



# BMCC awarded grant to help tribal Head Start programs educate staff

BAY MILLS — The Early Childhood Education Program at Bay Mills Community College has been awarded \$642,675 for the first year of a five-year grant to support ECE student's degree completion. The funds were awarded by the Administration for Children and Families, the Office of Head Start, with the purpose of establishing or enhancing partnerships with Head Start programs that effectively increase the number of qualified education staff working in American Indian Alaska Native Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

ECE is for students who are interested in working with young children, birth to eight years of age, and their families. Students acquire an understanding of developmental patterns in such areas as appropriate to learning, social and emotional development, language and literacy, cognition, perceptual, motor, and physical development. A secondary focus is imparting an understanding of Native American culture as it applies to children in early childhood programs.

BMCC will work in partnership with five additional tribal Head Start Programs to provide this educational opportunity to their staff, calling the

program HOPEE- Honoring Our People Through Equity and Education.

- The five partnering tribal Head Starts include:
- Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indian Early Childhood Program
  - Hannahville Tribal Head Start
  - Mississippi Choctaw Head Start Program
  - Seneca Nation Early Childhood Learning Center
  - Aleutian Pribilof Island Head Start Program

Those taking part in the program will receive advising support, onsite tutoring, and free tuition for Native and non-Native students. In addition, tribal sites in the program will be provided with laptops to assist students in completing their work, and textbooks to support the completion of degree programs.

Additional incentives for students include the first 50 new students that apply to BMCC and remain enrolled past the drop date will be provided with a \$500 scholarship each semester, for up to three semesters a year. The first 35 students who continue from the associate's degree program to the bachelor's degree program receive \$500 for each semester they enroll

and continue their education.

“Continuing education can be daunting when working full time and balancing life in general. The success efforts embedded in HOPEE promote a whole student approach starting with relationships,” said ECE Department Chair Heather Stelzer. “It's much more comfortable to accomplish goals with the genuine support of your employer, peers, and higher institution.”

BMCC currently has 170 students enrolled in the ECE program and is the only tribal college to provide the bachelor's degree program entirely online.

Bay Mills Community College received approval to offer its first bachelor's degree completely online beginning Fall 2018. The Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education is intended to assist in the preparation of teachers and administrators of Native American Head Start/Early Head Start facilities nationwide. BMCC also offers an Associate of Arts and a Certificate of Completion in Early Childhood Education completely online and has been providing students with online education opportunities for more than 20 years.

# Guardship Assistance law changes after BMIC staff take action

BAY MILLS — Thanks to the actions of BMIC staff, the state Guardianship Assistance law has been amended.

Senate Bill 137, sponsored by Senator John Damoose, R-Harbor Springs, and Senate Bill 138, sponsored by Senator Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, expands eligibility for financial assistance to guardians of children whose cases originate in tribal courts within Michigan. Previously, under the Guardianship Assistant Program, guardians were only eligible for payments if the child's removal proceedings started in state courts.

“This loophole was found by our office assistant Bonnie Bator and a prior foster care worker while they were filling out the paperwork for guardian assistance,” said BMIC Social Services Director Janet Farrish-Gravelle. “They were told since the family's case was in tribal court rather than state court that the family was ineligible for Guardian Assistance Payments. They made Attorney Candy Tierney aware and she contacted the state legislature about the injustice of this. The State Senate, House and Governor were all in support, but it ended up taking over two years for the legislation to pass.”

Guardianship assistance is granted after a child is with a family for over six months and is like a stipend to help offset the cost of caring for a child.

The bills also amend the state's GAP so that legal guardians designated by out-of-

state or tribal court orders would be eligible for financial assistance. Finally, the bills prescribe certain case service plan requirements and guardianship arrangements for siblings.

“This is a necessary, equitable fix that will provide critical assistance to more Michigan families. Without this assistance,

many cannot afford to step into the guardianship role, causing children to be placed in foster care instead. These bills seek to right a wrong and help kids stay connected to their family and communities. The simple goal is to achieve a solution that is in the best interest of the children,” said state Sen. Damoose.

“These bills ensure equal support for tribal families and keep more Indian children in their communities,” added state Sen. Irwin. “Children placed with guardians by tribal courts will finally be able to get the same support other children receive in the same situation. I applaud the Governor and tribal leaders for making this a priority.”



BMIC attended the ceremonial signing of the bills at the recent MDHHS summit in Lansing. Pictured are BMIC President Whitney Gravelle, Heather Williams, MDHHS Children's Services Administration, BMIC Health Center Director Audrey Breakie, BMIC Social Services Director Janet Farrish-Gravelle, Director Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS Children's Services Administration Director Demetrius Starling, Sen. John Damoose, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Sen. Jeff Irwin, MDHHS Legislative Affairs Director Chardae Burton, BMIC Asst. Health Center Director Lucy DeWildt, MDHHS ICWA Manager Jason Cross, Bureau Director, In-Home Services, and Lorna Elliott-Egan.

# Executive Council discusses business at regular meeting

Oct. 9 meeting

Reports

President Whitney Gravelle

- BMIC was able to provide testimony to the house regulatory committee about changes to be made to Michigan marijuana bills. This is work toward compact negotiations. We continue to work on a state compact, which will allow us to purchase state system product and sell our product in the state system.
  - Sept. 29 an inspection was done at the Health Center IT room. We were able to determine that we will be doing a dual, hybrid system in all IT rooms. When BMRC had the fire in May 2022, the sprinklers took out our technology system. A dual system will have nitrogen in it as well. Fire extinguishers will also be in the room. If nitrogen does not work, water will deploy as a back up. We will make upgrades at tribal admin, BMRC, and the health center.
  - Attended the Every Child Matters ceremony as part of the National Day of Remembrance. Social Services coordinated this.
  - CORA meeting took place in late September, as well as amendments to budget. Other business included a Line 5 update and work on implementing the new consent decree. Next meeting will occur in December.
  - Line 5 work continues on. Provided a presentation on Line 5 to several national organizations on Sept. 27. A national strategy is being devised. Enbridge is appealing the Bad River ruling.
  - Bay Mills Business Holdings: On Oct. 2 there are two repairs to be done- ice machine and pop cooler. Some repairs have been done to Bay Mart parking lot. NLCC is having issues with some equipment in grow facility.
  - Attended Marijuana Commission Meeting.
- Tribal Manager Rachel Lyons**
- Port Huron utility disconnects are in process.
  - Fee to trust applications in process.
  - Boys & Girls grant application has been sent in for expansion.
  - Met with IT about cybersecurity grant. This would update email and security systems.
  - Housing for professionals discussed.
  - Long term lease for Flint property being discussed.
  - Working on road inventory.
  - One proposal received for septic design.
  - Several other RFPs are in the works.
  - Construction projects are ongoing and on schedule.
  - Waiting for IHS clearance for Plantation Hills housing.
  - Riverview and Gumshoes will close on Oct. 15 for the season. Campers must be moved before the 20th.
  - BMIC had a clean audit for 2022. Special shout out to accounting and grants management.

Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram

- Will post system admin position soon for IT.
- Working on DraftKings.
- Working on capital funding form. This would give us all information ahead of time for projects.

Health Director Audrey Breakie

- COVID vaccines are in. Clinic has 60 doses. Tribal members and patients can make an appt. to get their vaccinations.
- Health Center is not doing mass vaccinations clinics as previously done. But will keep vaccine on hand. A person who is sick can still get treatment for the virus at the health center.
- Flu vaccine clinics are still happening.
- Waiting on appraisal for new dental clinic.
- New dentist contract begins on Jan. 1.
- Looking for another pharmacist.
- HRSA waiting on notice of award.
- Continually meeting with the dental staff to market our dental services. Marketing to other tribal health directors first.

Four Seasons/Bay Mart Manager Justin LeBlanc

- Ice machine is getting repairs, replaced motor, but still getting error code.
- Setting up ordering for Bay Mart with GFS.
- Will be slowing down on some products due to the time of year. Switching out summer to fall merchandise.
- Still selling lots of burger at Four Seasons, despite the change in seasons. Will keep an eye on numbers and need.

New Business

1. Resolution No. 23-10-09A: Submission of 2024 BIA CTGP Annual Funding Agreement. Approved.
2. Resolution No. 23-10-09B: Waiver of Sovereign Immunity – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Tribal Victim Services FY24 – Part 1.

Approved.

3. Resolution No. 23-10-09C: Approval of Pharmacy Application and Designation of Licensee for Mitigoons Pharmacy in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Approved.
4. Resolution No. 23-10-09D: Reinvestment of Tax Revenue from NLCC. NLCC currently charges sales tax on all items. Revenue to be reinvested back into NLCC. Approved.
5. Bay Mills Election Committee – Removal of Committee Member & Appointment of Secretary. Written request from Committee received to remove a committee member, Kimmi Walden. Committee has identified gaps in election ordinance and we will fix this outside of election window. Current ordinance stipulates that members may be appointed by Executive Council for term. Second secretary to be appointed to help carry out duties. Prior councils have done this, with appointing someone housed in the tribal administration. Kimarie Manabat has agreed to serve as a secretary. Approved.
6. Approval of Family Nurse Practitioner Contracts for the Bay Mills Health Center.
7. Acceptance of Funding: Approved.
  - a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields - \$330,725. Money to clean up Chippewa Landing site. No match required.
  - b. Tribal Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder / Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative - \$90,000. No match.
  - c. Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 1 COPS - \$558,895. No match.
  - d. Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 6 - \$407,603. No match.
  - e. Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting - \$107,000. No match.
8. Donation Requests.

Two requests submitted. Approved.

  - Robin Teeple would like to do an OCS Guess the Candy Corn Jar at OCS Halloween event, \$210.
  - Michigan Indian Education Council Conference and how it is related to tribal relations sponsorship. Minimum of \$500 requested.
9. Reaffirmation of Poll Votes: Approved.
  - a. Acceptance of Funding from Rockefeller Equation Campaign - \$400,000
  - b. Approval of Application of the 2024 Out-of-School Time with the Michigan Department of Education - \$288,000.

NOTICE  
BAY MILLS  
GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Nov. 1, 2023

Executive Council Positions are up for election:

President (unopposed)

- Whitney Gravelle

Vice-President

- Jacques A. LeBlanc, Jr. (incumbent)
- Brenda Bjork

Treasurer

- Gail Glezen (incumbent)
- Joshua Hudson

Conservation Committee (4 vacancies, 4 year terms) Candidates:

- Don Tadgerson
- Jeffrey Graham
- River Hascall
- Timmy Walden
- Larry Menominee

Conservation Committee (2 year term)

- Thomas M. Malloy
- Cole Tadgerson

Councilperson

- Stephanie L. Walden (incumbent)
- Thomas Curtis

Secretary

- Beverly Carrick (incumbent)
- Debra Murphy

Appellate Judge (6 year term)

- Scott Robert Carrick
- Katie Corbiere

- Joel Cameron
- Lawrence LeBlanc, Jr. (Bugs)
- Tony LeBlanc

The Election will be held at the Armella B. Parker Senior Citizen Building on the dates listed above. The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Any registered voter who will not be able to cast their ballot in person may request the Election Committee to issue them an absentee ballot. Such request may be made in person, by email - [Elections@baymills.org](mailto:Elections@baymills.org), by Fax 906-248-3283, or by mail and signed by the person requesting the ballot. In any case, the request must be made thirty-six (36) hours before the Election. Reason for requesting absentee ballot must be given, as absentee ballots are for individuals unable to vote in person. Direct your request to the Bay Mills Tribal Office at 12140 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715 Attn: Election Committee

If there are any questions, please call the Tribal Office for more information. The telephone number is (906) 248-8100.



# Chairperson’s Report

By Whitney Gravelle

As fall progresses, Bay Mills Indian Community still has a lot of projects that are underway which will be completed over the next several months and in early 2024. These including: Bay Mills Tribal Admin Building, Tribal Court Expansion, Commodities Expansion, Plantation Hills Housing Development, Brimley Area Schools Health Clinic, and the Boys & Girls Club Expansion.

These construction projects are just a small part of all the other work we are completing related to utilities, water meters, septic and sewer, and the Bay Mills Resort & Casino Expansion Project. Most of these projects were funded by grants received in order to improve infrastructure related needs of our community. For the Plantation Hills Housing Development project, our team has been in contact with IHS, DTE, and Cloverland to set up utility connection so that the homes will be ready for move-in as soon as possible.

Two projects that were supposed to begin this year, but were delayed include the Bay Mart Tank Replacement Project and the Riverview Campground Renovation. Both projects have been rescheduled for the Spring of 2024.

Previously, Bay Mart was scheduled to undergo significant renovations beginning in October, but due to delayed shipment and procurement of necessary materials, we had to push this project back. Bay Mart provides critical services for our tribal citizens, employees, and community members, and as such the Executive Council wants to make sure the project proceeds without delay or interruption. Bay Mills Indian Community will share announcements in advance when to expect closure and for how long. When renovations begin, Bay Mart will be renovated to replace the fuel tanks, resurface the parking area, extend the pavilion and add an additional row of pumps. This will also be accompanied with a general facelift of the interior and exterior with new siding, paint, flooring, and lighting fixtures.

In addition, the Riverview Campground Renovation was to start construction towards the end of the summer this year, but as bids were sent out and quotes were received the project came back way over budget. We will put the Riverview Campground back out for bid this winter, and hope to plan construction in Spring of 2024. Bay Mills Indian Community will share announcements in advance when to expect construction of Riverview and for how long. When renovations begin, Riverview will undergo construction of 16 new full hookup campground spots, improvements to the softball / baseball field with new fence and dugouts, new pavilion and concession stand, additional playground for kids 12+, concrete pathways for ADA accessibility of the beach, along with other picnic and game amenities. Most importantly, the renovations to the campsite will protect the Baseball Diamond from further erosion and damage.

Bay Mills Indian Community has also been working on feasibility studies, business plans, and preliminary engineering designs for the Kings Club Renovation, Chippewa Landing, and Brimley Development. We will share these items with the General Tribal Council once complete.

The next General Tribal Council meeting will occur in November after the General Election of Bay Mills Indian Community. The General Election of Bay Mills Indian Community is set for Wednesday, Nov. 1. As a reminder: Any registered voter who will not be able to cast their ballot in person may request the Election Committee to issue them an absentee ballot. Such request may be made in person, by email - Elections@baymills.org, by Fax 906-248-3283, or by mail and signed by the person requesting the ballot. In any case, the request must be made thirty-six (36) hours before the Election. Reason for requesting an absentee ballot must be given, as absentee ballots are for individuals unable to vote in person. Direct your request to the Bay Mills Tribal Office at 12140 W. Lakeshore Dr., Brimley, MI 49715 Attn: Election Committee.

At the next General Tribal Council meeting we will provide updates to our tribal citizens on projects currently happening in Bay Mills Indian Community, receive presentations from various Departments, and also review changes to the Bay Mills Leasing Ordinance, Member Adoption Ordinance, as well as the proposed enactment of a Banishment Ordinance.

Bay Mills Indian Community has also been working with the Michigan Legislature on Tribal Cannabis Compact language. On Tuesday, Sept. 26, the House Regulatory Reform Committee met on SB 170 and SB 180, which Bay Mills Indian Community provided testimony about our operations and how critical the legislation would be for the continued operational success of Northern Light Cannabis Company. Then on Thursday, Oct. 5 both SB 170 and SB 180 passed the Michigan Legislature and will now be going to the Governor for signature and authorization into law. In the near future, Bay Mills Indian Community will engage in Tribal Cannabis Compact negotiations with the State of Michigan, which will strengthen our economic operations in this area. Tribal Cannabis Compacts enhance public health and safety, ensure a lawful and well-regulated marijuana market, encourage economic development in Indian Country, and provide fiscal benefits to our Tribal Nation. We will keep our Tribal Nation apprised as these negotiations begin in the near future.

Last September, the General Tribal Council approved the 2022 Great Lakes Con-

sent Decree on behalf of Bay Mills Indian Community. On Aug. 24 the Western District Court ordered effective the 2023 Great Lakes Fishing Decree. The judge overruled all of the objections from the amici sports groups and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Moving forward, the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority will be working on updates to regulations for implementation, as well as finalization of the electronic reporting system. We will continue to share more updates as things unfold, and also are awaiting to determine if the amici sports groups or the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will be appealing the order from the judge. The first Wednesday of every month, the Legal Department meets with the Conservation Committee to provide updates and discuss strategy.

There have been a lot of cultural activities taking place across Bay Mills as well, including the Every Child Matters Ceremony, birch bark earring workshop, pipe carving workshop, dugout canoe workshop, ribbon skirt workshop, and multiple community workshops that focus on the teachings and passing on of our cultural practices. Chi miigwetch to the Biological Services Department, Cultural Department, Waishkey Bay Farm, Museum & History Departments, as well and everyone else that helps plan, prepare, and coordinate these activities.

We also have some great events coming up for Bay Mills, including the Manoomin Day Camp on Oct. 21, Ribbon Apron Workshop on Oct. 21, and Community Halloween Party on Oct. 25. We hope to see you there!

Bay Mills Indian Community has undergone rapid growth in the last several years, from infrastructure to services improvements. We appreciate everyone’s patience as we have handled an overwhelming number of projects. In the coming months, the Executive Council will continue to work on expanding services provided by tribal government, improve our business operations, and provide greater benefits for our employees. Our teams continue to work to find solutions to improving child care services, engaging in energy and broadband opportunities, treaty resource conservation, and updates to tribal laws.

Our teams will continue to strive for the success of Bay Mills Indian Community. I know with the natural talent and enthusiastic passion of our tribal citizens throughout both tribal government and tribal enterprise we can get the job done. We are blessed with a beautiful culture, a strong community, and immense potential all around us. I believe that by working together, we can make Bay Mills the one place everyone wants to call home. Please check out our tribal website or 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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CATAGORIES:

1) YOUTH

2) TEEN/ADULT

OPINION

Will Ozempic chew up the food industry?

Tyrades! by Danny Tyree

“Are ya haaawngry?”

In the 1990s, that question by the late Harold Rowland became a running gag after church every Sunday, as he inquired where I, my wife and my parents would be eating.

In the future, many people may answer “Are ya haaawngry?” with a shrug and a muffled “Meh.”

Investors and food-industry executives are grinding their teeth over anti-diabetic drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy. The drugs are being used off-label for weight loss and appetite suppression, and so far they seem to be nibbling away at the sales of salty, fatty, sugary foods (a.k.a. “The Foods that Beat Watercress Sandwiches Up After School”).

A 17-member team at the Morgan Stanley financial services company predicts that in 10 years seven percent of Americans will be using such medicines and consuming 20 percent fewer calories (and begging financial services companies to put them out of their misery with a well-placed Roth IRA upside the head).

Believe me, I know there’s a problem. My once-youthful metabolism has deteriorated from Bottomless Pit to “your thighs just absorbed that lasagna at the next table.”

Unhealthy dietary choices (and scarfing down massive amounts of edibles without even thinking about it) have consequences. Too many people face stroke, heart attack, dialysis or amputation. There’s only a slight nuance between “body positivity movement” and “I’m positive the body will (mostly) fit in the casket.” I understand.

The balancing act of living a long life and a happy life is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma wrapped in bacon. Mmm...bacon.

But I’m not sure we can handle the social upheaval of pill-popping, neutered snacks and slavish portion control.

Will people who have been dumped by their Significant Other really substitute kale and locust meal for the time-honored practice of eating a whole tub of ice cream – or will they in fact hogtie their ex and force-feed THEM the kale and locust meal?

Two adjoining counties have Frito-Lay plants. Must I provide dental insurance for laid-off employees who do seasonal work harvesting poke sallet from my yard?

Can cooks for church socials endure having their decadent desserts ignored by congregants with suppressed cravings? (“Heavenly Father, as David smote Goliath, raise up someone to smite Big Pharma.”)

Will the convenience market Big Gulp become the Sniff the Cork? What kind of movies can Hollywood afford to produce without the subsidy of hot-buttered popcorn and other concessions? (Coming soon to a theater near you: a double-



feature of “Honey, I Shrunk the Doughnuts” and “Saw – But Put It Back on the Shelf In Favor of Baby Carrots.”)

Will food-industry leaders roll over or will they instead fight fire with ... artificial smoke flavoring? Think of the possibilities for Cheap Trick. My well-placed spies tell me that snack manufacturers and fast-food franchises are colluding to have the rock group play “I want you to want me. I need you to need me” 24-7.

Look for the Keebler Elves to stir up a little mischief by “accidentally” spilling some cannabis into their baked goods. (“Tonight’s cage match: appetite suppressor versus the munchies!”)

I remain cautiously pessimistic about the the future of our food, beverages and health.

I may eat my words someday, but at least they’ll be deep-fried first.

I miss Harold. I’m “haaawngry” to see him – and my 34-inch-waistband pants – in heaven someday.

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Conservatives won’t win the fight they are picking with Swift

By Elwood Watson

Taylor Swift has been making massive headlines lately (to be honest when has she not?) for her efforts in getting 35,000 new voters to register in one single day. There's also her all-but-confirmed relationship with Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce.

Although her legion of fans (better known as Swifties) have taken an intense interest in the singer's newfound romantic interest, many on the right have been severely triggered by the recent machinations of the pop megastar, who has issued blistering criticisms of conservative politicians including Tennessee Sen. Marsha Blackburn and former President Donald Trump.

Mark Hemingway, columnist for the right-wing website The Federalist, wrote an article claiming the singer’s popularity was “a sign of national decline” and that her music was “utterly defined by self-obsession rather than introspection.” Far right-wing writer Roger Kimball, a columnist for the passionately Trump-supporting blog American Greatness and magazine the American Spectator, echoed similar sentiments and further commented: “She is homely.”

Right-wing speaker Juanita Broadrick, a diehard Trump supporter who once accused former President Bill Clinton of rape, responded to an earlier video of Swift criticizing Trump, stating: “Who gives a F what Taylor Swift thinks?” Well, it turns out that in addition to millions of devoted fans and followers, many on the right care what Swift thinks, given their pathological obsession

with her. The truth is she's living rent free on the sharpest tips of their lounges and residing in the darkest corners of their minds.

Criticism of pop culture celebrities is hardly a new tactic among conservatives, from as far back as Elvis Presley, Little Richard, and Jerry Lee Lewis in the 1950s and onward. Athletes and celebrities have always found themselves in the crosshairs of the cultural right, a social segment that has often viewed such entities with a jaundiced eye over political, social, and religious differences.

Hostilities aside, declaring war against Taylor Swift is an ill-advised tactic that could likely only further augment her already fiercely powerful brand. She has demonstrated over and over, time after time, that the degree of her cultural influence is formidable and an undeniable reality. Her mere presence at last Sunday’s Chiefs game supporting Kelce in her private sports box with Kelce’s mother and other assorted guests resulted in a 400 percent spike in sales of his jersey. His social media followership increased exponentially in a matter of days. She is a force to be reckoned with.

The NFL has been a historically conservative organization with a right-leaning fan base. Taylor Swift represents assertive, powerful, independent womanhood. She is pro-choice and a staunch advocate of LGBTQIA rights, and she openly espouses and supports progressive positions on race, gender, class, and economics. Hence, she epitomizes most of the things that many conservatives de-



spise.

Nonetheless, it still seems like a foolish agenda to target someone with the profile of Swift. With her legion of diehard fans, more than a billion dollars in personal wealth, and an impeccably strategic business acumen, the right is facing an uphill effort and is alienating sizable segments of Americans.

Don’t take my word for it. Check in with her former manager Scooter Braun and Kanye West, and ask them whether they suggest taking on Taylor Swift.

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# Walking On

### Frank Bamford Ferguson III

Frank Bamford Ferguson III, 79, of Pickford, Michigan, died at Ball Hospice House, on Oct. 1, 2023. He was born on April 28, 1944, in Detroit, Michigan, to Frank Bamford II and Marjorie Ann (Fraizer) Ferguson.

Frank grew up in Detroit until 1960 when his family moved to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1963. After a few “wild young man years”, he began working at the International Bridge in the late 60s as a toll taker. In the early 70s Frank moved to Paradise, Michigan, helping his parents run their cabin resort for a few years. Frank also spent time living in Sault Ste Marie and Brimley. After many years of dedicated service working on the International Bridge, he retired, settling in the quiet town of Pickford.

Frank enjoyed watching and feeding the birds in his yard, his multiple trips a week to Walmart, and watching western T.V. shows, especially Gunsmoke.

Frank is survived by his nieces, Pamela Schnabel of Indiana, Debra DiAnni of Illinois, and Barbara Montalbano of Indiana; great-nieces and great-nephews, Camden and Lilly Schnabel, Nicole and Anthony DiAnni, Chelsea, Megan, and Melinda Eickleberry.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Marjorie; sister, Nancy (Jack) Lickfelt; and brother Theodore Ferguson.

Final Resting Place will be held at the Our Lady of Victory Cemetery in Paradise, Michigan.

### Barry Douglas Burt

Barry Douglas Burt, 75, of Brimley, Michigan, departed this world on Sept. 20, 2023. He was born on Oct. 29, 1947, in Washington D.C., to Ira Douglas and Daisy Vaudeen (Boyette) Burt.

Barry grew up in Brimley and attended Brimley High School while juggling various jobs as a teenager, including some time spent on Mackinac Island. After he graduated, he joined the United States Army with three deployments in Vietnam mostly stationed in Saigon before returning to Michigan. Once Barry moved back to Brimley, he met the love of his life, Lorri Anne Parrish; they married on April 6, 1973 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and remained side-by-side until Lorri’s death in 2015. They started their fam-

ily while Barry worked for the Bay Mills Indian Community. Some of his important work included helping to establish the Bay Mills Community College while employed as a Community Planner and Developer. During this time, he also worked as a commercial fisherman with various friends from the community. Barry was passionate about justice and provided testimony to Congress in support of Treaty Fishing Rights. The family later moved to Traverse City, Michigan, where Barry worked for the Grand Traverse Band as a Tribal Manager for many years. Throughout his lifetime, Barry held many different titles in his career, including Salesman, Project Manager, Human Resources Director, and Entrepreneur. Barry retired in 2004 and moved back to his home in Bay Mills Indian Community.

Barry was an outdoorsman in his younger years, enjoying camping, two-tracking, and fishing. Those who knew Barry know of his sarcastic sense of humor, sharp wit, and uncanny ability to “BS” with the best of them. He was a "Renaissance Man" and always had an opinion of any current event taking place. Anyone who ever walked into his home knew they would be met with the sound of the news blaring in the background and an ear-to-ear smile from Barry.

Barry is survived in death by his sons, Eric (Lisa) Burt of Traverse City, Robert Burt of Brimley, and William "Bill" Bouschor of Sault Ste. Marie; daughter, Rachel (Casey) Lyons of Brimley; grandchildren, Evi, Andrew, Quentin, Matthew, and Neva; brother, Ronald (Kathy) Burt of Lapeer; sisters, Sharon "Cindy" Vaudeen of Brimley, and Shelly (Mike) Butzin of Brimley; various in-laws, including his wise-cracking partner in crime/father-in-law, Robert Parrish of Brimley. He had numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and many children of the heart that he helped to guide through life. Barry would give us all grief if we did not mention his herd of furry creatures that he loved to his dying day: Midge, Beau, Blondie, Zoggy, and Marley.

Barry was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Daisy; his soulmate and wife, Lorri; brother, Stephen Burt; and brother-in-law, H. Dale Thomas.

Burial took place at Mission Hill Cemetery in Bay Mills with full military honors presented to this amazing man. Memorial Contributions can be made out to the Chippewa County Animal Shelter or the Sault Ste. Marie VFW.



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# Bay Mills Parks and Recreation update

By **Jen Satchell**  
*Bay Mills Biological Services*

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Administration has been diligently working at creating and upgrading places for community members to recreate and play. Playgrounds and picnic areas are located within the housing areas, Gumshoes beach and Memorial Park. Riverview Park will be undergoing renovations and upgrades in the near future. Trails are in development at Spectacle Lake Nature Park and there are long-term plans to extend the Spirit Stone Trail. Kayak and canoe launches and docks were installed at Spectacle Lake this summer.

### Memorial Park

Memorial Park is located near the golf course off of Lakeshore Drive. To get there, turn at the blue Bay Mills Resort and Casino Sign across from Pickles restaurant. This park underwent a huge upgrade this summer. Play structures for a variety of ages, a pavilion, outhouse and story walk trail on the paved flat path are now open for all to enjoy.

BMIC was proud to host local author, Julie Buchholtz’s children’s book, “Who Am I?” as the inaugural book for the story walk trail.

“I wrote the story from an Indigenous perspective because it is important for children of all colors to see themselves represented in literature. When children see themselves in the books they read, they are more engaged, it builds self-esteem, and worth. Additionally, there are simply not enough books that feature a Native American as the protagonist,” said Buchholtz.

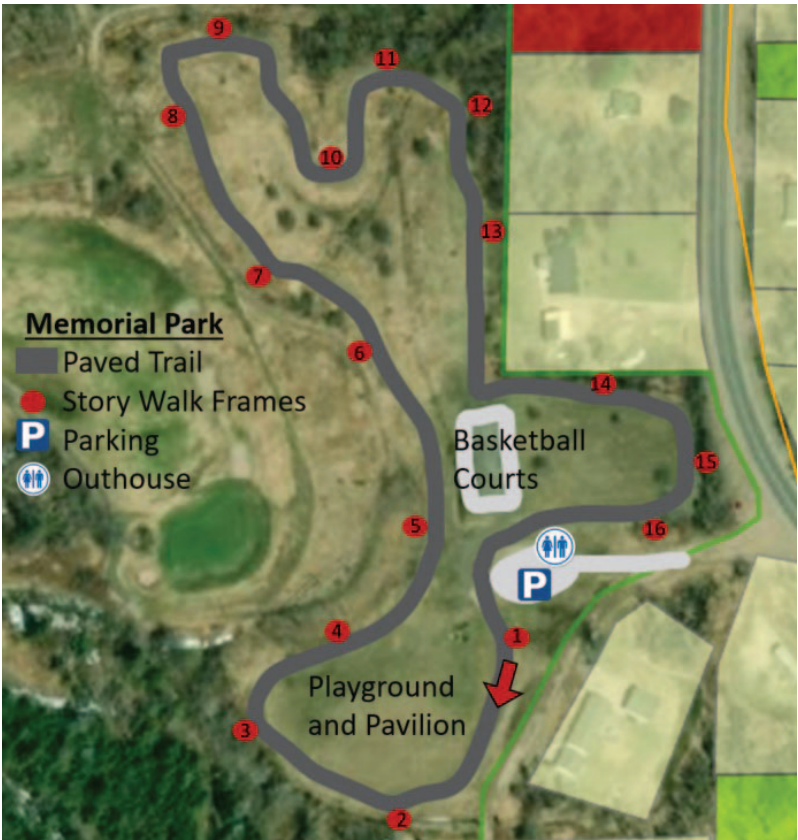
The books on the story walk trail will be replaced periodically and will continue to represent Indigenous perspectives or feature local authors. BMIC worked with Bay Mills Community College Library to identify several books for the story walk trail.

### Riverview Park and Campground

Riverview Park and Campground will be undergoing big renovations in the next year. The campground will be reconfigured to protect the shoreline from erosion and will include 16 new full hookup camp sites. The ball fields will be improved with new fencing and dugouts. A new pavilion, concession stand, bathhouse, playground and an ADA accessible pathway will be constructed to allow people of all ages and abilities to enjoy this park and the St. Mary’s River.

### Spectacle Lake Nature Park

Spectacle Lake Nature Park now has two docks which include a kayak or canoe launch. Picnic tables are in dispersed sites throughout the area. BMIC is gathering community members’ thoughts and concerns about further developments in the park. A survey is available on the BMIC website at <https://www.baymills.org/recreation>, then click on the “Spectacle Lake Upgrades” tab. Paper surveys are available by contacting [jmsatchell@baymills.org](mailto:jmsatchell@baymills.org) or calling 906-248-8655.





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# Bridge toll system project wins international honors

- Fast facts:*
- *The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association honored the tolling system project at two international bridge crossings on the Ontario-Michigan border with their 2023 Tolling Excellence Award for Administration and Finance.*
  - *Under a \$9.3 million contract, the International Bridge (connecting Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, with Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario) and the Blue Water Bridge (connecting Port Huron, Michigan, to Point Edward, Ontario) have modernized their toll systems.*
  - *Benefits of the new tolling system for both bridges include administrative cost savings, technological upgrades and improved customer service.*

SEATTLE— The International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association honored the agencies in charge of two international bridge crossings on the Ontario-Michigan border for the procurement and implementation of their innovative toll systems

The IBTTA presented the Michigan Department of Transportation and The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited with their 2023 Tolling Excellence Award in the Administration and Finance category. The award was presented during the group’s annual meeting this week in Seattle.

In presenting the award, the IBTTA cited the successful bi-national partnership, improvements for customers, and greater efficiency for the operators as outstanding aspects of the tolling project.

The project is the first U.S.-Canada procurement of a toll collection system involving three independent international bridge operators with different ownership structures. The bi-national partnership leveraged a pre-existing agreement between MDOT and The FBCL at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge Administration (IBA). The Blue Water Bridge, the Seaway International Bridge Corporation, and consultant WSP were the other participating organizations.

This agreement allowed the creation of a new Memorandum of Understanding connecting all the partners under one contract, issued and administered by the IBA. This project enabled the first technical interoperability across the U.S.-Canada border with customers able to attach multiple accounts in different currencies to a single bi-national sticker tag for ease of travel.

Customers establish an account and purchase a tag from one bridge operator and then may establish accounts with the other two bridge operators in one of the currencies permitted by the bridge operators' business rules. The customer then links their tag with the partner agencies, all through a seamless customer

interface. The system is scalable to add other similar toll entities in the future.

Under a \$9.3 million contract, the previous toll systems at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge (connecting Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario) and the Blue Water Bridge (connecting Port Huron, Michigan, to Point Edward, Ontario) have been modernized.

The contract is administered for the cross-border partnership by the IBA through an agreement between the IBA, MDOT and The FBCL. The new toll systems went online in the fall of 2022.

“Accepting the 2023 Toll Excellence Award from the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association is a true honor for The Federal Bridge Corporation Limited and our esteemed partners, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the International Bridge Administration.” said Natalie Kinloch, chief executive officer of The FBCL. "This accolade reflects our shared dedication to innovation and collaboration across borders, always with a keen focus on enhancing our service level. May our joint efforts continue to pave the way for a future of seamless, customer-centric travel between our connected nations."

"This award is a tribute to our bi-national cross-border partnership," said Amy Winn, Bridge Director at BWB (MDOT). "Despite significant challenges and deadlines, we launched on time and on budget at all three locations.”

Joe Dedecker, Bridge Director at BWB (The FBCL), concurred. "This is another step as we continue to work together collaboratively," he said. "For the next decade we will strive to make the border for our customers seamless and easier to cross."

Peter Petainen, IBA Bridge Director, said the award was a recognition for the whole team. “It’s a testament to the perseverance and dedicated hard work of our entire multi-agency project team," he

said. "I am humbled and grateful to IBTTA for the recognition this award represents."

The contract costs of the new system are being shared equally by the IBA, MDOT and The FBCL, a Canadian Crown corporation wholly owned by the Government of Canada. Through its board, the International Bridge is managed as a joint venture of The FBCL and MDOT. The U.S. portion of the Blue Water Bridge is a State of Michigan entity.

The IBTTA is a worldwide association for owners and operators of toll facilities and businesses that serve them. Founded in 1932, IBTTA has members in 23 countries on six continents.

## Cameron appointed by Gov. Whitmer

On Oct. 11, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed Ann Cameron to the Early Childhood Investment Corporation Executive Committee . The Early Childhood Investment Corporation was created to be the state's focal point for information and investment in early childhood education in Michigan so that children can arrive at the kindergarten door, safe, healthy, and eager for learning and life. The Investment Corporation was founded in 2005 and charged with implementing a Great Start system for Michigan both at the state and community level.

Cameron, of Brimley, is the head start director for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and has worked with the organization for more than 35 years. She is also an early childhood education student advisor at Bay Mills Community College and is a Senior Fellow at the Michigan State University Tribal Early Childhood Research Center. Cameron the president of the Ojibwe Charter School Board of Education, and she serves on the board of the National Indian Head Start Directors Association. She graduated from Bay Mills Community College with an associate degree in early childhood development and education. She is reappointed for a term commencing Oct. 11, 2023, and expiring July 22, 2027.

# DHHS recommends residents to get vaccinnated

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is recommending residents get the flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines to protect themselves and their communities against respiratory viruses this upcoming season.

Getting vaccinated is critical because flu, COVID-19 and RSV frequently spread at the same time of year. Residents can get their COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as the flu vaccine and RSV vaccine if they are eligible. Vaccinations are safe, effective strategies to protect residents, their families and communities from illness.

“With the addition of COVID-19 to respiratory illness season during fall and winter, it is important to use tools to prevent getting sick and spreading illness, which includes getting safe and effective vaccines,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines are available in many convenient locations, from primary care providers to local pharmacies, and you can receive them at the same time.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expects 2023-24 to be similar to 2022-23 in

terms of total number of hospitalizations from seasonal respiratory illnesses. During the 2022-23 flu season, the nation recorded 27 to 54 million estimated cases of flu, 12 to 26 million flu medical visits and 19,000 to 58,000 estimated deaths from the flu. Despite its comparison to the common cold, the flu can be a serious and potentially deadly disease, especially for children, older adults and people with chronic health conditions, which is why vaccination remains a critical strategy for prevention.

Adults ages 65 years and older are recommended to receive one of the following if available: high-dose influenza vaccine, adjuvanted influenza vaccine or recombinant influenza vaccine, over the standard-dose influenza vaccine. If none of the recommended vaccines are available, any age-appropriate vaccine should be used and the opportunity to be vaccinated should not be missed. The flu vaccine is the best way to reduce risk from the seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications. Each year flu vaccination reduces the burden of influenza significantly in the United States preventing millions of illnesses, and thousands of hospitalizations and deaths.

Most Michigan residents can still get a COVID-19

vaccine for free. For people with health insurance, most plans will cover the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. Michigan residents who don’t have health insurance or have health plans that do not cover the cost can reach out to a health care provider or local pharmacy participating in the CDC’s Bridge Access Program, their local health department or visit Vaccines.gov for additional information on ways to obtain a free vaccine. Children eligible for the Vaccines for Children program also may receive the vaccine from a provider enrolled in that program. Find a vaccine location near you, including Bridge Access Providers, visit Vaccine Finder.

Visit Michigan.gov/flu for more information or visit IVaccinate.org to find answers to your vaccine questions.

If you have Medicaid and you are approaching your renewal, make sure to turn in your paperwork on time to avoid any delays in coverage. Visit Michigan.gov/MedicaidRenewal for more information.

To learn more about seasonal respiratory illnesses and how to protect yourself, visit Michigan.gov/COVIDFluRSV.

# Listening to Michigan’s state bird could improve mental health

By DANIEL SCHOENHERR  
Capital News Service

LANSING — The Great Lakes region’s more than 300 bird species may provide valuable mental health benefits.

A recent study from Carleton University in Ontario shows there are fewer mental health-related hospitalizations in Michigan areas with high bird diversity.

Previous studies have linked the presence of foliage to mental health, but the author of this study, Rachel Buxton, said that’s not the only element of nature that could impact mental health.

“Birds need trees so we thought maybe it was just green space that is driving this relationship,” said Buxton, who is an assistant professor of biology at Carleton. “And that wasn’t the case, which is interesting.”

“This is a first (broad) look at the relationship of very severe mental health outcomes...and biodiversity,” Buxton said.

Her study is one of many made possible by a popular bird watching app: eBird. The app allows users to log an area’s birds, earning badges for recording sightings of different species.

Buxton’s study used eBird’s data to cross-reference the number of bird species in each Michigan ZIP code with the number of reported mental health-related hospitalizations in the same year.

ZIP codes for coastal communities like Holland and Tawas City tend to have a higher number of species reported, while inland communities like Grand Rapids and Roscommon have smaller numbers.

The relationship between biodiversity and mental health is often reported in textbooks, Buxton said. “It’s coming up again and again.”

The connection is likely linked to sound and human evolution, Buxton said. “Hu-

mans are tuned to signals of safety and danger.”

An environment full of different species indicates that there’s food, water and shelter nearby — things that both people and animals need to survive.

Fewer species in an area could mean that something is wrong. That could mean environmental needs cannot be met or danger is nearby, Buxton said.

Environments where everything has “gone quiet” could indicate danger and induce stress, Buxton said. “That has very negative downstream health repercussions.”

“Humans rely on sound – it’s the first sense we get as human beings in the womb,” she said.

There is tons of evidence that listening to nature — even on headphones — can have health benefits, she said.

Jenna Curtis, the eBird project leader at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York, said thousands of projects across the world use the data. The app records information, including recent locations of flamingoes in Wisconsin. A team of eBird developers review and confirm the data submitted by users, Curtis said.

The app provides data for uses as diverse as high school science projects, training computer programs and fueling new legislation for protecting endangered birds, Curtis said.

Buxton said that before eBird, researchers like her had little data about birds to go off of.

“We used to have nothing, no information,” Buxton said, and eBird “is opening up a world to scientists.”

Buxton said she wants to explore the connection between birds and mental health on a smaller scale.

“Nature is preserving our health,” Buxton said. “We need to be looking at it as a reciprocal relationship. How do we make sure we’re doing our part to preserve nature?”

*Daniel Schoenherr reports for Great Lakes Echo.*



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## CIU receives Airport of the Year award

On Sept. 13, the Commercial Service Airport of the Year Award was given to the Chippewa County International Airport in Kincheloe for “proactively pursuing airport grant funding and opportunities that benefit the airport, region, and community.”

The award was given in Muskegon in conjunction with the Michigan Association of Airport Executives fall conference, where the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation announced the award winners for achievements in promoting and improving aviation. These awards are presented to airports, aviators, professionals, consultants, and others.

The airport’s hard work in securing supplemental discretionary funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) allowed work on a beautiful new, multi-million-dollar terminal, which opened in fall 2022. The entire region has benefitted economically and gained a real asset that will solidify partnerships in aviation and improve access to the rest of the world.

“Congratulations to this year’s awards winners and thank you for your contributions to improving Michigan aviation,” said Mike Trout, MAC director and MDOT Office of Aeronautics administrator. “Their outstanding work has not gone unnoticed to the MAC, MDOT, and the aviation community.”

The MAC and MDOT have recognized airports, individuals, and organizations whose innovative contributions have led to significant improvements to facilities, operations, or public relations that support aviation in Michigan. The MAC is responsible for the general supervision of aeronautics within Michigan.



# Bedell selected for Aspen Institute Fellowship

By **Shannon Jones**  
*Bay Mills News*

BAY MILLS — The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program announced on Sept. 19 that Duane Bedell, president at Bay Mills Community College, was selected for the inaugural class of the Aspen Presidents Fellowship. The program, made possible with support from JPMorgan Chase, focuses on developing a sustainable and comprehensive reform agenda that advances excellence and equity in student outcomes at scale.

"I am honored to be included as a participant in the inaugural class of the Aspen Presidents Fellowship. I look forward to learning and working with my colleagues nationwide to improve our student's education quality as we build a culture centered on student success," said Bedell. "It will be a lot of work over the next year; however, it is well worth it."

Bedell began his teaching career with BMCC in 2002, and became the president of the college in the summer of 2020. He is a citizen of Bay Mills Indian Community and has been working in the tribal community for more than 25 years.

This class of fellows represents the diversity of the nation's community colleges. They lead institutions across 14 states that collectively educate more than 280,000 students in incredibly varied settings, from a rural college of 700 students to an urban one with enrollment of more than 24,000. The incoming class of Presidents Fellows is 56 percent women and 44 percent people of color.

Selected through a competitive process, the fellows will work closely with a faculty of leading community college

presidents and senior staff from the Aspen Institute over the next 12 months. Fellows will learn about and compare their practices to those of field-leading colleges; analyze their students' graduation and post-graduation outcomes, and advance their priority reforms aimed at delivering excellent and equitable student outcomes.

"Scaled improvements in student outcomes at our nation's community colleges requires excellent leadership,"

said Josh Wyner, executive director of the College Excellence Program. "I am continually inspired and motivated by the dedication and expertise that our fellows bring to the work of advancing excellence and equity on their campuses, and I look forward to supporting them as they improve outcomes for their students."

To learn more about the program, visit <https://highered.aspeninstitute.org>.



The Wellness Committee at Bay Mills Community College is partnering with the Early Childhood Education Department to join schools across Michigan in the annual Michigan Apple Crunch, as part of National Farm to School Month.

On Oct. 16, BMCC faculty and staff gathered for the Michigan Apple Crunch. This collective crunch encourages healthy eating and supports farm to school and local food initiatives throughout the state. Apples are a delicious and healthy snack choice to satisfy your sweet tooth. Plus, apples are loaded with nutrients like vitamin C and antioxidants, which can help boost your immune system and keep you feeling healthy and energized. Apples can also be incorporated into developmentally appropriate apple-based learning classroom activities as a creative way to enhance children's connections with food and healthy eating.

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# Library initiative asks public to push back at censorship

By KENZIE TERPSTRA  
Capital News Service

LANSING – Shelves laden with row upon row of books fill public libraries with stories of history, fantasy and anything in between. Whether they are new books with gleaming spines or used ones creased from being held open for hours, the stories within remain the same.

Now the Michigan Library Association is pushing an initiative it calls MI Right to Read. It’s intended to educate the public and oppose legislation that may infringe on First Amendment rights to access and intellectual freedom amid a surge in censorship.

Though censorship is nothing new, according to Deborah Mikula, the association’s executive director, the quantity of attacks has grown dramatically.

“It’s unprecedented — the volume of attempted censorship and the intensity of the conversations right now at our school boards and library boards,” she said.

Mikula said that since about 2021, the number of books challenged in the state has multiplied from hundreds to thousands. Most challenged books are by LGBTQ+ authors or have race-related or gender-related content.

The most challenged book title of 2022 was “Gender Queer: A Memoir” by Maia Kobabe, a book challenged for its LGBTQ+ content, according to the American Library Association.

The association marks October as Library Appreciation Month, which includes a Right to Read Week and highlights how libraries serve their communities.

In addition, the American Library Association promotes a Banned Book Week every October, which it says celebrates the freedom to read and brings communities together to support their libraries.

In one Michigan incident last year, residents in Jamestown Township, Ottawa County, defeated a millage that would appropriate the majority of their public library’s budget after the library refused to take LGBTQ+-related books off the shelves. The millage will be on the ballot for the third time this November.

In April, a Cass County commissioner proposed an ordinance to criminally punish librarians for making “sexually explicit material available for children.” The proposal was later withdrawn after a backlash from librarians and their supporters.

The library association’s Mikula said, “We want to keep educating every individual in Michigan about the importance of having access to these public institutions.” Earlier this year, a statewide survey that the association commissioned by the research firm EPIC-MRA found an “overwhelming” 83% majority of those polled said they support legislation to protect the public’s right to read what they wish in public li-

## Lindley to lead athletics at Lake State

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State University has selected Tory Lindley as its new director of athletics after conducting a national search. Lindley succeeds Dr. David Diles, who recently announced his retirement. Lindley begins on Nov. 1, and will oversee the Division I Men’s Hockey Team, 11 Division II teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and two ACHA DI/DII hockey teams.

Lindley, a native of Suttons Bay, brings 16 years of experience in Division I administrative experience and more than 30 years of leadership experience and staff management to LSSU. Most recently, Lindley served at Youngstown State University as their deputy athletic director for the past two years. In his time at Youngstown State University, he created external partnerships resulting in multi-faceted health-care services agreements, provided a performance enhancement services reorganization and performed key roles in strategic planning, and advancements in diversity and inclusion.

“I would like to thank President Gillette and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to lead our athletics department and advance the academic mission of the university,” Lindley said. “Beth and I are thrilled to join the Lake Superior State University family. The priorities will include creating excitement and investment in our wonderful university, our athletics department, and most importantly our student-athletes’ experience.”

Other career highlights for Tory include serving as the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) President for three years where he managed responsibility over the association’s \$10.5 million operations budget. In 2023, Tory was a NATA Hall of Fame Inductee. He served in many different roles at Northwestern University from 2002-2020 including as the Senior Associate Athletic Director, the Associate Athletic Director, and as Assistant Athletic Director. Lindley has a wide variety of publications related to athletic training and has given over 150 professional presentations on risk management and sports medicine related topics.

Throughout the interview process Lindley clearly laid out his vision for the athletics department at LSSU. In addition to the development of each student-athlete, he will strive to create greater visibility for the Laker brand, reinvest in people for professional development and longevity at LSSU, and create best in class game day experiences for alumni and fans.

braries “and not have books banned.”

“It confirms the significance that we’re on the moral and just side of upholding the constitutional promise to protect intellectual freedom,” Mikula said.

The survey also found that 70% of those polled said librarians are “very or mostly capable and trustworthy to decide which books and reading materials should be included” in local libraries.

“We have qualified and trained librarians across the state, who all have master’s of library and information science degrees,” Mikula said. “If they’re in a school, they also have teaching certificates. They’re highly educated, and we’re proud of that.” Across the country, almost 2,000 books were challenged or censored between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31 of this year, according to the American Library Association. That’s an increase of 20% compared with the same period last year.

A challenge is a formal submission to the library asking to have a title pulled from the shelves, prompting an internal review of the book. Once a challenge is processed, the library board or school board decides whether to ban it.

According to a study by the American Library Association, there were 27 attempts to restrict access to books in Michigan and 40 titles challenged during those attempts between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31 of this year.

Michigan is below the national average rate of 38.3 titles attempted to be challenged during that period. Texas led the nation in the number of titles challenged with 1,120, according to the study. “Groups are trying to make it more labor-intensive to mess up the system so that the library just quickly wants to comply,” said Scott Duimstra, the executive director of the Capital Area District Libraries. “Instead of submitting just one challenge, these groups are submitting hundreds at a time.” Duimstra said, “We use our collections to ensure that all members of our community feel reflected in the collection of books, and feel that the library is a safe space for them as well.”

The state association’s poll found that 80% agreed with the statement that “individual parents can set rules for their own children, but they do not have the right to decide for other parents what books are available to their children.”

According to Mikula, having a choice is important.

“We recognize that individuals have the right to make decisions about what materials are suitable for themselves and their own families,” Mikula said. “But there is not a right to make rules restricting what other people read, or to make decisions for other families.”

Mikula and Duimstra agreed that a strong vocal minority is behind the upturn of attempted book bans throughout the state, and that supporting local libraries is key to protecting the right to intellectual freedom.

“We need to let the general public know this is going on and that it’s a threat to your freedom,” Duimstra said. “For libraries, it’s an awareness of the values of the library to protect that First Amendment access.”

Mikula said, “We’re asking the public to take action. We want them to join a coalition that advocates against censorship. We want them to post on social media. We want them to be vocal about it.”

## LSSU recognized as “Top Public School”

SAULT STE. MARIE – Lake Superior State University has announced its recognition for outstanding performance in the 2024 U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges rankings for Regional Colleges in the U.S. LSSU earned top honors by being recognized as the #1 Top Public School in the Regional Colleges Midwest category, solidifying their position as a leading institution of higher education.

The U.S. News and World Report rankings, released on Sept. 18, are based upon factors such as graduation and retention rates, social mobility, reputation, faculty resources, financial resources per student, and graduate indebtedness. The U.S. is divided into four regions and the Midwest region includes 12 states. To be classified as a regional college among the rankings, the college or university must focus on undergraduate education and award fewer than half of the degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

“This is who we are. We provide an extraordinary education that prepares our students for a job in their field and then to be leaders in their field. Lake Superior State University continues to uphold its mission of providing accessible, high-quality education to our students. This ranking reflects our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning and preparing our students for high-paying careers,” said Interim President Lynn Gillette of the achievement.

Many of the categories considered in the rankings are part of LSSU’s Strategic Plan. In particular, LSSU has goals related to graduation and retention rates, social mobility, and quality teaching. LSSU’s also boasts a low faculty-to-student ratio.

Interim Provost Kimberly Muller added, “LSSU is resolute in our commitment to experiential learning. Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to create a supportive and enriching learning environment. It is gratifying that the U.S. News and World Reports’ metrics affirm the direction we have taken as a university.”



# Seul Choix Point Lighthouse is considered site of paranormal activity

By KELSEY LESTER  
Capital News Service

LANSING — The smell of cigar smoke lingers as visitors walk through the dark living quarters of Gulliver’s Seul Choix Point Lighthouse.

They’d think someone was there because of the smell. But no. Instead, it’s the smoking spirits that inhabit the 1895 lighthouse on the Upper Peninsula shore of Lake Michigan.

Kat Tedsen, the coauthor of the book series “Haunted Travels of Michigan,” has investigated more than 350 potentially paranormal sites around the state.

While Tedsen is sometimes asked to investigate residences, most of her work involves logically debunking or proving a place is haunted.

The Seul Choix Point Lighthouse is the only lighthouse where Tedsen found paranormal evidence that couldn’t be explained.

East of Manistique, the lighthouse is open to visitors during the summertime and offers tours, a gift shop and a museum.

“I never really recorded or experienced anything at any lighthouse except for one. I’ve been in a lot of lighthouses — walked up way too many circular stairs,” Tedsen said. “It was the most compelling investigation I’ve done in any lighthouse.”

In 1886, construction of the lighthouse was commissioned, according to America’s Haunted Road. Work wasn’t completed until 1895.

As the legend has it, Capt. Joseph Willie Townsend is the lighthouse’s paranormal keeper. According to Pure Michigan, the state’s tourism promotion agency, it has been experiencing documented strange activity for decades.

Townsend, also known as Capt. Willie, was appointed keeper in 1902. He had a short tenure because he died in 1910.

His cause of death isn’t conclusively known, but because of his heavy cigar smoking, visitors assume he died from lung disease.

Because his death occurred in harsh winter, relatives weren’t able to bury him and instead embalmed the body within the cold walls of the lighthouse cellar.

His body allegedly stayed there for three weeks, and his soul is said to have stayed behind.

“He had this big, bushy white beard and hair. There have been reports of things like dishes in the kitchen going askew. And there’s a mirror on the second floor that they say is a portal to the other side,” Tedsen said.

“These are all ghost stories,” she said. “I didn’t find any of that.”

Although she didn’t experience any of the lighthouse’s reputed paranormal phenomena, Tedsen said she came across something even more chilling.

“I didn’t get in contact with Capt. Willie, but what I did encounter is something nobody told us about. We found something connected to another lightkeeper — a guy by the name of William Blanchard,” she said.

“He held the position for 31 years. His



Photo by Kat Tedsen

wife, Amanda, was a midwife and Amanda’s mother, a lady by the name of Mary Pebble, unfortunately had cancer,” she said

Back in those days, treatment options for cancer were scarce and Pebble grew weaker and died after a great storm hit the lighthouse in February 1919.

“One of those extreme storms that come off Lake Michigan — huge winds. It twisted the trees like they were fields of wheat. The ice pellets and the snow actually broke some of the windows on the upper

floor, and the floor started filling with snow,” Tedsen said

“Poor Mary passed away,” she added.

Pebble’s family wanted to take the body to the mainland but couldn’t leave or bury her outdoors because of the ice.

As happened with Capt. Willie’s corpse, Pebble’s relatives put her body in the first-floor bathroom to freeze.

Tedsen didn’t know the history of the bathroom when she set up an audio recorder and started asking questions aloud. “ I’m just asking general names like ‘what

is your name? What happened to you while you were here?’ I didn’t hear anything at the time, but when I was listening to the audio later, I found a response,” she said.

“It clearly said, when I asked for her name, the response was ‘Mary.’” In response to another question she replied that she “died in snow,” Tedsen said.

Although she experienced many paranormal happenings in the lighthouse, Tedsen said she isn’t always convinced by what she finds.

“Believe it or not, I am and will always be a skeptic. When people don’t believe in it, I totally understand,” Tedsen said. “But what that also tells me is they’ve never had a paranormal experience.”

“The minute you have a paranormal experience that first time it’s going to change your life,” she said.

Paranormal happenings bring a lot of tourism to Seul Choix Point Lighthouse and other haunted attractions around Michigan. Pure Michigan promotes them as travel destinations on its website.

“There are so many public ghost towns,” Tedsen said. “But to me, paranormal is very important — it begs the question ‘is there life after death?’”

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# Young voters stepping up to fulfill their rights to vote

By STEPHANIE RAUHE  
Capital News Service

LANSING – In the late 1700s when America was drafting the Constitution and forming a democracy, it was vitally important that citizens had the right to vote. Since then, people have fought for their right to vote, including constitutional amendments to protect those rights. In 1971, the 26th amendment lowered the voting age to 18. That allowed members of the armed services who were under 21 to vote, and the slogan “old enough to fight, old enough to vote” was born. In the past, people aged 18-29 were less likely to vote than older people, but that is beginning to change. According to a study from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University, Michigan had the highest youth turnout of any state during the 2022 midterm election, at around 37%.

That was a huge jump from the 2014 elections, when the youth turnout was a mere 15.3%. The executive director of the Department of Civil Right, John E. Johnson Jr., said his agency is already gearing up for the 2024 presidential election. “We found the best way to get anybody involved is to make it personal,” Johnson said. “We want to address your situation. As a young person, what is it that you need?” The League of Women Voters of Michigan is taking steps to target young people, co-president Paula Bowman said. That involves making voting registration processes more user-friendly. The organization also offers an online voter guide to help young voters understand their options and provide them with resources such as common voting terms, FAQs and tips for students.

“We always regard the youth vote as the most important factor in elections, and we do our best to reach out to them,” Bowman said. The league participated in the recent Michigan Student Voting Summit at Oakland University. The summit was hosted by the Department of State and Campus Vote Project, to educate students and encourage them to register. According to the Department of State, 300 students and educators from high schools and colleges were registered to attend, and members of the Legislature were invited to be part of the breakout groups with students from their districts. “In a few short years, Michigan has gone from one of the worst to first in youth voter turnout,” Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said in a press release. “Initiatives like the Student Voting Summit are part of the reason Michigan has emerged as a national youth voting leader.”

## Two Becoming an Outdoors Woman programs offered

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ Becoming an Outdoors Woman program will offer a two BOW events this fall. The BOW program gives women, 18 and older, an opportunity to improve their outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere. In addition to being fun to participate in, many of the BOW and Beyond BOW classes offer instruction on important outdoor skills, safety and appropriate outdoor clothing attire. SUNSET HIKE, Marquette County: 6 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Oct. 25th Description: Our evening hike will begin with some daylight, about 45 minutes before the sun sets. Instructors will provide hot water and a variety of tea and hot chocolate packets. We’ll get to our destination with plenty of time to enjoy a hot beverage while we wait for the sun to set. After the sun sets, we’ll return to the vehicles via the same trail. Location: Participants will meet at a trailhead about 5 miles outside of Marquette (must have a Recreation Passport or State of Michigan day pass to park).

Experience: We plan to hike between 2-3 miles. The trail is moderate, with about 300 ft of elevation gain in the first mile. Required Items: • Headlamp (the sun will set while out) • Hiking shoes/boots • Clothing and outerwear appropriate for the weather/conditions. • Insulated Mug (if you want a hot beverage at the destination) CABIN CAMPING, Wilderness State Park, Emmett County: 4 p.m. EDT Nov. 3-5 Wilderness State Park is a public recreation area bordering Lake Michigan, 5 miles southwest of Mackinaw City in Emmet County in Northern Michigan. The state park’s 10,512 acres include 26 miles of shoreline, diverse forested dune and swale complexes, wetlands, camping areas, and many miles of hiking trails. The park is also a designated dark sky preserve offering stellar views of the sky and is just 9 miles from Headlands Dark Sky Park. The terrain is a mixture of dense coniferous forest and mature hardwood forest, with pockets of open mead-

ows and carpets of wildflowers in the spring. Lodging: Participants will be staying in rustic bunkhouses, which are large log cabins built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the late 1930s. The lodging will have bunk beds and is equipped with a cafeteria-style folding table and a wood stove. Each participant will have a bunk bed to themselves for sleeping and storing luggage. There is electricity in the lodging quarters. There is no running water. However, water is available at park headquarters. Please bring appropriate water containers for transport back to the cabins. There are lights, a ceiling fan and outlets, but no refrigerator. There is a fire pit and picnic table outside. Vault toilets are nearby. Flush toilets and showers are not available. Parking is nearby, but participants will still need to carry their belongings up to a few hundred yards. Experience: • Skill Level: Beginner • Activity Level: Moderate • No special equipment needed Activities will include:

- Hiking (Example hike: 3.5 miles, mostly flat)
- Knot tying
- Backcountry camping
- Backcountry stoves and water filters
- Wilderness survival
- Navigation/deer scouting hike
- Archery
- DIY first aid kit (\*Supplies are provided, and you get to bring yours home)
- DIY fire starting kit (\*Supplies are provided, and you get to bring yours home)
- Yoga
- Other evening entertainment

The group will enjoy some activities together, while for others they will break into smaller groups. This means that you will not get to do all the above activities, but a selection of them. At registration, you to rank activities in order of preference and will assign schedules accordingly. No specific guarantees for particular class assignments can be made. Registration materials for the Beyond BOW workshops are available at Michigan.gov/BOW closer to these events.

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# 60+ tribes sign on to support amicus brief to remove Enbridge’s Line 5

CINCINNATI, OH – A coalition of more than 60 Tribal Nations from across the Midwest and Canada led by the Bay Mills Indian Community has weighed in on Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel’s lawsuit to remove the Line 5 oil pipeline from the heart of the Great Lakes. The Tribes submitted an amicus brief supporting Nessel’s claims and asking the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit to remand Nessel v. Enbridge to state court, a move opposed by the Canadian giant Enbridge, which owns Line 5. Line 5 is an outdated oil-and-gas pipeline that poses unacceptable risks of an oil spill, especially as it travels along the lakebed through the Straits of Mackinac in a four-mile section known as the dual pipelines.

“Near and far, Anishinaabe people have united to protect the Great Lakes,” said President Whitney Gravelle of the Bay Mills Indian Community. “We stand behind Attorney General Nessel because we know that shutting down Line 5 is the only way to protect everyone who depends on the land, water, and natural resources within the Great Lakes, including Anishinaabe people exercising our treaty rights.”

Not only do the Great Lakes provide fresh drinking water to more than 40 million people, but in the creation stories of the Anishinaabe, the Straits of Mackinac are where the Great Turtle emerged after a flood to create the North American continent, which the Anishinaabe refer to as “Turtle Island.” Bay Mills and other Tribal Nations have hunted, fished, and gathered medicines in the Straits for thousands of years - since time immemorial. In 1836, they ceded vast acres of land and water including the Straits to the US government.

“That 1836 treaty guarantees these Tribes the right to maintain their way of life in the ceded territory – a right that will be irrevocably destroyed if an oil spill from the dual pipelines contaminates the waters and aquatic life of the Straits,” said Managing Attorney David Gover of Native American Rights Fund (NARF).

Nessel sued Enbridge in Ingham County Circuit Court in June of 2019, alleging

that Enbridge is violating the Michigan Environmental Protection Act (MEPA), state public nuisance laws, and the public trust doctrine by operating Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac. Although the case has been ready for a decision by the state court for more than two years, Enbridge has prolonged it by removing the case to federal court, missing the deadline by over 850 days.

“Enbridge is plainly trying to game the system, but no oil company is above the law,” said Earthjustice Associate Attorney John Petoskey. “The 6th Circuit should remand this case to state court, where the attorney general’s claims can be swiftly resolved.”

Earthjustice and NARF represent Bay Mills Indian Community, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Odawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and the Anishinaabek Nation of Ontario as amici in this case.

The Tribes and First Nations are based in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada. All 12 of Michigan’s federally recognized Tribes have passed resolutions calling to decommission Line 5.

# More than 9 million fish, 269 tons, stocked so far in 2023 says DNR

More than 269 tons of fish, eight different species, plus one hybrid, and a total of 9,335,410 individual fish – it all adds up to successful spring and summer stocking efforts by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and some great fall fishing for anglers.

Stocking is no small task. Over the course of 2,233 hours and more than 89,000 miles, DNR fisheries crews in 17 specialized trucks took 375 trips to stock fish at 705 different sites.

"We had excellent spring and summer stocking seasons that will bring significant benefits and fishing opportunities to Michigan anglers," said Ed Eisch, DNR fish production manager. "With the hard work and dedication of our staff, healthy, high-quality fish were reared and delivered to stocking sites in excellent condition. The numbers produced and stocked were right on target for most areas."

The number and type of fish produced varies by hatchery, as each location’s ability to rear fish depends on the source and temperature of the rearing water. In Michigan there are six state and two cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed for fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered and stocked at a specific time and location to ensure their success.

- Each hatchery stocked the following fish this spring and summer:
- Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 341,423 yearling lake trout, brook trout and splake (a hybrid of lake trout and brook trout) that in total weighed 41,771 pounds. This hatchery stocked 98 inland and Great Lakes sites.
  - Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 997,431 fish that included yearling steelhead and spring fingerling Chinook salmon. These fish weighed 78,659 pounds in total. This hatchery stocked 54 sites (the majority located on the Great Lakes).
  - Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 679,488 yearling brown trout and rainbow trout that weighed 96,372 pounds. This hatchery stocked 123 inland and Great Lakes sites.
  - Harrietta State Fish Hatchery (in Harrietta) stocked 780,654 yearling brown trout, Atlantic salmon and rainbow trout that in total weighed 95,751 pounds. This hatchery

- stocked 228 sites (the majority located inland).
- Platte River State Fish Hatchery (near Honor) stocked 2,350,685 fish that included yearling Atlantic salmon and coho salmon and spring fingerling Chinook salmon that in total weighed 158,038 pounds. This hatchery stocked 48 sites (the majority located on the Great Lakes).
  - Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (near Kalamazoo) stocked 1,469,465 fish that included yearling steelhead, yearling muskellunge and spring fingerling Chinook salmon that in total weighed 121,467 pounds. Wolf Lake also stocked 11,473 channel catfish obtained from the Ohio DNR (weighing 2,828 pounds), as well as 33,679 Skamania steelhead (weighing 3,511 pounds). This hatchery stocked 49 sites (the majority located on the Great Lakes).
  - A cooperative teaching hatchery at Lake Superior State University (in Sault Saint Marie) stocked 28,646 Atlantic salmon weighing 2,510 pounds into the St. Mary’s River.
- Included in this year’s total fish stocked were 2.7 million walleye spring fingerlings, fish that were reared in ponds by the DNR and tribal partners with extensive support provided by local sporting organizations. These fish were stocked at 90 inland lakes and rivers and Lake Michigan.
- Fish stocking is a critical DNR activity. These efforts help support a Great Lakes fishery valued at more than \$7 billion.

Fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to 1 ½ years before they are stocked.

It should be noted that some hatcheries will provide fish for a few additional stockings (consisting of brook trout, rainbow trout, coho salmon, walleye, lake sturgeon and muskellunge) to be made this fall. The lake sturgeon will come from the cooperative hatchery in Tower, Michigan, that is operated with Michigan State University.

The public is welcome at any of Michigan's state fish hatcheries to see firsthand the fish rearing process. For more information, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

Learn more about fishing opportunities, management and resources – including the DNR’s Fish Stocking Database, showing where many of these fish were stocked – at Michigan.gov/Fishing.



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# Community recognizes National Day of Remembrance

Orange Shirt Day, also called National Day for Truth and Reconciliation or National Day of Remembrance, is observed yearly on Sept. 30 in Canada and the United States. The Day extends from the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project and Reunion events orchestrated by Chief Fred Robbins that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. The project gathered former students and their families, local officials, and civic organizations to listen to and commemorate the experiences and journeys of survivors and their families and to commit to the continuing process of reconciliation.

Bay Mills Indian Community gathered to commemorate Sept. 30 in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools at the Old Indian Burial Ground. The group placed ribbons on the fence and BMIC President Whitney Gravelle spoke about the significance of the day.

“Our ancestors faced immense challenges, and one of the most painful chapters in our collective history is a result of these institutions that were established with the intent to erase our languages, traditions, and identities, all under the guise of education. Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families, enduring unimaginable hardship, neglect, and abuse. The scars of this traumatic experience run deep, and the impact echoes through many generations,” said Gravelle.

Starting in the 19th century, the

Canadian and U.S. governments and various church groups established residential (or boarding) schools for Indigenous children with the goal of assimilating them and thus eradicating Indigenous Peoples, their languages, and cultures. In 1920 in Canada, under the Indian Act, it became compulsory for every Indigenous child to attend a residential school and unlawful for them to attend any other educational institution. In the U.S. the Indian Civilization Act Fund of 1819, the Peace Policy of 1869, and various denominations of the Christian Church adopted an Indian boarding school policy with the goal to “Kill the Indian, save the man”. These children were forcibly removed from their families, communities, and cultures and kept in residential schools where they were

expected to assimilate (cut their hair, abandon traditional clothing, give up their names and take on English names) and were penalized for speaking their languages and practicing their cultural beliefs. Children were separated from their families for long periods (sometimes over four years) and were taught their cultures were inferior. In addition to cultural genocide, residential schools were also the sites of horrific physical, sexual, and emo-



tional abuse perpetrated against these children. From the 1880s, upwards of 150,000 Indigenous children went to over 130 residential schools across Canada, the last of which closed in 1996. It is estimated that between 4-6,000 children died at these residential schools. Between 1819 and 1969, the U.S. operated or supported 408 boarding schools. At the time of a 1969 report, 34,605 children were enrolled in Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) board-

ing schools and 15,450 enrolled in BIA day schools. Since its start in June 2021, the Federal Indian Boarding School initiative has identified marked or unmarked burial sites at approximately 53 of these schools. Orange Shirt Day initiated, and continues to allow for, conversations about residential schools on an international scale, and allows for meaningful discussions of the impacts and legacies of residential schools.

## BMIC re-seeds area with manoomin



BAY MILLS — Over two days, Sept. 20-21, Bay Mills Biological Services staff and individuals from multiple BMIC departments and the community seeded Spectacle Lake and Waishkey Bay with manoomin (wild rice). The Manoomin seed was purchased from tribal harvesters in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Spectacle Lake was seeded with 1400 pounds of seed covering 28 acres. Waishkey Bay was seeded with 1800 pounds of seed covering 36 acres.

Bay Mills began re-establishing manoomin in the area in the early 90s. Over the past few years BMBS have started supplemental seeding in the two areas to improve the beds, which have been impacted by the Canadian geese.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hunter Education Field Day offered**

Justin Carrick will be conducting a Hunter Education Field Day on November 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Bay Mills Community College. This “Field Day” event is for those that have already completed the online course or the home-study portion of Hunter Education. For questions, please feel free to email Justin at [jtcarrick@baymills.org](mailto:jtcarrick@baymills.org).  
To complete the online course, visit the following link:  
<https://www.hunter-ed.com/michigan/>

**BMCC Library Update**

The Bay Mills Community College Library is now open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Their weekday hours have expanded to 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with evening hours coming soon.

**Traditional Medicine Appointments available**

Traditional medicine appointments will be held at Bay Mills Health Center Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. These are open to all Chippewa County residents. An appointment can be made by calling 906-248-5527, option #4.

**Craft night held**

Craft night takes place at the Bay Mills Cultural Center every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Flu Clinics offered**

Bay Mills Health Center will hold Flu Clinics on the following days:

- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 11:30- 2 p.m., health center lobby
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 3-5 p.m., health center lobby
- Thursday, Nov. 9, 4- 6 p.m., Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills
- Friday, Nov. 10, 3-5 p.m., health center lobby
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 3-5 p.m., health center lobby

These dates and times are subject to change due to vaccine availability.

**BMIC Members about Purchased Referred Care**

If you or a family member seek emergency medical care you must inform the office within 72 hours of your care by calling them to get help with payment. Elders have up to 30 days to contact PRC. This includes visits to the emergency room or use of an ambulance. You can reach them by contacting 906-248-8326.

**Have you moved? Update your address!**

Bay Mills Tribal Enrollment office asks all tribal citizens to maintain a current address with their office. An online form can be found at [www.baymills.org](http://www.baymills.org).

**Walking path is closed to motorized vehicles**

BMIC has developed a pedestrian/bicycle path connecting both sides of the Reservation. This path is for pedestrians and bicyclists only, and our existing

tribal ordinances prohibit motorized vehicles from using this path. Signs have been posted. Please be aware that BMPD has been directed to strictly enforce this rule along that pathway to protect walkers, runners, cyclists, and the path itself. If you ride an ATV, ORV, dirt bike, motorcycle, golf cart, etc on this path, you should expect to receive a ticket and pay a fine.

**Looking for events?**

Please check out the community calendar on [www.baymills.org](http://www.baymills.org) for the most up to date listings of events and cultural workshops. You can send your events to [newspaper@baymills.org](mailto:newspaper@baymills.org) as well to be posted on the calendar.

**Traditional Gatherings**

Men’s Traditional Gathering will take place Sunday, Oct. 22 & 29 at 6 p.m. at the Bay Mills Cultural Center on Tower Road.  
Women’s Traditional Gathering will place Monday, Oct. 23 & 30 at 6 p.m. at the Bay Mills Cultural Center on Tower Road.

**Narcotics Anonymous meetings**

NA takes place on Wednesday evenings at the Bay Mills Cultural Center from 7- 8 p.m.

**Wellbreity meetings**

Wellbreity meetings take place every Saturday at the Bay Mills Cultural Center from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Elders Exercise class**

Elders Exercise takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the BMIC Elders Center.

**Four Seasons Market updates hours for fall/winter**


Effective Oct. 1, Four Seasons will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Deer Harvest Information**



To report a deer harvest, please call (906)-248-8651 or report online here using the link on the homepage at [baymills.org](http://baymills.org). BMIC will not be collecting deer heads this year for CWD samples.

**BMIC App Available**

You can now head to your Google Play or Apple App Store and search Bay Mills Indian Community to download. This mobile app is just another example of various ways our Tribal Nation seeks to improve communication with our tribal citizens, employees, and community members. It will serve as a central source of information, services, websites, recreation, and food throughout Bay Mills Indian Community.  
Furthermore, the mobile app will also allow for push notifications for important and/or emergency events, which will alert all individuals who install the app. This may include inclement weather, power outages, etc.



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