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## Lighting and fireworks kick off bridge's anniversary celebration

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Recognizing the importance of the International Bridge to both the U.S. and Canada, leaders from Sault, Ontario and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. held a ceremony commemorating the bridge's 50th year in operation on June 28 at the Roberta Bondar Pavillion, in Sault, Ont.

The event, dubbed "A Celebration of International Friendship," also marked the 100th year as a city for Sault, Ontario. Events were broadcast across the border at Soo Locks Park in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., which included a colorful fireworks display to round out the evening.

The International Bridge project took 18 months to complete and was no easy feat. One of the biggest challenges was the weather as wind gusts hit 40 mph and temperatures dipped well below zero in the winter months.

Another challenge was making the bridge tall enough to accommodate shipping traffic from below as it crosses the St. Mary's River. The bridge was opened to traffic in 1962 and cost \$20 million to build, but no fatalities were recorded during construction.

Prior to the bridge, traffic was managed by a ferry system. Today, nearly 2 million vehicles cross the bridge annually making it a key factor in merging international commerce. To date, more than 93 million vehicles have crossed the bridge.

"The association between the two cities is pretty well endless, from health services, educational assistance and fire protection, the collaboration goes on and on," said IBA Vice Chairman Jim McIntyre. Fellow IBA board member Scott Shackleton agreed with McIntyre's statement, noting "the bridge makes the two communities into one and the importance of the bridge cannot

be overstated."

In recognition of the anniversary, more than 5,000 feet of lighted, colored rope adorned the spans and was lit during ceremonies. Blue and red lights decorate the U.S. arch, while white and red decorate the Canadian arch.

According to IBA General Manager Phil Becker, hanging of the lights was a large endeavor that took many months to complete, but was done safely. The lights will remain in place as long as they are functional.

The bridge itself is 2.8 miles long and is open to vehicle and bicycle traffic. Unlike other bridges, the International Bridge operates solely upon toll revenues and does not receive state, federal funding or provincial funding. The Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge is one of the only crossing points among 300 miles of shared border between the U.S. and Canada.

## School seeks funds to replace roof

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Roofing on Brimley Area Schools is leaking and needs to be replaced. Area residents will soon be asked to contribute toward the much-needed repairs, but school administration has come up with a method to save them some money.

Costs for the entire roofing project are estimated at \$450,000 but Rod Goehmann, school superintendent, has proposed an alternate plan to the usual request for a bond to cover the entire amount. The school board has approved requesting 1.5 mills for a sinking fund, rather than a bond issue.

Goehmann said he has used the sinking fund method at other school districts he has worked for, but this will be the first time Brimley School has presented this alternative method to taxpayers. Since roofing replacement was an unexpected expense, it was not in the budget; the board determined that a sinking fund would be the least costly method for the school and taxpayers to bear.

He explained that the sinking fund would divvy up the estimated roofing costs at \$150,000 each year for three years. In June 2013, the school would spend the entire \$150,000 raised by the levy to replace roofs originally installed in 1988. In June 2014, the sinking fund would then spend the next \$150,000 raised in replacing roofs first installed in 1993, and in June 2015, roofs installed in 2000 would be replaced through the sinking fund for the final \$150,000 raised. The 1.5 mill increase would end after the allotted three-year period.

There would be a substantial savings by using the sinking fund to raise the necessary funds rather than a bond. A bond would be issued for the entire \$450,000 and be paid back to the bond issuer over a 10-year period, incurring legal fees of \$28,000 as well as interest costs ranging from \$81,000 at a 3 percent rate to \$108,000 at a 4 percent rate.

The sinking fund millage is a limited property tax, a "pay-as-you-go" method for smaller building remodeling projects and repair needs. State law allows a district to only levy a sinking fund millage of up to 5 mills and for no longer than 20 years. The tax is levied each year and the revenue generated from this levy is used to make the repairs identified by the district. Because the district hasn't borrowed for the projects, it does not have to pay interest on the money used.

By law, the State of Michigan has requirements for public school districts that fund repairs through sinking fund millage levies. The law specifies what is considered an allowable use and what reporting and audit requirements are expected. If it is found that the funds from a sinking fund millage were not used in accordance with the requirements outlined in the law, a district will forfeit any additional millage revenues from the sinking fund levy and will not be allowed to levy that sinking fund millage again.

Currently Brimley Area School district residents pay a non-residential property tax of 18 mills, or \$18 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, with a Headlee Amendment of 2.547 mills. The millage includes several past school issues, which added 1.07 mills in 1988, 3.75 mills in 1999 and another .98 mills in 2008. If voted in, the sinking fund will add another 1.5 mills, but only from 2012 through 2014.

The head of maintenance at the school has found several punctures in the roofing of the elementary and middle school building, said Goehmann, and has had to place buckets to catch leaks during heavy rainfall. These are flat roofs, covered with either Duro-Last or Fiber-Tite PVC membrane and are past their warranty.

The new high school building in contrast, has a pitched roof covered in shingles with a 20-year warranty. Only the roofs of the older building are in need of repairs and will be replaced with PVC membrane again.

The proposal will be added to the annual state primary election to be held Aug. 7 under "Proposal Section, Local School District, Brimley Area Schools" as "Millage Proposal Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy." If the proposal does not pass in the Aug. 7 election, the school has until Aug. 14 to add it to the Nov. 6 ballot. It is up to voters to decide whether Brimley students will continue to have raindrops falling on their heads.

## Laws governing reservation boundaries clarified

BAY MILLS — While medical marijuana and riding a motorcycle without a helmet may be legal under Michigan state law, laws governing Bay Mills Indian Community continue to make both illegal.

Even those holding a state medical marijuana card are in violation if they carry or use marijuana within reservation boundaries, as Bay Mills abides by federal law, which currently makes possession or use of marijuana a criminal offense.

For motorcyclists traveling in the area, Bay Mills Police have the ability to cite individuals civilly for violating the tribal helmet ordinance.

In response to growing concerns over the trend of synthetic drugs, such as bath salts and K2 (synthetic marijuana), Bay Mills Executive Council recently took action to ban these types of drugs on the reservation as well.

They have been removed from store shelves in Chippewa County and were recently made illegal in the state by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Another ordinance that recently changed was the blood alcohol limit in Bay Mills, bringing it in line with Michigan state law. Those with a BAC of .80 or higher will now be considered legally intoxicated. This eliminates any disparity for officers between on and off reservation stops.

## Employee Summer Fest to be held July 29 for Bay Mills employees

BAY MILLS — The annual festival for Bay Mills Indian Community employees and their families will be held on Sunday, July 29 at the Bay Mills Ball Diamond. Most events will begin at noon, while softball games will begin at 10 a.m. This all day event is geared towards all ages. There will be games for children, Euro Bungee Jump, prizes, and food and drink for everyone.

The annual softball tourney will recognize the teams with the most team spirit and best uniforms. The boxcar competition will begin between 6 and 8 p.m. to raise funds for local scholarships. Be creative with your entry to earn a prize. In the past six years, more than \$20,000 has been raised and contributed. Live music will start in the afternoon and continue throughout the evening.

In addition to events at the ball diamond, this year tribal elder Web Kinney will be holding an archery shoot at the charter school with bows and arrows being supplied.

All children must leave the event by 9 p.m. No pets are allowed. Employees are being reminded they cannot call in to attend the event. Anyone with questions about the event can contact the Human Resources Department.



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TRADITION LIVES ON — Bay Mills Indian Community's 21st Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow was held June 29 to July 1. Dancers from across the country attended. For more photos, see page 21.

# Brimley celebrates 4th of July with patriotic fervor



**STARS & STRIPES** — In a profusion of stars and stripes, Brimley celebrated the birthday of the United States with a parade that included floats, antique cars and tractors, wailing sirens and much candy gathering. In an election year, this year's parade also provided a place for politicians to advertise for a few votes. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society also held a flea market, bake sale and kid's games at the Train Museum. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

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# House bill that threatens tribal lands, now heads to Senate

*If passed, Homeland Security could take jurisdiction over lands within 100-mile range of U.S. borders*

**By Shannon Jones**  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Under the guise of “security issues,” House Republicans are attempting to take unprecedented measures in gaining access to tribal lands currently managed by the Department of Interior.

H.R. 1505, buried in an omnibus land management package — H.R. 2578 “Conservation and Economic Growth Act” — would give Homeland Security, particularly Border Patrol, the authority to take control of “all land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture within 100 miles of the international land borders of the U.S.”

The bill, which passed the House on June 19, 232-188, would not restrict legal land uses such as grazing, hunting or mining, but it does list 30 acts that H.R. 1505 would waive, including the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Air Act, and the Archeological Resources Protection Act, which protects sacred sites. Activities that

would be authorized for Homeland Security, if approved, would include surveillance activities, construction of roads and buildings, and use of aircraft.

The bill is being considered a “giant land grab” by opponents, which includes the National Congress of American Indians and the Sierra Club.

The U.S. Border Patrol itself has no interest in gaining control of the lands. U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has referred to the bill as “unnecessary” and “bad policy.” In March, she testified before committee saying, “we don’t need it for our immediate border control needs” noting memorandums of understanding are already in place with tribes,

particularly in regards to security issues.

Tribes that would be locally affected by this include Bay Mills Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, both of which reside along the international border shared with Canada.

On June 22, Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron wrote a letter to Montana Democrat Sen. Jon Tester citing the bill “was a grave concern to Bay Mills Indian Community,” noting it strips tribes of sovereignty and control over their lands. Tester has been one of the most vocal opponents to the legislation, as he believes it would jeopardize Montana’s public lands and the

environment. He has been working with tribal leaders on the issue and said he believes the nation can be protected “without trampling tribal rights.”

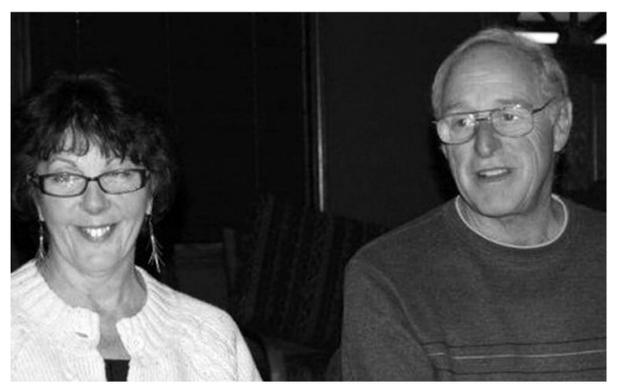
No input was sought from tribal communities or leadership about this bill before it went to

the House. The House Committee specifically rejected language exempting tribal land from the bill. The bill was sent to the Senate on June 20 for consideration and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## Parr drops out of sheriff’s race

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — Candidate James Parr recently sent out a letter withdrawing himself from the race for Chippewa County Sheriff.

“It is with much sadness that I must regretfully inform the voters of Chippewa County that I must step down from the race for the Office of the Sheriff of Chippewa County. The financial cost of running a political campaign has been more than my family and I can bear. I must express my deep apologies to all my very loyal supporters during this campaign.”



*Fundraiser planned for local family*

A fundraiser has been planned for Terry Deuman on Wednesday July 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Brimley VFW. Terry is battling esophageal cancer and is currently under treatment. Dinner will include burgers, brats, salads, desserts and a drink. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under age 7. For more information contact Tammy Ellis at 906-322-3650. Donations may also be mailed to Terry c/o Tammy Ellis P.O. Box 43, Brimley MI 49715.

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# OPINION

## Progress being made for students, transportation and homeowners

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

Before the July 4th holiday, the Senate took several important steps in three important policy areas to move our nation forward. Our last action before the holiday was to pass a single bill that prevented a pending student-loan interest rate hike that would have made college less affordable for American students and their families; made important investments in our roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure; and reauthorizes the flood insurance program that provides security to millions of Americans.

The first item, the student loan provisions, met a critical deadline. We averted a looming increase in student loan interest rates that would have taken effect July 1. That interest rate was scheduled to double, an increase that Americans already struggling to pay for higher education simply could not afford. Extending the current 3.4 percent interest rate for another year lifts a significant burden, financial and emotional, from students and their families who were looking to us for action.

We also approved a long-term reauthorization of our nation's transportation programs that was long overdue.

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for every \$1 billion in federal funds we spend on transportation infrastructure. The bill will create or preserve an estimated 3 million jobs nationwide. In Michigan, the bill will provide more than \$2 billion over the next two years for road projects, and another \$261 million over the next two years for Michigan transit projects. Funding transportation infrastructure improvements at robust levels is one of the most obvious things we can do to help boost the U.S. economy.

Of special importance to the Great Lakes region, the bill included a provision directing the Corps of Engineers to accelerate its feasibility study of preventing the transfer of aquatic invasive species, such as the destructive Asian carp, between the basins of the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. While the Corps is planning to produce an interim report at the end of 2013, this provision would require a full feasibility report that would also include a recommendation for implementing preventative measures. Accelerating this study will put us on a better track to protect our \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery that supports thousands of jobs.

The conference agreement includes a provision regarding harbor maintenance that is based on an amendment to the Senate transportation bill. This is the first time we have addressed harbor maintenance

in a transportation bill, and including this language will help elevate this important issue and strengthen momentum to use trust fund receipts for harbor maintenance.

On the third important issue, the bill will provide some much needed equity to Michigan and other states through a five-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Michigan residents have paid over six times more in premiums than they have received in payouts from the National Flood Insurance Program. We must correct this disparity, and the bill we passed takes some steps to do so in requiring premiums that reflect the true risk of flooding.

The conference report will end subsidies for "repetitive loss properties" that continue to be rebuilt in high risk areas. It will also end subsidized rates for vacation homes and businesses located in high risk areas, many of which have received subsidized rates for more than 30 years.

Congress doesn't always work as quickly or effectively as we'd like, but on this legislation, we have acted to protect college students and their families from rising costs, made important investments in our transportation system, and continued protection from natural disasters in a way that is more fair to Michigan.

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## VAWA tribal provisions are constitutionally sound

By Jefferson Keel

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There is a group of criminals, on Native American lands, who assault, rape, and abuse Native women and they can't be arrested. These criminals are non-Native men. They don't have to face a judge, spend any time behind bars, or be hounded by a criminal record. Instead they remain free to go after the next victim or the same one, time after time. Congress, the one legal body able to fix this problem, could let these injustices continue if they don't act.

The epidemic of violence against women on tribal lands is staggering; 34 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women will be raped in their lifetimes, 39 percent will experience domestic violence, and as a Department of Justice study found, non-Indians commit 88 percent of these heinous crimes. Tribal justice systems are the most appropriate entities to root out these criminals, yet they are the ones with tied hands—restricted by antiquated jurisdictional laws established by the U.S. government limiting tribes from prosecuting non-Native criminals.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen members of Congress from both sides of the aisle work to pass a law that would give tribes the authority over these criminals; the Violence Against Women Act. The proposed tribal provisions of the law, passed with bipartisan support in the Senate, are now being left out of the main House of Representatives version of VAWA. Some members of the House fear they don't have the power to fix the problem or are afraid non-Natives will be subject to tribal law and not guaranteed their constitutional rights.

The reality is the tribal provisions of VAWA are fully constitutional and offer every safeguard provided by U.S. courts — more importantly they are vital to curtailing a very real problem.

In a recent letter to Congress, 50 leading U.S. law professors outlined their confidence in the constitutionality of the legislation. At the core of the letter, the lawyers highlighted the Supreme Court case law supporting Congressional authority and the requisite safeguards of the provisions offered to every defendant.

The Supreme Court in *U.S. v. Lara*, 541 U.S. 193 (2004), held that "Congress does possess the constitutional power to lift the restrictions on the tribes' criminal jurisdiction." Moreover, the VAWA provisions at issue are designed to catch a very narrow set of criminals, not just anyone. They are limited to only crimes of domestic violence or dating violence committed in Indian country, where the defendant is a spouse or established intimate partner of a tribal member.

Defendants prosecuted under these provisions would be entitled to the full array of constitutional protections: due-process rights, an indigent defendant's right to appointed counsel (at the expense of the tribe) that meets federal constitutional standards, and as the proposed law states, "all other rights whose protection is necessary under the Constitution of the United States." This includes the right to petition a federal court for habeas corpus to challenge any conviction and to stay detention prior to review, a right of which the prosecuting tribe must timely notify the defendant.

Finally, any non-Indian defendant prosecuted under these new provisions has the right to a trial by jury drawn from sources that do not systematically exclude any distinctive group in the community, including non-Indians.

These provisions offer tribal governments and the United States an opportunity to advance our cause together and root out this epidemic of violence. If Congress removes the restrictions placed on tribal governments, tribal law enforcement, and tribal courts, Native and non-Native communities alike will have the means to protect our women and remove criminals from our lands.

Tribal governments are members of the American family of governments, rooted in the constitution itself — we are America's first nations. We are ready to work together to end this violence. Yet, it is Congress that must take the first step to remove the restrictions placed on tribal governments.

When Congress does act, it is my hope that it will be to allow our governments and justice systems to stand together to keep every American and Native American, safe, and demonstrate our commitment to our greatest shared value: justice for all.

Keel is the president of the National Congress of American Indians, the nation's largest and oldest American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization and is the Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, located in Oklahoma.



## The Internet, mental illness and you

### Tyrades!

By Danny Tyree

"Is The Web Driving Us Mad?" asks a recent Newsweek cover story.

According to the article, there is now a growing body of evidence that our fascination with the Internet, smartphones, video games and related technology has become a clinical ADDICTION. Our ever-present hobbies have contributed to loneliness, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention-deficit disorder and "the sad delusion that the awful figurine you bought via Craigslist DOES-N'T make your whole den look tacky."

I am not immune to the phenomenon. I admit to experiencing a certain endorphin rush when I Google my name and see that some newspaper has been kind enough to print one of my columns, and then becoming irritable when I have to wait for new stimuli. (But is this unique to electronic social media? Does it really differ from Delores becoming anxious when Madge is late bringing juicy neighborhood gossip to the backyard fence?)

Not only do social media rob us of exercise, nature appreciation and face-to-face human contact, but supposedly our hunger for email, Facebook posts, and Twitter tweets is rewiring the human brain — and not in a good way. Scientists proclaim these warnings with confidence because "Hey, we've already said everything and its brother causes CANCER; now brain rewiring has dibs on the spotlight."

Admittedly, our brains have allegedly been rewired by just about every available scapegoat, going back through Walkam, Marilyn Monroe, Uncle Miltie, jazz, Alexander Graham Bell, gunpowder... Some of the oldest cave drawings have

been translated to say, "Look, you can hunt or you can gather. I refuse to take any responsibility for the health of your cerebral cortex if you use the old Saber-toothed tiger burial ground to start a garden."

Can't someone do something to make the much-vaunted Real World more interesting, so we don't face such electronic temptations? Couldn't innocent-looking turtles be trained to perform hilarious head butts to the groin? Can we at least have some zany sound effects when great-aunts deliver such scintillating comments as "My, you're getting so tall — and your cheeks still have such resiliency when I pinch them" and "Do the hep young folks still cut a rug to the sounds of Perry Como?"

Parents, start training little ladies and gentlemen how to bow, how to curtsy and How To Literally Roll On The Floor Laughing Your Butt Off. Hurry.

I hear plans for a federal addiction-breaking czar are in the works. Strategies call for addicts to be swept up and forced to chat on the front porch, listen to the warbling of non-angry birds and share warm family memories around the supper table.

Hey, who needs a weather map app or online tutorials when you can enjoy "Quite a dry spell, ain't it?" and How To Stop Making Faces At Your Sister For Dummies?

Of course things could backfire. Unplugging our devices and taking a long nature hike could make us even more anxious to get home and post about the world of deer poop, mosquitoes, hornets, spiders and PARASITIC WORMS.

The clock is ticking. President Obama is expected to announce, "This brain rewiring is not the sort of CHANGE we should be HOPING for. I'll get right on this and — what? All the rewiring is being done by the electricians' union? Never mind."

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# Historic Water Street re-opens

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — A new streetscape isn't the most likely project to come out of a sewer project, but that's exactly what happened along Water Street. When the sewer project began in 2009, city officials thought it only made sense to improve the area as a whole at the same time.

The end result is a walkway with stone benches, landscaping, and most notably 33 panels that stretch from the Ojibway Hotel to the Water Street Historic Homes that display how the city of Sault Ste. Marie evolved. The panels depict the area's geologic history, and include Native American and European contributions, which according to City Manager Spencer Nebel, was no small feat.

While there was an abundance of information out there about the history, making sure it was accurate was another matter. To ensure the final product was correct, a collaboration took place between city officials, Chippewa County Historical Society, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Bay Mills Indian Community.

On July 12 the final product was unveiled and opened to the public in a ceremony opened by Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Anthony Bosbous.

"These kinds of activities strengthen our focus on the history of our area," said Bosbous in his opening remarks.

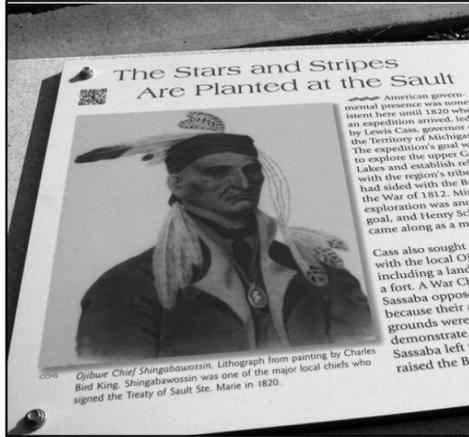
Nebel also addressed the crowd and said he hopes this will be a place that people gather, learn and enjoy for years to come.

"Each panel tells a story, and this is the place where it all began," said Nebel. "This will be an important part of this community for generations to come."

Nebel went on to thank tribal historians for their assistance in the project.

"We wanted to make sure we discussed our entire history and that we were being appropriate in our wording of it."

Water Street is also the location of ancestral Indian remains. One of the first projects the tribes collaborated with the city, state, and federal government on in Sault Ste. Marie was making sure these remains were



Above is a panel featuring the story of Ojibwe Chief Shingabawassin, just one of 33 panels along Water Street telling the tale of Sault Ste. Marie's history. Below, Sault Tribe's Cultural Repatriation Specialist, Cecil Pavlat, sings a traditional song to open the ceremony.



preserved and protected as a burial ground. This cooperation paved the way for further projects.

"We were glad to participate in this collaboration and happy our input was sought," said Paula Carrick of Bay Mills History Dept. "We look forward to working together on other projects in the future." Carrick and her sister, Wanda Perron, worked closely to make sure the Native American history depicted was accurate.

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## Chippewa County airport receives grant

KINCHELOE — Chippewa County International Airport in Kincheloe will receive a \$1.3 million federal grant to help pay for new snow-removal equipment and runway and taxiway improvements, Michigan Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow announced earlier this month.

"Airports are a vital link to an increasingly global economy, and we have to make the right investments to maintain that important link," Levin said. "Today's grant announcement is good news for travelers, business and workers in Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities."

"Making air travel more efficient will provide a boost to the region's economy and will support our local businesses," Stabenow said. "These improvements will help Chippewa County International Airport keep our families and visitors safe and reduce flight delays."

The Federal Aviation Administration grant will help pay for acquisition of new snow-removal equipment; rehabilitation of existing runway pavement to ensure safe airport operations; and taxiway improvements to maintain the structural integrity of pavement and prevent aircraft damage from debris.

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BRIMLEY AREA SCHOOLS		
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	\$150,000	\$225
	\$100,000	\$150
	\$ 50,000	\$ 75
YES	\$ 25,000	\$ 37
NO		

# Bernie Arbic wins prestigious U.P. History Award

On June 23, Dr. Bernard J. Arbic received one of the Historical Society of Michigan's top awards at the 63rd Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference in Sault Ste. Marie.

Arbic, of Sault Ste. Marie, was awarded the Charles Follo Award, which is presented each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history.

The award was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Charles Follo, an Escanaba teacher who promoted and helped advance historical understanding of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

For the past two decades, Arbic has devoted his time to a variety of projects that have preserved the history of Chippewa County and made that history both exciting

and accessible to the general public.

Starting with his first book, *Sugar Island Sampler* (1992), Arbic has authored six books on Upper Peninsula history and has published several articles in Michigan History and Lake Superior magazines.

He has conducted numerous oral histories, curated several photography exhibits, and chaired a project that digitized many of the photographs and negatives in the Chippewa County Historical Society's (CCHS) archives.

Most recently, he served as chair and lead writer for the City of Sault Ste. Marie's project to install outdoor signage along historic Water Street.

Arbic also has participated in the annual CCHS production of "Dinner with the John Johnstons,"

for which he has played the role of a voyageur as well as provided musical entertainment. He has also served as a docent at the John Johnston House, where he helped create a musical program for the museum's 2006 grand opening.

Arbic's other projects have included the production of a teacher's guide on the history of the Sault; countless presentations to school and civic groups; and serving as the advisor for film and news media documentaries.

The Charles Follo Award is presented each year at the Historical Society of Michigan's U.P. History Conference. Recent CCHS-affiliated winners include Yvonne Hogue-Peer, Robert Money, and Nancy Steinhaus. For more information about the Society's awards, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org).



Above is award winner Bernard Arbic with Historical Society of Michigan Vice President Richard Wiener.

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## Get out and ride with the Bike Program

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — You may have noticed extra wheels on the road lately — bicyclists that is.

Bay Mills Indian Community's Biology Department received a grant to promote physical activity and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions earlier this year. As one facet of the program they were able to purchase an abundance of bicycles for community use. The bikes are stored at the Bay Mills Medical Center and range from street bikes to mountain bikes to tandem bikes.

"The bike program is for everyone; big, small, medium, it doesn't matter. Take a bike, get out of the car and experience life around you. Don't just pass it by," said Jake Parish of the Biology Department.

The program runs similarly to that of a library. An

individual can go into the Medical Center and check out a bike for an hour or for a week. After that they can call in to Angie LeBlanc at Community Health and request another week if so desired.

The program began in June and has been a great success thus far. The community seems very excited about the program and have been using the bicycles on a daily basis, according to LeBlanc.

"Riding a bike is a fun way to exercise, along with helping reduce greenhouse gas emission. Just 30 minutes of riding a bicycle burns 300 calories, increases muscle tone, and helps reduce stress. After a bike ride you will feel more energized and accomplished," said LeBlanc.

The program is open to all community members, not just tribal members. For more information about the program or how to get a bicycle call 906-248-8314.

## Indian Health Care Act permanently reauthorized as part of health care plan

WASHINGTON, DC — In a 5-4 decision the Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), affirming the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) which passed along with the ACA.

"This is an important step for health care in Indian Country; the permanence of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act has been affirmed and NCAI will stay focused on working with all members of Congress to uphold the trust responsibility to tribes," said Jefferson Keel, President of

NCAI, the nation's oldest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization. "Moving forward, we are focused on improving health care for Indian Country, while ensuring the Indian Health Care Improvement Act remains protected and implemented as enacted."

The IHCA permanently authorizes daily health care delivery to nearly 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives served by the Indian Health Service (IHS), who are in critical need of improved health care services. A snapshot of health conditions highlights the critical need for improving health care in Indian Country; Native people suffer from higher rates of diabetes and related illness, heart disease, and substance abuse than any other group.

The IHCA authorizes new programs within the IHS to ensure the Service is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. For example, it includes:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental

and behavioral health treatment and prevention;

- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;

- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;

- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs;

- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction;

- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services;

- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals;

- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans; and

- New authorities for urban Indian health programs.

The passage of the IHCA on March 23, 2010 represented a fourteen year long effort by NCAI, tribal leaders, and advocates to make permanent the legislative commitment by the federal government to deliver health care for American Indian and Alaska Natives. The IHCA was originally passed in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000.

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For questions, please contact Community Health at (906) 248-8329

# Tugboat series, 'Great Lake Warriors,' to premiere on cable

Series begins Thursday, July 19 at 10 p.m. on the History Channel

NEW YORK— In the heart of America, on a deadly inland sea that has claimed as many as 6,000 vessels and 30,000 lives, a way of life exists that few ever witness.

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They are tugboat men, sailors in constant combat with the deadly storms and hazards of the Great Lakes — men who work against the clock, fighting thick ice forming in every direction under treacherous winter conditions — winds whip so fierce it could knock an entire crew off deck in the blink of an eye.

A new eight-part History series, *Great Lake Warriors*, premiering Thursday, July 19, 10 p.m. ET/9C, will dive into the lives of the tough crews who call 94,000 square miles of wild blue water home.

The lakes continue to be a thriving industrial highway that delivers nearly 200 million tons of cargo to the heart of America.



Captain Mike Ojard owns Heritage Marine, a tug company on Lake Superior.

But for the months leading up to the dead of winter, only a few courageous men dare to brave these turbulent waters, where winds can hit 70 miles an hour, and waves over 30 feet high.

For some, the tug business is the family heritage.

For others, it's a lifelong dream. But for all of the Great Lake Warriors, it's a life-on-the-line mission to get the job done and make it back home alive.

The main characters are: Captain John Selvick — Known as 'The Legend' on the lakes, Selvick has been behind the controls of tugboats since he was seven when his father, Curly Selvick, took him on board in the cold waters around Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.

It has not been an easy life for John, now owner of Calumet River Fleeting in Chicago and Selvick Marine Towing in Sturgeon Bay. He lost his grandfather and a brother in tugboat accidents.

Their bodies were never recovered.

Capt. Ted Long — A workhorse of Calumet River Fleeting, Long is known as "Capt. Nice" for his penchant for chewing out deckhands who have slacked off.

He has followed in the footsteps of his father, a tug captain who dropped him off on a boat on Christmas Eve when he was 14.

He never looked back.

Capt. Mike Ojard — A dreamer and a doer, Mike has put his

money and sometimes his life on the line in Duluth, Minn. to start a tug company on Lake Superior, the deadliest and wildest of all five Great Lakes.

He has enlisted a corps of volunteers from his circle of family and friends to carve out a piece of the tug trade on Superior.

He hopes to create a new generation of sailors in his family, one that has marine heritage in its blood.

Patrick Ojard — He still has his day job, but he loves boats as much as his father Mike.

So he and his wife sunk \$50,000 into the operation to help buy a tug.

Now a volunteer on deck and in the engine room, he is working to make sure his father's dream comes true so that tug boating will be the family heritage.

Capt. Gerry Dawson — In Thunder Bay, Ont. Canada, on the wild north shore of Lake Superior, Gerry owns and operates a tug company that does everything — ship tows, ice

breaking, salvage, and sometimes search and rescue.

He once put his own life on the line to rescue crew from a foundering vessel in 15-foot waves and 70 knot winds.

He and his crew were awarded medals for their bravery.

Capt. Stan Dawson — Older brother of Gerry, Stan is the wild one and claims that you "don't have to be crazy to do this, but it helps."

He has been on the lakes since he was a teenager, working for his father.

"I can make a tugboat dance," Stan says.

Filming was done on Lake Michigan, including Calumet Harbor, Ill.; Gary and Burns Harbors, Ind.; Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Sturgeon Bay, and Marinette, Wisc.; and on Lake Superior, including Duluth-Superior Harbor and Thunder Bay, Ont. Canada.

Great Lake Warriors was produced for History by Towers Productions, LLC and Compass Point Productions, LLC.

## Ceremony honors LeBlanc's sacrifice

BAY MILLS — Father's Day this year was marked with the honoring of Bay Mills Indian Community member and World War I hero, Corporal Alfred LeBlanc. His memory was honored at the Wild Bluff Golf Course during a Folds of Honor Golf Tournament, on June 17.

During the memorial service, Arlington National Cemetery Bugler Sgt. Maj. Woodrow English played Taps while a military flag was folded to honor Corp. LeBlanc. The flag was then presented to the LeBlanc family, accepted by WWII veteran William A. LeBlanc, Alfred's nephew. The flag is now available for viewing at the Bay Mills History Department.

Alfred LeBlanc was believed to be the last known casualty of



WWI. He was killed on Nov. 11, 1918 while carrying a message between lines announcing the end of the war.

Alfred and his brother William were among several Bay Mills men who had volunteered to serve during the war and were shipped to France. Alfred was originally

buried in France, but was returned home to Bay Mills three years later. He is now interred at Mission Hill Cemetery.

Rene Norton, a U.S. Army retired disabled veteran, organized and conducted the golf tournament and memorial ceremony.

"She is especially deserving of thanks for this major undertaking which not only pays great respect to Corporal LeBlanc, but honors every fallen hero and all Armed Forces Services veterans, past and present," said William LeBlanc.

Monies raised through the Folds of Honor Foundation awards post-secondary scholarships to the children and spouses of fallen men and women, purple-heart recipients, and disabled veterans. For more information or to apply for a scholarship, go to [foldsofahonor.org](http://foldsofahonor.org).

## Tour Maple Ridge Cemetery

SAULT STE. MARIE — On Saturday, July 21, at 1 p.m., the Chippewa County Historical Society will be holding a fundraiser at Maple Ridge Cemetery on Ashmun Street next to the WSOO radio station. CCHS Board members Caroline Grabowski and Paul Sabourin will present a walking tour of the cemetery based on Caroline's extensive research of its history.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person at the gate. The event is open to the public. Please wear walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Refreshments will be provided after the tour.

Maple Ridge Cemetery, also known as Ashmun Hill Cemetery, was the village cemetery that was in use until the early 1900s. It contains over 200 burials. Riverside Cemetery that opened in 1890 replaced Maple Ridge as the city cemetery.

Parking will be available to the north of the cemetery in the adjacent lot. For more information on this event, contact the Chippewa County Historical Society at 906-635-7082 or [cchs@sault.com](mailto:cchs@sault.com).

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## Students named Gerrish Scholarship winners

SAULT STE. MARIE — Soo Co-op Credit Union recently awarded four college scholarships totaling more than \$9,000 to local students. This year recipients were selected from a total of 46 eligible applicants.

Selected to receive \$2,500 to the college of their choice were Kody Wagner, Kristina Wicks, and Alysia Wiley. Brandi MacArthur received a \$1,500 scholarship to Bay Mills Community College.

The scholarships, named after Nick Gerrish, a former manager, founder and credit union supporter, were founded in 1986. To date the credit union has given out more than \$151,000 in educational funding to area students.

"The credit union is very honored to be able to help our members achieve a higher level of education," said Lynda Ellis, Soo Co-op Credit Union president.

Pictured at left (L-R) are Soo Co-op Credit Union Vice President Melissa McClendon, scholarship winners Brandi MacArthur, Kristina Wicks, and Kody Wagner, and Soo Co-op Credit Union's Chief Financial Officer Joy Hill.

## Students receive nursing scholarships

SAULT STE. MARIE — The generosity of employees and physicians at War Memorial Hospital provided a financial boost to three college-bound high school seniors, thanks to nursing scholarships awarded last month.

The three future nurses are: Robyn Waybrant, Brimley High School; Matthew Jacobsen, Sault Ste. Marie High School; and, Nicole LaHaie, Mackinaw City High School. Each received a \$500 scholarship.

Waybrant and Jacobsen will be pursuing nursing degrees at Lake Superior State University, while LaHaie will be headed to Northern Michigan University.

These students are already experiencing the medical field in a variety of ways. Waybrant is currently working as a Certified Nurse Aide on the hospital's 2nd Floor Medical/Surgical unit. Jacobsen worked at WMH as part of Sault High's Allied Health class and currently works as a nursing assistant at Tendercare.

"Each year we are amazed at the academic achievements of these local students who are interested in nursing as a career



Brimley High School graduate Robyn Waybrant accepts her scholarship from WMH Vice President of Nursing Sue Tetzlaff. Waybrant is one of three students who received nursing scholarships this year thanks to funds donated by hospital employees.

choice. We are glad that these scholarships can help them as they get started in their nursing education," said Sue Tetzlaff, WMH Vice President of Nursing.

Funds for the scholarships were gathered through employee raffles, donations, and dress down days. WMH employees fund nursing scholarships annually. If there is a future nurse in your family, follow War Memorial Hospital on Facebook for application details next fall.

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## Brimley Elementary School announces honor roll

BRIMLEY — Brimley Elementary School has announced their fourth quarter honor roll for the fifth and sixth grade. The following students were named in the fifth grade: Samantha Bishop\*, Dylan Carrick\*, Kendra Carrick, Isabelle Perron, Kristyn VanSickle, David Bryer, Autumn Halvorsen\*, Jamie LaFord, Kierra Perron, and Paula Walden. For grade six, honor students are: Dante Cappelli, Jacop Hopper, Kaleb Johanson, Julia Stenglein, Beness Willis, Autumn Aikens, Michael Gordier, Joshua Gross, Sam Hopper, Zachary Hyvarinen, Holly Johnson, Christian Knoll, Nathan Recla\*, Olivia Wilcox, and Seth Wilson. An asterisk\* marks students who received all A's for the quarter.



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# Watch for signs of illegal drug operations on public lands

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — Illegal drug operations, such as marijuana gardens and methamphetamine production sites, threaten public safety and also damage the environment.

For many years, the U.S. Forest Service and other law enforcement agencies have worked together to identify and clean-up illegal drug operations on National Forest lands in Michigan. In recent years, these illegal activities have increased. For example, 2010 marked the first time that authorities found marijuana grow sites on Michigan's National Forest lands operated by large drug trafficking organizations.

According to Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer, the safety of National Forest visitors and Forest Service employees is the agency's top priority. All local partner agencies are committed to keeping our National Forests' workforce and public safe, and preventing the

resource damage that occurs from the illegal marijuana operations.

"While it's unlikely visitors will come across this kind of activity, we also want to make sure that hunters, hikers, campers and other recreationists know how to stay safe," said Reyer.

Most illegal drug production activity is during the spring and summer months, but the sites can remain dangerous year-round due to chemicals, explosives and other materials sometimes found on the premises.

The Forest Service's mission includes the protection and sustainability of public watersheds, native vegetation, wildlife and fisheries habitat, soils productively, and other ecosystem functions on 193 million acres nationwide.

Common signs of marijuana grows include:

- Informal, unmarked hiking trails;
- Human habitation in remote areas; signs of established camp-

ing, cooking, and sleeping areas;

- Gardening paraphernalia like hose drip irrigation, fertilizer bags, insecticides and tools;
- Pungent strong odor.

Marijuana plants can have a strong smell, especially on hot days;

- Paper cups, chicken wire, or plastic sheets. These are often used for starting and protecting plants;
- Signs of cultivation or soil disturbance in forested areas, especially in remote areas;
- Trash in remote areas;
- Propane bottles or tanks.

Growers use propane to avoid smoke from campfires;

- Sights or sounds of human activity in remote forest areas;
- People sitting in the forest along forest roads. They may be growers waiting for food drops or supplies;
- Food cached near trailheads or alongside roads;
- Individuals with firearms

when hunting seasons are closed;

- Booby traps such as explosives triggered by trip wires.
- Signs of a methamphetamine production lab include the presence of: household chemicals; glassware and tubing; and cookstoves or bunsen burners.

If you come across signs of illegal activity:

- Do not approach or confront the individuals present at the site; do not in any way indicate that you are suspicious of their activities!
- Immediately leave the area along the same route you entered.
- Watch for other people in the area.
- Be aware of your surroundings

at all times. In some instances, potentially dangerous devices or harmful materials might be nearby.

Make every effort to avoid contact with suspicious packages and/or equipment; they might be highly volatile.

When you are safely away, write down a detailed description of the activities taking place, the area, the people, and any vehicles.

Immediately report the activity to local law enforcement or Forest Service personnel.

If you have questions about illegal drug-related activity on the Hiawatha National Forest, please contact our law enforcement staff at 906-428-5800.

## First leg of the U.P. Triathlon Triple Crown to be held July 29 in Rudyard

RUDYARD — The annual Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K run (July 29) is the first leg of the fifth annual Upper Peninsula Triathlon Triple Crown which also includes the established triathlon races in Curtis (Aug. 4) and in Grand Marais (Sept. 2).

Participants who choose to enter all three races will not only be challenged by entering all the races but will also be eligible for additional awards. Athletes interested in the U.P. Triathlon Triple Crown can register at the Rudyard event on July 29.

The Rudyard Lions Summerfest Triathlon and 5K run will be held on Sunday, July 29 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the Rudyard Area School's Larry G. Davis swimming pool. The triathlon is a reverse order event beginning with a 5K (3.2 miles) run on a paved "out and back" course. Next is the bike course 24.3K (15.1 miles) that follows the I-75 Business Spur east to Kallio Road, circles Kinross Lake and returns back to the Rudyard swimming pool for a 1/2K swim (22 lengths of the pool). Registration fee to participate in the individual triathlon is \$35.

Since the Rudyard triathlon starts with the run, all contestants, including those choosing to do just the 5K run, start at the same time. Separate finish areas are designated for those only doing the 5K run and those continuing to the bike and swim portions of the triathlon. The 5K participant entry fee is \$17 if after July 15.

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

fee (2 or 3 members) is \$81.

The Rudyard Lions also have an event that coincides with the triathlon called the Lions Team Challenge. The Lions Challenge has three Rudyard Lions members "throwing down the gauntlet", and challenging members of other Lions Clubs, service groups, organizations, or just neighborhood buddies, to join in a little friendly competition. They challenge their team of upper middle-aged, less than peak physically conditioned (but highly motivated) Rudyard Lion's triathletes against the best other teams can come up with.

If your team triumphs over all of the other teams in the Lion's Challenge, the Rudyard Lions Club will write a check to your favorite nonprofit group or charity for \$250. This year the "Lion's Challenge" fee for each team is \$75 (2 or 3 people). It is suggested that Lions Challenge participants get pledges or sponsors to defray the cost of entry.

The Rudyard Lions Triathlon and 5K race is endorsed by the Governors' Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports which makes participants over 18 years of age in the 5K or triathlon eligible to register for the 2013 lottery to have an opportunity to be one of the only 400 participants to run over the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day. This Lions and the UP Triathlon Triple Crown event are also affiliated with the Upper Peninsula Road Runners Club.

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

Those wishing more informa-

tion can visit [www.rudyardlions-triathlon.org](http://www.rudyardlions-triathlon.org) or contact Joni Andary, Registration Chair at 906-478-3205 or Gary Davis, Triathlon Co-chair at [garydavis@cnetury-tel.net](mailto:garydavis@cnetury-tel.net) or call 906-478-5244.

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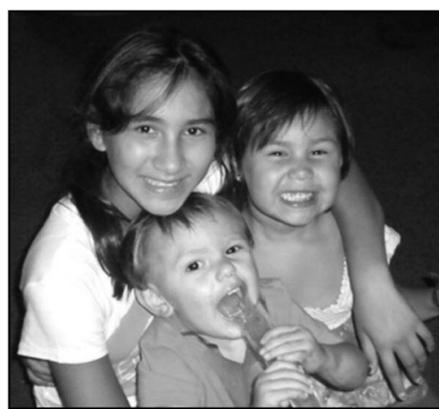
Congratulations Jordin on your 3rd place award for the whopping 18 1/4 inch rainbow trout that you caught 6-2-12!!!

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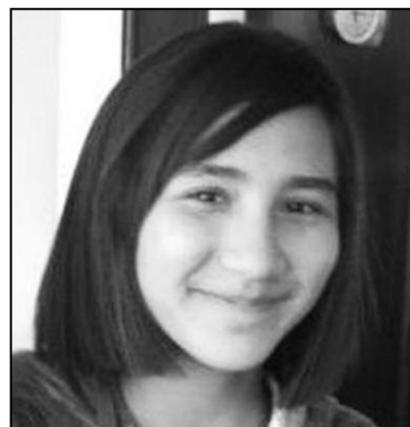
Happy 14th Birthday to the greatest, amazing, loveable and sometimes annoying sister Jeanne Ann on July 7th. We are so lucky to have a sister like you!  
Love, the Nonah and Ty tot

Happy 14th birthday to my sunshine Jeanne Ann on July 7th. I can't believe how fast these years are going by. You will always be my baby!!

Love,  
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Happy birthday to my beautiful daughter Jeanne on July 7th.

Love,  
Dad



**Happy belated birthday wishes to my brother, sister and brother-in-law**

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Peach and Doris- June 24  
Bob- June 30

**Hope you all had a great day. And I can't forget my brother Dave on June 19 and Skeetie on June 27.**

**Congratulations to my nephew, Richard Schofield on his 2 years of sobriety. Good job Rich, keep going, proud of you.**

Love ya,  
Aunt Tweek

Happy 5th Birthday to our Chig-a-Chig. Love you so much Wasaya! Dad, Mom, Big Bro, Kayt, Kourt, and MJ



Happy 17th birthday to my little sis and auntie Marvine on July 13th, Looking good!  
Love Sarah, Jeanne, Nonah and Tyler



Happy Birthday to my Grampy on August 13th!!  
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Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone that came out and golfed during our golf scramble to help with expenses for our trip with other Blessed Kateri Tzakawitha Church and Bay Mills Indian Community members to Rome for the canonization of St. Kateri Tzakawitha in October. It was a lot of fun and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank you to Four Seasons Golf Market for their donations towards sponsoring a hole; Stephanie Carriek and Matt Phipps for their prize donations; Matt Phipps and Lake Tansi Village Golf Club in Crossville, Tenn. for their donations of rounds of golf; Willabee's Restaurant for their dinner donations; Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills for their shirt donations; Bay Mills Executive Council for their raffle license approval; and most of all Rob Lussenhop and staff at Wild Bluff Golf Course for their donations and assistance in this event. We couldn't have done so well without the help of this great community! Hope to see you at our next scramble, scheduled to take place on Aug. 26 at 5 p.m.

Bev Carriek, Autumn and Victoria Aikens

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# Dads mark their day, their way



**GREAT DADS DESERVE A GREAT DAY** — On June 23, Healthy Start program held a picnic at the ball park to show the community's fathers just how much their efforts are appreciated. A loving father's presence is extremely important to his children. Statistics show that children with involved fathers are more confident, better able to deal with frustration, better able to gain independence and their own identity, more likely to mature into compassionate adults and more likely to have a high self esteem. Kudos to the great dads in our community!



# Boys & Girls Club participants enjoy fun summer experiences



**SOME SUMMERTIME FUN** — Children who are members of Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club are given opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, rather than be stuck inside with a game controller in hand. Several events were offered in June, including canoeing on Spectacle Lake with Boys & Girls Program staff and a strawberry-picking excursion led by Bay Mills Cultural Coordinator Assistant, Jesse Bowen. Above, boys will be boys as they await the arrival of the canoes, whiling away the time trying to catch the swift and elusive minnow. To the right, Carmen Cameron proudly displays a ripe wild strawberry she found along the side of Lakeshore Drive. Although the gatherers brought bags to collect their bounty, most of the strawberries never made it home, devoured on the spot. SHAR MYERS/BY MILLS NEWS



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Above is Rick McIntosh in his 1930 Ford Speedster as he rolls into Sault Ste. Marie. SHANNON JONES/ BAY MILLS NEWS

## The Great Race stops in Sault Ste. Marie

The Great Race – an annual antique automobile competition - began on June 23 setting out from Traverse City. Stops were made in Canada, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and ended in Dearborn, Mich. on July 1.

The race is a time, speed, endurance rally, meaning the goal isn't to get to the finish line first, but to precisely finish each checkpoint in a pre-determined amount of time.

Each vehicle has a driver and a navigator, and the team uses a calibrated speedometer to make sure they stay on schedule, according to the day's route.

This year the race made an overnight stop in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. on Saturday, June 23 and was welcomed by residents and businesses as the racers enjoyed local food and music for the evening.

Each leg of the race is between 400 to 500 miles. Throughout their



journey, racers encountered threatening weather and mechanical difficulties, but worked towards the finish line and the cash awaiting the 2012 winner. This year 92 vintage

cars participated, logging more than 2,300 miles.

The 2013 Great Race will kick off at the Back to the '50s event in St. Paul, Minn.



**PARADE OF TUGS** — The Great Tugboat Race raises money for challenged children in Sault Ste. Marie and area on both sides of the border. The Race was founded in 1982 by a group of local tug enthusiasts who were convinced that each of them owned the fastest boat, so they raced. In the past number of years, the organization has been raising upwards of \$20,000 each year through race merchandise and events such as the annual pancake breakfast.

Above, the Missouri, owned by Great Lakes Towing Company, leads the way down the St. Mary's River for fellow tugboats during the parade, held the evening of Friday, June 29, prior to race festivities on June 30. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS



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# Osprey flourish : A story of success in lower Michigan

Nearly wiped out in southern Michigan at one time, osprey are now recovering within the state due in large part to the concentrated efforts of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Huron Clinton Metroparks, Detroit Zoological Society, DTE Energy and more than 100 volunteers.

The use of DDT and other pesticides, which caused the thinning of the birds' eggshells, caused osprey populations to decline. Once commonplace in the Great Lakes region, osprey became mostly a bird of remote northern lakes and ponds. After the use of DDT was banned and the osprey population became more productive, state wildlife officials seized the opportunity to re-establish ospreys.

In 1998, the DNR initiated a program of relocating or "hacking" the raptors to southern Michigan. The program, which was supported by donations to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund, removed chicks from active nests in northern Michigan and placed them in parks

around southern Michigan. The movement of ospreys occurred over a span of 10 years. In 2012, the DNR identified at least 49 active nests in southern Michigan – a substantial increase from the one active nest reported in 1999.

"This is a true wildlife success story," said Julie Oakes, DNR wildlife biologist. "Each year we have new nests, and we have already exceeded our original goal of 30 active nests by 2020. We have been able to remove osprey from the threatened species list and restore their numbers in Michigan."

During reintroduction efforts, DNR staffers removed male osprey chicks from their nests and placed them in hacking boxes, where they were fed and cared for daily by volunteers. A male will build a nest close to the location where he learned to fly, and the female chooses her mate based on the quality of his nest. Once paired, ospreys typically maintain their partner for life.

Reintroduction efforts have

been so successful that the DNR is no longer planning future hacking activities. However, banding of the chicks will continue each year. A federal bird identification band is placed on one leg as part of a national effort to monitor birds. A second, colored band is placed on the other leg to indicate the osprey's birth year.

This labor-intensive monitoring effort is a cooperative venture conducted by the DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks, DZS and staff from the cell phone tower companies American Tower Corporation, Verizon Wireless, McFarlin Tower, Skyline Services, LLC, Earthcom, Hydaker-Wheatlake Inc, and Clearlink Wireless Solutions.

Osprey often nest on cell phone towers, the tower companies have volunteered staff time to climb the towers and lower the chicks to the ground safely in special buckets. The DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks and DZS staff then proceed with banding and measuring the chicks and collect-



ing biological data before they are returned to the nest. Cell tower companies have cooperated with the DNR by not only reporting nests, but also agreeing to schedule maintenance work around the active season so as not to disturb the nesting pair and their chicks.

"Each year we are seeing osprey from previous years return and nest," Oakes said. "The hard work

of so many organizations is really paying off, and by continuing our extensive monitoring efforts we will ensure that the osprey population remains strong and healthy."

Anyone who observes a nesting pair of osprey is asked to contact Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan (OWSEM) on the Web at [www.owsem.org](http://www.owsem.org) or by email at [osprey@owsem.org](mailto:osprey@owsem.org).

## Crews to survey streams for lamprey

The continuing battle against sea lampreys soon will come to locations in the local area. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assessment crew will conduct surveys offshore of the mouths of Pendlills, Grants, Halfaday, Ankodosh and Roxbury creeks and the Betsy River, all in Chippewa County, during July 17 to 26 to estimate the abundance of sea lampreys. The information gathered will be used to determine the need for sea lamprey control.

A first step in the control of sea lampreys is to survey stream tributaries to the Great Lakes to determine the presence of lamprey larvae. Sea lampreys invaded the Great Lakes during the 1920s and have been a permanent, destructive element of the fishery ever since.

Sea lampreys attach to fish with a suction cup mouth, rasp a hole through the fish's scales and skin, and feed on blood and body fluids. The average sea lamprey will destroy up to 40 lbs. or 20 kg of fish during its parasitic phase.

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

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

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the bottom, rapidly dissolves, and causes the larval sea lampreys to leave their burrows and swim to the surface where they are collected.

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

The sea lamprey control program

is formulated and implemented by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, in partnership with many groups including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, as well as Native American tribal authorities and State and local governments.

The Commission initiated chemical control of sea lampreys in 1958. Since that time the highly successful program has contributed significantly to the maintenance of the \$7 billion Great Lakes sport and commercial fisheries.

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# Sault store moves to new location

## Grand opening to be held on July 20

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Sault Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its latest addition to its membership with the recent addition of Second Childhood & Adults, Too! The business joins the more than 350 current member organizations currently active with the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce.

Second Childhood & Adults Too!, located at 221 West Portage Ave in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., has been in business since 2008 and just recently moved to their current location this summer. Second Childhood & Adults Too! specializes in name brand adult, maternity, and children's clothing, shoes, toys, baby equipment, housewares, furniture and more.

To celebrate their new location, Second Childhood & Adults, Too! will be having a Grand Opening

Celebration on Friday, July 20. Festivities will include specials on merchandise, a huge \$.50 sale, grilling in the back parking lot, and on-site radio by Rock 101. Festivities start at 10 a.m., include a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at noon, and continue through 5 p.m.

"We are happy to be in our great new location," said Misti Colli, owner of Second Childhood. "We are pleased to have grown to over 1,200 consigners and to be able to help out the community with affordably priced merchandise. If you are looking for something, chances are we have it. Come on in and see what we have!"

Second Childhood is open Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Sault Area Chamber of

Commerce serves to promote, advance and contribute to the economic well-being of the business community and visitor experience, while preserving the character, history, and traditions of the greater Sault Ste. Marie area.

Its mission is to exhibit positive community leadership by supporting activities to improve the education and economic development of the business community and serving members with valuable support to improve business activity and collaboration in the community.

To learn more about Second Childhood & Adults, Too!, please contact them at 906-322-0689 or visit them on Portage Avenue between Subway and Soo Brewing Company. Check them out on Facebook as well for more information and for special sales.

# Recycling program in Bay Mills expands

BAY MILLS — Recyclers that use Bay Mills Indian Community's transfer station will soon see bins and bags to help reduce solid waste. The reduction is a savings from paying to a landfill to paying a tribal member to recycle. The current program accepts cardboard, plastic numbers 1 to 7, glass, tin, batteries, paper, and box board. Box board and batteries are the two new items added for collection.

Examples of box board are cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, and pasta boxes. With these additional items collected and the new recycling bins for household use, the tribe hopes to add to the savings. So far after comparing numbers over the past year a reduction in weekly tonnage leaving the reservation to the land fill is a reality and a result of tribal recycling efforts.

"We are becoming more eco-efficient as a community and hope to continue to reduce waste," said Dan Tadgerson, of Bay Mills Biological Services.

In addition to recycling at the tribal buildings and community recycling at the transfer station, the community provides opportunities to properly dispose of old pharmaceuticals (the yellow drug program), tires, and e-waste (CRT monitors, and old televisions). The yellow drug jug is at the Ellen Marshal building pharmacy and E-Waste is collected at Biological Services



at the Plantation road site.

In the past year, the program collected and disposed of 17,428 lbs. of tires, 32.74 lbs. of old pharmaceuticals, and 9,996 lbs. of electronic waste. These items are difficult to dispose of and a priority to Biological Services, which pays to have these items properly disposed of in the Lake Superior Watershed through a grant from the US. Environmental protection Agency.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that could improve the program, please feel free to call Amanda Bosak at 906-248-8648, or Jake Parish at 906-248-8651. In addition, you could stop in, or talk to the transfer station staff.

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# Violence Against Women Act at a standstill in Congress

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

The Violence Against Women Act remains in jeopardy as the House and Senate continue to fail to come together in agreement over its particulars.

The 1994 law, which provides broad sweeping protections to women in cases of domestic violence and sexual assault, must be reauthorized by the end of summer. This is the first time it has been a subject of controversy, as it has been reauthorized twice with bipartisan support.

The Senate passed their version in April, with bipartisan support and every female Republican voting in favor of it. This hasn't been the case in the House of Representatives. Much of the debate in the Republican-controlled House has focused on who should be protected under the law.

The Senate expanded protections to include undocumented immigrants, lesbians, gays, and transgender victims, and broadened

tribal jurisdiction. The House passed a version of the act in May that excludes these protections and focused on undocumented immigrants as a concern.

One of the main reasons immigrants have been included this time is that domestic violence centers are reporting women have been "blackmailed" by their abusers by threats of calling the police or failure to complete their paperwork for Visas, which require sponsorship.

The VAWA also puts more control in the hands of tribal nations. Under the bill's tribal-jurisdiction provisions:

- In accordance with the Indian Tribal Justice Improvement Act, tribes could prosecute non-Indians only for domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders. Crimes between two strangers, or between two non-Indians, or committed by a person with no ties to the tribe, would not be covered.

- Federal- and state-court jurisdiction over domestic violence would be unaffected.

- Defendants would effectively have the same rights in tribal court as in state court, including due-process rights, an indigent defendant's right to free appointed counsel meeting Federal constitutional standards, and the right to an impartial jury with the jury pool reflecting a fair cross-section of the entire community, including non-Indians.

- Defendants could protect their rights by appealing their convictions to a tribal appellate court and filing habeas petitions in Federal court.

Without these provisions, law enforcement hands will be tied in Indian Country. Currently tribes cannot prosecute a non-Indian, even if they live on the reservation and are married to a tribal member. This prosecutorial gap leaves many cases of violence in Indian Country, which is already one of the highest in the nation, unreported.

Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow-D, who worked to help put together one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state in 1977, is appalled by the disagreement with Republicans.

"We are now debating something else I never thought we would be debating, which is whether or not all victims should be protected or just some. We stand strongly

## K2 amongst drugs outlawed

LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation on June 19 to ensure K2, Spice and other dangerous synthetic drugs no longer find their way to Michigan store shelves.

The synthetic drugs now will be included in the list of Schedule 1 drugs, and producers and distributors will be subject to the same penalties as those of other drugs in the classification. The governor called for this move to protect teens and young adults in his special message on public safety.

"K2, Spice and similar products are not safe for human consumption, and I applaud the Legislature's efforts to remove these dangerous compounds from our communities and protect our youth," Snyder said.

K2, Spice and similar products are made of plant matter sprayed with chemicals designed to mimic the effects of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the high-inducing compound found in marijuana. However, the chemicals are unregulated and often produce negative side effects like elevated heart rate, seizures, vomiting and paranoia.

This legislation closes legal loopholes that allowed manufacturers to continue to sell their product after a small tweak in the chemical makeup of the drug. The bills also create a method for the Department of Community Health and Michigan Board of Pharmacy to temporarily designate a drug as a controlled substance, ensuring a rapid response if other dangerous drugs appear.

together in saying that every single victim of domestic violence should have the law on their side," she said.

The bill is also crucial to grant programming for domestic violence shelters and law enforcement training across the country, as it provides more than \$600 million in funding.

The White House has threatened to veto any bill that does not pro-

vide adequate protections for Native Americans, immigrants and the LGBT community. Vice President Joe Biden was one of the original sponsors of the 1994 bill and has urged Congress to come together for its reauthorization once again.

As of press time, there has been no reconciliation of the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill.

## Legislation signed into law

LANSING — Earlier in July, Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation ensuring the safety of school bus passengers.

Senate Bill 1030, sponsored by state Sen. Bruce Caswell, requires motorists to come to a complete stop at least 20 feet from a school bus whenever a bus is stopped and employing the use of its two red flashing signals. The driver may proceed once the bus resumes motion.

"The safety of our students always comes first and this will eliminate any confusion as to when it is and is not okay to pass a parked school bus," Snyder said.

The bill is now P.A. 263 of 2012.

The governor also signed several other bills:

Senate Bills 551 and 552, sponsored by state Sen. Goeff Hansen, prevent inmates from using a cellular phone or other wireless devices on the grounds of a correctional facility unless authorized by the state Department of Corrections. No cell phones or wireless devices can be deposited on the grounds of any building used for jail purposes. Any confiscated devices will be donated to military personnel or given to an approved charity.

The bills are now Public Acts 255 and 256 of 2012.

S.B. 193, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, improves safety standards and protects those who sell fireworks in compliance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. The bill establishes a graduated penalty system for businesses who do not obtain the proper certification to sell fireworks. Violators will be charged \$5,000 for the first offense, \$20,000 for the second offense and \$40,000 following a third offense. The bill is now P.A. 257.

S.B. 853, sponsored by state Sen. Judy Emmons, alters the background check process for driver's education employees. The new process enables an agency to receive a criminal history and any record of possible future offenses by specifically using a fingerprint based system. The bill is now P.A. 258.

S.B. 861, sponsored by state Sen. Rick Jones, repeals the sunset date for MDOC's Special Alternative Incarceration program. The program allows a prisoner to serve 90 days before being placed on parole for the remainder of their sentence and was scheduled to end on Sept. 30, 2012. The bill repeals the end date; it is now P.A. 259.

House Bill 5468, sponsored by state Rep. Aric Nesbitt, enables collection of 9-1-1 charges for prepaid cellular devices including two-way communication systems and radio telephones. Previously, charges were collected by service suppliers; they will now be collected directly from the retailer. The bill is now P.A. 260.

H.B. 5658, sponsored by state Rep. Joe Havemen, provides private contractors an opportunity to hire inmates for the production of goods or services to be used solely within the grounds of a correctional or re-entry facility. Working inmates are not entitled to receive minimum wage. The bill is now P.A. 261.

H.B. 4146, sponsored by state Rep. Jud Gilbert, improves safety standards of snow removal vehicles. Any vehicle with a plow or other device used to remove snow or ice from roads must be equipped with a visible yellow or amber light that rotates 360 degrees and covers a distance of at least 500 feet from the vehicle. The bill is now P.A. 262.

On July 5, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley today signed House Bill 4723, making it illegal for prisoners to receive Bridge Cards.

"Preventing prisoners from receiving Bridge Cards is a common-sense way to reduce fraud, save taxpayer dollars, and help ensure assistance is given to those who are truly in need," Calley said.

In addition, the measure requires the termination of Bridge Card access to incarcerated individuals who had previously been issued one. The state Department of Human Services must also perform a monthly incarceration match to help determine Bridge Card eligibility. The law codifies policies already in place within the department.

HB 4723, sponsored by state Rep. Bob Genetski, is now Public Act 281 of 2012.

Calley also signed Senate Bill 582, sponsored by state Sen. Tom Casperson.

SB 582 eliminates the current maximum number of axles on trailers more than 50 feet in length, and allows vehicles designed and used to haul boats from manufacturers to be 75 feet long rather than the previous 65 feet. Weight limits have not changed. The bill is now PA 282 of 2012.

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Events will take place on Aug. 3 and 4. For a full and detailed schedule of each day's events, please visit [www.downtownsaunt.org/events/sault-ships-sailabration/](http://www.downtownsaunt.org/events/sault-ships-sailabration/).

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# Asian carp environmental DNA detected in Lake Erie

Federal and state wildlife officials working in conjunction with academic researchers recently announced six water samples taken from Sandusky and north Maumee bays tested positive for the presence of Asian carp environmental DNA in Michigan and Ohio waters.

The positive samples were among 417 taken from Lake Erie in August 2011, and more than 2,000 samples taken from the Great Lakes Basin since 2010. The Lake Erie batch was recently analyzed and test results were confirmed by eDNA researchers this week. The six positive samples represent less than 1.5 percent of the Lake Erie samples.

Four samples from Sandusky Bay, in Ohio waters, tested positive for bighead carp eDNA, while two samples from north Maumee Bay, in Michigan waters, were positive for silver carp eDNA.

In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting has begun in Sandusky Bay with no evidence of Asian carp found. However, additional testing and monitoring are planned by the Ohio and Michigan Departments of Natural Resources in conjunction with partner agencies.

The findings indicate the presence of genetic material left behind by the species, such as scales, excrement or mucus, but not the establishment of Asian carp in Lake Erie. Positive eDNA tests are regarded by the

**Asian Carp are Moving Toward Michigan**  
Asian carp were brought to North America in the 1970s primarily to eat algae in aquaculture ponds. They escaped from the ponds into the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and are migrating toward Lake Michigan.

There are four species of Asian carp that threaten Michigan waters:

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scientific community as an indicator of the species' recent presence, however, positive results can occur whether the organism was alive or dead.

While the eDNA findings suggest the possible presence of the invasive species, officials have no physical evidence the fish have migrated to the Great Lakes. Prior to 2003, three individual bighead carp were collected in Lake Erie. No additional observations have been reported during the past decade.

"The results from these water samples are certainly concerning, as this marks the first time Asian carp eDNA has been detected in water samples from Lake Erie, or any of the Michigan waters intensively surveyed for the presence of invasive carp," said Michigan DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "Protecting the Great

Lakes from the threat of Asian carp is critical to the health of our sport and commercial fisheries and to the quality of life in Michigan.

"We are actively engaged in Asian carp surveillance programs throughout the Great Lakes, including Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, and the Department stands ready to take the necessary and appropriate actions to investigate and respond to these test results."

In response to the positive test results, officials from the Michigan and Ohio DNRs, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and White House Council on Environmental Quality are developing a plan of action in collaboration with the eDNA research team to obtain follow-up samples and test results as

quickly as possible. Test results from future water samples will dictate the nature of further response methods.

"This lake is Ohio's greatest resource and our main objective is to keep it healthy," said Rich Carter, Ohio DNR's Executive Fish Management and Research Administrator. "The DNA findings have put Ohio fish and wildlife officers on high alert and marshaled our immediate action. In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting in the identified areas of Sandusky Bay have already been completed and no Asian carp were found. Testing and monitoring will continue and we will work with Michigan and our other management partners to develop a coordinated approach to defining the status of Asian carp in Lake Erie."

Since 2010, the Michigan DNR, Ohio DNR, USFWS, University of Notre Dame, Central Michigan University and the Nature Conservancy have partnered to collect water samples from Great Lakes basin waters, including the Chicago Area Waterway System, southern

Lake Michigan, western Lake Erie and tributary streams of lakes Michigan and Erie. The collaborative early-detection Asian carp surveillance program is funded by the USFWS with a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, administered under the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework.

Asian carp, including bighead and silver carp, pose a significant threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including both adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters.

A video demonstrating how to identify bighead and silver carp can be viewed on the USFWS YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/B49OWrCRs38>. Identification guides, frequently asked questions, management plans and an online reporting form are available online at [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp) and [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com), or call 800-WILDLIFE.

## Turkey licenses on sale until Aug. 1

The Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters that applications for fall turkey hunting licenses are on sale through Aug. 1.

A total of 50,050 licenses are available — 3,350 general licenses that may be used on public or private land and 46,700 licenses for private land only. Eight wild turkey management units, totaling 42,218 square miles, are open to fall turkey hunting during the Sept. 15 to Nov. 14 season, including most of the southern Lower Peninsula, Beaver Island and the entire Upper Peninsula.

"We are in the third year of a three-year period of stabilized regulations that were developed by working with turkey hunting groups," explained DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. "Regulations are exactly the same as last year. These regulations provide fall wild turkey hunters with increased opportunities and flexibility. Fall turkey seasons are initiated to help stabilize or reduce wild turkey numbers in certain areas of the state to meet local goals based on habitat conditions and public attitudes."

Hunters may apply for a turkey hunting license at any authorized license agent, at DNR operations service centers or online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings). The application fee is \$4. Drawing results will be posted online beginning Aug. 15.

If any licenses remain after the drawing, unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license in person at any license agent on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period beginning Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. Any licenses that remain as of Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. will be available for purchase over the counter by any hunter. The licenses will be sold until the quotas are met.

"The fall wild turkey season offers the perfect setting for experienced turkey hunters to share their knowledge and skills with other hunters or introduce the sport to new hunters," Stewart said. "Turkey hunting is a challenging, interactive activity, which is best shared with others. In addition to passing on the great tradition of our hunting heritage, turkey hunting in the fall also is a good opportunity to bring home a bird for a Thanksgiving Day feast."

The new Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters 9 years old and younger to hunt turkey (spring and fall), deer and small game, trap furbearers and fish for all species with a qualified youth mentor who is 21 years old. The mentored youth license is a "package" license that entitles the youth to hunt, trap and fish for the species listed above during all open seasons for the species. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found online at [www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting](http://www.michigan.gov/mentoredhunting).

The next deadline for Bay Mills News is Thursday, Aug. 9 at 4 p.m. E-mail your submissions to [newspaper@bmic.net](mailto:newspaper@bmic.net)

## STEM camps encourage interest in science-related careers



SAULT STE. MARIE — Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics week-long camps were sponsored by Bay Mills Community College in late June with members of the Bay Mills Boys & Girls club participating. These camps are coordinated with educators certified in STEM curriculum and affiliated with the U.S. Dept. of Defense to increase the number of students interested in science-related careers.

During one camp session, students visited the laboratory at Lake Superior State University to conduct experiments.

At top left (L-R), a phosphorous test is being completed by Tyler Miller and Paul LeBlanc with the assistance of Regina Westrick.

At immediate left (L-R), Autumn Aikens, Joe Shaw and Paula Walden perform a smoking test with the assistance of Jen Kinney. Students saw firsthand how tar builds up on cotton balls as a cigarette was "smoked" by a syringe in an enclosed box.

Students also participated in testing beach samples for e. coli with staff from Bay Mills Biological Services.

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# May interpretive program event offered at lighthouse

By Janet Russell, President of Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society would like to thank committee leader, Janet Besaw, and her volunteers for their generous donation of time, energy and organizational skills as leaders and volunteers for the Point Iroquois lighthouse interpretive program event on May 18.

The event was sponsored by our lighthouse committee and planned by Janet Besaw, Pauline Rice-Goetz and Esther Waters for Brimley Elementary third grade students. They were bused to the lighthouse for a scavenger hunt about ecology, energy, environment and pollution in conjunction with their Michigan history curriculum.

Thanks also goes to Janet for providing and operating her own telescope on the lighthouse boardwalk so everyone could see the passing ships up close and the large wind energy farm with its giant windmills, located across the St. Mary's River on Gros Cap in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. She also printed up the instructions for the volunteers who led the scavenger hunt, listing items to gather or count.

Pauline Rice-Goetz provided fact sheets on the wind farm and an overview of how energy, ecology, environment and pollution are all related. She also obtained and distributed cloth ecology bags to each student, donated by the Soo Co-op Credit Union. The U.S. Forest Service also provided a way for us to give away small items as prizes to each student.

Esther Waters coordinated the event with Brimley Elementary Principal Pete Routhier, the teachers and the bus driver. She also obtained the treats for students to eat on the bus returning to the school after the noon to 3 p.m. event ended.

Lauren Besaw, Janet's daughter and a student at Lake Superior State University, created the beautifully designed and painted poster of a barren tree. She and her friend, Anthony Ciotti, also led a group of scavenger hunters.

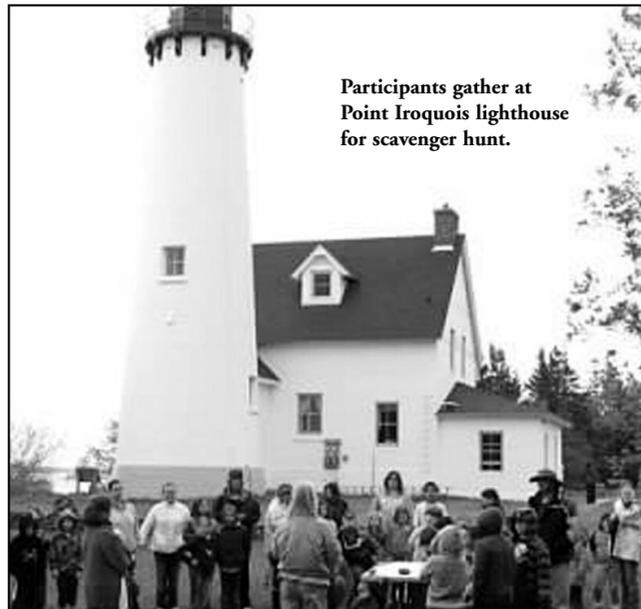
Keith Waters, Esther's husband, provided his expertise gained in the field of surveying, by naming each leaf sample collected by students. He pinned the samples to the tree poster and wrote the student's name as well. The poster was given to the school to be displayed. Keith also led a group of scavenger

hunters. Marilyn Pellar, Pauline's niece and a recent graduate of Bay Mills Community College, also led a group of scavenger hunters around the grounds of the lighthouse, up the tower, into the 1950s exhibit and around the boardwalk with their checklist and bags, enduring the rain and humidity.

They sought natural elements and counted various items inside and outside such as the number of doors, windows, steps, benches, birds, windmills, blades on a windmill, photos displayed, toys and fake food in the 50s exhibit and keepers' uniforms on display inside.

Barbara Kautzman, the current caretaker at Point Iroquois lighthouse, also led a group of scavenger hunters, while her partner, Hal Prentice, manned the Lighthouse Gift Shop and greeted other lighthouse visitors. Barbara took some great photos that can be viewed at <http://ecologyscavengerhunt20120518.shutterfly.com/>.

Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society thanks all those who volunteered for the time and talents they contributed to our non-profit group. Everyone got very wet and had a lot of fun.



Participants gather at Point Iroquois lighthouse for scavenger hunt.

## Point Iroquois lighthouse has been called 'home' by many

By Gail Davis, Point Iroquois Lighthouse docent

There has been a lighthouse at Point Iroquois for 155 years. The first lighthouse and tower, built in 1857, burned to the ground. The second building and tower was erected in 1870. In 1904, the building that houses the current museum and bookstore was built.

There have been many families residing at the lighthouse over the years that made it their home. It may have been a temporary home, but still a home.

Several tragedies have occurred at Point Iroquois lighthouse. A lighthouse keeper's family needed medical help for a sick child. For some reason, they headed to Canada by boat. They didn't make it in time and the child died. The mother, in great distress, never returned to the lighthouse.

In another incident, a boy received a shotgun for his birthday. The next day, he crossed the road in front of the lighthouse. As he started to climb over a fence, the gun went off, killing him at the age of 14.

In spite of the tragedies, the isolation and the long, cold winters, they survived the hardships and Point Iroquois lighthouse was their home.

Today, when visitors come to Point Iroquois lighthouse, they seem to pick up that homey feeling. It is almost as if the families from the past have left something behind. Although the building houses a museum and bookstore, there seems to be a lingering feeling of a homey atmosphere.

The lighthouse has not changed much in the years since it was built. It is much like it was in 1870 and 1904. The people who lived here are gone, their belongings are gone, yet their presence can be felt.

Point Iroquois lighthouse is not a commercial enterprise like Whitefish Point lighthouse. It remains a home. Over the years, caretakers have lived here and again, if only temporarily, they have made the lighthouse their home.

Many people who serve for one or two years as caretakers ask to stay. Visitors talk about the natural beauty surrounding the buildings where Whitefish Bay pours into the St. Mary's River and the lovely plants that bloom inside and out. Everyone tells us they will be back. Point Iroquois lighthouse is still home.

Point Iroquois lighthouse is open every day through the summer months from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**VOLUNTEERS OFFER VALUABLE ASSISTANCE** — Without volunteers, Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society would not be able to successfully present their interpretive programs at Point Iroquois Lighthouse. Left, Pauline Rice-Goetz describes to students how energy, pollution and the environment are all related while above, Keith Waters displays the tree poster created from the students' collections.

## Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society appreciates the efforts of local volunteers

A big thank you goes out to Pat Paul from the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society for her hundreds of hours of volunteer time over the years.

Pat and Francie Robbins are co-chairmen of the flea market held over the 4th of July celebration every year at the Wheels of History Community Park. They have a friendly rivalry with the chairman in charge of home baked goods over who can raise the most funds during the event. With her cheerful smile, Pat hands out her handmade money aprons and straw hats to the volunteers.

She keeps busy all year collecting items and stuffed animals for prizes and making colorful dog scarves for sale at the Train Museum gift shop. Pat also serves as vice-president of the Bay Mills/Brimley Historical Society.

Pat and her husband Roger first came to the Sault area in 1952, when Pat transferred with the Gamble Company. Roger worked at first with Stanaway Plumbing, later going into construction.

The Pauls ran one of the first tourist homes and rooming houses in the Sault for student teachers, while raising their two daughters, DeLynn Paul and Kathy (Charlie) Albin.

Pat held many jobs over the years. At Michigan Mining & Technical College, now known as Lake Superior State University, she was secretary to the college president, Harry Crawford. She helped set up the first four-year college graduation ceremony.

She also worked as a secretary at local insurance companies and eventually retired from War Memorial Hospital in 2002. Her husband had passed away in 2001.

In 1988, the couple had purchased a home on Birch Point in Brimley, where Pat still lives and grows giant tomato plants. In her spare time she likes to bowl and spend time with her beautiful dog.

She fondly remembers the time that she and Roger took their dog tobogganing where the Wild Bluff Golf Course now stands. They hit a bump and all three fell off.



We appreciate all the work she does for her community. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

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## Federal grant to fund call center for veterans

LANSING — The Michigan Association of United Ways was recently awarded \$1.5 million by the U.S. Department of Transportation to create a statewide One-Call/One-Click Center out of eight regional transportation 2-1-1 call centers. The new service will help veterans and other users tap the entire state's resources and connect with locally available transportation and other vital community services. Information will be accessible 24/7 by calling 2-1-1 or clicking on a Web site.

"Any state that provides its veterans and their families with easier access to both needed and earned benefits says something about the value the people and its leadership place on those who have served our country," said Rob Price, administrator, Veteran Services, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. "For Michigan, that testimony is embedded in a 'One-Call/One-Click' philosophy."

"I look forward to working jointly with United Way and public transit systems to coordinate and implement transportation options for veterans throughout Michigan, utilizing the 2-1-1 network and local public transit agencies. Public transportation, in one form or another, exists in every county in Michigan and we're excited to broaden our delivery of services to our veterans," said Clark Harder, executive director, Michigan Public Transit Association.

The One-Call/One-Click Center will help 736,000 Michigan veterans and active duty military easily access information about public and private transportation options. In 2011, 2-1-1 served more than 480,000 callers, including veterans and military families. Of those calls, nearly 10,000 were for transportation services.

"During the One-Call/One-Click program development period, veterans and their families can continue to use 2-1-1 for services available in their region," said David Eich, 2-1-1 executive director, Michigan Association of United Ways.

2-1-1 has been in existence for 10 years in Michigan. Currently, eight regional call centers provide health and human service, workforce development, veteran support and transportation information and referral. Currently, more than 94 percent of Michigan's population has access to 2-1-1. However, expansion of the system is planned to provide access to 100 percent of the state's veterans, active service and military families.

The Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative is funded and managed by the Federal Transit Administration. The grant will be awarded to the Michigan Department of Transportation who submitted the application on behalf of the Michigan Association of United Ways.

## Tips to keep kids learning this summer

By Carrie Shrier  
MSU Extension

Did you know the average child loses one month of knowledge gained in the school year during the summer? Summer is a time for relaxing, sleeping in, swimming and playing outside with friends. But in order for your child to be ready to go back to school in the fall, a little learning time should be included in that schedule.

Research indicates that the average elementary-age child loses up to one month of knowledge. For low-income children the loss is often much greater, as high as three months of loss. To help your child be ready to hit the ground running in the fall, follow these 10 great tips for summer learning:

1. Read, read, read!  
Help your child keep their reading at grade level by reading for at least 30 minutes a day during the summer. Trips to the library are great to stock up on new material. Keep reading fun by taking that book outside to the hammock, to the beach, or under a shady tree.
2. Join a summer reading program.  
Most public libraries offer wonderful summer reading programs. Best of all, they are free!
3. Head outside!  
The outdoor learning opportunities are endless. Many state parks,

local parks, and recreation programs offer free or low-cost summer activities. Pick a day to go brush up on science skills and learn about freshwater fish, bugs, plants and more.

4. Help in the kitchen.  
Cooking with children offers them a great chance to practice their math skills. Have your children help prepare their meals and snacks. Measuring ingredients, reading recipes, cutting with safe tools, dividing mixes into pans and other cooking skills offer kids many chances to learn much more than they could find on a worksheet page.

5. Find a friend.  
Take advantage of group playtime to make a learning opportunity more fun and engaging. Perhaps your children's friends' parents excel in a certain area and can teach your child a new skill. Offer to swap off hosting play dates that include a fun learning experience.

6. Prepare for vacation.  
Heading off to a new vacation destination? Have your child do some advance research on the area you are heading. What is the area known for? Any special, "must see" stops? Be sure to respect their time and research, and follow through with some of their suggestions.

7. Car time is learning time, too.  
Driving a long distance for vacation? Take advantage of the time your child is stuck in the car to sneak

in some learning. Have your child brush up on their geography by having them read the map or keep track of all the license plates from various states on a U.S. map.

8. Make screen time learning time.

There is no doubt that children will want to spend some of their break in front of the TV, computer or playing video games. Help children select educational programming for the TV, or play learning games on the computer or game system.

9. Just play!  
Just "playing" presents many opportunities for children to learn. Help your children find educational lessons in their day-to-day activities. Take advantage of the little opportunities to research the new bug they find in the backyard, or see how they used math to play that board game.

10. Relax and have fun!  
Above all else, the summer is for relaxing and having fun. Avoid the temptation to pack a child's schedule full of activities and lessons. It is important for children to have some down time to relax, stretch their muscles, make new friends, and get out and play.

In addition to using these tips, swap ideas with other parents and look for suggestions from your child's teacher. A little summer preparation disguised as fun can make all the difference in the fall.

## 2011 Michigan Drunk Driving Audit shows declines in alcohol- and drug-related crashes, fatalities and injuries

Overall, deaths resulting from alcohol and/or drug-related crashes decreased by 10.6 percent, from 357 in 2010 to 319 in 2011, while injuries fell from 6,175 to 6,086. Drug involvement in traffic fatalities fell almost 17 percent, from 153 deaths in 2010 to 127 in 2011, while alcohol involvement declined 3 percent, from 283 to 274. In many cases, deaths involved both alcohol and drugs and are counted in each category.

Prior to 2011's decrease, drug-involved traffic fatalities had increased by nearly 30 percent over the past five years. As part of an effort to address this issue, Michigan trained 15 Drug Recognition Experts last year. DREs are trained to recognize signs of impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol and to identify the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. A second group of 13 officers completed training in 2012 and a third class is planned for 2013.

"Drug-involved deaths and injuries have been increasing across the country," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police. "Officers in Michigan will continue to receive advanced training to help them identify and arrest drunk and drugged drivers in an effort to make our roads safer."

The Drunk Driving Audit is an annual report issued by the MSP Criminal Justice Information Center and is a collaborative effort between MSP and the Michigan Department of State.

"Keeping Michigan's roads safe is a priority across government and educating the public is a big part of that effort," said Secretary of State Ruth Johnson. "So much of what we do at the Secretary of State targets awareness and safe driving, programs that run in parallel with law enforcement — it's a true partnership."

In 2011, 37,540 alcohol and drug-related driving arrests were made. Male drivers were nearly three times as likely as female drivers to be arrested for impaired driving, with 27,741 men arrested compared to 9,799 women. There were 37,431 persons convicted of operating under the influence of liquor or other impaired driving offenses. Some of these convictions include arrests made in prior years.

The 2011 Drunk Driving Audit includes county-specific information and is available at [www.michigan.gov/drunkdirivingaudit](http://www.michigan.gov/drunkdirivingaudit).

The staff of Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery and the members of Friends of Pendills Creek Hatchery would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to the Fourth Annual Children's Fishing Event held on June 9:

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## Grand Rapids native named U.S. Attorney for state's Western District

GRAND RAPIDS—On July 9, Grand Rapids attorney Patrick Miles, Jr., 44, took the oath of office as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan. The oath was administered by the Honorable Paul L. Maloney, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court.

Miles was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29 and was confirmed by the United States Senate on June 29. Miles is the first African American to hold the post of U.S. Attorney for Western Michigan.

"It is a tremendous honor to serve the people of West Michigan as U.S. Attorney," Miles said. "I am thankful to the West Michigan lawyers on the local selection review committee who recommended me last August to

Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. I appreciate the trust the committee, Senators Levin and Stabenow, and the President are placing in me. I am humbled by and grateful for their support. I look forward to working with the excellent professionals in the U.S. Attorney's Office."

U.S. Attorney Miles replaces Donald A. Davis, who was appointed as the U.S. Attorney by the court in October, 2008.

Miles began his legal career as an associate at the Grand Rapids-based law firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett in 1991 after graduating from Harvard Law School. He became a partner at the age of 29 and was the first African American partner in Varnum's 110-

year history. Miles joined the national law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC in 2006 as a partner based in the Grand Rapids office. In 2010, Miles ran to represent Michigan's Third District in Congress. He won the Democratic primary, but did not win the November general election.

A Grand Rapids native, Miles graduated from Ottawa Hills High School at the age of 16. After spending a year at Great Lakes Bible College (now known as Great Lakes Christian College), Miles graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration with an economics major.

Miles served as president of the

Grand Rapids Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. He also was chairman of the Aquinas College Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2008. Most recently, he was president of the Grand Rapids Black Chamber of Commerce.

His local community involvement includes past service as a board member and officer of Advisory Center for Teens, Greater Grand Rapids YMCA, Hope Network, Inner-City Christian Federation, Spectrum Health Foundation, Spectrum Health Hospitals, and DeVos Children's Hospital Foundation. Miles previously was elected as a Grand Rapids Bar Association Trustee and chaired its Diversity Committee from 1998

to 2002.

The U.S. Attorney is the chief law enforcement officer in the District, responsible for federal criminal prosecutions and civil cases involving the U.S. Government. The Western District of Michigan consists of 49 counties, including the entire Upper Peninsula, as well as 11 federally-recognized Native American Indian tribes.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is comprised of 75 employees, including 35 attorneys and 40 support staff. The main office, where U.S. Attorney Miles is headquartered, is in Grand Rapids, and branch offices are located in Lansing, Marquette and Kalamazoo.

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# Announcements

## Eye appointment information

Bay Mills tribal members seeking information about an eye appointment can call Tweek at 906-248-8328. She is only working part-time, so please leave your name, address and most importantly your phone number so she can get back to you. Letters are normally sent out approximately a week and a half prior to your appointment.

## Local fundraiser planned

A fundraiser has been planned for Terry Deuman on Wednesday, July 24 from 4 to 7 pm. at the Brimley VFW. Terry is battling esophageal cancer and is currently under treatment. Dinner will include burgers, brats, salads, desserts and a drink. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under age 7. For more information contact Tammy Ellis at 906-322-3650. Donations may also be mailed to Terry c/o Tammy Ellis, P.O. Box 43, Brimley MI 49715.

## Celebrate St. Francis Xavier anniversary

Join fellow community members in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brimley. Bishop Alexander Sample will celebrate with Mass at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12, with dinner following at Brimley High School. Please RSVP to the parish office by July 25 by calling 906-248-3443.

## Garage sale

A garage sale will be held July 18 to 20 from noon to 7 p.m. at 12565 W. Wolf Avenue in Bay Mills. Items up for sale include jewelry, carnival glass, collectibles, books and pictures.

## Golf scramble

A four-person golf scramble will be held on Aug. 26 at Wild Bluff Golf Course, starting at 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 per player, which includes a BBQ dinner following. This fundraiser will raise money for tribal member Bev Carrick and her daughters Autumn and Victoria Aikens to attend the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha in Rome, Italy in October. To sign up call 906-248-5860.

## Quilt raffle

The Community Quilters have donated a quilt that will be raffled off for the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Research Society. Tickets are available at the Brimley Train Museum and are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Drawing will take place on Oct. 14.

## Internships available

Are you a Bay Mills Indian Community member pursuing a college degree and wanting to get some on the job experience? If so, then come and speak to a recruiter at Bay Mills Human Resources Department. They will work with you to try and find you a suitable "unpaid" internship within the tribe so you can start gaining experience in your field that will expand your opportunities.

Most positions you will be interviewing for in the future require experience and this is a great way to start building your resume. Your initiative could greatly improve your employment potential. Whether you are in business, accounting, health and human services, medical, law enforcement, EMS, fisheries, marketing, or any other field the tribe offers, HR will work with you to provide real-world experience. All intern placements are subject to department director approval.

HR will also work with candidates on creating professional resumes and interviewing techniques. For more information, call 906-248-8500.

## Habitat Day in Cedarville

Quality Deer Management Association, Michigan Tree Farm and Michigan Forest Association will host a habitat day in Cedarville on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 8399 M-134, approximately eight miles east of Cedarville. Signs will be posted.

The main focus will be improving habitat for deer and how sustainable forestry can help landowners accomplish that goal. The program starts at 10 a.m. with a seminar on trapping coyotes. Michigan Tree Farm and Michigan Forest Association will then present a seminar on how

landowners can incorporate sustainable forestry into improving habitat for deer. A short awards ceremony will follow, then lunch break, provided at no cost to attendees.

Afterwards, Jeff Sturgis of Whitetail Habitat Solutions will present a walk and talk on deer habitat and hunting strategies. The program is scheduled to conclude at approximately 3 p.m. Contact Rich or Karen Serfass at 906-635-5439.

## Community garden planted

The Commodity Food Program has taken over the community garden this year, but it is still for anyone in the community. Please come by to help out and give us ideas on what you want planted in the future.

Participants are asked to take only what they need and to spend some time pulling weeds.

Planted are carrots, peas, green beans, green peppers, spinach, tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes, cantaloupe, basil, rosemary and dill.

Also available is a small roto tiller for a small garden or flower bed — just sign it out at the Commodity Food building on Lakeshore Drive in Bay Mills. For more information, call Kris Schwiderson at 906-248-2527 or email to kschwiderson@hotmail.com

## Lamplight Tours of Whitefish Point

Visit the Point on July 21, featuring guided tours of the Whitefish Point Light Station, tower tours; all monies raised will benefit light-tower restoration. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

## Tahquamenon Valley Cruisers annual Car and Truck Show

July 20-21, 2012: Come on down to downtown Newberry. Fun for all ages! Friday night is Cruise Night with the lineup starting at The Knollwood Inn on M-28 at 6 p.m. for a cruise up M-123 to Muskallonge State Park. Saturday, July 21, car show regis-

tration starts at 8 a.m. in downtown Newberry and goes until 4 p.m. when trophies will be awarded. Lots of activities including kid's tractor pull and games, Jail and Bail, vendors, area merchants, silent auctions and 50/50's. All proceeds benefit local charities. For more information call 906-293-3816.

## Locals on the Bay Waterfront Entertainment in St. Ignace

July 25 & Aug. 8: 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.

## Breakfast in Newberry

July 28 and 29: Lumberjack Breakfast and Music Festival at the Tahquamenon Logging Museum, M-123 north of Newberry. Breakfast goes from 7 a.m. to noon each day and costs \$7.50 each. Come out for a great breakfast of bacon, eggs, homemade sausage, pancakes and fried potatoes cooked over an authentic wood stove and served in the Cook Shack as it was done 100 years ago. Danny Johnston and Cedar Swamp Boys and Jeff Guenther will perform along with other volunteer musicians from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Music Pavilion. Sunday gospel music starts at noon in the Music Pavilion followed by more folk music in the afternoon until 6 p.m.

## Sault Ships & Sailabration, Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Days

Visit downtown Sault Ste. Marie Aug. 3 and 4 for sidewalk sales, food, arts and crafts vendors, live music and games for the kids. 9th Annual "Slashin' Ashmun" Antique Car Show — Hosted by the International Antique Auto Club; cars will line up on Ashmun Street. 4th Annual History Fest: Maritime Artists & Authors Event — Artists and authors from around the country will gather to promote their pas-

sion for the Great Lakes and the sea. Tall Ship Tours and Trips — A tall sailing ship will dock in Sault Ste. Marie allowing for tours and short trips.

## Friends of the Library book sale

Aug. 3 and 4 will be the used book sale at Bayliss Public Library. Author Shawn Pfister will sell and sign her book "My Vampire Prom Date and Other Stories."

## Sault Summer Arts Festival

Aug. 7 will be an exhibition and sale of fine quality art and crafts, along with musical entertainment. Downtown, Sault Ste. Marie

## Lighthouse Keeper's Day at Whitefish Point Museum

Visit the lighthouse on Aug. 11. Featuring special programs, walking tours and music. Event will take place at the museum, admission charge is \$6 for the general public. Contact 1-800-635-1742 for more information.

## Tahqua Trail Run, Tahquamenon Falls State Park

This Aug. 11 trail race is put on by Great Lakes Endurance. Distances include 25k and 50k, both finishing at the Upper Falls. A special 2k kid's race takes place on Friday at 5 p.m. Pre-registration is required. All ages are welcome to register online at [www.greatlakesendurance.com](http://www.greatlakesendurance.com).

## Speaker series Aug. 18

The Eastland Disaster will be discussed. Featuring 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.

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