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**Bay Mills Executive Council members were officially sworn into office on Monday, Nov. 9. Above, Stacey Walden takes the oath of office from Judge Bryan Newland as (L-R) Albert Bertram, Arlen Kuzmik, Levi Carrick Sr. and Randy Touchtone look on.**

## New Executive Council sworn in

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community will be under almost entirely new leadership from 2015-2017. The only familiar face to make it through the General Election, held on Nov. 4, was Chairman Levi D. Carrick Sr. He sailed into victory election night, defeating challenger Richard LeBlanc, 348-207. This will be Carrick's second term as tribal chairman.

Two incumbents, treasurer Gerald Parish and councilperson Bucko Teeple, chose not to seek re-election this term. For the treasurer's seat, Albert Bertram will be fulfilling the duties after beating out Brenda Bjork at the polls in a tight race, 287-272. Bertram works in Bay Mills Community Colleges' Charter Schools Office.

Bay Mills police officer Arlen Kuzmik defeated Pat Kinney and Terry E. Carrick at the polls to take the seat of councilperson. Kuzmik had 207 votes, while Kinney garnered 193 and Carrick had 167.

Former vice chairman John Paul Lufkins had sought out the seat of chairman, but was defeated in the primary for the seat. This left his seat up for grabs, in a race between Randy Touchtone and Kimmi Walden. Touchtone defeated Walden in the

General Election 299-268. He currently works for Bay Mills Construction.

Former secretary Tony LeBlanc was defeated in the Oct. 21 primary election, putting two new faces in the run for the secretary's seat. Stacey Walden ultimately defeated Duane Parish Sr., 364-206. Walden currently works as the benefits manager for Bay Mills Indian Community.

Chief Tribal Judge Bryan Newland officially swore in the new Executive Council prior to their first meeting on Nov. 9. The five members will serve two-year terms.

After the regular meeting took place, Chairman Carrick sat down with his new peers to give them a briefing of what the council has been doing the last few months and bring the new council up to speed.

"It was a productive afternoon and I think we have a great group to work with this term," said Carrick.

Bay Mills Executive Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the former tribal courtroom at the tribal office.

Other election results included Tamara Munz defeating Robin Teeple for the appellate judge's seat, 302-242. Members elected to the Conservation Committee were Albert (Timmy) Walden, Jacques LeBlanc Sr., Mike Weston, and Justin T. Carrick.

## Congressional support sought for new Soo Lock

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Michigan politicians are attempting, once again, to garner financial support for a new Soo Lock. This time, Republican Sen. Wayne Schmidt introduced a resolution to garner White House and Congressional support for the \$600 million project. But Schmidt's resolution doesn't really get the ball rolling on construction; it calls for approval of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' request to fund preparation of an Economic Reevaluation Report.

On Nov. 2, the State Senate Committee on Commerce, Transportation and Economic Development made a rare appearance on the campus of Lake Superior State University to discuss the measure. They heard testimony from Sault Ste. Marie City Manager Oliver Turner, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Aaron Payment and Lake Carrier's Association Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Director Tom Rayburn. Those testifying told the committee they need to be "proactive, not reactive," in regards to the Soo Locks.

"The Great Lakes Navigation System has evolved into the most economically efficient and environmentally friendly way to transport ore, stone, coal, salt and grain," Rayburn said. "However, the Soo Locks is also the greatest weakness to the system as a potential single point of failure. The current Poe Lock is the only lock that can handle the 13-thousand-foot ships and 19 other U.S.-flag vessels that, combined, represent approximately 70 percent of the country's capacity on the lakes. In a worse case scenario, 32 U.S.-flag ships would be trapped above and below the locks. Three-quarters of all integrated steel production would cease within two to six weeks. This would impact nearly 11 million U.S. jobs and potentially increase Michigan's unemployment to 22.5 percent," Rayburn testified.

Congress authorized a new "super-sized" lock years ago, but has never funded its construction.

If the Poe Lock, which originally was constructed in 1895 and later rebuilt in 1968, goes down for any reason, Great Lakes shipping could be at a standstill. A 30-day unscheduled outage of the Poe would result in a \$160 million economic loss.

This is the second time this year that attempts have been made to get funding in place for the lock project. In June, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow wrote a letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Sean Donovan urging an "expeditious" approval of funding for a study.

"An unscheduled outage at the Poe Lock would prevent the passage of large vessels carrying commodities critical to our national security and our regional and national economies," wrote the senators.

Legislators adopted the resolution during their LSSU meeting. SR105 now goes to the full State Senate for consideration. As of Nov. 4, it was reported favorably without amendment and placed on the order of resolutions.

## Bay Mills Pharmacy improves prescription refill service

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — In an effort to make it easier for patients to remember to take their medications and to request refills, Bay Mills Pharmacy has introduced two new programs.

The first computer program is designed to assist patients with "compliance" or "adherence" to their prescribed medicine regimen. The pharmacy can set up a pickup date that is the same for all medication the patient takes. Pharmacist Lucy DeWildt explained how the program would work.

"Suppose that a patient has five prescriptions. We can set it up so that all five can be picked up on a certain day of the month. If a new prescription is added, we would only provide enough of that new medication to get the patient to the pickup day. Then on that day, they would get six medications.

"That should help some patients who can now get all their medications at once," she added.

She pointed out that lack of patient medication adherence has been identified as a multibillion dollar problem in the U.S. By personalizing their care in this way, DeWildt hopes that it will help keep patients with chronic illnesses on the right medication regimen. She said data shows that people who are more compliant with their medications have greater health benefits.

When patients are compliant with their medications, it also helps pharmacies, who are graded on their medication adherence

measures by insurance companies. The higher the rating, the better the reimbursements.

To sign up for this program, call the pharmacy at 906-248-2031.

The second improved service for patients is making it easier to request refills. DeWildt said this will cut down on the amount of phone calls the pharmacy receives. Patients often have to wait or leave messages if both pharmacy telephone lines are tied up, she explained.

Now, patients can re-order their prescriptions on a website or have an app downloaded on their smartphones. By using the information

on the bar code on the prescription bottle, patients can either enter the information on the website or scan it into their smartphone. They would have to create an account on the website in order to use the program. If they prefer, they can come to the pharmacy for assistance in creating an account.

Another advantage to this program is that the patient can review their prescription profiles, said DeWildt. If the patient has to fill out forms at another doctor's office, they can access the information of what medications they take.

The website is

<https://2362438.winrxrefill.com>. A link can be found on the website of Bay Mills Indian Community at [www.baymills.org](http://www.baymills.org).

"Drug non-adherence is a large contributing factor in poor health conditions, both in our community and across the nation," DeWildt said. "We hope that our medication synchronization program and the new ways to request refills and view medication lists will make it easier for patients to take their medications properly."

These programs are only the latest improvements being made by Bay Mills Pharmacy to increase their efficiency through the latest

technology. A year ago, new software was installed whereby patients picking up their prescriptions sign a digital pad rather than a piece of paper. This makes it easier to keep track of who picked up the prescription and when, explained DeWildt. Also, if an earlier prescription was called in and not yet picked up, the system would alert the pharmacist.

DeWildt says the pharmacy subscribes to WinRx to provide these services and is paying an extra monthly fee for the new additional features in an effort to make access to the pharmacy easier and more efficient.



**TOWER BLESSED — Bay Mills Indian Community's infrastructure continues to improve and the most recent structure, a water tower, is officially up and running on the reservation. The \$1.8 million project finished up in late October. Community members gathered for a blessing of the tower, offered by Bay Mills Pipe Carrier Bucko Teeple, on Nov. 2. The new tower, located on Plantation Road, will provide 250,000 gallons of water to the community and replaces the older underground tank system.**



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## LSSU Board of Trustees discusses budget at regular campus meeting

SAULT STE. MARIE — Budget issues were front and center when the Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees met on campus for its regular bi-monthly sessions on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 to 6.

After spending a couple of hours discussing financial matters during committee meetings on Thursday, the board concluded on Friday that the university is in a strong financial position, with reserve funds and a cash balance, even though tuition and fees for 2015-2016 are projected to be lower than the previous academic year.

"Since adoption of the 2015-2016 budget in July, we have started a review of the university's short and long-term financial picture, including a review and determination of numerous fund reserve levels," said LSSU President Tom Pleger. "Campus-wide communications have taken place and we will continue to provide education and awareness regarding budgets and financial management."

Pleger said the university will continue its emphasis on increasing enrollment after four years of declining numbers of students. He noted that freshman classes have increased and Matt Jurvelin, LSSU Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, said more students are showing interest in LSSU, according to those who are registering for the coming year's orientation sessions.

Trustee Scot Lindemann, chair of the board's finance committee, noted that additional scrutiny has been given to the budget by both the board and LSSU staff over the past several months.

"Every university around the state has concerns about enrollment, so it's encouraging to see upticks in the incoming classes and our new marketing strategies that target both Michigan and out-of-state students," Lindemann said. "We're feeling very good about the progress being made."

Trustee Patrick Egan agreed, saying, "We have the opportunity to use our cash situation to put the university in a position to grow, while spending wisely. This is not a situation where we have to cut our way to health; we can grow our way to health, and that's a really positive thing."

Also during the meeting, LSSU Vice President of Finance Sherry

Brooks noted that progress continues on LSSU's largest construction progress in recent years — South Hall — as well as on the institution's new master plan.

"We meet with contractors every month as a team," Brooks said. "They're reporting that the building will be buttoned-up by mid-January and is on schedule to be completed in June 2016."

Brooks said that, while construction crews have found some surprises while working on the structure that is one of the original Fort Brady buildings, there have been no set-backs as a result.

"There have been some changes, but we are still on budget," she said.

In Jurvelin's report on enrollment, he said a new admissions director should be hired very soon, which will help LSSU's enrollment efforts. In addition, his staff is involved in a search for a director for the LSSU Petoskey and Gaylord regional centers, a position that is a key to bolstering LSSU's transfer student population, and is reviewing plans to hire a virtual recruiter, who will assist in enrollment by working through the university's social media channels.

Jurvelin said that, while LSSU's retention rate is above the national average, at 70 percent it is "not acceptable," adding the university wants to drive that figure closer to 80 percent.

Also during the meeting, the board unanimously approved the

reinstatement of a master's degree in business administration, something the university had offered in the past.

"We believe this executive MBA will have a solid impact throughout northern Michigan and northern Ontario," said LSSU Provost Morrie Walworth. "There has been a lot of interest in it and there is a need for it in the area."

Before it is offered, the proposed program needs to be approved by the State of Michigan and the Higher Learning Commission.

In other reports, Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation, said his staff is continuing work to support capital campaigns for the Center for Freshwater Education and Research and a simulation center for health care programs, as well as an annual fund drive for the Laker Club.

LSSU Faculty Association representative Prof. Janice Repka, sitting in for FA President Jaimee Gerrie, said the group is working with the provost to change procedures for tenure and is examining the faculty evaluation process. She also said the faculty is continuing to assist with recruitment efforts by meeting with prospective students.

In addition, LSSU trustees also heard reports from its public school academies or charter schools staff, as well as LSSU Student Government, athletics, and physical plant.

### Christmas Parade announced

SAULT STE. MARIE — Downtown Sault Ste. Marie will be hosting the annual Parade of Lights on Friday evening, Nov. 27 at 7 pm. There are a few changes to the parade this year: first the Downtown Development Authority is proud to announce Parker ACE Hardware as the primary sponsor of the Parade of Lights this year. Parker ACE Hardware has hosted the Santa Claus float in their warehouse and has welcomed parade participants to use their parking lot as the kick-off point for more than 20 years. The parade will again start behind Parker ACE Hardware along Court Street this year.

The second change focuses on the actual parade participants. This year there will be downtown gift certificates awarded to the winning floats: \$300 in downtown shopping certificates, good at any store in Downtown Sault Ste. Marie, will be offered to the first place float, \$200 will go to second place and \$100 to third place.

The third change is a slight route adjustment. The parade will travel south on Court to Easterday, turn right onto Easterday and pass by SuperValu Foods, turn right onto Ashmun Street, and travel north on Ashmun Street all the way to Portage Avenue. The parade will turn right onto Portage Avenue and conclude with the lighting of the City Christmas tree in front of Sault Ste. Marie City Hall at 225 East Portage Avenue. Santa Claus and Mayor Bosbous will give a speech at the tree.

## Better Business Bureau warns of IRS scam

SOUTHFIELD — The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula has recently received many calls inquiring about the "IRS" calling and leaving a voice mail threatening legal action if the consumer does not respond immediately. Please know that this is NOT the IRS. According to the IRS' website, if the IRS contacts you, it will first be through U.S. mail, not through phone calls.

Schemers pose as IRS officials threatening legal action and loss of property. Those claiming to be the IRS say it's urgent and the consumer must respond immediately. Some callers will even demand money to be paid immediately or else there will be consequences.

To protect yourself from losing money, or your personal identifying information, BBB offers these tips, if you receive one of these calls:

Your first line of defense — If you have caller ID and don't know the number, don't answer the phone.

If you do get one of these calls, hang up the phone — Don't give out any personal information to these callers.

Protect Your Personal Information — Never give out personal or financial information such as Social Security number, financial information, credit card information or any passwords.

If the IRS contacts you, it will be via U.S. Mail

first.

On the IRS' website, they state you should hang up and not press any buttons when you receive one of these calls. Do not press any buttons on your phone during a scam phone call because it will add you to a "hot list" of active lines and you will start receiving calls from a multitude of scammers.

Watch for spoofing — Part of the scammers' sophisticated tactics includes "spoofing" which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS to appear on caller ID.

If this happens to you, report it to the Federal Trade Commission immediately. File a complaint with the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). Once on this site, select Other and then Imposter Scams. When at the notes section, please include IRS Telephone Scam.

Also, report it to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 or [https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact\\_report\\_scam.shtml](https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml).

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# Treaty Awareness Walk/Rally brings locals to Washington D.C.

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — A number of Michigan tribal members took part in a Treaty Awareness Walk/ Rally on Nov. 6 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. The rally was timed around the scheduled White House Tribal Nations Conference, which brought tribal leaders from across the country to D.C. to meet with the Obama Administration about their concerns.

Prior to the rally, tribal members from across the nation made their way to the capital, on foot, in an effort to raise awareness about environmental issues impacting Native Americans. Michigan tribal members participating in the events have taken a stance against the proposed Graymont mine in Rexton and the current Enbridge pipeline that carries light crude through the Straits of Mackinac. Tribal members from the Pacific Northwest attended the rally to raise awareness about fossil fuel and coal issues.

Darryl Brown of the Mackinac Band and Jamie LeBlanc of Bay Mills started their journey on Sept. 19, carrying an eagle staff mile after mile to the Ohio border. The pair met up with several more Natives along the route who joined the walk. LeBlanc later flew into D.C. and tribal member Wayne Carrick met up with the group by car to attend the rally.

"I just wanted to represent Bay Mills and the Three Fires. I wanted to show that unity is possible and let the rest of the tribes know that we are thinking of them," said Carrick of his participation. "It was a beautiful experience to see so many come together, many who traveled a long ways. Our purpose is to unite the Three Fire bands."

In 2016, a treaty walk is planned from California to D.C., dubbed "the longest walk," starting in February and ending on Jul 15, 2016.

Above, Carrick and his son, Sam Carlisle, hold the Bay Mills Indian Community flag near the Lincoln Memorial.

Below, LeBlanc gives a passionate speech about treaty rights and awareness to the crowd.



## Executive Council gets down to business

BAY MILLS — The newly elected members of Bay Mills Executive Council held their first meeting on Monday, Nov. 9 to discuss pending matters.

On the agenda was the issuance of a gaming waiver, discussion about annual leave for governmental employees and results from the marijuana survey that was handed out earlier in the month.

The board approved the gaming waiver for the tribal member on the terms he must continue on a positive path. This vote clears his way for employment within the tribe's enterprises.

In regards to annual leave, a governmental employee addressed the council with concerns that he will lose annual leave due to the inability to carry over more than the 104 hours permitted. He stated his department only has two people in it so there is no time he can use all of the benefit during the fall and would like to see a remedy to the issue. The council discussed a few options including possibly extending the timeline for governmental workers to use their annual leave, increasing the carryover allowance, or allowing them to sell a portion of their leave back at the end of the year. Several factors must be considered before action can be taken, indicated the council, as some positions are grant funded and none of the aforementioned actions would work. Selling leave back would also likely put a strain on the tribal budget, if that option were made available. No action was taken in the matter but the council is looking into alternatives.

The last item on the agenda was discussion about the marijuana survey that took place during the General Election. Tribal members were asked three questions regarding their thoughts on changing the tribe's marijuana policy. No action was taken on the issue. The new council members said they would like to look into the current state and federal policies further, as they feel they are not educated enough on the issue to make a decision and evaluate the community's thoughts and tribal policy.

The next public meeting of the Bay Mills Executive Council will take place on Monday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the tribal conference room located in the administration building.

## MDOT looks for volunteer "Road Watchers" in U.P.

LANSING — How was your ride? The Michigan Department of Transportation wants to know. For the second year, the Road Watchers program will give motorists a chance to tell MDOT how well it's maintaining highways in the Upper Peninsula this winter.

MDOT's Superior Region is now recruiting regular commuters willing to complete brief online surveys about road conditions after winter weather events. Road Watcher volunteers will occasionally be asked by e-mail to complete a short online survey about roads on some of the U.P.'s key routes:

- US-41 between Calumet and the Portage Lake Lift Bridge
- US-41 between Herman Road, south of L'Anse, and the Portage Lake Lift Bridge
- US-41 between M-28 in Harvey and Westwood Drive in West Ishpeming
- US-2 between M-77 in Blaney Park and M-94 in Manistique
- M-117 between US-2 and M-28
- M-129 between M-134 in Cedarville and I-75 Business Spur/Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie
- US-2 between Rapid River and Escanaba
- US-2 between Escanaba and M-69
- US-2 between Waucedah and Iron Mountain

If you drive any portion of these routes on your daily commute, MDOT would like your input. Taking the survey is quick, completely voluntary and all results are anonymous. MDOT will use the feedback to help fine-tune winter maintenance operations.

To get more information, or to sign up to be a Superior Region Road Watcher, visit [www.michigan.gov/roadwatchers](http://www.michigan.gov/roadwatchers).

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# OPINION

## Building the future in northern Michigan

By Sen. Wayne Schmidt, 37th District

Northern Michigan is blessed with great educational institutions that provide our residents with the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead successful careers.

I had the great fortune of visiting one of the many located in the 37th Senate District in August - the Great Lakes Boat Building School in the Les Cheneaux Islands off the coast of the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The school operates out of a modern 12,000-square-foot facility, designed, as the school notes, specifically for the teaching of woodworking, basic design, traditional and modern boat building and yacht joinery. Indeed, this is an excellent program with excellent people focused on continuing Michigan's great maritime heritage.

GLBBS is world-renowned and the only one of its kind in Michigan, teaching students unparalleled wooden boat building and craftsmanship skills. I think it speaks volumes that graduates from the school have a 100 percent job placement rate.

The school is part of a career technical education renaissance in our state, offering those students for whom a traditional four-year university is not the best option a great opportunity to learn a skill that can make for a great career.

Gov. Rick Snyder has made it an emphasis, and I fully agree, to make a concerted effort to expand Michigan's career and technical education programs. Not only do they provide attendees with a great education, but they also promote economic growth throughout our region and state by producing workers with the necessary skills to fill an increasingly long list of job openings. I continue to hear from job providers that their businesses are doing great, but what is limiting their growth is a lack of skilled workers. CTE programs are doing a great job of resolving this barrier to economic growth.

Another way to promote this growth is by focusing on K-12 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Building that solid foundation at an early age not only better prepares them for future educational opportunities, but also can spark an interest in pursuing a highly skilled profession.

It's great to know that northern Michigan has such a vibrant and successful CTE program like GLBBS working to prepare the next generation of Michiganders for the workforce.

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## Is this the secret to a happy marriage?

Tyrades! By Danny Tyree

"Baby, you're the greatest!"

That sentiment, expressed by Ralph Kramden of TV's classic "The Honeymooners" (after half an hour of scheming, arguing and offering one-way trips to the moon), just may be the key to a happy and lasting marriage.

Researchers from the University of Georgia interviewed 468 married individuals about relationship satisfaction. In a study published in the journal "Personal Relationships," the researchers revealed that the most consistent significant predictor of a happy marriage is whether the spouse expresses gratitude.

Yes, sincere doses of "Thank you" can boost self-esteem, strengthen commitment and offer a light at the end of the tunnel when times are tough.

In case you're wondering, other significant indicators include: a sense of humor, generosity, compassion and "not spilling all our secrets to some nosey interviewer who will splash them all over the journal 'Personal Relationships.'"

Many couples start a lifetime habit of appreciation from Day One. In other cases, once the wedding ring is on the finger, couples gradually start taking one another for granted. ("Oh, there's no need to verbalize a lot of mushy stuff. My sweetie pie knows how I feel. We can even finish each other's...finish each other's ...Damn! Anybody going to the Hallmark store?")

To be fair, an unappreciative nature can begin long before courtship and marriage. We live in a "me-centered" society. You are probably all too aware of the guttural sounds that pass for thanks from Tomorrow's Husbands and Wives. ("I've cooked your favorite five-course meal, honey." "Grunt." "My boss pulled some strings and got you a full scholarship." "Grunt." "Your aunt is giving you one of her kidneys." "Grunt.")

Why do we keep these people around? I guess we think one day the little geniuses will discover fire or the wheel.

Our public and private expressions of gratitude need to be better aligned. If you're like a lot of spouses, you'll say "Thank you" to a clerk who FINALLY gives you a cold burger and the right change, but then ignore the spouse who just cleaned out the septic tank while battling a high fever. ("Um, in my favor, my SPOUSE didn't bother to ask me if I wanted fries with that.")

Is it going to KILL you to say "Thanks"? (Okay, maybe if the sentence is "Thanks for not asking why the new pool boy hurriedly left his last six assignments"...)

Of course, in some toxic relationships, there's not a lot to say "Thank you" for. Just be creative and come up with SOMETHING to utter between gritted teeth. Possibilities include:

1. "Thank you for being so patriotic and letting the 101st Airborne use your muumuu for maneuvers."
2. "Thank you for stopping short of being an EXACT clone of your mother."
3. "Thank you for cooking my bacon into such an unrecognizable state that it doesn't make me worry about colorectal cancer."

I must admit that this column has been difficult to write. I simply have a hard time wrapping my mind around the concept of being ungrateful. Every day I work extra hard at letting wife Melissa know that she is special and appreciated. She is the light of my life.

Okay, technically, the light of my life is those little STARS I see when she crowns me with a cast iron skillet if I ever do forget to say "Thank you," but...

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## A ticket to mars

By Sharon M. Kennedy

I don't know if it's just me or if things really are getting crazier by the minute. The other morning I awoke to newsmen discussing NASA's announcement that Mars has "liquid water." Such a discovery could mean life exists beyond Earth. The way the conversation was going, it sounded like a spacecraft will be heading for Mars in the 2020s.

We better hurry up and book our tickets now. If we wait too long, all seats will be taken and we'll miss our chance to fly beyond the moon. I turned off the radio and went back to sleep. I figured my dreams couldn't be any wackier than the news.

We flew to the moon and made it a dumping ground for everything from wrecked rovers and crashed orbiters to plastic bags filled with human waste. We deposit enough trash in the North Pacific Ocean to rename parts of it the Pacific Garbage Patch. We continue to pollute rivers and streams with toxic chemicals. We frack until entire communities are swallowed by sinkholes. We have more troubles here on Earth than we know what to do with and the news of the day is life on Mars.

How quickly one morsel of information is swallowed by another. It's as if the catastrophes of yesterday magically disappear when something new comes along. When we tire of hearing about the endless primary race, we can focus on a Mars landing instead of the war in Afghanistan. We don't have to worry about the TPP fiasco if we concentrate on Trump's hair or stone-faced Fiorina's meteoric rise. We can watch "Dancing with the Stars" and pretend BP's 200 million gallons of crude oil didn't do much harm to 16,000 miles of pristine coastline. We can pretend Japan's Fukushima nuclear meltdown was only a bad dream.

Maybe unpleasant things do go away if we don't think about them. There's not much point in talking about the sad state of the economy or student loans crippling college graduates. After all, if folks would spend more money on frivolous things, the economy would improve and, if kids can't afford college, they should stay home. Why cry about all the misery the war in Iraq created when it's over and done with? Nobody wants to remember the soldiers who gave their lives for an unknown cause.

Well, I'm finished with my rant. That's what happens when I awaken to "Morning Joe" discussing the events of the day. I might be better off listening to Latino news. I wouldn't understand a word of it, but it couldn't be any worse than hearing that Orson Welles was right all along. The Martians have landed.

Now it's our turn to invade Mars.

Kennedy is a freelance writer who resides in Brimley.

## Paris and what should be done

By Ron Paul

The horrific attacks in Paris on Friday have, predictably, led to much over-reaction and demands that we do more of the exact things that radicalize people and make them want to attack us.

The French military wasted no time bombing Syria in retaliation for the attacks, though it is not known where exactly the attackers were from. Thousands of ISIS fighters in Syria are not Syrian, but came to Syria to overthrow the Assad government from a number of foreign countries — including from France and the United States.

Ironically, the overthrow of Assad has also been the goal of both the U.S. and France since at least 2011.

Because the U.S. and its allies are essentially on the same side as ISIS and other groups — seeking the overthrow of Assad — many of the weapons they have sent to the more "moderate" factions also seeking Assad's ouster have ended up in the hands of radicals. Moderate groups have joined more radical factions over and over, taking their U.S.-provided training and weapons with them. Other moderate groups have been captured or killed, their U.S.-provided weapons also going to the radicals. Thus, the more radical factions have become better equipped and better trained, while occasionally being attacked by U.S. or allied planes.

Does anyone not believe this is a recipe for the kind of disaster we have now seen in Paris? The French in particular have been very active in arming even the more radical groups in Syria, as they push for more political influence in the region. Why do they still refuse to believe in the concept of blowback? Is it because the explanation that, "they hate us because we are free," makes it easier to escalate abroad and crack down at home?

It may not be popular to say this as emotions run high and calls ring out for more bombing in the Middle East, but there is another way to address the problem. There is an alternative to using more military intervention to address a problem that was caused by military intervention in the first place.

That solution is to reject the militarists and isolationists. It is to finally reject the policy of using "regime change" to further perceived U.S. and western foreign policy goals, whether in Iraq, Libya, Syria, or elsewhere. It is to reject the foolish idea that we can ship hundreds of millions of dollars worth of weapons to "moderates" in the Middle East and expect none of them to fall into the hands of radicals.

More bombs will not solve the problems in the Middle East. But a more promising approach to the Middle East is currently under fire from the isolationists in Washington.

The nuclear deal with Iran ends UN sanctions and opens that country to international trade. Just last week, the presidents of France and Iran met to discuss a number of trade deals. Other countries have followed. Trade and respect for national sovereignty trumps violence, but Washington still doesn't seem to get it. Most presidential candidates compete to thump the table loudest against any deal with Iran. They will use this attack to propandize against approving trade with Iran, even though Iran has condemned the attack and is also in the crosshairs of ISIS.

Here is the alternative: Focus on trade and friendly relations, stop shipping weapons, abandon "regime change" and other manipulations, respect national sovereignty, and maintain a strong defense at home, including protecting the borders from those who may seek to do us harm.

We should abandon the failed policies of the past, before it's too late.

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# Brimley School chooses October Students of Month

**BRIMLEY** — Brimley Elementary School has selected the Students of the Month of October, based on their academics and citizenship. Following are their teachers' comments.

**Bradley Anderson** is very respectful and kind to everyone. He is a perfect gentleman who always remembers to use his manners and follow the Bays Ways. He pays attention during lessons, uses his time well, consistently completes his work on time and can be counted on to help others in the classroom. Bradley has a positive attitude and is kind and respectful to those around him. — Mrs. Ver Strate

**Stephanie Bishop** is an excellent student who works hard and always tries to do her best. In addition to being an excellent student, she is also a role model for others to follow. She is attentive to instruction and is also

helpful to others. Stephanie can be relied upon to do the right thing at all times. — Mrs. Hutchins

**Lillian Carrick** is a role model and an enthusiastic learner. She is a leader in her first grade classroom and is always ready to learn with body basics and awesome listening. She is respectful in school and on the playground, where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard and always has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hallway and bathroom. Lillian is a responsible learner as she completes her tasks neatly in a timely manner and follows directions. She also makes good decisions when it comes to safety. — Mrs. Nettleton

**Leila Downs** enters the classroom with a smile on her face and ready to learn. She can be counted on to do her best work and takes pride in what she does.

She can often be seen encouraging her fellow classmates and lending a helping hand. Leila is a kind and caring young lady who treats other students with kindness and respect. — Mrs. Gross

**Hayden Hopper** is a very soft-spoken, respectful student who is very responsible and gets busy immediately. Throughout the day, she is an excellent listener who often offers to help her teacher and does her best work on everything. She always tries to make things peaceful in our classroom and will try to help kids figure out problems by asking them to get along, even offering suggestions about how to share or giving up her spot so others are able to play. Hayden can be counted on to be doing exactly what was asked of her and is a great role model for her classmates. — Mrs. Hill

**Kayleigh Hopper** stands out as a leader and has a positive impact in our classroom. She is respectful and responsible. Kayleigh is kind and works well with all students. — Mrs. Hope

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

**Brendon Hudson** is an extremely hard worker in all subject areas. He never hesitates to get right down to work, enabling him to complete all morning tasks in a timely manner. He is also a great teacher's helper and never hesitates to lend a helping hand to his classmates. He has great classroom participation and is willing to offer an answer even if he is unsure whether or not it is correct. Brendon has a wonderful attitude with all that he does and he aims to please. — Mrs. Schaedler

**Cooper Jones** is a very conscientious student who takes responsibility for his own learning, strives to always do his best work, sets an excellent example in his positive behavior choices and is well-liked by his peers because of these qualities. Cooper always arrives at school ready-to-learn with a smile on his face. — Mrs. Castagne

**Raegen Kopitsch** does an excellent job following the Bays Ways, in and out of the classroom. She is always respectful to her classmates and teachers, and, she is a hard worker and very responsible in getting her work turned in on time. She is always ready to learn something new, even if it's a bit of a challenge. Raegen can be counted on to make the right choice, even if students around her might not be. — Mrs. Teeple

**Caleb Lipponen** is a good role model for his sixth grade classmates. He is attentive in class, always follows the Bays Ways, is very kind and polite to everybody, works well with others and is extremely considerate. Caleb does well academically and also plays several sports, including basketball. — Mrs. Osborne

**Elsie McGuire** is an awesome fifth grade student and a great friend to her classmates. She consistently tries to follow Bays Ways by being safe, responsible, respectful and ready to learn. Elsie is always trying her hardest on her school work and her effort in class shows every day. — Mrs. Rutledge

**Evan Mills** is a top notch student who is consistently on task and follows Bays Ways to a "T." He can be counted on to lend a helping hand to his teacher and fellow classmates. An extremely polite young man, he comes to school eager to learn. Evan puts forth a lot of effort in his work and it definitely shows. — Ms. Peller

**Marie Willis** is an incredible reader and an all around great kindergarten student. She is a sweet, happy girl who is always willing to help out her teacher and classmates. She is a great role model for other students in class, both behaviorally and academically. Marie is a great listener and always follows directions. — Miss Allison



## Honored as good students and as followers of the Bays Ways

**OCTOBER'S BEST** — Earning the honor of being selected Student of the Month of October for their good marks and best behavior are the following students. Front row, L-R: Cooper Jones, Lillian Carrick, Leila Downs, Marie Willis and Hayden Hopper. Middle row, L-R: Brendon Hudson, Raegen Kopitsch, Elsie McGuire, Kiara Hopper and Bradley Anderson. Back row, L-R: Kayleigh Hopper, Stephanie Bishop, Caleb Lipponen and Evan Mills. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT MEETINGS:**

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| Nov. 19 | Thurs | 9 am-10 am        | Enrolled employees are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend one meeting to discuss plan changes! |
| Nov. 25 | Wed   | 10-11 am & 2-3 pm |   |
| Nov. 30 | Mon   | 230 pm-330 pm     |   |

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**CONTACT BMIC HUMAN RESOURCES:** STACEY WALDEN, Benefit Administrator. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (906) 248-8500 or [staceywalden@baymills.org](mailto:staceywalden@baymills.org).

# OCS announces Students of the Month

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

Nibwaakaawin or Wisdom — To cherish knowledge is to know wisdom. Wisdom is given by the Creator to be used for the good of the people. In the Anishinaabe language, this word expresses not only wisdom, but also means prudence, or intelligence.

## Zakary Forrester — Kindergarten

Zakary knows when to ask for help and he understands our classroom and school rules. He has been a model kindergartener for his classmates as he always displays self control and thoughtful decision making. Zakary helps our whole class run smoothly with his behavior and we are proud to name him our Student of the Month.- Mr. Collins

## Troy McSorely — 1st Grade

Troy is full of knowledge and he shares his knowledge with his peers. He always helps others either academically, or he tries his very best to set a good example with his classroom behavior. Troy showed he was very wise this year when he told the truth to the teacher, even when most

of his classmates did not. Although it is hard to do the right thing sometimes, Troy seems to still make wise decisions when it comes to telling the truth and fixing up his classroom behavior. Thank you, Troy! — Ms. Di Foggi

## Robert Ferris- 2nd Grade

I chose Robert to represent wisdom in 2nd Grade because he not only has a lot of knowledge of subject matter and behavior expectations, but he shares that knowledge with his peers. I feel Robert has been a great role model to the rest of our class already this school year. Thank you for sharing all of your knowledge; it is a wise quality to have! — Ms. Di Foggi

## Camden Sorrell — 3rd Grade

This month's 3rd grade student of the month is Camden Sorrell.



Camden has displayed wisdom in many ways. He is a student who is always on task and trying his best. He uses his wisdom to make important decisions while in school. — Ms. Rickley

## Rihanna Robbins — 4th Grade

Rihanna deserves to be this month's 4th grade student of the month for many reasons. She always tries her best on all of her assignments and tests. She needs very little guidance or help while completing her work. She uses her time wisely. — Ms. Rickley

## Autumn Kuzmik — 5th Grade

Autumn shows wisdom by ver-

balizing problems until she has dissected them at every angle. She can talk herself into something then talk herself out of it in under a minute, using logic! She thoroughly enjoys learning and is ready to puzzle out any problem, no matter what the subject.

## Billy Parish — 6th Grade

Billy is the embodiment of wisdom in the 6th Grade class. He is not only smart, but also self aware. He can verbalize his own strengths and weaknesses. He gets to the heart of an issue, no matter what the subject, and is ready to guide his classmates along the way.



## Middle school/high school Students of the Month

### Carly Belleau— 10th grade

Carly definitely has shown wisdom in her ability to stay focused on being successful in her classes. Carly has exhibited a positive attitude with everyday lessons and obstacles. In the classroom, students ask for her input and help on assignments because they know she put a great deal of thought and

effort in completing her work.

### Savannah Jahnke— 8th grade

I believe that Savannah is a perfect example of what it means to display wisdom throughout her everyday actions. She is the type of student that takes pride in her work, and pride in herself. Savannah helps her classmates

with lessons and activities, and is always willing to go above and beyond for herself and others.

### Kelub Ferris— 8th grade

Kelub is an amazing student to have in class! He is always upbeat and positive, and walks into class every day with a smile on his face. The other students look to Kelub for guidance and support throughout lessons and activities, and Kelub does his best to share his wisdom with them. He takes pride in his work, in himself, and has a great attitude and outlook on life.

### Matt Berger— 8th grade

Matt Berger was chosen as science student of the month. His persistent and patient leadership in the class has positively influenced his classmates and had a significant effect on his peers, encouraging them to try harder to succeed as Matt is actively demonstrating.



**OCS announces leadership team** — The leadership team is an honor earned for good grades, positive behavior and school/community service.

Some of the things this team will be doing this year include : reading to the children at the Bay Mills Child Development Center, serving breakfast to the elders at the Armella Parker Building and raking leaves and shoveling snow for the elders of the community.

In school, they run the positive behavior school store for the elementary students. They do daily announcements, greet and welcome new people to our school building and run our Friday morning school spirit assemblies. They lead our behavior expectation stations and run concessions for sports.

Pictured above (front row, left to right): Summer Bjork, Savannah Jahnke, Lillian Thomas, Madison Carrick, Kelub Ferris, Matt Berger, Colin Kieliszewski; (back row, left to right): Lily Parish, Brendon Carrick, Nathan Tadgeon, Kara Pennington, Richard Willis.

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Aanii from the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills! Here is an update on what our Clubs have been up to lately: At the Bay Mills Club, programs and activities are in full swing this fall! During September, we got into the groove of fall-time activities with arts & crafts, sports and enjoying the mild weather outside. Our average daily attendance doubled from Oct. 12th to Oct. 30th! If you would like additional information about our Bay Mills Club, please call Unit Director, Candice Leapley at 248-8577 or email cmlneapolis@baymills.org.

The Brimley Club has had an exciting first few months of the 2015/16 school year! We have welcomed many new members to our club family. We are thrilled to soon be introducing a few new programs that will diversify the activities we offer throughout the club year. One of those new programs will involve the club partnering with Trisha Gilray of Shula's Bakery to offer a cooking/baking program (details coming soon!). Brimley Club will also host the "Bob & Tom challenge," a club favorite. Teams will be led by Program Aide Bob Cameron and Unit Director Tom Ranta to compete in a series of different challenges over the course of two months. If you would like more information on any of our programs, or simply have questions about the club, you can reach Tom at 248-3217 ext. 625 or at tjranta@baymills.org.

**Announcements:**  
**Staff Changes**  
 We would like to congratulate staff members Jenna Somes and Brad Cameron on their new endeavors as Program Coordinators at the Club. Jenna will be heading up our Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention activities, which will include running the SMART MOVES and METH SMART programs. Brad Cameron will be assisting Tom Ranta with the LifeSkills initiative and coalition coordination. In early November, the Club also welcomed Program Aide Josh Floyd. Josh is a past volunteer at the Club in our Teen programming and we welcome him to the team!

**Club Programs:**  
**Aandaajimo** will be starting some great teen activities soon...more details are on the way. Contact Raelene Menominee at 248-8576 or rmenominee@baymills.org for more information.

**Mentoring:** Do you have an hour a week to spare? Would you enjoy doing arts and crafts, shooting hoops, or playing a board game? It is easy and fun to be a mentor! For more information about our Mentoring Program, visit our informational booth at our Giving Thanks dinner, or contact Jamie Perron at japerron@baymills.org, or call 248-8570.

**TRAIL:** Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life, diabetes prevention education, will begin in January. Watch for more information, or call Brenda Clor at 248-8573, or bclor@baymills.org.

**Lifeskills:** This comprehensive and exciting program provides adolescents and young teens with the confidence and skills necessary to successfully handle challenging situations. If you have any questions about this program, contact Thomas Ranta at 248-3217 ext. 625, or tjranta@baymills.org. These are just a few of the programs we have to offer...Stop by and see what GREAT things we are up to!

**Club Schedule:**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Nov. 20th 6 p.m. at the Brimley School Cafeteria...Giving Thanks Dinner | Additional scheduling changes may be added. |
| November 25th through November 27th...Both Clubs CLOSED                 |   |
| Dec. 9th...Brimley Club CLOSED  |   |
| Dec. 18th...Brimley Club CLOSED, Bay Mills Club open 12 to 5pm          |   |

These are planned closures up to this point.

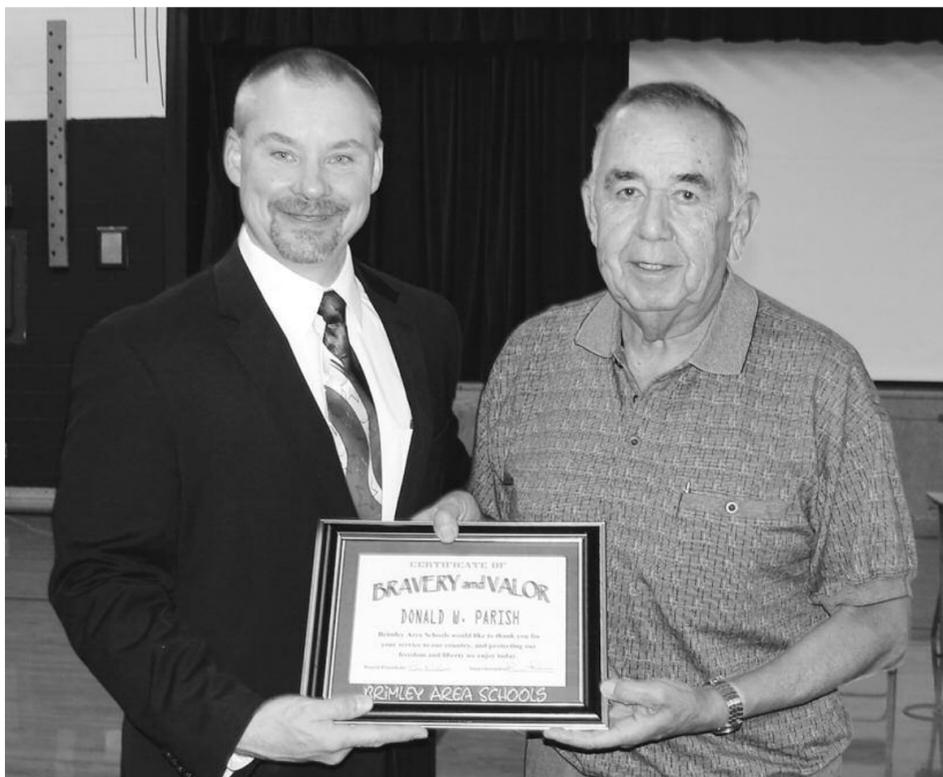
**Please Note:** Both Club sites are closed when the schools are closed for inclement weather. Short notice closings may occur due to staffing and other situations beyond our control. Places to check for closings are our Facebook page, our parent email list, and front desk notes. Please feel free to call Sandra, Candice, or Tom if you have any questions.



## Local schools honor veterans

Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School held an assembly on Nov. 11 to honor local veterans. Veterans were given gift bags as students read poems and spoke about how important veterans are to their families and communities. Following the event, a luncheon and pow wow was held in honor of veterans.

Brimley Area Schools also held an assembly that morning where they honored Bay Mills tribal member Walt Parish with a certificate of bravery and valor for his service. Parish is shown below with Superintendent Brian Reattoir.



**AWARDED** — Every Veterans' Day, the Brimley VFW Auxiliary chooses the top three winners of the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy competitions at Brimley Area Schools. Local winners can go on to compete at the state and national level.



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# Superior Book Festival a success

SAULT STE. MARIE — More than 460 children, parents, and community members turned out on Nov. 7 for Lake Superior State University's fourth-annual Superior Children's Book Festival, setting a new attendance record. Fortunately, no lives were lost during the presentation of a dangerously funny picture book, special guest John Perry's *The Book That Eats People*. Other ginormously awesome participatory events included Shakespeare for Kids with Swords, and the Children's Quest Challenge. A visit from LSSU mascot Seamore the Sea Duck kicked off festivities, which wrapped up with the announcement of the Superior Writing Prize, a contest hosted by festival organizers. Details will be forthcoming in an upcoming release. This year's Superior Children's Book Festival was underwritten in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the



National Endowment for the Humanities; funds from the Lake Superior State University Cultural Affairs Committee; and support from Bayliss Library, an affiliate of Superior District Library. Special kudos go to Bayliss librarians, faculty and students from LSSU's English and teacher education departments, plus exhibitors and volunteers from throughout the Lake State and Eastern Upper Peninsula communities. Follow "Superior Children's Book Festival" on Facebook as plans come together for next year's event.

# School board discusses audit

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Brimley School Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 15. At the meeting, the board discussed the financial audit they recently received via a Skype meeting with the auditors. Superintendent Brian Reattoir made the technology arrangements so that the auditors would not have to make the trip up to the district from Grand Rapids at the district's expense. Brimley received an unqualified opinion in the audit, according to Adriane Schrauben of the firm Hungerford Nichols. Unqualified is the highest opinion an auditor can give. Using Skype was a first for both the auditors and the district, but both seemed to indicate this could be the future method used to discuss the annual audit. The financial audit was not the only good news on the financial front for the district. The board also made budget amendments for the 2015-2016 fiscal year based on increased revenues and decreased expenses. The original budget called for the general fund revenues to be \$5.76 million, but after further calculations and a higher than expected property tax base, that number will be more like \$5.79 million. Expenses came in under the prior projections as well, resulting in less monies being needed from the general fund. Reattoir indicated there is a strong possibility no money will be needed from the general fund if the pattern of savings continues. "Finances look very, very good for the district," he concluded, noting the student count was also up eight students from the original budget. In personnel matters, the board approved the hiring of Billi Jo McGuire as coach of the middle school girls basketball team and accepted the resignation of Karen Reattoir from the position of classroom aide. In board reports, updates were given, including one on the success of school conferences recently. According to administrators, parents were lined up down the hallway to get updates on their student's progress. The next meeting of the Brimley School Board will take place on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.



**BMCC-LSSU SIGN AGREEMENT** — Bay Mills Community College recently signed an articulation agreement with Lake Superior State University that will enhance educational opportunities for students. The agreement will allow BMCC students to transfer to LSSU's computer networking program working towards a bachelor's degree after completing the computer information systems associate's degree at BMCC. According to Dept. Chair Duane Bedell, it took about a year to iron out the details and get the agreement in place. Pictured signing the agreement, front row, are LSSU President Thomas Pleger and BMCC President Michael Parish. Back row (L-R): Dr. Nancy Kirkpatrick, LSSU dean for the School of Biological Sciences; Bedell; Kimberly Muller, LSSU assistant professor; and Morrie Walworth, LSSU's provost. SHANNON JONES/ BAY MILLS NEWS

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# BMCC hosting Native American Heritage Month events

BAY MILLS — The public is invited and encouraged to attend the following events, being held on the campus of Bay Mills Community College in honor of Native American Heritage Month. All events are free of charge.

- Monday, Nov. 23: 10 a.m., film, "Smoke Signals, Part One," Room 110
- Tuesday, Nov. 24: 10 a.m., film, "Smoke Signals, Part Two," Room 110
- Monday, Nov. 30: 2:30 p.m., film, "Our Fires Still Burn," Learning Center
- Monday, Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m., film, "Tecumseh's Vision," Learning Center



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# State eyes putting more drones in the sky

By AMELIA HAVANEC  
Capital News Service

LANSING – Drones on retail shelves for the upcoming holiday season or bombing unsuspecting civilians in war zones get lots of media attention, but Michigan's Aeryon SkyRanger flies below the public attention radar.

It's a remotely operated aircraft system, belonging to the State Police, that the Federal Aviation Administration approved for use anywhere in Michigan.

But does Michigan need it? Would a future sky full of drones help Michigan residents feel safe?

Deploying the Aeryon SkyRanger comes with many advantages, according to the State Police.

"I definitely think we need it because data's more efficient in the job that we're doing," said 1st Lt. Chris Bush, commander of field support and aviation for the State Police. "It gives us a different tool in our tool bag that we can use."

One is its maneuverability in difficult situations to photograph the whole scene of incidents, from vehicle crash sites to other emergencies. The drone can significantly reduce the time responders need to survey an area, according to Bush.

Traditional methods put officers on roadways for several hours next to speeding vehicles, but a drone can take the photographs necessary to collect data in 15 to 20 minutes, he said.

"At any serious crash or fatal accident, we're trying to figure out a cause, and based on some of the photographs we can figure out speeds," Bush said. "It gives a totally different view of the scene, with skid marks and the placement of other vehicles. So it helps us out in prosecution and civil cases."

Earlier this year, the Aeryon SkyRanger was used to fly above a burning house in Ottawa County,

collecting both video and photographs.

"We equipped the drone with a smart camera to show where there were hot spots in the fire," Bush said. The fire department can then focus on those areas to make sure a fire doesn't reignite.

The drone was purchased in 2013 for \$160,000 with a federal Homeland Security Department grant. It flies up to 31 miles an hour, travels for 50 minutes on a single battery charge and can withstand winds upwards of 40 miles per hour, according to the State Police.

The Department of Transportation conducted an 18-month study that ended in April on the viability of using drones for highway research. The department found that drones, equipped with infrared sensing technology, can detect weak spots lurking underneath the concrete or asphalt surface of a road or bridge.

By hovering infrared sensing drones just 20 feet above the road, the department can prevent problems, like potholes, from occurring, said Steve Cook, engineer of operations and maintenance for MDOT.

"There are two really good reasons why MDOT would want to go down the path of using drones, and number one is safety. People aren't in harm's way of being in traffic," Cook said.

"Number two is mobility," he added. "It certainly helps us avoid putting any work zones out there under certain conditions and having traffic pushed down into one lane."

MDOT will start the second phase of its research in March 2016, Cook says. That two-year project will focus on data collected from drones and infrared sensing and compare it to traditional data collection methods.

MDOT owns one drone, the Bergen Hexacopter, manufactured

in Cass County. The drone retails for \$5,000.

Another state department, meanwhile, identifies privately owned drones as potential headaches for public safety.

"We've seen reports across the country where individuals have tried to fly drones over a prison into a yard area where prisoners congregate," said Chris Gautz, public information officer for the Department of Corrections.

"In addition to introducing contraband, another issue is that people are using them for surveillance – looking at how the prison operates and trying to find a weak point," Gautz said.

Instances of drones delivering illegal items to prison inmates have been reported in Oklahoma, Maryland and Ohio.

"We're not aware of anything going on in Michigan yet, but it doesn't mean that we're waiting for it to happen before we get involved," Gautz said of Michigan's 32 prison facilities.

The department is considering using anti-drone technology and weaving it into its training regimen, which recently added drone sighting awareness.

So far, the department's plan of action is to detect an unauthorized drone before it reaches a prison's walls and track it back to its user. Or the state can disable the drone, sometimes by shooting it down. But if a drone is shot down above prison property, inmates can pick

up debris and use it as weapons, according to Gautz.

When asked whether drones could be used to assist in any correctional operations, Gautz said ones with thermal imaging cameras would be helpful if an escapee ran into a wooded area.

"That purpose is something we can utilize down the road," he said.

"It's a hot topic if you go to conventions or conferences, nationally or statewide," Gautz said. "When people get together in the corrections industry, no matter where they are, drones are probably one of the top things that comes up right now."

"It's the topic of choice."

The House Criminal Justice Committee is considering legislation that would establish "no fly" zones for drones. The proposal would make it illegal for drones to operate within 1,500 feet of any state prison or county jail, except for those used by law enforcement agencies. A Senate bill would ban drones from operating in the airspace above the Capitol.

The legislation is under discussion in committees.

So far, 26 states have regulations for drone activity. Michigan and Illinois are the only ones in the Great Lakes region, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Michigan has two laws that deal with drones. They make it illegal for drones to interfere with hunters or for a drone to take game.

## IBA holds meeting to discuss future

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority board members held their first meeting on Oct. 22 at the new International Bridge administration building in the toll plaza.

The bi-national body, which supervises operations of the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, reviewed the results of the annual bridge inspection and the fracture critical inspection. A team of bridge engineering experts from lower Michigan and Ontario conducted the two-week inspection in August.

"Ongoing maintenance is keeping the bridge in good condition," said Ed Oliver, engineer with the firm H&H of Okemos. "The overall condition of the bridge is good and we have no serious issues."

The fracture critical inspection was conducted on the Michigan half of the bridge. These inspections are conducted on one-half of the bridge each year to provide a closer look at bridge components that are critical to the structural integrity of the bridge.

"We repair any structural condition deficiencies, no matter how minor, found during the inspection," said Karl Hansen, the IBA bridge engineer overseeing the inspection. "The IBA has a long legacy of excellent bridge maintenance practices and a dedicated maintenance staff who protect the public investment in the bridge."

The IBA reports that, in the last 20 years, \$17.5 million in bridge revenue has been spent on major contracted projects, such as repainting structural steel and resurfacing the concrete bridge deck. Looking ahead, the IBA's long range capital plan calls for spending more than \$28.9 million in bridge revenue on contracted bridge repainting in the next 10 years and an additional \$28.3 million in concrete deck repair projects in the next 15 years.

In other business, Michigan board member Nicholas White was elected as the 2016 chair of the SSMBA board of directors. White was appointed to the board in March 2011 by Gov. Rick Snyder. Current board chair Helen Gillespie of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, was elected as vice chair for 2016. Other U.S. representatives are Scott Shackleton and Linda Hoath of Sault Ste. Marie and Thomas Buckingham Sr. from Newberry.

The operation and maintenance of the International Bridge is totally self-funded, primarily through bridge tolls. The bridge is not subsidized by any state, provincial or federal government entity.

## Hunters reminded of ORV regulations

With firearm deer hunting season under way, conservation officers at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources remind hunters heading afield using an off-road vehicle to follow ORV land-use regulations.

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

— It is illegal to operate an ORV on public lands in the lower peninsula unless they are operating on the DNR-designated ORV trail system. Michigan's ORV trail system has three basic types of trails, including:

\* Motorcycle-only trails, maintained at a 28-inch width;  
\* 50-inch-wide trails open to ORVs that are 50-inches wide or less;  
\* ORV routes maintained at a width of 72 inches.

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

— ORVs are generally prohibited on state game areas or state parks and recreation areas.

— In all national forests, motor vehicles can be used only on roads, trails or areas that are designated as open on motor vehicle use maps. For more information, contact the local national forest headquarters.

— It is illegal to operate an ORV from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on any area open to public hunting during the Nov. 15 to 30 firearm deer season. Roads, streets and highways maintained for year-round automobile travel (including the shoulder and the right-of-way) are closed to ORV operation unless designated open to ORV use by local ordinance. ORV operators should check with that county's sheriff, road commission or clerk for local ordinances.

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

— An ORV may not be operated in a manner that creates an erosive condition. Michigan's soils and shorelines are fragile, and ORV operation in these areas and along stream banks and other waterways is prohibited.

— It is unlawful to operate any ORV in or on the waters of any stream, river, marsh, bog, wetland or quagmire.

## Governor incorporates tribal presence into the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board

LANSING – On Nov. 5, Gov. Snyder announced the addition of Homer A. Mandoka, chairperson of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, to the Michigan Pipeline Safety Advisory Board.

Executive Order 2015-14, rescinds and reissues Executive Order 2015-12 which originally created the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board in September. The update accounts for the addition of a board member representing an elected official of a tribal government located in Michigan that is eligible to receive services from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"Michigan's tribal governments play a vital role in the preservation of our state's world-class resources," Snyder said. "I am confident Chairman Mandoka's passion and work ethic will be an asset to the board and I thank him for his willingness to help ensure our lakes, streams and rivers are protected for years to come."

Mandoka, of Bronson, is chairman of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and president of the United Tribes of Michigan. He was recognized as the 2013 "Tribal Leader of the Year" by the Native American Finance Officers Association and

served with the Bronson Police Department. Mandoka is FEMA certified in emergency management and is passionate about safe petroleum transportation. The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi's ancestral homelands include the Kalamazoo River basin where the tribe was an integral part of the Kalamazoo River cleanup following the 2010 Enbridge oil spill. Mandoka earned an associate degree in law enforcement from Kellogg Community College.

The board's previously appointed members include industry, environmental and conservation representatives, cabinet members and members of the public. They will continue serving until their terms expire on Dec. 31, 2018. Their appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

The now 16-member Pipeline Safety Advisory Board works to protect Michigan's environment including our lakes, rivers and other resources and is charged with advising state agencies on matters related to pipeline routing, construction, operation and maintenance. Its creation was one of 13 recommendations included in the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force's July report.

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# United Way hosts annual Chili Cook-off



The United Way of Chippewa County held their annual chili cook-off on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Lake Superior State University. More than 20 local organizations and businesses took part this year, vying to be the community's favorite.

Above left, Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission's booth pauses from serving for a photo. They were sponsored by McMaster Realty. Above, Kathy Good and her daughter Kaelah take part in some chili taste-testing.

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- Coming out on top this year were:
- U.S. Border Patrol- 1st Place Chili
  - Habitat ReStore- 2nd Place, Chili
  - Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac County Meals on Wheels, 3rd Place, Chili
  - Best Decorated Booth Mardi Gras theme- Diane Pepler Resource Center (pictured at left)
  - Best Themed Gumbo- Girl Scouts
  - People's Choice- Girl Scouts



## Casperson announces run for U.S. House of Representatives

ESCANABA — Surrounded by the kind of big rigs and logging equipment that have defined his working life, State Sen. Tom Casperson announced his decision to run for the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 9.

After his announcement, Casperson planned to make trips within the district to meet with voters and discuss his intention to bring a dose of common sense to Congress.

"Way too often it seems that Washington, D.C. is where common sense goes to die," said Casperson.

"Unaccountable bureaucrats, unresponsive government agencies, regulations, restrictions and taxes. Here in the 1st District, we've seen all that and more, and more often than most other places. "I'm running for Congress because it's time we make Washington listen to us. I'm running to bring our values, our common sense and our voice to our nation's Capital."

Prior to his election to the state legislature, Casperson worked for 27 years in his family's log trucking business, including 12 years as its owner and operator. That business, Casperson & Son Trucking, was started by his grandfather.

During his time in the legisla-

ture, Casperson has been a champion for northern Michigan values, conservation, and the local economy.

"The lessons I took to Lansing when I was first elected are the lessons I learned growing up and running a business here in northern Michigan," Casperson said.

"These are the same lessons – freedom, hard work, fairness, common sense, personal responsibility and accountability – I will bring to Washington."

Casperson was first elected to the Michigan Senate in 2010, demonstrating his ability to win a tough race and making him the first Republican to ever represent the 38th Senate District. Before being elected to the State Senate, he served for six years in the Michigan House of Representatives.

He is running to replace Congressman Dan Benishek, who announced his plans to retire in September.

Casperson and his wife, Diane, whom he married in 1982, live in Escanaba with two of their four children: Hillary and Dane. Their son, Tom, and his wife, Renee, live in Delta County, and their daughter, Ashley, lives in Hawaii with her husband, Chan, who serves in the U.S. Navy, and their daughter, Oaklyn.

While in the Michigan House of Representatives, Casperson served as an Assistant Majority Whip and as Chair of the House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation Committee and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

In the Senate, Casperson has the distinction of being one of only two state senators to chair two Senate policy committees. He serves as chair of the Transportation Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Senate's Finance Committee and Children & Family Services Committee.

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# Residents to feel the pinch with new road package

OKEMOS – The governor signed a seven-bill package in a public ceremony on Nov. 10 in an effort to fund repairs for Michigan's aging road system.

"This package provides the single largest investment in transportation funding over the last half century. It will go a long way to improve Michigan's roads and ensure a safe and efficient system of transportation essential to a stronger future," Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder added that the phased-in plan and approach can help ensure the state maintains its now trademark fiscal responsibility and smart budgeting that continues to invest in core priorities and needs like education, local communities, health and wellness, and public safety.

The comprehensive plan raises 20 percent more revenue than the last roads plan in 1997 and adds the important component of adjusting for inflation to ensure sustainability and maintain buying power. The majority – 61 percent of dollars will go to local road agencies in communities across the state – while 39 percent will be dedicated to state

highways. Local agencies will be permitted to use up to 10 percent of funding for mass transit, with the exception of Detroit, which may use up to 20 percent.

General Fund dollars allocated for roads will be a 5-year phase-in period to allow fiscally responsible adjustments over time, beginning with \$150 million in Fiscal Year 2019, \$325 million in FY 20 and \$600M in FY 21. When all the components of the phased-in funding plan are added together, it results in the significant, much-needed investment of the \$1.2 billion required to fix Michigan's roads and bridges.

The funding bills signed were: House Bill 4736 updates vehicle and motorcycle registration fees beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Registration and truck weight fees will increase by 20 percent, with a plug-in hybrid vehicle surcharge of \$30 annually and an electric vehicle surcharge of \$100 annually. HB 4737, restricts State Trunkline Fund administrative expenses at the Michigan Department of Transportation to 8 percent of

expenditures, down from 10 percent, and requires warranties on all local road projects over \$2 million dollars. The bill also creates a task force to study materials and methods for longer-lasting roads.

HB 4738 updates taxes on fuel by 7.3 cents to 26.3 cents per gallon for all motor fuels, including diesel and natural gas, starting Jan. 1, 2017. Beginning Jan. 1, 2022, the tax rate will be indexed to inflation, helping to ensure that today's solution remains a solution in the years to come.

HB 4614 applies the truck fuel tax to natural gas and gasoline used by interstate trucks, starting Jan. 1, 2017. It is now PA 178.

HB 4616 ties the tax rate on diesel fuel to the same level as the tax on gasoline, making the per-gallon rate equal for all fuels.

Two other bills in the package implement targeted tax relief to offset the burden to Michiganders:

HB 4370, increases the home-stead property tax credit from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and expands the range of eligibility for the credit to households earning \$61,000 per year or less, up from \$51,000 or

less. It also extends part of that credit to renters, at the rate of 23 percent of rent paid, up from 20 percent. Each of these changes begin with the 2018 tax year. The bill is now PA 177.

Senate Bill 414 would roll back the individual income tax rate in any year that state General Fund revenue exceeds 1.425 times the rate of inflation, beginning in 2023.

The governor also signed HB 4610, sponsored by state Rep. Aaron Miller, which allows townships to require county road commissions to competitively bid for contracts if the township contributed 50 percent or more to the cost of the road project, and HB 4611, which requires competitive bidding for local road projects that cost more than \$100,000.

## Honor roll students announced at Brimley Elementary School

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School has announced the 1st Quarter Honor Roll students:

5th Grade

Julianna Carrick — all A's, Zachary Daniels, Jordan Fegan-July, Aiyana Giddis, Grace Hill, Lindsey Hill, Kaylee Komejan, Kelsie Lyons, Keldon Perron, Savannah Albrough, Ella Bowen — all A's, Kenneth Clow, Kayleigh Hopper — all A's, Sydney Hopper, Elizabeth Johnson-Anagyros, Braedon Kemp — all A's, Cameron King, Betty Kovas — all A's, Logan Peake, Chloe Teeple, Frankee VerWeibe.

6th Grade

Halaina Carrick, Morgan Fox, Hunter Heck, Colin Hopper, Kendall Jahnke, Angel Jamros, Caleb Lipponen, Sadie McGuire, Dominic Morrison, Grady Newland, Luke Slater, Alana VanderMeer, My'Asia Barnes-Parish, Stephanie Bishop, Jacksen Bowen, Brooke Carrick, Owen Ennes, Alec Hill, Carlie Keyser, Kayla Kincheloe, Alexis Leapley, Siersha Miller, Riley Parish, John Stenglein



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## Walking On

### Pete Kabelman, Jr.

Kenneth L. "Pete" Kabelman Jr., 61, of Strongs, Mich. died Oct. 16, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his loving family following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born March 26, 1954 in Newberry, Mich., son of the late Kenneth Sr. and Marion (Clark) Kabelman, Pete was a dedicated siding line operator at the Louisiana-Pacific Corp. in Newberry for 27 years and previously was a woodsman locally in the Upper Peninsula.

Pete loved spending time with his grandchildren, driving his "buggy" and tractor, hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and coordinating the annual Strongs/Eckerman Community Day.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Sheryl Morningstar of Strongs, whom he married February 28, 1976 in Strongs; children, Andy (Jacey Cook) of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Amie (John) Duvall of Strongs, Nick (Brittney) of Strongs and Rob (Linda) of Strongs; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Barbara Kabelman of Eckerman, Mich., Laura (Ed) Goretz of Strongs, William (Lela) Kabelman of Eckerman, Don (Terry) Kabelman of Cedar, Mich., Beth (Steve) Nichols of Dafter, Mich. and Carol Earls of Eckerman; father and mother-in-law Allan (Louise) Morningstar of Brimley; aunts, Franny Clark of Paradise, Mich., Katherine "Kitty" Clark of Curtis, Mich. and Maureen "Rene" Carlson of Greenville, Mich; and, several brother and sister-in-law's, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Pete is preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Donnie Earls and James Kyle; several aunts and uncles.

Services took place at Strongs Community Bible Church with Darrell Hopper presiding. Interment will take place at the Coburn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the E.U.P. in his memory. Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with arrangements.

### Jo VanSloten

Johanna "Jo" VanSloten, 91, of Rudyard, Mich. died Oct. 14, 2015, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Jo was born on Jan. 14, 1924 in Rudyard to the late John and Emma (Ploegstra) Postma. She was a graduate of Rudyard High School. On Nov. 22, 1945, she married Floyd VanSloten at the Rudyard Christian Reformed Church. Jo enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting, canning, baking and cooking for her family. Jo was very active in the community. She was a member of the Rudyard Christian Reformed Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and was active in the woman's guild and the quilting group. She was also a secretary for the Christian School and was active with the Gideons.

Jo is survived by her husband, Floyd, and their three children, Steven VanSloten of St. Ignace, Mich., Barbara (Shane) McDonald of Rudyard and Phillip (Cynthia) VanSloten of Brimley, Mich.; five grandchildren, Joshua, Jeremy, Jennifer, Crystal, and Allesia; and two great grandchildren, Danielle and Troy. Jo is also survived by her six siblings, Howard (Adele) Postma, Floyd (Ruth) Postma, Sherman (Angie) Postma and Willard (Coralyn) Postma all of Grand Rapids, Mich, and Stella (Ferdinand) Postma and Philip (Sara) Postma both of Rudyard.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents and three siblings, Ethel Wagner, John Postma and Paul Postma.

Funeral services took place at Rudyard Christian Reformed Church with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Burial was held at North Rudyard Cemetery following the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

### Leola Calder

Leola Marie Calder, of Bay Mills, Mich., died at McLaren Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. on Oct. 13, 2015. Leola was born May 1, 1946 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to Harold Cameron Sr. and Charlotte "Marie" Cameron.

Leola was a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community and was employed at the Bay Mills Accounting Department for 37 years. She served on the Bay Mills Election Committee and was a past member of the Bay Mills Child Welfare Committee.

There was no greater love than the love Leola had for her family. It was her passion to see that all the people around her were happy, and she was always there to wipe your troubles away. She loved adventure, whether it was traveling to visit cities by the name of Leola, or a surprise trip to Niagara Falls. She had the ability to make even a local shopping trip an adventure. She loved card night with the girls and a day of shopping for nothing. Most important in her life and her greatest joy were her children and grandchildren, whom she leaves behind to cherish the memories.

Leola is survived by her husband, Michael Calder; three sons, Melvin Willis Jr. (Amber Shaw), Michael Willis (Adora Lee Nawagesic), Mitchell Willis (Brenda Clor); a daughter, Marie Willis (Josh LeBlanc); her grandchildren, Melvin Willis III, Memegwaans Willis, Miishen Willis, Beness Willis, Amelia Willis, Marie Lorraine Willis, Johnathan Clor, Josephine Clor, Tanner Parish, and Joshua LeBlanc Jr.; her mother, Marie Cameron; five brothers, Harold Cameron, Jr., Darryl Cameron Sr., Hawk Cameron, Joel Cameron and Norman Cameron; three sisters, Penny Leapley, Carrie Cameron and Carol Carrick; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; brother, Aaron "Bill" Cameron; two nephews, Billy Cameron Jr. and Dennis Cameron; and niece, Jackie Leapley.

Services took place at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church with Father Joseph Boakye Yiadom officiating. Burial took place at Mission Hill Cemetery. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

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# New tax, regulations proposed for medical marijuana

By **BROOKE KANSIER**  
Capital News Service

LANSING – Medical marijuana patients might have a bit harder time paying for their pot, if tax legislation that recently passed the House becomes law.

Current medical marijuana regulations don't include any tax on the drug, but that could change under a three-bill package that passed the House in a landslide vote.

One sponsor, Rep. Mike Callton, R-Nashville, also a chiropractor, said the legislation is an important move for Michigan as the possibility of legalization looms.

"We need to address this before it addresses us," Callton said. "What happens in some places that legalize is you have no laws, no regulatory structure. It was really hard for them to get Pandora back in the box. "It's really not if, but when."

The proposal would make medical marijuana the only taxed "prescription" medication in Michigan, said Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor.

"I just don't think that medicine should be taxed," he said.

Technically, patients don't get prescriptions, but they need a doctor's recommendation to qualify for Michigan's program, Callton said.

"I know you hear this beef – other prescription drugs aren't taxed," he said. "But it's not really a prescription drug."

Co-sponsors of his bill include Reps. John Kivela, D-Marquette; Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle; Scott Dianda, D-Calumet; Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo; Phil Potvin, R-Cadillac; and Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

Callton said the tax would go toward the cost of enforcing the new regulations, including health department and police inspections.

Marijuana is most often recommended as a palliative, or pain reliever, for ailments like glaucoma, nerve pain, Crohn's disease and cancer. It's undergoing testing trials for multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's and autoimmune diseases like HIV/AIDS, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Along with a 3 percent tax, the legislation would implement a tracking system to regulate growers and sellers, introducing licensing and guidelines for dispensaries and close a loophole in the original law that banned non-smokable forms like extracts and edibles.

"The law does not address dispensaries or drug quality or composition," said Michael

Loepp, communications representative for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, speaking of current state law.

Irwin said the tax and other proposed changes could make the drug more expensive – and it's not cheap now.

"Look at a patient that needs to take a one-gram hash oil pill per day. That gram in a dispensary today may cost anywhere between \$40-\$80 – let's be conservative and say it costs \$50," Irwin said. "So \$50 a day, \$1,500 a month and over the course of a year, it's \$18,000."

Michigan doesn't tax items deemed "necessities," like food. Prescription medications fall under that category.

Irwin said the problem is exacerbated because Michigan's patients receive no outside help with cost. Insurance doesn't cover medical marijuana.

"Through insurance, we'll pay for their opioids, their Vicodins – whatever hardcore pharmaceutical they want," Irwin said. "But when it comes to medical marijuana, they have to pay out of pocket. When you add a tax to that, it gets pretty outrageous."

Michigan has 182,841 active registered patients, and 33,944 active caregivers – who help

patients with medical use – according to Loepp.

Callton agreed that marijuana is a better alternative to the more mainstream treatment for pain: strong, addictive opioids.

"I would rather see people taking that for pain than some kind of opioid analgesic – they're very addictive, and you can end up with heroin addicts. I don't think marijuana is a gateway to heroin – it's these opioid analgesics, because they're using the same receptors."

Callton added that eventually, he'd like insurance to cover medical marijuana.

The plan's 3 percent tax is down from a proposed 8 percent after negotiations in the House. A provision to end the medical tax if the drug is legalized for recreational use was also added.

Callton said, "If we legalize, that will produce so much money. You're going to be dealing with sin taxes – 30 to 40 percent like in Colorado possibly – and that will more than offset costs for the entire program, even the medical program."

Irwin said the legislation could have unintended consequences.

"The big lesson that we've learned from Colorado and Washington is if you have too high a tax and you layer on too much bureaucracy, you push people into that black market, rather than drawing them into that legal market," he said. "It's going to fuel black market sales and drive down the price of black market marijuana, which creates a further problem for the legal market."

Matthew Abel, executive director of Michigan's branch of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, agrees. The organization advocates legalization.

"As you make it too expensive, it's a disincentive to comply with the legitimate system," he said, adding that the Legislature isn't "doing anything to end the underground market."

The bills passed the House by wide margins with at least 95 votes, and are awaiting action in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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## Bay Mills Farmer's Market a success

SAULT STE. MARIE — Bay Mills Indian Community and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians opened two new farmers' markets this summer in their communities. This marks a significant advancement towards improving the physical and economic health of Native Americans in these communities. The two markets have taken off since their launch date and each week there was a rise in local residents purchasing their fruits, vegetables and plants from the market.

Native Americans suffer from higher rates of chronic disease, such as heart disease and diabetes. Current research indicates that 65 percent of Native Americans in the state are overweight and obese. Farmers' markets are one way for communities such as Brimley and Petoskey to increase healthy food options to their residents.

"About half of the respondents who took our farmers' market patron survey reported that they currently get their fresh product from our market," said Angela Johnston, BMIC Reach Coordinator. "And the majority of respondents felt that the price of the products was good or excellent."

These new tribal initiatives are part of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)- Journey to Wellness program. This is a multi-year effort led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, designed to improve the health and quality of life for Native Americans in the state. The overall goal of the program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, is to prevent long-term diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease by encouraging exercise, healthy eating, and lowering commercial tobacco use.

## Behavioral Health wants you to recognize when the "winter blues" become an issue

Submitted by  
Bay Mills Behavioral Health

Is winter getting you down? Some people have more serious mood changes when there is less natural sunlight during the fall and winter months. At times, people experience depressive disorder with a seasonal pattern. This is more common in northern latitudes because the winter day gets shorter the closer you travel toward the polar regions. Approximately 10 percent of the population in Alaska experiences this disorder, but only 1 percent in Florida. The symptoms of depressive disorder with a seasonal pattern include: depressed

mood, fatigue and lack of sleep, sleeping much more than usual, increased appetite (often including carbohydrate craving), weight gain and reduced work productivity.

The possible explanations for this disorder are related to the length of the day or that the brain may produce less serotonin in some people during short days. The treatment for this disorder includes light therapy, medication, psychotherapy, and other alternative forms of treatment. If you are feeling more mood changes in the winter or fall for several weeks, it would be beneficial to talk to a health care provider.

The Bay Mills Behavioral Health Program offers mental health, psychological and substance abuse counseling services with a registered play therapist on staff. The program also includes the Journey to Healing Program. Behavioral Health is open to tribal and non-tribal members. Crisis services are available during normal business hours and all services are confidential.

If you would like to schedule an appointment or have a crisis arise, contact Bay Mills Behavioral Health Program at 906-248-3204, located at 12124 W. Lakeshore Drive in Brimley,

## New federal map pinpoints major Michigan health risk

By AMELIA HAVANEC  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, killing more than 610,000 people every year — one in every four deaths — according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Cardiovascular disease is a common term. Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease is not, however, and Michigan residents are dying of this malady at a significantly higher rate than the national average.

Earlier this year, the CDC issued a map reporting the cause of death most distinct to each state.

Michigan residents are more at risk for ACD than Floridians, but Floridians are more at risk for HIV.

Among the Great Lakes states, it's kidney disorders in Illinois. For Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio, it's lower respiratory infections.

But what is ACD, and why do so many Michigan residents fall victim to it?

ACD is hardening of the arteries from plaque build up inside the arterial wall caused by fat and cholesterol.

Arteries carry oxygen-rich blood to the heart and other parts of the body. If arteries harden, blood flow throughout the body becomes restricted and can lead to heart attack, stroke or death.

"We have an obesity problem in Michigan and so I'm not surprised by the data," said Joel Kahn, a clinical professor of medicine at Wayne State University School of Medicine. "Our obesity rates are enough to explain our higher atherosclerotic heart disease rates."

While obesity itself doesn't

cause atherosclerosis, it is associated with high blood pressure and diabetes — and all are risk factors for cardiovascular disease.

So an obese individual is more likely to have arterial blockage and a higher heart attack risk, according to Kahn. However not all of those who fit into the obese category are doomed.

"It's really a lifestyle factor, environmental factor, cultural factor and work-related factor," Kahn said. "Heart disease is a tragedy that is unnecessary and preventable."

"We don't have worse genes in Michigan. We've just let our diets and fitness go to hell."

The CDC-developed map is based on data on 113 causes of death.

The death rates for all 113 were tallied nationally and by state, and numbers for each state were compared with rates nationwide.

There were 37,292 deaths from ACD mapped in Michigan from 2000 to 2010, the researchers reported.

To help prevent atherosclerotic heart disease, the CDC recommends eating a heart healthy diet with foods lower in sodium, ceasing smoking, having regular blood pressure readings and maintaining a healthy weight.

Deirdre Mattina, a senior staff cardiologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, urges people to determine their risk for heart

disease early on, not waiting for a heart attack or stroke before they take action.

"I think people should be concerned," Mattina said. "A lot of people feel that having to take a medication for prevention is a failure on their part in terms of lifestyle and things. But we have seen that even people with normal cholesterol levels have heart attack and stroke frequently."

"There's something about the milieu of buildup in the arteries, despite actual cholesterol levels itself that we can see these medications reduce," added Mattina. "Diet and exercise has always been a supplement to medical therapy, but the trend in our nation is that we are more sedentary and making poor food choices."

Mattina said it is unrealistic to say that the trend can be reversed quickly. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services agrees.

"In the next 15 years, heart disease cases in Michigan are expected to rise from 600,000 to 2.9 million if we are not able to continue state heart disease and stroke prevention programming," said Jennifer Eisner, a public information officer for the department.

More than \$10 billion was spent in 2010 on heart disease-related medical costs in Michigan, according to data from the department.

## New LSSU scholarship offered for those studying in health-care related fields

SAULT STE. MARIE — A new scholarship promises to help Eastern Upper Peninsula students enrolled in nursing and health-care related fields at Lake Superior State University. The Arfstrom-Fyvie Scholarship makes financial aid available to those who have successfully completed the Sault Area High School Health Sciences program.

Bob Arfstrom recently finalized the scholarship that honors his family and the family of his late wife, Bonnie Fyvie. Both families made careers in the health care fields and had a desire to cultivate this career path for future local students.

Arfstrom moved from Traverse City to Sault Ste. Marie in 1971 as a young pharmacist until his retirement as president/CEO of Arfstrom Pharmacies Inc. in December 2005. His successful career went hand in hand with a history of advocacy and philanthropy in support of the community and specifically LSSU.

His connection to then-LSSC began when President Ken Shouldice called upon Arfstrom, in his late 20s at the time, to serve on Lake State's Board of Control by appointment of the governor. Dr. Shouldice made a very astute request to involve Arfstrom with Lake State, a move that has brought great benefit to LSSU and its students for decades.

Arfstrom's loyalty as a Laker athletics fan began with his acceptance as the president of the Laker Club, followed by service on the first committee, Operation Ice, to raise funds to create the Norris Center Ice Arena; and then chairman of the Gem of the North Committee to expand Taffy Abel Ice Arena in 1995.

"Bob and I recently shared some laughs about his early times serving on the Board of Control and the formative years with the Laker Club," said Tom Coates, executive director of LSSU's Foundation. "It is so impressive that he accepted a leadership role at LSSU so early in his professional career, juggling the responsibilities of his businesses while being so actively supportive of the university. The proof of his influence is evident in how many alumni ask about 'Mr. Arfstrom' in our travels."

Arfstrom's work at Lake State went beyond athletics with his service on the LSSU Wellness Care Center from 1989-1998 and his having been the keynote speaker more than once for LSSU's Nursing Convocation. He became Dr. Arfstrom when he received an honorary doctorate from LSSU at commencement in 2005.

The Arfstrom affinity for community service includes a long list of involvement on a variety of community boards and advisory panels, including: Sault Ste. Marie Project Pride, the Downtown Development Association, Sault Tribe Economic Development Commission, Chippewa County Health Department's Home Health Committee, War Memorial Hospital Building Task Force, and WMH Physician Recruitment Committee. He has served on the governing boards of several area banks: Old Mission Bancorp Inc., First of America, Presque Isle Bank, and North Country Bank.

"I have enjoyed getting to know Bob and learning about his long-term history of supporting LSSU in so many ways," said Tom Pleger, LSSU president. "This generous support to endow a scholarship to encourage area students to consider a career in health care service will be a meaningful legacy for the Arfstrom and Fyvie families. We appreciate their generosity."

For more information about establishing a scholarship or supporting an existing fund, contact the LSSU Foundation at 906-635-2665, or foundation@lssu.edu. Those who wish to make a gift may also visit lssu.edu/give.



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# Fish may benefit from replacing culverts with bridges

By ERIC FREEDMAN  
Capital News Service

LANSING — Replacing culverts with bridges may benefit fish because of improved connectivity of streams in a watershed, a pilot project in the Huron-Manistee National Forests shows.

But doing so also creates risks of more pathways for invasive species to spread and of fine sediments that can smother fish spawning beds, a study by U.S. Forest Service and University of Notre Dame scientists cautioned.

“These trade-offs need to be weighed on an individual basis,” said Nathan Evans, a doctoral student at Notre Dame and lead author of the study. “Each stream is different. The pros may outweigh the cons in one stream. The cons might outweigh the pros at other streams.”

It’s the first such study to examine changes in the similarity and differences between upstream and downstream fish species before and after culvert removal, Evans said, adding that environmental assessments before removing a culvert can help identify potential risks and benefits.

Meanwhile, the Department of Natural Resources is working with environmental and volunteer groups to inventory culverts across the state, with most of the Northern Lower Peninsula already counted. The tally so far is roughly 10,000,

said Patrick Ertel, a Gaylord-based resource analyst in DNR’s Fisheries Division.

Bridges and steel or concrete culverts — essentially large pipes — are commonly used where roads cross waterways to let water flow uninterrupted downstream. Culverts are more likely than bridges to interfere with the passage of fish but are cheaper to build.

Ertel said, “On a watershed scale, having an inventory of all the culverts lets you scientifically prioritize your projects. That strengthens the argument for road commissions to get grants and target projects instead of ones that only look bad.”

By “bad,” he means culverts with “velocity barriers” — where water moves too swiftly for fish and other aquatic species to safely pass through — and “vertical barriers” that require a species to be a “strong jumper” to move upstream.

The new study in the journal *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society* stems from a 2011 project in which the Manistee County Road Commission used federal funds to replace three culverts with bridges over South Pine Creek, North Pine Creek and Hinton Creek, narrow, shallow streams located in the Huron-Manistee National Forests. For the next three years, scientists evaluated the project’s impact and found changes in the abundance and bio-

mass of fish in the streams.

Among the findings: Downstream and upstream fish communities became more similar after culvert removal, although the mix and number of species — called “richness” — varied from year to year and creek to creek.

Study co-author Gary Lamberti, a biological sciences professor at Notre Dame, said, “We believe some of these effects play out over a long period of time.”

For instance in North Pine Creek, the study identified 10 species downstream in 2011, seven in 2012 and 10 in 2014. Upstream, it counted four in 2011, three in 2012 and six in 2014.

Species makeup varied too. Bluegill were caught before but not after culvert removal in Hinton Creek, for example, while researchers found chestnut lamprey and pumpkinseed after but not before the Hinton Creek culvert replacement.

While replacement of culverts with bridges often benefits fish populations, the study warned that increased connectivity “can enable the dispersal of nonnative species.”

Although the only non-native species found in North Pine, South Pine and Hinton creeks were trout and salmon, which are “desirable sport species,” research at other stream networks found a potential “to enhance the spread of nonnative and nuisance species such as sea lamprey in the Great Lakes,”

the study said.

It also cautioned that removing culverts could release fine sediments that can smother downstream spawning beds, “leading to high egg and fry mortality and lower reproductive success.”

A number of culvert-related projects are underway around Michigan, including some in Grand Rapids, Gladwin County and the Keweenaw Peninsula. Other projects have been completed in Crawford and Presque Isle counties.

Chris Riley, a Manistee-based Forest Service fisheries biologist, said his agency is focusing on watersheds such as one along Bigelow Creek in Newaygo County rather than “doing a culvert here or there.”

A key question is how to set priorities, given the number of culverts and the cost of replacing them, he said.

“These things cost money,” Riley said.

For example, Manistee County Road Commission manager Mark Sohlden said his agency and the Forest Service are doing preliminary engineering and design work on replacement of a culvert with a timber bridge where Coates Highway crosses Arquilla Creek.

But not all the money — an estimated \$455,000 — has been nailed down, Sohlden said.

Notre Dame’s Lamberti said other ongoing research is examining another potential risk: contamination from big fish such as chinook and coho salmon that swim upstream from Lake Michigan to spawn.

Those fish may have mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls or other organic contaminants that may harm human health. When they die after spawning, their bodies can release those chemicals into the stream, Lamberti said.

Even so, he added, “Overall, an ecologist like myself would say connectivity is good.”

## Be an ethical hunter - buy a license before you go out and don't loan your kill tags

*Poaching deer has severe state penalties*

LANSING — Conservation officers with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources urge deer hunters to engage in an ethical hunt: Buy a license before going out and don't loan kill tags.

Every deer hunting season, DNR conservation officers encounter individuals engaged in unethical hunting practices and tackle many cases of individuals buying a hunting license after harvesting a deer or loaning kill tags to a friend or relative.

“Each year, we see cases of individuals waiting to buy licenses until after they have shot a deer,” said Dean Molnar, assistant chief of the DNR’s Law Enforcement Division. “We remind all hunters that you must buy your license before you go out to hunt and have it in your possession when afield. Buying a license is not only the ethical and responsible thing to do, it is the law. Harvesting a deer without a license is poaching.”

Deer poaching in Michigan carries a restitution payment of \$1,000

per deer, a \$200 to \$1,000 fine and jail time up to 90 days. In addition, a violator’s hunting privileges are suspended for three years.

Under the new law that took effect last year, antlered deer are assessed an additional \$1,000 in restitution plus the standard \$1,000 for illegally killing any deer. In addition, deer with eight points but not more than 10 are \$500 a point, while deer with 11 points or more are assessed a penalty of \$750 per point.

Additional years of hunting privileges will be revoked for violators, depending on the number of points on the illegally harvested deer. Michigan also participates in the Wildlife Violator Compact, which includes hunting revocation in participating states.

Another unethical practice encountered frequently each hunting season in Michigan is the loaning of kill tags to an unlicensed individual who has harvested a deer.

“Loaning kill tags is among the top violations we see while on

patrol, and is often done for friends or relatives who are from out of state to avoid paying the nonresident license fee,” said Molnar. “Kill tags must be validated and attached immediately to your harvested deer and visible for inspection. It is unlawful to loan out or borrow kill tags.”

For more information on deer hunting in Michigan, go to [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer).

To report a natural resource violation, please call the Report all Poaching hotline at 800-292-7800. Also, those interested can learn more at [www.michigan.gov/rap](http://www.michigan.gov/rap).

Michigan conservation officers are fully commissioned state peace officers who provide natural resources protection, ensure recreational safety and protect citizens by providing general law enforcement duties and lifesaving operations in the communities they serve. To learn more about the work of conservation officers, visit [www.michigan.gov/conservationofficer](http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficer).

## Holidays mean the need for blood donations increases

SAULT STE. MARIE — The American Red Cross encourages individuals and organizations to give something that means something this winter by making a lifesaving blood donation or hosting a blood drive.

Blood donations often decline from now to New Year’s Day when holiday festivities pull people away from their donation appointments. Seasonal illnesses, such as colds and the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations.

In addition, there are fewer blood drives during the winter months when many hosting organizations postpone drives while people are traveling for the holidays. Severe winter weather may also cause scheduled blood drives to be canceled.

Despite the busy holiday season and threat of extreme freezing weather, the need for blood remains steady. Organizations can help by hosting a blood drive during the winter months, and eligible donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative, A negative and AB blood.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to learn more about hosting a blood drive. To make an appointment to donate blood, download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App from app stores, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors can now use the Blood Donor App to access their donor card and view vital signs from previous donations.

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# First community apple cider squeeze a great success

Submitted by Monica Young  
 Waishkey Bay Farm

BAY MILLS — On Saturday, Oct. 24, Bay Mills Community College held their first event in the newly built Gitigaan Hall at Waishkey Bay Farm — a community cider squeeze and seed celebration with 29 people in attendance.

Participants pressed apple cider, shared a meal and learned traditional ways of air drying squash as well as how to save, clean and share seeds. Almost 28 gallons of cider were pressed; some people brought their own apples and others used the “community” apples purchased for the event through a grant from Connie Watson’s program, Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change.

The college’s cider press worked very well, processing the 28 gallons of cider in two hours. Everyone who attended was able to take fresh cider home to enjoy. Organizers of the event want to thank Dave Bernier for taking the lead in cleaning the press once the process was finished. The cider press, complete with instructions and accessories, is available to be loaned out through Waishkey Bay Farm. Call Monica Young at 906-248-1097.

Following a potluck meal that included many traditional foods, Phylis Thomas and Terri Tavenner demonstrated various ways of air drying squash and pumpkins. The group learned about different varieties of squash, as well as different methods of cutting and drying, such as spiral cutting to dry on a clothes-

line or rack.

Waishkey Bay Farm’s technician, Wilmer Noganosh, presented the “wet” method of seed saving, which is used for tomatoes, melons and cucumbers. The “semi-dry” method of saving squash and pumpkin seeds was also discussed, as well as ways to clean and save “tulasi” or indigenous basil, pink mallow flowers, and a mixture of garlic, leeks and chives.

Many participants brought already cleaned seeds to share with the group, including prolific bush and pole bean varieties, squash seeds, snap peas and tulip and daffodil bulbs.

Waishkey Bay Farm staff hope to make this an annual community event and thank everyone who attended.



**SQUEEZE AND SQUASH** — At the first community cider squeeze and seed celebration, many families participated. Pictured to the left are three generations of the Tadgerson/Bernier family shown working as a team. To the right, Phylis Thomas and Terri Tavenner are teaching various methods of air drying squash. Above, squash spirals are hanging on the drying rack. Photos submitted

# Michigan Indian Day celebrated at Brimley School



**MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY** — Students of Sonja Killip’s Native Studies class at Brimley Area Schools marked Michigan Indian Day on Friday, Sept. 25 by displaying a poster collection of notable Michigan Indians of the past and present in the school’s main hallway for all to see. Included were Jesse Bowen, Herman Cameron, Frank Ettawageshik, Joe LeBlanc, Kathy LeBlanc, Albert Lothrop, Michael Parish, Bucko Teeple and Lucy Teeple. Killips said the students also discussed the differences in the first declaration in 1974 versus this year’s declaration. Pictured to the right, as part of the display, is Bay Mills Indian Community member and Pipe Carrier Bucko Teeple leading the Senate invocation the day prior to Michigan Indian Day.

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# Students tour Pendills Creek Hatchery

**By Pauline Rice-Goetz, President  
Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery**

BAY MILLS —Sixteen students arrived by bus from Whitefish Township School to tour the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sullivan Creek National Fish Hatchery on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery arranged for this tour as part of an educational outreach activity that also involved a nature essay contest and coloring contest for younger students. The tour at Sullivan Creek involved seeing the large adult lake trout, also known as brood stock, the process of spawning the males and females and egg incubation.

At the end of the tour, prizes were awarded to three contest winners who each received an Ugly Stick Rod & Reel valued at \$30, purchased by the FPCH. Liam Pigeau of the 10th grade wrote that nature to him was about hearing the birds chirp when you walk outdoors and being able to fish and hunt and relax at camp, if you don't get eaten by a bear.

Bethany Kabelman of the 6th grade liked being in the Upper Peninsula because of all the trees that provide habitat for animals and birds and is sad to see trees being cut down in cities and habitats destroyed. Blake DeRuischer of 5th grade chose to color a picture of a large fish from the USFWS Coloring Book. He colored it beautifully and also wrote that he loves to fish.

FPCH has involved the Brimley Area Schools, Ojibwe Charter Schools and Whitefish Twp. School in their educational outreach in the past couple of years. FPCH is working on expanding educational opportuni-

ties to schools in the area.

Their Friends group hosts the annual Children's Fishing Event at Pendills Creek NFH. This event would not be possible without the volunteers and donations from sponsors providing an opportunity for over 250 children to be able to fish, have a free lunch and a chance to win prizes, while enjoying the outdoors with their family.

FPCH is a non-profit group advocating for the conservation of aquatic species and the ecosystems in which they live. Their purpose is to provide educational opportunities for the public, to promote volunteerism and to build a network of supporters who will advocate and support the mission of the USFWS at Pendills/Sullivan Creek NFH complex. The group belongs to the National Fisheries Friends Partnership, which includes many other friends groups from hatcheries around the nation. The group currently has over 200 members.

Your school or group may contact FPCH President Pauline Rice-Goetz by email at: paulinerice1@yahoo.com, or phone 906-379-0132 with ideas for future educational outreach opportunities such as making birdhouses or bat houses for hatchery property, seeding a butterfly garden, cleaning up the environment of the public access beach, etc.

To make arrangements for a tour of the hatchery, call 906-437-5231. For more information about the Pendills/Sullivan Creek, those interested may visit <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/pendillscreek/>. For more information about FPCH, find them on Facebook.



# CORA closes all of northern Lake Michigan to tribal commercial fishing

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority has issued an emergency order closing all of northern Lake Michigan to tribal commercial fishing. The closed area stretches from the Mackinac Bridge west to the Garden Peninsula and then back east to Charlevoix, including the Beaver Islands. The order prohibits nearly a dozen fishing operations from finishing out the 2015 commercial fishing season.

In 2015, the fishermen in the now closed area were allowed to catch up to 350,243 pounds of lake trout. Normally, the operations are allowed to catch 453,000 pounds of lake trout. That number was reduced because, in 2014 and 2013, the fishermen exceeded that number. This results in a penalty that reduces the next year's catch (2015).

CORA, the commercial fisheries regulatory body for five Michigan tribes, actively monitors the fishermen's catch on a bi-monthly basis. Early this week, CORA's data indicated that the fishermen were approaching their allowable catch of 350,243 pounds of lake trout. CORA's management body held an emergency meeting late yesterday and took the extraordinary step of closing the fishery. The tribal commercial fishery has not had to be closed due to fishing pressure since 1984, in the early days of Michigan's treaty rights litigation.

The reason that fishermen have exceeded their allowable catch is up for debate. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's lake trout stocking program in these waters has found recent success, resulting in a significant increase in lake trout numbers. While seemingly a good thing, this has had an unexpected downside for the tribal commercial fishery.

The Service's program is being conducted in such a way that the lake trout are mingling with the fishermen's primary target, whitefish. Throughout the fishing season and into the all-important fall whitefish run, fishermen are finding it nearly impossible to target whitefish without also catching significant numbers of lake trout.

The result is that, in order to fulfill their whitefish orders for local markets and markets abroad, they end up harvesting too many lake trout that they otherwise do not want to catch. As a result of the unexpected lake trout catch, the fishery is now closed.

CORA and the USFWS and, to a

lesser extent the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, have recently been discussing the negative impact of the lake trout stocking program on CORA's ability to harvest whitefish. Opinions vary on what the best course of action

should be, but this closure has convinced CORA that the issue needs to be addressed immediately.

The next CORA meeting will take place on Dec. 10. The fishery will remain closed through Dec. 31 of this year.

## Monitor your trees this fall/winter

**By MSU Extension  
For Bay Mills News**

One of the best tools to maintain forest health is knowledge. More "eyes" in the forest serves to help catch exotic invaders early and increases the chances of successful eradication.

Now is a great time to begin monitoring the health of your trees. The hardwoods have lost their leaves, allowing easier observation of stems and branches. Conifers have also shed their older and damaged needles, lending a better opportunity to evaluate general health conditions.

Michigan State University Extension suggests that taking notes, or journaling, over the years can be a valuable resource in better understanding trends in woodlands. It can also be an effective way to notice early entry of exotic insects and diseases. Similar monitoring of trees in residential areas, parks and urban zones will sometimes yield early detections. Early detections increase the eradication opportunity.

For many people, winter provides more time for learning. Learning to identify key insect and disease pests (and their look-alikes) might be the first step in arming yourself against forest threats in the next growing season. Knowing what can, and what can't, be done will help owners better manage both woodland trees and residential trees.

However, exotic insects and diseases can be serious game-changers. Vigilance against these threats has become increasingly important as greater numbers of exotics find their way to American forests. People interested in trees and forests, would do well to know what to look for.

Three particularly ominous threats are the Asian long-horned beetle, or ALB, the hemlock woolly adelgid, or HWA, and thousand cankers disease, or TCD, of black walnut. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has regulatory authority for these threats. The Internet is fairly rich with information resources.

Neither the ALB nor TCD have yet been found in Michigan. The HWA has popped-up several times since 2006, with several past successful eradications. Several newer infestations were discovered this past summer. Eradication efforts are underway.

The HWA infestations often begin near the tops of hemlocks, making early detection difficult. Colonies of these insects appear as small, white blotches. These blotches are waxy protective coatings that many adelgids create around themselves. Now, through early summer, is a good time to watch for these adelgids.

The ALB is a large black beetle with white blotches. The antennae have alternately-colored light and dark segments. Evidence of early infestation is difficult to see. Preferred tree hosts are maples. Top dieback usually occurs first. Shallow oviposition sites might be seen on the bark. Eventually, large exit holes, about a half-inch in diameter, will be seen lower on the trunks. By this time, serious damage has occurred and the beetle has likely spread to nearby maples, or other tree species.

TCD of black walnut is a combination of a native insect and an exotic fungus, an arrangement similar to beech bark disease. A small bark beetle chews through the bark inadvertently carrying the fungal spores. The spores germinate and the fungus creates a small canker of dead tissue around the beetle entry hole. Look for small, darkened, and slightly sunken patches on twigs.

Monitoring forests and trees can be a great adventure in practicing citizen science, such as MSU's new "Eyes on the Forest" project.

A citizenry armed with knowledge of these threats can go a long way in helping agencies in the battle to keep forests, both woodland and urban, in healthy and productive condition.



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# Forest Service and state sign a Good Neighbor Authority agreement

EAST LANSING – In a move that will boost collaborative management of Michigan's forest lands, the U.S. Forest Service has signed a Good Neighbor Authority master agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The completed master agreement between the Hiawatha, Ottawa and Huron-Manistee National Forests in Michigan and the DNR is among the first signed Good Neighbor Authority agreements in the country.

The master agreement is a broad pact allowing the state to supplement the work being done by Forest Service staff on the national forests. Supplemental project agreements will be signed by each forest in the coming weeks to more specifically identify the nature of the work to be

completed in the first year of the master agreement.

"Good Neighbor Authority projects will expand our capacity to achieve forest management outcomes described in the forests' 2006 Land and Resource Management Plans," said U.S. Forest Service Eastern Regional Forester Kathleen Atkinson. "I'm excited to have a new tool that allows us to work together in unprecedented ways into the future."

The 2014 Farm Bill authorized Good Neighbor Authority for the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Good Neighbor Authority allows the Forest Service to enter into agreements or contracts with states that enable the states to perform forest, rangeland and watershed restoration services on

national forest system lands.

"This authority is a significant way for the Forest Service to partner with state agencies to make improvements to the land, benefiting local communities and their economies with the timber receipts generated from Good Neighbor Authority," Atkinson said.

Bill O'Neill, Michigan's state forester and chief of the DNR Forest Resources Division, agreed.

"By working together, we're better poised to meet the goals and objectives outlined by Governor Snyder at the 2013 Forest Products Summit, which will help increase the industry's economic impact on state and regional economies from \$14 billion to \$20 billion," he said. "This partnership will allow for more timber sales, which means more work for local loggers and other forest products companies and great news for the state's

economy.

"Additionally, this agreement continues to foster a positive collaborative relationship with the U.S. Forest Service to address land management on a landscape basis. We very much appreciate the willingness of our federal partners to undertake this pilot program in Michigan. This program is a tribute to the leadership of the U.S. Forest Service to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of forest management."

This partnership will maintain and create healthy forest conditions as called for in the national forests' forest plans, while providing additional wood fiber to Michigan's vital forest products industry. A portion of the receipts from the timber sales will reimburse the state for its costs to do the work, with remaining funds available to conduct additional restoration activities on the forest.

The Good Neighbor Authority provides the opportunity to work across jurisdictional boundaries and sustainably manage forest lands in a mixed-ownership setting. It leverages state resources to increase capacity to accomplish work on national forest system lands. It also helps strengthen federal and state partnerships.

"We are fortunate to have the Michigan DNR and its employees ready and willing to assist us in achieving important conservation goals on national forests, in addition to the important work they already do on state-managed, county and private lands," Atkinson said. "I am looking forward to working even more closely with the DNR on a variety of conservation projects."

To learn more about Michigan's state forest management and planning, visit [www.michigan.gov/forestry](http://www.michigan.gov/forestry).



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## DNR to host bear management forum on Dec. 9

ST. IGNACE — The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting of the state's Bear Forum next month in St. Ignace to begin discussions on possible future bear hunting regulation changes.

Members of the DNR Bear Forum include 17 individuals who represent various sportsmen's clubs, the U.S. Forest Service, the agricultural community and nonaffiliated bear hunters throughout Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting is to enable DNR staff to engage with a wide range of bear hunting groups and other interested outdoor enthusiasts.

DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason explained the importance of the session.

"The next regulation cycle will be in 2017," Mason said. "It is imperative that we begin this engagement process now, so that we have enough time to consider possible regulation changes and to vet them through our Bear Forum members and various DNR staff, prior to making a recommendation to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission."

The seven-member governor-appointed commission regulates the taking of fish and game in Michigan.

The DNR Wildlife Division's most recent estimate of Michigan's bear population is approximately 11,000 animals, not including cubs.

Kevin Swanson, a DNR wildlife management specialist in Marquette, said it is the DNR's challenge to embrace those differences of opinion and to assess its population estimate and numerous other scientific indicators in preparation for the next bear regulation cycle.

The statewide bear harvest peaked in 2006 when nearly 2,500 bears were harvested.

"But in an effort to grow the population, due to various population concerns and robust habitat capabilities in the Upper and northern Lower peninsulas, that harvest has been reduced in recent years to about 1,500 animals," Swanson said.

At the meeting, DNR Wildlife Division staff will provide an overview of long-term harvest statistics, population estimates and trend indicators for each bear management unit, while considering future license quotas and desired harvest.

Several additional topics will be discussed, including joint DNR and Mississippi State University research on bear predation of white-tailed deer fawns in low and moderate snowfall zones of the Upper Peninsula.

The public is encouraged to attend the Bear Forum session. DNR staff will be available after the meeting to discuss bear management with attendees.

For more information on Michigan black bears and bear hunting, visit [www.michigan.gov/bear](http://www.michigan.gov/bear).

## Michigan state parks are now accepting applications for 2016 campground hosts

LANSING — During the warmer summer and fall months, hundreds of volunteers spend time camping for free at Michigan state parks and state forest campgrounds in exchange for their service as campground hosts. The Department of Natural Resources now is accepting 2016 campground host applications, with opportunities available from April through late October.

Campground hosts must be able to answer questions about the park, plan campground activities and perform light maintenance duties. Hosts are responsible for 30 hours of service per week (including weekends and holidays), with a minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks.

"What we really enjoy about hosting is all of the people that we have met over the year," said campground hosts Mary Lou and Bill Brininstool. "Camping is a lot of fun and a nature experience for the whole family to enjoy and get to make memories."

Individuals and/or teams (such as husband and wife) at least 18 years of age are eligible to apply for campground host positions. Hosts must provide their own camping equipment.

Applicants are screened and interviewed by park staff, and selection is based on familiarity with the state park system, camping experience, special skills, availability and knowledge of the area. Selected campground hosts will attend training June 1 to 2, 2016, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Mich.

For more information about the DNR's Campground Host Program (including how to apply and expected duties), visit [www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers), or contact Miguel Rodriguez at [rodriguez2@michigan.gov](mailto:rodriguez2@michigan.gov), or 517-284-6127.

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Learn more about how the Recreation Passport gains you access to Michigan state parks and more at [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport).

## How to obtain Hiawatha National Forest firewood cutting permits

SAULT STE. MARIE — Hiawatha National Forest's districts would like to remind the public that anyone who is removing dead wood on National Forest land must have a permit.

Firewood Cutting Permits (also known as dead and down permits) cost \$20 and are good for one year from the date of purchase, or when the purchased cords have been gathered, whichever comes first. Permits are sold at forest service district offices.

Those interested in purchasing a permit should call ahead before visiting the district office to assure an authorized employee is available to issue a permit. We apologize for any inconvenience incurred by requiring the public to call ahead, but this will assure personnel are present for the public to purchase a permit. To make arrangements to purchase a permit, contact:

St. Ignace Ranger District office, 906-643-7900, ext 114  
USDA Service Center, Sault Ste. Marie, 906-635-5311  
Munising Ranger District, 906-387-2512, ext 13  
Rapid River Ranger District, 906-474-6442, ext 112  
Manistique Ranger District, 906-341-5666, ext 0 (Wednesdays only)

Please note that cutting live trees is strictly prohibited. Gathering in timber sale areas and other restricted areas is also prohibited. For your convenience, all regulations/restrictions are printed on the back of the permit.

## Keep fire safety in mind when heading into the woods this fall

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reminding hunters, and everyone else outside enjoying the fall weather, to be cautious while lighting campfires and using woodstoves this season.

A warm beginning to autumn has increased the chances of a wildfire. In fact, the DNR recently responded to several fires, both in the Upper and Lower peninsulas; the largest of those was a 17-acre fire in Sanilac County.

Dan Laux, DNR fire prevention specialist, said remembering the basics of fire safety will help ensure that this hunting season isn't ruined by a wildfire.

"Our main concerns have to do with falling leaves and dry grass, combined with embers from woodstoves and campfires," Laux said. "The beginning of the hunting season has been a bit warmer and dryer this year, so that causes a little concern. If folks take a few extra minutes to keep fire safety in mind, it'll help ensure that the only blaze in this woods this hunting season will be the blaze orange on our hunters."

The DNR recommends following a few general precautions to ensure fire safety:

- Never leave a campfire or woodstove unattended.
  - Clear the area of leaves and dry fuel before lighting a campfire.
  - Don't park a vehicle in dry grass.
  - If a campfire gets out of control, call 911 immediately.
  - Avoid outdoor burning when it is windy to prevent escape and spread of a fire.
- So far this year, the DNR has responded to a total of 341 wildfires, which have burned 2,920 acres.

# Announcements

**For Sale**

Deer Hunters Special: 1978 Shasta 21-foot camper trailer. Includes all camping gear and a new in-box ladder stand (two-man) and one-year-old generator. All in good shape. Asking \$1,750 OBO. Call Pat at 906-203-8167.

**Last flu clinic**

The last flu clinic of 2015 will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Bay Mills Health Center. Free to tribal members and employees and those with Medicare-B and Medicaid insurance. Wear short sleeves and bring your insurance card.

**Brimley School meetings**

Brimley School Board meets on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Open to the public. For more information, contact Superintendent Brian Reattoir at 906-248-3218. The next meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 18, 2016.

Title VII Indian Education Program Parent Committee will meet Monday, Dec. 14 in Room 408 at 4:35 p.m. For more information, call Program Coordinator Sonja Killips at 906-248-318, ext. 633. Next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.

**Santa in the house!**

Santa Claus will be making an appearance at Point Iroquois Lighthouse on weekends from noon to 3 p.m., starting Saturday, Nov. 21 until Sunday, Dec. 20. Please note that Santa will not be there on Sunday, Dec. 6 as he has a prior engagement to check on the reindeer.

**Santa on skates!**

The Bay Mills Community College American Indian Higher Education Consortium Club presents "Skate With Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 1 to 2:20 p.m. at Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie. Admission cost is \$5, with skate rental included if size is available. All proceeds go towards travel and related expenses for AIHEC students to attend competitions in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Holiday program**

Ojibwe Charter School will be hosting their holiday program on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. This year the school will perform "Yes, Virginia," with a grant from Macy's. OCS was one of only 100 schools in the country to receive the funding. The program will take place at the Horizon's Conference Center, located in Bay Mills Resort & Casino. Admission is one non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Bay Mills Food Bank.

**Attention Commodity Foods, G.A., MEAP, LIEAP clients**

Due to the increase in clients and programs, tribal members are being asked to call the office and schedule an appointment. This will go in full effect for all programs, effective immediately.

The LIEAP program will not be available until mid-November and CSBG around March 2016.

You can set up an appointment with Jason or Kris. Office hours are as follows:

- 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. open for appointment
- 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. processing morning applications
- 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. open for appointments
- 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. processing afternoon applications

**THERE WILL BE DAYS THE OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO UNLOAD FOOD TRUCKS AND HOME DELIVERIES FOR THE COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the office at 906-248-2527 or 906-248-2528 or e-mail to [kschwiderson@hotmail.com](mailto:kschwiderson@hotmail.com).

**Call to artists**

Every year Alberta House Arts Center is decorated for the season and brimming with original hand-crafted art of every size, shape and description. This is a great opportunity to get your hands on a one-of-a-kind holiday gift. Alberta House is inviting artists to display their work for the show from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24.

The show is also a great opportunity to sell pieces without having to pay a big commission. Artists can bring in their work and resupply it throughout the exhibit for a \$10 fee. The commission on work sold is only 15 percent. Work can be brought to the Alberta House during business hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday (Nov. 24, 25, 27, and 28) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, email to [saac@saultarts.org](mailto:saac@saultarts.org).

**GTC schedule announced**

The General Tribal Council of Bay Mills Indian Community will host meetings on the following dates in 2016:

- Jan. 20 - Regular Meeting
- Feb. 24 - Informational Meeting
- March 23- Informational Meeting
- April 20 - Regular Meeting
- May 18 - Informational Meeting
- June 22 - Informational Meeting
- July 20 - Regular Meeting
- Aug. 24 - Informational Meeting
- Sept. 21 - Informational Meeting
- Oct. 19 - Regular Meeting
- Nov. 23 - Informational Meeting
- Dec. 21- Informational Meeting

**Winter Market**

The Sault Winter Farmers' Market returns to Bayliss Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 and will continue on Saturdays through May 7. Market vendors will be at the library for three Saturdays in December with seasonal merchandise. (There will not be markets on Dec. 26 and April 2.) In past seasons, among the items available were fresh baked goods, honey, jam, maple syrup, eggs, vegetables, artwork, cards, skin products, jewelry and other hand-crafted items, along with cookbooks and gardening books from the Friends of Bayliss Library. Check out the vendors each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For prospective vendors, a form must be completed and returned, evaluated by the Market Masters, approved, and a new fee

paid. Contact Dee at 906-440-3974 for more information.

**Upcoming Bayliss events**

Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Friends of Bayliss Library will have their Holiday Used Book Sale.

Nov. 24, Yarn Workers Guild will meet from 6 to 8 p.m.

Nov. 28, 1 p.m., there will be a Family Movie at 1 p.m.

Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Rug Hooking Demonstration

Dec. 3, 6 p.m. Visually Impaired Persons meeting

Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to noon Creative Endeavors

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Christmas Craft Hour for Children

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. Saturday Matinee

Dec. 8, 1 p.m. Homeschool LEGO Club

Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan-attendees will share their personal nature interests

Dec. 10, 7 p.m. Adult Coloring Event

Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sault Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to noon Friends of Bayliss Library Wrapping Fundraiser

Dec. 12, 1 p.m. LEGO Club

Dec. 15, 12 to 2 p.m. Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists

Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Chippewa County Genealogical Society, Black Sheep in Our Families

Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Bayliss Book Club

Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winter Farmers' Market

Dec. 19, noon, Brown Bag Book Club

Dec. 19, 1 p.m. Family Movie

Dec. 23, 2:30 p.m. Closed

Dec. 24 and 25 Closed

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 Closed

**Madrigal Dinner planned**

This jubilant fundraiser for the Hospice of the EUP runs from December 4 and 5. This Medieval Celebration of Christmas (an English Boars Head Feast) includes singing, dancing and musical productions. A joyous Wassail Reception

begins the night with assorted cheeses, crackers and warm spiced cider. There will be a formal call to dinner where all will be treated to a great dinner of game hen stuffed with a savory cornbread stuffing, oven roasted potatoes, carrots and relish trays. A roast pig is ceremoniously paraded into the great dining hall carved and served up with pomp, tradition, and wonderful flavor. Please remember this is a hands on event; no forks please.

For tickets please call the Kewadin Casino Box Office at 906-635-4917.

**Office closure**

The Bay Mills Tribal Administration offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day in observance of the holiday. This includes the office of Bay Mills News.

**Brimley School events**

Brimely Area Schools will have several events in the month of December.

On Friday, Dec. 4, students from the Native Studies classes will host a Homework Giveaway at 1 p.m. for elementary students who have turned in all their homework assignments for the month of November.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., the elementary school's Christmas Program will be presented.

On Monday, Dec. 21, the luncheon for fifth and sixth students who made the honor roll will be held.

**BMCC events**

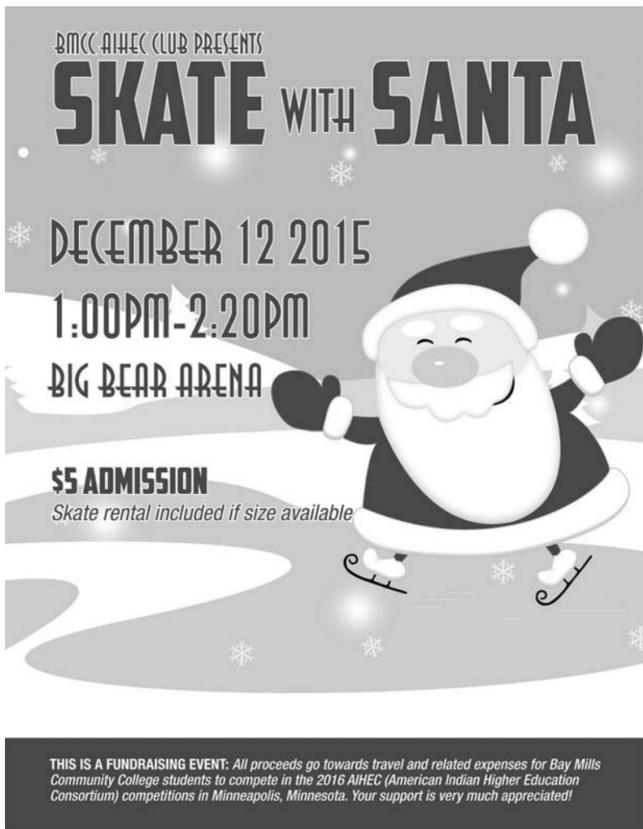
In honor of November being Native American Heritage Month, Bay Mills Community College will hold several film events on their campus. All events are free of charge and open to the public.

Monday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. in Room 110: "Smoke Signals, Part One."

Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. in Room 110: "Smoke Signals, Part Two."

Monday, Nov. 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the Learning Center: "Our Fires Still Burn."

Monday, Nov. 30, at 3:30 p.m., in the Learning Center: "Tecumseh's Vision."



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**WARRIOR GAMES/KWE TIME** — On Wednesday, Oct. 21, Sonja Killips, Native Studies teacher at Brimley Area Schools, took her students on their annual outing to Bay Mills Community College's West Campus and Migizi Hall. Jesse Bowen played Warrior Games with the male students outside, assisted by volunteer, Bryan Newland. Killips and the female students made fry bread for Indian tacos and discussed important women's issues. Killips reminded all the students that the outing is a great group builder to prepare them for the hard work ahead in Indian Education classes. Events students are expected to participate in include Homework Give-away, pumpkin pie fundraising for the annual March school pow wow and teaching elementary students about proper pow wow etiquette. Pictured are Catelina Heyrman and Cassie Tessmer flipping fry bread. Photo submitted

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