SAULT STE. MARIE - Lake Superior State University celebrated the momentous occasion of commencement on Saturday, April 27 at the Taffy Abel Arena. During the 57th Commencement Ceremony 561 degrees were awarded. Chemistry, engineering, geology, nursing, and education programs all boast nearly 100 percent placement rates in public and private-sector jobs, or admission into graduate school within one year of graduation.

President Hanley greeted the audience of students, alumni, family, friends, faculty, and staff and welcomed them to the event. He then introduced Karen Hughes Beacom, who sang the national anthems of both Canada and the United States of America.

Ann Parker, Chair, Board of Trustees formally installed Hanley as the tenth Lake Superior State University president and officially welcomed him to the University.

Hanley’s inaugural address challenged graduates by asking, “What new ideas, discoveries, improvements will you make to the betterment of yourself and the broad breadth of humanity that is all our responsibility to serve?”

He also referenced author David Brooks’, latest book, The Second Mountain – The Quest for a Moral Life which speaks of a second mountain where life moves from the focus of being self-centered to the other-centered. “My hope today is that your education here at Lake Superior State University has given you the tools, motivation, and the will for you to find that task, purpose, or calling that best suits your talents and abilities to put you on the pathway to finding your second mountain.”

Hanley closed his remarks with his hopes for graduates, “And, as a member of the class of 2019, it is my hope that you will – that in some way – choose a pathway of service and commitment.”

Dr. Lynn Gillette, provost and vice-president of Academic Affairs presented longtime communications professor, Dr. George Denger, with the Distinguished Teaching Award. A committee consisting of recent award recipients, along with graduating students, solicited nominations from students, co-workers, and alumni.

Denger accepted the prestigious award with great humor that kept the audience in stitches. He referenced an Abraham Lincoln quote, “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt” and joked that in this case he didn’t seem to have that option available. Dr. Denger then called this development “very pleasantly bizarre” and asked for time to collect his ruminations on the “extremely startling, wonderful, and strange event”, inviting everyone to join him at the Crow’s Nest after commencement.

Dr. Gillette introduced the Student Respondent, Molly Campbell. Campbell is an Ontari-native and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry, summa cum laude, and plans to continue her studies in medical school in the fall.

Campbell gave an inspiring speech on her time at LSSU, and encouraged her peers to embrace the future. “While we don’t know for sure what the future will hold, we should be confident that we are well prepared for whatever comes our way.” Campbell also made a point to thank everyone, from family and friends to faculty, that helped the graduates along their way.

“If your dreams don’t scare you, then dream a little bigger. Learn from your mistakes. Get back up when you fall down, and keep going,” Campbell asserted.

The ceremony ended with smiles, hugs, and congratulations abound from friends, families, faculty, and staff while Aabizii, Traditional Native American drummers from Brimley, performed an honor song during the Recessional.
A new approach to substance abuse

BY BRYAN NEWLAND, Bay Mills Tribal Chairman

Last month, Bay Mills Indian Community joined with hundreds of other tribes, local governments, and state governments to file a lawsuit against the makers and distributors of prescription painkillers. Many of these companies have recklessly flooded communities with these dangerous drugs, knowing that they will be abused.

This lawsuit is not a class-action lawsuit; rather, Bay Mills has filed its own lawsuit for the unique harm that these drugs have posed here in our community. Some of the harm includes the cost of placing children in foster homes due to substance-abuse related issues, as well as addiction treatment costs and law enforcement costs that arise as a result of drugs like Suboxone, which is used to treat opiate addiction. The harm that has resulted from the opiate epidemic has widespread ripple effects.

I recognize that some people have concerns about lawsuits, in general, and bringing action against big drug companies. I have fielded questions from tribal members and others about the importance of personal responsibility when dealing with substance abuse. Make no mistake: many of these corporations knew that they were putting people at risk, including here at Bay Mills, when they marketed these drugs directly to consumers, and flooded small communities with millions of doses.

This litigation is only one piece of a larger, and more comprehensive effort we have undertaken to address substance abuse here at Bay Mills. The very first resolution that the current Executive Council adopted in 2017 was to establish a Tribal Action Plan to change our approach to substance abuse. After spending more than a year developing that plan, we have adopted it and put it into effect. It is available to read on our tribal website, and will be continuously updated to meet our needs.

The philosophy behind our Tribal Action Plan is to coordinate across our tribal government, community organizations, and community members, on how we deal with substance abuse and many of the issues that lead to substance abuse. We are working to create “on ramps” to services for treatment, and provide more opportunities for people to have a healthy social and community life. Over the long term, we are trying to promote a positive view of Bay Mills, strengthen our ties to one another, and promote the resilience of our culture.

In addition to the Tribal Action Plan, we are continuing our work with the Healing to Wellness Court. This program has been in effect for five years with the Bay Mills Tribal Court, and is intended to divert people who have been charged with drug-related crimes into treatment programs. Unlike other drug courts in larger population centers, the Bay Mills Healing to Wellness Court is able to provide individual attention to its participants and celebrate their journey to wellness. The program has been successful for a number of tribal members, in getting them the tools they need to stay sober, helping them with employment, and helping heal deep wounds that lead to substance abuse.

Since filing our lawsuit against the prescription drug companies, I’ve been asked how we can claim to address substance abuse while also legalizing the recreational use of marijuana. This is a fair question.

Removing the criminal consequences for substance abuse is one of the keys to effectively helping people. The criminalization and stigmatization of addiction has been one of the great failures of drug policy in America. It simply doesn’t work. People will hide their problems, and refuse help, if they are criminalized and ostracized.

Our goal with the Tribal Action Plan is to remove the stigma and risk of imprisonment for people who are suffering from addiction, and provide more opportunities for our community members to get the help they need to walk the path to a healthy life.

This work is personal for me. It is personal for every Bay Mills tribal member – there is not a family in our community that has not been hurt from substance abuse and addiction. Ignoring this problem has failed. The old way of dealing with this problem, through crime and social ostracization, has failed. We are going to do something different, and we will never give up on strengthening every family in our community and promoting Mino Bmaadziwin here at home.

As many of you know, we have been dealing with wild animals coming into residential neighborhoods the past several years. Our local population has grown significantly in the past two decades, and our community is very densely populated for being in such a rural area. This means: our neighborhoods are encroaching on wildlife habitat; wildlife is becoming more accustomed (and less fearful of) our presence; and gardens and garbage are being concentrated in neighborhoods. All of this works together to attract deer, nuisance animals, and predators closer to our homes.

While these animals are our relatives, it can be unsettling to see them near our homes. Our Biology and Conservation Departments will continue to respond to calls and work to safely remove these animals from our neighborhoods. But, we will continue to see these animals in our community. It is important that everybody take personal responsibility for avoiding dangerous encounters with wildlife. Important steps include: keeping pets on a leash or under your control; keeping garbage and waste in sealed containers, and locked in a shed or garage; bringing your trash to the compacter, instead of leaving it on your property; not disposing of animal remains near homes; and, taking down bird feeders and other things that attract these animals when they’ve been reported in your neighborhood. These commonsense actions can go a long way to preventing a bad interaction between wildlife and your pets, or yourself.

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

You can reach me at 906-248-8100 or bnewland@baymills.org. My official Facebook Page is “Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman.”
Executive Council discusses business

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS - Bay Mills Executive Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Here are the reports from the last two meetings:

April 22

After approving the minutes from the April 8 meeting, council moved into reports.

Chairman Bryan Newland noted he is working on a few key projects as his priority, given he has a term of about 6 months left in office.

His priorities will include financing the new health center, completing Plantation Hills, developing/expanding enterprise operations and treat fishing negotiations.

Tribal Manager Duane Bedell discussed the completion of the BIA Model Contract and work being done with the health center retention committee. Bedell is also working with Education Director Shannon Belk on the education banquet budget.

Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram is working on space for HR and compliance in the new offices plan. He is continuing to work on the tribe’s business plan as well.

Health Center Director Audrey Breakie was out of town so no report was given.

Bay Mills Resort & Casino General Manager Richard LeBlanc noted he is looking at overall expenses in regards to promotions the last few years to determine what is working. The resort is continuing to be watchful of their bottom line.

In old business, the council passed a motion to bring wages up to par with the state’s minimum wage. A measure to transfer MILCSA Land Trust Fund monies into a different account was passed. The intent of the transfer is to get a better return on the fund.

In new business, the following items were approved:
- A conditional gaming waiver for an employee;
- Grant request for the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund, which requires no match;
- Child Welfare Committee vacancy with the spot to be filled by Katie Corbiere;
- Donation request for the Brimley Principal’s Award Banquet in the amount of $300;
- Donation to the Sugar Island Pow Wow in the amount of $1,000; and
- Poll votes were reaffirmed for a travel donation and support for submission of public works and economic adjustment assistance programs grant.

May 13

After approving the minutes from April 22 and the agenda, reports were given.

In reports, Chairman Newland touched on the following items:
- Work on financing the new health center is ongoing, with hopes to break ground next spring;
- Phase 2 of the Plantation Hills water/sewer project is still waiting approval;
- Work is being done on how land trust monies are invested in the future;
- 2020 fishing negotiations are taking place with other tribes;
- Opioid litigation has been filed with a briefing call in the coming days;
- The Tribal Action Plan has been initiated;
- Consultation is taking place regarding the Enbridge pipeline;
- The social media campaign Destination Bay Mills launched, which is intended to drive tourism to the local area;
- Tribal Manager Bedell noted he recently attended grant training at the West Campus and found the information valuable. In light of the recent water main breakage, evaluation of the tribe’s Emergency Response Plan is taking place. The plan was followed and worked out well considering the situation, but some changes could improve it.

CFO Bertram is continuing to work on Kronos changes with IT taking part in a meeting next week. Quotes have come in regarding a new Exchange server, but were on the high end. Bertram is looking at staggering the costs.

GM LeBlanc’s report was read into the record as he was unable to attend the meeting. He noted that spring cleaning is taking place at the casino properties. The job fair did take place but had a low turnout. New linens were purchased for the resort at a cost of $15k. Research is ongoing concerning the implementation of boat fuel sites near the resort.

In new business, the following items were approved:
- Organizational Chart;
- Funding for the 2019 Educational Banquet;
- Resolution designating May as Bay Mills Healing to Wellness Court Month;
- Resolution to support submission of the Good Health in Indian Country grant;
- Resolution to participate in the Nation-Side Elder Needs Assessment (Title VI Grant prep);
- Donation of $200 to Pendill’s Fishing Day for Kids; and
- Reaffirmation of poll votes regarding leases, emergency travel donation, and support for submission of small ambulatory program.

A policy exception request for BMRC was tabled at this time.

In tribal member comment, a resident addressed the council regarding runoff from the golf course causing erosion in her yard.

The next meeting of the Executive Council will take place on Monday, June 10 at 3 p.m. in the tribal administration building.
How far can we raise the debt ceiling?

By Sharon M. Kennedy

A few weeks ago, I interviewed a lady who decided to ride across the U.S. on horseback. She didn’t make a deal with anyone or ask for a handout from foreign nations. She bankrolled herself. She’s small in stature, but her steely determination to ride 2,000 miles from Montana to Albuquerque made her appear as large and fearless as a giant. Her name is Bernice Ende aka “Lady Long Rider.” If any reader is interested, her book is available from Amazon. It’s titled Lady Long Rider: Alone Across America on Horseback.

What got me thinking about Bernice and her fierce independence is the miserable financial state of our country. I don’t know who decided it was a good idea to borrow money and get into debt beyond any hope of repaying what we owe. Imagine if we ran our households that way. It wouldn’t be long before Repo Man would be knocking on our front door. And there wouldn’t be any chance of us slipping out the back door because his partner would be standing guard there waiting to nab us as we fled.

We are a debtor nation, something I don’t think anyone in Washington, D.C. is aware of or concerned about. I wonder if anyone in our country even knows what a debtor nation is or the consequences that go with it. Currently we have $22 trillion in unpaid borrowed funds. Most of us panic if our debt, not including the mortgage or car payments, surpasses $22,000. Reckless spending has resulted in reckless borrowing. For years I’ve said the day will come when the proverbial Pied Piper must be paid. What will we do then?

Congress continues to raise the debt ceiling so, in theory, this won’t happen. In layman’s terms, raising the debt ceiling simply means increasing the amount of debt the U.S. can carry at any given time. This is a somewhat complicated song and dance routine that’s not easy to follow. I have no intention of trying to explain it here because it would take someone skilled in economics or government misuse of funds or the Federal Banking System or the Treasury Department or the federal reserve and I doubt even all those brilliant folks didn’t have the slightest clue of what was going on in 2007 when the bailouts started due to the collapse of the housing industry aided and abetted by investment banks.

If the debt ceiling is not raised, America defaults on her loans. If this happens, the dollar is even more useless than it is today. Remember, it’s fiat money which means it isn’t backed by anything more substantial than a handshake. We can’t imagine the impact default would have on the rise of interest rates, the loss of programs like Social Security and Medicare, and the end of the dollar as global world currency. If we didn’t default but simply stopped paying interest on Treasury bills, notes, and bonds that wouldn’t be so good either.

I don’t understand how our government can continue borrowing money while simultaneously collecting substantial amounts from the American workforce. I know bulbous corporations get tax breaks because they are the “job creators,” pardon me while I laugh. The average worker is taxed to the hilt. Where do these tax dollars go? We see a breakdown of our property taxes. Why not of the federal taxes? I think people would be amazed and outraged if they knew how their money was being spent.

Maybe someday such a bill will pass both houses of Congress and some president will sign it into law. I won’t be around to see it, but I’ll predict what will happen. American taxpayers will revolt and storm the hallowed halls of our government.

Kennedy is a freelance writer who resides in Brimley.
Alanah Strole shows Bays Ways throughout the school. Alanah is a hard worker, she is a great writer and drawer. She is a great friend to those in her class. She shows patience and understanding when dealing with others around her. We enjoy Alanah's happy and bubbly personality. She is a reading machine and we love her contribution to our class. Way to go Alana! -Mrs. Leep

At this time of the year it is often difficult to focus, but Iris Garvon continues to improve her work habits. She has shown great maturity lately and has really learned to produce quality work in a timely manner. Her penmanship and coloring has become superb as a result of her hard work. Iris gets along well with everyone and is very social. She has learned to balance her work and socialization time wisely. In all school settings, she shows wonderful behavior. It is a joy to have her as a part of our classroom community. You should be very proud of yourself and continue to work hard! Keep striving to do your best, Iris! You will do great in first grade! - Mrs. Hill

Our Student of the Month for April is a very deserving girl named Ashley Johnson. Her work is always very neat. When it comes to penmanship, she has excellent handwriting. Ashley is always listening during lessons and knows what to do on every assignment. She does well academically because of this awesome ability to watch each lesson closely. Ashley always uses an appropriate voice level and shows model student behavior throughout the day. She has worked all year to become an independent student. Her confidence has grown tremendously, and she now knows she can do anything. Ashley is always very excited about these accomplishments and daily learning! Keep up the great work, Ashley! Continue to work hard and you will excel in first grade! -Mrs. Hill

Aubree Hill is one of the most helpful students I have ever taught. She arrives at school each-and-every day ready to learn. She comes right into class and gets started on her morning work right away. When she is finished, I can often find her helping a friend, asking to be a “checker”, or wanting to complete a small task for me. Aubree is a kind, generous, considerate and great friend to her peers. Keep up the great work, Aubree! - Mrs. Castagne

Alaina Tremblay has been voted by her classmates as the Student of the Month of April in Ms. McPherson’s first grade class! What a perfect role model and excellent choice. She is a leader in our classroom and is always ready to learn, body basics, and awesome listening. Alaina is respectful in school and on the playground where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard, and always has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hall, and bathroom. She is kind and helpful in our classroom and at school. She is always ready to lend a hand. Alaina is a responsible learner as she completes her tasks in a timely manner, follows directions, and always does a quality job. She also makes good decisions when it comes to safety. We are thrilled to have Alaina in our classroom and look forward to her leadership every day. -Ms. McPherson
Hadley Woods is a fun-loving, multi-talented young lady. She is a well rounded student who brings a wealth of knowledge to classroom discussion. Hadley has excellent work habits and consistently turns in high quality work. She is a caring student who enjoys helping her teacher as well as her classmates. Keep up the great work Hadley! -Mrs. Gros

Brendon Johnson is a very quiet boy, however, he does a wonderful job following the Bays' Way's. He always appears to be ready to learn and doesn't have any trouble following directions the first time they are given. Brendon always has his homework done on time and he works hard to learn all of his challenge spelling words each week. He is a very hard worker in the classroom and does a great job getting along with everyone. I have really enjoyed getting to know Brendon this school year and will miss having him in class next year! -Mrs. Schaedler

Luke Toms is an absolute pleasure to have in class. He is a great friend to all of his classmates. Luke always pitches in when someone needs help and is happy to work with anyone in the class. He willingly does all tasks that are asked of him. Luke has extra things to deal with every day, but he takes it like a champ. Luke is very conscientious about completely his work. He gets started on all assignments right away and completes them all on time. We are fortunate to have him in our classroom. Way to go, Luke! -Ms. Peller

Carlin Tadgerson arrives at school always ready to learn. He works very hard in class each day. Carlin makes a great effort to ensure that all of his assignments are handed in on time. He is very friendly and kind to his classmates and will help others without asking for anything in return. Carlin sets a good example for his classmates when it comes to following the Bays's Ways. He follows classroom rules and he is always ready to learn! Congratulations Carlin!!! Keep up the great work! -Mrs. VerStrate

Cole Emplit has really been working hard to earn this award. He has been focused on being respectful especially when some of his classmates are not. He has been very responsible about turning in all of his assignments and making sure to get his name on them. I appreciate that Cole comes to class every day ready to learn, always has something interesting to share in our class discussions, and he is willing to put in the work to answer a challenging problem that some students would give up on or not even attempt. Congratulations Cole on earning April SOTM! -Mrs. Rogers

Holden LeBlanc is such an amazing boy who has a kind heart and always does more than is required of him. He always has a smile to share and a wonderful thought to contribute. I have loved having him in my classroom this year and he will be greatly missed when he is in 5th grade. Keep up the outstanding work, Holden! -Mrs. Jarvi

Derek Carrick is always considerate of others and treats everyone with respect. He follows all of our Bays' Ways rules and can be counted on to make good choices, even when others do not. He does a responsible job with his assignments and has been on the Honor Roll all three marking periods. We are glad he is in our class. -Mrs. Hope

Summer Kinney is a good student that has been on Honor Roll twice this year. She follows the Bays' Ways. She is kind to her classmates and helpful. She is cheerful and seems to enjoy being at school. Summer played basketball this year too. We appreciate Summer's positive attitude and willingness to help others. -Mrs. Osborne

Although quiet, Morgan Barnes fits in well with her classmates. Many of them are very happy to call her friend. Morgan is also an excellent student. She stays on top of her assignments and is always prompt at turning them in. She is a consistent honor roll student. Moran thinks things through, and asks questions when she is unsure of the direction she should take when completing her work. It is a joy to have Morgan in the classroom. Congratulations, Morgan! Keep up the good work! -Mrs. Hutchins

Bill to forgive snow days signed by Gov. Whitmer

LANSING - Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed House Bill 4206 to forgive four additional snow days that occurred while the state was under a state of emergency due to extreme cold temperatures during the 2018-2019 school year.

“Our state continues to experience more erratic and extreme weather patterns every year, which affects our schools, economy and way of life,” Whitmer said. “This legislation will provide certainty to families and school districts who need to prepare for the end of the school year, but we need to get serious about tackling this problem in the future and ensuring that students receive a quality education.”

Under current law, public schools may cancel up to six school days per year due to emergencies, such as snowfall or frigid temperatures, and may ask the Michigan Department of Education to forgive an additional three days. Many school districts across the state faced double-digit snow days after record-low temperatures and wind chills led Governor Whitmer to declare a state of emergency to address threats to public health and safety.

House Bill 4206, sponsored by Representative Ben Frederick (HD-85), will take immediate effect.
OCS names April Students of the Month

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

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

**Damien Ball** - Kindergarten: Ms. Heikkinen

Damien has made great improvements in all areas of school over the last few weeks. He has been helpful in the classroom with myself and other classmates. He has become more involved in his lessons and has become a great student throughout the year.

**Dominic Germain** - 1st/2nd Grade: Mrs. Dell

Dominic has grown greatly over this year. He has been making wise choices and has shown great determination when doing his schoolwork. He enjoys teaching and helping his fellow classmates.

**Zak Forrester** - 3rd/4th Grade: Mrs. Bowen

The student of the month for April is Zakary Forrester. Zak is an excellent student whose bright energy and enthusiasm makes our classroom a better place! Zak is a student who wastes no time. He comes into class, gets busy working on his assignments, participates in class, and follows instructions. On top of being a great student, Zak is also a great person. He is friendly, helpful, kind, and always smiling. Zak’s hard work, passion for learning, desire to do well, and excellent personality are a great combination for success. I have no doubt that he will be very successful in the future. Great work Zak!

**Thaddeus Wright** - 5th/6th Grade: Mrs. Ennes

Student of the month for April is Thaddeus Wright. Thadd is polite and kind to both classmates and staff. He shows up for the day with a positive attitude and is ready to work. Thadd will often redirect and encourage classmates to stay on task. I know that Thaddeus is going to keep up the good work and finish the year strong!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY-- Earlier this month EUP students had the opportunity to learn about plastics manufacturing at Great Lakes Composites Institute located in Dafter, Michigan.

The company offered two-half day sessions. Students learned about the many job opportunities and apprenticeship programs associated with plastics manufacturing.
SAULT STE. MARIE - The EUPISD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) hosted their annual Educator of the Year Awards Ceremony on April 30. The PAC takes time each year to recognize individuals and organizations who have positively impacted the lives of special needs students. Below is the list of winners for this year:

**Special Education Teacher**
Jane Scheid - Sault Middle School  
Sarah Sloat - Sault High School  
Jordan Wagner - Three Lakes Academy  
Susan Wagner - Sault Middle School  
Heather Reese - Engadine High School  
Tim Hall, Jr. - Washington Elementary School  
Amanda Gaynier - Brimley Middle/High School  
Bernadine Bazinai-Bloswick - Mackinac Island School  
Michelle Busken - Tahquamenon Area Schools  
Cossondra George - Tahquamenon Area Schools  
Mike Ellis - Sault High School

**General Education Teacher**
Catherine Wilson - Sault Tribe Head Start  
Kathy Williams - Lincoln Elementary School  
Becky Newell - DeTour/Drummond School  
Hank McClure - Les Cheneaux School  
Heather Haskins - Superior Start  
Jessica Kietzman - Pickford Schools

**Paraprofessional**
Bridget Coffey - EUPISD Learning Center  
Brenda Teneyck - Sault Area Schools  
Carol Mesnard - Brimley Area Schools  
Melanie MacDowell - EUPISD Learning Center  
Janelle Chadwick - EUPISD Learning Center  
Kathy Christiansen - EUPISD Learning Center

**Administration**
Diane Chevillot – Principal, Washington Elementary School  
Brooke Neeb – Special Education Supervisor/Principal, Tahquamenon Area Schools  
Wendy Peterson – Principal, Rudyard Elementary School  
Jessica Rondeau – Principal, Sault Middle School  
Robert Vaught – Superintendent, DeTour Area Schools

**Ancillaries**
Stephanie Vaughn - OT  
Sarah Piepszowski - OT  
Tera Richards - OT  
Richard Schofield, Jr. - Bay Mills Community College

**Support Staff**
Nicole Golobic – Secretary, Washington Elementary School  
Jesselynn (Jesse) Bourque - Intervention Specialist, Washington Elementary School  
Pamela Pomeroy – Counselor, Sault Middle School  
Jeanette Wilson – DeTour Area Schools

**Volunteer**
Alex Wiggins - Youth Volunteer, Sault Middle School  
Sue Morisse - Lazy S Ranch

**Community Agency or Organization**
EUPISD Transition Council  
War Memorial Hospital (Project SEARCH Host Business Site)  
Project SEARCH Program and Staff

**Alumni (two or more years of being awarded)**
Barb Gordon - EUPISD Learning Center  
Daniel Sawyer - Lincoln Elementary School  
Jessica Clark - EUPISD Learning Center  
Rachel Byma - EUPISD Learning Center  
Tammy Hazley - EUPISD  
Dorie France-Winegard - Volunteer  
Lisa Lewicki - SLP  
Ann Carey - SLP  
Rachel Denis – SLP

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**The Bay Mills Child Development Center is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year.**

For more information, please call Andrea Shaw or Christel LeBlanc at 248-8700.

**OCS Parents:**

The Honors Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6 p.m. It will be held in the lower level of the BMCC Administration Building.

Also, the Class of 2019 graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 24th at 7 p.m. in the Waishkey Center gymnasium.
Ojibwe Charter School hosts Prom 2019
OCS names May Spotlight Readers

Kindergarten
Animikee Teeple has been chosen for our April Spotlight Reader. He has made great progress with his word and letter knowledge. These two growths have helped him increase his reading skills. Great job Animikee! -Ms. Heikkinen

First Grade/Second Grade
Tami Trudeau has been chosen for our Spotlight Reader. Tami has been working hard in the classroom especially with her reading skills. She is very strong at reading but always wants to work hard to get better. She is often the first to pick up a book. -Mrs. Dell

Third Grade
The third grade spotlight reader for April is Robert Robbins. Robert has been working hard to make improvements in all areas and especially in reading. Robert has a desire to want to learn and to make improvements. He seems to enjoy reading and sharing what he is reading with others. Keep up the great work Robert! -Mrs. Bowen

Fourth Grade
Maemi Willis is the fourth grade spotlight reader for April. Maemi is a wonderful reader and I really enjoy when she reads aloud to the class. Reading seems to come naturally to Maemi and she has a true love for reading. Maemi enjoys reading all types of text, but especially enjoys graphic novels. She enjoys sharing her reading with others whether its talking about the book she is reading or reading to her classmates. Way to go Maemi! -Mrs. Bowen

Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade
Dillan has been chosen as the spotlight reader for my class because of his exemplary behavior during our daily silent reading time. He enjoys reading and sets a great example for his peers, often getting so involved with his book that he will tune out the sounds of the classroom and lose track of time. I hope he continues to enjoy reading for years to come! -Mrs. Ennes

EUPISD School Employees of the Year honored at annual dinner

The 2018-2019 EUP School Employees of the Year were honored on May 9 at the EUP School Board Association dinner held in Paradise.

Pictured, from left to right, are: (back row) Jennifer Livingston, DeTour Area Schools; John Griebel, Whitefish Township Community School; Joni Izzard, Les Cheneaux Community Schools; Chad Folkersma, Rudyard Area Schools; Kirk McKay, Ojibwe Charter School; and Gary Herschell, Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools; (front row) Sara Perfetti, Tahquamenon Area Schools; Marci Bishop, St. Ignace Area Schools; Carol Marnard, Brimley Area Schools; and Cara LaFaver, EUPISD.

Not pictured: Heather Luoto, Engadine Consolidated Schools; Dan Goehler, Mackinac Island Public School; Julie Moore, Moran Township School; and Cheri Bush, Pickford Public Schools.
Only a quarter of Michigan teachers recommend the profession as a career

By ZARIA PHILLIPS
Capital News Service

LANSING — Most teachers wouldn’t recommend that their students follow in their footsteps, according to a recent Michigan survey.

Launch Michigan, a diverse coalition of groups that are sometimes at loggerheads but come together to advocate for education changes, reports that 75 percent of Michigan educators would not recommend education as a career. That contributes to the challenges of recruitment and retention, experts say.

Launch Michigan is a coalition of business, teacher, administrator and other organizations seeking education reform. Their hope is to find solutions and strategies for the problems teachers face and retain more educators, said Emma White, the principal researcher at Emma White Research who did the survey. She is based in Ann Arbor.

Teacher dissatisfaction is widespread, according to the survey. “I’ve had science and math teacher positions open for months with zero applications,” said Brian Reattoir, the superintendent of Brimley Area Schools in the Upper Peninsula.

“I’ve had science and math teacher positions open for months with zero applications,” said Brian Reattoir, the superintendent of Brimley Area Schools in the Upper Peninsula.

“People go to a university for four years and even get graduate degrees in education and still don’t get paid enough,” he said. “It’s a 10- to 12-hour day for many teachers. And changes to retirement plans for teachers also have really pushed people away from the field.”

The survey questioned about 17,000 educators across the state.

“Looking at teacher satisfaction, above 50 percent say, yes, they’re satisfied with their own district, but as for recommending the job, 75 percent say, no, that’s a problem,” said Doug Pratt, director of public affairs for the Michigan Education Association, the state’s largest union of teachers and other school personnel.

Numerous factors frustrate teachers, said Paula Herbart, the president of MEA and co-chair of Launch Michigan. Class sizes are too large, legislative mandates change, and training and wages are low.

“There will be children here forever, there will always be a need for this work,” Herbart said. “But teachers feel that they’re not being respected for their expertise.”

MEA officials say the number-one source of teacher discontent is lawmakers without educational expertise deciding what and how to teach. Reattoir said legislators also need to stop making it difficult to teach with unfunded mandates and ever-changing teacher evaluations and standardized testing requirements.

But changing the view of the profession would be a huge help, he said. “Looking at Michigan, we don’t value and fund education properly, so why would anyone want to go into a field where they aren’t valued?” he said.

That extends to administrators, he said. “When teachers decide to become principals or superintendents they may get paid a little bit more, but the duties multiply,” he said. “Schools don’t have transportation, human resources or athletic directors so it’s the principals and superintendents that take on those jobs.”

Project open house planned

Sault Ste. Marie - The USDA Forest Service is seeking preliminary input for the upcoming McNearney Vegetation Management Project which will address vegetation management on National Forest System lands on the Sault Ste Marie Ranger District.

A project open house will be hosted by the US Forest Service on Saturday, May 18, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Superior Township Hall (7049 South M-221, Brimley, MI). Forest Service personnel will be on hand to answer questions and accept comments.

Public input is most valuable if it is within the scope of the project area, is specific, has direct relationship to the project, and includes supporting reasons.
Clayton Austin Wilson

Clayton Austin Wilson, 87, of Brimley, Mich. passed away Tuesday evening, May 7, 2019, at the Robert and Helen Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan surrounded by those that loved him. He was born on Oct. 27, 1931, in Dafter, Michigan. Clayton was the fourth of eight children born to Austin and Martha (Gilroy) Wilson of Brimley, Michigan.

Clayton attended Brimley Area Schools up until 1952, when he left high school to join the United States Army during the Korean War for the POW peace talks. He was an active duty service member from 1952-1954. While in the Army he helped to build new roads in Korea. After coming home from war, he bought and ran a dairy farm in Brimley for many years. He also went back and finished school at Brimley, re-married for 46 years. Together they ran the farm as well as the United States Postal Service, he enjoyed volunteering for the EUP. Clayton also enjoyed spending time with his seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.


Services took place with the assistance of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie. In lieu of flowers, Clayton's wish is that you make a donation to Hospice of the EUP in his memory. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com

Ann I (Lyons) Miller

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister went to be with the Lord on May 7, 2019, after a long hard fight with cancer. She passed away peacefully at home with her loving husband at her side.


She was a life member of both the American Legion and the VFW Posts in Sault Ste. Marie. Ann and Ken also spent many hours at the posts in South Carolina with friends for meals and cards.

Ann is survived by her loving husband: Ken Miller; sons: Todd Gervais and Matt (Pam) Gervais; daughter: Michelle (Michael) Cosgrove; grandchildren: Ashley and Austin Gervais; siblings: Irene (Pat) Lawless, Patsy Busch, Kerrie Floor, and Madonna (Chuck) Giotto; and daughters-in-law: Dixie Luokkala and Emily (Michael) Fuller. Ann was preceded in death by her parents: Tom and Jean (Wales) Lyons; sister: Ronnie Miller; and brother-in-law: Roy Miller.

Irmgard "Ina" Parish

Irmgard "Ina" Parish, 77, of Brimley, Mich. passed away Wednesday morning, May 1, 2019 at her home.

Ina was born on Sept. 27, 1941 in Germany to the late Karl Friedrich and Elizabeth Katherine Kubler. Ina married Donald (Walt) Parish on May 22, 1976 at the Brimley Congregational Church. She enjoyed working in the garden and her flowers were gorgeous. She also enjoyed taking rides along the lake with her husband and her dog, Daisy. Ina worked for more than 20 years at J.C. Penny, starting at their Virginia Beach location, and transferred to Sault Ste. Marie in 1989 when Donald retired from the U.S. Navy.

Ina is survived by her husband: Donald W. Parish; two daughters: Patricia (Michael) Fuller of Virginia and Shirley Hallman of Missouri; a son: Raymond O'Neill of Missouri; four grandchildren: Crystal, Amanda, Samantha, and Eddie; and two great-grandchildren: Madison and Blake.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters: Eleanor and Erika; and an infant brother.

A funeral service took place at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com
Bridge Authority begins national search for exec. secretary

ST. IGNACE- The Mackinac Bridge Authority board has launched a national search to replace retiring Executive Secretary Bob Sweeney and named longtime Chief Bridge Engineer Kim Nowack to the interim role.

"We’re in very good hands with Kim at the helm for the time being," said MBA Chairman Patrick "Shorty" Gleason. "I’m looking forward to seeing what’s sure to be an exciting field of candidates from our national search.”

Nowack has been chief engineer at the bridge for 17 years, overseeing bridge maintenance work, as well as contracted design, inspection and construction work.

The decision came at a special meeting today in St. Ignace, which also served as a retirement celebration for Sweeney, who will retire from his position on May 17 after 17 years with the authority. He is moving on to take the position of director for the Department of Public Works for the City of Port St. Lucie in Florida.

Sweeney was honored with several accolades during the meeting, including a tribute from the State of Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the state Legislature, presented by Sen. Wayne Schmidt; an announcement from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) that he would be the new honoree at the St. Ignace Rest Area; a certificate, plaque and challenge coin from the Michigan State Police; and a resolution from the MBA board thanking him for his many years of service.

SAULT STE. MARIE -The Arts Center at Lake Superior State University presents the world famous, Glenn Miller Orchestra, performing big band and swing hits with a unique jazz sound on July 23rd at 7 p.m.

“We know the twin Saults love GMO, and so do we! The music embodies so much of what our audience appreciates – it’s patriotic, energetic, and upbeat – a real summertime feel,” said Arts Center Director, Spencer Christensen. “And in honor of the legacy of Glenn Miller and to honor all those who have served, we are offering a special ticket price, $10 per ticket, to all those currently serving members and Veterans of our armed forces. These tickets need to be purchased in person at the Arts Center box office with ID.”

The Glenn Miller Orchestra began in 1938 with dance bandleader, Glenn Miller. For the next four years the orchestra enjoyed soaring popularity, playing in concert and dance halls all over the United States. In 1942, the orchestra disbanded to join the war effort. Glenn Miller joined the Army, and in turn led the Army Air Force Band that helped entertain our servicemen all over Europe.

The current Glenn Miller Orchestra has been touring since 1956 and is consistently performing up to 300 shows all around the world! Today, the 18-member ensemble, led by vocalist Nick Hilscher, continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements, from both the civilian band and the Army Air Force Band libraries. Additionally, it also plays some more modern selections arranged and performed in the Miller style and sound.

The production was made possible with the generous support from the MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, Fund for LSSU, and the Duncan MacLaren Family Fund for the Performing Arts.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra takes the Arts Center Stage at 7 p.m. July 23rd. Free parking is available in Lot K, in front of the Arts Center, and Lot E, behind the Cisler Center. The Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free for LSSU students, $27 for adults, $23 for seniors, $10 for active duty military members and Veterans with ID, and $5 for children 17 and under. For directions, tickets, and more information please visit www.lssu.edu/arts-center or call 906-635-2787.
Metro wins Dept. of Corrections award

LANSDING – Jennifer Metro, prison counselor at the Kinross Correctional Facility, was selected as the winner of the Michigan Department of Corrections Director’s Award for her efforts at recruiting new staff, and her volunteer work with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Special Olympics.

Metro was announced as the winner at the MDOC’s Employee Appreciation Banquet in Lansing earlier this month.

The Director’s Award is the highest honor that can be presented to employees of the MDOC. Metro also received the department’s Professional Excellence Award for her work and volunteer activity.

“Jennifer exemplifies the type of positive and energetic employees we have and her commitment and passion toward recruiting new staff in that same mold will help shape this department for generations,” MDOC Director Heidi Washington said. “The amount of effort she has put in to encouraging people to come and work for the department is something truly special. She is a real asset not only to her facility, but to the entire department, with the example she sets.”

Metro said she was humbled by the honor and thanked her fellow employees.

Metro has worked for the department since 1997, where she began as a corrections officer at the Newberry Correctional Facility. During her time, she has worked at several facilities in the Upper Peninsula and she has been promoted over the years. She often takes on extra responsibilities at work, including being part of the statewide audit team and the MDOC’s recruitment team.

In her recruitment efforts, she spends a large amount of her time at community events, communicating with the public about the many job opportunities available within the department. At the facility, she mentors new staff, and is a positive role model for all employees.

Bayliss Public Library announces upcoming events

Luminaria decorating

Soo Paper Crafters are sponsoring two evening events to decorate Luminarias. Luminarias are available at the library by making a $10 donation to the American Cancer Society. Decorated bags can be dropped off and will be transported to the Relay for Life of the EUP to be displayed on June 22-23. Luminarias will be available until June 21st at the circulation desk of the library.

The Soo Paper Crafters are hosting two special nights of decorating; they will have supplies and crafting materials available free of charge from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11th before the library’s Sister Pie author visit event and Thursday, June 13th before the UFO talk.

An additional service the Soo Paper Crafters are once again sponsoring is a free of charge drop-off decorating service. Anyone is welcome to sign up for this service simply fill out a form at the circulation desk and the Soo Paper Crafters will decorate your bag to honor, support, or memorialize your loved ones. They will e-mail you a photo of the decorated luminaria.

Haunted Lighthouses of Michigan, June 18 at 7 p.m.

Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state, with more than 120 dotting its expansive Great Lakes shoreline. Many of these lighthouses lay claim to haunted happenings. Former keepers like the cigar-smoking Captain Townshend at Seul Choix Point and prankster John Herman at Waugoshance Shoal near Mackinaw City maintain their watch long after death ended their duties. At White River Light Station in Whitehall, Sarah Robinson still keeps a clean and tidy house, and a mysterious young girl at the Marquette Harbor Lighthouse seeks out other children and female companions. Countless spirits remain between Whitefish Point and Point Iroquois in an area well known for its many tragic shipwrecks.

In the pages of "Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses" - a new title from The History Press / Arcadia Publishing, author Dianna Stempfler shares stories from 13 lighthouses around the state of Michigan.

Following the presentation, a book sale / signing will be offered. The book is $20 cash or $21.19 credit charge.

Whitmer files emergency rule to prevent anchor strikes in the Great Lake

LANSDING- On May 15, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took actions to protect Michigan's Great Lakes by directing the Department of Natural Resources to proactively file an emergency rule which will help prevent anchor strikes against Line 5 or other lines that pass through the Straits of Mackinac.

"Preserving our Great Lakes is a top priority for our state," Whitmer said. "I remain committed to getting the oil out of the water as quickly as possible, but in the meantime, these preventative actions will help to protect our most significant ecological and economic resource."

This emergency rule will require large vessels to verify no anchors are dragging before passing through the Straits. This rule will address issues that emerged in April of 2018, when an anchor dragged unawares by a vessel, struck and damaged the pipeline.

The rule can be filed because of MCL. 24.248 which says that if the governor and an agency find that the preservation of the public health, safety, or welfare requires an emergency rule, the agency may dispense with all or part of the procedures and file a rule. To provide extra protection for the Great Lakes, a formal request has also been made to the U.S. Coast Guard to create a similar rule for all foreign vessels, which lie beyond state authority.
Meeting Notice
Bay Mills Community College will be applying under the USDA Community Facilities Grant program for 2019 funds. Funds will be used for facility maintenance and equipment purchases and/or replacement. If you have any comments on the proposed use of the grant, a meeting will be held on May 22 at 2:00 pm in the President’s Office – Administrative Building.

VA to host Veteran Town Halls in Eastern UP
The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center is inviting Veterans, their families, Veteran Service Organizations, and community health care partners to the following Veteran Town Halls May 20 to 22, to learn about and discuss the VA Mission Act and how it impacts VA Community Care.

- Drummond Island on May 20 at 5 p.m. (Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, 33494 S. Maxton Rd)
- Mackinaw City on May 21 at 11 a.m. (Joint town hall with Saginaw VA at American Legion Post 159 – 106 S. Huron Ave)
- Brimley on May 21 at 2 p.m. (Superior Town Hall, 7049 S. M-221)
- Sault Ste. Marie on May 21 at 5 p.m. (American Legion Post 3, 3 Legion Dr.)
- Paradise on May 22 at 10 a.m. (Whitefish Township Community Center, 7052 M-123)

For those that are unable to come in person, the Sault Ste. Marie town hall will also be streamed live on the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center’s Facebook page, and the video post will be available for later viewing.

BMCC Fall Scheduling now open
Interested in taking courses at Bay Mills Community College? Registration is now open for the fall term. See the course schedules online at www.bmcc.edu.

Pow Wow Raffle being held
The Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee will be raffling off a gorgeous star quilt to support the 28th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow. Chi miigwetch to Laura LaPlante and her family for donating this blanket. Tickets are $25 each, and you must pay by check or cash before a ticket will be issued to you. They are selling a limited amount of tickets, so find someone on the Pow Wow Committee (Josh, Kimmarie, Sarah, or Whitney) to snag your ticket before they’re all gone. The drawing will be on May 31 in the Tribal Administration Building at 12 p.m. You can contact the Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee at bmicpowwow@gmail.com, via facebook messenger, or at 906-322-8773 for any questions or concerns.

Report water issues online or via phone
Bay Mills water customers can now report if they are experiencing issues via phone or online. The number to report issues is 906-248-8179. You can also utilize the online reporting form available at www.baymills.org on the upper left side of the page.