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## Officers voice concerns about prison safety after murder

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — On the heels of another murder within their Kinross facilities, corrections officers voiced their concerns publicly about prison safety amidst budget cuts at an informational picket on Aug. 22 in Sault Ste. Marie.

At the core of their concerns are the elimination of perimeter safety vehicles and loss of tower guards and resident unit officers. Those working inside the facilities maintain that, without a deterrent on the outside of the prisons, safety of officers and community members is in jeopardy.

The most recent incident at Chippewa Correctional Facility took place in August when convicted murderer Tim Meaker took another life while serving his life sentence. Meaker, a level IV offender, strangled his cellmate, Thomas Taborrelli, with a fan cord and then proceeded to beat him to death, according to reports obtained from the Michigan State Police.

Taborrelli, 65, who was already intermittently using a walker and wheelchair, succumbed to his injuries on Aug. 11 after being transported to Petoskey for treatment.

Meaker has hardly been a model prisoner since his incarceration

began. Originally sentenced to life in 1978 for murdering an acquaintance by shooting him to death, he once again found himself in hot water a decade later. He took a female guard hostage in 1986 while in Ypsilanti because he was angry over a transfer to the Jackson prison.

That stint earned him decades of segregation. He's considered a violent offender, but according to officers, there isn't much that can be done with a man who basically "thinks he has nothing to lose."

And even after the most recent incident, Meaker made no bones about what he did. In a letter sent to MSP, he stated he intended to murder his cellmate, someone he once referred to as a friend.

"My intent was to do enough physical harm to Taborrelli to cause his death. His autopsy should reveal massive head trauma as well as crushing to his throat. I was fully aware of my actions during the assault, which lasted approximately three minutes!"

He's even noted as chuckling about the incident in statements from officers while he stood covered in Taborrelli's blood. The autopsy confirms the death was due to cerebral trauma and strangulation.

Officers at the picket wanted residents to know that violent

offenders like Meaker are housed in their community and that cuts impact safety both inside and outside of the facility.

"It's about officer and community safety to us, but right now, cuts are the bottom line to the State of Michigan," said Cecil Pedrin, union representative who spearheaded the picket. "There are no more deterrents with the cutting of perimeter security and loss of guards in gun towers."

Pedrin has been vocal since Gov. Snyder took office and set his sights on the Michigan Department of Corrections budget. Pedrin doesn't believe in budget-managed corrections and thinks officer positions should be the last to get the axe, saying many administrative positions could be eliminated instead.

"Eliminating people who work within the inmate population and have a working knowledge of these criminals puts everyone at risk," said Pedrin.

The MDOC is also embroiled in controversy after a whistleblower filed suit in August. A civil service complaint was filed by Stephen Marschke, a former administrator with internal affairs, which claims the MDOC is mismanaged, employees are being terminated in record numbers, resulting in low morale, and taxpayer dollars are being squandered on the Michigan



Prisoner Re-entry Initiative.

The MPRI has also fallen under particular scrutiny in the last year as a number of parolees released not only re-offended, but committed violent crimes. Most notable is the murder of an 80-year old woman by two parolees in the Detroit area.

Marschke's complaint says these crimes were predicted by those working within the prison and could have been prevented, but they were told to release parolees to free up beds. One incident Marschke refers to in his complaint is the Kinross incident last winter where a prisoner walked out the front doors of the facility amidst a paperwork "forgery." According to

the complaint prison, officials were not even aware the man had escaped.

"This is a clear example of how reduced security leads to the possibility of someone being hurt or killed," says Marschke.

The complaint also contends that MDOC administrators considered violating Freedom of Information Act requests from the Detroit Free Press about the aforementioned incidents because they didn't want to come under public scrutiny.

Currently more than 500 inmates are housed at the three facilities in Kinross, many of which are categorized as violent offenders.

## Native Fish & Wildlife Society marks 25th anniversary in Bay Mills

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Recognizing its 25th anniversary, the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society held its annual conference in Bay Mills this year from Sept. 9 to 14. Officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and directors of NAFWS welcomed approximately 120 participants to the event.

Bay Mills tribal member and BIA Superintendent Jerry Parish was on hand to address the crowd and said it was "gratifying to see such growth and diversity taking place." Parish said he can remember when the first tribal consent decree was signed and remarked on how far tribes have come since. The overall message conveyed at the conference was the importance of cooperation amongst tribal, state and federal authorities working in natural resources.

As part of the conference, conservation officers, biologists and fisheries staff collaborated for the week, sharing information and resources about their specific tribes.

This year's conference also offered up training opportunities, sessions on invasive species and wildlife management and administrative training for department heads. Bay Mills Biological Services staff also presented at the conference.

Biologist Amanda Bosak provided information on working with invasive species and Point Source Pollution Specialist Dan Tadjerson provided a first-hand account of cleaning up an oil spill in the Great Lakes. Officers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan participated in field training and competition shooting.

Congressional funding updates were also a hot topic at the conference, as many departments noted they are still struggling to make ends meet with limited resources.

Legal consultant Mary Pavel provided an update on the process of garnering funds from the federal government and the message wasn't promising.

"It's unnerving. The system is as broken as I've ever seen it. We just have to wait and see what happens," she said, referring to the partisan divide in Washington D.C.

She continued on, noting the upcoming November election will be a key factor in how programs are funded. The Obama administration has kept funding at current levels, but how 2013 will play out remains a mystery until a candidate is selected and Congress takes shape.

"There a number of pieces of legislation that will impact natural resources," said Pavel. Some of the proposed legislation seeks to remove government oversight and environmental regulations, as well as allow land swaps that would effect treaty rights.

"I encourage you to keep in touch with your delegates," she added.

Participants were also encouraged to participate in outdoor activities, such as golf and softball, in between conference sessions. A feast was provided by Bay Mills Indian Community during the week, where traditional staples of venison and whitefish were served and members of the community welcomed participants to the reservation.

Marking the end of the conference, a banquet was held at Horizons Conference Center to honor officers for their accomplishments.

Bay Mills retired Conservation Captain Ben Carrick was honored with an award for Distinguished Service and Conservation Officer Terry Carrick was recognized with the Glen Miller Tribal Leader of the Year Award.

"It's an honor for Bay Mills Conservation officers to be recognized for service, both past and present," said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron.



Officers are shown above participating in the competition shoot. At far right is Bay Mills Officer Conservation Officer Terry Carrick taking aim. He was honored for leadership at the conference. At right, Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron delivers opening remarks to the crowd. Directly above, tribal members gathered with participants for a traditional feast.

## Sault Ste. Marie Post motor carrier officer receives Lifesaving Award

LANSING — At a special ceremony held in Lansing on Sept. 13, Michigan State Police Director Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue presented MC Ofcr. Jessica Cameron of the Sault Ste. Marie Post with the MSP Lifesaving Award.

On May 5, Cameron responded to a call involving an unresponsive individual who had no pulse and was not breathing. Border Patrol Agents performed CPR while Cameron assisted in administering an Automated External Defibrillator. The AED initiated a pulse and the individual was transported to a nearby hospital and treated for a massive heart attack.

In presenting Cameron with the MSP Lifesaving Award, the department recognizes that, if not for her quick actions and training, the individual may not have survived.

Cameron enlisted with the department in 2002, graduating as a member of the 14th Motor Carrier Recruit School. Prior to serving as a motor carrier officer at the Sault Ste. Marie Post in October of 2011, Cameron served at the Metro, Brighton and Monroe posts.

Cameron is a 1998 graduate of the Tahquamenon area schools. She is the daughter of Kip and Regene Cameron of Newberry.

# Sault Animal Hospital expands services, adds staff

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — The hiring of a new veterinarian at Sault Animal Hospital is making a lot of local horse owners very happy. The staff can now offer care for large animals such as horses and cows, making it the only facility to do so within 150 miles.

Dr. Amber Myers joins Dr. Jeff LaHuis, the owner of the business, and Dr. Cassie Ayers and Dr. Jill Lynn. Myers is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and returns to her hometown following a year-long internship in large animal medicine and surgery at Moore Equine Veterinary Centre in Alberta, Canada.

LaHuis purchased Sault Animal Hospital in August 2010 from Ken and Cindy McCrumb. Ayers was working with the McCrumb and stayed on, providing a continuity of service that is so important when taking over a business, said LaHuis. She earned her degree also at Michigan State and spent three years prepping yearling thoroughbred horses for the sales in Kentucky.

The two vets were very busy and soon looked to hire another pair of hands, bringing Lynn onboard early in 2012. Also a Michigan State graduate, she had recently returned from

a six-month deployment in Somalia, serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Veterinary Corps. LaHuis felt a special connection with her, having served himself in the Veterinary Corps for a one-year stint in Qatar.

LaHuis pointed out that the Army is the only one of the five branches of the service that have a Veterinary Corps and they take care of animals in all branches, including the sea lions used by the U.S. Navy. His particular focus was on military working dogs and that interest continues. "My niche is intensive surgeries and I particularly like working with dogs."

Thanks to the Internet, LaHuis said, he was able to walk off the plane from Qatar and straight into the business he had purchased in Sault Ste. Marie. Also a graduate from Michigan State, he had worked for 10 years in a large nine-vet hospital before going to Qatar and told his wife before he left that he was ready for something new.

Since acquiring the business, he has steadily expanded the services

offered by the previous owners. Vaccinations, well pet visits, orthopedic surgery, laser surgery and therapy laser for physical rehab along with repeat checkups are offered. The business has two ultra sound machines, a mobile equine unit and an in-house unit, used for pregnancy checks.

With four veterinarians in the house, Sault Animal Hospital can now offer full services for large animals, including dentistry, surgery, reproductive issues and vaccinations. Complete services are available for small animals as well and they also treat exotic animals, such as reptiles.

LaHuis has already begun expanding the building, preparing for an increase in treating large animals. "I used to do cattle medicine and also horses," he said. "I saw a need up here and started to look into it. It is a lot more than I can do, so I hired Amber in August."



Dr. Amber Myers and her horse, Nightstar

Future plans involve expanded boarding kennels including "kitty condos," and a barn and corral to keep horses overnight. LaHuis also participates in wild life rehabilitation, working with local tribes and the Department of Natural Resources. Staff is on call for after hours emergencies at 906-635-5910.



## Parent Committee Organizational Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in room 408 (Middle School Hallway)

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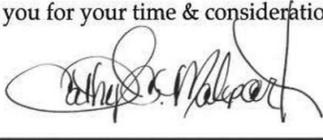
I have lived in Chippewa County most of my life; my husband Michael (Mick) and I have raised four children, and our families altogether represent several generations in Chippewa County. We feel ourselves fortunate to live in this wonderful community and I am proud to serve in public office, working for friends and neighbors.

I have worked in the clerk's office for over 10 years, and in 2011 I was privileged to have been appointed Clerk of the Court by Judge Nicholas J. Lambros. I am grateful to former Clerk Diane S. Cork for her endorsement of my candidacy.



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## Cyberbullying seminar held at LSSU

By Shannon Jones  
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SAULT STE. MARIE — Giving a firsthand account of her experience with cyberbullying, Tina Maeir addressed community members and students at Lake Superior State University on Aug. 29. She is the mother of Megan Maeir, a student who was taunted by classmates posing as someone else online and ultimately took her life as a result.

This was the third visit to the area for Maeir, a Missouri native, who was brought to town by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians STAY project, which aims at educating and providing at-risk youth with support services. Previously she had addressed middle school/high school students and professionals. Her latest visit was geared towards college students.

Maeir depicted how her young daughter Megan was taunted by a schoolmate (and the girl's mother) through use of the social networking site, MySpace.

According to Maeir, she did everything right. She had the password to the account and monitored it for content, making sure her daughter wasn't acting inappropriately online, and didn't let her daughter log into the account when she wasn't supervised.

But in a matter of weeks following the acceptance of a fictitious friend request from a boy named "Josh," Megan decided to end her life. While her parents were discussing the MySpace account and the comments Josh was making to their daughter, Megan went up to her room and hung herself in her closet.

One of Maeir's biggest points to students was to not accept friend requests from people you don't know. In Megan's case "Josh" was really a former friend and her mother who thought it would be funny to taunt Megan, who was also their neighbor.

The message that sent Megan over the edge entailed this "friend" telling her she was not a good person and he did not want to be friends anymore. Megan was devastated because she had talked to this person for weeks and had a crush on him. The

change in tone was completely out of the blue and turned a 13-year old girl into a statistic.

"Kids don't view it as a big deal, having a relationship with strangers. About 60 percent of kids do," said Maeir, noting you never know what agenda people may have online. "People do mean, cruel, vicious things to each other. We all cope differently. Kids don't have the ability to cope or walk away from it."

Since her daughter's death, Maeir has worked across the country to promote awareness about the issue of cyberbullying. She has appeared on network television, including Dr. Phil, and

worked to get legislation passed that makes cyberbullying a crime.

Prior to Megan's death, there were no laws on the books that addressed the issue. Today, only one state, Montana, remains untouched by Maeir's efforts. Megan's death garnered worldwide attention, with news organizations from Japan and Sweden covering the case because of its uniqueness.

Despite the attention, Maeir said her message isn't about promoting suicide, it's about preventing it.

"Suicide is not an option. It doesn't fix anything," Maeir concluded.

## Changes proposed to Blue Cross of Michigan by Gov. Snyder

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed overhauling Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan by ending the nonprofit health insurer's tax-exempt status and aligning it with competitors across the state.

The Republican governor said during a news conference in Lansing that he wants to "level the playing field" for insurers and modernize Michigan's insurer of last resort, which serves 4.4 million residents.

Blue Cross would not be sold or lose its nonprofit status. Instead, it would become an organization owned by its policyholders and regulated in the same way as many of its competitors.

The plan would require Blue Cross to contribute about \$1.5 billion over 18 years to a nonprofit entity aimed at improving public health and health care access. It would pay about \$100 million in taxes.

Blue Cross in Michigan would join 11 other Blue Cross Blue Shield companies nationwide structured as so-called mutual insurers; those companies operate in 18 states.

Changing how the state regulates Blue Cross has been among Snyder's goals and he included it in a special message last September to the Legislature on health and wellness. He said Blue Cross is specifically regulated by a law that's more than 30 years old and doesn't take into account many changes in the health care industry.

"Times have changed," Snyder said. "If you look at where federal law ... is going in terms of health care, it's getting much more to an open marketplace where, under federal law, insurance companies will be required to provide insurance to individuals regardless of their health conditions. So this is an excellent opportunity for us to say we should update ... to keep up with that."

The plan requires approval by the Legislature and Blue Cross' board of directors. Snyder and Blue Cross leaders say they have been in discussions for months regarding the proposals, which would take effect Jan. 1, 2014, at the same time as key provisions in the federal Affordable Care Act.

After months of efforts to get fellow GOP leaders in the Michigan House of Representatives to approve a state-driven exchange, Snyder said last month that Michigan will pursue a partnership.

Blue Cross officials said in a statement that it's "not exactly" what it would have proposed, but it creates a "fair and balanced set of rules of health insurance."

No final action is expected before the Nov. 6 election. The Legislature, which returned Sept. 11 for its first week of sessions since June, has only eight sessions scheduled between now and then.

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# Sierra Club celebrates Wilderness Act anniversary

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

ST. IGNACE — Commemorating 25 years since the passage of the Michigan Wilderness Act, members from the Sierra Club gathered with local residents, activists, and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin to recognize its importance at a ceremony held at the St. Ignace Township Hall on Aug. 18.

"In the early 80s we knew what we wanted and were trying to accomplish, and that was keeping forests pristine," said Levin. "It's important to have wild places to heal yourself and be inspired."

Levin was a driving force behind getting the act passed and said he remembers there was hesitance from people because they believed the government

was already too involved in their lives. He worked alongside now retired Congressman Dale Kildee on passage of the MWA, which was no small feat.

"It's fairly normal for people to be suspicious of the federal government," said Levin, noting the reason he originally ran for office was to bring the local perspective to D.C.

Despite the difficulty, in 1987 Congress passed the Michigan Wilderness Act, protecting 90,000 acres of old growth forests, lakes and dunes around the state that became these beloved wilderness areas: Big Island Lake, Delirium, Horseshoe Bay, Mackinac, McCormick, Nordhouse Dunes, Rock River Canyon, Round Island, Sturgeon River Gorge, and Sylvania.

Aaron Payment, chairman of Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians was on hand to express the tribal perspective on preservation, opening with a traditional prayer.

"We believe we aren't separate from Mother Earth. The grass is her hair, the water is her blood," he said, noting the importance of the 1836 treaty-ceded territories. "We will preserve it as long as the rivers flow, grass grows and the sun glows."

The MWA designated key areas in Michigan to remain



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, middle, is shown speaking with Henry Guyot (right) of Detroit, who considers himself "a longtime U.P. tourist" and Ann Wiowode, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter Director (left). Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Hessel Drum played an honor song for the senator as ceremonies began.

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"untouched" by man and those areas remain today, operating under the premise of "leave no trace." According to Levin, work is also being done to have a portion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore included in these designations as a way of preserving it for future generations.

Those who attended also observed exhibits on invasive

species and took the opportunity to participate in a self-guided hike of Horseshoe Bay Wilderness.



FIELD DEDICATION — Brimley Area Schools honored the memory of former coach and teacher Richard "Dick" Amble by dedicating the football field to him on Friday, Sept. 7, prior to the varsity game against Cedarville. Amble actively served Brimley Schools for more than 30 years and even returned as a substitute teacher after his retirement. He was known as a fixture in the hallways of Brimley Schools and athletic events, known for his sense of humor and stories. Pictured above are members of Amble's family. His wife, Jean, is holding a sign, which is a replica of what will be placed at the field once complete. SHANNON JONES/BAY MILLS NEWS

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# OPINION

## Consumer bureau is off to a strong start

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

When Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act to reform Wall Street in the aftermath of the financial crisis, one of our most important steps was an attempt to help level the playing field for consumers in the complicated markets for mortgages, credit cards, consumer loans and other financial products by establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Just as federal agencies protect consumers from harmful food products or pharmaceuticals, the CFPB is designed to help protect consumers from abuses in financial markets. The agency is required twice a year to report to Congress on its activities, and in early September, CFPB Director Rob Cordray gave us a promising report card.

As my Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has shown, shoddy mortgage lending practices were one of the major causes of the financial crisis. Too often, lenders sought short-term profits by giving loans to consumers who couldn't pay, or deceiving borrowers about the cost of loans, leading to the housing collapse that hurt nearly every American family. Director Cordray explained how CFPB has begun writing rules that will simplify mortgage disclosure forms, so that consumers can clearly understand the terms and costs of a loan.

Our subcommittee has also documented abusive practices by credit card companies, such as unfair billing practices and unjustified interest rate hikes. One of consumers' best weapons against those abuses is information, and to help, the CFPB has established a database of consumer credit card complaints at [consumerfinance.gov/complaint-database](http://consumerfinance.gov/complaint-database).

The CFPB isn't just gathering data; it's taking action. In addition to credit card complaints, the bureau investigates complaints about mortgages, payday loans, bank accounts, and other financial products. It works with consumers and financial companies to try to resolve those complaints. Since December of last year, nearly 5,000 consumers have received monetary relief from financial companies,

thanks to the CFPB complaint process.

Another important area of CFPB activity is its assistance to military families. These families are especially vulnerable to financial fraud and abuse: they are often young, making major financial commitments like a mortgage or car loan for the first time; they face the strain and separation of overseas deployments that can last a year or more; and they must regularly move from one base to another as they are transferred to a new unit.

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs is headed up by Holly Petraeus, the wife of Gen. David Petraeus, our former top commander in Iraq and Afghanistan, now serving as CIA director. Holly Petraeus has crossed the country visiting military installations to help educate military families on financial issues and to inform them about CFPB's available services.

The bureau is testing a "Military Benefits Calculator" that estimates education benefits for servicemembers, veterans and their families. It is also assisting the Department of Defense in improving educational materials provided to military members as they transition from life in uniform to the civilian world.

Another issue it is tackling is abusive payday loans, which sometimes target families on military bases. And it is working with the Treasury Department to help military families obtain mortgage modifications that can help them avoid foreclosure. The bureau is also working with banking regulators to help protect military families from abusive mortgage practices.

Student loans are another area of major concern for American families; as college costs have grown, so has the debt that students and families take on to pay for education. The CFPB is testing an online tool to help families compare the cost of various financial aid options. And it is working with the Department of Education to finalize requirements for a consumer "shopping sheet" that lenders will provide to every borrower, clearly outlining the terms of a loan.

CFPB is also putting some teeth into consumer protection rules by putting a priority on enforcement. For example, in July, the bureau

ordered credit card company Capital One to refund nearly \$140 million to consumers after engaging in hard-sell tactics and then refusing to cancel add-on products such as credit monitoring services. This action sent a strong signal to financial companies that they must obey the law or face the consequences.

The message for consumers is that they have a powerful agency on their side in the financial world. I hope you'll visit the consumer bureau's website at [consumerfinance.gov](http://consumerfinance.gov) and take full advantage of the tools it offers to protect you and your family from unfair financial practices.

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## The Spinning Bounce

By Raging Moderate, by Will Durst

Let's speak about The Bounce, shall we? The Bounce being the jump that a three-day, red-white-and-blue infomercial is expected to produce on a candidate's polling. The idea is to use The Bounce as a slingshot of momentum to whip you down the campaign straightaway directly into the swivel seat behind the desk of the Oval Office. Or close enough to let the Supreme Court appoint you. One or the other.

What usually happens, after both conventions have drop-kicked their last balloon, is an equilibrium is struck. One side goes up four to six points, then the other side goes up four to six points and you're pretty much back to where you started. The Bounce evens out. Not very exciting. Like sugar-free cookies. Or kissing Andrea Mitchell. Knocking back a shot of non-alcoholic wine. Otherwise known as grape juice.

This time around, the net result of two weeks in the Southeast in the dead of summer is President Barack Obama got a cumulative bump of between 3 and 5 points. Hard to say which event was more responsible for his ascension: his own Democratic National Convention, the Republican National Convention or Hurricane Akin.

Gov. Mitt Romney got the same kind of Bounce you'd expect from an anvil dropped onto a swamp. Even his own staff called it "not large." Yeah. Not large being a euphemism for non-existent. It was not large in the same way that August in Charlotte does not feature a cluster of destination luge runs. Similar to how Kim Kardashian is not a Nobel Prize-winning nuclear physicist. Banana fritters aren't magnetic. An echoing abyss of whistling emptiness.

Some polls actually suggested the GOP ticket received less than Zero Bounce from their convention. Less than zero. On the wrong side of the ledger. Red ink. A negative Bounce; which could be referred to as a Plunge. Might need to christen a new buzzword: the Convention Dip. But that would involve stripping Chris Christie of his own personal Tampa catalogue description.

When a campaign finds itself Sans Bounce, it's important to replace it with The Spin. As Republicans are feverishly attempting this year. Spinning like an aging hippie in a peasant dress dead stage left at a Grateful Dead tribute-band concert. Twirling left. Spinning right. Spinning righter. Pay no attention to that man behind the fact-checking curtain.

The Spin should be fluid and flexible and is not required to be rooted in the real world. Its only purpose is to distract. "The Not So Large of a Bounce was due to Mr. Romney having already consolidated his base." "The Governor doesn't really need a Bounce because of the spring in his step." "All The Bounce this candidate needs can be found in his hair."

Not only do the Bounceless have to convince supporters and the base and most especially prospective donors that the candidate still has a shot, it is incumbent to also soft pedal and ridicule the other guy's visible Bounce. Phantom Bounce.

Romney's pollster Neil Newhouse called the Obama Bounce "a sugar high." That may be so, but you got to remember, in tough times like these, a lot of we normal Americans got ourselves a heavy hankering for anything sweet. Even one of those sugar-free cookies.

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## What about the War on Men?

By Tom Purcell

"Lots of people are talking about the 'war on women' these days, but what about the war on men?"

"The war on men? This is going to be good."

"Look, if you ask me, this 'war on women' thing is mostly just a difference of opinion. Some people think the government should pass more laws to give women special workplace rights or force faith-based employers to include coverage for contraception and other reproductive matters in their health insurance policies for employees."

"OK, fair enough."

"Well, just because other people don't want the government telling organizations what they must or must not do doesn't mean they are against women. It means they don't like the idea of government establishing more laws and mandates to right every wrong, perceived or otherwise."

"So you're saying the 'war on women' crowd thinks it is being victimized and wants the government to intervene, whereas the 'leave us alone' crowd prefers individual freedom and wants the government to butt out. But what does this have to do with the supposed 'war on women'?"

"Well, if we men adopted a victimization mindset, we could complain about lots of things. Here's one: During our bad eco-

nomie spell, many states helped close their budget shortfalls with high taxes on beer! It's well-known that men consume way more beer than women, so aren't such taxes sexist?"

"Where is the ACLU when you need it?"

"And did you know Medicare no longer covers Viagra? That's going to have a terrible impact on my relationship with the wife during my retirement years."

"How so?"

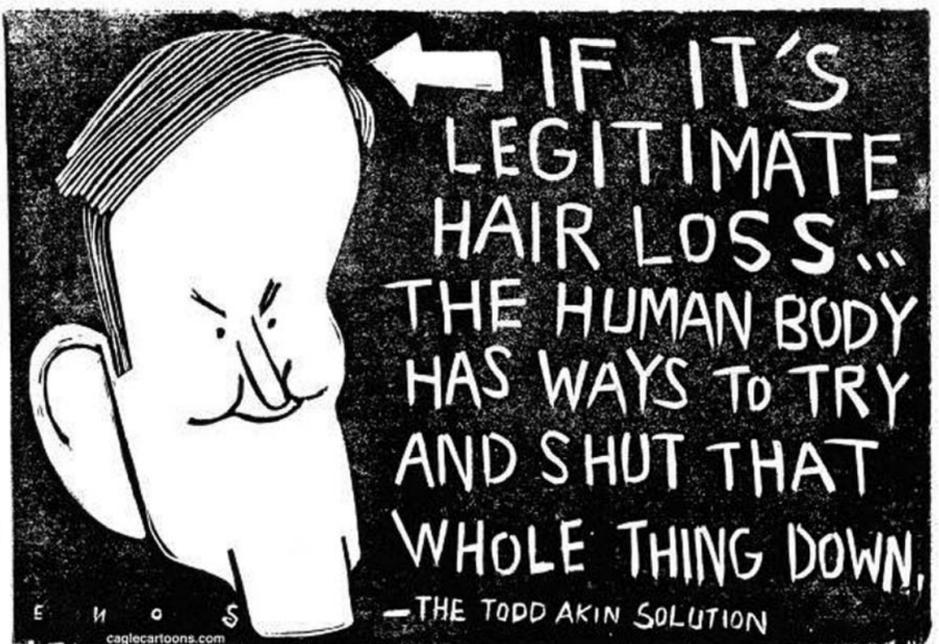
"If the wife knows I have a stash of those pills, she'll spend way more time at the mall, ensuring peace and quiet for both of us. But there are plenty of other areas where we men are victims."

"Go on."

"Have you noticed that when you're out at an event, women go to the bathroom together, but men never do? I think it's because the women's rooms are bigger and, depending on the joint, have cushy lounge chairs or couches. The government should mandate equal bathroom rights for men."

"You want the government to do that?"

"Sure. If we men had more space, we'd go to the bathroom together, too. We could talk about things, such as good prostate health, that will improve our well-being and decrease medical costs. The government should like that, now that it's running our health care."



"As odd as it sounds, you make some sense."

"But the biggest area where men are being targeted is by female state legislators. You wouldn't believe some of the anti-male laws they're trying to pass."

"You are right about that. Angered by some state laws that require women to get various tests before they make reproductive decisions, such as abortion, some female politicians have been striking back. I read about it on BuzzFeed.com."

"That's right. One Virginia

state senator tried to pass an amendment to a bill that 'would require men to undergo a rectal exam and cardiac stress test before being treated for erectile dysfunction.'"

"That doesn't sound very pleasant."

"Look, my point isn't that complicated. Just because people want the government to butt out of their personal lives, it doesn't mean they're against women."

"Sounds reasonable to me."  
"Besides, isn't it a little contradictory to demand that the government stay out of your private

matters while also demanding that it make religious organizations pay for your contraception? Shouldn't people and religious organizations in America have the freedom to follow their own beliefs?"

"And the beer tax?"

"That's an egregious example of the never-ending war on men!"

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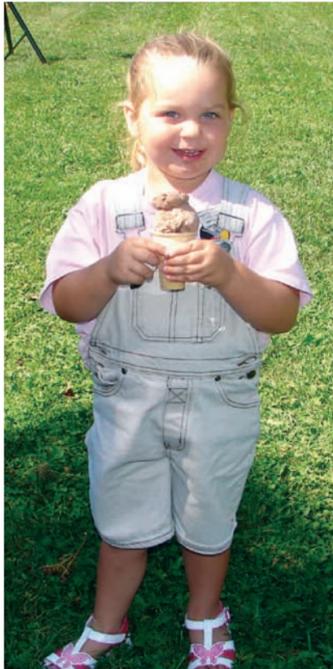
# Bay Mills 2012 Head Start Graduates



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Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway performed at the grand opening of the Depot Replica.



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# Brimley Area Schools recognized as "Reward" school

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — Brimley School Board met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 20. Board members not present at the meeting were Tracy Bertram and Tim Wilson.

In the Spotlight on Success, Brimley Superintendent Rod Goehmann brought the board's attention to Brimley's recent categorization as a "Reward" school.

This is the highest level awarded to high schools and Brimley is one of only two schools in the U.P. to have this distinction.

Reward schools include the top five percent of schools on the annual Top-to-Bottom ranking of all Michigan schools, and the top five percent of schools making the greatest academic progress over the previous four years. According to middle school/high school Principal Brian Reattoir, Brimley is in the 84th percentile of high

schools in the state of Michigan. "Kudos to our faculty and students," he added.

In other business, Sally Piche resigned as coach of 8th grade volleyball, as she was hired at a previous meeting on July 17 to become the junior varsity coach. Beth Hill was approved to replace Piche as the 8th grade coach. In faculty matters, Jean Schaedler was hired to fill the vacancy of a 2nd grade teacher and Alicia LaFord was hired to fill the position of the Title I reading teacher.

In a discussion relating to school safety and in light of another school shooting covered in the news, board member Rudy Johnson said he would like to look into an intercom system once again. The intercom would inform teachers immediately of security issues within the school and enable a more efficient "lock-down" of the building should the need arise. Reattoir said he had

contacts and quotes from a discussion last year and would pass them on to Johnson.

The board approved Johnson looking into the matter and soliciting funds to pay for the system. Johnson said he will first find out dollar amounts and then pursue fund raising efforts. He is hoping to get assistance from Homeland Security and Bay Mills Indian Community with the proposal.

High School Athletic Director Milt Sutton came before the board with a proposal to start junior high cross country as a club sport, which would be of no expense to the school. Parent Vincent Gross, a certified cross country official, was on hand to provide more information.

He said students were interested and other districts had teams to compete with. Brimley already has uniforms, so that cost would be avoided by participants, however all meet costs would fall on ath-

letes. And even though it will be run as a club sport, academic requirements would still apply. The board approved the proposal.

The board also discussed and approved a contract with the EUPISD Business Consortium, which would provide business services for the district beginning Oct. 1. Current business manager Deb Connolly will be retiring at this time and the use of these services will provide cost savings to the district.

The consortium already works with other districts in the EUP, and noted that business manager level duties, such as payroll, are difficult to replace. They will provide whatever needs the board establishes are necessary upon Connolly's departure.

Brimley's School Board meets monthly, every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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## Vacancies filled at Brimley Area Schools

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — There have been a few staffing changes this year at Brimley. They are mostly familiar faces around the school already, just working in different positions.

Last year's paraprofessional, Jean Schaedler, has now taken the position of one of the second grade teachers. She has been in the school for two years and has her degree in Childhood Education and her master's in special education. Prior to coming to the district, Schaedler was a substitute teacher in New York State, where she is from, for three years. Her plan for the year is to make learning fun and see the students excel.

"I am looking forward to learning alongside the students and learn new ways to improve as a teacher," said Schaedler.

Alicia LaFord is now the full-time Title I Reading Teacher for Brimley Elementary. Over the years she has held a number of different positions within the school district. LaFord grew up in Strong's and has been with Brimley for more than seven years.

She has a degree in elementary education (K-8). She was a substitute teacher for six years and taught one year of kindergarten. LaFord also completed her student teaching in the 4th grade in Brimley.

"I want to see lots of progress and make reading fun," said LaFord.

Fourth grade teacher Patricia Jones went on maternity leave Sept. 11 and will be off until February. To fill this vacancy Annie Rutledge was hired on as a long-term substitute.

Rutledge also has her degree in elementary education with an emphasis on social studies. She completed her student teaching in Pickford with the 5th grade where she also resides.

Rutledge's plan for her time in the school is to be productive and keep on track with the curriculum and standards. She hopes to have to kids ready to learn while having fun.

"This is a good new adventure at a new place. I'm excited to learn from the kids too," said Rutledge.

## Bay Mills Township Board moves ahead with building

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — The tree is down, the lot cleared, the contract signed. The community will have a new emergency services building on the site 150 days from the Sept. 12 meeting of the Bay Mills Township Board or mid-March 2013, said Supervisor Roger Graham.

All that remains are the financial arrangements. At a special meeting held Sept. 5, board members accepted the low bid of \$402,500 from Nomad Construction. Township Treasurer Dawn Recla then moved to set the

total budget at \$477,500, as recommended by Northwood Land Surveying, who devised the building plans. The board unanimously agreed.

Graham explained that the board intends to borrow \$250,000 for the project, with the remainder coming out of the general fund. He and Township Clerk Mary Swendsen were nominated by the board to approach Central Savings Bank and Soo Co-op Credit Union and bring back the best loan deal to the board for confirmation.

Graham said he wanted to have this done as soon as possible in order to cover any bills coming in. The township has already been billed \$7,200 for bonding. If necessary, a special meeting may be called to decide on which financial institution will manage the loan.

Another decision made about the building at the Sept. 12 meeting was its color. By a vote of 3 to 2, the same light stone shade that the present township hall wears, will also adorn the new building.

Lynne Carmody addressed the board concerning the burial site at Mission Hill of eight unidentified sailors from the Steamer Myron, who perished in 1919. Her grandfather, Simon Johnston, was involved in finding the bodies and having them buried. His family wants to establish a perpetual care fund to maintain the site.

Swendsen was unsure how to handle the matter and will consult with the township's auditor and get back to Carmody.

In public comment, many questions swirled around notification of events. An audience member asked if samples of the historic eastern pine that was felled to clear the lot for the new emergency services building were still available. Graham said 12 large rounds had been cut as well as close to 1,000 feet of 1-inch lumber and numerous specialty pieces that can be used for paneling, benches, plaques and small specialty furniture pieces. Some of the rounds have been distributed and one was stolen. There are some pieces left and anyone interested, should contact John Morrison, township employee.

Another question involved a fence that had been taken down when clearing the lot. Baker said the board was not aware the fence had not been on the old Iroquois Grocery property and they would investigate and replace it if warranted.

Rachael Kronmeyer requested the use of the township hall for a fire-fighting class she will teach from December 2012 through April 2013.

As part of the Fire Department Report, Baker said they were in need of old vehicles to use in extrication training. He requested people call them at 906-437-5437 and they will haul them away. Donors are eligible for a tax credit of up to \$300, he said.

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# Tadgerson hired as Bay Mills public works director

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News



BAY MILLS — Bay Mills tribal member Aaron Tadgerson has been hired as the new public works director for Bay Mills Indian Community, effective Aug. 20. Tadgerson was previously employed by Bay Mills Community College, working as the land grant coordinator. His work at BMCC entailed recruitment and retention as well as ensuring resources were in place to help develop BMCC's campus.

"I worked to help develop ideas into programs and make sure the infrastructure was in place so everything could come together," said Tadgerson.

In his new position, he will oversee the activities of departments such as heating and cooling, maintenance, construction, water and sewer, and parks and recreation. The job consolidates those five departments into one, now dubbed "public works" and improves efficiency.

Tadgerson said one of his main goals is to streamline the activities of the departments and make sure nothing

is overlapping. He is currently working on building maintenance plans for the tribal infrastructure, which includes working to allocate resources to buildings in an efficient manner. Tadgerson is also focusing on combining training opportunities for the departments in order to save money, coming up with a more concrete work order system to make sure jobs are completed as needed, and organizing senior projects so that "no one falls through the cracks." Departments will be working on assisting elders

as time permits and communication efforts about the projects will be improved.

Tadgerson will work closely with Bay Mills Executive Council on projects to improve tribal infrastructure.

Public works is already in the process of moving the salt and sand sheds as well as dumpsters down to Plantation Road. This will be home to a new building complex that will house several departments and make way for new developments in their place on Lakeshore Drive. Funds were acquired to construct a new building through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"As part of the ongoing process of a slow, steady, and structured reorganization within our tribe, consolidating several departments into one was deemed a high priority and an area of potential huge savings in costs to the tribe, while improving performance and services for our membership. Relocating departments to the new complex will make way for future community-based developments in the heart of Bay Mills," said Bay Mills

Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. "This should reduce the daily operating costs and provide more efficient administrative oversight for the entire department. All five of these departments have an excellent, highly skilled and motivated staff, and Aaron's oversight will be to help them do their job."

Though only on the job a few weeks, Tadgerson's experience has been a positive one.

"It was a big change for these guys. But change is inevitable. They are a hard working group of people," he said.

Tadgerson has been active in

the local community for several years. An avid hunter and fisherman, he also coached several sports, including as a boxing instructor with the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills. He served a four-year stint in the Marine Corps and holds a bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University and a master's degree in public administration from Northern Michigan University. Tadgerson resides in Brimley with his wife Teresa. He has two grown sons, Kyle and Cole, both of which are going to school and working with the U.S. Forest Service.

## U.P. college presidents say more Michigan residents need training beyond high school

SAULT STE. MARIE — While funding for colleges and universities is cut in Michigan, other states around the country are finding ways to invest in their institutions of higher learning, leaving Michigan behind the pack when it comes to percentage of residents who have college degrees.

Meanwhile, studies continue to show that education after high school benefits communities, society at large, and the students themselves. A coalition of community colleges and universities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula — the Council of Presidents - U.P. Community Colleges and Universities — is seeking to make sure the public is informed of the true value of trade school or college education beyond high school.

"Not only do the majority of college graduates have a job within six months of graduation, but during their lifetimes they will earn more than their co-workers who did not complete some sort of college coursework or trade school training following high school graduation," said Tony McLain, president of Lake Superior State University and part of the U.P. coalition.

Nationally, just under 40 percent of the population has a college degree. It has been at that figure for many years, but until recently the United States has led the world in the proportion of college degrees in its population. Today, the U.S. has slipped to 15th in the proportion of 24 to 34 year olds who have obtained associate's or bachelor's degrees, according to Jamie P. Merisotis, president and CEO of the Lumina Foundation, an independent foundation that is committed to enrolling and graduating more students in college.

In a speech to the Southern Growth Policies Board in Chattanooga, Tenn., recently, Merisotis said Lumina seeks to increase the number of U.S. college graduates to 60 percent of the population by 2025. This will still fall

short of what the Upjohn Institute says will be needed. According to the institute's forecast, 64 percent of the nation's workforce will require an associate's degree or higher by 2025.

"Now, and certainly in years to come, workers without college-level learning simply won't have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed," Merisotis said, noting that the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce has estimated that by as early as 2018, more than 50 percent of all of the jobs will require some form of postsecondary education or training.

Merisotis said that college graduates are doing better than those without degrees even during these recent years of high unemployment.

"The unemployment rates for those with college degrees are considerably lower than for those without postsecondary credentials," he said. "According to data from late 2011, national unemployment rates for 18 to 24 year olds (not enrolled in school) are about 8.9 percent for BA recipients and 11.9 percent for AA holders, compared to a whopping 22.9 percent for those with only a high school credential."

He also noted that individuals with a bachelor's degree make an average of 84 percent more over their lifetimes than those with just a high school diploma.

The university and community college presidents in the U.P. are working together to ensure more students complete credentials through an agreement signed by all the presidents. It encourages students to reverse transfer credits back to community colleges so students will receive their associate's degree and, through articulation agreements that ensure all community college courses will transfer to universities, students can complete bachelor's degrees in a timely way.

According to the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan, more parents in the state

are recognizing the need for their children to have access to higher education. In a recent statewide survey, 76 percent of Michigan parents said they believed their children should attend college, and 78 percent of them said they believed that those with a college education are usually better off than those without one.

Between 2000 and 2009, Michigan colleges and universities, including those in the U.P., have increased the number of students annually receiving bachelor's degrees by about 19 percent in spite of a 32 percent reduction in per-student state support, adjusted for inflation. Community colleges across the state have increased the number of students annually receiving associate's degrees by 81 percent and certificates by 100 percent despite a 52 percent reduction in per-student state support adjusted for inflation.

The Council of Presidents - U.P. Community Colleges and Universities, is a group made up of six colleges in the U.P., including LSSU, Bay College in Escanaba, Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Michigan Technological University in Houghton and Finlandia University in Hancock.

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By Alison Walker  
Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY— On Aug. 12, St. Francis Xavier Parish celebrated its 125-year anniversary. The event began at 2 p.m. with a mass being held by Bishop Alexander Sample of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette. After the service a dinner was held at the Brimley High School Cafeteria to remember the parishioners of past and present and to honor special members of the church. The event gave them time to observe their memories of the parish, many of them noting it was an honor to meet Sample.

Father Augustine Jacob was delighted with how the event turned out.

"The people are united now...saying this is our church!" he exclaimed. He said the event made people think because they were remembering their families and how the past relates to the present. The celebration was good for the people involved in the parish and their spiritually, he added.

Records indicate St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish existed as early as 1887, with masses being held at private homes in the area. The first church was built under the direction of Fr. John F. Chambon, S.J. Fr. Chambon was one of several Jesuits stationed in Sault Ste. Marie, under the leadership of Bishop Frederick Baraga.

Throughout the years the parish has seen happiness and sorrow. Its first recorded marriage was on Oct. 25, 1909 between Joseph Lamorey and Mary Wells. The first recorded baptism was of Joseph Perrier, son of Adolph and Rosanna Perrier, on Aug. 1, 1909. In April 1926, both the church and the rectory were destroyed in a rogue grass fire.

The present church we see today was built and dedicated in 1929. In 1989, starting under Fr. Robert Paruleski, parishioners began raising money by making and selling pasties, a tradition which continues with monthly pasty-making bees where volunteers make up to 600 pasties at a time.

Since 1929, the parish has been working hard to bring the church back to its former glory and making other improvements along the way. The latest round of renovations was completed in 2005, with 18 projects ranging from new landscaping to refurbish pews.

The cost of \$230,000 was a major undertaking for a parish with only 22 contributing members. Other contributions also came from summer visitors, former members, and a grant from the Catholic Extension Society. The late Sheila Hietikko, head of the building committee, spoke of the improvements in an interview with the U.P. Catholic — "It taught us that you can do it if you really want to."



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## Boys & Girls Club has a fun-filled summer

It was a busy summer for the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills. The club planned many field trips including Project Playground, movies, Mystery Spot and Putt-Putting. Boys & Girls Club also cooperated with Bay Mills Community College, the Department of Defense, Lake Superior State University, Bay Mills Biology and Conservation Department to put on the 2nd Annual Science Camp. It was a success again and all the kids had fun documenting their experience. They concluded their summer with the 4th Annual World Cup, which Italy took the title for. Included in this year's event was the World Cup Food Challenge Day. Youth Adventure Camp took a trip to Chicago where participants rode on a speed boat and took a dinner cruise. The club would like to thank Rochelle Menominee, Kimmi Walden, Bob Cameron and Josh Floyd for volunteering to chaperone with the trip.



## U.S., Canada sign Great Lakes water quality pact

TRaverse CITY (AP) — The U.S. and Canada renewed a 40-year-old Great Lakes environmental pact Sept. 7, pledging stepped-up efforts to reduce pollution, cleanse contaminated sites and prevent exotic species invasions.

The updated Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement binds both nations to continue a cleanup and restoration initiative begun when the freshwater seas were a symbol of ecological decay. Many of their beaches were littered with foul algae blooms and dead fish. The Cuyahoga River, which flows into Lake Erie in Cleveland, was so choked with oil and chemicals that flames erupted on its surface in 1969.

The pact calls for further action on problems that inspired the original agreement three years after the embarrassing river fire and a second version in 1987. It pledges to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity" of the five lakes and the portion of the St. Lawrence River on the U.S.-Canadian border.

It sets targets for reducing nutrients that cause foul algae blooms and recommends further cleanup of harbors contaminated with toxic chemicals.

"This agreement is more than just a commitment to each other," Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson said before signing the document with Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent at the Canadian embassy in Washington, D.C.

The new version includes new sections on challenges that have emerged more recently: climate change, loss of wildlife habitat and a wave of invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels and Asian carp. It also calls for the region's governments to identify potential threats so they can be dealt with before developing into big problems.

The agreement's success will depend on whether state and federal governments carry it out by enacting and enforcing strong laws and providing money, environmental activists said.

"Today we applaud," said John Jackson, director of an advocacy group called Great Lakes United. "Tomorrow we get to work."

President Barack Obama's administration has spent more than \$1 billion on a Great Lakes restoration program and has requested \$300 million for the current fiscal year. But Canada is eliminating hundreds of government scientist positions, and proposals have been made in both countries to weaken clean water laws, said John Jackson, who is not related to Lisa Jackson.

Kent said Canada's federal government would uphold its obligations under the agreement and had begun negotiations with the province of Ontario about carrying out the deal over the next five years.

Along with the federal Clean Water Act, the 1972 agreement was credited with leading governments in the region to ban phosphate detergents, which led to a significant drop-off in algae blooms. But the problem has worsened on Lake Erie and portions of Lake Michigan in recent years, a problem some scientists blame on runoff from farms and cities.

The new agreement requires governments to set phosphorus reduction targets within three years and action plans within five years.

It also sets a two-year deadline for putting together a system for early detection of new invasive species and rapid action to limit their spread.

But it imposes no timelines for finishing cleanup of the region's 43 most heavily polluted areas designated under the 1987 update. The toxic hot spots have problems such as fish with tumors, foul drinking water and beaches unfit for swimming.

Work has been completed on just four — three in Canada and the Oswego River and Harbor in New York — although EPA officials said several others are nearly finished.

U.S. Sens. Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, and Mark Kirk, an Illinois Republican, praised the agreement as co-chairmen of the Senate's Great Lakes Task Force.

"With its emphasis on prevention of environmental damage, the agreement reflects a more cost-effective use of resources, as preventing damage is generally less costly than cleaning up ruined ecosystems," Levin said.

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# Great Lakes Optometry displays new line at Sept. Ray-Ban Show

By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Patients at Great Lakes Optometry first laid eyes on Dr. Brian Matthews in January 2010, when he joined Dr. Dale Johnson in his practice on West Spruce Street, located across from War Memorial Hospital.

In July 2011, Matthews took over the practice, with Johnson retiring but staying on part-time and concentrating on vision therapy, especially for children. As part of his efforts to continually advance the business and in response to patients' requests, Matthews has now added a new line of eyeglasses — the famous Ray-Ban brand.

To celebrate the increased selection for his patients, Matthews and his staff are holding a special Ray-Ban Show on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 1 to 7 p.m. A Ray-Ban representative will be on hand with all types of glasses and sunglasses. Great Lakes Optometry will be the only place in the Eastern Upper Peninsula carrying the brand made legendary in Hollywood.

The show will have a movie theme with a TV playing family movies in which characters wore Ray-Bans. Stop by to see such hits as Men In Black, Top Gun, The Blues Brothers and Breakfast at Tiffany's. Also offered are great discounts,

snacks and raffles and the chance to win a free pair of Ray-Bans.

The business will continue to offer their huge selection of other brands, as well, such as Banana Republic, Carrera, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade and Vera Wang.

Patients will also experience a continuity of care with longtime certified optician Asia Frayne staying on to assist patients in the care and selection of their eyeglasses. Newly hired receptionist Lexi Zenner rounds out the staff.

While optician Frayne dispenses, adjusts and repairs eyeglasses, as an optometrist, Matthews concentrates on eye health. He is a primary care doctor diagnosing and treating glaucoma, especially in diabetics. He performs retinal photography, treats macular degeneration and dry eye, and conducts eye tests and prescribes corrective eyeglasses and contact lens, including specialty fits for contact lenses.

Matthews earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from Ferris University, the only optometry school in Michigan. He was born in Milford, near Detroit, graduated from the local high school and earned a bachelor's degree at University of Michigan in Spanish while concurrently completing his pre-med requirements.

He was working in a downstate optometrist office when he met Johnson while attending the annual

Michigan Optometric Association meeting in Lansing. Johnson was already considering retiring and looking for someone to take over his practice.

Matthews' fiancée at the time, now his wife, is also an optometrist and attended the Lansing meeting as well. Being from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, she struck up a conversation with Johnson as a fellow Sault-area doctor. Johnson offered a position to Matthews and the new partnership was formed with Matthews moving to the Sault shortly afterward.

Although the business logo is new and a new line of eyeglasses is being offered, Matthews said the business will continue at its current location and with the same goal — to provide the eyeglass styles that people want while keeping them affordable. He offers package pricing of frames and lens together as a way of keeping prices lower. The business accepts most insurances, including the Blue Cross Blue Shield program offered through Bay Mills Indian Community.

In an effort to be more available to patients, Great Lakes Optometry has extended hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Patients can usually make an appointment within a week by calling 906-635-9600 and Matthews is available for emergency urgent care.



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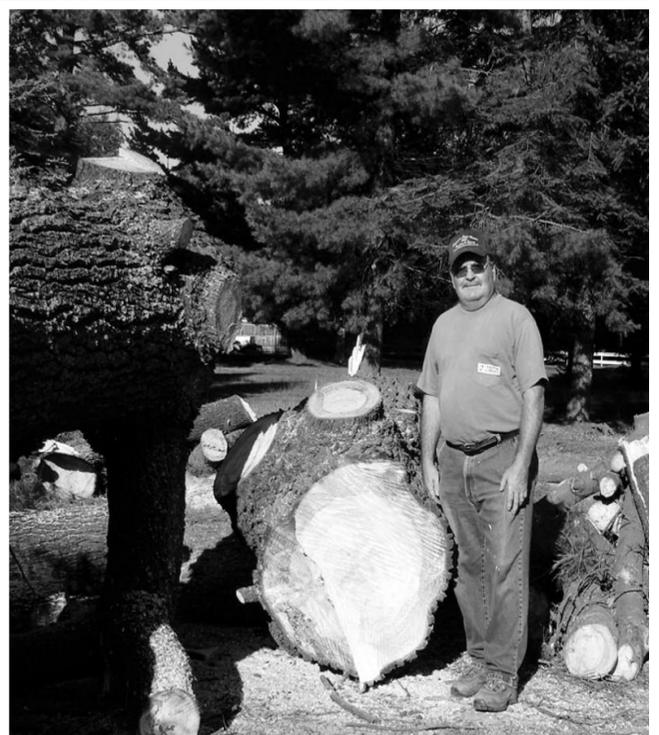
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## Life of tree celebrated before it falls



**HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN** — Above, Pauline Rice-Goetz offers a prayer at a small ceremony held Aug. 27 to honor the life of an historic tree, felled Aug. 29 to make place for an emergency services building. Right, Bay Mills Township employee Jack Dean stands next to the remnants. SHARMYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS



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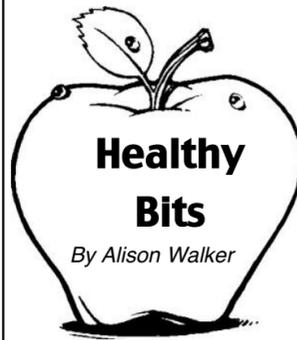
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# Lifestyle



A Healthy Harvest meal was held on Aug. 30 at a lunch for elders at Armella Parker Senior Center with diabetic seniors bingo following. REACH and Bay Mills Community Health staff hosted the meal with assistance from local youth. Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club members who participated in other REACH programs this summer were invited to come help out. Pictured above are Jenna Ferguson, Joseph Shaw and Mason Cameron, in the background are Braden Cameron with Jillian LeBlanc of the Community Health staff.



The first step in any nutrition or fitness plan is to make sure you are healthy enough to begin your new plan. Anyone starting a new diet or fitness regimen should check with a physician first.

Next you should define your goals. What is it you are hoping to accomplish? Weight loss? Better nutrition? Overall fitness? A key point to remember is to start small. Think of a child who is learning how to ride a bike — they cannot

just hop on and expect to learn right away. They must first use training wheels. When deciding your goals for your plan, you should consider both long term and short-term goals. Since you are starting small, I would recommend having your short-term goal last for a week and your long-term goal last for a month.

Remember, these changes you are starting to make should be a lifestyle change in order to see and continue to see results. When designing your new fitness plan it is important to remember the things you enjoy. If you like dancing, try Zumba; if you want an intense cardio and strength training workout, try functional training. Most importantly, don't make working out a chore, switch up your routine if you start to get bored. Remember, there are thousands of different activities that you can choose from — the more you enjoy the activity you plan to do, the more successful you will be!

After the first week or two, you should begin to see or feel changes. Focus on all of the good things you have done, never dwell on a missed gym date, or one bad meal choice. Just keep moving forward. Remember, a weight change of one or two pounds could just be water weight, so always stay hydrated. If you are thirsty, you are already 1 percent dehydrated. One of the most important things you should remember while designing and pursuing your new health and fitness plan is to be patient and have fun. Good luck and feel free to send any questions or suggestions for future articles to aleywalker@yahoo.com.

Alison Walker is a student at Bay Mills Community College studying health and fitness. She also works at Mukwa Fitness Center.

## Fire marshal urges fire safety for college students

Data shows that the university student population is at high risk to fire loss and injury, according to the Michigan Bureau of Fire Services, that today, urges students living on- and off-campus to be aware of fire risks and know the preventative measures that could save their lives.

"As college students across Michigan return to their studies, now is the best time to step up our efforts to guard against the danger of fire in dormitories and in off-campus housing," said State Fire Marshal Richard Miller. "With new-found independence living away from home for the first time, students may think they are invincible. With fire, they need to realize they are not."

According to the U.S. Fire Administration: September and October are the worst months for fire-related emergencies and fatal campus-related fires (23 percent); an estimated 3,800 university housing fires occur each year in the U.S.; and 83 percent of university housing fires are cooking fires. Common factors in deadly campus fires include lack of fire sprinkler systems; missing or disabled smoke alarms; careless smoking; unattended candles; overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords, and the misuse of alcohol, which impairs judgment and hampers evacuation efforts.

Having a working smoke and carbon monoxide detector can save your life. Make sure that your smoke or carbon monoxide detector are working properly and have fresh batteries. Never remove batteries or disable the alarm, and test all smoke alarms monthly.

Here are more important fire safety tips:

### Candles

Avoid using lighted candles. Instead, use battery-operated, flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

Never leave a candle unattended. Extinguish the candle before you leave the room or go to sleep.

A candle is an open flame; keep the candle away from papers, draperies and linens.

Always use a flashlight — not a candle — for emergency lighting.

Use sturdy, safe candleholders that protect the flame from contact with combustible materials.

### Cooking

Follow school rules on in-house cooking and never leave cooking area (stovetop, burners, oven) unattended.

Keep your cooking area clean and uncluttered.

Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an

outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

Keep a working fire extinguisher nearby the cooking area and make sure you know how to use it.

### Smoking

Don't allow smoking inside your dorm room or apartment and NEVER smoke in bed. If you smoke, smoke outside in a designated area.

Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. Never toss hot cigarette butts or ashes in the trash can.

After a party, check for smoldering cigarette butts, especially under cushions. Chairs and sofas catch fire fast and burn fast.

### Electrical and Appliance Safety

Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your dormitory room.

Don't use stoves and microwaves to help heat a cold dorm room or apartment.

Select appliances with automatic shut-off switches.

Don't overload outlets; don't use a series of adaptors to connect numerous machines or devices to an electrical outlet that may result in an overload, power outage, spark or fire.

Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.

### Escape Planning

Identify all emergency exits on your floor; know and practice an escape plan that includes two ways out of every room.

Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.

Smoke is toxic. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to exit.

If you're trapped, call 9-1-1 and tell them where you are. Seal your doors with rags and signal from your window.



SING IT! — Bay Mills tribal member Caitlin Wanic took part in the festivities of the inaugural Sault Riverview Music Festival on Sept 8 on the grounds of city hall. The event brought together local musicians to showcase their talent to community members over two days. The festival was well received by locals and according to event organizers next year will be a much larger venue.

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BAY MILLS NEWS

## Changes in works for federally-funded unemployment benefits

LANSING — As Michigan's federally funded benefits near cessation at the end of this year, federal law mandates an adjustment to the maximum benefit amounts for specific tiers of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program.

Under federal legislation passed earlier this year, the maximum number of weeks available to collect benefits on EUC Tiers 1 and 3 will be lowered. Beginning the week of Sept. 9, the maximum number of weeks available for new EUC Tier 1 claims will be reduced from 20 weeks to 14 weeks. Additionally, the maximum number of weeks available for new EUC Tier 3 claims will change from 13 weeks to 9 weeks. The maximum number of weeks available for Tier 2 benefits remains unchanged at 14 weeks and is not affected by this reduction.

With this adjustment, the maximum number of combined weeks available for Michigan's regular unemployment and EUC will be reduced from a maximum of 73 weeks to a maximum of 63 weeks.

However, the last payable week for any EUC claim will be week ending Dec. 29, 2012, regard-

less of any remaining weeks left on any EUC claim.

The UIA is communicating this information to claimants affected by this change. Additionally, the UIA continues to partner with Michigan Works! Service Centers to offer valuable re-employment, training, and educational opportunities and to provide information to claimants regarding available state resource programs and other supportive services that may be available.

For additional information regarding changes to the EUC program, claimants may contact the UIA in the following ways:

Call the UIA Customer Service Line at 1-866-500-0017 to speak with an agent. Agents will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday. TTY customers should call 1-866-366-0004.

Visit the UIA website at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) to review EUC program updates or to submit an inquiry to the Agency's Virtual Problem Resolution (ViPR) agents who are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST.

Visit a local UIA Problem Resolution Office

(PRO) to speak with an agent in person. PRO offices are located in 14 locations across the state. Please visit the UIA website at [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) to view PRO locations and hours of operation.

Call the Agency's EUC hotline, 1-800-638-3995, for pre-recorded updates about the EUC program.

Due to continued high call volumes, the Agency recommends customers interact with its ViPR agents through an online claim web account. To register for an online claim web account, visit [www.michigan.gov/uia](http://www.michigan.gov/uia) and select "UIA Online Services for Unemployed Workers." Users will be taken to a login page where they can register and create their online account with the Agency.

Those who have exhausted unemployment benefits can find additional resources for health care, family support, housing, and more, by visiting <http://www.michigan.gov/helpinghand>.

Unemployed workers should also visit Pure Michigan Talent Connect at <http://www.mitalent.org> to obtain information regarding job and training opportunities.

### 2012 Presidential Debate Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 9 to 10:30 p.m.. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Domestic policy. Location: University of Denver in Denver, Colo. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Jim Lehrer, host of *Newshour* on PBS.

Thursday, October 11, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: Vice President Joe Biden and Congressman Paul Ryan. Topic: Foreign and domestic policy. Location: Centre College in Danville, Ky. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator is Martha Raddatz, ABSNews Chief Foreign Correspondent.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Town meeting format on foreign and domestic policy. Location: Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Candy Crowley, CNN Chief Political Correspondent.

Monday, Oct. 22, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Participants: President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Topic: Foreign policy. Location: Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. Sponsor is Commission on Presidential Debates. Moderator: Bob Schieffer, host of *Face The Nation* on CBS.

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# Addiction Services available in the Eastern U.P.

Treatment programs for addiction are available in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, and it is important to know that no single approach is effective for all individuals. A qualified assessment will help to determine whether a residential treatment program or out-patient program is indicated, as well as the options for group or individual counseling. Family and friends can play an important role in encouraging people with drug and alcohol additions to enter treatment.

Great Lakes Recovery Centers has a strong presence in the

Eastern Upper Peninsula with residential programs in Sault Ste. Marie for men and women, including their dependent children. They also offer substance abuse outpatient services in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and St. Ignace. Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC) are licensed and accredited, providing clients with a personalized recovery plan and a variety of services designed to support them during treatment and after. Residential treatment programs range from 30 to 120 days; roughly half of the men at GLRC's New Hope House are from the

EUP, while over a third of the admissions to the Women's New Hope House are local. The facilities draw many referrals from outside the region. The outpatient services frequently utilize group counseling with weekly sessions over six to twelve weeks, although intensive treatment programs may be more often or one-to-one with a skilled clinician.

A youth residential treatment facility is operated in Marquette by GLRC for young people between the ages of 12 and 17.

Weber and Devers Psychological Services is another licensed provider of outpatient addiction services. This organization has offices in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and St. Ignace. They offer formal assessments and substance abuse counseling.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Inc. has been awarded a multi-year Access to Recovery grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). They implement the program through partnerships with 12 collaborating tribes, including the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Bay Mills Indian Community. Access to Recovery services are available to eligible adults and adolescents who are enrolled members of the federally recognized tribes in Michigan, members of other tribes, and non-Native family members and descendants. The program will reimburse a full array of treatment and recovery support services in a culturally competent and respectful manner.

Some individuals require medical detox care prior to entering a substance abuse treatment program. War Memorial Hospital has a partnership with GLRC to provide medical clearance for patients prior to their admission into residential detox. A person in withdrawal can benefit greatly with this oversight and management.

Local treatment centers will provide an initial assessment of a person's needs and help determine if insurance coverage, Medicaid or other options are available to fund their services. In addition to residential services or scheduled outpatient treatment programs, many clients can benefit from ongoing relapse-prevention services and

12-step support groups that are accessible throughout the EUP.

Self-help groups exist to connect addicted individuals with others who are trying to recover from a variety of addictions: Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous. Family members who are trying to understand and cope with another's addictive behavior may find support through other self-help groups such as Alateen and Alanon.

Meetings of these groups are frequently listed in community calendars, or they can be obtained from most healthcare providers, churches and substance abuse treatment providers. Information about the AA program and fellowship can be found at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). For information about AA in the

Eastern Upper Peninsula visit [www.eupaa.org](http://www.eupaa.org).

The important thing to know is that treatment works and there are a variety of services available. Family and friends can assist loved ones to find help. Skilled and caring professionals are dedicated to providing a safe, supportive environment with effective methods of helping those struggling with addictions to reclaim their lives. Asking for help and finding the right treatment options are the first steps.

A "Get Help Now" map is featured on the Michigan Department of Community Health at [www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas). Tribal members are invited to contact their respective health services to inquire about substance abuse treatment.

## Lifeline Services Available to low-income residents

As part of Lifeline Awareness Week, the Michigan Public Service Commission has highlighted the discount telephone service available to low-income customers in Michigan.

"Lifeline telephone service discounts are substantial, adding up to \$148 a year for certain customers," noted MPSC Chairman John D. Quackenbush. "The Michigan Public Service Commission encourages low-income telephone customers to apply for the Lifeline program by contacting their local telephone or wireless provider to apply."

To qualify for Lifeline in Michigan, the customer's household income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or the customer must participate in one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; food stamps; supplemental security income (SSI); federal public housing assistance (Section 8); the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); the national school free lunch program; or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

All landline telephone service providers and some wireless telephone service providers offer Lifeline discounts in Michigan. Rules permit one discount per

household. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), at least half of the telephone customers who are eligible for the Lifeline program do not take advantage of the monthly discounts available to them.

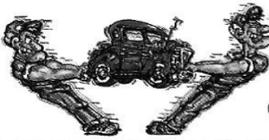
The FCC recently implemented comprehensive reforms to modernize the program and reduce burdens on carriers by establishing a uniform, interim flat rate of reimbursement, allowing carriers to obtain a subscriber's signature electronically and streamlining enrollment through uniform, nationwide eligibility criteria. These reforms, and others, are expected to save at least \$200 million in 2012.

The MPSC's Lifeline consumer tips sheet reflects the latest changes to the program, including income guidelines and other details.

More information is also available on the federal Lifeline website: [lifeline.gov](http://lifeline.gov).

Governor Rick Snyder proclaimed Sept. 10 through Sept. 16 as "Lifeline Awareness Week" in Michigan. The proclamation is designed to highlight the Lifeline program so that all eligible customers are aware of the program and take the steps to sign up.

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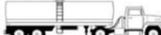
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**LEARNING TRADITION** — Bay Mills Indian Community's assistant cultural coordinator, Jesse Bowen, held a birch bark basket making workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Those who participated, approximately 20, learned the craft of making baskets and enjoyed a pot luck feast.

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# Breastfeeding Awareness Month celebrated by August 24 walk



**BREASTFEEDING OPTION PROMOTED** — On Friday, Aug. 24, staff of the Bay Mills Maternal Infant Health Program marked August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month by organizing a noon walk around the trail near the Wild Bluff Golf Course. Participants were eligible for prizes and t-shirts and healthy snacks were available.

Above, workers at the Baby Breastaurant paused from their duties for a photo: Left to right are Joann LeBlanc, Healthy Start nurse and MIHP coordinator; Mary Schwiderson, MIHP nurse; Jillian LeBlanc, MIHP nurse; Candace Leapley, outreach worker; and Erica Carrick, support coordinator. To the right are two sisters who participated in the walk around the trail. Left to right, Ashley Lothrop and Tara Tremblay with Owen Tremblay riding in style.

Joan LeBlanc stressed the importance of breastfeeding. "How important is breastfeeding? Breastfeeding is good medicine and is as natural as a flowing river. That is the way the Creator made your body. Your baby is an extension of your body and breast milk is the foundation of your baby. Healthy Start promotes breastfeeding as a very important part of their program."

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## September is National Recovery Month

September is National Recovery Month and 2012 marks 23 years of engaging people in issues of substance abuse and dealing with the consequences.

Beginning in elementary school to "just say no," the pressures of using drugs and alcohol have become a recurring presence for many.

Not only does it affect the individuals using or recovering, the choice for people to use can affect family, friends, coworkers and any others who have a spot in their lives.

But a group of people realized that the use of harmful substances was a very big problem and decided to act. In 1989, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration created a day to recognize the importance of prevention, treatment, awareness and recovery support services.

SAMHSA continues to work hard every year to better the lives of people suffering from and recover-

ing from substance abuse and mental health issues.

Transformation has become very prevalent in the lives of many people who were once burdened with the problem of using. Many communities have come together to help defeat the issue, both on a national and local level.

On a national level, SAMHSA National Hotline is available for people to call. On a local level, the Access to Recovery program or substance abuse counseling are available at Bay Mills Health Center, Weber and Dever's, Journey to Healing, among a few options.

The road to recovery can be very difficult, but there are people on your side offering help and wishing for the best outcome.

Contact the following: Bay Mills Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse at 906-248-3204; Great Lakes Recovery Center at 906-632-9809; and the SAMHSA National Hotline at 1-800-662-4357.

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**MOVED BY THE WALL** — The Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was displayed in Sault Ste. Marie last month. The exhibit was displayed on the city hall grounds and was open 24 hours for the weekend. Hundreds of local residents visited to pay their respects to those lost in the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the D.C. memorial, is taken to various cities and towns throughout the country providing Americans with an opportunity to pay homage to the more than 58,000 Vietnam Veterans who gave their lives for their country.

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**REMEMBERING 9/11** — Lawrence Clor, a member of Bay Mills Indian Community has painted a tribute to the first responders of 9/11, Flight 93, the Vietnam Wall and the military serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, titled, "We Will Never Forget." This painting and others Clor has created have been displayed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, at the United Nations in New York City and the American Indian Museum in Washington D.C. For more information, call 906-635-0335.



**CRAZY QUILT** — Every year the Community Quilters create an original large quilt for the Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society to raffle as a fundraiser in October. This year an unfinished quilt top donated by Marilyn Carter was chosen to begin this gift. Diana Baragawanath skillfully matched the fabrics and finished the top to measure 65" x 65". Then every stitchline was hand embroidered with multi-colored stitches of every design by Dotty LeMay. The all cotton fabric is in all the colours of fall and is so named "Crazy for Autumn." It was entered into the Chippewa county fair and was awarded first place in the embroidered quilt category, winning a blue ribbon. This quilt can be seen at the Wheels of History Museum in Brimley. Tickets are still available for you to have this for your own.

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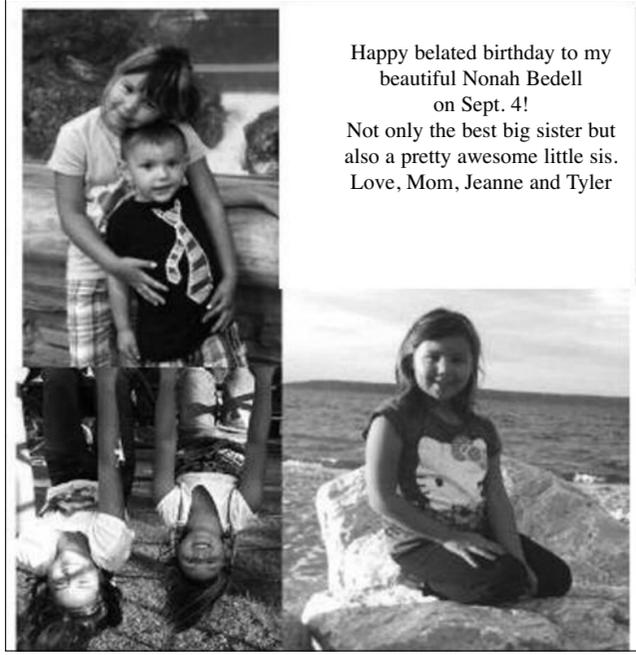
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# NAMES & FACES ...



Happy belated birthday to my beautiful Nonah Bedell on Sept. 4! Not only the best big sister but also a pretty awesome little sis. Love, Mom, Jeanne and Tyler



Proud parents, Adam Murphy and Jessica Noyce, would like to introduce Austin Michael Murphy. He was welcomed into our world July 17, 2012. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Chrissy Noyce of Brimley, Mich. and Debra Murphy of Bay Mills, Mich.

## Apologies to the community ...

Dear Evans family: I'm truly sorry for breaking into your house and being disrespectful. It will never happen again. I know what I did was wrong. I should have thought of the consequences before I did the actions. I'm so sorry once again. Lucy Teeple

To the Evans Family and com-

munity members of Bay Mills: I would like to extend my apologies to everyone that my actions may have affected. Rumors flew around where I was acting out and yes, some of what you have heard is true and that is what I am saying I am sorry for. Not all what you heard is true but I did do wrong and I did take part in things that I would not want done to my stuff or my



Justin Carrick, age 8, was the points champion in the 50 Sr class at the TMC motocross track in Newberry, Mich. Congratulations, Justin. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Kendra and Brooke

family's things. I've had time to think over my actions and if I could redo my mistakes, as I'm sure a lot of us would love to do, I for one would. I'm still dealing for my actions and they will follow me for a lifetime and I want to show you — my family, my friends and community members — that I can do better in the choices that I make. Jacob Daigle.

## Thanks to the community ...

From the bottom of our hearts a most sincere "Thank You" to everyone who attended and those who were there in spirit at the Brimley VFW Hall for the Terry Deuman Hamburger Bash. From the onset of planning through the clean up, it was the most overwhelming show of love anyone could imagine. We are so humbled by our wonderful outstretched community of family and friends for their generosity. A very special "thank you" to Graham Trucking, Four Seasons, Bay Mills Resort & Casinos and the Cozy Inn for the food, beverages and dinnerware. And to all the people who brought delicious casseroles, salads and desserts, along with the kitchen ladies, grilling guys, ticket seller, hostesses at the door, the cute young girls serving trays of cookies, and those who left their donations and went elsewhere due to overfilled capacity.

Please forgive us for not personalizing for fear of

## Thanks from Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society

Phyllis Perkins Meir Taylor had two reasons to celebrate on Sept. 1 — as Chairperson for the Interior Completion of the Brimley Depot, she celebrated its open house by dishing out ice cream toppings while also marking her 88th birthday.

As a fundraiser, the Brimley Bay Mills Historical Society hosted an old-fashioned ice cream social on Sept. 1, which featured music by locals, Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway.

Phyllis joined the Society in 1997, serving as a docent in the Train Museum and working on many fundraising projects for the depot replica.

She was born in Shepherd and moved to Mount Pleasant in 1942, where she graduated from Central Michigan university. She married Ivan Meir that same year after meeting him at a square dance, and the couple had two children. He was killed in a car/train accident in 1947.

She married a longtime friend in 1948, Bill Taylor, a veteran of WWII. After 62 years of marriage, Bill died in 2010. They raised five nieces and nephews after the death of their parents, and had 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Phyllis had visited the Upper Peninsula since the 1940s when her father and some hunting buddies bought 40 acres on Goldade Road.

forgetting someone. The following morning there was a Facebook post about the benefit and how proud this person was of our small town America. We couldn't have said it better ourselves. May God bless you all most kindly and accept our wide open arms of love and gratitude. Most sincerely, The Terry Deuman Family

Thank you to all the golfers that withstood the rain for our golf scramble/fund raiser; to those that paid for the scramble but couldn't make it; to Willabee's Restaurant for their prize donation; to Matt Phipps at Lake Tansi Golf Course for his prize donation; to Bay Mills Executive Council for the raffle license; and to Rob Lussenhop and staff at Wild Bluff Golf Course for making this a success.

Bev Carrick, Autumn and Victoria Aikens

One of these friends later told Phyllis about a house for sale on River Road, which she and her husband purchased in the 1960s. They came up on weekends until finally moving into the house full time in 1982, spending summers in Brimley and wintering in Perdido Beach, Ala.

The Taylors had always been active volunteers both in Michigan and Alabama. They also enjoyed fishing, golf, bowling and Phyllis does needlework as well. She worked on a traveling quilt in which everyone did a square about history. The quilt ended up in England.

Phyllis continues to bowl on a league twice a week. Her love of bowling and the winnings from it added several donations to the Train Museum, including two

plaques naming life members and charter members that hangs in the train.

She also does a lot of charity work and is excited about preserving history. The Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society thanks her for all the work she does and her many contributions.



## Thanks from Lighthouse Committee

In the summer of 1917, the Elmer Byrnes family was living at Point Iroquois Lighthouse. A shortage of food led to the keepers and assistants cultivating as much land as possible for vegetable gardens. All employees of the Lighthouse Service were encouraged to grow their own garden. Some of the vegetables they grew were beets, rutabagas, turnips and potatoes. They also raised chickens for eggs, pigs for meat and a Jersey cow for milk.

In the summer of 2012, Maryann Taylor, a volunteer at Point Iroquois Lighthouse, created a beautiful vegetable garden on the grounds. She is now beginning to harvest tomatoes, squash, cucumbers and many varieties of beans. The corn is not cooperating this year.

We are very grateful to have Maryann with us at the lighthouse. She is always there when needed and will step in for any task at the bookshop or garden. We are very lucky to have her. Point Iroquois Lighthouse Committee



Congratulations to Robin Bedell, aka the G-Pa, for receiving his MNCM – Masters in Network and Communication Management – from Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University on June 2012, with distinction. We are proud of you! Love, Jeanne Ann, Nonah and Ty Tot



Happy belated birthday to our Granty Holly on Sept. 6! We hope you had a great day! Love, Jeanne Ann, Nonah and Ty Tot

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By Sharlene Myers  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — About 20 people spent their lunch hour on Aug. 28, learning how to create healthier homes. The mini conference was hosted by Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and held at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Health Center.

Guest presenter was Sam Flanery, president of the Sparta-based Building Science Academy.

Also speaking were two ITC employees: Environmental Specialist Chris Kushman and Environmental Technician Sheri Laaksonen.

Flanery pointed out that energy efficiency and healthy homes are tied together. He recommended that, for the best results for tribes, housing and environmental departments work closely together.

Although people consider their homes a safe haven, the air inside houses is often worse than the air

outside, Flanery said. Studies show that 500 people a year die of carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes and asthma has become the third leading cause of hospitalization in the U.S.

He outlined seven steps to keep a home healthy: keep it dry, clean, safe, well ventilated, pest-free, contaminant-free and well maintained. "Healthy homes are safe homes and energy efficiency is a result," he said.

Problems to pursue are dust and allergies, moisture, asbestos, lead paint, and bug infestation. In assessing a home, he recommends checking the airflow of the building to identify leaks and the combustion of the furnace. Flanery has found many undetected gas leaks in the houses he checks.

To create healthy ventilation, the furnace should be operating ideally about 80 percent of the time. "The exchange of air needs to be turned over constantly and the furnace needs to run long

enough to condition the air properly," he explained.

Kushman then briefly discussed how better weatherization methods can improve the health of a house by preventing air leakage. An air barrier stops leakage, saves energy, controls pollutants and helps avoid vermin and moisture problems, he said.

He recommended blower door testing, which provides "absolute and repeatable leakage measurements," said Kushman. "This is the ideal starting point for weatherization as it locates air leaks and measures how much ventilation the house provides. Is there enough to support the occupants, or is the air stagnant, or is carbon monoxide present?"

Currently blower door testing is not available in the area, but Jeff Holt, resource specialist for Sault Tribe's planning and development division, said the tribe has applied for a grant from the Department of Energy to purchase infra-red and

blow door testing equipment.

"We hope to be able to start this next spring," he said. "Working through the environmental department and housing, we hope to be able to develop a program for all tribal members and employees. Our goal is that anyone who wants the evaluation can get it, and we can train our people to provide the tests, making more jobs available."

That plan would be agreeable to Flanery, as he believes that tribes should be leading the nation in making healthier homes. "Tribes should be leaders of environmental concerns," he said.

Laaksonen finished up the hour-long presentation by pointing out the many hazards in homes and steps that people can take to prevent tragedies. She presented a gift bag to all participants that included toxic-free cleaning products, a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, lead surface test and a childproofing kit.

## Attention Bay Mills tribal members:

A regularly scheduled General Tribal Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Horizons Conference Center. All tribal members are encouraged to attend as a quorum is needed to conduct business.





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## Teacher pensions take a hit

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has continued to set his sights on cuts in education, this time taking aim at teacher pensions in hopes of curtailing the retirement systems unfunded liabilities.

"Resolving this tremendous debt and financial burden helps our schools, our children, the taxpayers of Michigan and ultimately our school employees by ensuring their retirement benefits are funded," Snyder said. "I appreciate all the hard work by the Legislature to get this done."

On Sept. 4 Snyder signed a bill that eliminates state-provided health coverage in retirement for new hires. Employees hired after Sept. 4 will no longer receive health coverage in retirement. Instead they will be placed in a 401(k) plan that includes an employer match of 2 percent.

When their employment ends they will receive a lump sum deposit. The bill also requires current public school employees to pay more for their health care. Current employees will pay between 4 to 7 percent for their pension, depending upon their plan, and will continue to make a 3 percent contribution to the retirement system; this will be used to prefund the retirement system. Employees will have the option to opt out of the 3 percent contribution if they move into a 401(k) plan, which does have the matching 2 percent contribution.

Retirees will also see their share of health insurance premiums jump from the current 10 percent to 20 percent if they are under the age of 64 as of Jan. 1, 2013. Those 65 and older will remain at the same 10 percent share.

Snyder's latest move didn't receive a warm reception from

the Michigan Education Association.

"This legislation eliminates retiree health insurance for future school employees. Given the attacks on their rights, wages, benefits, and retirement security, why would the best and brightest students consider a career in education?" said MEA President Steven Cook. "And what does that mean for the future of public education in Michigan?"

The bill also requires a financial impact cost study in regards to new hires to be completed by Nov. 15.

The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Services provides the retirement services and benefits for 551 school districts, 70 public school academies, seven universities, 28 community colleges, 57 intermediate school districts and 11 libraries. The system serves more than 440,000 members.

## Walking On

### Ken Fazzari

Kenneth James Fazzari (Stubborn Italian) died Aug. 22, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He was born Oct. 29, 1943 to Rosa (Sylvestro) Fazzari of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada and Michele Fazzari of Calabria, Italy.

He was a lifelong resident of the Sault, graduating from Loretto Catholic High School in 1961. He attended Lake Superior State College for two years before transferring to Western Michigan University to earn a bachelor's degree in biology.

Ken was a longtime writer and editor-in-chief for The Evening News. After 33 years, his last article was published April 7, 2000, titled, "It was a long run, for the most part a good run." He also had a short stint as owner of the bar, Belvedere Ship Lounge, and served in the National Guard for six years.

He belonged to the Sports Writers Hall of Fame, Christopher Columbus Hall, U.P. Editors and the Laker Club and was a self-proclaimed sports aficionado. He loved deer hunting, fishing and camping and spent many evenings crabbing about the Lions, Tigers and Pistons.

Ken is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Joy (Otis) Fazzari; three sons, Joe (Ruth) Fazzari, Tony (Carmen) Fazzari and Steven (Kelli) Fazzari; six sisters, Nancy Kelley, Antoinette (Jerry) Mancuso, Frances Hoholik, Anne Marie (Jim) Woodall, Carolyn (Joe) Howie and Rose Ann (Steve) Barner; a brother, Raymond (Dora) Fazzari; a cousin, Brian Short; an uncle, Frank Sylvestro; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, his infant brother, Michael James, and his brothers-in-law, Kenneth Kelley and Michael Hoholik.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Hospice of the EUP.

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### Jean LaRue

Jean Lenore LaRue died Aug. 26, 2012 at the home of her daughter in Cheyenne, Wyo. after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born Oct. 26, 1926 in North Rudyard, Mich. to James and Essie Leazier.

She grew up in Hulbert and worked for the J. Shepherd Manufacturing Company there, specializing in the manufacture of wooden bowls and handles. On July 27, 1947, she married Alton Charles LaRue.

Jean worked as a motel maid for many years. She was a past member of TOPS, Royal Neighbors of America and the Ladies Auxiliary of Hulbert American Legion. She was famous for her chocolate chip cookies and was known as a wonderful cook, especially over the holidays. Every summer she took her children to pick berries and she always had a big garden and did a lot of canning. Her grandchildren were her passion and she spent hours playing games with them. In her later years, she did a lot of traveling with her daughter, including going to Disney World at age 78 and going down Splash Mountain, Runaway Train and the GM Race Track.

Surviving Jean are her daughter, Jean Carol LaRue of Cheyenne, Wyo.; three sons, James (Darlene) LaRue of Clarkston and Blake (Jaimie) LaRue and Charles (Debbie) LaRue, both of Brimley; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Leah Sobczynski of Sault Ste. Marie and Ann (Andrew) DeWitt of Hulbert; and a brother, Brian (Mary) Leazier of Holland.

She was predeceased by her husband; a son, Alton LaRue, Jr.; two grandsons, Charles LaRue Jr. and Craig LaRue; her parents; three sisters, Pearl Leazier, Reba Welty and Rhea Mercier; and five brothers, Herschel, Blake, James, Bruce and Brice Leazier.

Funeral services were held Sept. 1 at the Hulbert American Legion Post with Pastor Joseph Leazier officiating, and burial at Hulbert Township Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Hospice, 6000 Sycamore Road, Cheyenne WY 82009.



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# Announcements

### Adoption special

Chippewa County Animal Shelter is having an adoption special on cats until Oct. 31. Adopt a spayed/neutered cat for only \$5 and a kitten for only \$25. Those who adopt a kitten will receive a free spay/neuter surgery gift certificate. The shelter is located at 3660 S. Mackinac Trail.

### Flu clinics planned

Flu clinics are planned for Oct. 10 at Bay Mills Resort & Casinos (adults only) from 12 to 6 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Bay Mills Health Center. Cost is \$15 per person. The clinic is free to tribal members/employees, Medicare-B and Medicaid insured. Please wear short sleeves.

### GED program

The GED program at Bay Mills Community College will be holding classes Monday through Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call Mary Harris at 906-248-8445 for more information or stop in the BMCC library.

### Scavenger hunt planned

Show off your photography skills in this challenge Saturday, Oct. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mukwa Fitness Center. Buy an individual ticket for \$30 or \$45 for teams of two or three to help support the Mukwa Health and Fitness Center in funding the Obstacle Course Project. Photos will be judged at 4:15 p.m. Oct. 6, so be sure to bring a digital camera and extra batteries. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places. Please drink plenty of water and follow regular safety rules and regulations. Mukwa Center is not responsible for injuries that could take place during this event. Register at Mukwa Fitness Center by Wednesday, Oct. 3 in order to

receive a t-shirt. Registration prices will go up \$10 after Oct. 3. Contact Alison Walker at aleywalker@yahoo.com or John Krentz at 906-248-9009.

### Local Sierra Club hits #20

Three Lakes Group of Sierra Club is planning two October events to celebrate their 20th anniversary. A Harvest Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham, Sault Ste. Marie, featuring local food. Also featured is guest speaker, Natasha Lanz, community liaison for the Marquette Food Co-op, presenting "Mindful Eating: Eating Healthy for Ourselves and the Planet." Entrance by donation, reservations must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 2. Contact Diane Meyer at 906-635-1003 or dhobmeyer@gmail.com.

Then, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bayliss Library in Sault Ste. Marie, the group will present a 30-minute film by Michigan documentary filmmaker, Chris Bedford. "Getting Real About Food and the Future" is designed to promote local and regional food in communities toward local food security. Betty Nolan of Building Healthy Communities Coalition will lead a discussion following the movie.

In addition, monthly fall programs for the Three Lakes Group of Sierra Club will be held at Bayliss Library in Sault Ste. Marie. Cookies and refreshments will be offered. On Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Derek Wright of Lake Superior State University will discuss climate change and its impacts in the Great Lakes region. The presentation will look at temperature and precipitation and the effects of changes and their potential impacts on regional biodiversity and Great Lakes hydrology.

### Quilt raffle nears

Tickets for the 2012 Quilt Raffle are still available at the Train Museum, downtown Brimley. Bay Mills Brimley Research Society is conducting the fundraising raffle and the Community Quilters group donated the quilt. The 63-inch by 64-inch "Crazy For Autumn" quilt, done in fall colors, is 100 percent machine-wash-and-dry cotton and was pieced by Marilyn Carter and hand embroidered by Doty LeMay. It is on display at the museum.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Sunday, Oct. 14.

### Seeking junkers

Bay Mills Fire Department is seeking old vehicles they can use for extrication training. Anyone with an old junker that they want to get rid of should call 906-437-5437 and fire department staff will come and haul it away. Donors can be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$300.

### Harvest Dinner

On Friday, Sept. 21 Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society will hold their 2012 Harvest Dinner as a fundraiser. The event will take place in the Brimley High School Cafeteria from 4:30 to 7 p.m. On the menu: Turkey, scalloped potatoes, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, salads and homemade desserts. Adults: \$8, children 5 to 10: \$4, and children 4 and under are free.

### Parent Committee meets

Brimley Area School's Title VII Indian Education Program will hold its organizational meeting of the Parent Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 408. All parents and guardians of Native American students enrolled in Brimley Area Schools are invited

to attend and help plan exciting programs for the kids.

### Edmund Fitzgerald recalled

In a joint effort, Bay Mills Brimley Historical Society, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bay Mills Indian Community are planning a fundraiser for the Point Lighthouse Committee to support their interpretive projects and programs offered to the public.

"In The Wake Of The Edmund Fitzgerald" will take place Saturday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at

Miigiizi Hall on Bay Mills Community College West Campus. Guest presenters are BMIC member L. John Lufkins, a heroic survivor of the great Nov. 10, 1975 storm, and Tom Farnquist, founder of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society.

The program will also feature a display of Edmund Fitzgerald artwork and photos, many of which have never before been presented to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.



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## Sierra Club chapter marks 20th anniversary

By Sharlene Myers  
BAY MILLS NEWS

SAULT STE. MARIE — Three Lakes Group of the Sierra Club is marking its 20th anniversary in October with a harvest dinner, featuring guest speaker, Natasha Lanz, the community liaison from Marquette Food Coop.

The event, titled "Mindful Eating: Eating Healthy for Ourselves and the Planet," will be held Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Street in the Sault. Entrance is by donation and reservations must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 2 by contacting Diane Meyer at 96-635-1003 or dhobmeyer@gmail.com.

The local Sierra Club group first began due to the influence of a Sierra Club member — Mike Wagner — who had moved to the Sault to teach at Lake Superior State University. He had become certified as a National Service trip leader and led his first trip the year he moved to the Sault, where he continued his involvement and formed the local branch. Diane Meyer has served as conservation chair and Annemarie Askwith as treasurer since the group's 1992 inception.

Wagner served as chairperson until 1994, when he moved to take a position with the Department of Natural Resources in Wisconsin. Bryce Smith, another LSSU professor, took over as chair for a few years, followed by Floyd Byerly; for the past 9 years, Roger Blanchard, currently a professor at LSSU, has filled

the chair position.

The membership covers Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce and Schoolcraft counties and has grown from its initial membership of 50 members to about 100 today. The active core group that is involved in organizing events has increased from five in the early years to its current dozen.

The goals of the group are the same as the mission of the Sierra Club itself: to explore, enjoy and protect the environment. In its first year, the group sponsored a Candidate's Forum, which offered candidates the opportunity to explain their stances on the environment. The group has also been active in dozens of hearings in the U.S. and Canada involving wolf recovery, the tannery superfund site, Great Lakes issues and state and federal forestry issues.

The group also conducts outdoor outings. Smith led weekly snowshoe treks for many years; Byerly led many canoe and kayak camping trips; and Blanchard has led trips to Pictured Rocks, Isle Royal and Quetico Provincial Park and White River in Ontario.

There are many ways people can become involved with the group. Programs are scheduled for September through November and February through April, usually on the second Thursday of the month. General meetings take place at least six times a year during the months there are no programs.

Three Lakes Group can be contacted by emailing Annemarie Askwith at askwitha@lighthouse.net.

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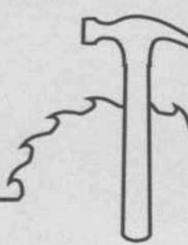
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