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Enbridge delivers pipeline alternatives analysis to State

LANSING — A report was delivered to the State of Michigan from Enbridge on June 15, which concludes that a secure underground corridor for Line 5 beneath the Straits of Mackinac is a feasible replacement alternative to the existing Line 5 crossing. Mandated in a November 2017 agreement driven by Gov. Rick Snyder, the report is the first of four due to the state this month.

“Line 5 cannot remain in the Straits indefinitely. We need a concrete strategy and timeline to expedite its replacement,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “This report will help us define a comprehensive solution for all utility crossings.”

The state asked Enbridge to examine three alternatives – a tunnel beneath the Straits, an open cut pipe-in-pipe system, and horizontal directional drilling. A tunnel would separate Line 5 from the waters of the Great Lakes without disturbing the bottomlands of the Straits, while also providing opportunity for other utilities to be included in the underground corridor.

The report is available online at the Michigan Petroleum Pipelines website. It is one of four that are part of an ongoing analysis of Line 5 by the Michigan Agency for Energy and the Michigan departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources. By June 30, Enbridge, which owns and operates Line 5, also will provide:

- An assessment of technologies that would provide additional benefits over and above technologies in place at the Line 5 Straits crossing.
- A report on options to mitigate the risk of a vessel anchor damaging Line 5 in the Straits.
- A list of priority waters crossed by Line 5 – jointly identified by the state and Enbridge – and assessments of measures at each crossing to minimize the likelihood and consequences of a spill.

Each Enbridge report is being independently reviewed by contractors hired by the state to ensure the accuracy of the company’s information. The reports will supplement independent analyses commissioned by the state to inform a decision on the final disposition of Line 5. That decision is anticipated this fall.

A recent incident in the Straits that damaged utility lines owned by American Transmission Co. -- in addition to damaging Line 5 – highlighted safety concerns around all utility lines in the Straits. The state is seeking short-term and long-term measures that will allow for continued connection of Michigan’s peninsulas while reducing to the greatest extent possible the potential for an oil release in the Great Lakes.

In May, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, with Gov. Snyder’s approval, issued an emergency rule creating a no-anchor zone in the Straits. The emergency rule formalized a previously informal anchor restriction in the Straits of Mackinac by prohibiting anchoring under Michigan state law. Productive discussions are underway with the U.S. Coast Guard on permanent measures that would complement the state’s temporary emergency rule.

The state also is awaiting an independent risk analysis from a team of researchers led by Dr. Guy Meadows of Michigan Technological University.

Road project slated to begin after July 4 holiday

BAY MILLS — Construction will begin on Lakeshore Drive shortly after Independence Day, with two projects scheduled to make transportation better for both drivers and pedestrians who frequent the area.

The first project will involve the resurfacing of Lakeshore Drive from Brimley to the west end of Bay Mills Indian Community’s reservation boundaries. The work will be done as part of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Chippewa County Road Commission. BMIC will pay for their portion of the project, \$400,000, with Bureau of Indian Affairs road construction funds. Safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists will be a priority in the resurfacing project by creating the widest paved shoulders possible with other delineations and signing.

The second project involves the section of Lakeshore Drive known as the “55 stretch,” which will have a separate pedestrian/bicycle pathway, for a total of 1.7 miles on the lake side of the road. A Road Safety Audit was conducted in 2012, resulting in the recommendation of a separate pathway along the “Stretch” to reduce or eliminate injuries and fatalities. The audit qualified the tribe to apply for safety funds from the Federal Highway Administration in the amount of \$401,000 for construction of the pathway. While this is considered a separate project, the pathway will be done simultaneously with the road resurfacing project for efficiency.

Payne & Dolan has been selected as the primary contractor for the project. While some traffic congestion is expected, plans are in the works to keep traffic moving efficiently and stoppages at a minimum.

International Bridge to close for annual bridge walk on June 23

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic during the 32nd Annual Bridge Walk and Bicycle Parade on Saturday, June 23.

The bridge will close to vehicle traffic at 8:15 a.m. and will reopen at approximately 10:30 a.m. after walkers have been cleared by customs.

There will be some significant changes this year for walkers wishing to return to the U.S. after completing the walk across the bridge. The first six buses will be loaded at Canada Border Services Agency on the Canadian plaza. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the buses are loaded, they will return to the U.S. After that, any walkers who need a bus return to the U.S. will need to continue through CBSA to the Marconi Club to wait for the next available bus. Cost for the bus is \$5 per individual and \$15 for a family.

Individuals who may require rest facilities will need to go through CBSA to the Marconi Club. Public restrooms are not available for walkers on the plaza or on the buses.

More information on the annual bridge walk can be found at <http://ssmccoc.com/events/2018/06/23/1529> or www.facebook.com/SSMbridgewalk. Visit the IBA website at www.saultbridge.com or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/sault-bridge.

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EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR — Congratulations to the Eastern Upper Peninsula School Employees of the Year for the School Year 2017-2018. Those selected were honored at the EUP School Boards' Association dinner, which was held recently at Three Lakes Academy.

Pictured above are (left to right): Jennifer Schrader, Mackinac Island; Lesa Baker, Engadine; Edward "Hank" McClure, Les Cheneaux; Kerry Lake, Sault Ste. Marie; Claudette Brown, St. Ignace; Susan Hagen, Rudyard; Jennifer Wing, Three Lakes Academy; Christy McKillip, Ojibwe Charter; Bill Beaune, Brimley; and Eric Galer, EUPISD.

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Chairman's Update:

Will the EPA allow the Line 5 pipeline to remain in the Straits of Mackinac?

By Bryan Newland

Bay Mills Indian Community Chairman

The Enbridge Line 5 pipeline has stirred controversy in Michigan for most of the past decade. This pipeline carries Canadian oil products from Superior, Wisc. to southern Ontario via Michigan.

A recent public opinion poll shows that a majority of Michigan citizens want the Line 5 Pipeline shut down entirely; and, nearly two-thirds of northern Michigan residents want the Line 5 Pipeline shut down.

Bay Mills Indian Community, along with every other federally recognized tribe in Michigan, wants the Line 5 pipeline shut down and removed from the Great Lakes. An oil spill in the Straits of Mackinac would destroy the drinking water source for many of our communities, cause lasting damage to our environment and public health, and irreparably damage the fishing rights our tribe reserved in the 1836 Treaty of Washington.

The concern about the safety of this pipeline is not hypothetical: in 2010, a separate pipeline owned & operated by Enbridge broke open, and spilled more than 800,000 gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River system in southern Michigan. It was the largest on-shore oil spill in the history of the United States. Earlier this year, a boat dropped an anchor in the Straits of Mackinac, damaging the Line 5 pipeline itself and causing a chemical spill from an adjacent electrical transmission line.

The State of Michigan is studying some alternatives to the existing pipeline; including whether the Line 5 pipeline should be moved into a tunnel beneath the Straits (an option we oppose). Michigan's tribes, and the public, have focused primarily on the State's review process.

While we have all been engaged on the State's review process, it appears that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has been quietly working with Enbridge to ensure that it is able to continue to operate the Line 5 pipeline for the foreseeable future.

On May 3, 2018, the EPA issued a letter to several tribal leaders in Michigan (including

myself) informing us that they were proposing an amendment to a 2016 settlement agreement with Enbridge that would require allow Enbridge to install new anchor supports on the Line 5 pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac. The EPA informed the tribes that, if we wished to comment on changes to the settlement agreement, we would have to meet EPA officials within 10 days to do so.

The EPA and the Department of Justice still have not provided us copies of the proposed agreement, despite our repeated requests.

Here is the consequence of the EPA's secret negotiations with Enbridge: If the EPA and Enbridge change their settlement agreement to allow Enbridge to reconstruct the Line 5 pipeline by installing dozens of new anchor supports, the Federal Court will approve the agreement and enter it as a Court Order.

Federal court orders are binding law, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies would have no ability to review Enbridge's proposal to reconstruct the Line 5 pipeline. There would be no environmental impact statement to measure the environmental risks of keeping the pipeline beneath the Great Lakes. Lastly, the public would have no opportunity to challenge the EPA's settlement agreement with Enbridge.

This collusion between the EPA and Enbridge would prevent any scrutiny, public input, or appeals; what's worse, it would ensure that Enbridge can build a new pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac.

Bay Mills Indian Community, along with our fellow treaty tribes, will continue to work to ensure that the EPA is not able to walk Enbridge through the back door. We want to protect the Great Lakes for all of the people of northern Michigan. Please stand with us.

Please check out our tribal website, and my official Tribal Chairman Facebook Page, for regular updates about what is going on here at Bay Mills. And, please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop-in to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns with me – I work for you. Miigwetch!

You can reach me at 906-248-3241 or bnewland@baymills.org. My official Facebook Page is "Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman."

Bertram selected as BMIC's Chief Financial Officer

By Shannon Jones

Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community has officially selected a new chief financial officer. Albert Bertram, 32, a Bay Mills tribal member, began his duties earlier this month.

Bertram formerly served as tribal manager, a position he began in January 2017, and had served as treasurer of the Bay Mills Executive Council. Both positions put Bertram on the forefront of looking at the tribe's finances and he found himself looking at how to improve upon on the overall financial health of Bay Mills Indian Community.

Bertram holds an MBA with an accounting concentration, as well as an education specialist degree from the University of

Michigan. Prior to becoming tribal manager, Bertram spent five years as the finance specialist for the Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Office.

While serving as the CFO, he will work to assist the new tribal manager in their position. Assistant Tribal Manager Sharon Teeple will also continue to help in the transition. The tribal manager's position has yet to be filled, as the posting recently closed and interviews are on-going as of press time.

Bertram has already hit the ground running with a list of projects he will be working on in the coming months. He hopes to work with tribal departments to streamline the efficiency of paperwork and reporting, making the analyzing the data less intimidating for everyone involved.

According to Bertram, he doesn't want

to change procedures, he just wants to improve upon them with the help of those they impact.

From Human Resources to Bay Mills Resort and Casino, Bertram will be in charge of making sure budgets align with expenditures, and forecasting the needs of tribal government and enterprise operations. He has already begun training sessions for the new travel document requirements and will continue to offer sessions on other areas as they arise.

Once Bertram's former position is filled, it will be the first time in several years the entire tribal executive team has been complete.

Tribal Chairman Bryan Newland said he



looks forward to working with that team to move the tribe into the future.

Bertram resides in Bay Mills with his wife, Megan, and their two children.

Openings on the Child Welfare Committee

BAY MILLS — Currently there are three (3) openings on the Bay Mills Child Welfare Committee.

The Child Welfare Committee meets on a monthly basis. In case of an emergency, there may be a need for more than one meeting a month. If anyone is interested in the specific duties of the Child Welfare Committee, they are available at the tribal office.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and must be a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community. If you would like to be considered to fill this vacancy, please submit a letter to:

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24 Hours of Anything are 24 Hours Too Many

By Sharon M. Kennedy

Regardless of the news channels I listen to, the commentators all say the same thing with gusto and excitement. "24 hours of nonstop news" is the mantra they proudly announce. What they fail to mention is that within such a timeframe the same news is repeated at least 24 times. There's only so much stuff considered "news." We hear it from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. the next morning when another "news" cycle starts all over again.

I think it would be nice if we returned to the old days when we heard the 7 a.m. news on WSOO and again 12 hours later when we watched it on television. Usually something of interest happened during the day so Walter Cronkite or Huntley and Brinkley really did have something "new" to report. We didn't get the same stories we had been hearing all day.

News is not news when it's repeated every hour on the hour. What is news anyway? In a ladies' group "news" is probably more like "gossip." Men's idea of "news" is just a rehash of last night's ball game or memories of their youth when they were on the basketball court or the football field or wherever. Most of us have a habit of asking "what's new" when we meet friends we haven't seen in a long time. What's new "news" to us is old "news" to them. Gosh, this is getting complicated.

For those of you who are my Facebook friends you already know my new news, but for those of you who don't I'll tell you. One of my essays was accepted for publication in the 2018 Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop humor anthology called *Laugh Out Loud* and is available at <https://www.amazon.com/Laugh-Out-Loud-Humorists-Celebrate/dp/0692076190>. That's it. That's my news. I won't repeat it 24 times. I wish the "real" news was like that.

When we hear of natural disasters or

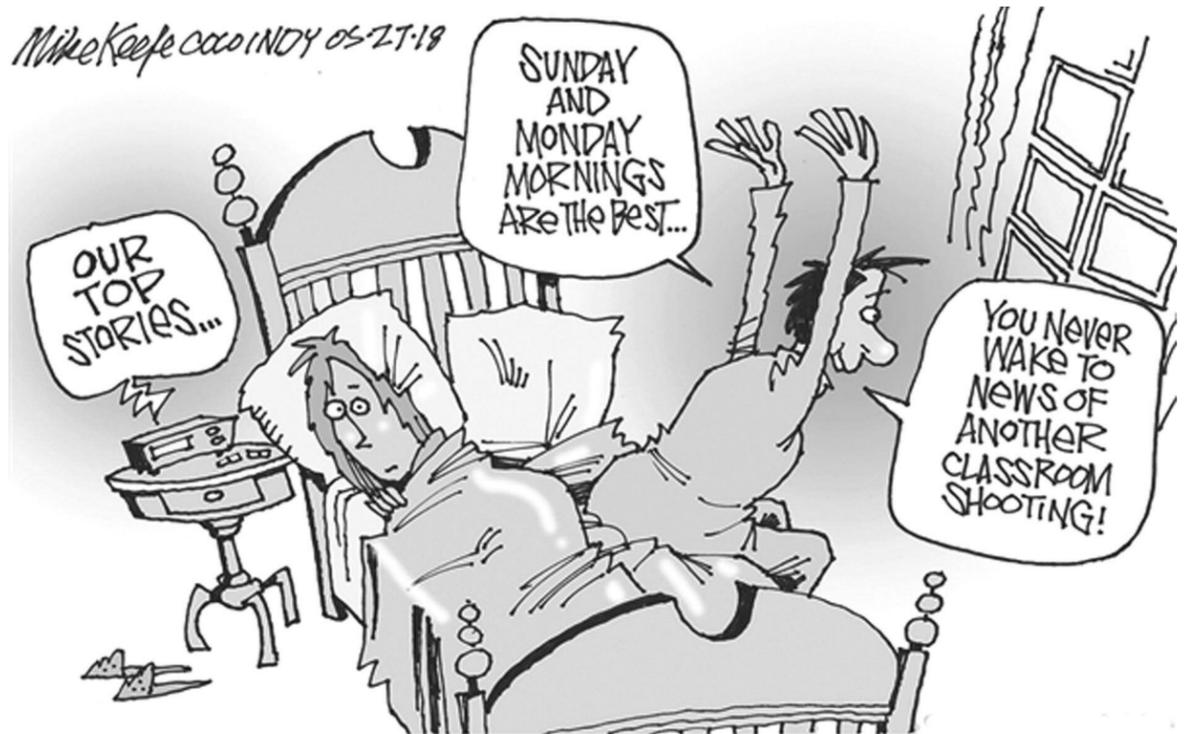
terrorist attacks or other horrible stuff we feel bad for awhile but much of the account is unrelated to our daily routine. On the other hand, when we listen to the weather report our ears perk up. As Yoopers, we need to be aware of what's falling from the sky. That's useful news to us. We don't mind if it's repeated every hour especially if we're planning to drive farther than five miles from our front door. We need to know what's ahead of us.

Before telephones and electronic gizmos, most folks read newspapers and

wrote letters. News was something people looked forward to. When old Dobbin was hitched to the wagon or sleigh and people visited their neighbors and relatives, news was shared, letters read, recipes exchanged, and promises made to return in a month with more news. It all made sense.

Now we're bombarded with sensational entertainment that passes as "news." When did things get so haywire?

Kennedy is a freelance writer who resides in Brimley.



Jeff Sessions' Asylum Decision Hurts Women Most in Need

By Christine Flowers

I have seen a woman beaten before my eyes, and I did nothing to stop it. It is hard, as a teenager, to know your power and to find your voice. Instead of confronting the violence, I hid behind a locked door.

I'm no longer in contact with that woman and don't even know if she is still alive. What I do know is that she left the man who hurt her and her two boys after that violent showdown, and moved away to a stable, safer place. That was over 40 years ago, but I still think of her when I hear about women who are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. There but for the grace of God.

Domestic violence should just be called "violence." The use of the adjective seems to soften the evil nature of the act. But at least in this country we've had an epiphany. It's no longer possible to argue that a husband can't rape his wife. It's no longer common to look away when screams emanate from a neighbor's house because "it's none of our business." It still happens, but now we shame and condemn the bystanders, because silence is not OK.

We are still very far from a perfect society if you judge by the statistics on domestic violence in the United States. According to a 2015 report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 36 percent of women and 33 percent of men will suffer some form of domestic violence in their lifetime, including rape, sexual abuse, stalking, or some other physical aggression. That means millions of victims every year.

Even Jeff Sessions recognized the problem when he observed that, "For many reasons, domestic violence is a particularly difficult crime to prevent and prosecute, even in the United States, which dedicates significant resources to combating" it.

But there's a troubling irony to the statement. Last week, the attorney general issued a decision that now makes it virtually impossible for foreign women who are fleeing intimate-partner violence in their native countries to make a case for asylum.

Up until this decision, a woman who claimed that she had been abused and was unable to obtain any protection from her native government could seek asylum as the member of "a particular social group." That is a term of art used to describe a basis for asylum where the victim can't fit into the other recognized categories of persecution, i.e., on account of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion.

Some people are surprised to learn that gender, sexual orientation, or other factors are not, in themselves, grounds for asylum.

That's because we Americans have become so used to identity politics, that we think pretty much anything goes when you say you've been persecuted. It doesn't. There are

limits, rightfully so. We can't help all those who subjectively feel they've been wronged, apologies to Emma Lazarus.

But we do recognize that some people are targeted because of their immutable, distinct, and narrowly defined identities, and that is why we grant asylum to homosexuals from Iran, or to journalists from Putin's Russia, or to lawyers and judges from Pakistan. If everything were based on the narrow parameters of politics, religion, and ethnicity, we'd be filling graves with people who deserved our help but "didn't make the cut."

As of last week, we were the type of country that had enough foresight, compassion, and flexibility to consider women who were battered by their husbands and ignored by the criminal justice system as legitimate victims, entitled to at least ask for asylum.

But President Trump and his supporters want to close the borders, and they are doing it on the backs of threatened, terrified women. I have been an immigration lawyer for 25 years, and I won't deny that there is fraud and there is exaggeration. Not everyone who wants asylum deserves it, and not everyone who asks for it gets it. I've lost some tough cases.

But I've also won cases, like the woman from El Salvador who was raped by her husband, became pregnant and lost the baby when he kicked her repeatedly in the stomach because he didn't want a child. And the woman from Honduras who was prostituted out by MS-13 because otherwise they'd kill her parents. And the woman from the same town in Pakistan as Malala Yousafzai, forced to marry at 14 and desperate to go to school.

The odds just got worse for women like them.

I didn't speak out as a teenager. Now I will.

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Executive Council meets to discuss tribal business

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Executive Council met for regularly scheduled meetings on May 29 and June 11.

After approving previous meeting minutes and the agenda, the meeting moved on to board reports.

Chairman Bryan Newland presented his report which included a discussion of the following items:

— Possible amendment to the consent decree regarding walleye limits for tribal fishermen during the fall;

— Dept. of Interior award of \$90,000 for a feasibility study to develop a tribal utility;

— An update on Line 5 discussions; and

— An update on meetings taking place biweekly in an effort to move the Plantation Hills Project forward.

In council reports, Vice Chairperson Brenda Bjork said she is continuing to work with legal regarding acquiring a lottery license for Bay Mart. She said the action is one step closer.

Asst. Tribal Manager Sharon Teeple said she will be picking up the reporting aspect of the position for future meetings, as Tribal Manager Albert Bertram would

be moving to the position of chief financial officer.

General Manager Richard LeBlanc discussed activities taking place at Bay Mills Resort & Casino. He noted he continuing to work on items that would improve the player experience. He also reported that sales are on the rise at Bay Mart.

In tribal member request, a waiver was tabled as the individual requesting the waiver did not attend the meeting. An inquiry about an FMLA complaint was made, with Chairman Newland responding that he will give a written response.

In new business, the collection policy of Bay Mills Health Center was discussed. Abby Kaunisto presented the council with the varying payment plan options that are available to patients. Discussion took place regarding collection procedures, with Newland noting the Health Center could take action for non-payment through tribal court. The collection policy was approved. The sliding fee schedule was also approved, which is part of annual updates that require council approval.

Other items approved at the meeting included:

— Credentialing plan for the health center;

— Infection control plan for the health center;

— Travel policy, which would establish when per diem would be allowed;

— A resolution designed to improve operations at the Healing to Wellness court;

— Land lease for a tribal member;

— A raffle permit for Ojibwe Charter School; and

— Reaffirmation of poll votes for medical donations.

The council met again on June 11. Absent from the meeting was Chairman Newland, as he was away on another matter.

After approving previous minutes and the agenda, the council moved forward with reports. Bjork delivered Newland's comments on his behalf. She said he is continuing to work on the purchase of a new ambulance, recently met with the road commission regarding the upcoming Lakeshore project, and that he recently attended the policy conference held on Mackinac Island.

Bjork reported that she will be taking the lead on the DOI feasibility study for tribal utility.

In the tribal manager's report, Teeple submitted a written report of her activities to the council. No questions were asked.

In the Health Director's report, Audrey Breakie discussed repairs to the HVAC system at the health center. She said they will happen by July.

In new business, a donation was approved for tribal member and his children participating in a martial arts program.

Discussion and approval also took place regarding additional policies for the health center. These build upon those that were approved at the last meeting.

Chief Judge Whitney Gravelle sought and received approval to draw down some of her funding for projects at the court. These require no tribal match.

A number of poll votes were approved prior to opening the door to tribal member comment. During the comment period, local tribal member and owner of the Dancing Crane Coffee Shop inquired about how he can avoid paying taxes to vendors as he is part of the Tax Agreement area. He said that his vendors often vary and that AOT has not provided him with a list of vendors he could work with. CFO Albert Bertram said he would look into the matter and get back with LeBlanc in the near future.

The next meeting of the Bay Mills Executive Council will take place on Monday, June 25 at 3 p.m. in the tribal administration building.



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Brimley School Board discusses budgets and staffing

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Brimley School Board met for regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 21, and Monday, June 18.

All board members were present for the May 21 meeting, which included a discussion on a number of topics to wrap up the school year. In Spotlight on Success, the Brimley Deceivers Robotics Team was on hand to give a demonstration with their award-winning robot. Also recognized was the valedictorian and salutatorian for the upcoming commencement ceremonies.

In public comment, one individual questioned the access high school students have to the library. Superintendent Brian Reattoir said he would look into the matter. Another community member inquired about students not being able to decorate their caps for graduation. Reattoir informed her it “would not be appropriate.”

The board then moved to approving previous meeting minutes as well as current bills.

In new business, a discussion took place regarding property improvements as part of a service learning project for a class.

In personnel matters, Todd Ranta’s resignation was accepted. Ranta previously served as the middle school basketball coach. Amanda Kemp’s hiring as a highly qualified paraprofessional was approved. Matthew Bathey’s hiring was also approved for the position of girls head basketball coach. Bathey previously coached the Brimley boys team. Hiring of a new boys coach was tabled for the time being. Contract extensions for one year each were given to Elementary School Principal Pete Routhier, as well as Dennis Holdsworth (director of building and grounds), William Beaune (district bookkeeper), Brian Komejan (director of technology), Joyel Hyvarinen (middle school/high school assistant principal), Diane Tremblay (food service director), and Brian Reattoir (middle school high school principal and superintendent). It was noted that Principal Routhier planned to retire in the fall and the salaries would be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

In other new business, the board established meeting times for the next school year. The board will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month in the high school cafeteria. The superintendent’s evaluation was presented and discussed with Reattoir receiving a rating of “effective.”

In administrative reports, Principal Routhier discussed the many events that were taking place in the coming days as the school year was winding down. He also recognized teacher Amy Kelso, as she was honored as “teacher of the year.”

Principal Hyvarinen’s report addressed the numerous accomplishments of students since the last meeting, including the success of the Brimley Girls Track Team at the regionals.

In the Superintendent’s report, Reattoir said that buses are coming up for inspection in the future and provided dates and times for activities surrounding commencement. The food service audit has taken place with only a few issues

noted. A potential cut to Impact Aid was discussed, which would leave a substantial hole in the district budget. Whether or not the cut will happen remains an unknown to many districts trying to prepare for the next fiscal year.

Missing from the June 18 meeting was Board President Kurt Perron.

After adopting the agenda and approving previous minutes, the board got down to matters involving budgets. Amendments were made to the 2017-2018 budgets to reflect actual expenditures. The budget for the 2018-2019 school year was also approved, anticipating a loss of nearly \$320,000 in Impact Aid. Reattoir noted the budget was prepared as if the cut would take place because it was easier to establish the budget in that manner rather than make cuts down the road.

In personnel matters, a leave of absence for Amanda Lounds was extended until Sept. 1. Hiring of an industrial arts teacher was approved. Aaron Veeneman of Missouri, formerly of Michigan, will be taking the position. According to Reattoir, he comes highly qualified. Previously a long term substitute had been filling in the position. The appointment of Billie Jo McGuire to the Parent Advisory Committee was approved, as the committee needs parental representation. Salaries regarding the contract extensions from the previous meeting were presented and approved. Reattoir said there would be a change to Holdsworth’s contract, as he also intends to retire in the future. His contract will run until January 2019.

With the budgets presented, Reattoir moved to discuss some restructuring in the administration. He asked the board to consider and approve moving Joyel Hyvarinen from her middle school/high school principal-teacher position into being the full-time middle school/high school principal. The decision would move Reattoir into a full time position as superintendent. After a brief discussion, both were approved. The increase cost due to restructuring of administration would be a one time cost of \$119,000 and \$76,000 to sustain.

Hyvarinen thanked the board for their confidence and noted that she would be sad to leave the classroom, but she was ready to move up the administrative ladder.

Reattoir noted that one of the challenges he is facing for next year is a replacement for both Routhier and Holdsworth, as they have been exceptional employees and it would be hard to fill their shoes.

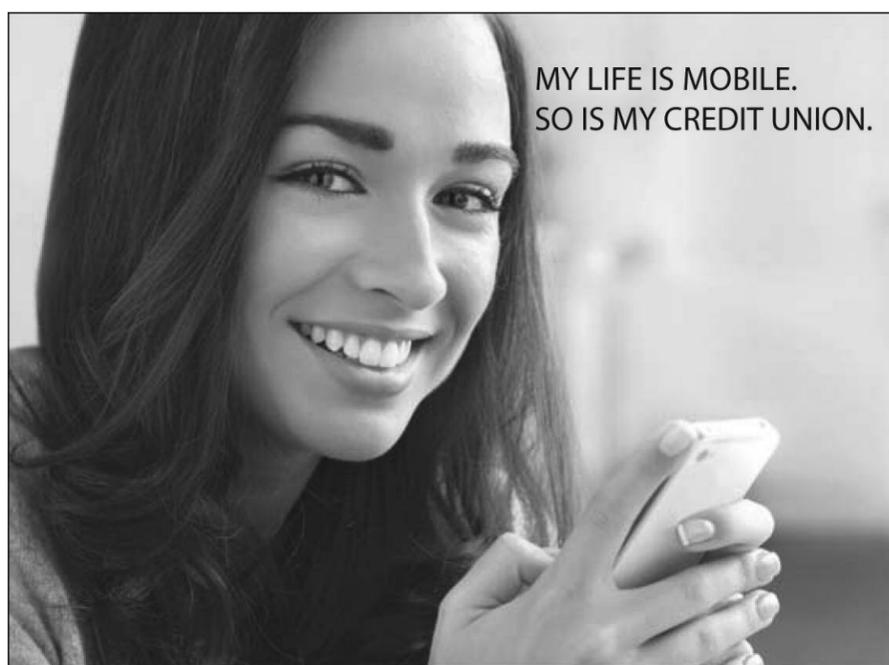
In board reports, Routhier noted that summer school had just begun and elementary was concentrating on students up to grade three. The new state reading law for grade three is the focus. So far 10 students are involved.

Hyvarinen noted that she only has five students enrolled in summer classes, but many are taking advantage of the ability to retake tests in order to gain course credit. She said the system is working out well.

In the superintendent’s report, Reattoir said the bus inspections still have not taken place. He noted that Ojibwe Charter School had helped out the district with the loan of a bus when it was needed.

In regards to summer projects, Reattoir said that there are many under consideration, but the estimates have yet to come in. A certain amount of money has been set aside to address issues with the concession stand and portable classroom. He also discussed future projects that could include fixing the parking lot drainage issue, extending the parking lot, and parking lot repairs for potholes.

The next meeting of the Brimley School Board will take place on Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.



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NATIVE RIGHTS STORY – Theatre students from the University of Michigan and Lake Superior State University team up with the Sugar Island, Michigan-based Anishnaabe Theatre Exchange to present *50 Cents a Pound*, written by Bay Mills playwright and actress Rebecca Parish, June 1, on the LSSU Arts Center stage. From left are Wazhinguda Eli Horinek, Michael Oakes (LSSU), Magdelyn Miller, Zach Kolodziej, Tomantha Sylvester (LSSU), and Shaunie Lewis. Sylvester, from Corunna, Mich., is general studies major with concentrations in business and fine arts. Oakes, from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is majoring in fine arts studies with concentrations in theatre, writing, and web design and management. (Photo by John Diehl)

University teams up with tribal members for Anishnaabe Theatre Exchange

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University theatre and writing students spent most of May collaborating with University of Michigan faculty and students and the Sugar Island, Michigan-based Anishnaabe Theatre Exchange on projects that culminated with a June 1 stage production in LSSU's Arts Center.

The collaboration began two years ago when theatre professors Anita Gonzalez from the University of Michigan and LSSU's Spencer Christensen crossed paths during a production at the Kewadin Casinos Dream-Makers Theater.

"Prof. Gonzalez came to the Sault to work with local Anishnaabe tribes on stories and a performance concerning issues of domestic violence and assault," said Christensen. "We were able to share several meals together and attend a subsequent performance with four LSSU theatre students."

The connection evolved into LSSU theatre students joining Gonzalez and the Anishnaabe Theatre Exchange — formed this past winter — for writing, screenwriting, choreography, and cultural workshops. The three-week session, hosted on Sugar Island at the Mary Murray Culture Camp by the Sault Tribe, explored Anishnaabe people, customs,

and issues of Native fishing rights. LSSU creative writing professor Mary McMyne also brought her students into the workshops.

All the work led up to what was billed as an evening of performance and dialogue held June 1 on the Arts Center stage on Lake State's campus.

This included an original production of *50 Cents a Pound* by Bay Mills playwright and actress Rebecca Parish. It featured Bay Mills fishermen Tom Malloy Sr. and Jim LeBlanc describing their resistance to those who were determined to stop them from exercising fishing rights under the 1836 Ceded Territory Treaty. Bay Mills Community College student Joe Medicine delivered text describing the history of fishing rights, along with performances by LSSU theatre students Michael Oakes and Tomantha Sylvester.

The evening also featured excerpts from *The Frybread Queen* by Native American playwright Carolyn Dunn, in which characters came together and shared recipes after a tragedy. Afterwards, performers spoke with the audience about domestic violence and suicide within Native communities.

"Your school has a large Native population to work with as well as a number of Native American students who are already involved

in theatre classes," said Gonzalez. "LSSU offered us an artistic base and generously hosted us during the five days of rehearsal leading up to the stage production."

Future collaborations will tap the Anishnaabe Theatre Exchange to connect University of Michigan theatre, the Cultural Department of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Lake Superior State University, and Bay Mills community members with Native communities throughout the upper Great Lakes region, including an open invitation to those in Northern Ontario First Nation communities.

"The biggest thing is that we hope to con-

tinue to develop performance events that speak to social concerns and histories of the Anishnaabe people," said Gonzalez. "I plan to have performers from this exchange come to Ann Arbor to present stories and explain their process. I would like to develop work with the community for performances at Bay Mills, Kewadin, and LSSU."

"This is the beginning of a sustained collaborative effort between LSSU Theatre, U of M, and the Sault and Bay Mills tribal communities," said Christensen. "It's imperative that we allow space for and celebrate the voices of the Anishnaabe people in our region. We look forward to the next phase of the journey."

Time is running out for students to claim Tuition Incentive Program benefits from the state

LANSING — Time is running out for eligible individuals who graduated in 2014 with a high school diploma or equivalent to claim their Tuition Incentive Program benefits, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The grant program—known as TIP for short—encourages eligible Medicaid recipients to complete high school by providing college tuition assistance. Eligible TIP students have four years to begin their TIP benefits or permanently forfeit eligibility.

For the class of 2014, this means TIP students must be in TIP by the upcoming fall 2018 semester or risk becoming ineligible to receive available grant dollars that help cover college expenses.

"If you were identified as an eligible TIP student, don't hesitate to claim your bene-

fits," said Anne Wohlfert, director of Treasury's Student Financial Services Bureau. "This is free money to help pay for a certificate, associate degree or some of a four-year degree."

High school students between 12 and 20 years old who have or have had Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period were identified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as having met the program's eligibility requirement. The state Treasury Department notified eligible students about TIP and how to enroll during their senior year of high school.

Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, all TIP students must complete and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid—FAFSA for short—to receive TIP benefits.

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Area 35 Special Olympics hosts awards banquet in Bay Mills



For many years, Bay Mills Resort & Casino has hosted the Area 35 Special Olympics banquet. This year the banquet, which was held on June 12, honored athletes in all sports, from golf to swimming and hockey. Above, top left, Bay Mills tribal member Brian Touchtone leads the group in the athlete's pledge. Top, far right, Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Bryan Newland welcomes the families and athletes to the banquet, noting he has been inspired when he attends their events.

Above left, Kathy Ross and her son RJ show off one of the medals he has earned this year.

Above, right, tribal member Mia Munz welcomes the crowd to Bay Mills. Below, a traditional honor song was played by the drum prior to opening the dinner and awards portion of the night.



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Brimley High School Class of 2018

CONGRATS TO THE GRADS — On Sunday, May 27, seniors at Brimley High School officially became graduates.

The following students received their diplomas at the commencement ceremony: Autumn Ann Aikens, Brandon Lee Asmus, Dante Joseph Capelli, Max Jannis Dondrup, Michael James Gordier, Joshua Jordan Gross, Maurice Bernard Harris, Sean Leonard Hill, Momoka Hisada, Jacob McVannel Hopper, Samuel Doc Hopper, Preston Allen Huskey, Kaleb Riley Johanson, Conner Russel Johnson, Jonathan Joseph Kandler, Paul Andrew LeBlanc, Katelin Ashley McDonald, Sherridan Ann Nichols, Nathan Richard Recla, Ann-Marie Felicity Rice, Thomas Joseph Rivers, Brendan Mark Schornack, Megan Elizabeth Schornack, Sarah Nicole Schornack, Julie Rae-Eleese Stenglein, Alivia Paige Teeple, Daisy Lucille Walden, Baylie Elizabeth Waybrant, and Olivia Ann Wilcox.



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Ojibwe Charter School Class of 2018

On Saturday, May 26, at the Waishkey Center Gymnasium in Bay Mills, Ojibwe Charter School recognized their graduates with a commencement ceremony.

Class Song: How Far We've Come by Matchbox 20

Class Flower: Iris

Class Motto: "Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly" - John F. Kennedy

Colors: Royal blue & gold

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Salutatorian: Carly Belleau



Carly Belleau



Matthew Berger



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SCHOOL IS OUT! — On June 8, students at Ojibwe Charter School gathered on the front porch of the building for one last portrait prior to summer dismissal.

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Kindergarten graduates!

Each year Brimley Area Schools and Ojibwe Charter School take a moment to honor the completion of kindergarten. Here are a few snapshots from both events held this year.



Questions about the Mackinac Bridge Walk?

You can now go online and view MBA's procedural video about changes

ST. IGNACE — The 2018 Annual Bridge Walk will be on Labor Day, as in past years. Beyond that, many of the other details have changed, prompting the Mackinac Bridge Authority to post a video explaining the procedures and options for this year's event.

The video, posted on the MBA website at www.mackinacbridge.org/annual-bridge-walk-2/, explains how the walk has changed, including the elimination of busing and starting the walk from either St. Ignace or Mackinaw City.

"The decision in 2017 to close the bridge to public traffic during the walk for participant safety represented one of the biggest changes to the event in decades," said Bob Sweeney, executive secretary of the MBA. "The feared traffic backups did not materialize, but the issue of needing to turn people away last year prompted us to make more changes to increase opportunities for participation this year."

In 2017, despite having secured 50 percent more buses to transport walkers to the starting point, many people were not able to board them in time to participate in the walk and were turned away. By eliminating busing and instead allowing people to start from either end of the bridge up until 11:30 a.m., more people should be able to participate.

"The biggest complaint we heard about last year's event was that so many people were unable to walk," Sweeney said. "This plan cuts the significant cost and logistical problem of operating the buses, but also makes it easier for the largest number of people to participate."

Walkers essentially have three main options, outlined in the video:

— Starting from either end of the bridge and walking toward the center, turning around at the midpoint and returning to the city they started from, where their transportation located. The turnaround points will move toward the

ends of the bridge beginning at 10 a.m., but walkers can walk at least a portion of the bridge as long as they start by 11:30 a.m.

— Walking the entire length of the bridge, starting from either end. Those who choose this option must reach the midpoint before 10 a.m., or they will be turned back. Anyone who walks the entire bridge must arrange their own transportation back to the side they started once the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.

— Crossing the bridge, starting from either end, and then turning around and walking back to the side they started

from. In this option, walkers will need to cross the midpoint on their return trip by 10 a.m. or they will be turned back and need to find their own transportation back across the bridge after it reopens at noon.

The bridge will again be closed to public traffic during the 2018 walk, from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Labor Day, Sept. 3, based on recommendations from the Michigan State Police and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Emergency vehicles will still be permitted to cross the bridge, but no public vehicles until the walk concludes and participants are off the bridge.

Enjoy a weekend of historical festivities in the Sault

SAULT STE. MARIE — Rendezvous in the Sault is a living history event that takes place along Historic Water Street at the City Hall Grounds and at the Historic Homes. This year's events are scheduled to take place on July 28 and 29.

More than 160 local and visiting historical re-enactors, blacksmiths, musicians, entertainers, and merchants will set up camps and displays with presentations and demonstrations on military and civilian life in the period of 1668-1840.

Food, music, dancing, cannon firing, drum and fife corps, puppet shows, storytelling, crafts, and games will be just some of the fun things to see and do on Saturday and Sunday of the last full weekend of July. Among the many items of special interest are presentations by the Michigan Surveyor's Reenactment Group who will display early surveying equipment and maps and discuss the methods used to survey Michigan and a free concert on the lawn of City Hall on Saturday evening; there's something new every year, and this year will be no different.

Continuing down Water Street to the Historic Homes of John and Susan Johnston, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, and Bishop Frederic Baraga, local Historical Society docents offer accounts of the lives of these early Sault residents. Music, children's games, crafts, and activities will be just some of the fun things to do.

Rendezvous in the Sault is an annual event presented by the Chippewa County Historical Society in cooperation with the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Planning and authenticity of encampments will be under the direction of the French Colonial Heritage Society of Port Huron. Visit Historic Water Street for more information; information on the link will be updated as plans and schedules develop.

Individuals and groups that are interested in participating, donating and/or volunteering either at the event or during the planning stages may call the Chippewa County Historical Society 906-635-7082 or contact Angie Patterson at apaterson@saultcity.com or 906-632-5734.

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State urges federal action on Soo Locks upgrade

ST. IGNACE – On May 30, Gov. Rick Snyder, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof and House Speaker Tom Leonard gathered on the porch of the Grand Hotel during the annual Mackinac Policy Conference to announce significant state support for a desperately needed upgrade of the Soo Locks.

“Upgrading the Soo Locks is one of the most critical ways we can ensure the continued success of Michigan’s economic comeback,” said Gov. Rick Snyder. “The nation’s entire economy depends on the daily operation of the Soo Locks. Without it, we would not be able to deliver the American iron ore that domestic steel manufacturers depend on to run their mills, and our manufacturing industry would not have access to the high quality domestic steel it needs to make everything from auto parts to office furniture. Our state, regional and national economies depend on this resource and we need to do everything we can to ensure it operates at full capacity. Michigan is leading the way by stepping up with significant state funding to show our commitment not just with words but by helping the federal government jumpstart the construction of a new lock.”

Working together the past several weeks, state leadership identified roughly \$50 million in infrastructure funding to commit to the Soo Locks upgrade, while still setting aside more than \$330 million

for road improvements for the upcoming budget year.

The state’s announcement comes a week after The Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials officially petitioned the U.S. Congress to fund the construction of a new lock at Sault Ste. Marie.

MAASTO, a group consisting of officials from 10-member state transportation departments, including the Michigan Department of Transportation, unanimously adopted the resolution at its Board of Directors meeting May 24 in Franklin, Tenn.

In its resolution, the MAASTO board noted the locks "provide a vital link between Lake Superior and the other Great Lakes and the rest of the world" with more than 3,000 freighter passages each year, moving in excess of 60 million tons of iron ore, stone, coal, grain, cement, and other cargoes. "The locks are of the utmost importance to the region's economy and play a critical role in our national defense," the resolution stated.

MAASTO's resolution "urges the U.S. Congress to provide the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers the necessary and appropriate funding to construct a new large lock at Sault Ste. Marie."

In another recent recognition of the Soo Locks' crucial role, the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Service's report on the National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 (HR5515),

urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies to "expedite necessary reviews, analysis, and approvals in order to speed the required upgrades at the Soo Locks." The Soo Lock language was sponsored by U.S. Rep. Paul Mitchell, R-Mich.

The Soo Locks are managed by the federal government, with the Army Corps of Engineers putting the cost of an upgrade at nearly a billion dollars. President Trump, in urging support for a locks upgrade last month, has stated publicly that large-scale infrastructure projects leveraging non-federal investments will be moved to the top of the priority list, but action on the issue remains to be seen. By offering to fund a share of the project, Michigan is demonstrating its commitment to the upgrade.

The St. Mary’s River is the only water connection between Lake Superior and the

other Great Lakes. Near the upper end of the river the water drops 21 feet over hard sandstone in a short ¾ mile long stretch.

This rapids, or “sault” to use the original old French term, made it impossible for trade vessels to pass. Vessels had to be unloaded and their contents portaged around. In 1797 the first lock on the St. Mary’s River was constructed on the north shore to provide passage for trade canoes.

Just one freighter that crosses through the Soo Locks carries the cargo of 3,000 semi-trucks. If the locks become inoperable, the shipment of iron ore would come to a screeching halt, immediately affecting manufacturing and disrupting a vast portion of the U.S. economy.

Congress authorized the lock rebuild in 1986 but has not appropriated the funding needed to execute the project since that time.

Pendills to get federal dollars for project

WASHINGTON— On June 7, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced \$50 million in approved funding to rebuild critical U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service infrastructure. The project list includes monies for Pendills Creek and Sullivan Creek National Fish Hatchery. The \$1.9 million has been allocated for “effluent treatment system modernization.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages 566 national wildlife refuges and 38 wetland management areas and operates national fish hatcheries, fish technology centers and fish health centers. The agency is responsible for over \$46 billion in constructed real property assets that include over 25,000 structures (e.g., buildings and water management structures) as well as nearly 14,000 roads, bridges, and dams.



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Improvements and repairs planned for International Bridge this summer

SAULT STE MARIE — Warmer temps mean construction time in Northern Michigan, including work to local bridges. To address ongoing maintenance needs at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, the International Bridge Administration has scheduled several repair and painting projects that are scheduled to start in June.

Annual bridge inspections in recent years have noted sinkholes and the movement and leakage of sand around and through both the Canadian and U.S. bridge abutments. At present, this condition is not severe, but will be addressed.

“After 56 years of aging, loss of sand through the abutment embankment and retaining walls is not out of the ordinary,” said International Bridge Engineer Karl Hansen. “However, this condition will worsen as time progresses, so preventive repairs to the abutments have been scheduled.”

Starting with June, the IBA will use an innovative product and repair method that was presented by the Michigan Department of Transportation’s bridge field services staff. IBA will use a product called Uretek, an injected quick-setting epoxy, to stabilize sub-surface sand, gravel, and rocks by epoxying them together. The injecting unit will be stationed above the bridge abutment and small diameter bore holes will be made through the abutment, down into the sub-surface soils. Liquid epoxy will be injected into the abutment where it will spread throughout all underlying soils and cure in about an hour. The resulting repair is preventive in nature and greatly enhances soil

strengths.

This treatment will effectively arrest the leakage of any soils through the abutments and is a superior solution to retaining wall repairs. It will also minimize traffic impacts.

“This method replaces the more traditional, structurally intrusive type of repair that would greatly disrupt traffic,” said IBA General Manager Peter Petainen. “Intrusive repairs would have required digging up areas of the roadway at the abutments. The Canadian abutment, in particular, would be very difficult otherwise, as repairs to the abutment’s retaining wall would have to be staged from Queen Street.”

Costs for the injection on the U.S. abutment are \$30,250 U.S., and the work will be performed by Uretek USA, Inc. Costs for the injection on the Canadian abutment are \$39,050 CDN, and the work will be performed by Uretek’s Canadian operation, Poly-Mor Canada Inc.

In addition to the abutment project and routine maintenance, the IBA is also scheduling other projects this summer:

— IBA maintenance staff are scheduled to replace five sliding plates on the bridge. Staff installed 10 bearings in 2017 that are functioning well, and the remaining five are slated for installation on the Canadian arch as soon as weather permits this year.

— Certain areas of the bridge deck have been identified as having a high concentration of hairline cracks. These areas will be treated with an epoxy “flood coat” and aggregate to ensure all cracks have been sealed and to make future routine crack sealing

more efficient.

— IBA staff will resume cleaning and coating the bridge’s ivory rail. About 1,553 feet (14 percent) of the rail has been painted so far. Maintenance staff will also continue spot painting on the tail spans of the U.S. arch and cleaning and coating the lower portion of the Canadian arch.

All of the projects will be completed with small intermittent lane closures on the

bridge during day shifts only. No long-term or permanent closures are planned.

The operation and maintenance of the International Bridge is totally self-funded, primarily through bridge tolls. It is not subsidized by any state, provincial or federal government entity. For more information on the International Bridge, please visit www.saultbridge.com or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/saultbridge.

Old Mission donates \$125k to Center for Freshwater Research project

SAULT STE. MARIE — Old Mission Bank’s leadership team and board members solidified a \$125,000 gift towards the observation deck area at the Lake Superior State University’s Center for Freshwater Research and Education recently. The observation deck will be known as the Old Mission Bank Observation Deck.

“Old Mission Bank is such an important economic driver and leader in our community. We are so grateful for their support of this top priority project at Lake State,” said LSSU Foundation Executive Director Tom Coates. “Their generosity has served as motivation for others to make a commitment to our capital campaign.”

The Center for Freshwater Research and Education will be located on the St. Marys River in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. As the hub of aquatic freshwater research, this state-of-the-art facility will provide educational opportunities and economic development for the Eastern Upper Peninsula and surrounding region.

Initially, the project was estimated to cost \$12 million, where LSSU would be required to raise 25 percent of the funds and the State would cover the remaining amount for constructed-related costs. Outstanding progress has been made toward the initial campaign goal of \$3 million.

After extensive design work and planning, the project cost for CFRE was determined to be \$1.2 million more than the projected initial costs, bringing the total cost to \$13.2 million. The additional \$1.2 million will be raised by LSSU to meet the expected educational and research goals outlined for the CFRE. To date, funds raised for the CFRE total \$11.92 million or 90 percent of the revised campaign goal, thanks to contributions from Old Mission Bank and other donors.



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Walking On

Joan Gerrie

It is with great sadness that the family of Joan Gerrie, Sault Ste. Marie, announce her passing, surrounded by her family, on June 12, 2018. She was born in Newberry, Michigan, Nov. 11, 1931 to Charles and Evelyn (Sprague) Taylor.

Joan had been active in the Sault Garden Club, War Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Sault Symphony Orchestra, and the Alberta House Arts Center. She was also an avid bridge player.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 65 years, Donald Gerrie, Sr., their children, Jill (Norman DeLisle) Gerrie, Jayne LaLonde, Donald (Jaimee) Gerrie, Jr., and Jenny Gerrie, by her sister, Prudence Taylor of Newberry, Michigan and brother and sister-in-law Robert (Peggy) Gerrie of Austin, Texas, and grandchildren: Ian (Theresa), Taylor (Caitlin), and Bryn LaLonde, Christopher Goetz, Joshua, Meghan, Nicholas and Addison Gerrie, and Justin and Abigail Sarley; great-grandchildren: Gannon, Ronan, Arden and Adam LaLonde.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Sprague, John and William.

Services have taken place with the assistance of Hovie Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Joan's name to the Hulbert Methodist Church, 10505 Maple St., Hulbert, Michigan 49748.

John William Hogarth, Jr

John William Hogarth, Jr., 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Monday, June 11, 2018, at his home.

John was born on Sept. 20, 1960, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to the late John and Marie (Mendoskin) Hogarth, Sr. He attended Sault High School. John was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and worked with Sault Tribe Construction as a mechanic. John enjoyed spending time with friends. You could always find John in his yard barn tinkering and doing mechanics. John was good to everyone. He would give anyone the shirt off his back. His greatest love was his dogs: Snoopy, Elmer, and Sonny Bunny.

John is survived by his siblings: Betty Ann Caron of Windsor, Ont., Canada and Evelyn Cardamoni of Sault Ste. Marie, Irene (Larry) Pavlot of Sault Ste. Marie, and Rose Mary (Donald) Brabant of Brimley; and seven nieces and nephews: Joann Weimer, Marie Coxen, Russell Cardamoni, L.J. Pavlot, William Hogarth, Christopher Brabant, Donald Brabant.

John was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law: Thomas Caron and Joseph Cardamoni.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Burial will be at a later date at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials may be left to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter.

Trudy L. Taylor

Trudy L. Taylor, 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at her home.

Trudy was born on Aug. 1, 1960, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. to the late William and Martha (Minnis) Taylor. She graduated from Brimley High School with the class of 1979.

Trudy began her military career with the ROTC while still in high school. After graduation, she served in the United States Navy earning the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class Engineman. She served her country for nine years from 1979 to 1986 and later from 1990 to 1992. Trudy was a US Navy Dive Tender with the Mobile Diving Salvage Unit in Little Creek, VA. She also served onboard the USS Emory S. Land (AS-39) and the USS Merrimack (AO-179). She also did a stint in Brawdy, Wales, where she was attached to a Royal Air Force Base.

Trudy enjoyed snorkeling, free diving, black and white movies, golfing, and water-skiing. She also enjoyed going for walks in nature, as well as going to the US Marine Corps Ball and the US Navy Birthday Ball. Trudy was very generous. She loved donating to others including the D.A.V., the Military Order of the Purple Heart, March of Dimes, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She was a member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Trudy was preceded in death by her parents. Services have taken place with the assistance of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Burial and will be held at Cedar Edge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Disabled American Veterans.

Marilyn Irene Templeton

Marilyn Irene Templeton, 89, of Dafter, passed away Monday, June 11, 2018, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House.

Marilyn was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Sept. 23, 1928, the daughter of the late Trygvee and Mabel (Schwalbe) Tveraa. She graduated from Roosevelt High School with the class of 1947. On Dec. 9, 1947, she married Allan C. Templeton, Jr. in Minneapolis.

Marilyn loved vegetable gardening and canning what she grew. She enjoyed crafting, going to the casino, and spending time with her husband. She would cross-stitch special blankets, until her fingers hurt, for each of her grandbabies.

Marilyn is survived by three children: Wendy (Mark) Dray of Alamo, TX, Allan J. (Denise) Templeton of Saginaw, and Terrance (Sharolyn) Templeton of Dafter; nine grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Willard Hotchkiss officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Timothy Robert Thompson

Timothy Robert Thompson, formerly of Paradise, passed away peacefully at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana on Jan. 2, 2018. He was the son of Robert (Kelly) and Ione Marie Thompson.

Tim graduated from Whitefish Township High School in 1971 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After his honorable discharge in 1973, he attended Lake Superior State College until 1978. During his college summers, Tim sailed aboard Great Lakes freighters. In 1978, Tim began sailing as a merchant seaman aboard ocean freighters. Over the next thirty years, Tim saw the world. He sailed extensively on the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans as well as the Caribbean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. He visited numerous ports on five continents.

Tim was an excellent athlete and his passions were sports, reading, astronomy and the sea. He treasured his family and friends.

Tim is survived by brothers Patrick (Melissa) Thompson of Arnold, Maryland and Terrence (Kathleen) Thompson of Ontonagon, Michigan and Stafford, Virginia; sisters Molly (Gerald) Takala of Ontonagon Michigan and Bridget (Smokey) Nodurft of Paradise.

Tim is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces and a great-great-niece as well as his adopted Louisiana family, the Corcorans.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Kelly and Ione and brother Captain Michael Kelly Thompson.

Graveside services will be held Saturday June 23, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Cemetery in Paradise with Pastor Jerry Kline officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard and Hulbert American Legion Post #393. A luncheon will follow at 12 p.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Building.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENTS

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Tuesday, June 26

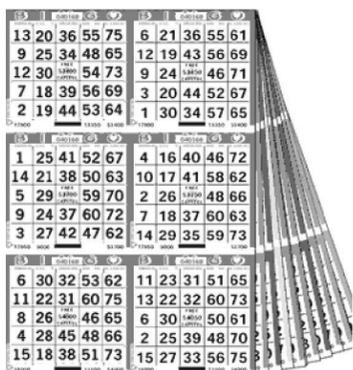
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Survey indicates wolf population has stabilized

UPPER PENINSULA — On June 14, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division officials reported the state's wolf population has remained relatively stable over the past four wolf surveys, the most recent of which occurred this past winter.

DNR wildlife biologists estimate there was a minimum of 662 wolves found among 139 packs across the Upper Peninsula this past winter. The 2016 minimum population estimate was 618 wolves.

"Based on our latest minimum population estimate, it is clear wolf numbers in Michigan remain viable and robust," said Russ Mason, chief of the DNR's wildlife division. "A similar trend is apparent in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The western Great Lakes states' wolf population is thriving and has recovered."

Fifteen more wolf packs were found

during this past winter's survey than in 2016, but pack size has decreased slightly and now averages less than five wolves.

The survey was conducted from December through April, before wolves had produced pups, and when the population is at its lowest point in the annual cycle.

"As the wolf population in the Upper Peninsula has grown and spread out across the region, packs are situated closer together," said Dean Beyer, a DNR wildlife research biologist who organizes the sampling and generates the wolf population estimate for the biannual survey. "This makes it harder to determine which pack made the tracks that were observed in adjacent areas.

"Movement information we collect from GPS-collared wolves helps us interpret the track count results, because these data allow us to identify territorial bound-

aries. The minimum population estimate we generate is a conservative estimate, which takes these factors into account."

The wolf survey is completed by DNR Wildlife Division and U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services staff who search specific survey areas for wolf tracks and other signs of wolf activity, such as territorial marking or indications of breeding.

In 2017-2018, approximately 63 percent of the Upper Peninsula was surveyed.

After wolves returned naturally to the U.P. through migration from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ontario in the 1980s, the population rebounded remarkably over time. The pronounced long-term increase in wolf abundance is evident, despite human cause-specific mortality, such as poaching.

However, over the past few years,

Michigan's minimum estimate has hovered between 600 and 700 wolves, which could be indicative of a stabilizing population.

"Research suggests prey availability and the geographical area of the U.P. are the key limiting factors of wolf population expansion," said Kevin Swanson, a wildlife management specialist with the DNR's Bear and Wolf Program in Marquette. "This is proving to be true."

Since the winter of 1993-94, combined wolf numbers in Michigan and Wisconsin have surpassed 100, meeting federally established goals for population recovery. The Michigan recovery goal of a minimum sustainable population of 200 wolves for five consecutive years was achieved in 2004.

Wolves in Michigan remain a federally-protected species which may only be killed legally in defense of human life.

Be advised: Human actions impact bear movement

It's pretty impressive to think a black bear can find a meal about anywhere in the forest – food is not the limiting factor for bear locations.

"Bear, like other wildlife, are smart and make finding food their job," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources bear specialist Kevin Swanson. "If they come across an easy and reliable meal like a bird feeder, they will take advantage of it and will likely return for more."

Bear are omnivores, meaning they eat both plants and meat, with the majority of their consumption being roots, berries, nuts, and insects and their larvae.

Bear can be found in more than half of Michigan, with an estimated population of over 12,000 adult bear (2,000 in the northern Lower Peninsula and 10,000 in the Upper Peninsula).

"Bears that are fed typically lose their natural fear of humans and can become a threat to people's safety," added Swanson. "In some cases, bears may even have to be euthanized."

Reliable, calorie-rich food sources, such as bird feeders, can draw bears from their natural habitat. You can help your neighborhood and community by removing bird feeders and other attractants. Garbage cans, dumpsters, barbeque grills, restaurant grease bins and bee hives also can attract bears to an area that people frequent.

For your safety, NEVER intentionally feed a bear – it is in your, as well as your neighbors' and the bear's, best interest. It is critical that bear retain their natural fear of humans.

Bear numbers and their locations are controlled through regulated hunting. Michigan's bear hunting season has multiple opening dates that vary based on the location. For most locations, you must enter an application process to receive a bear license.

Cloverland Electric Co-op announces election results

DAFTER — Cloverland Electric Cooperative announced the results of the director elections at its Annual Meeting of the Members on the evening of June 7 at the Dafter Township Hall.

Cloverland is a democratically-controlled, not-for-profit electric co-op that is governed by nine directors elected by and from the members of their respective districts to serve a three-year term in office. One seat is up for election in each district each year.

Voting took place by mail-in ballot which concluded on May 31. Gerald Nettleton of DeTour Village is the newly elected director for District A receiving 1,038 votes. Andrew Brown of St. Ignace received 938 votes. Susan Rutledge of Hessel received 788 votes and Joseph Durm of St. Ignace received 234 votes. District A is also represented by Jason St. Onge of

Mackinac Island and William LaLonde of St. Ignace. Jason Oberle of Sault Ste. Marie is the newly elected director for District B receiving 1,436 votes. Charles Litzner of Sault Ste. Marie received 888 votes and Raymond Johnson of Eckerman received 486 votes. District B is also represented by John Sawruk of Sault Ste. Marie and Carmine Bonacci Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie. In District C, Ron Provo of Manistique, was re-elected with 1,014 votes. Allan Ott of Manistique re-

ceived 828 votes. Wayne Hellerstedt of Germfask received 505 votes and Isaac Swisher of Manistique received 345 votes. District C is also represented by Virgil Monroe of Manistique and Peter Legault of Engadine.

Prior to hearing the election results, members voted to amend the qualifications for a director candidate to include language that reads, "No one who is a registered sex offender or has been convicted of a sex related crime may run for the board of directors."



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First West Nile virus activity of 2018 detected in Michigan

LANSING – Now that warmer weather is here, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is reminding residents that the best way to protect against West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to prevent mosquito bites. The first West Nile virus activity for the state was recently confirmed in mosquitoes collected in late May in Saginaw County.

People who work in outdoor occupations or like to spend time outdoors are at increased risk for West Nile virus infection from mosquito bites. Adults 60 years old and older have the highest risk of severe illness caused by West Nile virus.

“Use insect repellent to prevent mosquito bites when outdoors,” said Dr. Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “It only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to cause a severe illness, so take

extra care during peak mosquito-biting hours, which are dusk and dawn.”

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Most people who contract the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. As summer temperatures rise, mosquitoes and the virus develop more quickly so it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites as the weather warms.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness and a severe headache. More serious complications include neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

Last year, 40 residents were diagnosed with West Nile virus in Michigan with one death reported. Nationally, there were

2,002 human cases of the virus and 121 deaths reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- Use EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol and 20undecanone. Follow the label instructions and apply as directed. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.

- When outdoors, wear shoes and

socks, light colored long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Dress young children in clothing that covers their arms and legs and cover cribs, strollers and baby carriers with mosquito netting.

- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Use bed nets when sleeping outdoors or in conditions with no window screens.

- Once a week, eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding around your home, including water in bird baths, abandoned swimming pools, wading pools, old tires and any other object holding water.

For information about West Nile virus activity in Michigan and to report sick or dead birds, visit Michigan.gov/westnile. Additional information can be found at Cdc.gov/westnile.

Catch more trout with raised bag limit in the U.P.

By KALEY FECH
Capital News Service

LANSING — Anglers fishing for brook trout in the Upper Peninsula this season can tackle portions of 36 streams where the daily bag limit has been increased to 10 fish.

The season runs until Sept. 30.

“It’s been an evolving issue,” said George Madison, a Baraga-based fisheries manager for the Department of Natural Resources. “For many years, the daily possession limit was 10 brook trout. After a while, there was concern from sport anglers and groups that the limit could be too much on streams that receive a lot of fishing pressure.”

In 2000, all of the state’s Type 1 trout streams changed to a five-fish bag limit, Madison said. However, some people felt there were a lot of streams that didn’t receive much fishing pressure, and the 10-fish limit could still be in effect in those areas.

Most streams in the state are Type 1.

“Several years ago we did some experimental streams with the 10-fish limit to evaluate if the people catching 10 fish would truly impact the populations or not,” Madison said. “The evaluation went on for four years, and every summer was different. We couldn’t really tell if populations were being impacted by the 10-fish limit.”

Phil Schneeberger, the Lake Superior Basin coordinator for the DNR, said brook trout populations have a high variability from year to year due to environmental factors, with or without an increase in the bag limit.

“There was some evidence of a decrease in population in some streams with an increase in the bag limit, but I wouldn’t call it compelling,” he said. “The population also decreased in some streams that did not have an increase in the bag limit. There are just so many other factors that can make the population fluctuate.”

However, Madison said the study did show that many remote streams in the U.P. get little to no fishing pressure.

In 2016, the Natural Resources Commission decided to open more streams to the higher bag limit, he said. “All in all the decision was supported by the public. They recognized this would diversify fishing opportunities across the U.P. areas.”

All but one of the U.P.’s 15 counties has at least one stream on the list of those with a 10-fish bag limit. The sole exception is Menominee County.

“I think it’s a good opportunity for the anglers,” Madison said. “We’ve selected streams throughout the U.P. so that whatever county you’re in, you have an opportunity nearby to have a stream that would have a

higher possession limit.”

One reason the DNR is increasing the limit is because it’s not seeing as many stream anglers.

“At one time, it was very popular. Years ago there would be anglers packed along the river. Nowadays, you don’t see that as much,” Madison said. “Anglers have become a little more sedentary where they like to fish out of boats for walleye or bass.”

One problem is that some anglers, especially those who are unfamiliar with an area or stream, may be confused because only a portion of some streams has the higher limit.

However, Madison said DNR maps try to make the boundaries clear-cut, such as a county road “so people would know that the waters upstream from this road are 10-fish possession limit and waters below the road are five-fish possession limit,” he said.

Another problem for the DNR is the difficulty of enforcing the regulation. For example, if a conservation officer comes across an angler near one of the boundaries with 10 fish in his or her cooler, the officer has no

way of knowing on which side of the stream the angler caught the fish.

Schneeberger said, “We realize that with the proximity of some of the increased bag limit streams so close to the five-bag limit streams, it’s going to be almost impossible to enforce it rigorously.”

However, Madison said most anglers are pretty good at following the rules.

“Most of our regulations are based on an honor system. Ninety-nine percent of the anglers follow the letter of the law.”

Based on the DNR’s creel census studies, most people catch between three and five fish, Madison said. “Although there are people that fish hard and are good anglers. They know where to go and they can catch 10 fish.”

There’s a surge in fishing from the season opener through early summer, “and then it kind of wanes after that,” Madison said. “People move on to other activities. We see a little bit of an uptick in September because people get out for the fall colors.”



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Announcements

Vacation Bible School announced

Vacation Bible School will be held at the First Congregational Church in Brimley on Monday through Friday, June 25 to 28, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students entering kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to attend "Operation Space" as cadets in basic Bible training.

Afternoon activities include music, games, and crafts. Students will be encouraged to memorize daily Bible verses and contribute to a mission project. For more information or transportation, please call Pastor Case at 906-248-3360 (home) or 906-248-5716 (church).

Market vendors wanted

Vendors are needed for a 2018 Farmer's Market in the Brimley/Bay Mills area starting July 26 to October 25th, every Thursday 4 to 7 p.m. The space for vendors is free. If needed canopy and table are provided. The goal of this Farmer's Market is to provide healthy, locally home grown and/or unique natural produce along with Native American Art from tribal members, to the community and the general public. The market is operated and located in Bay Mills Indian Community. It is not regulated by the State of Michigan. The Michigan Cottage Food Law is recommended but not required. For more information contact Connie Watson, cwatson@baymills.org or call 906-248-8363

Veterans clinic announced

Bay Mills Indian Community will host a "Veterans Claims Clinic" to be held at the Armella Parker Building on Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Native veterans are invited to sit down with a representative from the Department of Veteran Affairs to see what benefits they are entitled to. Questions may be directed to Sara L. Tadgerson at sltadgerson@baymills.org, located at the Tribal Administration Office.

Vendors needed

Crafters, demonstrators, food, and the like. Serious inquiries only for very busy event on the grounds of the Wheels of History Museum in Brimley for 4th of July. Contact : Thomas1927@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming events at Bayliss Library

June 21, 7 p.m. : Free Family Concert with the Catbird Seat: Lansing performers Wanda Degen and Kay Rinker-O'Neil will perform Celtic, folk, Great Lakes, and pop music on vocals, dulcimer, autoharp, flute, and tin whistle. Free concert for all ages. The Friends will provide refreshments.

June 23, 1 p.m.: Elementary Summer Reading

June 23, 2 p.m.: Building Club

June 26, 12 to 2 p.m.: Creative Endeavors

June 26, 6 to 8 p.m.: Yarn Workers Guild

June 26, 7 p.m.: Superior Poetry Cafe Open Mic with Ellen Van Laar as facilitator.

Bring your poetry, music, stories to share.

June 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Preschool Summer Reading

June 28, 1 p.m.: Elementary Summer Reading

June 28, 7 p.m.: To Honor Their Service and Sacrifice: Vietnam Veterans and the Variety of Wartime Experiences, a talk by Dr. Andrew Ringlee, historian for the USA Vietnam War Commemoration.

June 29, 7 p.m.: Peter Bergin Ragtime Piano Concert

June 30, all day.: 350th Event to Commemorate Bayliss Library--book signings, etc.

June 30, 1 p.m.: Elementary Summer Reading

Wellness Fair planned

A Wellness Fair will take place on Thursday, June 28 at the Horizons Conference room at Bay Mills Resort & Casino. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include information on flu vaccines, smoking cessation, Medicare/Medicaid information, and cancer prevention. All community members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be given away.

Bay Mills Pow Wow, June 22 to 24

Bay Mills 27th Annual "Honoring Our Veterans" Pow Wow will be held from Friday, June 22 to Sunday, June 24. Grand Entry will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1

p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, and noon on Sunday. Come out for a weekend of dancing, traditional foods, craft vendors, and socialization. All events take place at the Bay Mills ball diamond at 12099 Lakeshore Drive in Brimley. The pow wow is an alcohol and drug-free event.

AARP Veterans event

On Thursday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon, AARP is teaming up with local veterans organizations for a resource fair. AARP Michigan will host the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency to learn about benefits veterans earned through their service.

There will be representatives from a variety of veterans service providers through the local Veteran Community Action Team to talk about benefits and answer questions. The event will take place at Bay Mills Resort & Casino. Please register ahead of time for the event online at <https://aarp.cvent.com/veteransbrimley712> or call 1-877-926-8300.

Council meetings

Bay Mills Executive Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the tribal administration building. Throughout the summer the meetings are scheduled to take place at 3 p.m. After Labor Day they will move back to the 4:30 p.m. time slot.

The next council meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 25.

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- Proficient in classroom and student management techniques.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment with parents and professionals.
- Proven ability to implement innovative methods of teaching using offline and online resources.

Email Cover letter, Resume, Transcripts, and Proof of Certification to:

Stephanie Vittitow
Chief Administrative Officer
Ojibwe Charter School
11507 W. Industrial Drive
Brimley, MI 49715
svittitow@eupschools.org

Employment at MEP Services is considered at will. MEP Services is an equal opportunity employer.

POSITION: SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (Regular Route and Substitute Positions Available)

POSTING PERIOD: until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. CDL Class B License with Air Brakes, Passenger and School Bus Endorsements;
2. Current medical certificate with the ability to pass drug and alcohol screening;
3. Clear criminal background screening;
4. Ability to work with PreK-12th grade students;

REPORTS TO: Director of Transportation

Interested persons should submit a letter of application to:
Stephanie Vittitow, Superintendent/CAO
11507 W. Industrial Drive Brimley, MI 49715
svittitow@eupschools.org

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide safe and reliable transportation for students to and from school.
 2. Maintain a safe and respectful environment on the school bus.
 3. Maintain a consistent schedule based on assigned route.
 4. Communicate with parents as necessary regarding student behavior.
 5. Keep accurate route records with instructions for a substitute.
 6. Communicate route needs and concerns with the Director.
 7. Perform required pre-trip inspections and report equipment defects to the mechanic.
 8. Keep the interior of the bus clean. (Extra pay for exterior bus washing.)
 9. Operate the bus in accordance with all applicable laws and district policies.
 10. May have the opportunity to drive regular extra runs and or extra trips.
- *Pay Rate: \$17.00 per hour



Congratulations Autumn, all of your hard work paid off - Class Salutatorian! We are so proud of you and look forward to your future plans beginning this fall at NMU in the Pre-Med Program. Love, Your Family



Congratulations Stephanie on graduating with your RN Degree! We are so proud of all your hard work (Matt's too). Love, Your Family



Daisy Lucille Walden, Brimley High School

Daisy will attend Bay Mills Community College for two years and then plans to transfer to Grand Valley State to study psychology.



Reginald LeBlanc graduated from Brimley kindergarten and will be moving on to the first grade. He is a member of the class of 2030.

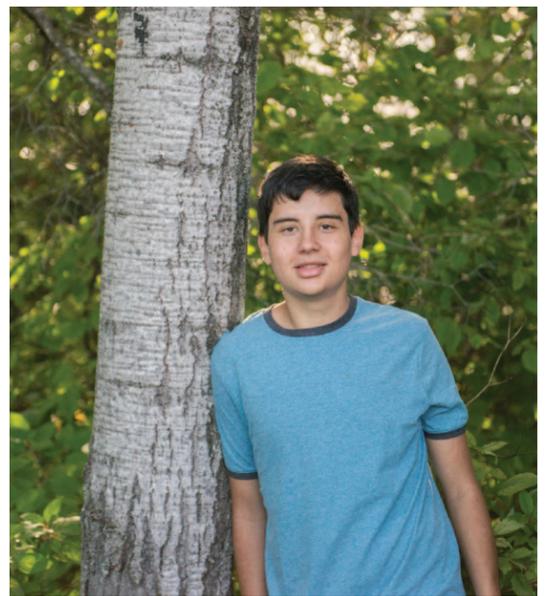


Carly Belleau graduated from Ojibwe Charter School and was the salutatorian at commencement. She is the daughter of Ann Cameron and George Belleau.



Alyssa Recla graduated from Lake Superior State University, magna cum laude, with a degree in accounting. She recently secured a new job in Traverse City. Nate Recla graduated from Brimley High School and will attend Lake Superior State University in the fall to study engineering.

Brody Maurice LeBlanc graduated from Rudyard High School as a member of the class of 2018. He will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall to study computer science.



Katelin Ashley McDonald graduated from Brimley Area High School. She will be attending Lake Superior State University this fall to study accounting.



Shelby Leapley graduated from Bay Mills Community College and is attending Lake Superior State University in the fall for nursing.

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