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Solberg named GM of Bay Mills Resort & Casinos

By Shannon Jones
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BAY MILLS — On Monday, Jan. 9, Bay Mills Indian Community's Executive Council relieved Bay Mills Resort & Casinos General Manager Rod Jones of his duties. That same day the council offered the position to BMIC tribal member Mark Solberg, who had been working as assistant general manager. Solberg accepted the position immediately.

Jones originally came from the Reno-Las Vegas area and was brought to BMRC more than 10 years ago. The ultimate goal of his hiring was no secret — he was brought on board to train a tribal member to take his place as general manager in the future. Solberg began working with Jones shortly after he was hired. Jones knew one day he

would likely see Solberg fill his shoes.

“The Executive Council acknowledges the work and expertise Rod Jones has brought to our gaming enterprises,” said Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “Approximately 60 percent of our employees are non-tribal members, like Rod, and they are vital to our success. We are lucky to have such great employees.”

As a result of his promotion, Solberg's previous position as assistant general manager has been eliminated, which saves BMRC the cost of an additional salary. Solberg will be taking on new duties as well as his previous responsibilities.

Solberg, who began in tribal government in 1988, previously managed Kings Club Casino. He moved over to the resort when it was in the planning stages and has been part

of its management team since the doors were first opened.

“We look forward to working with Mark. He is the right man for the job,” said Perron. “He is a great manager and is well respected by his fellow employees. He has great ideas about the direction we can go to make our casino a more financially successful business.”

Solberg is thankful for the community support and the opportunity provided to him by the Executive Council.

“I've been here a long, long time and have seen both our operations and people grow. Our greatest strength has always been our employees,” he said. “We have so many friendly and dedicated staff that it makes my new job so much easier. I look forward to our continued success.”



IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER — Members of the Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe, many of them Bay Mills Indian Community members, pose with Aboriginal friends met in their recent journey to Australia. The trip was part of a growing cultural exchange between Aboriginal people from Queensland, Australia and Anishinaabe people from the Great Lakes region of the U.S.A. Read more about their journey on Page 9.

Lights going up on Bay Mills “55 stretch”

BAY MILLS — One of the darkest and most dangerous stretches of roadway in Brimley will be lit up in future weeks. With parts on order, Cloverland Electric Cooperative anticipates having lights on the “55-stretch” of Lakeshore Drive by the end of the month.

Bay Mills Indian Community's Executive Council voted in favor of funding the project in December, citing concerns for public safety. Council members had hoped to have the project completed before the holidays, but a miscalculation about the number of transformers needed put the project on hold while a new estimate was in the works.

The lights were ordered earlier this month utilizing monies from the building and site fund, coming in at under \$8,000 for phase one. Monthly expenses of approximately \$24 a light will be paid for by Bay Mills Resort & Casinos.

The two-mile section of road is one of the most traveled areas connecting the one side of Bay Mills Reservation to the other. Traditionally these areas were referred to as “the mission” and “the farms.” The “stretch” also connects Kings Club Casino to Bay Mills Resort & Casinos and is frequented by locals and tourists walking and biking between the two. Throughout the years, the area has been plagued by accidents, which resulted in several deaths.

“We are hoping that by lighting the stretch of road between both sides of our community, with the largest employer on one side and largest residential area on the other, we will enhance the safety and security of our members, employees and patrons,” said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “This is a small price to pay for the safety of people.”

Kuzmik promoted to captain of Bay Mills Police Dept.

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BAY MILLS — With 16 years under his belt as an officer at Bay Mills Police Department, Bay Mills Indian Community member Arlen Kuzmik has been promoted to captain of the force, effective Dec. 28.

Kuzmik and Lt. Ron Rindy both applied for the captains' position; Rindy had been serving as acting captain on a temporary basis.

The decision was difficult for the hiring committee, as both officers were qualified for the position and longstanding members of the force. Though Kuzmik was selected to fill the position, Rindy's work is being recognized.

“Ron did a great job and stepped up when we needed him,” said Bay Mills Tribal Chairman Kurt Perron. “He is a vital part of BMPD and we thank him for his service.”

Kuzmik was originally recruited

into being an officer while he was attending college at Northern Michigan University. He was approached by Ron Carrick, who was with BMPD at the time, and asked if he would consider putting in for a vacant position.

Kuzmik was originally going to school for elementary education and wanted to work with kids, but considered being a police officer while growing up. Carrick told him he could work with youth while benefit-

ting the community, so he applied.

Ironically he wasn't hired the first time around, so the next time a position opened, he tried again. At the age of 24, Kuzmik officially began serving the community as a police officer.

Kuzmik said he has seen many people start and then move on to other positions since he was first hired at BMPD. In his tenure he has had four different supervisors, including Rindy, all of whom he says he has learned a great deal from over the years.

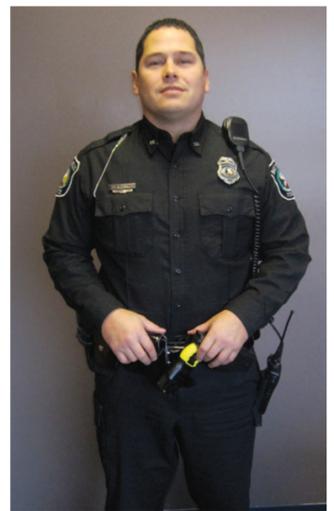
One of Kuzmik's main goals in his new position is to increase the presence of officers in the community. Officers will patrol every road in the service area at least once within their shift, logging their time for verification.

“I want everyone on the force to be more community policing oriented,” said Kuzmik, noting officers will be patrolling on foot as well.

One of his first acts of duty in the new position was to fill a vacant position with a new officer. Tribal member Derek Parish was initially offered the job, but declined after he was offered another position working as an officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The hiring committee then selected Karl Perron for the position.

He accepted and left for the State Police Academy at Kirtland Community College on Monday, Jan. 9. In 18 weeks he will return and be trained in federal policies and procedures before he hits the road.

Perron will be the first officer trained under new Field Training Officer procedures, which consists of four phases. In the first phase of the



job, he will ride along and observe with another officer. In the second phase he will assist another officer and in the third phase he will do all the work. He completes field training when he rides along with the initial officer, doing all the work satisfactorily. Until the initial officer approves the new officer's work, he will continue to cycle through the phases.

According to Kuzmik, Bay Mills Executive Council Vice Chairman and State Police Officer Joe LeBlanc was instrumental in the implementation of the new training policy.

Kuzmik is also looking to increase ride-alongs with officers, allowing those interested in law enforcement to get a feel for the job before they commit to the educational aspect.

Any community members who wish to provide input about the improvements they would like to see with the department are encouraged to contact Kuzmik at 906-248-3251.

Federally-funded unemployment benefits extended

LANSING — Congress has approved a two-month extension for federally-funded unemployment benefits. As a result of the new legislation, the Extended Benefit program in Michigan will now expire the week ending March 10, 2012, instead of Jan. 7, 2012. Additionally, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program will continue to accept applications up until that same date.

The EB program, which began in January 2009, had been paying up to 20 weeks of federally-funded unemployment benefits in Michigan to those who exhausted their state and EUC benefits. The Agency has begun notifying those in the EB program that the expiration has been extended to the week ending March 10, 2012. The federally-funded EUC program and its four tiers provide up to 53 weeks of unemployment benefits to jobless workers who deplete their state unemployment benefits. Eligibility dates for each tier of EUC are listed online.

There are several ways for unemployed workers to check the balance on their claims. Claimants who have online Claim Web Accounts can go to their web account and see how many weeks they have remaining. Claimants can also call the MARVIN system at 1-866-638-3993 and press option 2. Individuals who want to register for an online web account can access the portal by visiting www.michigan.gov/uia and then selecting the link “UIA Online Services for Unemployed Workers.”

The expiration of the federally-funded programs will not affect the state's unemployment benefit program, which will continue to provide up to 26 weeks of unemployment benefits to those who are newly unemployed and meet the program's eligibility requirements. Those who are newly unemployed as of January 15, 2012, and meet the program's eligibility requirements will be eligible for up to 20 weeks of state unemployment benefits.

Additional information about the end of EB and EUC is available on the UIA website (www.michigan.gov/uia). In addition, the Agency has also established a toll-free number (1-866-MI-HELPS) for people to call for pre-recorded information about the extension programs. Individuals nearing the end of their unemployment benefits may also visit the state's Helping Hand website (www.michigan.gov/helpinghand) for information about family support, housing, health care, jobs and training and other services. People can also go online to apply for food assistance and to determine if they may be eligible for certain types of public assistance.

New CPS worker's goal is to keep the family whole

BAY MILLS — Heidi Erickson has been the Child Protective Services Worker for the Bay Mills Indian Community for four months. Her office is located on the second floor of the Bay Mills Health Center.

She said she has enjoyed meeting people and families within the community. "Everybody has been very welcoming," she said.

Erickson was raised in Interlochen along with two brothers. She now lives in the Sault Ste. Marie area, married with four stepchildren, whom she refers to as her "bonus" children, all of whom are Sault Tribe members.

Her passion growing up was music; she took piano lessons from kindergarten through high school. Following graduation, she began a career in cosmetology, obtaining her

license and working in hair salons in Traverse City for a few years.

Deciding to pursue an education in psychology and early child development, Erickson enrolled first at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and then transferred to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie to finish her degree. In 2000, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology and began working at Hiawatha Behavioral Health in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was there for 11 years, while earning her social workers license at the same time. Initially working with mentally ill and disabled adults, Erickson transitioned into working with children in her second year and spent the next nine years working with developmentally dis-

abled children. Many of the children suffered from autism, so she spent a significant amount of time researching and attending trainings on the disorder.

Erickson explained that her responsibility as a CPS worker is to ensure the safety, permanency and wellbeing of the children and their families in the community. Her goals include protecting children from abuse and neglect, promoting the integrity and stability of families and providing permanency for children who cannot safely remain with their own families.

"It is the primary goal of



Protective Services to preserve the family as a whole and the last resort is providing safety in the removal of children," she said.

Something Erickson wants to make very clear is who to report to when abuse or neglect is suspected.

If the alleged perpetrator is not legally responsible for the care of the child, such as an extended family member, teacher or day care provider, then law enforcement should be contacted at 906-248-3251.

If the alleged perpetrator is legally responsible for the care of the child, such as a parent or guardian, then CPS needs to be contacted, she said. Her direct number is 906-248-8303, or the main contact number at the health center is 906-248-3204.

Kateri Tekakwitha to be a saint soon

BAY MILLS — The Catholic church located in Bay Mills Indian Community may soon be in for another name change. In 1981, St. Catherine's church was renamed Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, honoring a Native American woman renowned for her dedication to Christianity and known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

"It was the first church in the world to be named after her," said Wanda Perron of Bay Mills Indian Community's History Department.

The Vatican recently announced that Tekakwitha has passed the last test for sainthood, which would make her the first Native to receive the honor. She would then be known as Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, rather than Blessed.

No date has been officially announced for her canonization by Pope Benedict but reports claim it could be as early as February.

Tekakwitha was born in America into the Mohawk Nation in 1656 and was baptized as a Christian at age 20. At the age of 4, she had lost her family in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and with poor eyesight. She was persecuted due to her Christian beliefs and fled to an Native American Christian community in Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada where she made a vow of chastity and lived a life dedicated to prayer, penance and care for the sick and elderly.

She died in 1680 at the age of 24 and, according to tradition, her scars disappeared after her death to reveal a woman of great beauty. Also, many sick people at her funeral were miraculously healed and it was also

claimed that she appeared to two people in the weeks after her death.

The process for her canonization began in 1184. She was declared venerable by Pius XII in 1943, and then Pope John Paul II beautified her in 1980. On Dec. 19, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints credited her with a second miracle performed after death, opening the door for her to being declared a saint.

Tekakwitha is entombed in a marble shrine in Kahnawake, which has seen a steady stream of pilgrims. Many people have left items such as pictures and flowers in tribute at the square tomb, which sits in front of a statue of her.

Joe Delaronde, a spokesperson for the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake said the announcement was overwhelming. "The work to have her canonized has been going on for a long, long time. I think a lot of the older, especially more devout people, are probably just celebrating like crazy now."



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OCS provides gift baskets to students

BAY MILLS — In years past, staff at Ojibwe Charter School have sponsored families through the Department of Human Services during the Christmas season, but this year they decided there was a

need closer to home. "We realized the school had kids needing help so we decided to sponsor 33 students and their siblings at OCS with our first Holiday Giving Program," said Stephanie

Vittitow, the school's chief administrative officer.

She and a teacher from OCS contacted their Facebook friends and soon people began sponsoring kids and donating gifts and money. Bay Mills Community College held a bake sale and donated the proceeds; Bay Mills Housing donated funds; and Michigan Inter-Tribal Council donated turkeys and gifts.

Gifts for each child were allotted to 10 different families, and the \$700 that was raised in cash donations bought the ingredients necessary for a Christmas feast for each family as well.

"We bought laundry baskets and filled them with everything you would need for a holiday meal, including a roaster pan," said Vittitow.

Families picked up their Christmas packages at the school on Dec. 20 and 21, with the school delivering to those having no transportation.

"Our thanks goes to the community for their generous donations," said Marcia Malloy, the school's chief operating officer. "As usual, they all pulled together in a time of need."



HOLIDAY GIVING — Ojibwe Charter School staff prepare to distribute gift baskets for the Christmas holiday. L-R: Marcia Malloy, Stephanie Vittitow and Nadine Lyon. SHAR MYERS/BAY MILLS NEWS

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Local youth donate hair to Locks of Love charity

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — Siersha Miller and Sydney Hopper gave up a total of 16 inches of their hair in December to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that creates hairpieces for children suffering hair loss due to illness.

Inspired by a St. Jude's mailing, the girls talked about the donation all summer, but something always came up. With activities winding down for the holidays, the pair took advantage of the lull to get their locks chopped off for a good cause at A Cut Above Salon in Sault Ste. Marie.

For Miller, 7, it was the second time in her young life to make a donation. She had been growing her hair out for two years since the last donation specifically to cut it off again for the cause. Miller said the young girl on the flyer reminded her of herself, motivating her to grow her hair out again.

Hopper was initially on the fence about the cut, but only moments after Miller had hers finished, she declared she was sure she wanted it done.

"I want to donate it to little girls who

are sick," she told Siersha's mother, Wilda Miller.

After Miller asked her several times if she was sure, Hopper didn't hesitate jumping in the chair once it was empty. With scissors in hand, hairdresser Caroline Behling also took 8 inches of hair from a beaming Hopper, who didn't flinch.

"It's a good thing me and Siersha are doing this," said Hopper, pointing to a bald little girl on the flyer when she was done. "It's sad she has no hair. I hope it will be enough."

Wilda Miller anticipates Siersha will be back in the hairdresser's chair in the future again making a donation and is proud of the girls for stepping up.

"This is such a positive thing for them to be involved in," she said.

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 21 with medical hair loss. The hair pieces are provided to

families in the U.S. and Canada free of charge.

Each hair piece takes approximately four to six months to make and is assembled by volunteers who also sort the donations. Children make up more than 80 percent of the donors to this program. For more information on how to donate to Locks of Love, email info@lockslove.org.



Above, Siersha Miller is shown getting 6 inches of her hair cut off for charity by stylist Caroline Behling. At left are Miller and Sydney Hopper, holding a combined 16 inches of hair to be donated to Locks of Love.



Michigan State Forests ready for cross-country skiers

15 trails in the Upper and Lower Peninsula will be groomed this winter season

Due in large part to volunteers and donations, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has announced that, of the 27 cross-country ski trails located throughout the state forests, 15 will be groomed this season. The remaining 12 trails will be available for un-groomed cross-country skiing. Many of the un-groomed trails will have plowed parking lots.

"Unfortunately outdoor recreation is not immune to the overall budget problems in the state," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR's

Forest Management Division. "We are lucky to have the support of local volunteer groups and skier donations to help groom the trails. Their support, along with a small grant program, means we are able to help Michigan remain a winter wonderland for outdoor enthusiasts."

In the Upper Peninsula the following trails will be groomed:

- * Algonquin in Chippewa County (DNR through private donation)
- * Paradise in Chippewa County (volunteer)
- * Days River in Delta County

(volunteer)

- * Canada Lake in Luce County (volunteer)
- * Blueberry Ridge in Marquette County (grant funded contract)
- * Indian Lake in Schoolcraft County (volunteer)

In the Northern Lower Peninsula the following trails will be groomed:

- * Chippewa Hills in Alpena County (volunteer)
- * Norway Ridge in Alpena County (volunteer)
- * Wildwood Hills in Cheboygan County (DNR through private dona-

tion)

- * Muncie Lake in Grand Traverse County (DNR through private donation)
- * VASA in Grand Traverse County (grant funded contract)
- * Ogemaw Hills in Ogemaw County (grant funded contract)
- * Pine Baron in Otsego County (DNR through private donation)
- * Cadillac in Wexford County (grant funded contract)

A 2011-2012 State Forest Cross-Country Ski Pathways list may be found on the DNR website at

www.michigan.gov/dnr under Recreation & Camping, Seasonal Recreation Opportunities. The XC list includes all pathways, county names, contact information and their grooming status. It is suggested that visitors call the contact number to check conditions and grooming prior to their trip.

For more information on the state forest cross-country skiing program, please contact Mark Mandenberg, Trails Program technical designer, at 517-335-3037 or by email to mandenbergm@michigan.gov.

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OPINION

Confusion vs. My Nest Egg

By Tom Purcell

After a volatile 2011, the stock market is off to a relatively good start in 2012 — at least as I'm writing this — though I'm still plenty confused about my retirement savings.

My confusion kicked into high gear in 1987 when the market plunged 508 points in one day, losing 22 percent of its value and killing my IRA.

The experts had lots of explanations after the collapse, but most failed to see it coming.

I vaguely remember the Asian financial crisis of 1997, too. It caused another Wall Street collapse that the experts didn't see coming.

Afterward, they explained that some banks in Thailand had credit problems. This caused a run on the baht, which is either the Thai currency or a really tasty dish along the lines of Gen. Tso's chicken.

Well, the bank run caused other Asian currencies to suffer, which caused the Hong Kong stock market to take a hit, which caused fear and panic at other stock markets throughout the world, which eventually caused a bunch of New York guys in suits to jump out windows.

And my IRA took another beating.

There have been lots of confusing ups and downs since then. I have been confused by the tech-stock bubble collapse of 2002, the housing bubble collapse of 2008 — thousands of experts completely missed that one — and the highly volatile stock market of the last three years.

If only the experts had had the same economics professor as I did back in 1984.

Purcell: "A rapidly growing economy is good, sir, because then we can all get rich!"

Professor: "Rapid growth caus-



es inflation, you nitwit!"

Purcell: "Low unemployment is terrific because that means everyone gets to have a job!"

Professor: "Low unemployment can cause wage pressures, which cause inflation, you idiot!"

Believe it or not, I got an A-plus in the class. I answered every test question with the exact opposite of what I thought was right.

Boy, did that approach help in 2006 when housing values were soaring and everybody was jumping in. I, a lousy English major, warned everyone I knew to do the opposite! Son of a gun if a massive collapse didn't occur soon after.

For the most part, though, I and the experts remain confused.

That's because everything is linked together in ways even economic geniuses can't comprehend. Governments around the world have their tentacles all over the marketplace.

Thus, every time a Chinese communist sneezes, worldwide sell-offs follow. When Angela Merkel has a bad hair day, Mercedes stock plummets. When Benjamin Netanyahu gets a pimple, oil prices soar.

At least I think that's what happens.

That's why part of me is nostalgic for the old days, when America was largely self-contained.

We created jobs by manufacturing and buying our own cars. We drove the cars for two years, until they rusted into the ground, which caused us to buy more cars, which created more jobs!

But not anymore. American cars are built with motors made in Mexico, bumpers made in Brazil, ignition systems made in Taiwan, bodies assembled in Canada. You want an American car? Buy a Honda. They make those in Ohio. In any event, all this interweaving of international investment means anything that happens anywhere can make or break my retirement.

It means European countries that overspend, over borrow and eventually collapse will have a painful impact on an America that continues to overspend, over borrow and will — if we don't get our act together — eventually collapse.

That's why I'm so confused about my retirement savings.

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USDA Cuts: Gentlemen Start Your Salmonella?

By Danny Tyree

Maybe the news left you yawning over your nutritious breakfast, but it shouldn't. Every American has a stake in the fact that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the closing of nearly 260 offices, labs and other facilities.

The coming months will see a testing of our uneasy love-hate relationship with the USDA. We hate bureaucracies, waste and overregulation — but we love our benefits and food safety programs.

In these tough economic times, the USDA's Blueprint For Stronger Service calls for trimming the fat. ("Yea, verily, thou shalt trim the fat. And thou shalt cut it with thine right hand, which belongs to a person not under 16 years old and has been dipped seven times in...Sorry. Old habits.")

My day job involves working at a farmers' cooperative store, but almost everyone knows that the USDA oversees a wide array of programs, including emergency aid to farmers, grants for rural development and food assistance programs for the poor. You may be unaware of some of the other services that face getting the old heave-ho: sensitivity training for scarecrows; scrutiny of the dating practices of "extra-virgin" olive oil; helping former farmers with "summer rain falling on a tin roof" withdrawal; transportation assistance so this little piggy doesn't have to cry "wee wee wee" all the way home...

Also endangered: the military's contingency plan for blocking the Straits of Des Moines and stopping the flow of corn to Iran. Yes, in spite of the announced cutbacks, American agriculture is still the envy of the world, especially Iran. Our drone planes unveil the construction of a wheat enrichment bunker that poses an imminent threat to Israel's pride, if not its physical security. ("How do ya like THESE bagels, trespassers on the land of Palestine?")

One might well ask what else can happen to beleaguered rural communities. First, the Postal Service announced the closure of many convenient post offices. Now the USDA wants to consolidate and make farmers drive farther. (Don't tell the EPA.) I understand that Phase 3 of Uncle Sam's war on the agrarian lifestyle

involves sending underemployed National Guard troops on clandestine "cow tipping maneuvers."

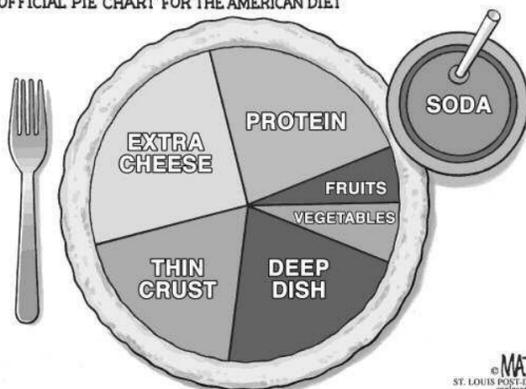
The official line is that the nation's food safety programs will not be impaired. Many of us remain skeptical. The USDA became a separate entity under Abraham Lincoln and achieved Cabinet status under Grover Cleveland. Now, under the current administration, it will have earned a motto of "We make more cursory glances before 9 a.m. than most people do all day."

Initial misgivings will spread exponentially if we see unemployed USDA workers holding signs that say "Will work for ...Air Jordans...or Kindle Fire...or anything but FOOD!" And perhaps someone should tell the Department of Education to make a preemptive strike against schoolchildren singing "Old MacDonald had a farm...E. coli -- E. coli -- O!"

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack insists that the department can't continue to conduct business the way it did 50 years ago. Yes, teleconferencing, online forms submissions and other modern innovations have rendered many brick-and-mortar, face-to-face transactions obsolete; but there was something charming and innocent about the USDA in 1961. ("I saw it — right there on TV! A talking horse! It said 'Will-burr!' just as clear as a bell! We need to regulate and subsidize this before the commies catch up with us!")

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Important reminders from Enron's fall

By U.S. Sen. Carl Levin

Ten years ago this month, Enron collapsed, bankrupting the seventh largest U.S. corporation at the time and ripping away the mask from a massive and damaging corporate fraud.

This is a good time to reflect on what happened a decade ago and how many of the misdeeds that led to Enron's collapse are still far too prevalent today. We shouldn't forget how the culture of Enron — built on outsized corporate pay, conflicts of interest, tax evasion, financial engineering, and hidden debt — did so much harm to so many, and nearly brought the global economy to its knees. That culture is still too big a part of our financial system.

The Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, released reports on the failure of Enron's board members to safeguard shareholder interests; actions taken by major financial institutions to help Enron cook its books; and Enron's use of financial engineering to make its financial results look better than they were, while evading taxes.

The findings we reached in the aftermath of Enron's demise are worth keeping in mind as we consider our economic future. Why should we remember Enron?

* Runaway executive pay. Enron paid its CEO Ken Lay \$140 million in 2000, including \$123 million in stock options. Enron set the standard for outrageous CEO pay, and demonstrated how, in search of ever-larger paychecks, CEOs can lead companies into ever-riskier schemes that endanger not just shareholders, but the economy as a whole.

* Tax evasion. Despite reporting huge profits, Enron paid no taxes in four of its last five years and used tax scams and offshore shell entities to dodge paying its fair share. Today, dozens of U.S. corporations use similar tactics not only to dodge Uncle Sam, but claim huge tax rebates. Enron was a catalyst for today's corporate tax cheats.

* Corporate conflicts of interest. Enron's chief financial officer profited by using his own company, LJM, to do deals with Enron to cook its books. Heedless of Enron's example, banks such as Goldman Sachs and Citi later set up synthetic securities, sold shares to clients, and profited by betting against their own clients. Enron helped create a culture of corporations failing to do right by their clients.

* Accounting conflicts. Enron's accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, approved financial statements loaded up with fraud. Despite Enron's cautionary tale, so did accountants for Madoff Securities, Olympus, and other firms that have collapsed in years since, damaging investors, consumers and market stability. Enron showed how accountants reliant on revenues from clients can be convinced to look the other way. It's still happening today.

* Credit rating conflicts. Credit rating agencies gave Enron AAA ratings until it collapsed. They have given the same AAA ratings to toxic securities, failing corporations, and deadbeat banks, often because issuing tougher ratings would cost them business. Enron exposed the unreliability of credit rating agencies that place the search for market share above the need for objective analysis.

* Excessive speculation. Enron speculated and manipulated electricity prices for big profits. Today, speculators whipsaw the American economy with roller coaster energy, metal, and food prices. Enron jacked up the commodity business to everyone's detriment but the speculators; without tough enforcement of anti-speculation laws, the damage will continue.

* Financial engineering. Enron designed countless financial engineering gimmicks that served its financial interests but endangered clients and investors. Today, financial firms have about financial "innovations," while pushing toxic products like auction securities, naked credit default swaps, and worse. Enron showed how financial engineering creates weapons of mass destruction; a decade later, exotic financial products helped bring the U.S. economy to its knees.

* The need for regulators to stop the madness. In response to Enron, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act banned multimillion-dollar corporate loans to corporate insiders, forced CEOs to certify their internal financial controls, and created new accounting oversight. Those changes helped curb Enron-style abuses. Congress continued the cleanup in 2010 with Wall Street reform legislation, but much more needs to be done. All of us should keep Enron in mind as financial regulators work to turn the laws we passed into strong rules that can build new protections for consumers and the economy.

LSSU to host informational sessions on financial aid

SAULT STE. MARIE, — High school seniors and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid and its availability will get the opportunity this month and in early February through Lake Superior State University Financial Aid

Nights. Staff from LSSU's Financial Aid office will be visiting high schools around the Eastern Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula to talk to families. In addition, on February 12, LSSU and Sault Area High School will

sponsor a free workshop — College Goal Sunday — to help parents and students fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a requirement for any student seeking college financial aid. "The FAFSA verification

process is changing; we'll describe it in the sessions," said Deborah Faust, director of LSSU Financial Aid. "Families will want to hear about the changes in advance of filing their FAFSA this year."

aid offer, and how to complete the FAFSA — all of which should be considered by students and parents, no matter which college the student will be attending. Participants will get an opportunity to ask questions.

Faust said that part of the new verification process is the option to use the IRS data retrieval system to import tax information directly into the FAFSA. This will be discussed at the LSSU Financial Aid sessions.

For more information, contact LSSU's Financial Aid Office, 906-635-2678. A list of the locations, times and dates of the workshops is below.

Faust and her staff will also discuss scholarships, grants, loans and employment programs and will advise students how to apply for student aid. Emphasis will be placed on eligibility requirements, how to evaluate an

Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., LaSalle High School, St. Ignace
Jan. 26, 6 p.m., Newberry High School
Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m., Engadine High School
Feb. 12, College Goal Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., Sault Area High School.

Great Lakes drownings rise to 87 in 2011

MUSKEGON (AP) — A safety group reports that 87 people drowned in the Great Lakes in 2011, up from 74 the previous year.

Bob Pratt, chief executive of the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, called the 2011 drowning total "tragic." Pratt told The Muskegon Chronicle that his group seeks to prevent drownings by educating people about the dangers of the lakes and teaching them how to use such

tools as surfboards to save lives. "In 2012, we will be working hard to reduce these numbers through our water safety and surf rescue classes," said Pratt. "Knowledge is power."

Of the Great Lakes drownings in 2011, 44 occurred in Lake Michigan, according to the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project.

The group blamed 15 of the Lake Michigan drownings on rip currents. Other causes included

accidents while boating, sailing, canoeing and kayaking; jumping or falling from a pier or dock; walking on ice; and attempting to flee police.

In nine drownings, the causes were unknown.

The group said Michigan waters had the highest number of drownings in 2011 with 18. Illinois had 13 in the Chicago area and one in another municipality, Indiana had six and Wisconsin five.

Traffic on International Bridge hits nine-year high

SAULT STE. MARIE— Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge traffic hit a nine-year high in 2011, with nearly 2 million crossings.

The International Bridge Administration reports total crossings for 2011 was 1,998,068, which is 9.27 percent above 2010 totals. Statistics for the three main traffic categories include automobile traffic, which was up 6.3 percent; commuter fare automobile traffic, which was up 14.4 percent; and commercial truck traffic, which was down 3.7 percent compared to 2010.

Customers using the "Prox" commuter card made up the largest segment of traffic in 2011, with 47.9 percent using the discounted fare program. The IBA reports that December 2011 marked the 26th consecutive month in which monthly traffic exceeded the corresponding month's total the previous year.

The IBA reports that December traffic was up 6.5 percent compared to December 2010. More than 7,100 vehicles crossed on Dec. 22, making it the second-busiest traffic day of the year.

Commercial truck traffic in 2011 did not fare as well, and did not rebound from the gradual decline that began in 2005. The IBA reports that truck traffic totaled 95,900 crossings in 2011, which is the lowest annual total since 1993.

"We monitor truck traffic trends very closely, and in 2011 commercial trucks made up 4.9 percent of total traffic, with those tolls making up 31 percent of total toll revenue," said IBA General Manager Phil Becker. "Clearly there are significant factors affecting cross-border traffic at play, such as the continued sluggish U.S. economy and the strong Canadian dollar."

Unaudited figures indicate toll revenue was \$7.34 million in U.S.

dollars, which is \$500,000, or 7.4 percent more than in 2010. Likewise, unaudited figures indicate toll revenue was 8.1 percent above 2011 budgeted revenue.

IBA-budgeted expenditures for bridge operation, maintenance, and repairs totaled \$5.27 million, slightly below the \$5.79 budgeted in 2010. The IBA estimates that financial reserves will total approximately \$8.2 million (U.S.) at the end of 2011.

"Our goal is to build up our financial reserves for a series of

bridge painting, concrete deck rehabilitation, and toll plaza projects needed within the next 15 years that are estimated to cost nearly \$50 million (U.S.)," said Becker.

Tolls and fees collected at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge are the only sources of funding for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the bridge and toll plaza. The IBA does not receive any state, federal, or provincial funding for bridge operation, maintenance, and repair.

Free course on Native American small businesses is offered online

Native American Small Business Primer: Strategies for Success is a free, self-paced online business course developed for Native American business owners. The course provides an overview of basic business principles and knowledge of the programs and services available from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"*Native American Small Business Primer: Strategies for Success* will enhance the agency's effort to provide important resources for emerging Native American entrepreneurs," said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. "Our ultimate goal is to help create jobs and stimulate economic and business development in our Native American communities. This course is an essential business development tool for the entrepreneur's toolbox."

The new online course: emphasizes business planning and market research as essential steps to take before going into business; informs Native American entrepreneurs about the legal aspects of starting a business, including the type of ownership, or legal structure, and licensing; and provides key information on seed money for starting up, raising capital, and borrowing money. In addition, there is a section on how to estimate business start-up costs that can help assess the financial needs of going into business.

The course is available from the SBA's Online Small Business Training web page under Online Courses for Starting Your Business at <http://www.sba.gov/content/online-courses-starting-your-business>.

Course participants completing the online training programs can earn a certificate of completion from the SBA, with their name, date and course title. The Native American Small Business Primer course is one of nearly 30 online tutorials offered by the SBA's Online Business Training (www.sba.gov/training). Free courses are offered on Starting a Business, Managing a Business, Financing a Business, and Contracting.

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Snowmobile trail grooming under way

SAULT STE. MARIE — Some people love them, others merely tolerate them. But everyone agrees that snowmobiles are part of the fabric of local winter culture and an important part of the tourist industry.

Those brightly colored little machines zipping around town and countryside from December through March benefit the community in two big ways, according to the Sault Ste. Marie Snowmobile Association: Directly, by pumping dollars into local gas stations, restaurants, hotels and casinos and indirectly from the general infusion of outside money into the community.

But snowmobilers need trails to ride on and that's where SSMSA steps up. From shovel work to political action, SSMSA and similar organizations across the Upper Peninsula labor to keep open a web of snowmobile trails that stretches across the U.P. from the Sault to Minnesota, a task accomplished primarily by volunteers.

The 65 miles of trails currently maintained by SSMSA ran west from the Sault to Racoon and beyond, and south to meet up with the Kinross trail system, which until recently, was maintained by Kinross Charter Township. Last winter was the last season for the township's trail grooming efforts, and the Department of Natural Resources, which oversees the Michigan snowmobile trail system, quickly approved SSMSA's application to take on the 38 miles of Kinross area trails.

SSMSA officials are excited about the new responsibility with President Martin Cottle explaining, "We have an opportunity to create a unified, efficient program for grooming a large portion of the Eastern Upper Peninsula snowmobile trails." But he noted that the move comes with challenges. "Our volunteer hours will be up this year as we expect to see an increase in all trail-related



work items to maintain the 100-plus miles."

The Michigan sled trail system is funded by snowmobile riders through a \$45 trail permit. The DNR-administered fund covers the operating costs of trail grooming organizations disbursed on a per-mile groomed basis. Thus, the more miles of trail and the more often an organization grooms as needed, the more monies it receives to cover expenses.

That creates the upside of a 50 percent increase in SSMSA's trail system with the downside being a proportional increase in the labor required. Another plus in SSMSA's eyes is additional equipment from the Kinross deal in the form of a late model Tucker groomer tractor and drag, which will fit in well with the two other Tuckers and Cat Challenger in their fleet. Also a bonus is that experienced drivers from the Kinross system will continue working those trails.

Everything seems to be in place for a seamless transfer of trails and a nice growth spurt for the SSMSA, especially if the weather cooperates. "It's a simple equation," said Cottle. "Snow equals money. If snow falls, we groom the trails, get funded and stay in the black. If it doesn't snow, the opposite happens."

WALKING ON ...

John E. Grady Jr.

John Edward "Big John" Grady Jr., age 80, of Brimley, Mich. passed away Monday morning, Jan. 9, 2012 at the Long Term Care Unit of War Memorial Hospital.

John was born on April 4, 1931 in Flint, the son of the late John and Mildred (Peas) Grady. He married Ione Farison on Feb. 5, 1966 in Clare. He worked for many years as an auto body repairman. He worked for Ted Cathy's Chevrolet, then Roe Chevrolet, and eventually retired from Sadler Motors. On the side, he'd also repair radiators. He was a go-to person for many friends needing advice as to how to fix or paint their vehicles.

John enjoyed camping trips to Canada. His favorite campground was Archibald's Campground in Debra, Ontario. He spent many summers in his boat, exploring the coastlines of both the U.S. and Canada, picnicking on the many islands. John also loved to go snowmobiling and was very involved with the first I-500, where he was a tow sled operator. He enjoyed the outdoors, cutting firewood, and clearing wood property. He spent many hours building lawn tractors for his grandkids, who would enter local tractor pulls at the Chippewa County Fair. This turned into his working on anything with a small gas motor and many hours tinkering in his garage.

John is survived by his wife: Ione M. (Farison) Grady; three sons, Ricky (Pamela) Walker of Appleton, Wis., Kevin (Michelle) Walker of Dafer and John Grady III of Fenton; a daughter, Diane Bommerito of Houston, Texas; 20 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Fred (Donna) Grady Jr. of Mecosta.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred (Peas) Martin; his father, Walter Martin; a sister, Norma Jean Moore and his birth father, John E. Grady Sr.

Funeral services were held at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Road to Recovery. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Raleigh Lawrence Fournier

Raleigh Lawrence Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born September 21, 1942.

Raleigh enjoyed Red Wings hockey, TV game shows and going to the casino.

He is survived by two sons, Raleigh Joseph "Sam" Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Benjamin Eustice Fournier of Bay Mills; two daughters, Kelly (Richard) Smart of Sault Ste. Marie and Lisa Geenen Fournier of Monroe; four sisters, Marie (Eugene) Pingatore of Sault Ste. Marie, Pete and her husband Nick of Albuquerque, N.M., Blanche Kivinen of N.C. and Loretta Madrid of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers Merlin (Pat) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie and Marc (Linda) Fournier of Sault Ste. Marie; six grandchildren, Erika, Kaylene, Jillian, Ashley, Holli and Jessica Marie and one great-grandchild due in the spring.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Louise LaBranche Fournier, in 1990; his mother, Ruth Sprinkett; and father, Edward Fournier.

Traditional services were held Jan. 15 at the Niigaanaagizhik Ceremonial Building with Brother John Hascall officiating.

His final resting place will be Mission Hill Cemetery later in the spring.

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Brimley names Students of the Month for December

BRIMLEY — Brimley Area Schools has announced the names of those chosen as Students of the Month for December 2011.

Tommissa Archambeau is always respectful and ready to learn. She has a kind spirit with a warm heart toward her peers.

Tommissa's smile and personality brightens the classroom. — Mrs. Jones

Isabelle Caraccio comes to school each day ready to work. She is the picture of concentration and is a very serious student. She is always listening and trying to apply new knowledge.

Isabelle helps her friends and is always kind to her classmates. — Ms. Hoffman

Brooke Carrick is a student who enters the class ready and eager to learn. She is a conscientious student who always does her work and homework. She has been giving extra on her writing and inspiring her classmates as well.

Brooke is a kind and helpful student and an example to all. — Mrs. Gross

Danny Carrick is an outstanding citizen and makes good choices to do what is right. He is kind to everyone and can be

counted on to help in any circumstance. He has been working very hard at completing all his assignments well and on time.

Danny's positive attitude and desire to give his best effort have a positive impact on the classroom. — Mrs. Hope

Kendra Carrick can always be counted on to do the right thing. She works hard to do her best and take care of her responsibilities as a student.

Kendra's hard work and dedication to excellence shows in all that she does. — Mrs. Rider

Brianna Clow is an outstanding student who goes above and beyond what she is asked to do. She is a wonderful role model for the classroom and can always be counted on to do the right thing.

Brianna follows all the classroom rules, completes all of her assignments on time, tries her hardest and gets along well with her classmates and adults alike. — Mrs. Ver Strate

Emily Harding is a very nice and polite girl who always follows the rules. She can always be counted on to do the right thing, whether it is getting along with her classmates, being helpful, or

completing her work on time.

Emily always gives her best effort. — Mrs. Carrick

Landen Harding is a very deserving young man who is always kind to his friends and can be counted on to help others with directions or on assignments. He comes into the room and immediately gets busy, a responsible student who always knows what to do.

Landen works hard on everything he is given and does it all with a smile on his face. — Mrs. Hill

Gina Hazlett is polite and helpful to others. She works hard and does her best.

Gina can be counted on to do what needs to be done and to follow the rules. — Mrs. Ellis

Colin Hopper has a constant sense of responsibility and unfailing helpfulness. He never misses an opportunity to offer his help to another and is usually one of the first to volunteer for a task. He maintains a constant positive attitude toward his class work and responsibilities, makes sure his daily work and homework are finished, does his best at all times and joyfully corrects his mistakes.

Colin is not a student who complains or becomes negative when asked to do something difficult, but approaches all learning tasks with confidence and enthusiasm. He makes good decisions, even when no one is watching. — Ms. Kennedy

Zachary Hyvarinen is a great student, hard working and consistent with his good work. He is also very helpful in the classroom, willingly helping his teacher and other students when they ask.

Add a heaping amount of sense of humor and you have a student in Zach who displays a great positive attitude in the classroom. — Mrs. Hutchins

Elsie McGuire loves to help others. She is a hard worker and

follows all classroom and school rules, setting a good example for her classmates.

Elsie gives her all at whatever she sets out to do. — Mrs. Kelso

Elijah Reinke has made a consistent effort in his academics. He has gone the extra mile of helping others out and pitching in to help.

Elijah is very friendly and kind. — Mrs. Osborne

Marina Slater is a student who always seems to have it "together." She maintains good grades, cares about the quality of her work and makes sure everything is turned in on time.

Marina consistently stays focused and on task, even when some of her classmates are not. — Mrs. Teeple



Students doing dandy in the days of December

Brimley Elementary School announced the names of those who ended 2011 with a flourish by being named Students of the Month for December. Front row, L-R: Landen Harding, Isabelle Caraccio and Colin Hopper. Middle row, L-R: Gina Hazlett, Emily Harding, Kendra Carrick and Brooke Carrick. Back row, L-R: Brianna Clow, Elijah Reinke, Zach Hyvarinen, Danny Carrick and Marina Slater. Missing from the photo are Elsie McGuire and Tommissa Archambeau.

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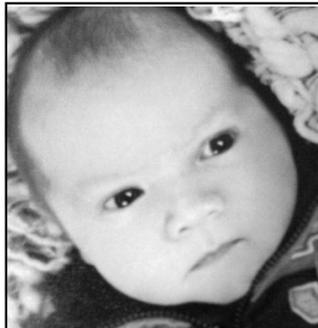
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Happy 6th birthday to Evan and Quinn Parker on Jan. 23!
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Happy birthday, Melissa Sally!
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Chendra, Michael and Calie Tremblay announce the arrival of their new brother: Owen Thomas Tremblay. He was born Sept. 16, 2011 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Mich., weighing in at 9 pounds and 20 inches long. Parents are Mike and Tara Tremblay of Brimley. Grandparents are Tom and Liz Tremblay, Cathy Lee, and Carol and Tom Brown, all of Brimley, and Ed and Joyce Lothrop Jr. of Bay Mills. Great-grandparents are Marion Passmore of Brimley and Bernadette and Ed Lothrop Sr. of Bay Mills. Great great grandmothers are Amelia LeBlanc of Bay Mills and Mary Lothrop of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

THANKS ...

The Social Services Department would like to thank the Bay Mills Resort & Casinos for their generous donation for the Thanksgiving Giving Program and the Bay Mills Indian Community Executive Council for their generous donation for the Christmas Giving Program. These two donations provided funding for families that met the federal poverty guidelines.

The Thanksgiving Giving Program entailed a gift certificate for families to purchase food for their Thanksgiving Day meal. We served 33 families, including 88 children, with this program. The Christmas Giving Program entailed a gift cer-

tificate for the family to purchase food for their Christmas Day meal and a gift certificate for each child in the family to purchase Christmas gifts. We served 66 families, including 138 children, with this program.

We have received a considerable amount of positive feedback from families that qualified for these two programs and would like to share some of the written comments received from them:

"Thank you for the gift cards, we greatly appreciate them. We were able to fill up their stockings and were able to get lots of arts and crafts items for the kids (which they love and spend hours playing

with);" "I appreciated these greatly;" "Thanks for all the help;" "Thanks so much;" and numerous verbal "thanks" throughout the holiday season.

On behalf of the Social Services Department, we extend our sincerest gratitude for the donations that made these holiday giving programs such a success this year.

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Chi-Miigwetch to the Bay Mills/Brimley community for your thoughts and prayers throughout my recovery. My family and I are truly appreciative of all the love.

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... so many things that we wish you were here to share with us instead.  
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# Dance troupe shares culture in "the land down under"

BAY MILLS — Members of Bay Mills Indian Community returned Jan. 9 from a two-week visit to Australia as part of a cultural exchange between the native people of both continents.

Members of the Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe are Liz Guererro, John Hunter, Joseph Hunter, Meredith Hunter, Matt Isaac, Tim Knox, Eleina LeReaux, Brad Lewis, Don Lyons, Dylan Miner, Estrella Torrez, Mexica Torrez-Miner, Reina Torrez-Miner, Wayne Silas Jr., Kylie "Smylie," Bucko Teeple, Michele Wellman-Teeple, Sara Wellman, Beness Willis, Michelle Willis, Miishen Willis, Mike Willis and Marcus Winchester.

Michelle Willis, educator and troupe member, recalled their unforgettable journey.

"We share this earth with an unimaginable number of people, plants, animals, birds and fish. When anything in creation dies, its body returns to the Earth. But did you know that everything we say, feel, or do is also absorbed by the Earth?"

"These memories settle like fossils hidden deep under the soil. Our Anishinaabe ancestors knew that dancing to the natural rhythm of the Earth gently releases this stored wisdom where it is transformed into messages for new generations, which are then carried by the wind through music and song.

"The Anishinaabek Northern Lights Dance Troupe traveled over 10,000 miles to the "land down under" for such an awakening. The journey was part of a growing cultural exchange between Aboriginal people from Queensland in Australia and Anishinaabe people from the Great Lakes region of North America. The troupe also included indigenous representation from the Métis

and the Mexica or Aztec cultures.

"The goal of the trip was to reach out to young people by encouraging them to be the change they seek. It was a mission accomplished and so much more. The troupe sang and danced to the drumbeat, sharing stories of their dances. When they weren't performing, members of the group conducted workshops on a variety of cultural issues, including sovereignty, language preservation, racism, art and education.

"The history of the Aboriginal communities in Australia mirrors our own Anishinaabe history, from British occupation to a forceful dispossession of land and civil rights to boarding schools. The troupe was privileged to meet individuals committed to regaining their land rights, traditional culture, language and a measure of sovereignty. Elders of the "Stolen Generation" shared their stories and the troupe was witness to the dancing, music and ceremony shared by many of Australia's first nation people.

"This trip strengthened the bond between members of the Northern Lights dance group and several Aboriginal communities, while learning from each other about land care management, governance and cultural revitalization efforts. As the troupe boarded the plane for the long trip back to the Great Lakes, they took with them hopes for continuing to build relationships with the Aboriginal communities.

"Plans are already being made for an Australian delegation to visit the U.S. in April. Everyone involved in this trip looks forward to developing future collaborations with indigenous communities in other parts of the world, possibly including Mexico, South America, New Zealand and Scandinavia."

# Airgood discusses the writing life

By Shannon Jones  
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE. — Ellen Airgood always wanted to be a writer. Since she was a child, she had fantasized about the writing life.

"I couldn't believe how cool it was to make up stuff and call it a story," she said at her Dec. 13 appearance at Bayliss Public Library. There she met with fans interested in her work, discussing the first book she had published, *South of Superior*, and how she finally got her work into print.

It was a long road for Airgood to see her work published. *South of Superior* was the sixth book she wrote, which took seven years to complete. This time around, she had hired a freelance editor to help guide her through the process.

On June 9, 2011 her years of hard work paid off as she held a launch party in her hometown of Grand Marais. Reception was incredible, she said, as the majority of the community came out to congratulate her.

"I thought maybe 20 to 30 people would show," she said. "Then I was told to prepare for at least 100."

The small diner she and her hus-

*"Ellen Airgood's debut novel presents an unsentimental but warm-hearted view of life in an isolated Michigan town. Thrust into the dramas of its quirky inhabitants, a Chicago woman discovers that happiness, hope and love are possible even in a place where times can only go from tough to tougher. Reminiscent of Richard Russo, South of Superior is an engaging tale told with wit and charm."* — Philip Caputo, author of *Indian Country, The Voyage, and Acts of Faith*

band run had people lined up out the door. Her writings mirrored life in the small town, which drew many people in. And now her biggest hurdle is deciding whether or not to write a sequel as so many have requested.

"I'm not sure about a sequel. I was relieved when it was done and never had that intention," she said. "And I don't want to have to kill any of my characters off."

Airgood is currently working on another novel and has been approached about writing children's books.

A former legislative writer for the Environmental Protection Agency, Airgood encourages anyone who wants to write to step up and do so.

"I had many years of rejections, but I was told I could write. There is great basic information in *Writers Digest*," she said, noting that even as a published author she is not above reading books about the writing process. "They are very helpful."

Airgood's book, *South of Superior*, is available for loan at Bayliss Public Library or can be purchased online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

## Anonymous donor to match LSSU donations

SAULT STE. MARIE — An anonymous donor group has agreed to boost the hockey operations budget at Lake Superior State University by matching up to \$250,000 in donations made by alumni, parents, fans and friends of the program.

The establishment of a challenge grant by a donor, especially of this magnitude, is a first for the university, according to Tom Coates, executive director of the LSSU Foundation.

Donations to the Laker Hockey Challenge Fund received between Dec. 1, 2011 and Sept. 30, 2013 will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$250,000. The challenge coincides with the Lakers joining the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in the 2013-2014 season.

Support raised from this challenge will be earmarked to supplement funding for important activities associated with the program, including recruiting, travel, equipment and additional operational needs.

"We think our hockey alumni will

be excited about this opportunity to basically double their support to Laker hockey," said assistant coach Doug Laprade, who will be spearheading the effort with former players, their parents and other supporters. "This is something we are going to promote with a theme of "Back to the Attack."

For those who would like to support the Challenge Fund, contact Laprade at 906-635-2605 or email [dlaprade@lssu.edu](mailto:dlaprade@lssu.edu). For information regarding pledges, contact Coates at 906-635-6670 or [tcoates@lssu.edu](mailto:tcoates@lssu.edu).



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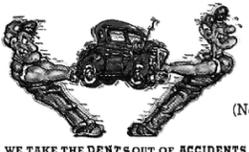
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# Volunteers needed to serve as summer campground hosts

The Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division is offering free camping this summer for outdoor lovers who volunteer as campground hosts at Michigan state parks, recreation areas or state forest campgrounds. The Volunteer Campground Host Program allows individuals to camp in a state park or state forest campground at no charge in return for providing visitor assistance in the campground.

Campground hosts direct visitors to their campsites, answer questions about the park or state forest, arrange campground activities and perform light maintenance duties and other services, depending on the hosts' talents and interests. They can be individuals or teams. Retired couples, teachers and students, as well as families, are just some of the volunteers who have enjoyed spending their time as campground hosts.

Campground hosts must be at least 18 years old, provide services five days/30 hours per week, including weekends and holidays, serve a minimum of four consecutive weeks and furnish their own camping unit, equipment and personal items.

State park hosts must attend a two-day training session the end of April, 2012 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. This training is not required of state forest campground hosts.

Campground hosts are chosen by park and forest managers who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, his or her camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the needs of the specific park or forest campground.

Hosts are particularly needed during the busy camping season, which can begin as early as April in state parks in southern Michigan. Many of last year's campground hosts will be returning this year; however, vacancies still exist at park and forest camp-

ground locations throughout Michigan.

Information and applications are available from the DNR's website at [www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters). Those interested in being a campground host at a state park should apply directly to the park of their choice.

For more information on campground host positions in state parks and recreation areas contact Pam Ames at 517-467-7401; for state forest campgrounds, please contact Ada Takacs at 989-275-5151, ext. 2049.

The Recreation Passport has replaced motor vehicle permits for entry into Michigan state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boating access fee sites. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities also helps to preserve state forest campgrounds,

trails, and historic and cultural sites in state parks, and provides park development grants to local communities.

Michigan residents can purchase the Recreation Passport, which is \$10 for motor vehicles and \$5 for motorcycles, by checking "YES" on their license plate renewal forms, or at any state park or recreation area.

Nonresident motor vehicles must still display a valid nonresident Recreation Passport, which is \$29 annual or \$8 daily, to enter a Michigan state park, recreation area or state-administered boating access fee site; these can be purchased at any state park or recreation area, or through the Michigan e-Store at [www.michigan.gov/estore](http://www.michigan.gov/estore).

To learn more about the Recreation Passport, visit [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport) or call 517-241-7275.

## DNR offers women opportunity to explore ice fishing, snowshoeing, hunting and more on Jan. 28

The Department of Natural Resources is offering a Winter Discovery Day on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. Part of the *Becoming an Outdoors-Woman* program, the program is designed for women to try a variety of outdoor skills in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment.

The \$50 fee includes lunch and participants' choice of two classes. Sessions, taught by experienced volunteer instructors, include ice fishing, snowshoeing, basic map and compass skills, day hiking, self defense, basic pistol shooting, outdoor cooking, and turkey hunting.

"We decided to offer this one-day program for those who want to try some new outdoor recreation activities but can't get away for the full Winter Discovery Weekend," said BOW program coordinator Sue Tabor. "Women who are interested in getting outdoors and having some fun are invited to join us. All classes are geared toward beginners - no skill level required!"

The Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center is on the north shore of Higgins Lake at 104 Conservation Drive in Roscommon. Registration and payment must be received no later than Jan. 24. BOW is a noncompetitive program in which each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace. The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities, and sharing in the success of one another.

For registration forms and information on this and other BOW programs, visit [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow), call 517-241-2225 or email to [dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov).

## Border Crossing announces cover art contest Local artists are being encouraged to enter their work

SAULT STE. MARIE — Ice may be forming in the St. Mary's River and nearby Great Lakes, but *Border Crossing*, Lake Superior State University's journal of art and literature, invites you to think of water - frozen or otherwise - as it holds a themed cover-art contest for its 2012 issue.

The theme for entries this year is "water," according to Professor Julie Barbour who, along with Professor Mary McMyne, edits the journal. The contest is open only to residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as part of the mission of *Border Crossing* is to provide an outlet where area artists may showcase their work. The judge for this year's contest is U.P. artist Maureen Mousley.

Artists should submit work inspired by, or work which inspires reflection upon, the

theme of water. The first prize winner will have their work appear on the cover and will receive an installation and showing of their artwork during the 2012 issue's launch party and reading. Second and third place winners may also be published inside the issue. Any medium is welcome, as long as the digital representation submitted can be featured on *Border Crossing's* black and white cover.

Before entering, artists should read the full submission guidelines on *Border Crossing's* online submission manager, located at [bordercrossing.submishmash.com/submit](http://bordercrossing.submishmash.com/submit). There is no fee for entries, which should be submitted online at the same site. The deadline to enter is Feb. 1.

Apart from the cover art contest, *Border Crossing* also accepts

general submissions of visual art from artists residing in the U.P. Visit the journal's website, [Issu.edu/bc](http://Issu.edu/bc), to learn more.

Art contest judge Maureen Mousley holds a bachelor's degree in fine art from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Her most recent awards include first place in the "First Art Folk" competition for the Sault Area Arts Council in 2010, Best in Show at the Sault Summer Arts Festival in 2011, and the Purchase Prize Award from Northern Exposure XVIII at Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba. Mousley is president of the Sault Area Arts Council's Olive M. Craig Gallery board and is an active member of the council. She has taught at LSSU, and in the Sault, Brimley, and Ojibwe Charter school districts. She maintains a studio and resides in Sault Ste. Marie.

For more information, contact Barbour at [jbarbour@Issu.edu](mailto:jbarbour@Issu.edu), 635-2657; or McMyne at [mmcmyne@Issu.edu](mailto:mmcmyne@Issu.edu), 635-2327.

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# Carrick retires from Forest Service

By Lori Mills  
Bay Mills News



BRIMLEY — On Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 Justin Carrick worked his last day on the job for the U.S. Forest Service. The Bay Mills Indian community member retired after 36 years.

Back when Carrick was in high school, he knew he wanted to get into the natural resource field. He always excelled and enjoyed any courses that had anything to do with field biology. The outdoor environment was always important to Carrick's family and they all have a strong interest in the outdoors.

After Carrick graduated high school he went to Nicolet College in Wis., which offered courses tailored for tribal members. He took a one-year program in resource management and planned to continue his education after working for the summer to get some first hand experience on the job.

His advisors told him of a sum-

mer job opportunity in St. Ignace as a forestry technician which he began May 5, 1975, but the job did not end there. As a Forestry Technician, Carrick's duties ranged from reforestation, fire suppression, recreation, cleaning trails, and helping at the campgrounds.

In the summer of 1977 while working for a youth camp with the Youth Conservation Corp., a job with the Sault Ste. Marie district became available. Carrick took the job and has been there ever

since. His duties there were more tailored towards recreation — working with the Point Iroquois Lighthouse, cleaning trails, and maintaining the campgrounds. He also aided with fire suppression, tree planting, and anything else that might come up. Carrick reported to the Forest Service Work Center in Raco for most of his field work and to the Sault Ste. Marie District office for his office work.

Carrick said he has mixed feelings on retiring. "You miss the people you worked with and working with the community, the historic society, the volunteers at the lighthouse, the history department, the water safety group in St. Ignace. You meet a lot of nice people and that is a fun part of the job, but there's still a part of me looking forward to retirement and moving on."

Carrick's future plans consist of staying in the area and maybe working part-time somewhere if the opportunity arises.

# Wolves no longer federally protected as of Jan. 28, but state protections remain

LANSING— Wolves in the Great Lakes region will no longer be considered a federally protected species as of Jan. 28, leaving management concerns in the hands of states. While Minnesota is considering a hunting season for the creature, Michigan hunters shouldn't get their hopes up anytime soon.

In Michigan, wolves will continue to be protected by the state and will be handled according to already established guidelines, created with input from the Wolf Roundtable, an advisory group of diverse stakeholders from across the state.

"This is great news for the state's wolf population and for Michigan citizens who have been affected by this issue," said DNR Director Rodney Stokes. "Treating wolves as an endangered species, when the population has exceeded federal recovery goals in Michigan for more than a decade, has negatively impacted public opinion in areas of Michigan where wolves are established on the landscape.

"I firmly believe that the more flexible management options allowed under the state's Wolf Management Plan will help increase social acceptance of the species while maintaining a healthy, sustainable wolf population."

Management of wolves has long been a contentious subject amongst hunters, farmers and conservationists. In 2008, the state of Michigan passed laws to allow livestock or

dog owners, or their designated agents, to remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to destroy a wolf that is "in the act of preying upon" (attempting to kill or injure) the owner's livestock or dog(s).

However, these laws were never put into effect as long as the species was considered federally endangered. As of Jan. 27, these laws are now applicable.

Once wolves are removed from the endangered species list, the DNR will continue to recommend nonlethal methods of control first, including flashing lights, flagging and noisemakers. In addition, the DNR administers a grant program that provides some funding to livestock owners with depredation issues for improved fencing and

guard animals such as llamas, donkeys and Great Pyrenees dogs.

There is no public hunting or trapping of wolves allowed in Michigan and DNR officials have not indicated any hunting seasons in the works. Michigan is home to approximately 600 wolves, whereas Minnesota claims to have upwards of 3,000.

The DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will investigate and continue vigorous prosecution of any wolf poaching cases. Illegally killing a wolf is punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both, and the cost of prosecution.

Reports about poaching can be made to the DNR's Report All Poaching Hotline, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 800-292-7800.

## Apparent U.P. moose poaching was hoax

MARQUETTE (AP) — Michigan wildlife officials say what appeared to be a moose poaching in the Upper Peninsula turned out to be a hoax.

The Department of Natural Resources said last October that someone had placed a severed moose head on a rock in Marquette County's Humboldt Township with a sign reading, "Wolf's (sic) won't get this one!" The agency requested help in finding the poacher.

But on Jan. 10, the DNR said investigators have learned the head came from a moose that was legally killed in Canada by a hunter who brought it to the U.P. for processing.

The hunter kept the meat and antlers but left the rest of the carcass for disposal by the processor. The DNR is trying to determine how the head ended up being used in the stunt.

## Author Keith Taylor makes a stop in Sault Ste. Marie

SAULT STE. MARIE — Author Keith Taylor will make appearances in Sault Ste. Marie this month. Professor Taylor teaches at the University of Michigan and was one of the featured authors at the U.P. Book Tour last summer at Bayliss Public Library.

Thursday, Jan. 19, from noon to 2 p.m., Taylor will be the guest of Lake Superior State University's Creative Writing Program for a Brown Bag Lunch reading and question-and-answer period at the Cislser Center's Crow's Nest. Participants may bring their own lunch or purchase one in the Cislser Center.

That evening at 7, Taylor will be at Bayliss Public Library, where he will speak about his new book of ghost stories, *Ghost Writers: Us Haunting Them, Contemporary Michigan Literature*. The book was just chosen by the Library of Michigan as one of 20 Michigan Notable Books for 2012. Taylor co-edited *Ghost Writers* with author Laura Kasischke.

They asked 12 celebrated Michigan writers to submit new stories on the theme of ghosts. The resulting collection is a mix of tales with diverse

settings, tones, and styles. Some are true stories written by non-believers, while others are fiction and can be funny, bittersweet, spooky, or sinister. All share Michigan as a setting. Bayliss Library is located at 541 Library Drive in Sault Ste. Marie.

Taylor was born in Canada, grew up in Indiana, and earned his master's degree in English at Central Michigan University. He has worked at various jobs, including as a bookseller in Ann Arbor for more than 20 years.

Taylor coordinates the undergraduate program in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan and directs the Bear River Writers Conference at Walloon Lake. Recently, he became the Poetry Editor at Michigan Quarterly Review. He has published 10 books and won such awards as a fellowship in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts. His books will be available for purchase and signing at his events.

All three events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact CCHS at cchs@sault.com, LSSU at jrose@lssu.edu, and Bayliss Library at 906-632-9331.

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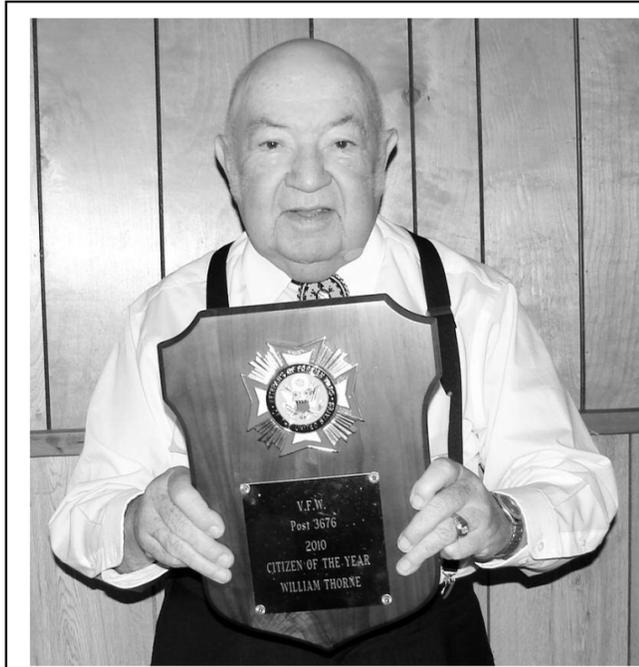
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# Brimley Elementary holds annual Christmas concert



**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!** — On Dec. 20, Brimley Elementary School entertained the community once more with their annual Christmas Concert. Each class performed a special Christmas song and the High School Band and Choir added their talents to the mix. Pictured above and below are the students from Mrs. Osborne's and Mrs. Hutchins' classes who performed a very lively rendition of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," which left the audience rolling in the aisles. At the far bottom, third grade students from Mrs. Carrick's and Mrs. Ver Strate's classes sang "Feliz Navidad," all under the direction of Mrs. Burrows.

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**MANY HONORS** — Bay Mills Indian Community member Bill Thorne displays one of the many honors he has garnered over his 65-year career in broadcasting. He was chosen as Chippewa County Citizen of the Year for 2010, which he described as his "most prestigious award." At the age of 80, Thorne continues to broadcast his two shows: "Four Horsemen" from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, which has been on the air for over 40 years; and his gospel hour from 10 to 11 on Sundays, which he has been doing for 54 years.

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# Announcements

## Gather for teachings

A family cultural gathering, featuring story telling and traditional teachings, will be held Saturday, Jan. 21 at Migizi Hall on the West Campus of Bay Mills Community College from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The free event is an opportunity for community members to take time from their busy lives to relax, learn and have fun, and is hosted by the cultural department and the Journey to Healing program. For more information or to sign up, call Ruby Hatfield at 906-248-8312 or Anna Rogers-Stout at 8311.

## Have breakfast at the barn

The Sault Ste. Marie Snowmobile Association will hold a fundraiser the third Saturday of the next three months: Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 17. Called "Breakfast at the Barn," the event is held in Sault Ste. Marie at the Associations' clubhouse at 1205 West 9th Street, off Easterday Avenue, west of I-75. A suggested donation of \$5 will get you a deli-

cious, hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausage with juice, coffee or hot chocolate. Ask for a groomer ride as well. For more information, visit [www.sootrails.org](http://www.sootrails.org).

## Attend a comedy

The Chippewa Theater Guild will present the comedy, "Same Time, Next Year" at The Guild Theater, 700 Eureka Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

The play, written by Bernard Slade and directed by James Taylor, is about an adulterous couple who meet one weekend a year for 26 years.

Show times are Thursday, Jan. 26 through Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Box office opens at 7 p.m. for evening performances and 1:30 p.m. for the matinee.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students and are available at the door or by calling Colleen at 906-632-7090 for reservations.

Visit [www.chippewatheaterguild.com](http://www.chippewatheaterguild.com) for further details.

## Try out for a comedy

The Chippewa Theater Guild will hold auditions for the musical comedy, "Nunsense III, The Jamboree!" on Sunday, Jan. 22 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 510 Bingham Street in Sault Ste. Marie.

The play was written by Dan Goggin and will be directed by Lise White, with six female roles and one male role available. No prepared material is required.

Production dates will be April 19 to 22 at the Guild Theater in Sault Ste. Marie. Call Colleen at 906-632-7090 for further information or visit [www.chippewatheaterguild.com](http://www.chippewatheaterguild.com).

## Adopt a cat

Chippewa County Animal Shelter is holding their January 2012 Lucky Black Cat Special: Adopt a black cat from now until Jan. 31 for only \$5. A certificate for a free spay/neuter surgery will be provided upon adoption, if the cat isn't already fixed. The shelter is located at 3660 South Mackinac

Trail in Sault Ste. Marie and is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Volleyball tourney planned

The Fourth Annual Jackie Leapley Memorial Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at Brimley High School. The co-ed tournament allows no more than three men on the court. Registration costs \$120 per team and can be completed by calling Beth Hill at 906-440-1053 or Candice Leapley at 906-322-7004 prior to the registration deadline of Saturday, Feb. 11.

Volunteers are welcome. All proceeds will go toward the Jackie Leapley Scholarship Fund.

## Police looking for assistance

The Sault Ste. Marie Police Department is investigating a fire that damaged a memorial gazebo in Sault Ste. Marie and a theft of copper wire from a cell phone tower site in Dafter.

Sometime between Wednesday,

Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, a memorial gazebo located at a residence on the 900 block of John Street in Sault Ste. Marie sustained minor damage due to a fire of an unknown origin. The gazebo is normally left open to friends and family and does not have any electrical hazards or flammables that could have caused the fire without an outside ignition source.

Also, sometime between Thursday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, thieves cut and removed a large length of copper wire from a generator plant located at a cell phone tower site on Mackinac Trail in Dafter. The stolen cable is estimated at approximately \$1,500.

Those with information about these crimes or any other crimes, are asked to contact Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-465-7867 or visiting [www.sault-crimestoppers.com](http://www.sault-crimestoppers.com). The call will stay anonymous and if the tip leads to an arrest, the caller could receive up to \$1,000 for the information.

## Gov. Snyder to deliver state budget proposal on Feb. 9

LANSING (AP) — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder will present his budget proposal on Feb. 9, said a spokesman for State Budget Director John Nixon.

Kurt Weiss said the Republican governor again will make the budget presentation himself, as he did last year, with Nixon aiding in the presentation. A location and other details still are being worked out.

The 2012-13 budget proposal covers the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 and will be closely watched to see if additional money is put into areas that were cut in the current budget. Critics say the governor's first budget took too much from public schools, universities, local governments and social services. The current budget also ended many tax breaks for individuals and specific businesses while lowering business taxes overall.

Snyder told the Associated Press last month that he thinks the state will be "finished with the cut model" for schools in his new budget proposal. He'd like to tie at least some K-12 funding in 2012-13 to student achievement, so school districts where students learn more get additional money. He plans to work with the Legislature to decide how best to measure what students are learning, he said.

The governor urged lawmakers last year to pass the budget quickly, and the GOP-controlled House and Senate complied by putting a budget in place by June 1, the earliest date in three decades. It's a model Snyder plans to say should be repeated this year.

He's also expected to call for ending the guarantee of retiree health care for any new teachers hired in coming years, instead giving them a contribution toward their defined contribution retirement plans to cover health care costs when they retire.

The Senate Fiscal Agency anticipates state revenues will increase less than 1 percent in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

## Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program set for Upper Peninsula Feb. 24 to 26

Women seeking the opportunity to improve their outdoor skills are invited to register for the 12th annual Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) winter program in the Upper Peninsula. The program will be held in Big Bay on Feb. 24-26.

Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this program offers instruction in more than a dozen kinds of indoor and outdoor activities, including cross-country skiing, dog sledding, ice fishing, fly tying, wilderness first aid, wood burning and more. Instructors provide basic and advanced instruction that is tailored to each participant's individual ability.

The program takes place at Bay Cliff Health Camp, a universally accessible facility, located in a picturesque wooded setting overlooking Lake Superior approximately 30 miles north of Marquette.

The \$180 registration fee includes all food and lodging, as well as most equipment and sup-

plies, except as noted in the registration materials. Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities including a sauna and hiking trails with access to Lake Superior.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops are for women, 18 and older, who wish to learn outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere. The winter BOW program also includes special evening programs during the weekend event.

Early registration is recommended as the program fills quickly each year. Class information and registration materials are available online at [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow), and payments may now be made online as well. For more information, contact Sharon Pitz at the DNR office in Marquette at 906-

228-6561 or send an e-mail to [pitzs@michigan.gov](mailto:pitzs@michigan.gov).

Many other outdoors programs for women are scheduled across Michigan. To learn more about these additional opportunities, check the BOW website or contact Sue Tabor at 517-241-2225; e-mail: [dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov](mailto:dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov).



## Malloy, Tadgerson bag elk

After hunting for several days, on Dec. 18 Bay Mills tribal member Marcia Malloy (far left) bagged a 478.5 pound, 5 x 5 elk in Atlanta, Mich., near Vanderbilt.



Cole Tadgerson shot this 450 pound, 6x6, after being in the field no more than 10 minutes on opening day. He shot it with a .308 on Nov. 25 and it was the first one of the season to be brought into the weigh station in Atlanta.

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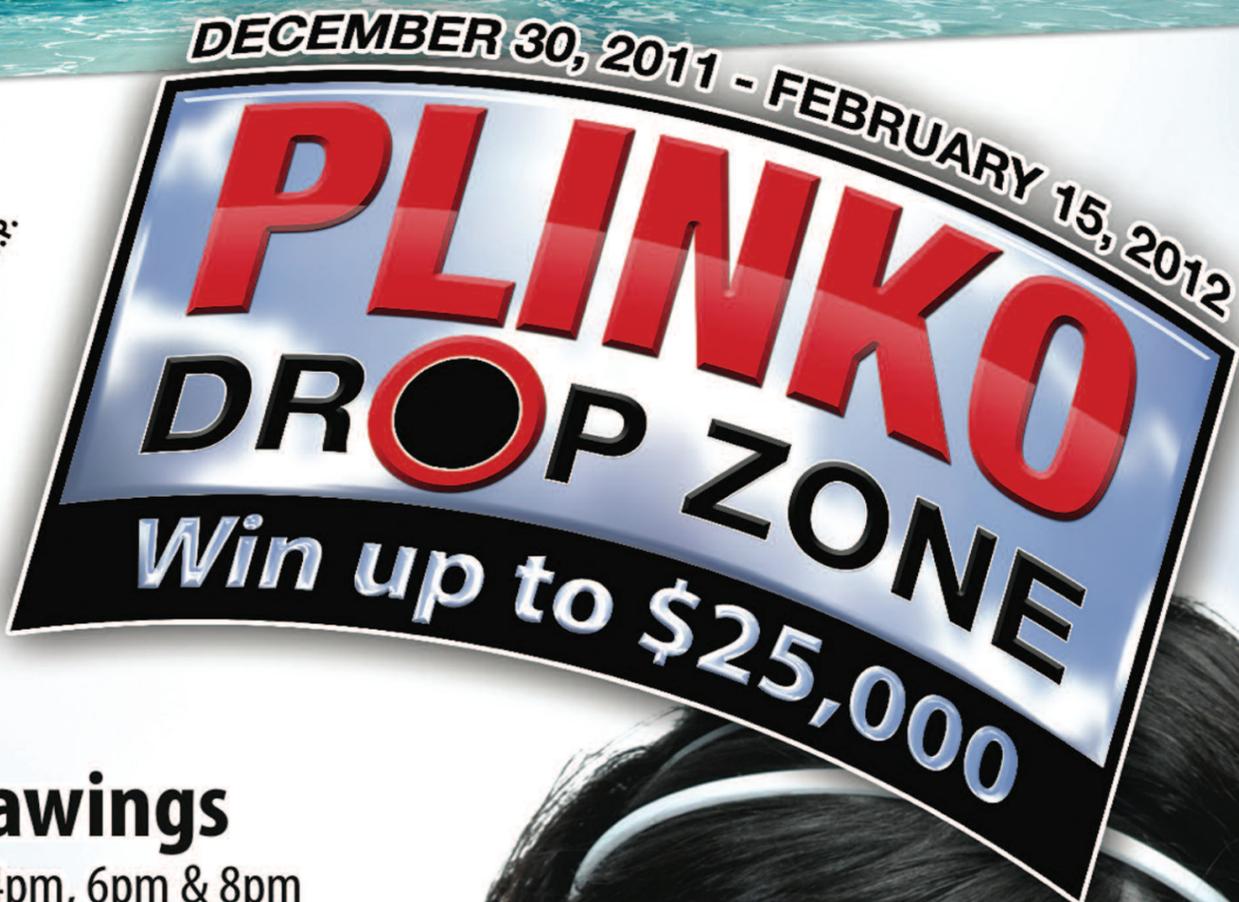
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