

Red Road to DC make last tour stop in Mackinaw City

MACKINAW CITY — Citizens of Bay Mills Indian Community are calling on President Biden to take immediate action to shut down Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline.

On Tuesday, July 27, in an event to be held as part of the Red Road to DC, a cross-country tour highlighting Indigenous sacred sites at risk, elected leaders of the Bay Mills Indian Community and other tribes will address the Line 5 issue. The tribes note the pipeline is a violation of the Treaty of 1836 and a threat to their sacred waters. Organizers of the Red Road tour will stop in Mackinaw City on the last leg of their journey to the Capitol. The event, open to the public, will begin at 9 a.m. at Fort Michilimackinac Park.

The event will display a totem pole by Lummi Nation carvers to highlight sacred sites at risk due to development and infrastructure projects.

The tour includes stops in: Snake River at the Washington/Idaho border; Bears Ears in Utah; Chaco Canyon in New Mexico; the Black Hills in South Dakota; the Missouri River in Yankton South Dakota; Standing Rock; Line 3 oil pipeline in Minnesota; and Line 5 pipeline in Michigan. The tour will end in Washington, DC, with a press event and rally on the National Mall. Tour organizers include House of Tears Carvers, The Natural History Museum, IllumiNative, Native Organizers Alliance, Se'Si'Le, and the National Congress of American Indians.

Line 5, initially given an easement in 1953, has been the center of controversy in the Upper Peninsula for several years. Enbridge has planned to build a tunnel around the pipeline, saying it will protect the Straits from the danger of spills. But that construction would allow the destruction of sensitive wetlands and the placement of structures on the bottomlands within the Straits of Mackinac. And these plans and permits have moved forward without tribal consultation.

"Time and time again, we must fight for what was promised to our ancestors in the treaties," said Gravelle. "This should never happen, and it is something



the Biden administration can and should address. No infrastructure project should move ahead without the consent of the tribes affected."

As part of the Treaty of 1836, BMIC reserved for all time the right to fish, hunt, and gather in the ceded land and waters of the state of Michigan—including the ceded waters of Lake Superior, Huron, and Michigan, which includes the Straits of Mackinac.

"Side-stepping the concerns of Tribal Nations and rubber-stamping this project before the necessary studies are completed signals a deeply concerning indifference to tribal sovereignty," added Gravelle.

Gov. Whitmer revoked the easement allowing to company to operate on May 12, yet Enbridge continues to operate illegally. In an effort to get Enbridge to comply, Whitmer has threatened to go after Enbridge's profits, but not action has been taken.

"We aren't the only ones at risk from the devastating effects of a pipeline spill. Fishermen, the tourism industry, our Michigan economy, are all endangered if Line 5 continues to operate in our waters. President

Biden must address this crisis immediately."

The House of Tears Carvers has created a tradition of carving and delivering totem poles to areas struck by disaster, or otherwise in need of hope and healing. The first such journey was in 2001 in the wake of the September 11th tragedy in New York. In 2013 the Lummi people began, what would turn out to be, a yearly totem pole journey, in response to the threat of a 50 million ton coal export terminal proposal on their traditional and sacred lands at Xwe'chi'eXen (Cherry Point). Each year, the totem pole has been brought to tribal and non-tribal communities throughout the country seeking to honor, unite and empower communities in the destructive path of fossil fuel extraction and environmental degradation.

Following the tour, the totem pole will be exhibited outside of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian to coincide with the Kwel' Hoy: We Draw the Line exhibition about the history of the Lummi totem pole journeys, developed by The Natural History Museum and the House of Tears Carvers.

BMCC awarded grant to establish bachelor's degree in computer science

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Community College has been selected to receive a 2021-2025 TCU Computer Science Capacity Building Grant for the proposed project "Nanda-gikendan Waasimowini" (seek to learn computers). This is the second bachelor's degree that will be offered by BMCC.

The next step for BMCC is to hire an additional computer science faculty member. That position is currently open and posted on BMCC's website, www.bmcc.edu. Once the hiring is complete, that person will hit the ground running with curriculum development, and later will teach in the program.

According to Computer Information Systems Dept. Chair Tyler Postma, while the grant allows

for development to take four years, they would like to get the program up and running within two years.

Four schools were selected for the grant by the American Indian College Fund, but BMCC is the only school that will be offering a fully online bachelor's degree program.

Those who are interested in the program can get a start this fall by enrolling in either of BMCC's associate degree programs — computer science with a concentration in web development or computer information systems. Either of those programs will give potential bachelor's students a solid educational foundation in hardware, networking, technologies, and web development. Students who have an associate's degree will be able to transition smoothly into the new bachelor's program.

BMCC's Chief Information Officer Chet Kasper believes anyone with a bachelor's degree in CIS can land a well-paying job.

"This will be a great opportunity for tribal members and their communities," Kasper said.

Career options for graduates include system/network administrator, software engineer, and network architect.

Once the program is established, the Higher Learning Commission will review for approval, the final step before it can be launched.

Postma said the biggest challenge is filling the new faculty position.

"We hope to have this position filled by the end of July. Anyone with questions about the program or the position is encouraged to reach out to either myself or human resources," said Postma.

Chairperson's Report

Celebrating our shared connection to land and water

By BMIC Chairperson Whitney Gravelle

Next Tuesday, on July 27th, the Bay Mills Indian Community will be welcoming the Red Road to DC and the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation as they make their final stop transporting a 24-foot totem pole they carved to deliver to the White House in Washington D.C.

This historic event is a celebration of lines of connection - honoring, uniting and empowering communities and Tribal Nations like Bay Mills Indian Community working to protect sacred places. The totem pole carved by the House of Tears Carvers carries the spirit of the lands it visits and the power and prayers of communities along the way. Those sacred places include our Straits of Mackinac, our Great Lakes, and highlights our interconnected relationship with land and water as Anishinaabe people.

Our teachings remind us that, we as Anishinaabe do not believe we were created last because we were the most important, instead we understand we were created last because we are the least important. We rely on the rest of the world to survive. The world is not here for us to conquer, control, dominate, or exploit. It is here to honor, celebrate, teach, and respect - knowing we could not live without it.

As we all know, the Great Lakes are also part of our treaty rights as a signatory to the 1836 Treaty of Washington, in which Bay Mills and other Tribal Nations ceded territory to the United States for the creation of the State of Michigan, which included approximately 14 million acres of land and 13 million acres of navigable waters. As we celebrate the arrival of the Lummi Nation next week, I hope the State of Michigan can acknowledge the cultural, traditional, spiritual, and historical significance of the Great Lakes to Tribal Nations. They have been an integral part of our lives as long as we can remember, and will be for many generations to come. Commercial

and subsistence fishing continue to be the primary occupation of members of the Bay Mills Indian Community from Treaty times until the present day with over half our citizen households rely on fishing for all, or a portion of their annual income.

Bay Mills Indian Community continues to work towards protecting the Great Lakes as an intervening party before the Michigan Public Service Commission, a consulting party before the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental and Great Lakes Energy Department, as well as an amici in the legal case Governor Gretchen Whitmer v. Enbridge Energy et. al.

Separately, I want to remind everyone of the 30th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow this year on August 13-15. We have lost a number of Veterans this year, Dale Semasky Sr., Norma (Jesse) Bennett, Keith Cameron, Robin Bedell; and although many of us will prepare to gather and celebrate again as a Tribal Nation many of our relatives will also still be in mourning. We invite the families of all of veterans to join us this weekend and help us honor our ogichidaag for their protection and sacrifice over the course of their lifetime, and also join us to celebrate in the good medicine the big drum brings.

Although COVID-19 cases have significantly declined the coming weeks, I also want to remind everyone we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Please be mindful and do not attend the Pow Wow if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with anyone who has symptoms.

Please check out our tribal website, the official Tribal Chairperson Facebook Page, for regular updates about what is going on here at Bay Mills. Please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by for a visit to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns with me. You can reach me at 906-248-8100 or wgravelle@baymills.org.



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Bay Mills Executive Council discusses business at regular meetings

June 28 Regular Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2021

Reports

Chairperson Whitney Gravelle

- Received news from US Army Corps of Engineers, seeking Line 5 environment impact statement on Enbridge. This extends timelines significantly. Illustrates tribal advocacy is working and we are being heard about our concerns.

- Working with Native Organizers Alliance on July 27 Red Road to DC in Mackinaw City. Totem Pole journey. Opportunity to talk about and reflect on what has happened and what we are protecting.

- No active cases of COVID-19 on the reservation.

- Consultation with Michigan Public Service Commission on Line 5 issues.

- Looking to provide relief to fishers from NOAA. Would not come into effect until late this year.

- New tribal website will be launching soon.

Tribal Manager Rachel Burt

- Have not received info from Treasury on second round of stimulus monies.

- 1200 stimulus payments have gone out. Big kudos to accounting and enrollment.

Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram

- Kronos is working, HR has started training.

- Working on insurance renewal.

- Wage study analysis is ongoing.

- FRF funds are available for spending within the departments.

- Audits going on in accounting.

- New dental office in the Sault is purchased.

Health Director Audrey Breakie

- Two positives to the health center last week, but not from Reservation. Sent out to see what variant it is.

- Booster clinics coming up for Pfizer.

- Property purchase was closed on June 21. Paperwork update for environmental assessment is being done. Need to put land into trust.

- Working on strategic planning sessions.

- Met with EMS to discuss staffing issues.

BMGA General Manager Richard LeBlanc

- Meeting regularly with department managers once again.

- Count machine will need to be replaced.

- Meeting with Wild Bluff over FRF expenditures.

New Business

- Resolution No. 21-06-28A: Tribal Tax Code Enterprise Tax Revenue Allocation Change. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28C: Application of FY2021 Rural Housing Service, USDA Housing Preservation Grants. Approved. Would assist homeowners to repair their homes. Grant would be \$50k. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28D: Historic Property Protection: Property across from tribal office, foundation for Old Methodist Mission Church sits there. Would prevent any kind of development near this land, and preserve as a historic site. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28F: Lease Cancellation – William J. Teeple. Received a lease in 2017 for Crane Road parcel, did not develop the parcel. Was sent a letter in May.

Would go back into the housing stock. Should have received a permit first, then a lease after build. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28G: Lease Submission – Shawn Olson. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28H: Lease Submission – David McKelvie. For 7112 S. Whitehawk Trail, Sugar Island. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28I: Lease Submission – Ken Jahnke. Lease was never signed years ago. Just completing the process for the BIA. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28J: Submission of Lease Addendums. In going through records, several did not get sent to the BIA. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-06-28K: Approval of Charge up Michigan Grant Application. This will help get electric vehicle chargers at BMRC. Cost-share agreement. We would pay about 1/3 of total cost (30-33k). Approved.

- Acceptance of Tribal Energy Development Grant (\$115k Feasibility Study at BMRC). Approved.

- Approval to contract for Whiskey River Build for Boys & Girls Club build. Approved.

- Acceptance of Tribal Transit Funds. This would be about \$90k for a bus, \$59k additional. Approved.

- Lease Application – Nick Spencer. Application for 2019 was tabled. New application asks for one acre on E. 7 mile on Sugar Island. Approved.

- Lease Application – Alan Waishkey. Requesting for Red Pine Lane home, Everett Waishkey estate (probate has taken place). Approved.

- Lease Application – Adrian Hatfield. For 2872 S. Red Pine Lane, would like to construct a home. This is an undeveloped lot. Approved.

- Lease Application – Thomas Biland. For 2903 Loons Lane, would like to place a home on that lot. Approved.

- Lease Application – Alich Carrick. Undeveloped lot request. Approved.

- Lease Application – John Napoletano. He would like to place a home on the lot. Approved.

- Tribal Opioid Litigation - Approval of Purdue Bankruptcy Restructuring Plan. Approved.

- Acceptance of Red Road to DC Funding - \$10,000. Coming from Native Organizers Alliance. Will help with Line 5 battle as well. Approved.

- Approval of Updated Credit Card Usage Policy. Approved.

- Child Welfare Committee Appointment. Chelsea Shaw will be appointed, by recommendation. Approved.

- Medical Donation Request- Kimarie and Tiffany (kidney surgery at the end of July). Recovery time is lengthy. Motion for \$500 to each individual. Approved.

- Donation Request – Water is Life Festival. BMIC has previously donated to this event. \$500 donation. Approved.

- Donation Request – Boys & Girls Club Golf Scramble. \$1,000 donation. Approved.

- Donation Request – Brimley Varsity Volleyball Team. This is for team camp at NMU. Will work on skill development. \$1,000 donation. Approved.

July 12 Regular Meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 28 and Special Meeting July 2

Reports

Chairperson Whitney Gravelle

- July 2 Council gave the \$3 raise to many employees.

- June 30 Robin Bedell 5k scholarship run took place, \$7k raised.

- July 9 met with Sugar Island supervisor, working to set up communications channels about dumping issue. Will attend August township meeting to discuss further.

- No active cases of virus on reservation, 17 in Chippewa County.

- Met with Army Corps about shoreline erosion issues. Will discuss at July GTC.

- Met with MDHHS on guardianship assistance.

- Line 5: Efforts continue. Working to designate the Straits as a cultural property. Consultation took place on July 6. Red Road to DC takes place July 27. Working on transportation options.

- 2020 Consent Decree negotiations continue moving forward.

- Begun setting up cultural workshops. Working on strategic plan.

Tribal Manager Rachel Burt

- Met to discuss broadband grant application request. Our server hub must be relocated into a more secure area. Looking to get access to residential areas that are still lacking.

- Met with Cloverland to provide EV chargers in the area.

- Met with DSGW for renovations on Ellen Marshall.

- BGC tentative Feb. 2022 for completion.

Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram

- Credit card machines are switching over.

- IT audit taking place.

- Next pay date will use new Kronos software.

Health Director Audrey Breakie

- Updating environmental plan on Portage Street property.

- Can do drive through pharmacy once agreement established.

- Still looking for another paramedic. Transports are good for revenue.

Human Resources Director Ken Perron

- In first week of go live for Kronos.

- Wage adjustments are being done, as are evaluations.

- Looking at health benefits changes.

- Recruitment is still a challenge. Including wages in all postings now. Really need cooks. Almost 40 jobs open.

BMGA General Manager Richard LeBlanc

- Had some power outages last week. Short delays were caused, employees did well.

- Blackjack continues to be the game of choice amongst table games.

- RV park is doing well.

- We are getting a lot of day traffic.

BMBH General Manager Brenda Bjork

- Generators are finally done.

- Had come cooler issues at Four Seasons.

- July 4th saw record sales at Bay Mart and Four Seasons

- Gas tank replacement quote has been given. Looking to get a bigger tank now. We are filling every day.

- NLCC did well with July 10 event.

- Interviews are this week for the new BMBH General Manager.

New Business

- Resolution No. 21-07-12A: Agreement with the National Wildlife Federation. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12B: Aid to Tribal Government Funds. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12C: Signature & Check Thresholds. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12D: IHS Leases for Health Center. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12E: Julie Kinney Reaffirming Residential Lease. Was not submitted to BIA. Lease for 50 years. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12F: Alan Waishkey Residential Lease. Red Pine Lane property. Gone through probate. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12G: Tina Malloy Lease Cancellation. Passed away in 2018, willed home on Aspen Row to daughter. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12H: Rachel Keys Residential Lease for Tina Malloy property. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12I: Brandon E. Teeple Residential Lease. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12J: Catherine Teeple Lease Cancellation. Passed away and left home to son, Brandon Teeple. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12K: Application of FY 2021 Tribal Tourism Grant Program. A feasibility study for tourism, up to \$150k in funding. Potential for tourism projects. Approved.

- Resolution No. 21-07-12M: MOU w/ MDHHS. Amendment to prior MOU for CPS services, now encompasses foster care services. Approved.

- Lease Application – Jamie VerWeibe: Looking to get a permit for undeveloped parcel on Sugar Island. North of 7 Mile. Survey would need to be done. Approved.

- Lease Application – Daisey Walden: 12390 W. Crane Road. Undeveloped lot would like to construct a house. Approved.

- Lease Application – Ryan Malloy. 12227 W. Aspen Row. Already lives on the site. Approved.

- Lease Application – Brandon Carrick: Undeveloped parcel for 6141 S. Memorial Drive. Approved.

- Approval to contract with Cloverland for 3-Phase Power Project. To install on Plantation Hills. Legal has reviewed. Approved.

- Approval to submit the application for Tribal Victim Services – 2022 \$120,535. This would pay wages and travel. Previous funding. Approved.

- Gaming Waiver Request. Healing to Wellness Court program affiliated. Conditional waiver, based on completion of the program. First waiver request. Approved.

- Donation Request – Michigan Indian Education Council (\$500). Conference highlights Native education and initiatives. Will be held at NMU. Approved.

- Reaffirmation of Poll Vote: Approved.

- Approval to lift 90 day hiring ban until September 1, 2021

- Fee Schedule – 7/6/21

- The next meeting is July 26, 3 p.m.

OPINION

Have you been avoiding the dentist?

Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

Life is returning to normal. But where dental health is concerned, normal may not be good enough.

According to a report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, even BEFORE the pandemic, one-third of American adults under 65 hadn't had a dental exam or cleaning in more than a year.

That is a disturbing statistic. If Annie was correct in singing, "You're never fully dressed without a smile," an awful lot of us are going commando.

I'm not into floss-shaming, but I conscientiously kept my six-month checkup appointment earlier in July, and I hope I can convince a few of you to get back into the dentist's chair.

For the sake of full disclosure, many of the newspapers in which this column appears derive part of their income from advertisements for dental practices. That does not influence my message. So, head out to the nearest dental clinic, allowing plenty of time to stop at a local diner, buy the dentist's receptionist an arrangement from a local flower shop, and window-shop area homes represented by a local Realtor. And if some jerk runs into your car in the dentist's parking lot, there's always the personal injury attorney on page 7. *Ahem* But I digress.

According to the report, race, income and urban/rural divisions play a part in how likely one is to skip regular dental care. And I certainly think towns, charities and dental schools should brainstorm ways to make affordable dental care more widely available. Patients need to shake off defeatism and be more proactive in seeking solutions to logistical/financial obstacles.

But even some affluent white urbanites with five clinics within bicycling distance forego regular dental care, because of various exasperating attitudes.

Some cowards have adopted the "What you don't know can't hurt you" philosophy. Wallowing in blissful ignorance, they go whistling past the graveyard. These people are not popular with the cemetery groundskeepers, as they keep spraying out loose molars and bicuspid while whistling.

Some are just too rebellious for their own good. ("Rinse AND spit? Oh, yeah, The Man would really love for me to be another brick in the wall like that.") Others procrastinate because they have assigned dental care a low priority. ("After I've become the first person to win a Fortnite tournament on Mars, then I'll see about this constant throbbing in my jaw that makes me want to blow my brains out. Unless they schedule a Fortnite tournament on Jupiter...")

Come on, people! Gingivitis and malocclusions aren't the whole story. Poor oral health can also aggravate conditions such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes! We must get dental hygiene under control before job interviews become a disaster. It's mortifying to be told, "I'm afraid you're not a good fit for our company. Do let the door hit you on the way out; it might dislodge whatever crawled up in your mouth and died!"

Get on the routine dental care bandwagon before you get caught up in the inevitable future voter ID laws. Voters will be required to bring the glass containing their teeth so they can be identified at the polls. ("I protest! This is unfair! What? This is a casino, not the local precinct – and I've been pulling on a slot machine instead of a voting machine? Guess that's what I get for avoiding the OPTOMETRIST for the past five years, too.")

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The Memoir Pandemic

By Peter Funt

I figured that nine months after the pandemic began, sheltered and cooped up Americans would be creating a baby boom. It never happened. In California, for example, births in 2021 are expected to be about 50,000 fewer than in 2020.

There was, however, a boom in books.

According to Publishers Marketplace, which tracks book deals, memoir acquisitions were up about 9 percent in 2020. Among the first to land contracts were actors Michael J. Fox, Billy Dee Williams and Hayley Mills. Soon, PBS reporter Yamiche Alcindor and retired Nascar driver Bill Lester had sold their stories, as had country music superstar Dolly Parton. Willie Nelson got deals for two memoirs. As the pandemic wore on, former National Football League coach Bill Cowher signed a memoir deal, as did actors Stanley Tucci and Julianna Margulies.

Alone at my kitchen table day after day, I decided to give it a try. I found the notion of putting my life into a book so totally amusing that I titled it "Self-Amused." Then, as I pushed ahead I discovered there was too much to cover, so I subtitled it, "A Tell-Some Memoir." Voila!

My first draft didn't get far with family and friends who found it to be "in the weeds," which is a publishing

term meaning "boring." Apparently few people care how I rate breakfast cereals, the fact that at age 12 I decided my favorite color was green rather than navy blue, or that after spending thousands on golf lessons I still have a wicked slice.

I read a quote from a publishing "guru" — loosely defined as someone who is not very good at writing but loves to talk about books — that you should stick to things you know best. For me, that's the TV series "The Office," and my own show. Realizing that several books have already been written about Michael Scott and Dunder Mifflin, I settled on "Candid Camera."

As luck would have it, I've done some pretty incredible things, like hanging from a 10-foot ceiling to create the impression of an "upside down room," to putting airline passengers through an X-ray machine and then getting sued and having to defend myself in Los Angeles Superior Court while on Court TV. I also hit the actress Cybill Shepherd in the face with a birthday cake, and sat next to Clint Eastwood on his private jet as he cuddled a baby pig.

I was fortunate to make a good living doing "Candid Camera," but managed to lose most of my money with oddball business ventures. I printed daily news on restaurant placemats, sold dried weeds to florists, and spent



five years delivering newspapers while being chased by the mob.

"Self-Amused" is now on sale, yet I'm not urging you to buy it, which confirms my lack of business skill. I'm reminded that when Abbie Hoffman wrote his memoir back in 1971 the title was, "Steal This Book." Please don't do that.

Here's my offer: If you, too, wrote a memoir during the pandemic, I'll buy yours if you buy mine. You go first.

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Peter Funt's new memoir, "Self-Amused," is now available at Candid-Camera.com.

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Project engineer provides Soo Locks update

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

SAULT STE. MARIE — On July 15 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided an update to the public concerning the New Soo Lock that is being constructed. Information during the online forum was provided by project engineer Kristina Schnettler, who has been working on the project for the last three years.

With only the Poe Lock able to handle the freighters 1,000+ feet, the new lock is a critical part of keeping the freighters and their cargo moving through the Great Lakes region. Ninety percent of the cargo carried is done by 13 of these 1,000+ foot vessels.

“A single point of failure would be detrimental to the iron ore supply,” said Schnettler. “This would result in a 2-6 week closure, where U.S. steel production would cease, and cause auto and appliance manufacturing to shut down.”

The new lock construction is currently in phases one and two, with a completion date of 2030. The new lock will be the same dimensions of the current Poe Lock

and will be in place of the Sabin Lock, which was decommissioned in the early 2000s due to age.

Phase one, the deepening of the channel, is wrapping up this fall. This has required the removal of more than 300,000 cubic yards of sandstone and loose sediment, which has been placed at the northwest pier. Trade West Construction of Nevada began the work last spring, and to date is 70 percent complete with the job.

Phase two involves the upstream approach walls. The current walls were built in the 1900s. This phase will be complete in 2023. A concrete batch plant is being constructed at the northwest pier placement area to prevent the need to haul concrete by barge.

Phase three, the new lock chamber, is currently in the design phase. This contract will be awarded this winter, with construction planned for next spring. This is considered the main part of the project.

The new Soo Lock is a billion dollar project and will create more than 1,200 jobs on an annual basis — 600 of those



Trade West Construction continues the deepening of the Upstream Channel for the New Lock at the Soo in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Deepening is the first phase of the new lock project and will be completed in the fall 2021.

will be directly linked to the construction itself.

The new lock will be named by Congress, likely after completion of the project.

Every year approximately 7,000 lockages take place during the 10-month operating season. Approximately 80 million

tons of commercial commodities pass through the Soo Locks annually. Once the new lock is complete, it is likely maintenance schedules will be rotated, possibly allowing for work to take place during warmer weather. Currently, the lock maintenance is done during the winter shut down each year.

LSSU names Michigan native David L. Diles as new athletic director

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University has selected veteran collegiate athletics executive and Michigan native David L. Diles as its new director of athletics after conducting a national search. He succeeds Dr. David Paitson, who earlier resigned after four years to accept an assistant professor of sport management position at University of Indianapolis. Diles begins at LSSU on Aug. 2, 2021, and will oversee 11 Div. II teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and a Div. I men's hockey team in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

A four-time NCAA athletic director over the past 26 years, Diles comes to LSSU from the Virginia Military Institute, a Division I institution with 18 varsity sports. In eight years running the program, he has played key roles in increasing student-athlete GPA from 2.55 to 2.88, establishing an initiative to recruit athletes with exceptional academic backgrounds, growing the scholarship budget by more than 70 percent, supporting VMI's efforts in raising tens of millions of dollars for athletics, erasing an inherited debt of nearly \$1.5 million, assisting the VMI Foundation's efforts to augment the department endowment from \$31 million to \$72 million through new gifts and market adjustment, renovating athletics facilities, and winning several conference sportsmanship awards.

“My wife, Suzanne, and I are thrilled to be returning to our home state and to be joining an institution that we

believe in and a leadership team that made a profoundly positive impression. Both of our adult children, Matthew and daughter-in-law Heather, and Mitchell will be frequent visitors to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.,” said Diles. “President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley and Provost Dr. Lynn G. Gillette as chair of the search committee provided a clear and compelling vision of the vital role intercollegiate athletics can play in the advancement of the university. In addition, my familiarity with the GLIAC and the CCHA will allow for a quick transition. I'm honored to accept this appointment and looking forward to working with the department's coaches, staff, and, most importantly, the student-athletes.”

Other career credits include director of athletics and chair of the physical education department at the Div. III Case Western Reserve University (2005-13). During his tenure, student-athlete graduation rate was 92 percent, the program GPA was 3.39, and there were 37 Academic All-Americans. Numerous teams earned NCAA Championship berths. The program also raised millions of dollars for equipment, renovations, construction, and staffing. As athletic director at the Div. I Eastern Michigan University (1995-2005), Diles helped increase the graduation rate of student-athletes to 60 percent, boost their GPA from 2.6 to 3.05, rebalance gender equity in favor of more female participation, create a student-athlete code of conduct, and raise unprecedented external funding. The program won 21 conference champi-

onships. At the Div. I St. Bonaventure University (1995-99), Diles as vice president/director of athletics spearheaded an equity plan applauded by The Chronicle of Higher Education, started a radio network for coverage, and raised millions of dollars.

Earlier jobs included assistant director of athletics at Auburn University (1991-94) and Central Michigan University (1989-91). He also served as director of athletics at Dexter Community Schools (1987-89). Diles was an assistant director of public relations for the New York Jets of the National Football League in 1984. Author of numerous articles in professional journals and member of numerous conference and NCAA committees, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master of sports administration from Ohio University and a doctorate of education from University of Michigan.

“David Diles was easily our top candidate for many reasons,” said LSSU President Hanley. “He is a highly experienced administrator with more than 25 years of work as a NCAA director of athletics and comprehensive leadership in institutional, conference, and national governance work in athletics. And he has considerable experience in growing programs, supervising capital projects, and fundraising. The list of his accomplishments is very lengthy, but perhaps the thing we were most impressed with is his record of ethical leadership at the various places he has served.”



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On Wednesday, June 30, Mukwa Health & Fitness Center/BMCC held the very first Robin R. Bedell 5k to raise money for the newly established Robin R. Bedell Scholarship offered at BMCC. The weather cooperated, and BMCC was able to honor Robin Bedell's memory on his birthday. There were a total of 90 individuals that participated in the 5k. The group raised over \$7,000 (final count not done) for this year's event. A big thank you to all of our donors, participants, sponsors and volunteers for making this 5k event such a great success.

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Kid's Fishing Day is back at Rotary Park on July 31

SAULT STE. MARIE – After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Connor Gorsuch Kids Fishing Day is back at the Sault Ste. Marie Kids Fishing Pond at Rotary Park. This year's event will be held 8-11 a.m. on July 31.

Kids Fishing Day is an opportunity for kids to catch trout and win prizes, all through the generosity of a variety of local businesses, organizations and volunteers. Bait, food, drinks and fish-cleaning services are all provided free of charge. Some fishing rods and tackle are available for those who need it.

The event is held at the Kids Fishing Pond at Rotary Park, which opened for the season earlier this month. Maintained by Cloverland Electrical Cooperative, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lake Superior State University, the pond is in a unique setting along the St. Mary's River shipping channel. It is open to fishing for kids 16-under.

"All of the fish going into the pond this year are coming from the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery," said Roger Greil, who has been leading the efforts at the pond since it was established in 2004. "The hatchery provided fish last year, too, when the pond was open but our annual Kids Fishing Day was cancelled. Without them, we would not have fish for the kids to catch."

Greil said the Jordan River Hatchery is providing 3,000 trout this year, with 1,000

rainbow trout being stocked the night before Kids Fishing Day. The pond will be closed that evening to increase the chances of kids catching fish the next day.

"The fish we're stocking are part of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery fishing initiative, where we provide fish to groups that promote free and accessible youth fishing opportunities across the state of Michigan," said Roger Gordon, manager of the federal hatchery. "With the success of the pond last year, in spite of the pandemic, we are very pleased to be able to help out again this year."

Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery has donated fish for the pond in the past, too, as has the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, and many people have donated toward the cause.

Registration for Kids Fishing Day will run from 8-9 a.m. on the day of the event. Kids 8-under can fish from 9-9:30 a.m., kids 9-16 can fish from 9:30-10 a.m., and all age groups can fish at 10 a.m. Look for more information on the Sault CVB web page and Facebook account.

The Sault Kids Fishing Pond is funded through the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau's Sault Area Foundation for Education (SAFE), a 501© 3 foundation (tax I.D. # 46-0739920). To help keep the pond successful, write Sault Area Foundation for Education, P.O. Box 1000 or 225 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. 49783.

Chippewa County Fair releases schedule of events

SAULT STE. MARIE — The 2021 Chippewa Co. Fair is just around the corner. There will not be a printing of a premium book this year, the fair will be following the classes in the 2019 book. You can find the book, schedule, camping form, livestock registration forms, etc. on their webpage: chippewafair.com.

There are a few changes this year. Please see the schedule below.

Skerbeck Carnivals will be back this year, starting on Wednesday, Sept. 1 starting at 1 p.m. Mega bands are available at for \$85 (this allows you to ride all day/every day) Wrist bands are also available for \$25 each on the following days and times:

- Wednesday, 1-5 p.m.
- Thursday, 6-10 p.m.
- Friday 1-5 p.m.
- Saturday 12-5
- Sunday, 6-10 p.m.

Grandstand events are as follows:

Sunday, Aug. 29 - Harness Horse Racing starting at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 31 - USA Demo Derby at 8 p.m.

Tickets are: \$12 for adults \$8 for ages 4-12 3 & under Free

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Friday, Sept. 3 - Fox Boyz Stock Car Racing at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are: \$12 for adults \$8 for ages 4-12 3 & under free

Saturday, Sept. 4 - Dafter Lions Mud Run at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are: \$10 ages 12 and over 11 & under free when with an adult.

Sunday, Sept. 5 EUP Music Fest at 7p.m. Donations to the EUP United Way.

The 2021 fair schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 28 - Miss Chippewa Co. Fair Queen Contest at 7 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

Sunday, Aug. 29 - 11a.m. to 2 p.m. enter rabbit meat pens

11a.m to 5 p.m. enter all other rabbits

11a.m. to 2 p.m. enter poultry meat pens

11a.m. to 2p.m. enter all other poultry

Monday, Aug. 30 - 9 a.m Rabbit Judging

10 a.m to 9 p.m. Enter all Market Livestock

2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m Enter youth/open

still exhibits in 4-H building

Tuesday, Aug. 31 -

9 a.m. Poultry Judging

9a.m. to 12 p.m. Judging of youth/open still exhibits (4-H building)

1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enter breeding livestock

3 p.m. Pocket pet judging

5:30 p.m. Livestock Exhibitor Meeting (livestock office)

Wednesday, Sept. 1

9 a.m. Swine Judging

1 p.m. Carnival rides start

2 p.m. Market Goat Judging

2:15 p.m. Sheep Judging

Thursday, Sept. 2 -

9 a.m. Beef Judging

9 a.m. Garden Tractor pull

11a.m. Antique & Classic Tractor Pull

1 p.m. Carnival rides start

3 p.m. Draft Horse Judging

3 p.m. Small Animal Overall Showmanship

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5 p.m. Open Pony Pull

7 p.m. Open Horse Pull

Friday, Sept. 3

9 a.m. Garden Tractor Pull

10 a.m. Dairy Judging

11 a.m. Goat Judging

11 a.m. Farm Stock Tractor Pull

12 p.m. Open Horse Show (speed and action)

1 p.m. Carnival rides start

5 p.m. Sheep Costume class

5 p.m. Goat Costume class

6 p.m. Supreme Showman Contest

Saturday, Sept. 4 -

9 a.m. Garden Tractor Pull

12 p.m. Market Livestock Buyer's Luncheon

12 p.m. Carnival rides start

1:30 p.m. Market Livestock Sale

8p.m. to 11 p.m. Fair Exhibitors' Barn Dance

Sunday, Sept 5 -

9 a.m. Open Horse Show (halter, western & english)

9 a.m. Dead Weight Tractor Pull

12 p.m. Carnival rides start

12 p.m. Register for Master Stockman

12:30 p.m. Pedal Pullers

1p.m. Master Stockman Contest

5 p.m. Tri-Co Speed Horse Contest

5 p.m. Livestock Exhibitors Meeting

Monday, Sept. 6 -

9 a.m. Release of all projects

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Car Show (in front of the 4-H building)

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Carnival rides (\$2 each)

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BMIC History Dept. honored

Each year, the Historical Society of Michigan presents awards at the Upper Peninsula History Conference: the Charles Follo Award for individuals and the Superior Award for historical organizations based in the Upper Peninsula.

Last year, Bay Mills History Dept. and Historian Paula Carrick were honored with the Superior Award. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Carrick was not recognized for her accomplishments until this summer.

At the summer conference earlier this month, Carrick was honored for her work and the significance of the Bay Mills History Dept. in the Upper Peninsula.

The Bay Mills History Dept. has been in operation nearly 23 years. For many of those years, Carrick worked alongside her sister, Wanda Perron, preserving the local history and tribal heritage. Carrick attributes her partnership with Perron is what made the department so successful.

“Together we made the department what it is today. Doing what we both love. Learning and teaching the history of the Bay Mills Indian Community,” said Carrick.

USCG Cutter retires from Great Lakes service, moves to California

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alder made its final trip through the Soo Locks on July 9 as a lock and dam operator tended the vessel. Alder was on her way to the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore. After 16 years of service from its homeport of Duluth, Minn., the 225-foot-long cutter will undergo mid-life servicing before moving on to a new assignment in San Francisco. The cutter Spar will replace the Alder in 2022. Spar is also a Juniper Class cutter and will continue Alder’s buoy tending, ice breaking, law enforcement and search and rescue missions.



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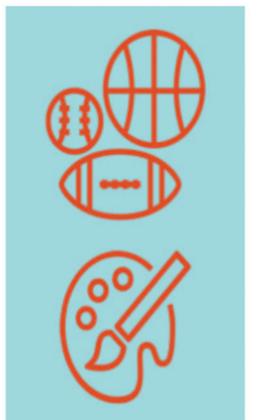
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The Michigan United Conservation Club, the Bay Mills Biological Services Department, and several community volunteers helped Bay Mills Indian Community clean up the lands on Saturday, July 17, by clearing two historic dump sites on reservation on Sugar Island.

The group cleaned up and hauled away washers, lawn mowers, a motorcycle, vehicle axels, car parts, dozens of tires and much more.

Bay Mills Community College also did a cleanup. On Friday, July 15, staff cleaned the beach in Brimley. Their efforts removed five large bags of trash from the area near BMCC.

BMCC plans to make the beach cleanup an annual event.

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Thanks to Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy, 300 new trees to grow at LSSU

SAULT STE. MARIE – The environmentally friendly campus of Lake Superior State University looks even greener thanks to a recent donation of more than 300 trees by the Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy (SWP).

A crew of four young adults from SWP’s Great Lakes Climate Corps (GLCC) spent a week planting 339 carefully chosen and strategically placed saplings across campus: 200 white spruce, 85 maple, 32 chokecherry, 12 white oak, and 10 eastern white pine spanning the central heating plant, the Fletcher Center, the row houses, and the Center for Applied Science & Engineering Technology.

“In the planning stages of this project, we coordinated with the university to prioritize native species that provide both community and ecological benefits,” said GLCC Program Manager Tyler Penrod. “For example, the oaks and pines at the Fletcher Center will one day offer excellent hammocking as well as filter and absorb runoff before it enters the Great Lakes. And the chokecherries will produce a tasty snack not only for students but also for wildlife.”

The trees should grow for decades, continued Penrod, “many with lifespans that can exceed a century. They will provide habitat and food for wildlife while serving the community with improved water quality, shade, and opportunities for outdoor recreation.”

This effort was part of an initiative announced last May by the nonprofit and Marquette-based SWP to provide 100,000 trees free of charge for planting throughout the Upper Peninsula via funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The public has planted some; GLCC has planted others. The many positive gains from trees—others include reducing soil erosion and removing carbon dioxide—“epitomize SWP’s mission to protect and improve the natural resources of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on a watershed basis by promoting responsible individual and community actions that ensure a sustainable environment, encourage a sustainable economy, and help improve quality of life,” Penrod said.



“SWP’s mission echoes LSSU’s regarding enhancing the quality of life of the Great Lakes region, so when they reached out to us about this possible synergy, we were grateful and excited,” said LSSU President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley. “Plus, LSSU’s core values include environmental stewardship and one of the pillars of our strategic plan is sustainability. These new trees are a wonderful, mindful thing.”

SWP, which formed in 1999, and its GLCC intend on collaborating with LSSU again on donating and planting hundreds more trees at the cutting-edge \$14 million Richard and Theresa Barch Center for Freshwater Research and Education facility, scheduled to open toward the end of 2021.



Utilizing a grid of underwater acoustic telemetry receivers, Bay Mills Indian Community is taking a deep dive into better understanding the Waishkey Bay fish community.

BMIC Biologist Frank Zomer leads a tribal natural resources team working to capture, tag, and release walleyes and northern pike this summer. Each fish Zomer equips with a surgically-imbedded transmitter “tag” relays a telltale ping as it passes one of 25 receivers, allowing researchers to monitor fish movements across the bay during key times like spawning. The transmitters produce signals up to a decade long. Zomer said critical habitat for important species like gnoozheg (northern) is in flux as recent, historic high water levels on Lake Superior creates new spawning grounds and sinks others.

In Ojibwemowin, the Bay Mills homeland is known as Gnoozhekaaning, or Place of the Pike.



HR welcomes latest hires to Bay Mills Indian Community workforce

Jordon Thomas Hurst was hired on May 25 to work in the Biological Services Dept. Boat Wash Station. He will wash boats, communicate with the public on invasive species, and maintain equipment. His interests include working on invasive species prevention. He likes to fish, hunt, collect insects, and birding.

Joan Jerman was hired on June 2 as the clerical grants worker. She will be answering phones, assisting the grant manager, and performing general clerical work. She chose to move back to Bay Mills and take the position to be closer to home. She and her partner, Diane Wink, reside in Brimley.

Carmen Kincaid also joined the BMIC workforce on June 2. Kincaid is working as an invasive species technician. She will assist in invasive species control, field surveys, and education and outreach initiatives. She is a senior at Lake Superior State University. She chose to come to BMIC to gain experience in her chosen

field and help reduce the impact of invasives.

Stephanie Teeple began working on the Bay Mills Fire Crew on June 14. Her main goal is to preserve the land. She chose to come back home to the community for her new adventure. She enjoys spending time with her dogs and enjoys running. One day she hopes to be a storm chaser.

Kora Blake began as a youth development worker on June 21. The Brimley graduate is looking to help in new ways in any way she can.

Joshua Michael LaCoursiere began as a public works carpenter on June 21. He will be assisting on building projects. He has four children, and has been married to his wife, Ashley, for three years. He enjoys playing music in his free time.

Enjoy butterflies, beaches and a lighthouse

By JIM DuFRESNE
Capital News Service

LANSING — From mid-August through September, Peninsula Point in Michigan's Upper Peninsula is known for "monarch madness."

That's when huge numbers of the distinctive orange butterfly migrate from Minnesota, Wisconsin and the U.P. south to Mexico, a 1,900-mile journey for an insect with a wingspan of less than 4 inches.

Waves of monarchs use Peninsula Point as a staging area before attempting the long open water crossing of Lake Michigan. At the peak of the migration in early September a decade ago, you could witness 3,000 or more monarchs fluttering in a handful of trees at this Hiawatha National Forest day-use area at the end of Stonington Peninsula.

Since then, climate change and deforestation of the insect's mountainous winter habitat in central Mexico has greatly harmed the monarch population. It's estimated that the Eastern species has declined by more than 80% since the 1980s, but it's still an amazing migration. And it's best seen today in Michigan at Peninsula Point.

Can't make it for the monarch madness? Come whenever you can.

This small spit of land is loaded with history, excellent birding opportunities and a lighthouse that visitors can climb for a watery panoramic of Lake Michigan.



Department of Natural Resources photo
Monarch butterflies use Peninsula Point in the Hiawatha National Forest as a staging area before crossing Lake Michigan on route to Mexico.

The centerpiece of the day-use area is Peninsula Point Lighthouse.

Congress authorized its construction in 1864 because wooden sailing ships, hauling lumber, iron ore and fish from Escanaba, Gladstone and Fayette, were no match for the treacherous shoals that separate Big Bay de Noc from Little Bay de Noc.

The structure was built in 1865 and consisted of a 40-foot tower, lit

by an oil lamp and reflectors, and an adjoining home for the lightkeeper and family.

The light went out for the last time

in 1936, but the view from the point was so spectacular that the U.S. Forest Service converted it into a public picnic area in 1937. The lightkeeper's house burned to the ground in 1959, but the brick tower survived and today is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Peninsula Point is also an important migration stopover for birds traveling up the Lake Michigan shore. Spring migrations can be exceptional, a time when birders can sight more than 200 species.

Much of the point is forested, and winding through the trees or skirting the shoreline is an interpretive trail and a rugged single-lane dirt road. The two can be combined for a scenic hike, a 2.2-mile loop from the RV parking area at the end of the pavement to the picnic grounds that surrounded the lighthouse.

In addition, the nearby Maywood History Trail features an old growth hemlock forest on the west shore of Stonington Peninsula.

Jim DuFresne of MichiganTrailMaps.com is a Michigan State University journalism alumnus.



Special Olympics Michigan Bocce Singles for summer games took place in Mt. Pleasant this past weekend. Brian Touchtone took 2nd place and Nick Kammers took 4th place. In Bocce Doubles, the Touchtone/Kammers team brought home 2nd place. Pictured left to right are Nick Kammers, Brian Touchtone, Jen Touchtone, Kathy Bense

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State launches ‘Stay Well’ series for children and adults

LANSING— Mental health research shows it may take months or even years for some people to recover emotionally from experiencing something like the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Stay Well program has scheduled two free summer webinar series focused on supporting mental wellness and strengthening resilience.

"MDHHS has recognized the value of helping people take care of their behavioral health as well as their physical health during the fight against COVID-19 and will continue to do whatever we can to help Michiganders address their mental health needs," said Allen Jansen, senior deputy director of the department's Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration. "The idea is to give Michiganders feeling distressed by the pandemic some new ways to channel their thoughts and energy this summer. Or, as we like to say, be kind to your mind."

The two series of webinars are called the "Summer Resilience Series" and "Draw Your Feelings!" Details are below:

Summer Resilience Series

The series is open to anyone with access to the Zoom online platform. Featuring a diverse assortment of guest speakers from around Michigan, the webinars explore practices that can help people find hope, tranquility and optimism.

The remaining program line-up for the Summer Resilience Series is as follows, with all "Summer Resilience" webinars beginning at 1 p.m.:

July 27: Music for Mindfulness

Aug. 3: Mindfulness Practice for Anyone, Any Time

Aug. 10: Meditation 101

Aug. 17: Exercise for Depression

Aug. 24: Yoga and Yogic Breathing for Wellness

Aug. 31: Hardwiring Your Nutrition Routine

Draw Your Feelings!

The second series of webinars offers interactive Zoom workshops designed for parents and their children ages 2 to 10. Led by licensed clinical mental health counselor Zeinab Moussa, the weekly workshops are designed to help children build emotional intelligence through guided drawing activities.

"Children sometimes have difficulty expressing their emotions, and parents may not fully understand what the child is feeling," said Dr. Debra Pinals, MDHHS medical director for Behavioral Health. "The pandemic has certainly shed light on this, as children have been forced to adapt to change, just as adults have. This free, interactive learning series uses art to help parents and children connect - to their inner emotions and to one another."

The schedule and topics for this series are as follows, with all "Draw Your Feelings!" webinars at 2 p.m.:

July 28: My Values. Parents and children illustrate their family values by creating a drawing together.

Aug. 4: Grief and Loss. Through drawing, kids acknowledge sad feelings and work toward processing grief and loss.

Aug. 11: Anger. What does anger look like? Making pictures leads to a discussion of appropriate ways to express anger.

Aug. 18: Love Yourself. Children write what they love about their parents. Par-

ents draw a self-portrait. Helps build parental self-esteem and strengthen family bonds. To learn more and register for any of the sessions, visit Michigan.gov/StayWell. Recordings of past webinars are also available at the site.

In April 2020, disaster behavioral health professionals at MDHHS created the Stay Well Crisis Counseling Program, funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to help Michiganders through the mental health challenges of COVID-19.

The program operates the Stay Well crisis counseling line - Dial1-888- 535-6136 and press "8" - hosts virtual support groups, presents psychoeducational webinars, and distributes mental wellness information in multiple languages. For information, visit Michigan.gov/StayWell.

MSUE offers series on living with chronic pain

Chronic Pain PATH is a free six-week workshop designed to support individuals who face daily challenges of living with chronic pain. Discussion topics include:

- Ways to talk to family and friends about chronic pain
- How to manage medications and deal with health professionals
- Ways to deal with frustration and understanding emotions
- Developing healthy eating and exercise plans
- And LOTS more

Sessions will be held online via Zoom on Thursdays, beginning Aug. 5, 2 – 4 p.m. Eastern, 1 – 3 p.m. Central.

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/cpPathaug5carter2021/>

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Tick season is here - residents urged to prevent tick bites

LANSING— The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging Michigan residents to take steps to avoid tick bites when enjoying the outdoors this summer.

Tick-borne diseases, particularly Lyme disease and anaplasmosis, are increasing across the state.

Lyme disease, caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is the most common tick-borne disease in Michigan. Anaplasmosis, caused by the bacteria *Anaplasma phagocytophilum*, is the second most common tick-borne disease in Michigan, and cases are increasing - particularly in the state's Upper Peninsula.

Both Lyme disease and anaplasmosis are transmitted by *Ixodes scapularis*, commonly known as the blacklegged or deer tick. The blacklegged tick is well-established in parts of Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas and has been found in new regions over the past few years.

"Preventing tick bites is the best way to prevent tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease and anaplasmosis," said Dr. Mary Grace Stobierski, MDHHS Emerging & Zoonotic Infectious Diseases manager. "If you find a tick attached to your body, promptly remove it. Monitor your health and if you experience fever, rash, muscle or joint aches or other symptoms, consult with your medical provider."

Signs and symptoms of tick-borne disease typically begin one to two weeks after a tick bite or being in wooded or brushy areas where ticks commonly live. Early symptoms can be non-specific and include fever or chills, rash, headache, fatigue and muscle aches. Early treatment with appropriate antibiotics can decrease the risk of serious complications.

Protect yourself and your family against tick-borne diseases by following these tips: Avoid tick-infested areas:

- As ticks live in grassy, brushy, and wooded areas, walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter at trail edges.

Preparing for antlerless deer hunting season

Preparing for antlerless deer hunting will be a little different this year, as most deer hunters will not need to apply for an antlerless license. Hunters in specific areas may need to apply for an access permit.

For most deer hunters, a universal antlerless license is all that will be needed to hunt antlerless deer. This license is valid on public and private lands in all deer seasons. It can be used across deer management units open to antlerless deer hunting.

Select hunters will need to apply for an access permit to hunt deer in certain areas of the Upper Peninsula and in at the Sharonville State Game Area, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Shiawassee River National Wildlife Refuge and Shiawassee River State Game Area.

In the Upper Peninsula, new deer management units 351 and 352 will require an access permit and a universal antlerless li-

- Protect your pets - dogs and cats can come into contact with ticks outdoors and bring them into the home. Talk with your veterinarian about the best tick prevention products for your pet.

Use insect repellent:

- Apply repellent containing DEET or Picaridin on exposed skin.
- Treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact or buy clothes that are pre-treated. Do not use permethrin directly on skin.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when applying repellents.

Perform daily tick checks:

- Always check for ticks on yourself and your animals after being outdoors, even in your own yard.
- Inspect all body surfaces carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers.
- To remove a tick, grasp the tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.

cense to hunt antlerless deer. Both are required for each deer harvested.

DMU 351 is made up of DMUs 021, 349, 249, 149, 017 and 117. DMU 352 is made up of DMUs 027, 036, 152 and 252. (See for a map of the DMUs). One thousand access permits will be available in each of these two DMUs.

Also in the U.P., DMUs 022, 122, 055, 155, 255 and 121 are open to antlerless hunting without an access permit, while DMUs 127, 066, 031, 131, 042, 007 and 048 are closed to antlerless deer hunting.

Applications for limited-hunt access permits may be purchased for \$5 from license agents or online at during the July 15 - Aug. 15 application period.

Learn more about universal antlerless licenses and the access permit drawing in the 2021 Hunting Digest or at Michigan.gov/Deer.

1. American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)
Distribution: Widespread throughout Michigan forests and grassy areas
Key Facts: These ticks are active from early May-November, and will bite both humans and companion animals.
Diseases: Diseases associated with the American dog tick are rare in Michigan, but may include Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tularemia.

2. Blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)
Distribution: Emerging in Michigan, see map at right
Key Facts: Found on low forest vegetation, often along human and animal trails.
Diseases: Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Michigan. Other rare diseases include: anaplasmosis, babesiosis, deer-tick virus, and ehrlichiosis.

3. Lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)
Distribution: Occasionally found in wooded and grassy areas across the state
Key Facts: An aggressive biter of humans and companion animals, adult females have distinctive "Lone Star" mark
Diseases: Ehrlichiosis, rocky mountain spotted fever, tularemia

4. Woodchuck tick (*Ixodes cookei*)
Distribution: Found most commonly on pets throughout Michigan
Key Facts: Usually found near dens of skunks and woodchucks, will bite companion animals near animal dens and occasionally humans
Diseases: Powassan encephalitis

5. Brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*)
Distribution: Occasionally found in Michigan.
Key Facts: can uniquely survive and breed in indoor environments, has been associated with kennel, shelter, and breeding facilities. Good hygiene practices can prevent indoor infestations.
Diseases: Rocky mountain spotted fever, canine babesiosis, canine ehrlichiosis

encounter outdoors. Residents can email photos of ticks to MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov for identification. Michiganders can also submit ticks to MDHHS for identification free of charge. For more information on how to submit your tick and/or photos, visit Michigan.gov/lyme.

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Dorothy “Dottie” Evelyn Mikolowski

Dorothy “Dottie” Evelyn Mikolowski, 86, of Barbeau, Mich. passed away July 10, 2021, after a short battle with cancer.

Dottie was born on May 29, 1935, in Washington D.C. to the late James L. Walters and Roudella Perrin. She was a long-time member of the St. Mary’s River Sportsmans Club and also the senior bowling league. Dottie enjoyed playing euchre with friends, Bingo, her flower gardens, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dottie had a contagious smile and a warm heart. To know her was to love her.

Dottie is survived by her children: Kamie (Rick) Mikolowski of Sault Ste. Marie, and Lorie (Rich) Harper of Brimley; Stepchildren: Jeff (Sue) Mikolowski of Boyne City, John (Ann) Mikolowski of Sugar Island and Cindy Plitz of Sault Ste. Marie; Grandchildren: Curt (Abby) Mikolowski of Brimley, Lyndy (Chris) Matheny of Sault Ste. Marie, Amanda Thomas of Fraser, Eric (Andrea) Thomas of Sault Ste. Marie, Ashley Mikolowski of Arizona, Cristina Oglesby of Sault Ste. Marie, Jessica Mikolowski of Sault Ste. Marie, Melanie (Jake) Stoling of Sault Ste. Marie, Nick (Eran) Mikolowski of Sault Ste. Marie, Nate Mikolowski of Boyne Falls, Brandon Mikolowski of Pennsylvania, Kaylor Mikolowski of Gaylord, Kendra (Greg) Lund of Sault Ste. Marie, Janel Plitz of Sault Ste. Marie, Keith Plitz of Sault Ste. Marie, Seann Plitz of Sault Ste. Marie and 18 great-grandchildren: Adele, Emma, Logan, Taylor, Carter, Logan, Joshua, Hunter, Payton, Makenzie, Abigail, Lucas, Hope, Sophie, Aedin, Seann, Holly and Mason. Dottie is also survived by her two sisters: Vera Alleman of Pennsylvania and Geraldine “Geri” Koppers of North Carolina.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Richard G Mikolowski Sr., stepson: Kelvin Mikolowski and brothers: Jimmy Walters and Johnny Walters.

The entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens Cemetery. C.S. Mulder Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

In Remembrance of Dottie’s life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the St. Mary’s River Sportsman’s Club, P.O. Box 6, Barbeau, MI 49710.

John Lyle LaPonsie

John Lyle LaPonsie, 88, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away July 8, 2021, at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House.

John was born on March 19, 1933, in Brimley to the late William and Myrtle (Williams) LaPonsie. He worked on the family farm and was a logger as a young man. He went to Lansing for a job opportunity with Oldsmobile. John returned to Sault Ste. Marie and found employment at the Veneer Mill before returning to the job that became his passion, Logging. Woods work was in John’s blood and he spent the vast majority of his time with a chainsaw or a processor in his hands. He logged with his brothers and nephews and loved to talk about all of their great times together over the years. Every man that has ever logged knows that loggers never retire. Such was the case with John until 2008 at the age of 75 he hung up his lunch pail and put away his bug dope. John never left the woods far behind and always had a story of the bear 20 feet away or the Bull Elk screaming next to his machine when he walked in, in the morning. He loved to socialize with friends and family and nobody remained a stranger with John for long. John, May the Sun always be at your back, May your Saw always be Sharp and May every stick be a Veneer Log.

John is survived by his daughters: Debbie (Roy Carne) LaFaver of Sault Ste. Marie, Brenda (Leon) Derusha of Brimley, and Yvonne LaPonsie of Rudyard. Also, surviving are eight grandchildren: Kenneth LaFaver, Crystal (Jason Berg) LaFaver, Jessica (Roy) Bathgate, Ashley (Bryan) Bunker, Justin (Chelsea) Derusha, Jenna Derusha, Clinton LaFaver IV, and Amanda LaPonsie; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings: Fern and Arty of the Soo, Larry of Brimley, Jimmy, Gene, Marsha, and David — all of Dafter.

John is preceded in death by his parents, and Melvina LaPonsie, the mother of his children; and four siblings, Billie, Ida, Andy, and Gary.

No public services will be held at this time.

Keith Allyn Cameron

Keith Allyn Cameron, 76, of Bay Mills, Mich. passed away Sunday July 4, 2021 at Hospice House of the EUP in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

He was born Sept. 21, 1944 in Elbowoods, North Dakota to Herman and Frances (Hugo) Cameron. Keith was a proud member of the Bay Mills Indian Community and a United States Army veteran. He enjoyed traveling, gambling, dancing at pow wows, running, visiting with friends, and spending time with his family. Keith is survived by his wife of 53 years, Janis Cameron; son, Allyn (Samantha) Cameron; daughters, Andrea (Jim) Shaw, Nicole (Andy Teeple) Cameron, and Fawn (Justin) Gauthier; sister, Sandra (Elmer) LeBlanc; brother-in-law, Bob Parrish; sister-in-law, Catherine Cameron; grandchildren, Haley, Braden, Ethan (Sherri), Joseph, Mason, Jenna, Jaymie, Carmen, Andrew, Emma, Sean, Avery, and Adam; great grandson, Braxton Shaw; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents; siblings, Herman Cameron, Jr., Frances LeBlanc, Irma Parrish, Geraldine Parish, and Carl Cameron, Sr.

Burial took place at Mission Hill Cemetery in Bay Mills, Michigan. The family requests memorial contributions in Keith’s name be made to Hospice House of the EUP, 308 W. 12th, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

David John Dolezel

David John Dolezel, 61, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died July 2, 2021 in Detroit, Michigan. He was born Sept. 11, 1960 in Marquette, Michigan to Donald and Ann (Haydon) Dolezel.

David moved to Sault Ste. Marie as a child and graduated from Sault Ste. Marie High School. Following his graduation, he moved to Texas where he worked as a chef. He later moved back to Marquette and finally back to Sault Ste. Marie where he worked for War Memorial Hospital as a radiologist. He retired from the hospital in 2012 when he became ill.

David loved to play hockey and coaching his sons in the sport. He also enjoyed riding his Harley. He was a very good cook and loved to play cribbage. Most of all, he loved to hang out with his children and pets.

David is survived by his wife, Dawn Cruickshank; children, Donald Dolezel of Brimley and Nevaeh Cruickshank-Dolezel of Sault Ste. Marie; father, Donald of Sault Ste. Marie; siblings, Patty Dolezel Ordiway of Sault Ste. Marie, and Mary Dolezel of Virginia, Michael Dolezel of Texas; mother-in-law, Kathryn Cruickshank of Sault Ste. Marie; sister-in-law, Misty Shaw of Pickford, Michigan; and brothers-in-law, Sam Cruickshank of Sault Ste. Marie and John Petters of Cedarville, Michigan.

David was preceded in death by his mother Ann; and father-in-law, Donald Cruickshank.

Final Resting Place will be Riverside Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie.

Dale Lee Semasky, Sr.

Dale Lee Semasky, Sr., born on April 17, 1966, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2021 at the age of 55.

Dale was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was stationed at the 82nd Airborne Division as a Spec 4 Paratrooper. After leaving the Army, he worked for the Michigan Department of Corrections in Alger County until he retired in 2017 after 27 years of service.

A day with Dale was filled with laughter. He loved watching the 80s movies, reruns, grilling, hunting and fishing with his kids and grandkids, wood burning and enjoying game night, every night.

His cooking skills, according to Dale, were impeccable, which is how the Annual Semasky Family Cook-Off was started 7 years ago. Of course, Dale humbly and graciously accepted the very first Semasky Family Cook-Off Trophy.

He was certainly a people person and an all-around handyman that friends and family could definitely rely on in their time of need.

He was a great husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend and loved spending time with his kids and grandkids and giving them rides on his side-by-side. Seeing them laugh brought endless joy to him.

Dale is survived by his beloved wife Heather and daughter Skylar; his sons Dale, Jr., Joseph, Joshua and Dillion. He is also survived by his siblings Michael Semasky of Georgia, Richard Semasky, Jr. (Lydia) of Brimley, MI, John Semasky of Brimley, MI, Elaine Lehre (Elmer) of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Irene Semasky of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Joy Hunt of Brimley, MI. His grandchildren Dale III, Isabelle, Paige and Willow; several nieces and nephews and special long-time friend, Gwen Loonsfoot.

Dale was predeceased by a daughter, Alicia, his parents Richard Semasky, Sr. and Frances Semasky and his brothers Robert Semasky and Irving Teeple.

Final burial will be at Mission Hill Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unclaimed funds

BMIC Tribal Members: Accounting has several outstanding checks for Elder's Trust Payments that were never cashed. The full list is available at www.baymills.org. If your name is on the list, please reach out to Amy Capelli in accounting for more information by calling 906-248-8502.

If you see someone you know on the list, please reach out and let them know.

Scam Alert

Cloverland members have reported receiving a call from Cloverland stating their bill is past due, and demanding payment by phone. Callers have used a fake name and have even mentioned a Cloverland truck number. THIS IS A SCAM! Cloverland would never call and demand immediate action or threaten a member.

Give the Cloverland team a call at (800) 562-4953 if you have questions. If a call seems suspicious, demands immediate action or threatens - it is most likely a scam. Please share this post with your friends and warn your neighbors that this scam is going around. The attorney general's office has been notified.

Pow Wow planned

The Bay Mills Indian Community Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow will take place from Aug. 13-15 at the Bay Mills Ball Diamond.

Bay Mills Health Center to hold coloring contest

Bay Mills Health Center is holding their coloring contest, as part of health center week. Coloring pages can be picked up at the Bay Mills Health Center lobby. The winner will be chosen on Aug. 16. Entries are due by Aug. 12.

Water Report available

The 2020 drinking water report is now available for viewing. This can be downloaded at www.baymills.org.

Fundraiser announced

An Indian Taco sale will take place on Friday, July 23 from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Armella Parker Building. Monies raised will go to help Kimarie Manabat with her kidney transplant surgery.

Stimulus application

Applications for stimulus monies for Bay Mills Indian Community tribal members are available online at www.baymills.org. Please make sure your address is up to date with enrollment when filling out an application.

Cultural events

Bay Mills Indian Community Cultural events are updated regularly on the website's community calendar, www.baymills.org.

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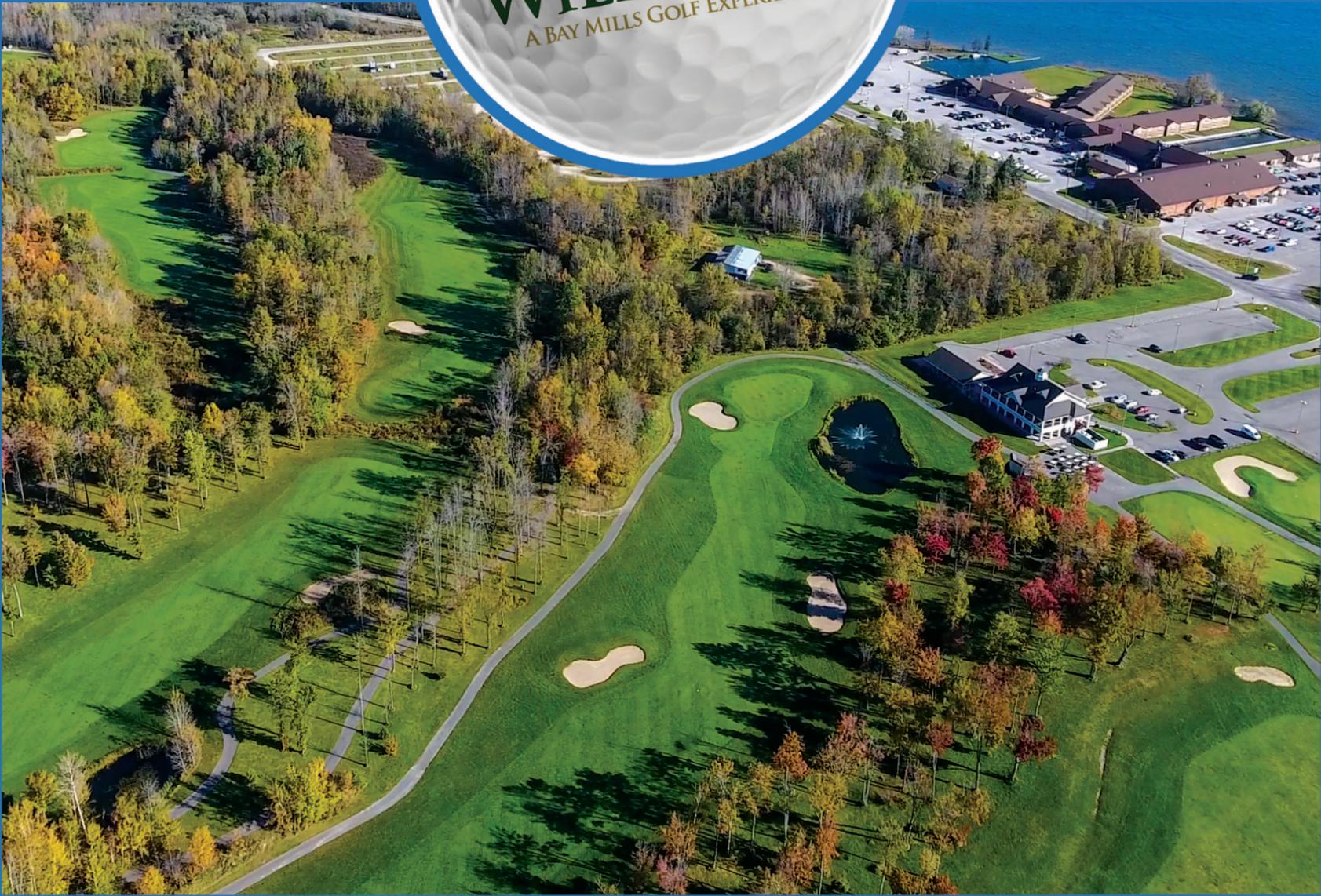
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