. Admission is \$6 per person.

On Sunday, July 27, the Rudyard Lions Club 18th Annual Triathlon and 5K Run will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Rudyard High School. Register at the door or by calling 906-478-3205 or 5244.

At noon in the park there will be a horseshoe doubles tournament; a chicken dinner, sponsored by the Rudyard Volunteer Fire Department, will be served at the Community Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Historical Society's open house will again be available from noon to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Rudyard Township Office at 906-478-5041, or the following board members: Barry Davis at 906-478-3491 or barrydavis@centurytel.net or Gary Davis at 906-478-5244.

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Explorer says the *Griffin* shipwreck may be found

By JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A debris field at the bottom of Lake Michigan may be the remains of the long-lost *Griffin*, a vessel commanded by a 17th-century French explorer, said a shipwreck hunter who has sought the wreckage for decades.

Steve Libert told *The Associated Press* that his crew found the debris this month about 120 feet from the spot where they removed a wooden slab a year ago that was protruding from the lake bottom. Libert believes that timber was the bowsprit of Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle's

ship, although scientists who joined the 2013 expedition say the slab more likely was an abandoned fishing net stake.

"This is definitely the *Griffin* — I'm 99.9 percent sure it is," Libert said. "This is the real deal."

He described the bottomland area as littered with wooden planks that could belong to a ship's bow, along with nails and pegs that would have fastened the hull to the rest of the vessel and what appeared to be sections of a mast.

He acknowledged his dive team had found no "smoking gun" such as a cannon or other artifacts with markings identifying them as belonging to the *Griffin*. But the nails and other

implements appeared similar to those from *La Belle*, another of La Salle's ships that sank near the Gulf of Mexico, Libert said.

He said his organization has sent images of the debris to three French underwater archaeologists who took part in last year's search, and that he hopes state and federal permits can be obtained to excavate in the area in September.

The French team was led by Michel L'Hour, director of the Department of Underwater Archaeological Research in the French Ministry of Culture and an authority on shipwrecks. L'Hour told the AP by email July 8 that the latest findings were "encouraging" but that more evidence was needed to

determine the origin of the items.

"The wooden remains that have been observed could correspond to a wreck," L'Hour said.

They include treenails with wedges and square nails that have some similarity with *La Belle's* fasteners "and a few other details already observed on wrecks dated in the 17th century," he said.

But he said the artifacts that have been seen could be dated as late as the 19th century and that items such as ceramic shards are needed to provide more certainty.

"We are always interested in participating to assess the site," L'Hour said, adding that the U.S. and France would need to approve any new involvement in the project by his team, which comprises civil officers of the French government.

Dean Anderson, Michigan's

state archaeologist, said July 8 that he hadn't been notified of the find and could not speculate about whether the *Griffin* had finally been located. Anderson supports the theory that the timber discovered earlier was a fishing apparatus.

The area strewn with debris is roughly the size of a football field, said Brian Abbott of Nautilus Marine Group, who joined Libert's search this month and took sonar readings of the bottomlands. It is near tiny Poverty Island in northwestern Lake Michigan and about 50 feet below the water's surface.

The *Griffin* is believed to be the first ship of European design to sail the upper Great Lakes. It disappeared with a crew of six on its maiden voyage in 1679 after La Salle had disembarked near the mouth of Wisconsin's Green Bay.



BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY — The newest addition to Waishkey Farms is a calf, born July 4, weighing 53 pounds. Bizhiki is being bottle fed in the barn after being rejected by his mother, who successfully reared a calf last year. The farm currently has two red Angus cows, their two yearlings, one a bull and one a heifer, and the new calf, destined to become a steer. Farm Manager Monica Young said they have processed pasture poultry this year, the youth farm stand program should have produce ready for sale by early August, honey should be available this fall from the two hives and the community garden plots are all in use and looking good. For more information about Waishkey Farms, call Young at 906-248-1097.

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are supported with more than \$120 million yearly when WIC foods are purchased at grocery stores and pharmacies.

A family of four may earn \$44,123 per year and qualify for WIC; a family of two (a pregnant woman equals two) may earn \$29,101 annually; and, a family of three, an annual income of \$36,612. For additional family members, add \$7,511.

The Michigan WIC program provides milk, cheese, dry beans, peanut butter, cereals, juices, formula and nutrition counseling for pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children who are under 5 years of age.

Numerous studies have shown that pregnant women who participate in WIC have longer pregnancies leading to fewer premature births, experience fewer fetal and infant deaths, and con-

sume more of such key nutrients such as iron, protein, calcium and vitamin C. Children enrolled in the WIC Program have a lower prevalence of anemia than those who are not enrolled.

One study found that the anemia rate among children at the six month WIC recertification visit was lower than the rate at the initial WIC screening, indicating the positive effect of WIC participation. Other studies found that four and five year olds whose mothers participated in WIC during pregnancy had better vocabulary test scores than children whose mothers had not received WIC benefits.

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MBA delays Mackinac Bridge toll increase two more years

MACKINAC ISLAND — Citing improved financial projections and aggressive maintenance work extending the service life of the bridge, the Mackinac Bridge Authority has again delayed the next planned toll increase at least two more years.

The decision came during the MBA board's regular meeting at Mackinac Island's City Hall on July 10.

"This postponement of toll increases is really a testament to the remarkable work the employees of the Authority have done in maintaining the bridge. The MBA has made the bridge operation as efficient as possible, reducing energy consumption, administrative costs, self-insurance, and expanded electronic tolling," said MBA Board Chair William H. Gnodtke. "Those efficiencies, paired with increased revenues and an unrivaled maintenance program, put our operation on

solid financial and structural footing."

Even with delaying the planned toll increase for two more years, financial projections show the bridge should have sufficient funding based on current trends.

The MBA will reassess the toll rate increase schedule again in 2016.

A significant factor in the financial projections is anticipated capital maintenance work on the bridge, which has been greatly reduced by ongoing maintenance work, deck repair projects and not using road salt in the winter. Special emphasis has been expended in addressing enforcement of truck spacing, weight and speeds. Prior to the planned suspension deck replacement project, the MBA will perform another study to determine if the deck will need replacement or can be further extended through preser-

vation work.

In July 2013, the MBA voted to keep 2014 toll rates at the 2012 level, which includes a per-trip toll of \$4 for passenger vehicles. The decision also rolled back commuter costs to 2012 rates. In December 2007, incremental toll increases were implemented between 2008 and 2013, with future action hinging on existing 2013 revenues.

In other business, the board welcomed two new members appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to six-year terms on the Authority: Matthew E. McLogan, of Grand Rapids, and Barbara Arens, of Bloomfield. McLogan and Arens replace former members Murray D. Wikol and Robert C. Struck.

The 56-year-old Mackinac Bridge is maintained, and continues to operate, exclusively with toll revenue. All toll rates can be found at www.mackinacbridge.org.

Discounts available to EUPISD students, staff and families

SAULT STE. MARIE — Significant discounts on new technology devices such as laptops and tablets are now available to all staff, students, and families of students in Eastern Upper Peninsula schools. As school districts around Michigan prepare for the online assessments that are slated to begin this upcoming school year, a statewide consortium, including the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, has been working on a Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant to ensure that all districts are prepared for the implementation of the online assessments. This grant has provided school districts with the ability to purchase devices such as laptops and tablets at a discounted cost.

Because of this statewide collaboration and high volume of devices being purchased, two Michigan-based vendors, Netech and Sehi, are able to offer individuals the same substantial discounts that they are offering to schools. Purchases can be made

directly through the vendor websites so there is no need to call your local school.

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Conservation districts partnering to plant trees

Properly planted trees can provide a variety of ecological and economic benefits, including retaining and filtering stormwater, improving air quality, reducing soil erosion, reducing energy costs, and increasing real estate values. To continue to bring these benefits to Michigan communities, the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District is partnering with the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance in support of their Go Green Youth Challenge Tree Planting Grants.

The Michigan Arbor Day

Alliance's Go Green Youth Challenge engages Michigan youth in environmental stewardship, community development, and service-learning through a statewide effort to plant trees in Michigan. Children, pre-K through 12th grade, are challenged to collect coins as an individual, classroom, or club each spring. The coins collected fund community tree plantings and program outreach efforts.

In the spirit of the GGYC, the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance offers local units of government, public educational institutions, public libraries, non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations, churches, and tribal governments the opportunity to apply for a grant for up to \$2,000 to plant trees.

Grant applications are available online at www.miARBorday-alliance.com. Applications are due by mail no later than Aug. 15, 2014. Funded tree planting projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2014.

The 2014 GGYC exceeded previous monetary goals and had over 1,100 students from across the state participate. The

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance would like to thank everyone who participated, including the sponsors: ITC, Lansing Board of Water and Light, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Eaton Conservation District, WKAR, and Michigan State University Federal Credit Union.

The Michigan Arbor Day Alliance is a coalition of organizations and agencies dedicated to the promotion and celebration of Arbor Day throughout Michigan. Our dedication comes from our belief in the importance of trees and their role in community health and well-being. Since 1993, MADA has provided educational programs and services to Michigan communities.

The Michigan Arbor Day Alliance is a program of the Eaton Conservation District.

For more information or to partner your school or organization with the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District to apply for grant funding please contact Kristina Denison at (906) 635-1278 or clmcd@macd.org.



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Film festival to screen local works

SAULT STE. MARIE — Taylor Brugman and Soo Film Festival have announced the schedule for the inaugural film festival to be held Aug. 1 and 2 at the historic Soo Theatre in downtown Sault Ste. Marie. The lineup includes narrative and documentary features, music videos, animation and short films with a focus on the Great Lakes.

"In this, our first year, we were impressed by the diversity and quality of the submissions and the talent represented" said festival organizer Brugman. "We are excited to have all of the films we are offering as part of our festival."

"As an unknown film festival, we had no idea what to expect in terms of submissions. We're very gratified to have received more films than we have time to show in our two-day schedule. Several of the films were created right here in this area and we are delighted to see how many talented filmmakers we have from our very own town."

A full list of the movies and a tentative schedule are available on the festival website at soofilmfestival.org. Surprise events and guests will be announced in the next two weeks. Tickets will go on sale on Saturday, July 19, either online at soofilmfestival.org or in person at the Soo Theatre on 534 Ashmun Street.

"We owe a huge thank you to

the Soo Theatre Project for supporting us in our mission to bring movies back to downtown Sault Ste. Marie," said Brugman. "We urge everyone who wants to see that happen to come and support the festival."

The Soo Film Festival will also be hosting a seminar by LA-based screenwriter Michael J. Wilson, to be held Saturday, July 26 at 1 p.m. at Bayliss Public Library.

In this seminar, students will find out how screenwriting in the film industry really works today. They will also have the opportunity to work with Wilson over the next following few months—after the seminar is completed, online and on the phone—to complete an original screenwriting assignment.

Wilson will discuss how writers work for the movie studios now, a brief history of writing for the movies, the evolution of screenwriting as an art form, a practical look at the form and structure of a screenplay, and Wilson's personal experience in the industry as an agent with CAA, as a television producer/writer, and as a working screenwriter. The seminar will run approximately two hours. The take-home assignment and personal instruction will be included as part of the seminar fee.

Wilson created the story and characters for the Fox *Ice Age*

franchise and co-wrote the screenplay for *Ice Age I*. He recently completed the first draft of *Ice Age V*, which is now in production. Last year, his original CGI screenplay, *Gladiators of Rome*, a family film, was released theatrically in Europe through Rainbow Films, with director Iginio Straffi.

His experience is not limited to family fare and comedies. He is currently working on *Blood In, Blood Out* for Warner Bros., an R-rated original screenplay about Mexican drug cartels. Other current projects include the action-adventure *Triple Time* for actor Vince Vaughn, and *Inventory*, an R-rated police thriller, written and sold to Bruce Willis. Wilson just sold his original screenplay *Undone*, an R-rated thriller, to Voltage Pictures (*Hurt Locker*, *Dallas Buyers Club*) this past month.

These are just a few of Michael J. Wilson's projects. More information about him is available on the festival website and IMDB.

Tuition for the screenwriting seminar is just \$25. Through Wilson's generous donation, all proceeds will go towards movie projection equipment.

To register for the seminar, call the Soo Theatre office at (906) 632-1930, visit the Soo Theatre office in person at 534 Ashmun St., or go to soofilmfestival.org. For more information, email SooFilmFest@gmail.com.



Duo performs on Water Street

SAULT STE. MARIE — Retired schoolteachers and local history bards, Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway are performing throughout the summer at the Johnston Historic Home on Water Street next to the U.S. Coast Guard base. The singer/songwriters are featured every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. through the end of August.

Throughout the 11 years that the two musicians have entertained at the Johnston Home, they have written more than 50 songs that tell the history of the Sault, the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the Native American culture.

Even after such a long run, Askwith said it never gets to be routine. "Although we have some local people who come to hear us several times during the summer, most of the audience consists of visitors to the area, so it's always a fresh experience to interact with them."

The themes of the earliest songs written by the pair were of the Johnston family and its achievements and losses. One especially plaintive song used a poem about the death of her son by Jane Johnston Schoolcraft as the lyrics of "Sweet Willy, My Boy." The wealth of lore about the Johnston family and its activities — the fur trade operated by John Johnston and the making of maple sugar by his Ojibwe wife, Ozhaaishkodewikwe — provided ample subject matter for the first dozen songs written by the duo.

During winters in following years, they expanded their search for subject matter and later songs told of Native American life and its contributions to the culture of the area and historical events in surrounding areas such as Iroquois Point, Bay Mills and DeTour.

Several newer songs celebrate the Great Lakes and waterways, commemorating the building of the

Mackinac Bridge; the USCG cutter Mackinac and its impact on World War II; and shipwrecks, including the *Cyprus*, a 100-year-old wreck discovered by the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society in 2007 and the 20th Century sinking of the *Daniel J. Morrell* in Lake Huron.

Stanaway and Askwith have recorded a CD, *John Johnston, His Life and Times in the Fur Trade Era*. The CD is available at the Johnston Home and at the studio website at www.borderlandrecords.com, as well as several local businesses.

The Johnston Historic Home is open daily from noon to 5 p.m. Nearby, the Kemp Museum, the Schoolcraft Dependency Office and the Bishop Baraga Home are open to the public as well. For more information, call the Chippewa County Historical Society at 906-635-7082 or visit the website www.cchsmi.com.

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THE FOURTH — Brimley held its annual parade on July 4, with participants marching up the hill towards Brimley Area Schools. Community groups, churches, and businesses took center stage with various floats and vehicles. Members of the Brimley VFW led the parade, carrying flags. Throughout the afternoon, vendors offered goods at the Train Depot Museum, offering up everything from fry bread to crafts. As dusk hit the night sky, the fireworks display didn't disappoint spectators. Bay Mills Indian Community provided a spectacular fireworks display honoring the Independence Day holiday. According to Tribal Chairman Levi Carrick, the partnership with Bay Mills Township and Superior Township helped provide the community with the staffing and funds to make the event both safe and successful. "A big thanks to those involved, including Cody Shinault, Dan Bozit Teeple, Bryce Teeple, Dale Carrick Jr., Lynn Carrick Sr., Lynn Carrick Jr., Seth Parish, Dennis Carrick, Curt Mikolowski, and to Bay Mills EMS, Bay Mills Township Fire Dept. and Superior Township Fire Dept. for being on-hand," said Carrick. The tribe hopes to continue the partnership with both townships in the future for such events. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS

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# Don't let blossom end rot ruin your vegetable garden

By MSU Extension  
For Bay Mills News

Blossom end rot can develop in tomatoes, but occasionally in peppers, eggplant and squash. Learn how to prevent this physiological problem from ruining your garden vegetables.

There is a way of preventing a tomato problem called blossom end rot. For many gardeners, those tomatoes that have flat, black or brown bottoms are so discouraging. What caused their tomato to only make half of a fruit? There are several explanations for what is described as a physiological problem – this means it was not insect- or disease-related.

Michigan State University Extension horticulture educators and Master Gardener hotline staff will begin receiving their first phone calls as those first tomatoes ripen at the end of July. The callers are suspecting that some foul tomato disease is afoot, but the answer is simpler. Blossom end rot has to do with water.

Tomatoes producing fruit need regular, deep watering when there is no rain. Technically, blossom end rot is caused by a calcium deficiency, but the real reason is that there is not enough available water in the plant to transport that calcium into the fruit. The water acts as the transporter.

Most Michigan soils have abundant natural calcium. The calcium is there in the soil, just waiting for a ride, but the problem develops when watering plants is not deep enough.

Tomato leaves are soft in comparison to the fruit. As the sun shines on the leaves, moisture evaporates out of the leaves in a process called transpiration. Transpiration cools the leaves, but is also the “pump” to cause

water to be pulled into the leaves. However, the tomato fruit is like patent leather shoes: it's tough and shiny and very little transpiration takes place there.

When there is not enough water, the tomato leaves successfully pull the moisture into them. Hot weather may make problems worse. The gardener is watering the same, but the demands have gone up.

Smart gardeners realize that a simple, inexpensive rain gauge is their best ally in the water wars. This records the amount of precipitation that has fallen. The goal would be for the garden to receive a minimum of 1 inch of water per week in 1 square inch of soil surface.

A smart gardener keeps track of rainfall and supplies what is missing. In the case of tomatoes, it is critical for the production of those beautiful red orbs.

Other possible reasons for blossom end rot could be that the tomato plant makes a mistake with its first fruits as it adjusts to the big demands of making fruit and then it self-corrects. It can also happen when the plant has not developed a big enough root system to take in enough water.

This is seen often with tomatoes planted in containers that are too small. For many of these containers, it has to do with the width, not the depth, of the pot. Roots grow horizontally and when they reach the sides of the container, they grow downwards and are crowded.

For plants in containers, choose tomatoes that are labeled as “patio tomatoes.” They do not grow larger all season, but grow to a certain size and produce their fruit then. Choose containers with width in mind.

Another possibility is that the soil is deficient in nutrients and

a big root system did not develop. That can be solved with a soil test. Visit MSUSoilTest.com for more information on soil testing and to purchase one.

Other garden vegetables such as peppers, eggplant and squash can also have blossom end rot, but it is not as likely. Not enough water will cause the fruit to suffer first. In your home garden, keep track of rainfall and check the moisture in the top 2 inches of soil. When the soil is dry, replace it. Water should be placed all the way around the plant. Keep in mind that a large tomato plant's roots could be 1 to 3 feet away from the stem.

Nothing beats the sweet tanginess of those perfect red tomatoes from your garden. Don't let blossom end rot ruin the party.

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

### Michigan establishes quarantine to block insect

LANSING (AP) — Michigan imposed a quarantine on shipments of fir trees and some timber products from outside the state to protect the state's nearly 14 million fir trees from an invasive insect that is difficult to eradicate, officials said.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development announced the quarantine July 7, which generally prohibits shipment of fir nursery stock and fir timber products into Michigan from states infested with balsam woolly adelgid.

“This pre-emptive quarantine is designed to prevent the massive losses of native firs that have occurred in other states,” department Director Jamie Clover Adams said in a statement. “We don't want to see places like Tahquamenon Falls or the Pictured Rocks lakeshore suffer loss of thousands of fir trees that grow there.”

Michigan said that certain low-risk fir products are exempt, including Christmas trees and wreaths and heat-treated timber products. The quarantine also allows fir seedlings grown under an active pest management program to be shipped into Michigan.

“While we don't have the BWA in Michigan, it could be introduced into the state's landscape in a number of ways, including on infested nursery stock, firewood, logs and vehicles and then spread by wind, birds and other animals which can carry it for miles,” Clover Adams said.

The balsam woolly adelgid feeds on sap and weakens trees, eventually killing them. It arrived in the U.S. from Europe in the early 1900s and is blamed for millions of fir tree deaths in North America, harming the timber and Christmas tree industries.

# Teaching children about science with fireflies

By MSU Extension  
For Bay Mills News

During the summer months, many kids love watching and catching fireflies. But this activity is more than just fun – it involves science!

During the summer months, many kids love watching and catching fireflies. Besides being fun, there is science involved as youth observe, collect and release fireflies. Here are some science-related questions to ask and try out with your kids; together you can uncover and discover more about fireflies.

**Why do fireflies light up?** Most children will guess, correctly, that it is to communicate. Just like each type of bird has a different song, each type of firefly has a different light pattern. Using a stopwatch, try to determine how many different patterns there are in your backyard.

**Where do fireflies come from?** Just like caterpillars turn into butterflies, fireflies start out as a larva called a glow worm. Glow worms usually live in dead leaves and rotting plants in a moist area. The larvae eat snails, worms and other invertebrates.

**What do fireflies eat?** Scientists aren't sure what all fireflies eat. Different kinds eat different things. Some female fireflies mimic the flash patterns of other species and when the male comes looking for a girlfriend, he gets devoured. Some eat pollen and flowers and some might eat nothing at all. If you capture some fireflies, try looking at their mouthparts with a magnifying glass and guess what they might eat.

Scientists suspect that outdoor lights might interfere with fireflies. How could you test this idea? Try observing the fireflies around your house one evening with the normal lights on, both inside and outside the house. Try it again on another night with all the lights off and observe for any differences.

Fireflies aren't flies, just like ladybugs aren't bugs. They both are beetles. What makes a beetle different from other insects? Have the children look at both a ladybug and a firefly and see what they have in common. It can sometimes be confusing to see how closely things might be related and how things are classified.

## Clean boats help prevent introduction, spread of aquatic invasive species

The Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers and boaters that, as summer progresses, they should clean their boats, trailers and equipment before and after use to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Michigan.

Boats can unintentionally spread invasive species from one body of water to another, but most of these situations are avoidable by following a few, simple steps:

- Clean boats, trailers and equipment before you launch and again after.
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# USFWS crews will survey local streams to find lamprey

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — The continuing battle against sea lampreys soon will come to locations in the local area. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assessment crew will conduct work in the Waukegan and Charlotte rivers in Chippewa County during July 15 to 24 to estimate the abundance of sea lampreys. The information gathered will be used to determine the need for sea lamprey control.

A first step in the control of sea lampreys is to survey streams tributary to the Great Lakes to determine the presence of lamprey larvae. Sea lampreys invaded the Great Lakes during the 1920s and have been a permanent, destructive element of the fishery ever since. Sea lampreys attach to fish with a suction cup mouth, rasp a hole through the fish's scales and skin, and feed on blood and body fluids. The average sea lamprey will destroy up to 40 lbs of fish during its parasitic phase.

Sea lamprey larvae hatch from eggs laid by adult lampreys in gravel nests, and drift into silty bottom areas where they burrow and live for several years. Also, larvae sometimes drift out of streams and settle in the immediate offshore areas near stream mouths. Failure to detect and subsequently eliminate larvae allows the lampreys to transform into parasitic adults and kill Great Lakes fish.

Fishery biologists and technicians conduct surveys for sea lamprey larvae in hundreds of Great Lakes streams each year. Most surveys are conducted by electrofishing, but in deep waters crews use Bayluscide 3.2% Granular Sea Lamprey Larvicide, a lampricide approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

This lampricide is specially formulated onto sand granules and covered with a time-release coating. The formulation is sprayed over a measured surface area of water where it sinks to the bottom, rapidly dissolves, and causes the larval sea lampreys to leave their bur-

rows and swim to the surface where they are collected. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency have reviewed human health and environmental safety data for the lampricides, and in 2003 concluded that Bayluscide poses no unreasonable risk to the general population and the environment when applied at concentrations necessary to detect larval sea lampreys. Applications are conducted in accordance with State of Michigan permits.

The sea lamprey control program is formulated and implemented by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Geological Survey. The Commission initiated chemical control of sea lampreys in 1958. Since that time the highly successful program has contributed significantly to the maintenance of the \$7 billion Great Lakes sport and commercial fisheries.

The Commission is committed to delivering a sea lamprey control program that practices good environmental stewardship. To support the continued safe use of lampricides the Commission recently conducted a series of studies at a total cost of \$6 million to assess the effects of the lampricides on human health and the environment.

In addition to these studies the Commission has implemented a research program to develop alternative control techniques. The Commission also is developing a strategy to increase the number of barriers on sea lamprey-producing streams, and is conducting research into barrier design, traps, attractants, and biological control.

For additional information in the U.S. call 1-800-472-9212 and in Canada call 1-800-553-9091. TTY users may reach the Marquette or Ludington Biological Stations through the Michigan State Relay Service at 1-800-649-3777.



**MOBILE MARKET** — On Tuesday, July 8, the Mobile Farmers Market paid a visit to Bay Mills Indian Community. Under the Intertribal Agriculture Council, the mobile market is creating a regional food distribution network in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa to increase availability of fresh traditional foods in tribal communities and expand tribal food producers' market access. The project's success depends on its relationships with various partners, one of which is Bay Mills Community College. Left to right, Steve Yanni, director of extension and research at BMCC, surveys the array of products, including wild rice, maple syrup and craftwork, while Dan Cornelius, market general manager, tries to sell him some Oneida corn. For more information, contact Cornelius at 608-280-1267. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

## Rudyard Lions Triathlon/5K set for July 27

RUDYARD — The Rudyard Lions Summerfest Triathlon and 5K run will be held on Sunday, July 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the Rudyard Area School's Larry G. Davis swimming pool. The triathlon is a reverse order event beginning with a 5K (3.2 miles) run on a paved "out and back" course. Next is the bike course 24.3K (15.1 miles) that returns participants back to the Rudyard swimming pool for a 1/2K swim (22 lengths of the pool).

"This triathlon, because of the event distances, is a great race for both the novice and competitive racers. Top athletes will finish in a few minutes over one hour and some racers whose main goal is to complete the entire course finish in around two hours. Youngsters up to 80 plus year olds have participated over the years," said Gary Davis, Lions Triathlon Chairperson.

Registration fees to participate in the individual triathlon is \$40 if returned after July 15.

Since the Rudyard triathlon starts with the run, all contestants, including those choosing to do just the 5K run, start at the same time. Separate finish areas are designated for those only doing the 5K run and those continuing to the bike and swim portions of the triathlon.

The 5K participant entry fee is \$20 after July 15.

Teams with two or three individuals joining together are welcomed, with team members choosing to run, bike or swim. This is an excellent way for individuals to "test the waters" of a triathlon race if they do not feel ready to take on all three parts of the triathlon. Team entry fee (2 or 3 members) is \$81 after July 15.

The annual Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K run (July 27) is the first leg of the sixth annual Upper Peninsula Triathlon Triple Crown which also includes the established triathlon races in Curtis (Aug. 2) and in Grand Marais (Aug. 31). Participants who choose to enter all three races will not only be challenged by entering all the events but will also be eligible for additional awards. Athletes interested in the UP Triathlon Triple Crown can register at the Rudyard race on July 27.

The Rudyard Lions also have an event that overlaps with the triathlon called the Lions Team Challenge. The Lions Challenge has three Rudyard Lions members "throwing down the gauntlet", and challenging members of other Lions Clubs, service groups, organizations, or just neighborhood buddies, to join in a little friendly competition. They chal-

lenge their team of upper middle-aged, less than peak physically conditioned (but highly motivated) Rudyard Lion's triathletes against the best other teams can come up with.

If your team triumphs over all of the other teams in the Lion's Challenge, the Rudyard Lions Club will write a check to your favorite nonprofit group or charity for \$250.

This year the "Lion's Challenge" fee for each team is \$75 (2 or 3 people). It is suggested that Lions Challenge participants get pledges or sponsors to defray the cost of entry.

The Lions 5K and Triathlon and the UP Triathlon Triple Crown event are affiliated with the Upper Peninsula Road Runners Club.

All participants are invited to stay for lunch and are eligible for door prizes. Money raised by the triathlon and 5K races is used by the Rudyard Lions Club to support projects at the local, Michigan and international levels. As with all Lions Club fundraisers, no funds are used for club administration.

Those wishing more information can visit [www.rudyardlions-triathlon.com](http://www.rudyardlions-triathlon.com) or contact Joni Andary, Registration Chair at 906-478-3205 or Gary Davis, Triathlon Chair at [garydavis@cneturytel.net](mailto:garydavis@cneturytel.net) or by calling 906-478-5244.

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# Announcements

**Missing canoe**

A canoe went missing over the winter season from a Bay Mills Point summer home. The canoe is 17' long, made of aluminum with a hand made center seat. If found, please call Greg at 561-777-0742.

**Pt. Iroquois Lighthouse events**

Wednesday, July 23, 2 to 4 p.m. — Woodsmoke Jim: Genevieve Gillette.

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. — Woodsmoke Jim: Katherine Baraga.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Frederick Stonehouse: Book signing and shipwreck stories.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2 to 4 p.m. — Woodsmoke Jim: First Lady of Sault Ste. Marie.

**Biological Services events**

On Sunday, July 20, join Bay Mills Indian Community's Biological Services in celebrating Lake Superior Day by cleaning up the beach and removing the invasive plant, spotted knapweed. Meet at the Riverview Campground at 1 p.m. Gloves will be provided.

Biological Services is also offering a free tire collection. Those who have tires they want to dispose of, either on or off rim, can drop them off at the building on Plantation Road. Stack them in the yard by the "tires" sign. Tires can be dropped off any day throughout the summer and fall.

For more information on either activity, call Emily Martin at 906-248-8651 or email to emartin@baymills.org.

**Community Health events**

July 24, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Foot clinic at Armella Parker Elders Center.

Aug. 7, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Sports PE.

Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Well Woman Day.

**Notice to boaters**

Posters are being distributed to warn boaters to watch for tribal commercial trap nets, which are marked with orange buoys and/or orange flags, in northern lakes Michigan and Huron. Vessel operators should navigate away from all markers and remain 1,500 feet away from any staff buoy or jug markers. Exercise caution while boating in these areas as visibility can be limited during low light or bad weather conditions. Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of federal and state laws.

Report unmarked nets to Michigan DNR RAP hotline at 800-292-7800. For more information, contact Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority at 906-632-0043.

**Government contracting classes**

Hosted by Eastern U.P. Michigan Works! and Chippewa County Economic Development corporation, a series of government contracting classes will be presented. In Sault Ste. Marie at 1118 East Easterday Avenue, two classes will be held: Sept. 4 – Introduction to Federal Government Contracting and Nov. 6 – Federal Acquisition Regulations. In Kincheloe at 5019 West Airport Drive, two classes will be held: Oct. 1 – Market Research for Government Contracting and Dec. 9 – Responding to Federal Government Opportunities. All classes are from 1 to 3:30 p.m., except the Nov. 6 class which runs from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Check in is 12:30 to 1 p.m. There is no charge for the classes but space is limited, so register early by email donmakowski@nwm.cog.mi.us.

**Gov't agencies conference**

On Thursday, Sept. 18, a conference entitled "Doing Business With Government Agencies" is planned at the Convention Center at Kewadin Casinos on Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conference will provide information on how to increase revenue by selling goods and services to federal, state, local and tribal governments. The event is free but space is limited and you must preregister. For more information, contact Don Makowski at 906-789-0558 ext. 244 or email to donmakowski@nwm.cog.mi.us.

**Science camp set**

Science Camp will be held this year from July 21 to 25 at Bay Mills Community College and locations around the community, from 9:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The camp is open to all youth, grades five to seven as of fall 2014, not just members of the Boys & Girls Club. Activities will include lego robotics, solar power, medicine, and exercise science. Campers will prepare a presentation of their activities to be given at a luncheon on Friday, July 25. Parents are invited. For more information, contact Sandra Walden at 906-248-8575 or email to swalden@baymills.org.

**Nutrition series held**

Healthy Harvest, a nutrition and gardening series hosted by Michigan State University Extension, will hold its next meeting on Aug. 12 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Armella Parker Elders Center. The subject will concern the fruit group, food preservation and jam making. For more information, contact Tracie Abram at 906-586-6001.

**Casting call for Yoopers**

A nationwide casting call is underway to find the ultimate

Yooper for a new TV show. Looking for the following: a jack of all trades kind of guy who can fix anything, anywhere, anytime; someone who epitomizes the Yooper lifestyle; someone with a job that only exists in the U.P. of Michigan. If interested, email castingluckydog@gmail.com with photos and a short bio about why you should represent the U.P.

**Bible School planned**

"Better Than A Circus" is the theme for Vacation Bible School at First Congregational Church in Brimley, which will run July 21 to 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for students entering kindergarten through grade seven, featuring games, snacks, music, crafts and Bible lessons. The mission project is "Wheels For The World," an outreach of Joni and Friends that provides refurbished wheel chairs to needy children. For more information or transportation, call Pastor Rodney Case at 906-248-3360.

**Historical open house**

Saturday, July 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Chippewa County Historical Society will hold an open house. Roger LeLievre, editor/publisher of "Know Your Ships" will discuss the book's history and the annual process to put it together. The 2014 volume (the 55th) will be available for purchase and signing. A display of past volumes will be on view. CCHS is located at 115 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. For more information, visit www.cchsmi.com.

**Church tour schedule**

Historic Churches programming, sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society, continues its schedule on Monday nights at 7 p.m. July 21: First United Presbyterian; July 28: St. James Episcopal; Aug. 4: St. George Greek Orthodox; Aug. 11: Central United Methodist; and Aug. 18: St. Mary's Catholic.

**New military exhibit**

At the Wheels of History Train Museum and Depot, the Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Research Society is presenting a new display of military artifacts, lists of local veterans from all wars who are buried in local cemeteries, books, uniforms, weapons and memorabilia that are on loan. This 2014 exhibit is in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI in 1914 and presented by Phyllis Taylor and Mary Jane Bernier. The Bay Mills Indian Community has contributed a list of names and photographs of their veterans. The VFW has loaned weapons from WWII and other community members have also contributed items, including

a Civil War bayonet and a WWII album of keepsakes. The display is available for viewing Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Raffle tickets on sale**

Raffle tickets are now on sale at Wheels of History Museum in Brimley, at a cost of \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six tickets. First prize is a 25"x21" framed Point Iroquois Lighthouse quilt by George West, donated by John and Susan Zier. Second prize is a 55"x56" coverlet made by Ernestine Pohl, donated by Phyllis Taylor. Drawing will be held Oct. 12 with proceeds going towards general maintenance of the museum.

**Golf scramble set**

The annual Veronica "Ronni" VanSloten Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at Wild Bluff Golf Course in Bay Mills. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Four person scramble; \$60 per player/\$240 per team; limited to first 36 teams. Price includes 18 holes with cart and range balls, brat and hamburger buffet and prizes. This year there will be four hole-in-one prizes, one of which will be a 2014 GM vehicle, courtesy of Rodenroth Motors. All proceeds go to the VanSloten Memorial Scholarship Fund at Bay Mills Community College. Call Wild Bluff to register at 906-248-5860.

**Railroad Day celebrated**

Railroad Day will be celebrated at Wheels of History Train

Museum in Brimley on Saturday, Aug. 16 from noon to 4 p.m., sponsored by Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Research Society. Family fun offered with inflatable jumper, dunk tank, games, ice cream, music, contests, 50/50 raffle, bake sale and free RR engineer hats for the first five children. Railroad lanterns and memorabilia on display. All proceeds go towards maintenance of the museum. For more information, call 906-248-3665.

**Understanding Anishinaabemowin**

From July 20 to 23, a two credit class (beginner and intermediate) will be presented on Bay Mills Community College's West Campus in "Sound Based Method of Understanding Anishinaabemowin," by Helen Roy Fuhst. Overnight accommodations are available; bring your own sack lunch. Board of Regents Tuition Award is available to members of U.S. federally recognized tribes, but fees will apply.

Deadline to register is Friday, July 18 by calling 1-800-844-BMCC. For more information, contact Michele Wellman-Teeple at 906-440-5939 or mwellman@bmcc.edu.

**Downtown Days**

From Friday, Aug. 1 to Saturday, Aug. 2, downtown Sault Ste. Marie celebrates with activities for the whole family. Enjoy sidewalk sales of downtown merchants, an assortment of goods and food offered by vendors, and kid's games.

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**TO MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR SHOWING, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL RANDY TOUCHTONE AT 906-440-8678.**  
MORE PHOTOS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**THREE BOWS** — Web Kinney displays the longbows recently made under his tutelage by elders. Left to right are bows created by Janet Besseau, Carol Thackham and Web Kinney. He pointed out the fine work done on the risers, a product of careful sanding. Those interested in making their own longbow, can contact Kinney at 906-437-1011, ext. 207. The cost remains \$95.  
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