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President Barack Obama signs H.R. 205, the HEARTH Act of 2012, in the Oval Office, July 30. Standing behind the President, from left, are: Bay Mills Indian Community member Bryan Newland, senior policy advisor at the Department of the Interior; Gov. Randall Vicente, Pueblo of Acoma in New Mexico; David Hayes, deputy secretary of the Department of the Interior; Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians; Rep. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.; Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; Interior Secretary Ken Salazar; Bay Mills Indian Community member Cheryl Causley, chairperson of the National American Indian Housing Council; Gov. Gregory Mendoza, Gila River Indian Community of Arizona; and Del Laverdure, acting assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior.

## Two Bay Mills tribal members witness signing of HEARTH Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On July 30 President Obama demonstrated the latest step in his commitment to Native Americans by signing into law the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act. This legislation allows tribes to lease restricted lands for residential, business, public, religious, educational, or recreational purposes without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

The HEARTH Act promotes greater tribal self-determination and will help create jobs in Indian Country. Under the Act, federally recognized tribes can develop and implement their own regulations governing certain leasing on Indian lands.

Upon Secretarial approval of these tribal regulations, tribes will have the authority to process land leases without Bureau of Indian Affairs approval. This new authority has the potential to significantly reduce the time it takes to approve leases for homes and small businesses in Indian Country. By allowing tribes to more quickly and easily lease their lands,

the bill promotes investment in tribal communities and more broadly facilitates economic development.

The HEARTH Act builds on the Administration's strong record of accomplishments for Native Americans and Native Alaskans and complements existing initiatives to strengthen tribal economies.

Just recently, on July 12, Treasury announced that it is opening up \$1.8 billion of Tribal Economic Development bonds for reallocation to tribal governments. The TED bond program was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and provides tribes with the authority to issue tax-exempt debt for a wider range of activities to spur job creation and promote economic growth in Indian Country.

By providing tribes with the ability to issue tax-exempt debt in a manner similar to that available to state and local governments, tribes can lower their borrowing costs and more easily engage in new economic development projects.

## Emerald ash borer confirmed on Sugar Island reservation

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Kiss your ash trees goodbye.

Emerald ash borer larvae presence has been confirmed in the ash tree population on Bay Mills Indian Community's Sugar Island reservation. The area was already considered part of a level II quarantine as a preventative measure, but this is the first time the beetle has been found in that region.

A quarantine level II area includes the townships within a quarantined county that contain and adjoin a known EAB infested site.

The U.P. counties currently under quarantine are Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Houghton, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft. The Lower Peninsula continues to be quarantined in its entirety and is designated as a quarantine level I area.

Bay Mills Biological Services interns discovered the larvae and the department is continuing to assess the situation; however, the outcome for the ash trees remains bleak.

"There is no fix for this invasive species, but if possible we can do things to limit the spread and try and protect some of the trees from infection," said Biologist Amanda Bosak.

"The options available are no action, cut trees, use chemical treatment, or biological control. Once we



PICKING BUGS — Rachel Browning and Dee Mitchell (L-R) collect specimens from an EAB trap. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

survey the area more closely, we will be able to determine our options based on the number of trees that we estimated may be infested, the size of the trees, their accessibility, effectiveness in other locations of treatments/combination of treatments, time, and cost."

EAB was first confirmed in the state in the summer of 2002. Since that time it has spread rapidly, killing more than 30 million ash trees, most often from the movement of infected firewood. In 2005, the borer was found in Brimley State Park, also likely from the movement of firewood. Michigan's Dept. of Agriculture has created quarantine zones in an attempt to stop the spread, but it appears EAB is continuing to afflict ash trees regardless.

Bay Mills has one thing working in its favor and that's timing.

"Late fall and early spring are the recommended times to treat an area, because adults have died by the fall or have not emerged yet in the spring," said Bosak. "We have some time to figure out our options."

Funding those options could be another issue. While an abundance of grant monies existed for treating EAB when it was first discovered a decade ago, its spread across the state has tapped out those funds.

The biology department will look into the use of pesticides and parasitic insects, and make a recommendation to Bay Mills Executive Council about treatment.

In the meantime, property owners are being reminded not move firewood from their property to stop the spread of beetle. Even trees that are cut are a risk, as larvae can survive in a downed tree.

## Historic tree to get the axe from township

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — The fate of the historic Eastern white pine located on the former Iroquois Grocery site has been decided. It will fall to the axe within the month.

At their Aug. 8 meeting, the Bay Mills Township Board accepted a bid from American Tree Service in Dafter to take down the tree for \$700, leaving the lot clear for the eventual construction of an emergency services building.

The architectural drawings were available at the meeting, showing the building erected on the west side of the lot directly in front of the tree with a gravel driveway on the east side of the lot. Citizens in attendance questioned whether the building could be moved to the eastern portion, but board member Ray Baker pointed out that the tree would then be in the middle of the driveway and the emergency vehicles would be closer and more disturbing to nearby residents.

The township board did attempt to purchase the unoccupied land to the east, Supervisor Roger Graham said, offering a "true cash value" of \$14,000, but the property owners insisted on \$80,000, so negotiations ended. Baker pointed out that the existing lot is small and limits how the building can be situated.

"Everyone wants to keep the tree," said Baker, "but it is something that has to happen, unfortunately, and this new building will benefit the whole community."

He added that the board does want to respect the feelings that the community has for the 200-year-old, 65-foot pine and intends to act on suggestions made previously to commemorate the tree in some fashion. The board sent a letter in June to Kurt Perron, chairman of Bay Mills Indian Community, offering a donation of a portion of the tree to be used in their proposed construction of a new pavilion at the site of the cultural building that was lost to a fire years ago. Baker will also contact the tribe about the possibility of performing a memorial ceremony if they wish.

John Morrison, township employee, has offered to cut the tree into memorial pieces for those interested and the board plans to replant another Eastern white pine on the property in a better location. They also plan to incorporate lumber from the downed tree into the construction of the new emergency services building.

The tree will be gone within the month, so community members who wish to be involved in a farewell ceremony should contact members of the township board as soon as possible. Contact Roger Graham at 906-248-5356, Mary Swendsen at 906-437-5316, Dawn Recla at 906-437-5373, Ray Baker at 906-437-5385, or Dan Wilcox at 906-437-5305.

In other business, the board approved a resolution to split a subdivision lot to provide access for a resident's driveway; approved keeping 1 mill for township operating expenses rather than raising it to the allowable 1.6 mills; and approved preparing a resolution for support of the Sportsmen's Off Road Vehicle Association's plans to develop two DNR-approved ATV trails, partially located in Bay Mills Township.

Due to residents' interest in a fall clean up, the board set a collection date of Saturday, Sept. 15 with an alternate date of Saturday, Sept. 22. They plan to have a small 20-yard dumpster and a compactor available for use.

While presenting his Maintenance & Projects Report, Graham said a new fence around the Steamer Myron's gravesite in Mission Hill Cemetery is almost complete. Someone connected with the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum in Paradise has expressed an interest in the site, which contains the unidentified remains of sailors lost to the shipwreck of the Myron in 1919. Graham is hoping to get some funding for improvements to the site and asked if the board would be interested in putting up a memorial marker. Bob St. Peter of St. Peter Monuments will present the cost of such a memorial at the next meeting, set for Wednesday, Sept. 12.



TAKE A BOW — On Aug. 6, Web Kinney, a Bay Mills Indian Community elder, presented a longbow he made to BMIC Conservation crew, Captain Don Carrick Jr. and Justin Carrick (L-R). The Conservation Department purchased the wood and Kinney donated his time and skill. The bow will be auctioned off at the Native Fisheries and Wildlife Conference next month, to raise funds for scholarships for Native American students. Kinney teaches the art of longbow making to anyone interested. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

# Candidate field narrowed with primary election

SAULT STE. MARIE — The primary election held on Tuesday, Aug. 7 brought positive results for local townships and school districts. The millage proposal for Brimley Area Schools passed 198-189. This millage will allow the school to fund a roof replacement project over the next three years.

Whitefish Township voters also backed their school district, voting in favor of a 1.25 millage

request.

Kinross Township voters also approved a millage favoring emergency medical services, voting 265-209. Rudyard Township's blacktopping and road improvement projects will also move forward, as will Sugar Island's road improvement projects as millages received the thumbs up from voters.

Drummond Island voters supported two requests for funding.

One millage asked voters to support general operating expenses while the other was a renewal request for library operations.

In the race for Chippewa County sheriff, Robert Savoie came out on top, defeating Paul Rambo on the Republican ticket. He will face Emil Mattson in November. Savoie is the incumbent in the race.

Democrat "Coach" Jim Martin was defeated by Suzanne Shumway by a slim margin of only 27 votes. Martin did not seek a recount and said he wished Shumway the best of luck in the fall.

She will face Republican incumbent Frank Foster for the 107th District House of Representatives seat. Both are from the Petoskey area.

Seeking Chippewa County Commission seats will be current chairman Scott Shackleton for District I. He defeated John Sawruk on the Republican ticket 270-199 and will face off with Democrat Clayton McGahey in the fall.

In District II, Don Cooper gathered enough support to sail into the November election unopposed. He defeated fellow Democrat Don McLean. There is

no Republican candidate on the ballot.

Also appearing on the ballot in November will be District IV with current Democratic Commissioner Ted Postula taking on Republican challenger James Traynor. In District V, incumbent Republican George Kinsella of Brimley will be challenged by Democrat Raymond "Rudy" Johnson of Strongs.

Other races of interest include former state rep. Gary McDowell of Rudyard facing off against Republican incumbent Dan Benishek for the 101st congressional seat.

## Don Cooper

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**OPEN HOUSE** — Ribbon cutting ceremonies and an open house were held at the new Hospice House on July 19. There is no cost to reside at the Hospice House, but space is very limited.

## EUP Hospice House completed Donation at open house stuns director

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — A project years in the making finally celebrated completion on July 19 as the Hospice House held an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at its new Sault Ste. Marie location.

The house has been a longtime dream for Hospice Director Tracy Holt, who said her family has listened to her "eat, breath

and sleep Hospice for eight years" since the board began talking about the idea.

The \$900,000 building, constructed by McGahey Construction, will provide a comfortable living environment for five patients. Hospice care is available to any person whose life expectancy is measured in terms of months. It addresses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of the patient and their families.

"Soon this house will be a home," said Rev. Barry Levine, who offered the first blessing in front of a large crowd of community members.

And as if Holt wasn't overwhelmed enough about the project being completed, she was in for another surprise. Robert and Ellen Ball of Zephyrhills, Fla. stepped forward and donated \$100,000 to go towards the remainder of the \$300k mortgage. The Ball family donated in honor of their loved ones who have passed on.

The donation floored Holt, who pretty much lost the speech she had planned, joking \$100,000 ago she had everything she wanted to say in her head.

"The only thing I can really say is thank you. No way would this have been possible without

community support," she said, visibly choking back tears.

Since ground broke on the project last October, numerous fund raisers have been held and many community businesses and organizations stepped up to make the home a reality.

Staff training took place in July and will continue until patients are brought in. The target date was set for Aug. 13 to start accepting patients, and Hospice has already been flooded with calls from people asking about being placed on a patient list.

There is no cost for patients to be housed at the Hospice House. Hospice is a team effort to enhance the quality of life for dying patients and their families as they plan and live their last days together. It's an encouragement for people to live their lives to the fullest, with dignity and peace, until they die.

Community volunteers are the heart of hospice and supplement the professional and paraprofessional services. Bereavement services continue for family members during their recovery from the loss of their loved ones.

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# Karr joins Bay Mills staff as chief financial officer

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — A new chief financial officer is taking the reins at Bay Mills Indian Community. Joyce Karr, a native of Lansing, officially began her CFO duties on Aug. 6.

The position had been vacant since the retirement of Mike Brooks almost five years ago; Controller Greg Parker had been filling in for the interim until a permanent person was selected.

The search was long and arduous

for Bay Mills Executive Council. Karr initially applied in late March after hearing about the position from a friend in Bay Mills.

Karr has been visiting the local area for years with her husband, Ron, to fish and golf and couldn't think of a better place to work.

"It's always been a dream to live in the U.P.," she said.

She is no stranger to the winter weather either, as she did some of her undergraduate work while attending college in Marquette. She earned her bachelor's degree in business adminis-

tration, majoring in accounting, and her master's degree in administration — both from Central Michigan University. She received the outstanding graduate project award in grad school for her work on increasing cash flow in government organizations.

A licensed and certified public accountant with extensive experience in accounting and auditing, Karr took an early retirement from the State of Michigan where she worked at a director's level, overseeing the work of a staff of approximately 60 people. After that she operated her own business as

a financial consultant.

Karr considers herself a "numbers person" and enjoys problem solving and coming up with long term strategies. While she is still in "learning mode" acclimating herself to the new position, she looks forward to working with each department.

"I will work on getting the tribe in a more fiscally sound position," she said.

Karr is residing in Bay Mills and plans on making the area her home.

"We are sticking around long term. This is where we want to live."



# Brimley Booster club seeks members

By Alison Walker  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The beginning of a new school year signifies one thing in common for parents and school districts — trying to make ends meet in a budget that has been tightened by the economy.

With budget cuts to education, athletic programs were not spared from the financial blow, and Brimley Area Schools knows that firsthand. Currently, all Brimley sports teams are "pay to play" for athletes to participate. In an effort to off-set costs for both the district and athletes, the Brimley Booster Club is working to fund athletics so parents aren't stuck footing the bill.

The club is a non-profit organization that operates with the sole premise of fundraising to help ensure athletes are able to participate in a sport and that the needs of teams are met in regards to equipment and facilities.

"We [my wife and I] both feel very strongly that young people should enjoy their four years of high school, getting a good education first, then enjoying all the extracurricular activities that high school has to offer," said Booster Club President Terry Maguran.

"In all of these programs you learn how to work within a group, how the most important thing is the team and helping each other to make the team a success. You learn that there is no 'I' in team, but hard work and dedication to the team will help you as you pursue your lifelong dreams and ambitions."

The group consists mainly of parents of student athletes, but all community members are welcome to sup-

port the cause and join. Maguran himself became involved after retiring and moving to Brimley. He and his wife began attending local sports and events and heard about the needs of the athletes and the current booster club. So the pair stepped up and are hoping others will do the same. Marguran is encouraging the community to get involved in the BBC because after all, "it's for the children."

This year, the boosters are planning a number of projects, from helping to provide new roofs for the baseball dugouts to a new score board for the football field, which was recently hit by lightning, and raise money for a new concession stand/ ticket booth for the football field. Marguran feels the more people that get involved, the easier these projects will be to accomplish.

Those interested in getting involved in the boosters can come to the meetings which are held in the Brimley High School cafeteria every month. Each meeting lasts about an hour, usually on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Potential Booster Club members can also check out the Brimley Booster Club group on Facebook, which is now open for anyone to join, and keep up to date on upcoming events and fundraisers.

The Brimley Booster Club is always looking for donations, whether it is time or money. For example, the boosters are looking for man power to help build the new roofs for the dugouts at the baseball diamonds.

If you would like to make a donation, or would like to help with a project, call Terry Maguran at 734-673-7204.

# Vietnam "Moving Wall" memorial in Sault Ste. Marie later this month

SAULT STE. MARIE — Residents of the Eastern Upper Peninsula will have an opportunity to show honor and respect to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice when a portable replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial comes to Sault Ste. Marie August 24 to 27.

The lawn at City Hall will host "The Moving Wall" — a 253-foot memorial that bears the names of 58,272 soldiers, including approximately 1,300 who are still unaccounted for, either prisoners of war or missing in action. This visit of "The Moving Wall" is sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Convention & Visitors Bureau and The Sault Events.

Beginning with opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, the site will be open for visitors around the clock until the closing ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Aug. 27.

"The Moving Wall" was originally conceived by three Vietnam veterans from California: John Devitt, Gerry Haver and Norris Shears. Devitt had attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and wanted to "share the power and good" he had experienced by visiting the memorial, according to officials. Construction began in February of 1983 and was complete in October of 1984. "The Moving Wall" was paid for by contributions from the public.

Linda Hoath, Executive Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the outpouring of support and volunteerism in anticipation of the memorial's arrival has been remarkable. "It is truly a community effort to host the wall and we have been pleased by the number of groups and individuals willing to help. We are still in need of volunteers, but I am very thankful for the number of people who have come forward to participate in this meaningful event," said Hoath.

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# OPINION

## Stop IRS's Indian Treaty Violations

By John Steele

Our Indian nations and tribes are the first American sovereigns. Our people were always free.

When Red Cloud saw the American flag, he asked what it meant. He was told it is the symbol of the United States. So, he took out an arrow and tied an eagle feather to the end. He shot the arrow into the flagpole above the American flag, and Red Cloud said, "That eagle feather is our flag."

Sitting Bull said, "We are free people. No one controls the path we walk."

Crazy Horse said, "We preferred our own way of living and we were no expense to the government."

The Sioux Nation Treaty of 1868 reserved western South Dakota, from the low water mark on the east bank of the Missouri River through the Black Hills to the Wyoming border, as the "permanent home" of the Great Sioux Nation. The Treaty preserved our Lakota homeland for our "absolute and undisturbed" use, and forbade any unauthorized persons from entering our lands.

The heroes of the Civil War—President Grant, General Sherman and General Sheridan—broke the Treaty and sent Custer to his fate. Then they sent more and more armies against us, killing many of our chiefs and families on a genocidal campaign to steal our Black Hills and our gold.

Sherman said that he wanted us to be helpless and dependent. Today, our Lakota people are the poorest in the United States. Five of the 10 poorest counties in the United States are located on the original lands of the Great Sioux Nation in North and South Dakota. It is no accident that we are poor—it is the direct result of United States' policy to steal land and resources from Indian nations.

As tribal governments, we struggle to provide opportunity for our people, under our reserved rights to self-government. Our rights are human rights that predate the United States.

Thomas Jefferson said, "All men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

On the Good Red Road, we seek good lives, real jobs, health and happiness. To us, liberty means respect for our self-government and Treaty rights.

Yet, once again, the United States is violating our rights. This time it is not the 7th Cavalry. Today it is the Internal Revenue Service that is sent out against us.

The IRS recognizes that, when the Federal and state governments fund public schools, affordable housing, health care, and old age assistance, those are essential government functions. Yet, when Indian tribes provide education, housing, health care, and elder care to our people, the IRS wants to tax us under the General Welfare Doctrine because we provide our programs to all tribal citizens and we do not "means test" our people.

Naturally, we serve all of our people; after all, we are an Indian nation and we have always done so. When an elderly grandmother was hungry and she had lost her sons, the young hunter provided her buffalo. Today, we refuse to peek into checkbooks before we feed our elders or provide lunch to our children.

The IRS is discriminating against Indian tribes by seeking to audit all Indian tribes in the country. The IRS is not conducting similar audits of the state and local governments.

For example, Pennsylvania makes elderly payments from the state lottery proceeds, but the IRS does not complain about that. Georgia pays for college scholarships for all qualified state citizens, yet the IRS is not seeking to tax Georgia students.

The IRS has been coming out to Indian reservations, camping out at tribal government headquarters for weeks at a time, seeking to force us to conform our tribal self-government to IRS guidelines. Sitting Bull said, "the White Man knows how to make everything,

but he does not know how to distribute anything."

We will serve our people according to our traditional values, and the IRS should recognize that we reserved that right under our Treaties. In *Ex Parte Crow Dog* (1883), the Supreme Court said that our Treaties and Agreements reserve to the Sioux Nation "the best and highest form of government, self-government."

The Constitution recognizes Indian tribes as prior sovereigns, with the power to make treaties and affirms the earliest Indian treaties that guaranteed tribal homelands and protection for tribal government. The Constitution refers to tribal citizens as "Indians not taxed," recognizing that our people were originally citizens of Indian nations, not citizens of the United States.

More than 90 years after the Declaration of Independence, the United States had agreed to over 370 Indian treaties. In 1868, the Constitution's 14th Amendment affirmed those treaties by repealing the original exclusion of "Indians not taxed" from congressional apportionment and taxation. The 14th Amendment also excluded tribal citizens from the Citizenship Clause.

As the Supreme Court said, explained in *Elk v. Wilkins* (1884), the United States dealt with Indian nations through treaty and agreement, not by passing laws to govern tribal citizens on tribal lands.

Although born in the United States, our people were subject to our own nation's jurisdiction, not the United States' jurisdiction, so our grandparents did not become U.S. citizens. In 1874, Chief Spotted Tail told President Grant, "if I was a citizen, I would vote for you." That was before the Custer fight, of course.

In 1924, when Congress enacted the Indian Citizenship Act, our Lakota and Dakota people sought a provision to protect tribal self-government. Congress enacted the proviso along as part of the Indian Citizenship Act:

"[A]ll non citizen Indians born within the territorial limits of the United States be, and they are hereby, declared to be citizens of the United States: Provided That the granting of such citizenship shall not in any manner impair or otherwise affect the right of any Indian to tribal or other property."

So, under the original terms of the Constitution and the 14th Amendment, the Sioux Nation Treaty of 1868, and the Indian Citizenship Act, the IRS must not tax our tribal government programs as income to tribal members.

Yet, the IRS wants to ignore our treaties and ignore Federal law because they seek a "uniform rule" that applies the same across the country. They want to tax tribal elderly payments, tribal cultural activities, tribal housing, education and health care. They even want to tax burial programs.

Who gets the tax bill? The husband and father who has passed on to the spirit world? Or the grieving widow and orphans?

Chief Red Cloud said, "They made us many promises, but they kept only one. They promised to take our land and they took it." Now, the IRS is trying to take away our government.

We understand "uniform rules" because Indian people have the highest rate of military service in the Nation. I, myself, am a Vietnam combat veteran. Treaties are among the "supreme law of the land," so we have a "uniform rule" for IRS: Respect our treaties!

Congress must pass a law to tell the IRS that, when we provide for the general welfare of tribal citizens, when we work to make our Indian lands a livable "permanent home," when we promote the trust responsibility and treaties, agreements, and statutes, tribal governments promote the general welfare of the United States. Our programs are not subject to Federal income tax.

*John Steele is the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Reprinted with the permission of Indian Country Today Media Network.*

## Why pornography is evil and sinful?

By Fr. Augustine Jacob

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines pornography as "removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties" (no. 2337).

Sadly, pornography is a pervasive, multi-billion dollar business in our country alone, with revenues generated from movies, cable and dish network television, magazines, books and other materials.

U.S. News & World Report claimed that the pornography industry grossed roughly \$8 billion in 1997 and continues to escalate each year. In the year 2002, 630 million "adult" videos were rented in the United States. The threat of pornography over the Internet cannot be discounted because 70 percent of children viewing pornography on the Internet do so in public schools and libraries.

The Catechism gives three reasons why pornography is wrong and sinful. First, pornography offends against the virtue of chastity. Second, pornography offends the dignity of the participants (actors, vendors, public). Each one is

exploited himself or exploits others in some way for personal pleasure or gain. Third, those who engage in pornography immerse themselves in a fantasy world, withdrawing from reality.

While genuine love always involves a self-giving of oneself for the good of others, pornography entices a person to withdraw into a selfish world of perverted fantasy which may later be acted out to the detriment of oneself and others. The sinfulness of pornography, is intensified by the fact that it is a spiritual cancer that corrupts the person, making him an addict to all perverse activities and abusive in the society.

Without question, pornography has a devastating impact upon all of society, especially women and young children. The American Psychiatric Association found that 20 percent of porn addicts divorce or separate because of their addiction.

When you're watching porn, chances are you're lusting after the people in it. Lust = adultery, according to what Jesus said in the scriptures (Matthew 5:27-29).

There are no loop holes; even if

you're married, it's still a sexually immoral sin.

What Jesus meant by "If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away" is that if something is constantly causing you to sin, you need to get it out of your life ASAP.

Maybe it's your PC? If it's causing you to sin, you could get rid of it altogether or just buy a web-filter to block out all those websites you don't need to be viewing. If it's some already purchased movies, don't just give them away, get rid of them without passing the evil on.

You will not regret leaving adultery behind brother, may God bless you! Pray to Him for His strength and for perseverance when you're tempted. If you're in the midst of temptation just call out to Him. Ask Him to bring you out of it and He will.

Our God is a God of action and he will never pass up the opportunity to bring an asking believer out of temptation victoriously. He is bigger than temptation!

*Fr. Augustine Jacob is the new pastor of Blessed Kateri Catholic Church in Bay Mills.*

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## Perplexed by the Tea Party's views

By Al Demroske

Tea Party types perplex me greatly with their views of a democracy. I constantly hear the cry of constitutionality from your spokespersons. The latest puzzlement comes to me in the form of the ruling by our Supreme Court on the Affordable Care Act, or as you like to call it, "Obamacare."

I easily understand the controversy this ruling is invoking but what section of the Constitution tells you that the decision was unconstitutional? I am quoting from the Constitution that I have before me — if you have a different version, please let me see it.

From Article 111, Section 1 and 2: "The judicial power of the United States shall be vested in one Supreme Court ..." From section 2: "The judicial power shall extend to all cases ..." And there is a lengthy spelling out of very specific authorities and every possible branch of government and situation.

A female House member was televised dancing with joy when she mistakenly heard that the ACA had been rejected by the Court as unconstitutional. Obviously, she was very accepting of that outcome when she thought that it had favored her views. That changed in a flash when the correct outcome was learned.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Kentucky, said, "No matter what a couple of judges say, the law is unconstitutional," and there were plenty of other voices echoing that sentiment.

Remember when Gore and Bush had a very hotly contested election? The Supreme Court ruled to stop the counting of the votes in Florida, thus effectively giving the presidency to the eventual two-termed Bush. There was absolutely no cry from you Constitutional types.

I am curious. Where in the Constitution does it specifically give power to the Supreme Court to stop states from counting votes for a presidential election and, in essence, choose our president?

And I always hear about states' rights. In a recent case, the Supreme Court ruled against Montana's law that restricted political outside-money contributions, because the citizens of that state did not want huge donations from outsiders effecting their local elections — so much for states' rights.

And how about the idea of the Constitution and compromising, which is a dirty word to a true Tea Party type? No compromise is allowed in your world. "It's my way or the highway."

I am nowhere close to being a Constitutional scholar but it is obvious that our revered Constitutional founders did indeed compromise all over the place. I will cite one example among many: the compromise that gave us the basic form of government we have today, commonly referred to by scholars as "The Great Compromise." It came to fruition after weeks of debate.

Then there were the slavery issues. Even today, there are Tea Party types who do not accept Amendment XIV, civil rights, as constitutional. Again, Sen. Rand Paul has publicly stated this.

Those pesky amendments! Check out article V: it takes a three-fourths vote along the way for it to become ratified.

My take on the Tea Party is you believe that only you can decide what is and what is not constitutional. How does this view differ from a dictatorship?

We have an election and when things do not go your way, you cry, "Take back our country!" Apparently there is no "our" country for me, unless I agree with your views.

I also hear, "The Tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." The meaning of this statement is quite clear to me after listening to many people state their dissatisfaction with the way an election has turned out that was not in their favor and refer to their second amendment rights, or the right to bear arms.

Armed rebellion in order for you to force your views onto others no matter how the majority might vote? How is that different from anarchy or a dictatorship?

It seems to me that that your view of democracy is fairly simple: an election or Supreme Court decision or law is only valid if it supports your own views.

I would enjoy having a civil debate with a Tea Party advocate or two. Any takers? I am easy to find in the telephone book.

*Al Demroske is a retired teacher and resides in Brimley.*



# Employee Summerfest 2012

BAY MILLS — There was perfect weather and a great turnout for the 2012 Bay Mills Employee Summerfest, held at the Bay Mills Ball Diamond on July 29. This was a day set aside for all Bay Mills employees and their families to come out and have a little fun with complimentary food and beverages provided by Bay Mills Resort & Casinos.

There were six employee softball teams that played a round robin tournament from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the Bay Mills Law Enforcement taking down the crown under the lights. Other big winners of the night were Dan Tadgerson taking the 2012 Employee Hotdog eating contest for the second year in a row.

Kim Carrick and Jen Corbiere took the trophy for the 5th annual Employee Box Car race. The Human Resources Department, once again, took the award for the best overall boxcar design with their functional helicopter design. The BoxCar Competition raised over \$3,000 this year and over \$28,000 over the past five years, which goes to the scholarships of deceased tribal members, Billy "Boy" Cameron, Jackie Leapley, Veronica VanSloten and Marcel LeBlanc. Chuck Leapley received a special "appreciation award" for all his efforts in helping to raise funds for this event.

Special thanks for all their assistance to the Oren & his Maintenance Staff, Chuck's crew, Dennis & his kitchen staff, The child care center volunteers, & the girls of the Human Resources Department for putting on a fun-filled event. And a huge thank you to Bay Mills Resort & Casino's for continuing to promote and support this annual event for the employees.



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# Sault celebration marked with Inland Seas cruise on river

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — Visitors to the city's annual summer celebration had a unique opportunity this year to sail the St. Marys River on the schooner, Inland Seas.

On Aug. 3 and 4, Sault Ste. Marie held their annual event, this year combining traditional activities with new. The first Sault Ships and Sailabration featured the usual Downtown Days, History Fest, classic car and motorcycle show, children's activities and food vendors and added several performances by the U.S. Navy Band Great Lakes and excursions on the tall ship, Inland Seas, to the mix.

Many of the activities took place on Water Street with its historic homes, featuring an encampment, historic re-enactors and vendors. The nearby Kemp Marina served as the docking site for the Inland Seas.

On Friday, Aug. 3, the ship left the dock on its first voyage of the summer festival at 6 p.m. with 27 aboard, and returned at 9 p.m., just as the sun was setting. Other sails were planned for the following Saturday at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at a cost of \$50 apiece for a three-hour tour.

While aboard the 77-foot, two-masted schooner, participants had the chance to become one of the crew, raising the sails and taking a turn at the wheel. They also took part in some of the scientific studies in Island Ecology and Oceanography being conducted as part of a special arrangement



Photo by Tom Ewing

between Lake Superior State University and the Inland Lakes.

Assisted by the new "sailors," the crew threw a "Gopher Trawl" into the waters of the St. Marys, trawling for whatever fish species they could capture, and also collected sediment from the river bottom for later analysis. Below decks, participants could examine an analysis of water chemistry and view plankton through a micro-video system.

While under sail, the ship provided many historic views of both sides of the international river that separates Canada and the U.S. The temporary crewmembers enjoyed familiar river sights such as the Great Lakes freighter, Roger Blough, the Soo Locks Boat Tours, Sugar Island ferry and several sail-

boats and motorboats passing close by. A spectacular sunset over the International Bridge as the Roger Blough was locking through the Soo Locks completed the journey in a memorable way.

Although this was the first time a trip on the Inland Seas was offered during the Sault Ships and Sailabration event, this is the third year LSSU has offered courses that incorporate sailing cruises aboard the schooner, which sails out of Suttons Bay.

The Oceanography course laboratory was held on board from July 23 to 27, and the Island Ecology course concluded Aug. 6 to 9 on the Inland Seas, examining the ecological conditions on several islands in the St. Marys River and St. Helena Island in the Straits of Mackinac.



**ABOARD SHIP**— Above, crew members go about their scientific jobs, collecting sediment and setting up the Gopher Trawl. Below, some young temporary sailors help the crew haul up sail and steer past river traffic while others just enjoy the view.



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# Sault Summer Arts Festival celebrates 40th year

The Sault Summer Arts Festival recognized its 40th anniversary show on Tuesday, Aug. 7, showcasing the works of artists both local and national. Winning awards this year were:

Best of Show was Wellman and Welsch with ceramics, described as all functional but a lot of it can be classified as more art than craft.

Best of Crafts went to Janet Bonnell, who is fresh from major awards at both Cheboygan and Art on the Rocks. She makes sculptural coiled baskets from pine needles and/or sweet grass.

Painting Award went to Keely Hakala, a young newcomer from Highland Park, Ill.

Captain William Palmer won the Judge's Choice Award with his carvings.

The Aarre Lahti Design Award went to Gail Van Sledright, a newcomer from Alto, Mich. She works with fused glass.

Jewelry Award was given to Cindy Mullen, a newcomer from East Tawas. Mullen sets beach glass into her hand crafted silver.

Fiber Arts Award went to Liz Wiedyk of Omer, Mich., a festival regular who had handwoven rugs.

Graphics Award went to David Bigelow of Sault Ste. Marie. He has never been in the festival without winning an award. Bigelow works in pen and ink, watercolor and pastels and won for pen and inks this year.

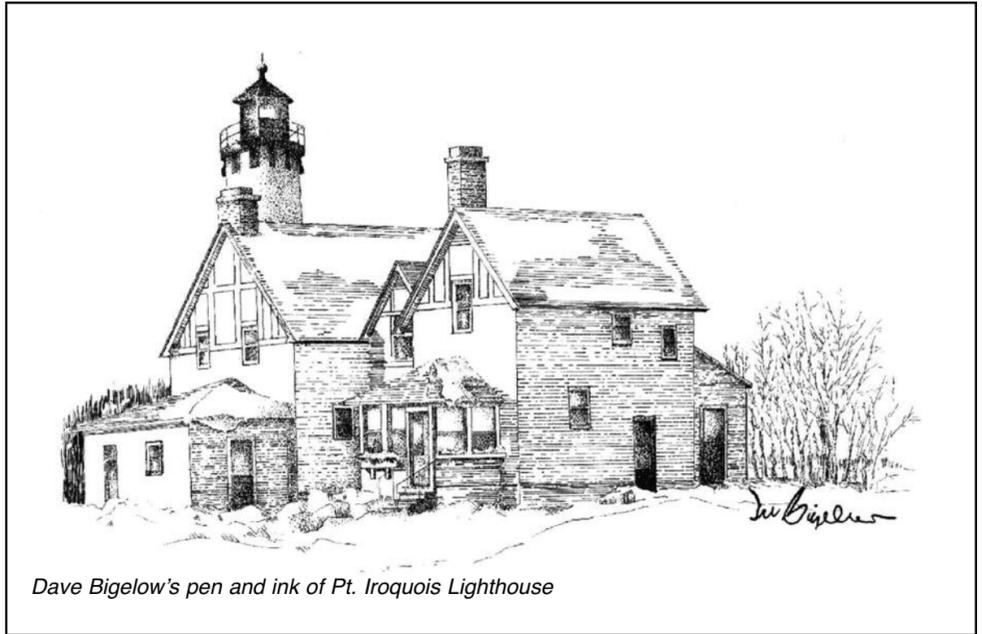
Pottery Award went to festival regulars Schmidt-Marken Pottery of LaPorte, Ind. Karen Marken grew up in the Sault.

Photography Award went to Jeff Massie, a semi-regular from Negaunee, Mich. who does nature photography.

Wood Award went to Garry Smith of Engadine, Mich. for beautiful turned wood.

The Yvonne Peer Glass Award went to glassblower Craig Weatherby, from Adrian, Mich.

Award for Best Display went to Sault ceramic artist Cheryl Stevens. Honorable Mentions went to Jeanne Tubman (oil paintings — Sault), Paul Mason (iron yard art — Kimball, Mich.) and Tony Strublic (pencil drawings of Great Lakes freighters, Marinette, Wis.)



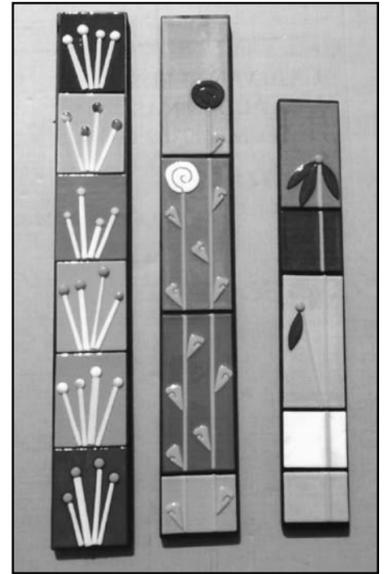
Dave Bigelow's pen and ink of Pt. Iroquois Lighthouse

Above is one of the winning pieces of art by local artist Dave Bigelow.

At right, are wall tiles created by Gail Van Sledright. Below, Sugar Island Kettle Corn tosses up a fresh batch. This was by far one of the busiest vendors. People patiently waited as the stock of kettle corn quickly disappeared. It was their fourth year in attendance.

At left, Stephanie Sabatine of Sault Ste. Marie performs with her group "No Strings Attached." Throughout the day musicians and entertainers performed for those in attendance.

At bottom is a pair of earrings made by Cindy Mullen from Tawas. She handcrafts all of her silver.



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# Traditional lightbulbs are being phased out globally

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — The future is dim for incandescent light bulbs. Many countries are moving toward replacing incandescents with compact fluorescent lamps or light emitting diodes in order to become more energy efficient and lower green house gas emissions.

While other countries have begun phase-outs, efforts in the U.S. have been stalled by opposing legislation. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 set new performance records requiring incandescents become more efficient. While not banning the bulbs outright, the legislation would have phased them out of the market if they could not meet the new standards.

But in December 2011, the Republican-run U.S. Congress defunded enforcement of the EISA light bulb performance requirements as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act

in the 2012 federal budget. Also several bills have been proposed in opposition to the changes made in EISA 2007. The Better Use of Light Bulbs Act failed to pass the House in July 2011, but two other bills introduced by Republicans Michele Bachman of Minnesota and Michael Burgess of Texas are currently in committee.

Under the current EISA 2007 law, all light bulbs from 40 through 100 watts must be 25 percent more efficient by the beginning of 2014. The transition from incandescent to fluorescent and LED lights will happen gradually: 100-watt bulbs will be phased out by Oct. 1 of this year; 75-watt, by January 2013; and 40- and 60-watt bulbs, by January 2014.

Resistance to phasing out incandescents centers on several issues: opposition to federal regulation, environmental concerns about mercury contamination from CFLs and the quality of light produced by CFLs or LEDs.

Amanda Bosak of Bay Mills Indian Community's Biology Department said that incandescent bulbs can still be purchased, for now. "The problem is that incandescent bulbs are less efficient in how long the bulbs last, how much energy they use and the amount of heat they give off," she explained. "CFLs can last years, they use a quarter of the energy and they do not heat up like incandescent bulbs can."

At first, instant availability of light was an issue for CFLs but newer models are available with an "Instant On" feature. Both CFLs and LEDs with dimmer controls are becoming available although typically at a higher cost. That initial higher cost fades over time due to the longevity of the bulbs.

CFLs contain phosphoric dust and some mercury, Bosak said, so if they break, they should be contained in a bag and the immediate area should be aired out.

"CFLs have about 1,000 times less mercury than old thermometers and about the same amount as two cans of tuna," she added.

Their usage, however, does prevent much more mercury from entering the environment by requiring less electricity produced by coal-burning plants, currently one of the biggest sources of mercury into the Great Lakes.

## How they stack up

A compact fluorescent bulb activates phosphor to produce light. A phosphor coating inside the lamp gives off light when it is exposed to ultraviolet radiation. The bulb doesn't use heat to create light, which makes it more energy efficient.

Regular (incandescent) bulbs produce light by heating a filament inside the bulb. Electric current passes through the filament, heating it to the point that it becomes white-hot and emits light. Most of the electric energy incandescent bulbs use is converted into heat.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT (23 watt)	INCANDESCENT (100 watt)
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Cost: \$11	75 cents
Comparable lighting: 1,500 lumens	1,690 lumens
<b>THREE-YEAR COST COMPARISON</b>	
Electricity cost: \$8.06	\$35.04
Bulb cost: \$11 (1 bulb for 6.8 years)	\$4.50 (6 bulbs for three years)
<b>Total cost: \$19.06</b>	<b>\$39.54</b>

\*At 8 cents/kilowatt-hour, four hours burned per day

And, recycling of CFLs greatly reduces releases of mercury. "Unbroken or burned out bulbs should be disposed of properly and not put into the trash," said Bosak. "The mercury can be recycled, leaving less to go into our environment."

Several local businesses accept CFLs for recycling,

including Cloverland Electric in Dafter, Pickford Building Center, Cedarville Ace Hardware, St. Ignace True Value Hardware, and Parker Ace Hardware in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as Chippewa County Recycling and Waste Management, both located in Sault Ste. Marie.

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## Tadgerson brothers have opened environmental consulting business

By Kateri Menominee  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS —The brainchild of Bay Mills tribal members and brothers Aaron and Dan Tadgerson. Tahquamenon Environmental Services is an up

and coming environmental consulting business.

The focus of TES is to provide environmental inspection and administration consulting services to the surrounding communities, working closely with nearby tribes as well. The Tadgersons opened for business early this year, but the idea for it began much earlier — dating back to the 1990s.

The pair is currently employed in positions with Bay Mills Indian Community that already deals with environmental issues but wanted to branch out and work on other issues to serve tribes in the Great Lakes region. Dan works with the biology department, while Aaron is currently the land grant coordinator for Bay Mills Community College.

Their goal with TES is to counsel and support the continuing growth within Native American communities. Some of the services they provide are food safety inspection, mold investigation, indoor air quality inspections, health center safety inspection, as well as inspections of day cares, Head Start and beaches, campgrounds, and casinos.

They also offer Wetland delineations, environmental inspections, NEPA (National

Environmental Policy Act) Compliance Environmental Assessments, and solid waste management plan development.

"We have always focused on improving the lives of Native Americans and Native communities," said Aaron Tadgerson. "We want to provide the best protection for Native people with services that are cost effective, as well as working with other tribes in the Great Lakes area."

Dan noted he was inspired to create the company because of the amount of government money that has been wasted in Indian Country in an attempt to provide services. He further explained that nowadays tribes have the choice to stick with the federal government or go to other people.

Their hope is that tribes will recognize their options and seek out the services of Native-owned companies like TES. With work becoming privatized, the cost to the community is lowered and services elevated, according to the Tadgersons.

The duo hope Indian Country will implement the same thing for themselves, for their community and environment, and take action on how they want their community to take shape.

## Appeals court to hear case against Upper Peninsula nickel mine

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Court of Appeals has agreed to hear arguments against the state's decision to grant permits for a nickel and copper mine in the Upper Peninsula.

The court decided this week to consider an appeal by groups opposing the mine, including the National Wildlife Federation and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

They contend the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality should not have granted permits for the Rio Tinto Eagle Mine, formerly known as the Kennecott Eagle mine. It's under construction in Marquette County.

Opponents say the mine could pollute ground and surface waters, including a river that flows into Lake Superior.

A mining company spokeswoman says those issues have already been considered by the DEQ and lower courts.

No date has been set for arguments before the appeals court.

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**DRAW BACK** — Tribal elder Webster Kinney hosted an Archery Day event on July 29 at the Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School. Above Joe Shaw takes his turn at the bow. Kinney teaches bow making to anyone in the community who is interested in preserving the craft. Photo by Bucko Teeple

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Poppa Jon, Grandpa CJ, Gammy and  
all your aunts and uncles and cousins



Happy 3rd birthday to our beautiful  
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7th birthday to Radly  
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on Aug. 30  
Love, Mom

Happy birthday  
to Auntie Tine  
on Aug. 30  
Love, Diane



Isabel Lorraine Weist was born July 13, 2012 at  
University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor,  
Mich., weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and 21  
inches long. Parents are Tara and John Weist of Brimley,  
Mich. Grandparents are Pam and Ed Hubbard of Sault  
Ste. Marie, Mich. and Fred and Jan Weist of Frankfort,  
Mich. Isabel will join sister Kyra Hubbard at home.

## THANK YOU ...

To all the people who made the communi-  
ty longbow shoot a success, I wish to thank  
each and every one of you: to Rob and his  
crew from the Wild Bluff Golf Course, who  
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daughter, Jasmine, who taught the children as  
well as any adult; to the Bay Mills  
Community College Land Grant Department  
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else who helped and was inadvertently not  
mentioned. And a big thank you to all the  
shooters, whom I hope had as much fun as I  
did.

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## WALKING ON ...

### Patrick Kibble

Patrick A. Kibble, 57, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
died July 9, 2012 at War Memorial Hospital. He was  
born March 6, 1955 in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians. Patrick enjoyed music from the  
classics to rock and roll. He loved Lawrence Welk  
and could sing all the Beatle songs from start to fin-  
ish. He will be sadly missed by his family and  
friends at the Adult Learning Center, Cedar Home.

Patrick is survived by his two brothers, Jack  
(Holly) Kibble of Sugar Island, Mich. and Russell  
Kibble of Jackson, Mich.; and a sister Linda Neal  
of Baltimore, Md. Patrick is also survived by 10 nieces  
and nephews, John Kibble, Cassandra (Daniel)  
Eicher, Brian Kibble, Kathy Neal, Charles Neal,  
Matthew Neal, Shelia Kibble, Dorothy Wilds, Jacob  
Green and Jessica Green; lifelong friends, Patricia  
Lawless and Joan Myotte of Sault Ste. Marie; special  
cousins, Arthur and Patricia Harrington, Butch and  
Sandy Johnston, and Mona and Gilbert Hyndman;  
and special Cedar Home friends, Pat Malloy, Shyla  
Beebe, Patrick Clay, Michele Ratcliff, Jami Sebert,  
Christine Keway, Jerry Paglinewan, Stefanie Bogue,  
Tony Guilmette, Victoria Constantini, Erin  
McDonald, Alex Perry, Kaylee Krull, Tabitha  
Bernier and Alan Boike.

He was preceded in death by his mother,  
Charlotte (Harrington) Kibble and his father,  
William John Kibble. A graveside service was held  
at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens with Brother John  
Hascall officiating. Arrangements were in the care  
of Clark Baily Newhouse Funeral Home.

### Don Jarman

Don William Jarman, 78, of Quincy, Mich. died  
July 21, 2012, at his daughter's home in Coldwater,  
Mich., surrounded by his family. He was born Feb.  
14, 1934 in Riggsville, Mich., the son of Vernon and  
Helena (Wester) Jarman.

He graduated from Pellston High School, served  
in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956 and as a police  
officer in Grand Rapids from 1957 to 1962.

Moving to the Quincy area, he became a farmer  
and a member of the Quincy Union Church and the  
NRA, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, gar-  
dening, and working on his farm.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia (Bellville)  
Jarman, whom he married May 27, 1955; two  
daughters, Karen (Lawrence) Nesselth of Hartsville,  
S.C. and Linda (Mike) Fronczak of Coldwater; one  
son, Robert (Doris) Jarman of Brimley, Mich.; three  
grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; five sis-  
ters, Violet Hall of Texas, Joyce (Al) Parris of Rogers  
City, Mich., Helen (Alton) Buck of Indiana, and  
Maybel Williams and Joanne Ostwald, both of  
Cheboygan, Mich.; six brothers, William (Ila)  
Jarman of Cheboygan, Dale (Lola) Jarman of Sault  
Ste Marie, Mich., Louis (Judy) Jarman of Fackler,  
Ala., Edward (Dee) Jarman of Joliet, Ill., Thomas  
(Linda) Jarman of Sims, N.C. and David (Theann)  
Jarman of East Lansing, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one  
son, Andrew Jarman.

Services have taken place with burial in Oaklawn  
Chapel Garden, Sault Ste Marie. Memorials are sug-  
gested to the Quincy Union Church.

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# Mixed martial arts being offered to community members

**By Shannon Jones**  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Mixed martial arts is now being offered to community members ages 12 and up, an idea that has long been on the mind of Bay Mills Indian Community member and instructor Jake Parish.

Parish was looking for a way to get community youth off the street and teach them discipline and self-esteem after he had a disturbing experience five years ago. He was on his way home from school one evening and came upon a troubled girl on the roadway. He helped her get back to where she belonged, but couldn't help thinking if she had something to keep her off the street and improve her confidence she would be in a more positive situation.

Last month Parish approached BMIC Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron

with his thoughts and Perron encouraged him to develop a program. After council approval, the work began. Safety equipment and mats were ordered and what evolved was 'Rumble MMA' being offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

Despite its name, Parish said teaching people how to work out properly and self-defense techniques in a team-building environment is the core of the program.

"It's not about beating each other up," he said, noting the friendships that are being forged in the program are exactly what he was hoping for.

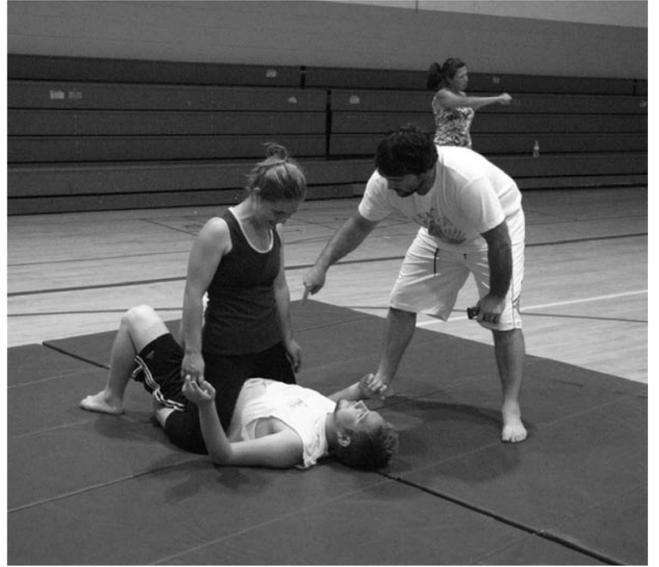
Parish's own experience in MMA came while he was a student at Lake Superior State University. He was working out at the Norris Center and had been watching a group of men spar together on a regular basis. One evening they asked him if he was interested in

joining and from there he went on to work out regularly with the Superior Combat Club learning their techniques in the art. He went on to participate in a King of the Cage match at Kewadin Casino and has continued to work out regularly.

"I think this will be a good program. Response has been positive," said Parish.

More than a dozen people ages 12 to 35 are currently participating in the program, which has an open-door policy. Anyone over age 12 can stop in during a session to participate. A waiver of liability must be signed before you can participate.

Mixed martial arts is not a new sport. It dates back to Greco-Roman times and was once part of the ancient Olympics. Today it has evolved into a professionally regulated sport with clubs cropping up across the country.



Brittany Craven is shown getting instruction from Parish on pinning her opponent, George Hart IV.

## DNR invites public input on forest plans for Chippewa, Mackinac counties

The Department of Natural Resources will host open houses on Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Naubinway and Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Kincheloe to provide information and receive public comment on proposed forest management treatments for 2014 in the Sault Ste. Marie management unit, which includes Chippewa and Mackinac counties. The open houses are set for the following times and locations:

Sept. 11, 3 to 6 p.m.  
DNR Naubinway Field Office, 11569 U.S. Hwy. 2, Naubinway (will cover proposed forest treatments in Chippewa and Mackinac counties)

Sept. 12, 3 to 6 p.m.  
Kinross Township Hall, 310 Curtis St., Kincheloe (will cover proposed forest treatments in Chippewa and Mackinac counties)

Each year, DNR personnel inventory and evaluate one-

tenth of the state forest. The inventory provides key information about the health, quality and quantity of all vegetation; wildlife and fisheries habitat and needs; archaeological sites; minerals; recreational use; wild-fire potential and social factors, including proximity to roads and neighborhoods; and use on adjacent public and private lands.

Proposed treatments, which may include timber harvesting, replanting, and other management activities are designed to ensure the sustainability of the resources and ecosystem.

Bill O'Neill, chief of the DNR's Forest Resources Division, said these open houses are a good way for interested residents and stakeholders to learn about the DNR's proposed treatment plans — well in advance — and to share input toward final decisions on those treatments.

"When it comes to the health and sustainability of our state forests, we're always thinking several years ahead," said

O'Neill, who also serves as state forester.

"We like to do the open houses around the state because the public gets an opportunity to talk with foresters and biologists about issues that matter most to them. It turns out to be a valuable exchange of information and ideas."

Maps and information regarding the proposed treatments will be available at the open houses, but can also be found at [www.michigan.gov/forestplan](http://www.michigan.gov/forestplan) under the Forests, Land & Water section.

To more easily and efficiently oversee the forest resources, the DNR divides each management unit into smaller units or "compartments." This year, the compartments under review are in Bruce, Drummond Island, Kinross, Pickford, Rudyard and Trout Lake townships (Chippewa County); and Garfield, Hendricks, Hudson, Marquette, Moran, Newton and Portage townships (Mackinac County).

On Thursday, Oct. 4, the DNR will complete its formal compartment reviews to decide on final treatment plans for these areas. Those reviews will take place at the following time and location:

Oct. 4, 9 a.m. at the Quality Inn, 561 Boulevard Dr., St. Ignace.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for any of these meetings should contact Karen Rodock at 906-477-6048 ext. 2040 a minimum of five business days before each meeting.

## One thousand witness Mackinac Island's 'surrender;' more War of 1812 bicentennial events planned

On July 17, 1812, Fort Mackinac's commanding officer, Lieutenant Porter Hanks, surrendered the American fort on Mackinac Island — and the entire island — to the British. Two hundred years later to the day, this infamous scene was recreated and interpreted at Fort Mackinac for a crowd numbering nearly a thousand.

British and American soldiers, militia, voyageurs and Native American interpreters depicted dramatic highlights that unfolded at the outbreak of the War of 1812. From below the ramparts, in the harbor, the square top-sail sloop Friends Good Will, owned by the Michigan Maritime Museum, fired its guns in salute of the occasion that caused her namesake to be captured at Mackinac Island within days of the island's surrender.

"It was great to see such a large crowd visit Fort Mackinac and reflect on the importance of these events to our nation and to the State of Michigan," said Phil Porter, chairperson of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and director of Mackinac State Historic Parks, which administers Fort Mackinac. "The capture of Fort Mackinac was just the first of many events which unfolded in the Straits throughout the War of 1812, which we'll commemorate over the next two years."

Two hundred years prior, Captain Charles Roberts led a force of British regulars, local militia and Native Americans from various tribes to the north side of Mackinac Island on a rise behind Fort Mackinac. Early that morning on July 17, 1812, after firing a cannon to demonstrate capabilities, the British delivered their demand. Wholly unaware that war had been declared and unprepared for hostilities, the American garrison accepted the terms of surrender without firing a shot.

The original Friends Good Will was captured by the British near Mackinac Island, beginning a 15-month service in the Royal Navy. Her replica will sail under British "colours" until September 10, 2013 to mark the anniversary of that period. She was recaptured by the United States Navy during the Battle of Lake Erie on that September day.

The event at Fort Mackinac is one of many planned throughout Michigan through 2014 to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. These events are supported by the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. For a complete list of events, please visit [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812).

The governor-appointed Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is charged with encouraging, planning, and developing activities, events, programs, observances and services appropriate to commemorate Michigan's role in the War of 1812. More information can be found at [www.michigan.gov/war1812](http://www.michigan.gov/war1812).

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# Rower finds strength after assault

UPPER PENINSULA (AP) — Jenn Gibbons waited, longer than she should have, by her own estimation. She stared at the numbers on her cell phone — 9-1-1 — but hesitated to hit send.

She was stunned and alone on a desolate stretch of beach in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, trying to comprehend what had just happened. She had been raped, she says, surprised by an attacker who had crept aboard her one-person rowboat in the middle of the night and forced his way into the boat's cabin, where Gibbons had been sleeping, peacefully lulled by the waves.

She didn't have to make that call, Gibbons told herself. She was scared and embarrassed.

She contemplated just grabbing her oars and rowing the 20 or so miles it would take to get to Beaver Island, in northern Lake Michigan. That would have been the next stop in her attempt to row the entire perimeter of the lake by herself. She began the 1,500-mile solo journey in June to raise money to buy boats for a Chicago rowing team she co-founded for breast cancer survivors.

Gibbons stared again at the phone. "No one would have to know," she remembers thinking.

Then she thought about those survivors on the team, 50 women, from their 30s to their 70s, all different but each tough in her own way. She thought about the difficulties she'd overcome in planning this trip, challenges finding sponsors, and the training and the sweat, and how she'd shared all of that with her team and supporters over the last two years.

Grasping the phone, she called the police. In the days that followed, she also went public about the assault, partly in hopes of helping police find her attacker.

And she resolved to find a way to finish the trip, to eventually get back in her boat. She had to row. She had to finish, somehow.

"I've got this," she told her team, using the three-word catchphrase that had long been the mantra of her trip.

Though it wouldn't be easy, she knew she had to face adversity, just as they do.

"I work with women who come to practice one week after losing their hair in chemo the week before, and they row, and that's how they cope," Gibbons explained. "So I think that just being around them, and just being immersed in the strength that they have — it's rubbed off on me a lot more than I think I recognized."

Recovery on Water, or ROW, was the name chosen when Gibbons co-founded the team five years ago.

Besides working with the cancer survivors, she took on the role of coaching a novice group of high school boys. She turned some of those boys and other teens into volunteer coaches for ROW.

This was not a woman who took "no" for an answer, says Mark Carroll, a friend and fellow rowing coach.

"She's stubborn, in a good way," Carroll says, smiling.

After she revealed the attack and her determination to finish her Lake Michigan trip, he quickly agreed to be part of a group that would accompany her.

The trip couldn't continue exactly as before. The coast from the Upper Peninsula and along Michigan's northwest lower peninsula was too remote to guarantee her safety.

Her attacker remains at large. Investigators believe he found Gibbons by tracking her location on her trip blog, then traveled a long distance to find her, possibly from Illinois, where her journey has gotten a lot of attention.

She and her support team came up with an alternate plan: Gibbons and a small group of people would ride bicycles together, along more than 350 miles of coastline to Muskegon, Mich. There, she would reunite with her boat, and then row toward Chicago, one port at a time, with a plan of arriving back home in mid-August.

Her progress on the bike was quick. The attack happened July 22. By Aug. 1, she managed to make it to her boat, which her father had cleaned up for her and towed to Muskegon.

It was an emotional reunion. Police had dusted the boat for fingerprints, and even now, as she rows toward Chicago, she still occasionally finds small remnants of the black fingerprinting chalk.

"It's always a reminder of what happened," she says.

She loves her bright yellow boat, named "Liv," which means "life" or "protector" in Norwegian. It's ironic, she knows. But she wouldn't change the name, even if she wanted to, that's bad luck in

maritime lore.

Still, she no longer sleeps on the boat when she comes into harbors along the way home. She only goes in the boat's cabin, where the attack happened, when she absolutely has to.

She relishes her time alone on the water.

But when she's not out there, Carroll and others are almost always with her. Marine patrols and the Michigan State Police also monitor her movements, while investigators await results from lab tests on forensic evidence and continue the search for her attacker. Most of the tips they've received so far relate to a yellow Jeep that Gibbons thinks he used to flee the scene, says Michigan State Police Sgt. Michael Powell. They also released a sketch of the suspect, based on Gibbons' description of him.

She continues to preach her original message for this trip, that exercise can significantly improve breast cancer patients' chances of survival. She raised tens of thousands of dollars for the boats for the team, even before the attack.

But, slowly, she is learning to accept and understand this new role, as a survivor of sexual assault.

One mother, who said her daughter was the target of severe bullying at school, wrote this on Gibbons' Facebook page:

"After reading your blog, my daughter turned to me and said, 'This lady survived the most extreme act of bullying a woman could face, and look how she is handling it. She is a hero.'"

This trip has, indeed, become about even more than fighting cancer or big waves.

For Gibbons, a team of women who "stare cancer — their Kryptonite, their attacker — in the eye every week by getting in a boat and fighting back," may have taught her something about strength.

But now she is teaching them, they say.

"She shows us how to endure," says Kelly Anderson, a 46-year-old cancer survivor and rower on the team.

## State Police investigating

The Michigan State Police St. Ignace Post are investigating the sexual assault that occurred in the early morning hours on Sunday, July 22 in an area south of Gulliver along Lake Michigan in Mueller Township, Schoolcraft County, Mich. An MSP forensic artist has done a sketch of the suspect in this crime. Investigators are releasing the sketch in hopes that someone can identify the suspect.



Investigators have reason to believe the assailant traveled a significant distance to commit the assault. The suspect is described as a white male in his 30s, approximately 5'8" to 6' tall, with a fair amount of facial stubble hair, but not a full beard nor mustache. The man has light eyes, an average to athletic build and shorter, well-kept hair. He was wearing a grayish green t-shirt, jean shorts and tennis shoes.

A bright yellow Jeep Wrangler was seen in the area. It has a spare tire on the back with a yellow smiley face on it. Investigators are seeking information about this vehicle. A photo of a similar vehicle is being provided for reference.

Anyone with information or investigative leads, please call the MSP toll-free at 1-866-411-0018.

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## Dempsey returns to the theatre

Sault native son Mike Dempsey is returning to the Soo Theatre stage with another of his musical productions, on Thursday, Aug. 30. The show this year is "Mike Dempsey and Friends Present the Great American Songbook," and will feature the music of such great composers as Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Bernstein and Lerner & Loewe.

Dempsey was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie and attended St. Mary's and Sault High. He received both bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Michigan State University, and then served in the U.S. Army. He has been the choral director at both Pontiac Central and Pontiac Northern High Schools, and also served as choir director at several Oakland County area churches.

In addition, he has been music director for such large-scale musicals as South Pacific, Oklahoma, Carousel, The King and I, Music Man, Kiss Me Kate, Superman, Charley Brown, Mame, My Fair Lady, Gypsy, Sweet Charity, Lil' Abner and Sound of Music.

In 1995 Dempsey founded a performing ensemble, "Mike Dempsey & Friends." In addition to writing the script and arranging the music, Dempsey serves as pianist. This small group has performed composer theme musicals throughout Southeastern Michigan and in Sault Ste. Marie at the Soo Theatre. This show is unique in many ways, one of which is that Dempsey and all of the performers donate their time and talent as a fundraiser for the Soo Theatre Project, Inc. His shows in the area have been very popular. He started performing locally in 2009 with his Gershwin show, followed in 2010 with Rodgers and Hammerstein. Last year he and the performers did a show featuring movie music that had been nominated for Oscars.

Dempsey always uses a combination of local singers and singers who travel up here from the Detroit area just to perform his show for us. This year's singers include Karen Hughes Beacom, Maureen Delaney-Lehman and Matt Gilbertson from up here, and John

Young and Linda Freeze from downstate, who have joined us onstage in previous years as well. Narrator for these shows has always been our own Tom Ewing of Sovereign Communications.

Dempsey has been married to Ellen for 54 years, and they have three sons. As a published composer he is a member of ASCAP. Recently, he was chosen to accompany Tony award winner Anna Maria Alberghetti in a Detroit area performance. He said he is delighted to return to his hometown and to the Soo Theatre, where he has many happy memories. Remembering the great job the cast did previous shows, he is looking forward to "The Great American Songbook" this year. There will be a special tribute that evening, a song composed by Dempsey for those who have been married 50 or more years.

A new part of this show will be a silent auction of several lovely items that have been donated to the theatre for this purpose.

Tickets for The Great American Songbook are now on sale at the Soo Theatre in the STARS office on Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie. They will also be available at the door.

### Auditions to be held

SAULT STE. MARIE — Auditions for the musical production, "Always...Patsy Cline," written by Ted Swindley, directed by Rick Conklin, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Guild Theater, 700 Eureka Street in Sault Ste. Marie. There are two female roles available. No prepared materials are required. Production dates will be Nov. 7 to 10. If you are unable to attend the auditions but wish to try out, call Colleen at 906-632-7090.

### Fun Run at SummerFest

BAY MILLS — Twenty-one participants ran or walked in the First Annual Fun Run held in conjunction with Bay Mills Indian Community's Annual Summer Picnic. Employees and their family members ran or walked in the race of their choice: 1 Mile, 3K, or 5K. The start/finish line was located at the Bay Mills Ball Field, site of the annual picnic. Participants headed west on Lakeshore Drive toward their designated turn around points: One-milers turned around just past Bay Mills Community College; 3K racers turned around just past Tower Road; 5K racers turned around just before Mission Hill.



All races were non-competitive, awarding all who completed the race, not just the top finisher. Each participant received a T-shirt and water bottle, compliments of the Human Resources Department and the Worksite Wellness Initiative. Other health promoting prizes were awarded to eight lucky competitors by random draw.



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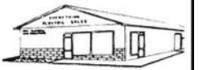
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# LSSU Board of Trustees honors two of its longtime volunteers

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – Lake Superior State University's Board of Trustees and the LSSU Foundation, during the board's meeting on July 27, recognized two longtime friends for volunteering their time to better the institution.

The board approved resolutions recognizing Sen. Walter North of St. Ignace and Ron Sober of Sault Ste. Marie for their service with the LSSU Foundation. The two are leaving the Foundation's board of directors this year.

"These two gentlemen have been dependable as volunteers for many years," said Trustee Patrick Egan. "While we're saying goodbye to them as they leave the Foundation board, they will always be invited and encouraged to continue giving advice and counsel to the LSSU Foundation."

"They've done so much for us for so long, we certainly want to recognize them today," said LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Jenny Kronk.

North chaired the LSSU Foundation Board four times and served more than 20 years as a member of the panel. He was named as director emeritus in the board's resolution.

Both LSSU President Tony McLain and Trustee Doug Bovin applauded North's years of service as a member of Michigan's State Senate, from 1994 to 2002. During his tenure in Michigan's 37th District, North was instrumental in securing funding for a number of LSSU capital projects, including the renovation and expansion of the Crawford Hall of Science and Kenneth J. Shouldice Library, and construction of the Arts Center.

"He brings humbleness, distinction and honor to every role, including that as the recipient of LSSU's Honorary Doctorate in 2007," the board resolution states.

North, a Korean War Air Force veteran, was comptroller of the Mackinac Bridge Authority from 1966 to 1982 and executive secretary of the MBA from 1982 to 1993.

"I first met Senator North early in his political career before I worked at the foundation and was so impressed with leadership and his ability to relate so well to so many people," said Tom Coates, executive director of LSSU's Foundation Office. "Then to be able to see him action as our Board Chair gave me a first hand look at true leadership and a passion for supporting our University."



**OUTSTANDING, TIMES TWO** — Former LSSU Foundation Board Member Ron Sober accepts the Outstanding Business Alumnus Award from Prof. Madan Saluja in this photo from the ceremony in 2008. Sober was honored with LSSU's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000 and recently received recognition from the LSSU Board of Trustees for service to the LSSU Foundation and the institution itself. (LSSU/John Shibley)



**HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE** — LSSU Board of Trustees Chair Jenny Kronk poses with longtime LSSU Foundation Board Chair Walter North after the Board of Trustees passed a resolution recognizing the former state senator for his years of volunteer service with LSSU. (LSSU/John Shibley)

Sober, too, has been a member of the Foundation's board of directors for more than 20 years. In addition, he was a founding member of the LSSU Cager Club in 1982, and a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors from 1994 to 2001. He became a member of the LSSU Lake Ontario Society more than 15 years ago for lifetime giving in excess of \$10,000.

"Mr. Sober has demonstrated exemplary commitment and financial support to the university...and has worked to strengthen LSSU," the board resolution states. The

LSSU Alumni Association described him as a "dedicated and energetic LSSU advocate and benefactor" when he received the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2000.

The Fowlerville, Mich., native started in the insurance business in 1971 and began his own agency in 1978. He has been honored for his accomplishments with several production, quality and convention awards, including runner-up as AFLAC's Northern Region Brokerage Agent of the Year. Sober is currently area vice president for Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., in Sault Ste. Marie.

"I never had the opportunity to see Ron Sober play basketball, but I would bet he had the same approach on the court as he has adopted as a businessman and a volunteer," said Coates. "He is a competitor who carries himself with class, dignity and supportive of those around him."

Both Sober and North have been recognized by LSSU in the past. North received the LSSU Alumni Association's Donald and Catherine Finlayson Award in 2003. Sober, in addition to receiving the Outstanding Alumnus Award, received the Outstanding Business Alumnus Award in 2008 and, with his induction into the LSSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995, was noted for being Most Valuable Player in three of his four seasons, and continues to hold the record for most points (54) in a single basketball game.

"I will miss them both as active board members, but both made it clear they want to stay in touch and are there to help, which is very good to know," added Coates.



**AUTHOR! AUTHOR!** —Local authors gathered at Island Books & Crafts on July 21 as part of the Superior Children's Book Festival for a book signing. Above, Bernadine Cook, Lori Taylor, and Lizabeth-Jenkins Dale await their fans. In the background is Les Townsend, owner of Island Books & Crafts. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS

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### Cholesterol

A "sudden" heart attack may not be sudden at all, but may be caused by years of living with high cholesterol and extra fats that our body stores. High cholesterol and extra fats clog our arteries and can cause heart attacks and strokes. We need to know our HDL (think "healthy") cholesterol and our LDL (think "lousy") cholesterol numbers, as well as the total number, and discuss ways to improve the numbers with a medical professional, if necessary.

### Blood pressure

Blood pressure measures the amount of force it takes our hearts to pump blood through our bodies. High blood pressure (also known as hypertension) increases our risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease. It damages our brain, eyes and arteries, too. Most people have no symptoms of high blood pressure, so get checked by your health care professional. Write down the number each time you get checked to see if your efforts to improve your

blood pressure are paying off.

### Blood sugar

Glucose is sugar stored in the blood; it acts as our body's main source of energy. If glucose is out of the safe range, we may have diabetes. Some of the symptoms are frequent urination, extreme hunger or thirst, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue or blurry vision. People who have already been diagnosed with diabetes need to have another test, called an A1C test. It tells diabetics how well they are controlling their blood sugar over time. Left untreated, diabetes can lead to heart disease, blindness, amputation of limbs and kidney disease.

Even though no symptoms may be present, many people are at risk for developing diabetes. These are people who have more than one of the following: are 45 years of age or older, overweight, who get too little physical activity, have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, have a parent, brother or sister with diabetes, have had a baby who weighed 9 pounds or more at birth, or are Native American, African-American or Hispanic. If you are a member of this group it is important that you have your blood sugar checked regularly.

**Body Mass Index** Body Mass Index (BMI) measures weight in relation to height. It indicates our "fatness." Extra weight can lead

to high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes and other chronic illnesses. There are many on-line sites that will help calculate body mass index. Entering your height and weight will allow the site to determine your BMI.

Body Mass Index can also be determined "by hand" using the following formula: divide weight (in pounds) by height (in inches) squared, and multiply the result by 703.

Example: Weight = 150 lbs.  
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Calculation:  $[150 \div (65 \times 65 \text{ or } 4225)] \times 703 = 24.96$

In general a BMI below 18.5 indicates a person is underweight; one from 18.5 - 24.9 shows a normal weight; 25.0 - 29.9 overweight; 30.0 and above, obese.

Every body has unique needs - for guidance that is more specific to you and your loved ones, and to set health-care goals, consult your healthcare professional.

USDA offers a food guidance system called MyPlate, which just turned one year old. Visit the My Plate at [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) to learn more about healthy eating, weight management and physical activity, as well as to use their interactive Super Tracker and other cool tools to help you plan, analyze and track your food and physical activity.

## Consumers urged to follow safe canning practices to avoid illness

Summer and fall mark the peak of harvest season for a variety of fruits and vegetables in Michigan. The harvest is followed by the tradition of home canning fruits and vegetables to preserve them for months to come. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Michigan Department of Community Health would like to remind residents that foodborne botulism can be avoided by following safe and proper canning procedures and safe purchasing of canned food items.

"If a canned food displays any signs of botulism, consumers should not eat this food," said Kevin Besey, MDARD's Food and Dairy Division Director. "Discard cans and jars in a tightly closed plastic bag in a trash can out of the reach of children and pets."

"Botulism is a paralyzing disease caused by the ingestion of a toxin most commonly formed when food is improperly canned at home," said Dean Sienko, Interim Chief Medical Executive of the MDCH. "Taking the time to learn proper canning procedures and the signs of botulism can reduce an individual's risk and recognizing the signs of botulism can help people protect themselves and their families."

Avoid foodborne botulism by following these guidelines recommended by the USDA:

- Low acid foods should be stored for no more than two to five years; high-acid foods for 18 months.
- Store canned foods in a cool, dry place. Never store them above the stove, under the sink, in a damp area such as a basement or garage or any place exposed to high or low temperature extremes that may affect the integrity of the jar or can.
- Never use food from containers that are leaking, bulging, rusting, badly dented, cracked, spurt liquid upon opening, have loose or bulging lids, or a foul odor.
- Before eating, boil home processed, low-acid foods for 10 minutes to destroy the botulinum toxin with high temperatures.

Before preparing canned foods, residents should be familiar with the procedures and guidelines outlined in the United States Department of Agriculture's Complete Guide To Home Canning. Canned foods are classified in two general categories: high-acid and low-acid foods. Foodborne botulism occurs most commonly in foods with low-acid content such as asparagus, green beans, and corn.

The first symptoms of botulism appear within 12 to 36 hours after eating food containing the neurotoxin and include nausea, vomiting, weakness, and vertigo. Later symptoms include visual impairments; loss of normal throat and mouth functions; general fatigue; lack of muscle coordination; difficulty in breathing; abdominal pain; and diarrhea or constipation. Treatment requires quick medical attention and an antitoxin. If caught quickly, the injection of an antitoxin can lessen the severity of the disease; however the recovery process for botulism patients can be prolonged.

For current, research-based recommendations for most methods of home food preservation, factsheets, consumer and technical bulletins, and literature reviews, consumers should visit The National Center for Home Food Preservation website: <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/index.html>.

## No Asian carp found in western Lake Erie

After a week of intensive electrofishing and gill netting activities in Sandusky Bay, Maumee Bay and their main tributaries, officials have found no bighead or silver Asian carp in western Lake Erie. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to work together to assess the current status of bighead and silver carp within western Lake Erie bays and select tributaries.

"The sampling results are very encouraging, especially since we intensely focused on areas where we believed we had the greatest chances of finding these fish," said Rich Carter, ODNR executive administrator of fish management and research. "We look forward to the results of the environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis that will help us define future actions. We appreciate all of the efforts the Service has provided in assessing the status of Asian carp in Lake Erie."

Fish sampling activities took place in response to the six water samples taken from Sandusky and north Maumee bays in August 2011 that tested positive for the presence of Asian carp eDNA. Additional eDNA sampling activities occurred July 30 to Aug. 4, and those findings will be announced in a few weeks.

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# Early Head Start grads receive their diplomas

Bay Mills Child Development Center held its graduation ceremonies for the Early Head Start Program on Friday, Aug. 3. At right, Dani Donnay helps her daughter, Mariah, accept her diploma. Bottom right, Makenna Cameron can hardly contain her excitement. Below, Albert Walden and Mariah Donnay share a quick hug. At bottom, Landon Cameron, Makenna Cameron, and Caylie York enjoy the picnic lunch that was provided for graduates and their families.



# “Re-light the Light” at Crisp Point Lighthouse campaign under way

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

volunteer their time to keep the structure open to the public.

The new light is expected to be ordered after the first of the year and will be installed in the spring. The solar light battery will be charged by the sun and will be able to operate days without sunlight. It will turn on at sunset and sensors will turn the light off at sunrise. The light will operate from May 1 to Nov. 1 and will be visible for about a 5-mile radius.

Crisp Point Lighthouse was constructed in 1904 and was operational until it was decommissioned in 1993. In 1997, the building became the property of Luce County and is currently leased by the Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society for 40-year increments. The non-profit group is doing all it can to preserve this piece of nautical history. In 1998, they raised monies and paid for stonework to be installed around the lighthouse to prevent it from being damaged by Lake Superior’s waves.

Donations to the project are tax-deductible. Anyone who donates \$20 or more will have their name engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the service building. For more information on how to donate, visit [www.crisppointlighthouse.org](http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org).



LUCE COUNTY — With approvals now in place from the State Historic Preservation Office and U.S. Coast Guard, Crisp Point Lighthouse will once again become a functioning aid to ship navigation next summer.

Response to the proposal of placing a new light in the tower has been overwhelming thus far. Just a few weeks after announcing donations were needed to fund the \$4,000 ‘Relight the Light’ project, approximately two-thirds of the money has been raised. Crisp Point isn’t just popular with the locals, it’s a tourist destination for people from all over the world.

‘We just had a guy from Slovakia stay up here for two days,’ said Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society President Rick Brockway. ‘He just snapped dozens of photos for two days. People from the 50 states and all over the world visit here.’

Brockway himself came across the lighthouse in 1993 and got involved in preserving the lighthouse a year later. He is just one of dozens of people who

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# Bay Mills Biology Department working on lake whitefish study with LSSU

**By Sharlene Myers**  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Lake whitefish have long been an important resource for Bay Mills Indian Community and the BMIC biological services department has taken steps to ensure their survival.

The department was recently awarded a two-year joint grant with Lake Superior State University through the BIA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to support research on lake whitefish and their habitat.

Despite their importance to the area fishery, little is known about the ecology of lake whitefish in Whitefish Bay. The project will discover the extent to which lake whitefish use the nutrient and energy input from tributary rivers and creeks and if more than one stock of lake whitefish exists in the bay. The information gathered will help natural resource managers prioritize habitat for protection.

In one phase of the study, three tributaries are being tested this season: Pendills Creek, Naomikong Creek and the Tahquamenon River. Prior to this study, no sampling had been done in Whitefish Bay linking the input of nutrients into the bay and the importance of that terrestrial input in the production of lake whitefish, said Paul Ripple, BMIC fisheries biologist. If lake whitefish are found to receive most of their nutrition from tributary rivers or creeks, these areas can be protected and managed to benefit lake whitefish populations.

Right now there is a lot of state land and U.S. Forest Service-owned land around Whitefish Bay that already have conservation plans in place, explained Ripple, with no feed lots or large farm productions that could adversely affect the water quality coming from tributaries into the bay. But, if there is ever any development coming into the area, biologists would know where to prioritize protection, he added.

Ripple, along with biologists from LSSU — Kristin Arend, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Ashley Moerke, Geoffrey Steinhart and Perry Varnakovida, — were assisted by student technicians in gathering samples from the sediments of the tributary river and creeks. Their results should be complete by December, he said.

The other phase of the study is the genetic component, gathering data to support the thesis that genetic isolation has led to the formation of discrete, or individually distinct, stocks of lake whitefish. There is evidence that separate spawning locations in Whitefish Bay have led to the formation of at least two discrete stocks, said Ripple.

From testing genetic samples gathered at previously known spawning areas and sampling the catches of local commercial fishers, the scientists hope to discover how much the different stocks contribute to the fisheries of Whitefish Bay.

"It is important to know which stock contributes the most to commercial fishers' catches and where they originate from so that location can be protected as a priority," said Ripple.

Whether or not discrete genetic stocks exist, understanding what drives lake whitefish production is important for their management, he



**COLLECTOR'S ITEM** — Bill Bernier, former BMCC student who now attends LSSU, and LSSU student John Ransom (L-R) use a kick net to collect insect samples at Pendill's Creek. (LSSU/John Shibley)

pointed out. If the study shows that lake whitefish receive most of their nutrition from the input of tributary rivers and creeks into the bay, these areas would be protected.

"Protecting the resource is the over-riding goal," said Ripple. "The more we know, the better we can manage the resource, and so we are trying to learn as much as we can."

## LSSU whitefish/lamprey study in the works; angler assistance needed

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University seeks assistance from anglers as it works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point this summer and fall to study how lake whitefish interact with sea lamprey.

Anglers can assist in the study by donating sea lamprey they find attached to the fish they catch. They may also donate whitefish caught during the open water and ice fishing seasons.

The study, "Feasibility of holding wild-caught lake whitefish and sea lamprey for parasite-host interaction studies," seeks to determine the conditions under which lake whitefish may be transferred from the wild and held in captivity, and if and how sea lamprey and lake whitefish may be used for parasite-host interaction evaluations.

"Very little work has been done on whitefish-lamprey interaction," said Roger Greil, manager of LSSU's Aquatic Research Laboratory, which is participating in the study. He said anglers can call him and he will pick up whitefish or lampreys or they can drop them off at the lab. Greil may be reached at 906-635-1949 at work or by calling 906-630-7259.

"The lamprey and whitefish need to be in good shape in order for us to use them," Greil said. "They need to be alive."

The rationale for the study states: "The probability that an individual fish will survive an attack from a sea lamprey is a key component to sea lamprey damage assessments" and notes that while the interaction between sea lamprey and lake trout has been studied extensively, only a single "mark-recapture study" has been done on whitefish since the 1960s.

"Laboratory research has not been conducted to support or refute the results of the tagging study, which was completed when ecological conditions greatly differed from the Great Lakes of today," the proposal states.

"The DNR works cooperatively with other governments to manage the whitefish stocks in the upper Great Lakes," said Dave Caroffino, a biologist with the Michigan DNR and one of the lead researchers in the project. "As we assess these populations, a key component is our ability to accurately estimate sea lamprey-induced mortality. This research should help improve those estimates and our resulting management of this valuable species."

Complicating studies of this nature is the fact that lake whitefish are difficult to keep alive in captivity. The study's leaders said this may be one reason why research on survivability has not been pursued.

"We seek to determine the conditions under which whitefish can be moved from the wild to a controlled setting and kept alive long enough for experimentation. The objectives of this pilot study would allow a future proposal to address specific interactions between these species."

Researchers say the study is a pilot project that is necessary to assist in any larger studies that would assess damage from fish caused by lamprey attacks. It will lead to a better assessment of the fish community objective for whitefish in Lake Huron.

If the captive whitefish and sea lamprey do well, the researchers will propose a larger-scale study in 2014.

The study has a strong LSSU presence. In addition to Greil, who graduated from LSSU in 1988, the leaders include Caroffino, a 2004 LSSU alumnus with the Michigan DNR, Ted Treska of the USFWS, and Greg Fischer, a 1994 LSSU graduate who manages the Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

For more information, or to donate fish or lampreys, contact Greil at 906-635-1949 or 906-630-7259, or rgreil@lssu.edu. Find more information on the LSSU Aquatic Research Laboratory at lssu.edu/arl. More information on the study may also be obtained from Caroffino at 231-547-2914 or caroffinod@michigan.gov.

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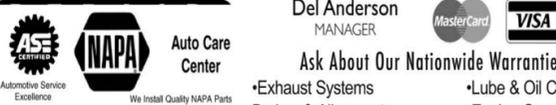
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## Cougar photograph confirmed legit from Marquette County

BATH, Mich. – The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy, a non-profit organization based in Bath, near Lansing, recently confirmed the presence of a cougar in southern Marquette County.

The cougar was photographed by a cased and padlocked trail camera on private property on June 1, 2012. The property owners will also share their information with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, but do not wish to be publicly identified.

Dr. Patrick Ruzs, Director of Wildlife Programs for the Conservancy, and Michael Zuidema, a retired DNR forester, verified the trail camera's location on a well-worn wildlife trail atop a wooded ridge. The camera has also photographed wolves, coyotes, fishers and numerous other species at the same site over a four year period.

The MWC is publicizing this photograph because it may be the best, clearest photograph of a wild Michigan cougar ever taken. It is also unusually interesting because Zuidema has recorded over 20 credible cougar sightings in the same vicinity since the 1970s. These include several sightings within a few miles of the trail camera location.

Ruzs said, "the long history of sighting reports in the area indicates the cougar photographed on June 1 may be part of a resident population rather than a wandering cat from a western state."

He has studied cougars for the Conservancy for 14 years and is co-author of a peer-reviewed study that confirmed cougars in both peninsulas of Michigan by analyses of DNA in droppings. He has also identified a long list of additional physical evidence dating back to 1966, and notes that Michigan State College zoologist, Richard Manville, documented several cougar sightings or incidents when he inventoried the fauna of Marquette County's Huron Mountains from 1939 to 1942.

The large volume of recent Michigan evidence includes 15 MDNR confirmations since the agency formed a cougar team of specially trained biologists in 2008. The most recent MDNR confirmation occurred last May when a cougar was photographed with a hand-held camera near Skanee in Baraga County. That photograph was taken about 50 miles north of the Marquette County trail camera location.

"The MDNR cougar team should now look at the very good evidence of a remnant cougar pop-

ulation collected before 2008," said Bill Taylor, president of the Conservancy. "They could still easily verify cougar photos taken in the 1990s in Alcona and Oscoda Counties in the Lower Peninsula and some others. The vegetation and other landmarks needed to confirm the photos are still there."

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy is a non-profit citizens group established in 1982 to

restore Michigan's wildlife legacy. The Conservancy has restored more than 8,200 acres of wetlands, 2,500 acres of prairies and grasslands, and hundreds of miles of trout streams, and helped with several rare species recoveries and the creation of many backyard habitats.

The Conservancy website, [www.miwildlife.org](http://www.miwildlife.org), highlights some of the completed habitat restorations and other work.

### Tips for drought-stressed trees

The hot and dry conditions that have persisted over much of the state this summer are leaving many trees severely drought-stressed and in need of a good watering. The Forest Resources Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reminding residents that it is important to provide supplemental watering to help get these trees through the remainder of the summer and fall.

"Drought stress might not kill trees outright, but it weakens them and makes them more susceptible to other problems such as winter injury or secondary disease and insect problems later," said DNR Urban and Community Forestry Manager Kevin Sayers. "It's important to recognize some common symptoms of drought stress on trees and how to provide needed care. Being proactive with watering will help ensure these trees survive until adequate rainfall returns."

Sayers provided the following examples of drought-stress symptoms, and some dos and don'ts for watering trees.

- Symptoms of drought stress:  
 In deciduous trees, leaves may curl or droop, turn brown at the margins (scorching), fall prematurely and exhibit early-autumn coloration.  
 In evergreen trees, needles may turn to yellow, red and eventually brown.

In severe or prolonged droughts, leaves may drop prematurely or become brown and remain attached. Twigs or entire branches may experience dieback.

When watering trees, do:  
 Prioritize the plants that need watering first and most often. Newly planted trees should be a priority, as should high-value trees.

Provide long, slow soakings to saturate the soil.  
 Water newly planted trees weekly and established trees every two to three weeks.  
 Water under the tree's dripline (from the trunk, to edge of the tree canopy).

Provide 1 inch of irrigation per week (depending on recent rainfall) using the following methods:

Sprinkler: Place an empty container or rain gauge nearby to measure about 1 inch of irrigation.

Hand watering via hose: Let water run slowly until the ground is saturated (10 to 12 inches deep) and moist near the base of small trees or at various points under the dripline of large trees.

Five-gallon bucket: Most newly planted trees need 5 to 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter (at knee height) each week.

Soaker or trickle hoses: Saturate the soil under the dripline to at least 10 to 12 inches deep.

Use mulch to help retain soil moisture and save water. Apply 3 to 4 inches of organic mulch under the tree canopy, but not touching the trunk.

Don't:  
 Water during the middle of the day. Most of the water applied at the hottest and most windy time of day is immediately lost to evaporation.

Use mist sprinklers. As much as 70 percent of water may be lost to evaporation into the air.

Water frequently and lightly. This may help the lawn stay green but is ineffective for most trees.

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# Announcements

**Speaker series Aug. 18**

The Eastland Disaster will be discussed, featuring a maritime historian at Whitefish Point. Event will take place on Aug. 18 at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

**Paradise Blueberry Festival**

Aug. 17 to 19: Wild Blueberry Festival, Paradise Arts and Crafts Fair, Unique Entertainment, Local Food Specialties, Blueberry Jamboree at the Whitefish Township Community Center. Sponsored by The Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Celebrate wilderness**

Celebrate 25 years of the Michigan Wilderness Act on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the St. Ignace Town Hall, located at N4298 Gorman Road. A light brunch will be followed by a program featuring speakers from the Sierra Club and U.S. Forest Service, as well as local activists. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club. For more information, call 517-484-2372 x10, or send an email to gail.philbin@sierraclub.org, or visit the website, www.michigan.sierraclub.org.

In addition, the Sierra Club is offering a Horseshoe Bay Wilderness Camp Out from Friday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 19. For details, email Carol Ward at saltpt@lighthouse.net.

**Display cases wanted**

Bay Mills-Brimley Historical Society is seeking display cases. Please call 248-5440.

**Yard sale**

Three-family yard sale,

Friday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3053 S. Pine Village Road, Bay Mills. Lots of trash that could be your special treasure: Christmas animated dolls, lots of pigs for the pig collector, household goods, clothes for adults and boys size 5 to 7, plus much, much more. No early sales please. For more information, call 906-322-2321 or 906-322-8109.

**Make a birch bark basket**

Bay Mills Indian Community's Gnoozhekaaning Cultural Program presents a birch bark basket making session on Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Migizi Hall. Bring a dish to pass; hot dogs and drinks provided. For more information, contact Jesse Bowen at 906-437-4372, ext. 203.

**Breastfeeding Awareness Month**

August is National Breastfeeding Month and Bay Mills Healthy Start Program is marking the occasion with a walk to support breastfeeding on Friday, Aug. 24 at the walking track off Lakeshore Drive by Wild Bluff Gold Course from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided after the walk. Those in need of transportation to the site are asked to call the following within 24 hours of the event: Joann LeBlanc at 906-248-8360, Erica Carrick at 8510 or Candice Leapley at 8340.

**Ice Cream Social planned**

Bay Mills Brimley Historical Research Society welcomes the public to an old-fashioned ice cream social to mark the grand opening of the depot on Saturday, Sep. 1 from 12 to 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Brimley Community Park on

M221 and ice cream will be sold as a fundraiser to help furnish the depot. For more information, call Janet Russell at 906-248-3487.

**Bullying talk given**

The Sault Tribe Alive Youth Project, or STAY, will host an appearance by Tina Meier on Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Arts Center Auditorium at Lake Superior State University. Meier has spoken nationally and internationally on bullying and cyberbullying, which led to the 2006 suicide of her daughter. STAY's goal is to reduce suicides in the EUP. For more information, contact Laura Porterfield at 906-635-8629 or send an email to: LPorterfield@saulttribe.net.

**Music series in St. Ignace**

Aug. 22: Locals on the Bay Free Waterfront Entertainment Series, St. Ignace. Enjoy free waterfront entertainment by local musicians during an evening performance, 7 to 8: 30 p.m., on the shores of Lake Huron, marina pavilion, downtown St. Ignace. Donations accepted.

**Walk the Mighty Mac**

55th Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk, Monday Sept. 3. Start time from St. Ignace side is between 7 to 11am. For more information see http://www.mackinacbridge.org/annual-bridge-walk-7/

**Wilderness Canoe Race**

Tahquamenon Falls State Park. On Sept. 15 there will be a professional two person canoe race down the Tahquamenon River. The 17-mile race begins at the Lower Falls and finishes at Whitefish Bay near the camp-

ground. A shorter, one-person race also offered, as well as a Free-For-All for amateurs and paddling enthusiasts. Event hosted by the Paradise Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Canoe Racing Association. Visit www.miracing.com for more information.

**Elk tags drawn**

Names were drawn for Bay Mills Indian Community's elk tags on Aug. 1. Selected for the hunt this year are: Alich Carrick (bull), Donald Carrick III (cow), Matthew Lothrop (cow), and Richard Parrish (cow). Bull season begins first. If a bull is not taken at that time it will continue with cow season in December.

**Boys & Girls Club hours**

The Boys & Girls Club will be closed Monday, Sept. 3 for Labor Day. The Bay Mills Club will be open Sept. 4 when school gets out until 5 p.m. School year hours will begin at the Bay Mills Club for ages 5 to 18 on Sept. 5 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. School year hours will begin at the Brimley Club for ages 7 to 18 on Sept. 5 from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: All incoming kindergartners must attend school for one month before they will be able to attend the Bay Mills Club.

**Chamber Chase planned**

Sept. 22: 10th Annual Oktoberfest and 3rd Annual Chamber Chase Marathon in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Chamber Chase Marathon will be passing through downtown, and has several different race levels and unique routes. More information can be found at www.saultstemarie.org.

**Fiddler Jamboree**

Fiddler Jamboree, Newberry American Legion (M-123) on Sept. 22.

All acoustic (non electrical) instruments. Everyone is welcome to play or just enjoy listening! From 1 to 5 p.m., all are welcome to come and perform three pieces; 6 to 9:30 p.m. — square dance with musicians from the afternoon performing again for the dancers. A concession is provided by the Tahquamenon Logging Museum.

**Speaker series at museum**

Sept. 28: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum Speaker Series, 7 p.m.

The sinking of the Carl Bradley, featuring 9&10 News Director of Photojournalism Corey Adkins. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

**Harvest Festival Oct. 13**

Visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park and experience the Lower Falls annual camping tradition. Events include pumpkin carving, campsite decorating, chili cook-off, costume contests, trick-or-treating, and a haunted trail in Paradise. Families, groups and couples have made camping during Harvest Festival a tradition.

**Feast planned**

A traditional community feast is being planned on Sept. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Armella Parker Center as part of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference. Bay Mills is hosting the conference this year.

Community members are encouraged to attend the feast and bring a dish to pass.

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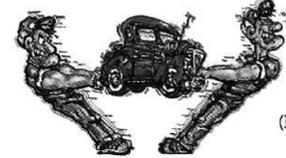
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