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Bay Mills receives grants from Justice Dept.

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community will receive more than \$2 million in grant funding from the Justice Department, which was announced on Sept. 21. The funds will be used for Healing to Wellness Court initiatives, Victim Services, and the Journey to Healing program.

Healing to Wellness Court will receive \$898,556: The funding awarded will support and enhance the Healing to Wellness Court, which provides an opportunity for participants to address alcohol and drug abuse and its effects on their lives. This is done by establishing a structure and higher level of accountability for qualified cases through drug testing, treatment services, immediate sanctions and incentives, team-based case management, and community support.

The additional enhancement will occur via community, participant, and clinician technical surveys and questionnaires to help identify gaps within the program. Recognizing these gaps are critical to developing a program that can keep up with the community's changing needs. Staff members will also work to increase coordination of the program between the various departments of BMIC.

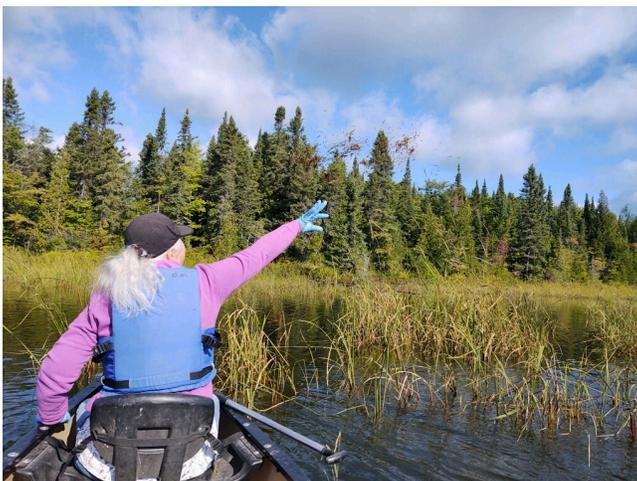
“This support will continue the efforts of the HTWC to help those afflicted with substance use legal issues by allowing them to receive help and care, instead of a potentially debilitating criminal record,” said Jacques LeBlanc Jr., HTWC coordinator.

Tribal Victim Services Set Aside will receive \$410,246. The monies will be used to implement services for victims of crime that meet needs identified by the community and reflect tribal community values and traditions.

The Journey to Healing Program will receive \$741,653. The funds will be used for multiple purpose: (1) decrease the incidence of violent crime against Indian women; (2) strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise their sovereign authority to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women; and (3) ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for their criminal behavior.

These tribal grant awards are designed to help enhance tribal justice systems and strengthen law enforcement responses, improve the handling of child abuse cases, combat domestic and sexual violence, combat substance abuse, support tribal youth programs, and fund an array of services for American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims.

“We are very grateful to the U.S. Department of Justice for empowering Bay Mills Indian Community through the award of these funds. It is only by empowering ourselves and empowering our Tribal Nation with the ability to respond to violence within our community that we can take the first steps to healing the intergenerational traumas that our people battle on a regular basis,” said BMIC President Whitney Gravelle.



WILD RICE PLANTED — Earlier this month Bay Mills Indian Community completed another annual manoomin or wild rice planting in both Spectacle Lake and the Back Bay.

More than 1,000 pounds were planted in an effort to support and reestablish traditional food sources for our tribal citizens, families, elders, and children.

This effort was made possible thanks to Bay Mills Biological Services Department, the History Department, the Cultural Department, and our many volunteers for helping Bay Mills Indian Community with this wild rice project.

Bay Mills Executive Council discusses business

Sept. 12 meeting

Reports

President Whitney Gravelle

- Met with Four Seasons about inventory issues and ideas for the future. Some structural issues discussed.
- EmployeeFest held. Food was great, games were fun. The turnout was good.
- Ojibwe Charter School had the ribbon cutting facility for the new school.
- Social Services met with MDDHS over Title 4E about funding opportunities. We are evaluating internal capacity.
- Held a comprehensive plan meeting to discuss mission and vision for BMIC. We will assess on a 3-5 year basis.
- Line 5 work continues: Attended Sept. 8 hearing in St. Ignace. BBC radio host coming to BMIC first week of October.
- Consent Decree still moving forward.
- Sept. 6 BMGA and BMBH meetings were held. In the future we will bring the casino expansion and Consent Decree to GTC.

b. Tribal Manager Rachel Lyons

- Grants check in took place about current and upcoming opportunities.
- Ongoing FRF meeting held, assessed budget for projects.
- Holding meetings to discuss ongoing construction projects.
- Held public works office manager interviews.
- Parks and Recreation meeting held. Colors chosen for equipment.
- Admin expansion renovation discussed.
- Lots of staffing changes taking place. Andrea Kinney is leaving as is Diane Teeple.
- Senior Center renovations are on going. Projector has been ordered, materials not received. Supply chain issues continue.

- Memorial Park is planned to be completed by next summer.

c. Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram

- Making evaluation template, hope to have out this week.
- Meeting with AOT at end of month.
- Still working to complete audit.
- BMBH had a meeting.
- Ready to go for elder's trust payments, find out value on Sept. 28. Likely to be lower as shares increased. Won't know for sure until that date.

d. Asst. Health Director Lucy DeWildt

- Influenza vaccine clinics being discussed.
- Presently have 2 tribal members testing positive for COVID.
- At-home tests are available at the Bay Mills Health Center.
- Chippewa County Health Department reports COVID is considered at low transmission in the area.
- Dental waiting list has more than 600 patients right now. Looking at posting for staff for dental therapists.
- No cases of monkey pox detected. Antivirals are available at CCHD if needed.
- Portage Street property is in demolition mode.
- Homes for providers: Tribe in application process.
- Staff being certified for acupuncture.
- New COVID vaccine coming in.

e. Human Resources Director Kendal Perron

- Working on employee draft survey.
- Donated leave bank balance given.
- Online trainings are being given.
- Working on health insurance.

f. BMGA General Manager Richard LeBlanc

- Working with teams on budgets for next year.
- Looking at promotions and VIP presence.
- Marketing will be doing a survey in the near future.

g. BMBH General Manager Kimmi Walden

- NLCC will put together a business plan and budget.
- Sending reports out to council weekly.
- NLCC procedures updated and approved by legal for grow, processing and retail.
- Grow construction is done. We have some back orders on access card readers.

New Business

1. Resolution No. 22-09-12A: Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Approved.
2. Resolution No. 22-09-12B: Acceptance of Funding for the FY22 White-Nose Syndrome and Bat Populations on the 1836 Treaty Land - \$32,242. Approved.
3. Resolution No. 22-09-12C: Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Policy and Planning 2023 and Acceptance of Funds - \$85,933. Approved.
4. Resolution No. 22-09-12D: Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Department of Health & Human Services Bay Mills Behavioral Health Services and Acceptance of Funds - \$250,000. Approved.
5. Resolution No 22-09-12E: Application for Residential Lease & Residential Land Lease – Gerald & Gloria Teeple. Approved.
6. Resolution No. 22-09-12F: Resolution in Support of the Application of FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)/Department of Transportation. Approved.
7. Approval to Submit 2023 BIA Annual Funding Agreement for Consolidated Tribal Government Programs (CTGP). Approved.
8. Approval and Acceptance of Submission of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) - \$743,450.18. Approved.

9. Approval and Acceptance of Funding for Bay Mills Indian Community Feasibility Study to Access Economic Diversification Opportunities for Septic Services - \$75,000. Approved.

10. Appoint Committee Members:

- a. Marijuana Commission – Appoint 1 member: Four applications received. All background checks came back good. Motion to appoint Loni LeBlanc. Approved.
- b. Two-Spirit Committee - Appoint 5 members. Darryl Cameron III, Joshua Hudson, Chelsea Moon,
- c. Utility Authority – Appoint 2 members. Three applications received. Two appointed. Brenda Bjork and Candice LeBlanc.

11. Donation Request: FAN (Families Against Narcotics) seeking support. \$500 donation approved.

12. Reaffirmation of Poll Votes: Approved.

License No. 22-004 – Elder’s Center Liquor License.

Accept funds from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation - \$80,000

Emergency Travel Donation - \$250

Tribal Citizen Comment (and Guests with Council Consent):

Question about ordinance on regulating upkeep of yards and property. BMIC does trash and littering in criminal code. BMIC does not have a blight ordinance. Individual has concern that yards are “accumulating” and some properties are not appropriate and appearing “excessive.” BMIC housing homes are inspected regularly, warnings are given to clean up.

Chairman Gravelle: Issues have been brought up. Enforcement can be an issue. We could bring to a GTC for a discussion for a blight ordinance.

REMINDER: A special General Tribal Council will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of Bay Mills Community College. On the agenda for approval are the casino expansion project and Consent Decree.

OPINION

Thank you for being mannerly

By Tom Purcell

“No problem.”

That is how I used to reply to people who thanked me for holding the door open for them or for offering some other small gesture.

I don't know where I got into the habit of saying this to people, but I do not say it anymore.

My mannerly response of choice now is the one my mother taught me over and over again as a child: “You're welcome.”

You may see no difference between the modern, slangy reply “no problem” and “you're welcome,” but there is one, slight though it may be.

So why not make the change back to the traditional response?

After all, any time you are more polite to your fellow human beings you spread the desire for them to be more polite to others.

Politeness is infectious — almost as infectious as rudeness is.

Consider: If someone cuts you off in traffic, then gives you a very rude gesture with his middle finger, are you not filled with instant anger and aggression?

Are you then more likely to be rude to some other stranger?

“Incivility is a virus,” says Christine Porath, a Georgetown professor and author of “Mastering Civility: A Manifesto for the Workplace.”

She explains to NBC News that rude reactions tend to create more rude behavior, creating a big negative spiral and a negative culture.

Being mannerly is especially important now. We live in a time of increasing rudeness — thanks in no small part to the way we treat each other on social media.

Social media has resulted in more group-think — whereby we are certain that we and our friends are 100% correct about any particular issue and those with whom we disagree are not only wrong but are stupid and evil.

Group-think has given us license to lash out at others without restraint.

Thirty years ago if you said some of the things to a stranger that some people say all the time to others on Facebook, you'd likely get punched in the face.

But the days in which there were consequences for such rudeness are long over.

Psychology Today says there is one key reason why people are so much ruder today: a lack of eye contact.

We behave differently hiding behind a fictitious online name when we do not have to make face-to-face contact with whomever we are verbally criticizing or attacking.

One solution: let's be more mindful of being mannerly — online and off.

As a kid, I had it drummed into my head to say “please” and “thank you.”

Now, when I phone the electric company or a client, I always ask, “How are you today?”

It throws people off. Most of the time, they reply, “I'm great. How are you?”

And off we go, with a touch of civility established, to tend to our business.

I have to work hard at being polite — particularly in traffic — because I

do have a temper and I do respond with aggression if someone gives me the middle-finger gesture after cutting me off.

A better way to respond, my wise mother keeps telling me, is to smile and wave — gestures that suggest “my bad” even though I did nothing wrong.

Truth be told, I've only managed to do this once. But boy, does it instantly confuse and disarm rude people.

Polite behavior always does.

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The next deadline is Thursday, Oct. 13. Submissions may be emailed to: newspaper@baymills.org.

BMCC signs articulation agreement with FDLTCC

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Community College is continuing to expand educational opportunities for tribal communities. BMCC has entered into an articulation agreement with Fond du Lac Tribal Community College (FDLTCC) in Cloquet, Minn. The agreement will allow Fond du Lac students to utilize their credits towards a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at BMCC.

FDLTCC students can now transfer up to 60 credits to BMCC, allowing for a seamless transition into the ECE BS program. The two institutions have also agreed to communicate about further institutional opportunities that could be beneficial to students.

This is the second articulation agreement for the ECE program, which also works with students at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College.

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 social and emotional development; language and literacy; and cognition, perceptual, motor, and physical development. They also acquire knowledge in parent engagement and attain necessary skills required to administer an early childhood program.

BMCC launched the ECE bachelor's degree program in 2017, under the direction of Dept. Chair Sheryl Hammock. Since that time, 25 students have graduated from the program, from tribal nations across the country, with another 20 students on track to graduate in 2023.

"We are excited to welcome FDLTCC students. Our early childhood program(s) offer courses that intentionally explore early childhood best practices in tribal programs. The department prides themselves on providing relationship-based support to students to ensure their success as a student and as a future early childhood education professional," said Hammock.

Hammock, and Heather Stelzer, assistant department chair/faculty member, welcome students to the BMCC EC community by supporting them along their journey. The school offers a variety of flexible support to meet the diverse needs of learners including free tutoring, interactive peer opportunities, as well as individualized support. In the long run, the partnership will help to provide more quality early learning experiences for future generations.

"BMCC is looking forward to this partnership with Fond du Lac Tribal Community College. This is an opportunity to offer programming that will significantly impact the communities we serve. An online ECE program allows one to meet the demands of training early childhood teachers in tribal communities throughout the US," said BMCC President Duane Bedell. "This partnership will enable our communities to provide the best education to set a path of success for the next generation of leaders."

Pictured (L-R) are: BMCC ECE Dept. Chair Sheryl Hammock, BMCC's VP Academic Affairs Samantha Cameron, BMCC President Duane Bedell, FDLTCC's Dean of Indigenous & Academic Affairs Roxanne DeLille, FDLTCC students Louisa Lussier & Mary Green, and FDLTCC Education Faculty/Early Childhood Education Coordinator Govinda Budrow.



Bay Mills installs EV chargers at BMRC

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Indian Community continues their mission of “going green” — this time with the installation of electronic vehicle charging stations.

The tribe secured nearly \$100k in funding for the EV stations from a ChargeUp Michigan grant, OFME Next Energy grant, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. BMIC provided funds for the project as well.

Four Level 2 chargers (4 chargers on 2 pedestals) and 1 50 kWh DC Fast Chargers, are located next to the Bay Mills Resort entrance sign. These will be available in the coming weeks for anyone wishing to charge their EV.

“Bay Mills Resort & Casino is very pleased to offer EV charging services to those guests with fuel alternative vehicles. This is one step out of the many initiatives we plan to implement over the next couple of years that will place us at the top of northern destination locations,” said BMRC General Manager Richard LeBlanc.

Electric vehicle ownership grew 10 percent in the last year and continues to grow with tax incentives and environmental concerns driving the change. The current White House administration has issued an executive order setting a target for EVs to represent half of all vehicle sales by 2030. In the next year, experts predict more than a dozen new EV models will hit the market.

“Through this installation, Bay Mills Indian Community will create its own brand of renewable energy resources that support and drive change for future generations,” said BMIC President Whitney Gravelle. “Together we will continue to transform our services to provide for ever emerging technological advances that promote and uplift sustainability.”



BMPD closes Cultural Center vandalism case after investigation

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Police Department has concluded their investigation into the vandalism that took place at the Cultural Center on Aug. 22. After an extensive investigation, four juveniles, ages 8-13, will be prosecuted for the crime in tribal court and held accountable for the damages. BMIC Prosecutor Jen Obreiter is seeking community service, along with other restitution services, as part of their sentence.

Presently the Cultural Center is closed until repairs are complete. Total damages are estimated at more than \$20k, which BMIC must pay out of pocket due to the tribe's policy deductible. "I want to thank our officers at Bay Mills Police Department for all their diligent work on this case. I also want to thank the community and the parents of the juveniles for their assistance in this investigation," said BMPD Chief Ron Carrick.

When the Cultural Center is repaired, the tribe plans to invite the community to come together and celebrate the reopening with a community feast. No further statements will be released regarding this case.

VA offers free flu shots to eligible veterans

IRON MOUNTAIN — The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center and community-based outpatient clinics will be offering no-cost flu shots to Veteran's beginning Sept. 26.

Flu shots will be available:

- Sept. 26-30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center (Drive-Thru)
- Sept. 26-27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CST at the Menominee Clinic
- Sept. 29-30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. CST at the Ironwood Clinic
- Sept. 29-30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST at the Manistique Clinic
- Oct. 4-5 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST at the Sault Saint Marie Clinic
- Oct. 6-7 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST at the Gladstone Clinic
- Oct. 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST at the Hancock Clinic
- Oct. 13-14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST at the Marquette Clinic

No-cost flu shots are also available within your local community through April 30, 2023. To find a flu shot near you, logon to the VA locator and choose a nearby VA facility, in-network pharmacy or urgent care location. The provider must be part of VA's community care network that includes retail pharmacies and many urgent care locations.

Call ahead to see if a pharmacy participates in the VA flu shot program. If you receive a flu shot from a non-network provider, you may be liable for the cost of the vaccine.

To be eligible for a no-cost flu shot, you must be enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care from a VA provider or in-network community care provider within the past 24 months.

For more information about the flu, logon to <http://www.prevention.va.gov/flu> or <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

Journey to Healing Program

Cookies & Coffee Talking Circle

Take some time for yourself among other adults
to engage in peer-to-peer support.
Open to everyone!

October 5th & 19th
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

12268 W. Spectacle Lake Rd.
Brimley, MI 49715

Any questions
please call
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Taagawin (Game Time) & Flu Clinic for Elders

Featured game has 25 squares and a free space.

Where: Bay Mills Armella Parker Elder Center (Inside)

When: Tuesday September 27, 2022

Flu vaccines 11 AM to 1 PM

Game time begins about 12:30 PM.

For: Elders ages 55 years and older



Educational event hosted by Bay Mills Health Center's
Community Health Department - No Cash Involved.

Questions - call 248-8325.

More than 25k attend Mackinac Bridge Walk

ST. IGNACE — A beautiful, nearly cloudless day welcomed participants to the Mackinac Bridge Walk today, likely a big contributor to an uptick in participation over last year.

“We’re so glad to have had 26,000 people from across Michigan and beyond join us for this beloved event on such a perfect day,” said Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) Bridge Director Kim Nowack. “As anyone who has walked the bridge knows, we see so many sunny smiles and happy faces during the walk, and that was certainly what we observed this morning.”

A time-lapse video of this year’s walk is now available to view on the Bridge Authority website.. The bridge, which closed at 6:30 a.m. to all vehicle traffic for the walk, reopened just after noon.

Based on the success of the 2018, 2019, and 2021 events, the 2022 Annual Bridge Walk again started from both St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, which eliminated the need for busing and offers additional options for participants.

The bridge walk has been an annual event since 1958, with the exception of 2020 when it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 walk was the 64th event. Between 20,000 and 30,000 people have participated in recent years.



Self-Care Series
Meditation and Yoga for Stress Relief
With Jamie Lufkins

October 4, 2022- 7pm
Mukwa Fitness Center

Inhale...say it with me now, "Today, I refuse to stress myself out about things I cannot control or change!" Exhale. Repeat. Come join us for a slow-paced, restorative, stress relief class. Sometimes you just have to stop for a minute and breathe.

Spots are limited!

To register please contact :
 Jenn at 248-8355 or jcifelli@baymills.org or
 Renee at 248-8310 or rjohnson@baymills.org

Alumni to be honored at Lake Superior State

Lake Superior State University and the LSSU Alumni Association will pay tribute to three highly accomplished alumni at the annual Alumni Awards Program held during Great Lake State Weekend next month: Chris Conklin, Sophie Chandauka MBE, and Jamie Momber. All three have not only had great success professionally but also been exemplary examples of leaders through extensive volunteer work.

“One of our goals at Lake Superior State University is to prepare leaders to meet challenges head-on in an effort to improve the future and contribute to a better society. In honoring these esteemed alumni and their accomplishments, we recognize that their common thread is what makes them Lakers. They are everyday heroes who have forged their paths through dedication and service, and they continue to leave indelible marks on history. We are proud to call them Lakers,” said LSSU President Dr. Rodney S. Hanley.

The Alumni Awards will be held on Friday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Walker Cisler Center. The event has been held since 1994 in conjunction with GLSW, LSSU’s annual homecoming.

The LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award is the highest honor that the association presents. It recognizes recipients for their personal and professional accomplishments and their involvement with LSSU. The Kenneth J. Shouldice Professional Achievement Award honors individuals whose personal and professional successes serve as outstanding examples to LSSU graduates. The Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni is presented to graduates who have enjoyed exceptional personal and professional success early in their careers.

Chris Conklin, a 1974 alumnus with a B.Sc. in electronic engineering technology, will receive the LSSU Outstanding Alumnus Award. He served as a senior measurement and controls engineer for 30 years at Dow Corning Corporation. Conklin has given back to LSSU through his volunteer work with the admissions office and serving on the Industrial Advisory Board supporting the engineering and technology programs.

“You only ever get out of your education what you put into it,” said Conklin.

“Chris is an exemplary example of what it means to be a Laker,” said Vice President of Advancement Scott Smith. “Both through his volunteerism at the university

and in his advisory role, we are very proud to recognize Chris as the Outstanding Alumnus.”

Sophie Chandauka, who graduated summa cum laude in 2000 with a B.Sc. in political science pre-law, will receive the Kenneth J. Shouldice Professional Achievement Award. She is head of Americas risk management and intelligence for Meta, parent company of Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp, Instagram, and Oculus. A campaigner for diversity, equity and inclusion, she was honored by the late Queen Elizabeth II as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) for services to diversity in business in 2021.

“LSSU gave me the greatest gifts of all: the privilege of an education through a scholarship; world-class guidance from my academic supervisor, Dr. Gary Johnson, professor emeritus of political science, who had great expectations; and a community of peers and staff who welcomed me into their homes when I was away from my own home, Zimbabwe,” said Chandauka.

“We are honored to have Sophie back at LSSU and to present her with the Kenneth J. Shouldice Award,” said Smith. “She has accomplished great things and we look forward to following this remarkable woman in her future endeavors.”

Jamie (Groos) Momber, who graduated summa cum laude in 2008, with B.Sc. degrees in computer networking and computer science, will receive the Paul Ripley Award for Young Alumni. She was a member of the LSSU volleyball team, Alpha Chi, and student athlete advisory committee. She is a senior application engineer at Steelcase. Momber also is an established cook and gardener who uses these skills to volunteer with various organizations in the Grand Rapids area, including the Renucci House and Kids Food Basket.

“Lake State checked so many boxes for me,” said Momber. “I was able to continue a sport I loved at the collegiate level, I was able to remain in the Upper Peninsula at a small school where I knew my professors personally, and I was able to study a field that keeps me learning still today.”

“Jamie Momber represents the very spirit of the Paul Ripley Young Alumni Award,” said Smith. “With her can-do attitude and great work ethic, she has already accomplished so much in a short time.”

Lawmakers could change certification to ease paramedic shortage

By SARAH ATWOOD

Capital News Service

LANSING – Paramedics and emergency personnel are sharply divided over a plan that addresses the shortage of Michigan paramedics by creating a statewide certification program that would deviate from the national accreditation program.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Jeff Yaroch, R-Richmond, would allow the state to make its own requirements to be certified as a paramedic.

Yaroch previously spent 25 years as a firefighter and paramedic in Clinton Township. The bill recently passed the House, 102-6, and now goes to the state Senate, where it is likely to pass with bipartisan support.

To become licensed as a paramedic in Michigan, a person must be nationally accredited. The cost of becoming a licensed paramedic in Michigan can range from \$1,400 to \$12,000, according to Paramedic Training Spot, an online resource for those looking to become licensed paramedics.

With its own accreditation program, the state would no longer need to adhere to the national standards.

Paramedics would still need to pass an examination proctored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

That agency estimates \$2 million would be required to establish a training program, with yearly costs of \$1.6 million. Michigan now spends \$2.3 million per year on EMS funding.

“Right now, a person needs national accreditation to be a paramedic,” said Angela Madden, the executive director of the Michigan Association of EMTs, which supports the bill. “That costs a lot of money, and needing national accreditation makes it harder for small paramedic departments to pay for certification.

“This means that these small departments won’t have paramedics and will have to shut down, leaving the people in that area without that care,” Madden said.

There are over 1,000 open positions for paramedics in Michigan, and two paramedic departments have had to shut down, Madden said.

One is in Mason, in rural Ingham County. The other is in Pickford Township, in Chippewa County. The people living in these communities now have to wait longer for emergency care, which could be a life or death problem, she said.

“There’s no real difference between what this bill would do and the national accreditation program,” Madden said. “Students will still need to pass the Michigan test to be accredited.”

“The goal of this bill is to get more people to become paramedics,” Madden said. “I believe that this bill will enable more people to become paramedics and benefit communities across Michigan.”

But not everyone agrees.

“I don’t think that, if passed, this bill will do much in terms of recruitment,” said Anthony Cerroni, a paramedic instructor coordinator in Dearborn Heights.

“It’s not an issue of money. It’s a generational issue. Kids aren’t choosing to become paramedics, just like they’re not choosing to become police officers or other public safety officials,” he said.

Cerroni said he is unsure if much can be done to encourage more people to become paramedics. Benefits have increased over the past five years, but not even the better pay is enough, he said.

“Another concern I have about the state having its own accreditation board is that a paramedic’s license might not be transferable to other states. A national requirement makes it so anyone can practice in any state without this concern,” he said.

Bryan Harmer, a full-time professor of emergency medical services at Lansing Community College who spent nearly 20 years as a paramedic, testified in a House committee hearing that the bill does not address the real causes of the paramedic shortage.

“This bill fails to address the root causes of our workforce shortage: low wages, bad working conditions and lack of professional advancement,” said Harmer. “It isn’t uncommon for EMS providers to work multiple jobs and well over 60 hours a week to make ends meet and feed their families.”

It would be a waste of taxpayer money to create a state accreditation program when a national one exists, he told the committee last May. A state accreditation program could put lives at risk if it fails to adequately train paramedics.

“The most egregious error I ever encountered in EMS resulted from a paramedic who had recently graduated from a paramedic program in Michigan, back when unaccredited programs were permitted in Michigan,” Harmer testified. “This error resulted in the death of a young mother with two children.”

The bill does not mean paramedics could practice without a license from an accredited program, Madden said. She disagreed that paramedics would receive subpar training.

“Paramedics will be held to high standards through the Michigan state accreditation program,” Madden said. “My agency would never support a bill that could put patient lives in danger.”

Bill cosponsors are Reps. Terry Sabo, D-Muskegon, Sara Cambensy, D-Marquette, Gregory Markkanen, R-Hancock and Kelly Breen, D- Novi.

Supporters include Lake Michigan College and the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union. Opponents include the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians and Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Walking On

Dale Alan Carrick Jr.

Dale Alan Carrick Jr., 45, of Bay Mills, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at his home.

Dale was born on Feb. 14, 1977, in Marquette, MI to Dale Alan Carrick, Sr. and Angela Coral Tadgerson. After high school, he worked as a semi-truck driver and later in surveillance at Bay Mills Resort and Casino. Dale enjoyed watching the Detroit Lions and U of M football. He was also passionate about spending time with his family, hunting, and fishing. Dale was a proud member of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Dale is survived by his mother: Angela (Tadgerson) Johnson of Bay Mills; a brother: Wayne (Meghan) Carrick of Bay Mills; two sisters: Taylor Gamble, and Holly Johnson both of Bay Mills; four nephews: Sam, Wayne, Brendon, Jonathan; and a niece: Sky. Dale is also survived by his son and daughter: Elijah Carrick, and Coraline Carrick

A traditional visitation was held at the Armella Parker Senior Center in Bay Mills. Burial took place at Mission Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with the funeral expenses.

Danny Parish, Sr.

Danny Parish, Sr., 62, of Brimley, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Danny was a guy who loved to be outside and stay busy. He was a happy-go-lucky kind of man who enjoyed making people laugh, spending time with his friends and family, and having bonfires. Danny especially loved his grandkids and will be dearly missed by everyone.

Surviving Danny is his mom, Marie Parish; sons, Danny Jr. (Raquel) Parish, Quincy Parish (Christine Rushford), Nathan Parish; grandchildren, Calvin, Orenda, Danny III, Dominick, Uriah, Quincy Jr., Payton, and Dezaray; siblings, Iva Bowen, Effie Parish, Darlene (Mike) Suggitt; and many nieces and nephews. Danny was preceded in death by his father, Robert Parish; wife, Linda Parish; brother, Wayne Parish; sister, Rosie Bush; and nephew George Hart.

A celebration of Danny's life will be held at a later date.

For those wanting to help the family out as they deal with Danny's passing, you are asked to keep his family in mind and donations may be made directly to them.

Brian Paul Kinney

Ogiima Kinue (Lead Brown War Eagle)
Maang Dodaem (Loon Clan)

Brian Paul Kinney, 64, of Bay Mills, passed away after a lengthy illness on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Brian was born on June 27, 1958, in Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Leon and Bertha (Brehm) Kinney, Sr. In his younger years he worked for Inter-Tribal Council and as a commercial fisherman. He spent 25 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections and retired as a Lieutenant. After his retirement he worked as a probation officer for Bay Mills Indian Community. Brian also served on the Bay Mills Executive Council.

Brian is survived by a sister: Kathy LeBlanc; brothers: Mike (Sandra) Kinney, Pat Kinney, and Tim (Phyllis) Kinney; and a special sister: Vicki Newland. He is also survived by uncles: Webster and Leslie Kinney, and Jerry (Evelyn) Brehm; aunts: Delores Johanson and Pat Tusai; nieces and nephews: Lance Teeple, Heather Robinson, Shannon Belk, John Paul Lufkins, Lisa Galgoci, Michael Kinney, William Kinney, Andrea Kinney, Patty Kinney, Jeri Kinney, Brian Kinney, David Kinney, Timmy Kinney, and Natalie Barnes; and many great nieces and nephews.

Brian was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: Veronica VanSloten; and grandparents: James and Myrtle Kinney and Arthur and Alice Brehm.

Brian was a brother, uncle, and friend to all. His passing will leave an absence to many in Bay Mills.

A traditional service was held Armella Parker Senior Center. Burial followed at Mission Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Brian's name to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852

Julie Ann Kinney

Julie Ann Kinney, 66, of Bay Mills, MI passed away Saturday Sept. 10, 2022 at Medilodge in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. She was born May 21, 1956 in Detroit, MI to James and Dolores (Waroway) Kinney.

Julie enjoyed watching old westerns, doing crossword puzzles, and reading. She especially loved nature, birds, and all animals.

Julie is survived by her father, James Webster Kinney; sister, Jayne M. Kinney; brothers, James M. Kinney and Jeffrey W. Kinney; and grandchild, Jasmine Kinney. Julie is predeceased by her mother, Dolores M. Kinney; daughter, Tiffany Nicole Kinney; and brother, Jon D. Kinney.

Final resting place will be Mission Hill Cemetery in Bay Mills. In lieu of flowers the family request's donations be made to the Sault Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, in Julie's name. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

And the winners are...best Michigan roads for color

By LIAM JACKSON
Capital News Service

LANSING — As Michigan enters peak color season, local officials across the state have nominated the best roads for motorists to enjoy the changing foliage.

Peak Michigan colors are predicted to start Sept. 18 in the Upper Peninsula and end at the state's southern border Oct. 29. The County Road Association of Michigan compiled the statewide list of "don't miss" local roads.

There are more than 120 roads span the state.

There are plenty to choose from.

Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system. County roads account for 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. Although the road association puts the list together, it relies on county officials for scenic road nominations.

All county road commissions were asked what county roads they would recommend to people who are interested in breathtaking fall views, said Dustin Earley, the manager of communications and engagement with the County Road Association of Michigan.

The association asks local commissioners to say, "Look, here's my favorite road in my backyard," Earley said.

"I just think as Michiganders we are really lucky because I'm not sure there is another state that is more beautiful in the fall," said Maura Lamoreaux, the communications director for the Kent County Road Commission. "You can travel and just enjoy the colors of the season."

Kent County has seven roads on the "don't miss" list. Fallasburg Park Drive in Vergennes Township, 15 miles east of Grand Rapids, is one that stands out, Lamoreaux said.

"Fallasburg Park is not only a gorgeous ride, but it is also a beautiful park to take in the fall colors," she said.

The park's covered bridge is a registered historical site that celebrated its 150th anniversary last year.

"You kind of feel like you are traveling back in time a little bit," Lamoreaux said. "There is a sign that says 'You will be charged \$5 for speeding,' which is a replica of the original sign that was posted on the bridge."

Kent County promotes a local route with fall scenic views that is hundreds of miles long.

The county picks a few stretches of road to add to the statewide list.

Chippewa County in the northeast part of the Upper Peninsula has four roads on the list.

The all-star route is Lakeshore Drive that runs along Lake Superior through the Bay Mills reservation between M-123 and Brimley, said Stephanie Boileau, a road design engineer for the Chippewa County Road Commission. "It doesn't matter what time of year, it's gorgeous."

The route features Lake Superior, a tree canopy, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Point Iroquois Lighthouse and multiple access points to beaches.

"It's fantastic," said Boileau. "It's a road that makes you think, 'Yes, this is why people love the Upper Peninsula so much.'"

When suggesting roads for the "don't miss" list, she thinks about people looking to do fall color tours, Boileau said.

"We are looking for those deciduous hardwood trees, the ones that do turn color," she said. "I also look at what other scenic opportunities you have besides trees. Is there

interesting topography? Are there places to pull off and access recreational areas like a beach or state park?"

She prefers more rural areas and avoids submitting commuter routes.

"Peak color means that if you can make it to that area within that time frame, you are probably increasing your chances at getting the best views of that color," Earley said. "Earlier, things are just coming on and near the end of that date the leaves are starting to turn brown and fall off the trees."

The association lists the roads every year. It subtracts roads

undergoing construction or if the county chooses to have it removed. But the list is growing, not shrinking, Earley added.

Tourists are not the only ones benefiting from scenic fall tours in Michigan.

"I couldn't name a favorite, but that's the beauty of this list. It's really the experts of these areas that are helping us list these roads."

"Most everyone benefits when we have a good fall color season," said Tony Haller, the executive director of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce. "Our restaurants benefit from it, our hotels benefit from it, all our convenience stores and gas stations get people filling up for gas while they make their tours."

The County Road Association named more than 120 routes as best for fall color, including the Fallasburg covered bridge in Kent County.



DNR's fall walleye surveys start later this month

Beginning in late September through early October, anglers throughout the state are asked to be on the lookout for Michigan Department of Natural Resources personnel conducting walleye recruitment surveys – a tool that helps fisheries managers determine how many walleye either were produced naturally or survived stocking in 2022 (commonly referred to as a given year's "young-of-year" fish).

Using electrofishing boats, crews will survey the shallow areas near the shoreline of lakes at night with the goal of capturing young-of-year walleye. On larger lakes, two or more electrofishing crews using separate boats may operate at the same time to cover more area.

The crews will work both on lakes that have been stocked with walleye and lakes that have not.

"Conducting surveys on both stocked and unstocked lakes can affect decisions about future walleye research and stocking efforts and give valuable insight into the status of the younger walleye in the system," said Emily Martin, DNR Fisheries Division biologist.

Biologists also will collect and keep a sample of young-of-year walleye from stocked lakes to determine whether the primary source of reproduction is natural or stocked. Many walleye that are stocked are marked with oxytetracycline, a chemical marker that can be observed within captured fish by using a microscope with an ultraviolet light source in a laboratory setting.

Some surveys will be conducted collaboratively with tribal agencies, and tribal natural resources departments also will be conducting surveys independently of the DNR.



Everyone is urged to use caution when fishing near the electrofishing boats, and those wading will be asked to exit the water when a boat approaches and during electrofishing work. Crews will be using bright lights to illuminate the water around the boats and running a generator on board, which may make it difficult to hear and talk with anyone on shore.

Learn more about how the DNR manages Michigan's fisheries at Michigan.gov/Fishing.

DNR to host forum on turkeys

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will continue its popular Wildlife Through Forestry series of special events next week with a turkey forum being presented in Marquette Township.

"Wild turkeys have long been established in southern parts of the Upper Peninsula but have been expanding their range north in increasing numbers over recent years," said Gary Willis, a DNR service forest in Baraga and organizer of the popular wildlife forum series. "People are seeing wild turkeys in remote locations, even in heavy snow zones like those in Keweenaw County – the region's northernmost county. Our upcoming forum will discuss this expansion and answer numerous questions often posed by the public."

The forum will be held from 6-9 p.m. EDT, Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Marquette Township Hall, located at 1000 Commerce Drive. The event will also be [livestreamed via Zoom](#).

The forum will feature three wildlife biologists: Pam Nankervis, habitat biologist for the U.S. Forest Service's Ottawa National Forest, Jim Hammill, a wildlife biologist consultant and Safari Club International biologist and Ryan McGillviray, DNR wildlife biologist and wild turkey specialist.

Together, during the first half of the event, the biologists will delve into the adaptive traits and environmental factors that are making this wild turkey range expansion possible. Which factors are driving this migration north? How are wild turkeys surviving in heavy snow cover?

During the second half of the forum, McGillviray will talk turkey hunting techniques based on his many years of traveling around the country in pursuit of turkeys. He will demonstrate decoy layout and calling techniques, while entertaining questions from those in attendance.

Prizes will be awarded for first correct answer to pop-up questions.

Septic maintenance tips for homeowners

By Jen Parks, Bay Mills Biological Services

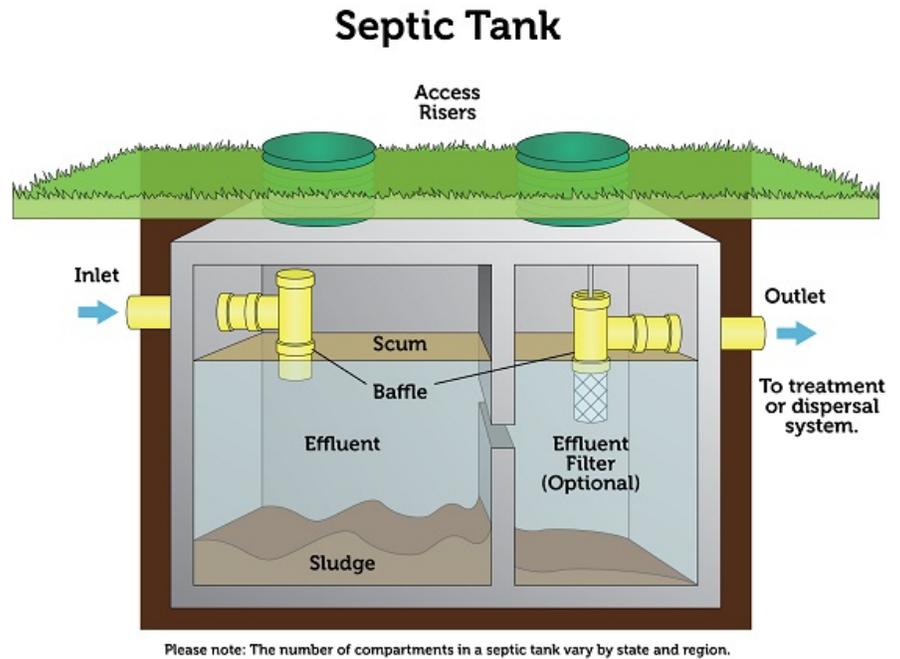
How do you maintain a septic system?

Many homeowners and renters do not know the answer largely because septic systems are easy to overlook. There are many ways that a septic system can fail, and it may take a while for anyone to notice. Maintaining your home's septic system is simple and cost effective when considering the alternative. Proper maintenance will protect human health, environmental health, and could save thousands in repairs. This becomes especially important in colder climates because of how difficult or even impossible a repair can be when the ground is frozen or waterlogged. Septic backups, water contamination, and septic system failures can be prevented.

The things you do every day can have the largest impact. Understanding how septic systems work is important for maintenance. A septic system consists of a septic tank and a septic field, also called a drain field. The tank holds solids and allows liquids to flow to the drain field, this is known as primary treatment. The next step is where pathogens are removed and the wastewater is filtered through soil to revert to groundwater, that is the secondary treatment. Septic systems function like a wastewater treatment facility, but the key difference is that in a wastewater treatment facility, there is a pretreatment step. With a septic system, the individuals in the home are the pretreatment step. This means that individuals are responsible for not putting anything in the system that should not be there. This looks like not pouring grease down a kitchen sink or not flushing "flushable" wipes. Septic systems depend on beneficial bacteria to break waste down so it is also important to not pour bleach down the drain or use drain clog treatments as these can significantly reduce the number of bacteria in the system and contaminate the soil.

Along with the everyday things that are done to maintain a septic system, there are some bigger things that need to be done. One of the most important things to do for your septic system is to have the tank pumped out every 3-5 years. This prevents build up that could cause the system to fail. If the tank gets too full, it could start clogging the drainpipes or cause a backup of sewage into the home. Additionally, it is important to know where your drain field is and to not drive on it as that can crush the pipes. Trees and shrubs can also ruin a septic field. The larger roots may compromise the pipes.

For more information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/septic>. For questions contact Jen Parks at (906) 248-8655 or at jmparks@baymills.org.



~ Special GTC ~



Wednesday, Sept. 28th
6 p.m.

Bay Mills Community
College, lower level

General Tribal Council Agenda items:

- BMRC expansion
- Consent Decree

Sept. 28 also marks the 51st anniversary of the court case that reaffirmed tribal fishing rights for tribal citizens under the Treaty of 1836.

**BMIC will recognize treaty fisher day at the Special GTC meeting.
A traditional whitefish meal will be served.**



DRIVE UP VACCINE CLINIC MODERNA BIVALENT BOOSTER

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

WHERE: BAY MILLS

ARMELLA PARKER BUILDING

TIME: 1PM - 5PM

WHO: 18 & OVER

- **WEAR SHORT SLEEVES**
- **BRING YOUR VACCINATION CARD**
- **BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD
(INSURANCE WILL BE BILLED)**



REGISTRATION LINK

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FOR QUESTIONS CALL 906-248-5527

Library Garage Sale

One day only!

Tuesday, Sept. 27th 1-8 pm

Everything must go!
Chairs, tables, shelves, desks,
books, puzzles, etc.

All by donation. Free for
teachers.

Old Library: 230 E Main Street
Pickford, MI 49774



DO YOU HAVE HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE TO DISPOSE OF?

These materials can be harmful and should never go into your community's regular trash. One should *NEVER* place these hazardous household wastes (HHW) down a sink or storm drain - they could contaminate groundwater or even Lake Superior. Please drop off HHW and old electronics at the Maintenance. This collection is meant for Bay Mills tribal members with ID.

Collection

September 21 & 22: 10 am - 6 pm

October 1: 10 am - 2 pm

Located near the trash compactor
on Plantation Hill

This collection will be concurrent with dumpster clean-up. A reminder that tires are accepted at Bay Mills Maintenance until Oct 15, 2022; place in the "Tire recycling" trailer. If you have questions, please contact Biological Services at 906-248-8655.

TYPES OF WASTE ACCEPTED

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| Aerosols cans | Paint (lead and oil-based only) |
| Antifreeze | Paint thinner |
| Batteries | Pesticides |
| Battery acids | Propane |
| Cleaners | Solvents |
| Detergents | Thermometers |
| Degreasers | Wax |
| Drain cleaners | |
| Fertilizers | |
| Gasoline | |
| Grease | |
| Inks | |
| Light bulbs | |
| Mercury | |
| Oil | |



Bay Mills Indian Community
Biological Services
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12140 Lakeshore Dr
Brimley, MI
(906) 248-8655

This household hazardous waste collection is made possible by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Fall Clean Up September 19 - October 3

Located near the trash compactor
on Plantation Hill.

5414 S. Nbiish Rd.

Appliances will be accepted

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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