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Bertram hired as BMIC tribal manager

By Shannon Jones

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BAY MILLS — Bay Mills tribal member Albert Bertram began his duties as tribal manager just prior to the holiday break last month. Bertram holds a master's in business administration with an accounting concentration, as well as an education specialists degree from University of Michigan. For the last five years he has been working as the finance specialist for the Bay Mills Community College Charter Schools Office.

In that role, Bertram managed the budgets, quarterly statements, and overall financial health of

BMCC's 42 charter schools.

Bertram said he was looking for a change of pace when the opportunity opened up, so he applied.

In effort to avoid conflict during the interview process, he asked to be excluded from any Executive Council communications regarding the subject, as he currently holds the seat as treasurer. The council ultimately interviewed the candidates and determined Bertram to be the best fit for the job. He will be responsible for the oversight of tribal government managers, as well as those departments run by grants and contracts.

Bertram is currently working

alongside former Tribal Manager Sharon Teeple, who went part-time once he was hired. Bertram said Teeple's knowledge about the position has been very valuable in the transition.

"Working with Sharon has been great," he said. "The fact that she has been doing all of this work by herself is impressive."

Bertram's first task is compiling all departmental budgets into one Excel workbook. From there he will plug in the appropriate formulas so the numbers do the work themselves. From there it will be easier to see the financial health of the departments and determine if



someone is spending above board.

His role will also involve completing managers evaluations and meeting with them quarterly.

"Communication is key. We all want the same goals — for BMIC to succeed."

Bertram is a lifelong resident of Bay Mills. He and his wife, Megan, reside in Brimley with their son, Peyton.

Soo Locks close for seasonal repairs

DETROIT —The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, closed of the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie on Jan. 15 at midnight. The Locks will undergo maintenance and repairs until the Navigation Season re-opens on March 25.

"The Soo Locks are critical to the Great Lakes Navigation System and we have a tremendous team that operates and maintains them daily," said Lt. Col. Dennis Sugrue, district engineer. "This important maintenance and repair period is our highest priority, and is vital to the next shipping season. This work keeps the locks functioning safely and reliably for the benefit of our nation."

Planned winter maintenance work includes: Poe Lock hydraulic system testing and final

commissioning, Poe Lock anchorage replacements and MacArthur Lock dewatering bulkhead weld repairs and coating replacement. Both locks are scheduled to reopen on March 25.

The MacArthur Lock closed for season Dec. 19.

More than 4,500 vessels carrying up to 80 million tons of cargo maneuver through the locks annually. Iron ore, coal, wheat and limestone are among the most frequently carried commodities. Opened in 1969, the Poe Lock is 1,200 feet long. The MacArthur Lock was opened in 1943 and is 800 feet long.

And the Locks aren't alone is preparing for the 2017 season with winter work on the docket. U.S.-flag Great Lakes vessel operators are going



to spend more than \$80 million to maintain and modernize their vessels for the 2017 shipping season.

"Once again Lake Carriers' Association members are demonstrating their commitment to Great Lakes shipping," said James H.I. Weakley, President of the trade association representing the major U.S.-flag carriers. **Continued on page 2**

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“As a Department of Homeland Security report has emphasized, many steel mills, power plants and stone quarries do not have viable alternatives for the shipment of their raw materials. If the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet is not primed to meet the needs of commerce in 2017, industrial activity and hundreds of thousands of family-sustaining jobs would be in jeopardy. This year’s winter work program ensures the vessels will be ready.”

Much of the work to be done this winter is normal maintenance such as overhauls of engines, cargo hold renewal and replace-

Local woman perishes in ice fishing accident

SAULT STE. MARIE — At approximately 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 3, a Michigan State Police trooper from the Sault Ste. Marie Post responded to a call on Munuscong Bay in Raber Township of Chippewa County.

A local couple from Chippewa County was ice fishing in two separate ice shanties. When the husband checked on his 54-year-old wife he found her slumped over in her shanty. He began CPR until EMS arrived on scene. She was transported by Pickford EMS to the War Memorial Hospital. Pickford EMS was assisted on scene by Kinross EMS, Raber Township Fire Department, and Pickford Fire Department.

Jenise Lynn Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie has been identified as the victim. On Jan. 5 she succumbed to her injuries and passed away at the War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. The Chippewa County Medical Examiner’s Office has ruled the cause of death as accidental carbon monoxide poisoning.

The public is being reminded to be careful when hunting and fishing in enclosed structures with a heat source and to have proper ventilation with outside air and to use heaters approved for enclosed spaces.

ment of conveyor belts in the unloading systems. Lakers get a real workout during the season. Vessels in the long-haul trades will carry perhaps 50 cargos. Hulls dedicated to the short-haul trades can easily double that total.

Reducing the industry’s carbon footprint is again a major focus. A 1,000-foot-long U.S.-flag laker will become the fifth vessel to have an exhaust-scrubbing system installed in the past few years. The conversion of a steamship to a diesel-powered vessel will also be completed this winter.

Several lakers will be drydocked so the hull can be surveyed by the U.S. Coast Guard and American Bureau of Shipping as required by U.S. law. Since they operate in a fresh water environment, lakers need only be drydocked every 5-6 years, whereas vessels in the ocean (saltwater) trades are required to be drydocked twice in a 5-year period.

The benign Lakes environment allows for long careers. Two vessels, the MESABI MINER and the WALTER J. MCCARTHY, JR., will mark their 40th year of operation in 2017. During those four decades of service those vessels have collectively carried approximately 220 million tons of iron ore and coal.

The oldest vessel expected to see service in 2017, the cement barge ST. MARYS CHALLENGER, will mark her 111th season on the “inland seas.” That vessel has carried more than 100 million tons of several types of cargo since being launched as the ore carrier WILLIAM P. SNYDER in 1906.

The major shipyards on the Lakes are located in Sturgeon Bay, Superior and

Marinette, Wisconsin; Erie, Pennsylvania; and Toledo, Ohio. Smaller “top-side” repair operations are located in Cleveland, Ohio; Escanaba, Michigan; Buffalo, New York; and several cities in Michigan. The industry’s annual payroll for its 2,700 employees approaches \$125 million and it is estimated that a wintering vessel generates an additional \$800,000 in economic activity in the community in which it is moored.

Great Lakes shipyards continually upgrade their facilities to serve the fleet. For example, Fraser Shipyards in Superior, Wisconsin, added an additional 880 feet of dock and berthing space in 2016.

Lake Carriers’ Association represents 13 American companies that operate 49 U.S.-flag vessels on the Great Lakes and carry the raw materials that drive the nation’s economy: iron ore and fluxstone for the steel industry, aggregate and cement for the construction industry, coal for power generation, as well as salt, sand and grain.

Collectively, these vessels can transport more than 100 million tons of cargo per year.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, maintains a navigation system of 95 harbors, including the Great Lakes Connecting Channels that join lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie.

General Tribal Council Meeting

Bay Mills Tribal Members are reminded that a regularly scheduled GTC will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Horizons Conference Center at 6 p.m. All tribal members are encouraged to attend as a quorum is needed to conduct business.

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Update: Prosecutor determines use of force was justified in Hulbert shooting

SAULT STE. MARIE — At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 21, 2016, two Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Sault Ste. Marie Post and a Chippewa County Sheriff's Office deputy responded to a residence in Hulbert to investigate a domestic disturbance incident.

When officers attempted contact with the suspect, he fled in a vehicle. When

officers attempted to stop him, the suspect rammed into one trooper, disabling both vehicles and injuring one of the troopers. The suspect exited his vehicle, continued an attempt to harm the officers and was shot by the second trooper.

Both troopers and the deputy were administratively cleared to return to work by their respective agencies in December, however their use of force was still under

review by the Chippewa County Prosecutor.

On Jan. 12, after reviewing all documents and items related to this investigation, Chippewa County Prosecutor Robert Stratton determined that the use of force by the MSP troopers and the Chippewa County deputy was justified.

The criminal case on the suspect, Joshua Stead, is proceeding.

Red Cross critically needs donors as agency has severe blood shortage

CHIPPEWA COUNTY — Following several rounds of severe winter weather in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross urges eligible blood and platelet donors to help restock its shelves to overcome a shortage.

Since Dec. 1, about 300 blood drives across 27 states have been forced to cancel due to inclement winter weather, resulting in more than 10,500 blood and platelet donations going uncollected. Despite the weather, hospital patients still rely on transfusions.

Blood donor Jim Taylor knows how it feels to have a loved one waiting for a transfusion. His son Aaron was born with a rare liver condition. In the short two months of his life, he received 115 blood products. Taylor said each transfusion gave his family more time with Aaron, so he encourages others to give.

"When the Red Cross says there is a shortage, they are not exaggerating," said Taylor. "I now know from experience that what they are saying is some-

where there is a father waiting on the donation that will save his son's life. When the Red Cross asks for help, what that means is a new dad is praying for a miracle."

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Sault Ste. Marie

— Jan. 27, 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.,
Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street

— Feb. 1 12 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.,
LSSU Cisler Center, 650 Easterday

How to help

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit

redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

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OPINION

The Bluster of a Windbag

By Sharon M. Kennedy

According to that totally unreliable source, Wikipedia, the definition of a “windbag” is a person who talks a lot but says very little of substance. Perhaps I’m mistaken, but if that isn’t the epitome of the new “president” I don’t know what is. I forced myself to listen to a review of sound bites from the 2016 primary and compared them to what the Trumpster is saying today. The difference is, predictably, black and white.

Since the swearing in of the charlatan who will occupy the White House for the next four years falls two days prior to the 44th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, I thought it appropriate to remind folks what The Donald promised. Remember the graphic description he gave of partial birth abortion during the last debate? Remember how you felt as you visualized the horror of the procedure? I felt the same way.

You see, not all donkeys favor killing the unborn. What amazes and confounds me is the elephants’ rhetoric and their inability to deliver. I recall a number of people who inhabited the Oval Office, Senate, and House of Representatives who were of the red persuasion. Although they had the power and the numbers, apparently they didn’t have the stomach or brains to reverse the Supreme Court’s decision on *Roe v. Wade*. And let’s not forget that Mr. Nixon was at our nation’s helm in 1973, and five of the Justices voting in favor of the decision were Republicans.

But in 2016, along comes a name-calling, swashbuckling, fraudster who hypnotizes God-fearing folks into believing he will make legalized killing of unborn babies illegal. At least that’s what he promised in his speeches. Christains jumped on the “Trump is our Savior” bus, an anomaly that baffles me on two major counts. One, Trump is not Jesus. Two, where are the preachers?

For many years I’ve believed if preachers were doing their job nobody would have to repeal a High Court ruling because nobody would take advantage of it. Countless “feel good” motivational preachers flood the airwaves with their messages of prosperity. Perhaps if they put more emphasis on the commandments, females would realize life begins at conception and no one has a moral right to take that

life.

Hope is not in a phony politician who tricked you into believing he’s a man of integrity. Hope is not in your Sunday morning preacher who’s afraid to take a stand against abortion for fear of losing his flock. Hope is not in Planned Parenthood. Hope is in each individual who takes the time to talk to a frightened girl or distraught woman about her decision to end the life growing within her.

If you drank from Donald’s cup and you’re beginning to taste something bitter, don’t worry. You were fooled, but you’re not a fool, so get busy. Do your part and reach out in love to a gentle soul who finds herself in a difficult situation. Trump’s not going to do it for you.

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Why Fake News is Dangerous

By Lee H. Hamilton

Franklin Roosevelt once said, “Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely.” He was talking about why education matters in a representative democracy, but it’s a safe bet that had he known about fake internet news, he’d have said the same thing—except maybe with more pointed words.

Our representative democracy depends on ordinary people making sound judgments about politicians and policy. This is hard to do at the best of times. To fold into that mix deliberately false news makes the citizen’s task much more difficult — maybe even impossible. Yet astoundingly, that’s where we find ourselves now. These days, purveyors of fake news get paid to mislead the public. Outside of criminal activities like bribery, it’s hard for me to imagine a greater disservice to our country.

Responsible media outlets are increasingly aware of the problem and are seeking ways to counteract it — as well as to call out politicians who blatantly traffic in misrepresentation. In coming years, real journalists’ ability to identify bogus stories, rebut ignorant claims that go viral, and stymie efforts at misinformation will be a vital part of their responsibilities.

Similarly, the platforms that have given an outlet to fake news — Facebook and other social media — are recognizing their obligation to fight it without compromising users’ access to the real stuff.

Which, of course, is what makes what to do about false news so devilishly difficult. When misinformation has spread in the past, we’ve always been able to depend on the truth catching up and eventually prevailing. Now, however, the circuits are being overloaded — not just by the proliferation of platforms and sources of information, but by people who are using the tools of democracy to undermine it. We must strive for an environment in which truth wins the day in the war over information.

Fake news is a threat to our system, a land mine that can cripple representative democracy by making a mockery of its most basic tenet: that the people will make the right decisions.

This is a challenge we need to address head on and without delay — the future of our representative democracy is at stake.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Brimley Students of the Month

Katie Keyser has been a really good friend to her classmates so far this year. She has proven to be a student that I can count on to get her work done and be an example to her classmates. Katie works extremely hard every day and is able to get along with anyone that I pair her with. Every day, she enters the classroom with a positive attitude. — Mrs. Schaedler

Koda Finlay is Mrs. Castagne's 1st Grade Student of the month for December. Koda is an outstanding student who always gives 100 percent to his school work. He arrives each day at school ready to learn and gets right to work. He is very particular about his work and it shows in all of his assignments.

— Mrs. Castagne

Calie Tremblay is a very polite and helpful young lady. She consistently follows the Bays' Ways and all of our classroom rules and procedures. If I need a student helper I know that I can count on Calie to complete any job or task that is asked of her. Calie gets along well with all of her classmates and greets everyone with a friendly smile each day. Congratulations Calie! We are lucky to have you in our class!

— Ms. Peller

Benjamin Yacoune is a sweet boy who has been doing a wonderful job in class. He is becoming a great reader and writer and tries his best every day. Ben always turns in great quality work. He is always smiling when he walks in the door of the classroom and greets his teacher with "good morning."

—Miss Allison

Sophia Bathey is a leader in our classroom and is always ready to learn with learning tools ready, body language, and awesome listening. Sophia is respectful in school and on the playground where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard, and has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hall, and bathroom. She is a kind, and helpful member of our classroom family. Sophia is a responsible learner as she completes her tasks in a timely manner, follows directions, and always does a quality job.

—Ms. McPherson



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Caylie York is a student who enters the classroom each day ready to learn. She can be counted on to quickly start any task on hand and always gives her best effort on all that she does. She is very responsible girl who follows directions and is respectful to her fellow classmates. Caylie is a student who follows the Bays' Ways and is a great role model for her classmates. She is very kind and is a great friend to everyone.

—Mrs. Gross

Khloe Dumas is a very hard working student! She is thoughtful, kind, and is an outgoing student who is always ready to help anyone who might need it. She tries her hardest to follow the Bays' Ways by being responsible, respectful, safe, and ready to learn!

— Mrs. Ver Strate

Brendon Johnson is an excellent listener who always knows what to do because he pays close attention during lessons. Brendon has become an independent student who works very hard until the job is finished. He has made tremendous gains in all areas since the beginning of the school year as a result of his diligent work. His confidence has also improved and he knows that he can do many things without help.

— Mrs. Hill

Isabelle Carraccio has a positive attitude and cares about others. She is very kind and always willing to help--especially when a classmate needs help. She uses her time in class well. She works hard to complete her assignments before she leaves at the end of the day, and consistently completes her work on time. — Mrs. Hope

Kiara Hopper has been working hard to earn this recognition of being Mrs. Rutledge's Student of the Month. Kiara is a really great

friend, who is always lending a helping hand to her classmates, when they need it. Kiara is a kind, caring student who is always trying to make people smile. She is an excellent student and always tries her best on all her assignments.

— Mrs. Rutledge

Ciarah Carrick is a very hard-working, responsible, and dedicated young lady. She always tries her best even on the challenging assignments. I really appreciate that she isn't scared to ask questions when she's not sure about something and that she doesn't mind helping other students when they aren't sure!

— Mrs. Teeple

Jordin Brugman is a superstar student who follows the Bays' Ways, has a kind heart, and is one of the hardest working girls around. Keep up the outstanding work, Jordin!

— Mrs. Jarvi

Savannah Albrough is a student that follows Bays' Ways each and every day. She has turned in all of her work and not only turns in quantity, but quality work. She is a nice young lady that has a special hobby, horses. She takes great pride and responsibility in caring for her horse. She is very kind to her classmates too. Savannah has made the Honor Roll this year and continues to earn good grades.

—Mrs. Osborne

Braedon Kemp is a very thoughtful student. When he sees something that needs to be taken care of, he steps in without prompting and takes care of the situation. Braedon is also a conscientious student. He works hard to make sure that his assignments are completed, that they are on time, and that they are done to the best of his ability. Braedon is also kind and considerate to others. — Mrs. Hutchins

Ojibwe Charter School names Students of the Month

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

Humility is represented by the wolf. For the wolf, life is lived for his pack and the ultimate shame is to be outcast. Humility is to know that you are a sacred part of creation. Live life selflessly and not selfishly. Respect your place and carry your pride with your people and praise the accomplishments of all. Do not become arrogant and self-important. Find balance within yourself and all living things.

Kieran Teeple/Kindergarten – Mr. Collins

We are pleased to announce Kieran Teeple as our Kindergarten Student of the Month for December. Kieran is an excellent student who is always ready to share with his friends. Kieran follows the school rules and he receives several compliments on his attitude and behavior. He is one of our top readers and he often drives our lessons. Congratulations Kieran!

Amora Ortiz/1st grade – Mrs. Colegrove

Amora is a sweet young lady that is always trying to do her best with a very humble attitude. She is a social butterfly with her friends but not demanding in any way. She is a wonderful classmate and a pleasure in class! Great job Amora!

Emery Kieliszewski/2nd grade – Mrs. Colegrove

Emery shows tries his very best but does not show off in any way. He shows his humility by trying to do what he is asked to do. He helps his classmates to do the same. He loves learning and is a natural leader. I know he will do great things! We are proud of you Emery!

Sienna Kuzmik/3rd grade – Mrs. Bowen
The third grade student of the month for December is Sienna Kuzmik. Sienna is a hard



worker and always puts extra effort into her school work. She encourages her fellow classmates to try their best and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Sienna is a friend to everyone and a great example for her classmates. Great Work Sienna!

Dillan Lupenitz/4th grade – Mrs. Bowen

Dillan Lupenitz is the fourth grade student of the month. Dillan comes to class each day with a smile on his face and ready to learn. He is always willing to help others and is an excellent problem solver. I am proud of his accomplishments and appreciate his enthusiasm and determination. Keep it up Dillan!

Donovan Murphy/5th grade – Ms. Craig

Donovan's confidence as a student has grown since arriving in my class, but he is always ready to ask for help when he needs it. He also deals with mistakes very well! He accepts them, fixes them, and moves on to try again.

Raven Shadow/6th grade – Ms. Craig

Raven is a confident student, and is always ready to participate in class discussions. That could describe many of my students, but Raven shows humility by being patient for his turn, being respectful of other students' ideas, and accepting when he does not get called on.

Participate in LSSU's short story contest

SAULT STE. MARIE – Lake Superior State University's creative writing program invites submissions for its third annual High School Short Story Prize, a competition open to students living in the United States and Canada.

A number of students participating in a survey last year requested that participants be allowed to write realism. Taking a cue from this request, the theme of the contest this year will simply be realistic fiction. Any form of realistic fiction will be accepted as long as the stories are set in the real world. Teachers, parents, and students interested in contest updates are encouraged to visit the contest website to read recommendations for classic and award-winning

realistic fiction short stories that students can use as models.

Submissions should be no more than 5,000 words and will be accepted online until April 30. Visit the LSSU website for full contest details. You can also read winning stories from previous years.

Finalists will be selected based on literary merit, with a winner announced on June 1. First place is a \$500 cash prize, convertible to a \$1000 scholarship if the winner wishes to attend Lake Superior State University. The winner's story will also appear in volume seven of *Border Crossing*, Lake Superior State University's international journal of literature and art.

Ojibwe Charter School basketball heats up the court

Jan. 20 - At Beaver Island (6 p.m.)

Jan. 21 - At Beaver Island (8 a.m.)

Jan. 24 - At Wolverine High School (6 p.m.)

Feb. 3 - Home vs. Hannahville School (5 p.m.)

Feb. 4 - Home vs. Hannahville School (8:30 a.m.)

2017 Basketball Schedule

Feb. 6 - Home vs. Munising Baptist Academy (6 p.m.)

Feb. 13 - At Engadine Schools (6 p.m.)

Feb. 17 - Northern Lights League Tournament (TBA)

Feb. 18 - Northern Lights League Tournament (TBA)



Both OCS teams defeated Maplewood Baptist on Jan. 10. The Lady Eagles won 47-42, while the Eagles won 54-29. This year the teams will be playing two new teams, Wolverine and Engadine, as well as participating in the Michigan High School Athletic Association District Tournament on March 1 (TBA).

Lake State has two games on tap this weekend

SAULT STE. MARIE — Lake Superior State welcomes Western Collegiate Hockey Association rivals Alabama-Huntsville this weekend for a two-game series inside Taffy Abel Arena. The series marks the second time third and fourth games between the teams this season with LSSU earning a sweep in Huntsville to open conference play in October.

The Lakers (9-12-3, 6-9-3 WCHA) enter the weekend at eighth place in the WCHA standings with 22 points, closely trailing the Chargers (7-15-2, 7-9-2 WCHA) and Ferris State tied for sixth place with 23 points and Alaska in fifth place with 24 points.

The series opens Friday, Jan. 20, at 7:37 p.m. ET and continues Saturday at 7:07 p.m. ET. A live radio broadcast will be available on 99.5 YES FM and online at <https://www.lssulakers.com>, and a live video stream of the games will be available for purchase at <https://www.wcha.tv>.

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During the last 10 meetings, the Lakers lead the series 5-4-1; however, the Chargers have outscored the Lakers 26-25.

During Friday's game, LSSU Student Life will give away free glow sticks and food to the LSSU Laker Legion student section, while supplies last. On Saturday, free food will be available to students in attendance, inside the Laker Legion box with a valid Student ID.

LSSU Athletics also welcomes all participants of this year's Cabin Fever Tournament, hosted by the Soo Michigan Hockey Association (SMHA), to receive half-priced tickets to both games this weekend. All registered players of a team participating in the 2017 Cabin Fever Tournament are eligible to receive a child's ticket for \$3 and registered coaches can receive an adult ticket for \$6, during both Friday and Saturday's games.

Every week Bill Crawford along with head coach Damon Whitten, the assistant coaches and players take a look at the Laker Hockey program. The Laker Hockey Show provides a review of past games, a look ahead to future action and more information, as well as insight on the team and players.

The show is live from the Antlers restaurant on East Portage Ave. every Tuesday night starting at 6 p.m. and can be heard on WKNW ESPN Radio 1400 or you can catch up on any shows you have missed through podcasts that will be made available on <http://lakers.sovcomm.net/>.

Laker Hockey Talk, also on ESPN 1400, returns this year on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Bill Crawford and Damon Whitten preview the upcoming weekend's match up. Podcasts for the Laker Hockey Talk show will also be available at <http://lakers.sovcomm.net/>.

Brimley School Board holds monthly meetings

By Shannon Jones

Bay Mills News

BRIMLEY — The Brimley Board of Education met for regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, Dec. 19 and Monday, Jan. 16. The board also met on Jan. 4 for a special meeting.

Absent from the December meeting were board members Tim Wilson and Robin Bedell. In old business, a second reading of NEOLA policies took place. These policies are recommended by the school's law firm in order to keep up with current legislation. Two readings must take place before the policies can be approved by the board. All board members present voted in favor of approving them.

In personnel, the board accepted the resignation of industrial arts teacher Kyle Rarigh and paraprofessional Sami Luttmann. In new business, the annual review of Indian Education Policies and Procedures was completed and approved as submitted. In other new business, board member Kurt Perron expressed to the board he would like to run for a seat on the Michigan Association of School Boards. Perron abstained from the vote, but his candidacy was supported by the remainder of the board.

The matter of filling a board seat was discussed. With board President Tim Wilson not seeking re-election in November, and no one seeking his seat, the board reviewed letters from potential board members prior to the December meeting. They interviewed three candidates for the position: Julie Hopper, Daniel Knepper, and David Schantz. (A decision was made at the Jan. 4 special meeting, where Hopper was appointed to the seat.)

Prior to ending the meeting, Superintendent Brian Reattoir recognized the loss of two influential community members, Corky Parish and Dorothy Scott. Both passed away in December.

During the January meeting all board members were present with the exception of Sandi Wallin.

Prior to getting down to business, the board was tasked with reorganizational matters. As Wilson was previously the president, the board needed to vote on new leader. Perron indicated he would be willing to take the position and made a

motion to take the president's seat. His motion was supported by new board member Hopper. Perron's motion was supported by all but James Leblanc, who voted no. The motion carried. The next matter was the selection of a vice president. Board member Kathy Loup made a motion, supported by Robin Bedell, to nominate James LeBlanc to serve in the seat. All members supported the motion and it passed. Amy Cappelli was nominated by Loup, supported by Hopper, to continue as board secretary. The board treasurer's seat will be filled by Bedell, who was also nominated by Loup, supported by LeBlanc.

With no old business on the agenda, the board

discussed personnel matters in new business. The resignation of Brian Komejan as head softball coach was accepted. He was thanked for his years of service to the district. In regards to committee assignments, the board moved Hopper into the committees that Wilson previously served on.

The Boys & Girls Club sought, and received, permission to present a survey to students. The survey, Communities that Care, will focus on grades six, eight, 10 and 12, and will assist with youth programming in the area.

The next meeting of the Brimley School Board will take place on Monday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Bayliss Library announces events

Jan. 19, 7 p.m., Tom Kelly "The Demise of the Andrea Doria: An Italian Post-War Dream Destroyed" co-sponsored by the Chippewa County Historical Society

Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Winter Farmers' Market

Jan. 21, 1 p.m., Family Movie, call 632-9331 for title

Jan. 24, noon to 2 p.m., Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists

Jan. 24, 2 p.m., Masterpiece Theatre, "Upstairs Downstairs"

Jan. 24, 6 to 8 p.m., Yarn Workers Guild

Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan, Emily Weber, "Isle Royale Wolf & Moose Study: A Summer in the Life of a Research Assistant."

Jan. 24, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Jan. 26, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Superior Poetry Café, featured poet LSSU prof Julie Brooks Barbour, and open mic

Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Bayliss Book Club

Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Winter Farmers' Market

Jan. 31, 2 p.m., Masterpiece Theatre, "Upstairs Downstairs"

Every Friday in February and March, from 9 to 5 will be AARP Tax Aide preparation, call 906-632-8368 for appointment.

Feb. 1, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Feb. 2, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m., Chess Club

Feb. 2, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Visually Impaired Persons group

Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Winter Farmers' Market

Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Creative Endeavors Support Group for Writers and Artists

Feb. 4, 1 to 3 p.m., Soo Paper Crafters will make Valentine crafts. For adults. \$5 fee for materials. Call 632-9331 to sign up.

Feb. 7, 2 p.m., Masterpiece Theatre, "Upstairs Downstairs"

Feb. 7, 7 p.m., League of Women Voters, Education presentation by Tony McLain, "From a One-Room School to LSSU: Observations on 65 Years in Public Education"

Feb. 8, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Feb. 9, 10 a.m., StoryTime

Feb. 9, 7 p.m., Adult Coloring

Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Winter Farmers' Market

Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Bayliss Building Club

Feb. 14, 1 p.m., Homeschool Building Club

Feb. 14, 2 p.m., Masterpiece Theatre, "Upstairs Downstairs"

Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friends Valentine Sweets Sale

Feb. 15 No StoryTime

Feb. 16 No StoryTime

Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Winter Farmers' Market

Home Radon test kits being offered

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Biological Services, courtesy of Inter-Tribal Council, now has radon test kits available.

Research shows that the air within homes and buildings can be more polluted than outdoor air. The average person spends approximately 90 percent of their time indoors. A potential indoor air pollutant of concern is radon.

Radon is a colorless and odorless radioactive gas. It is formed during the break-down of uranium, which is found in nearly all soils and rock. Radon ranks among the most serious environmental health problems facing our nation today.

High levels of radon in the soil are primarily responsible for indoor radon problems. Radon seeps into homes through gaps or cracks in the foundation floor or walls, sump pits, drains or other openings. Once confined in an enclosed space such as a home, it can accumulate to unhealthy levels.

Data indicates that in Chippewa County 12 percent of the homes will have elevated radon levels. Since radon is odorless and invisible, the only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test for it. Do-it-yourself test kits are accurate and readily available at most hardware and home improvement stores.








HOSPICE DONATION — Prior to the Christmas break, Brimley National Honor Society students made a donation of \$400 to the Hospice of the E.U.P. Hospice House is a home offered for those in Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties who need a cost-free place to reside while in hospice care, when staying at home is not a viable option. Hospice House features five patient rooms, space for individual grief support, and support groups. In cooperation with nursing professionals from EUP Home Health and Hospice, a full complement of hospice comfort-oriented care and services, including pain and symptom management, nursing care, assistance with tasks of daily living, friendly visits from volunteers, and spiritual counseling services for patients and their loved ones is provided. Room and board and volunteer services are provided free of charge. Community donations are always welcome.

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Reverend Theodore Brodeur

Reverend Theodore J. Brodeur of St. Ignace, Michigan formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Monday Jan. 9, 2017 at Cedar Ridge Assisted Living. Father Ted was born Jan. 31, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Frederick and Alice Brodeur.

Father Ted was ordained on June 4, 1966 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette by Bishop Thomas Noa. His first assignment was in July 1966 at St. Ann Church in Menominee followed by St. Paul Church in Negaunee, St. Anne Church in Ironwood, Holy Rosary Parish and Mission of St. Theresa in Grand Marais and Germfask, St. Stanislaus Kostka and Mission of Our Lady of Snows in Goetzville and Hessel. Father Ted was appointed Pastor at Holy Name of Mary Church in July of 1981 and served there until July 2007. He also served at St. Francis and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Brimley and Bay Mills followed by St. Anne Church on Mackinac Island and St. Ignatius Loyola Church in St. Ignace. Father Ted served as Dean of the Sault Ste. Marie Deanery for 3 years and Vicar Forane of the Holy Name of Mary Vicariate for 5 years. He was granted Senior Priest Status in August 2015. He was also very instrumental in the reopening of St. Mary's School in 1993 after having been closed for over 30 years.

Father Ted is survived by his brother Robert (Mike) Brodeur and wife Pat of Royal Oak, Michigan, sisters Berneice A. Thompson of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Barbara A. Chirco/Pietrangelo of Waterford, Michigan; he is also survived by his 'adopted' son Tuan

Tran, his wife Chuong and 3 grandchildren Teddy, Megan and Alisha. He is predeceased by his parents, brothers Fred (Sonny) Brodeur and Dennis Brodeur of Mackinac Island Charles and Tony Brodeur of suburban Detroit.

Services took place on Monday, Jan. 16. The Most Reverend James H. Garland, retired Bishop of Marquette as Celebrant and the Priest's of the Diocese of Marquette as Concelebrants. Burial will be in Ste. Anne's Cemetery on Mackinac Island in the spring. Donations to St. Mary's School would be appreciated. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Jenise Lynn Corbiere

Jenise Lynn Corbiere of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 at War Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 31, 1962 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Jenise was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, and friend. Her love for her family shines in all of their hearts. She could light up a room with just her smile. She loved fishing and hunting as demonstrated through her numerous trophies. She was proud of her boys and raised them with every ounce of her love. She married her best friend, Bob, 36 years ago and their love will continue forever and always. Jenise will be remembered by all of the lives she touched and she will be dancing to the fiddle until the end of time. Jenise is survived by her husband Robert Alan Corbiere Sr. Sons Robert Alan (Corbiere, Jr.) Waldner

and Jacque Pierre (Katie Lana) Corbiere, and son-in-law James Waldner; sisters Dellis (Sam) Mourufas, Janet (Rick) Bennett and Nicole (Gary) Golanka; brother Curt (Bonnie) White, Jr. Parents Curt and Marylin White, Sr.; grandchildren Jace Joseph Corbiere, Michael Oliver Waldner and Audrie Rose Waldner, also survived by the entire Corbiere family.

Services have taken place. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

William Clinton Parish, Sr.

William Clinton Parish, Sr. of Bay Mills, passed away Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born Jan. 10, 1949 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan the son of Shirley Irene and Charles Eli Parish. He coached the 4th, 5th and 6th grade basketball teams in Brimley for 30 years. Surviving are his daughter Cori Lynn Parish; son Cork (Elaine) Parish, Jr.; brothers Charles (Diane) Parish and Joseph (Rebekah) Parish; proud grandfather to Gavin, Charlie, Gabriel, Malorie, Lily and Billy; nephews Ken Hyrman, Rob Hyrman, Dave Hunt; niece Jody Teeple.

Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church with Father Joseph Boakye-Yiadom officiating. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Dorothy Alice Scott

Dorothy Alice Scott, 98, of Brimley, passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 17, 2016 at War Me-

morial Hospital's Long Term Care Unit.

Dorothy was born on June 2, 1918 in Pellston, Michigan, the daughter of the late Ray and Addie (Harris) Zimmerman. She graduated from Pellston High School and later earned her associate's degree from Eastern Michigan University. On May 27, 1937, she married Harold Russell Scott. Together with her husband, she owned and operated a motel, restaurant, gas station, and mechanic's garage in Eckerman, Michigan. Later, she worked for Community Action becoming an area representative and then a Head Start teacher until retirement at age 75. Dorothy was very active in her churches, Strong's Community Church and later Brimley Baptist Church. She enjoyed her flower gardens and knitting. She loved going to all of her grandchildren's activities. Dorothy was a member of the Eastern Star.

Dorothy is survived by her two sons: John F. Scott of Eckerman, MI and Paul (Charleen) Scott of Kinross, MI; 12 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two daughters: Janet L. Pomeroy and Virginia L. Schnurer; a daughter-in-law: Susan Scott; a grandson: David Scott; two brothers: Vern and Marvin Zimmerman; and three sisters: Bernice Kroll, Katherine Sertich, and Helen Raney.

Services took place on Dec. 21 with the assistance of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Pastor Daniel Knepper officiating. Burial will be at Coburn Cemetery in the spring. Condolences may be left online at www.csmulder.com.

Experience Free Fishing Weekend Feb. 18-19

Grab a fishing rod and enjoy some of the finest fishing Michigan has to offer during the 2017 Winter Free Fishing Weekend, set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19. On those two days, everyone – residents and non-residents alike – can fish without a license, though all other fishing regulations still apply.

During #MiFreeFishingWeekend, the DNR also will waive the regular Recreation Passport entry fee that grants vehicle access to Michigan's 103 state parks and recreation areas. Several of these locations will host official 2017 Winter Free Fishing Weekend events perfect for the whole family.

Michigan has celebrated winter's #MiFreeFishingWeekend every year since 1994 as a way to promote awareness of the state's vast aquatic resources. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams, and 11,000 inland lakes – Michigan and fishing are a perfect match.

"There's nothing better than bundling up and heading out on the ice for Michigan's annual Winter Free Fishing Weekend," said Jim Dexter,

DNR Fisheries Division chief. "For those avid anglers, we encourage you to take someone out who has never experienced winter fishing to show them how simple and fun it can be."

Official winter #MiFreeFishingWeekend activities are being scheduled in communities across

the state to assist with public participation. These activities are coordinated by a variety of organizations including constituent groups, schools, local and state parks, businesses and others. A full list of these events can be found online at michigan.gov/freefishing.

Grants available for volunteer efforts

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Great Lakes Commission today announced the availability of \$25,000 for small grants to support local efforts to clean up Michigan rivers, streams, and creeks.

Michigan's Volunteer River, Stream, and Creek Cleanup Program supports grants to local units of government to help clean Michigan waterways. Local units of government may partner with nonprofit organizations or other volunteer groups to carry out the work. A 25 percent minimum local match is required.

The program is funded by fees from the sale of Michigan's specialty water quality pro-

tection license plates, available from the Secretary of State's Office.

The application deadline is Feb. 2. The grant application package is available at <http://projects.glc.org/streamclean/app17.htm>. Applications are reviewed and assessed by the DEQ and Great Lakes Commission, with final decisions anticipated in April 2017.

To learn more about the grant program, contact Laura Kaminski, Great Lakes Commission, at 734-971-9135 or laurak@glc.org. Questions about the grant application process should be directed to Marcy Knoll Wilmes, Water Resources Division, DEQ, at 517-284-5544 or knollm@michigan.gov.

Interested in being a lighthouse keeper?

Lighthouse enthusiasts are invited to serve this summer as volunteer lighthouse keepers at the Tawas Point Lighthouse, located in Tawas Point State Park in East Tawas, Michigan. Keepers will receive lodging on site in exchange for conducting guided tours of the lighthouse. In 2017, the program will run from May 17 through Oct. 17.

The 1876 Tawas Point Lighthouse is a well-known landmark in Tawas Point State Park, attracting visitors from all over the world. Keeper tasks include greeting visitors, giving tours, providing information about the lighthouse and the Tawas area, and light maintenance duties. Participating keepers provide roughly 35 hours of service per week.

The lightkeeper lodging is located in the second story of the dwelling attached to the lighthouse. Accommodations include two comfortable bedrooms that can sleep up to three adults, as well as a modern kitchen, shower and bath. The minimum commitment for staying at the lighthouse is two consecutive weeks.

At least two keepers are needed for each two-week period. Those with knowledge of lighthouse lore or Great Lakes maritime history are especially encouraged to apply. Those selected will receive historical information packets and on-site orientation to help prepare them for their tour duties.

Interested parties should complete and submit the Tawas Point Lighthouse Keeper application at www.michigan.gov/tawaslighthouse. Click

on Lightkeeper Program under Explore. For more information about the Tawas Point Lighthouse Keeper Program, contact Hillary Pine at pineh@michigan.gov. Review of applications will begin Feb. 1, 2017, and continue until all slots are filled.

Tawas Point Lighthouse is one of 11 nationally accredited museums administered by the Michigan History Center in cooperation with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. Located in Tawas Point State Park off U.S. 23, 2.5 miles southeast of East Tawas, the lighthouse is open for tours Thursday through Monday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. From mid-May to Memorial Day and Labor Day to mid-October, tours are offered Friday through Sunday.



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I-500 releases race week schedule

SAULT STE. MARIE — Join thousands of drivers, sled heads, and snowmobile enthusiasts for the professional racing excitement of the I-500. Known as the Grand Daddy of snowmobile endurance racing, the I-500 is the world's longest, fastest, toughest, and most-exciting oval race event. Professional athletes from all over the U.S. and Canada ride the monster mile in hopes of winning this prestigious race, and adding their names to the history books of snowmobile racing.

Every year, the I-500's main event is always held on the first Saturday of every February. However, all the excitement of the I-500 starts a week prior to the main event.

Monday, Jan. 30

The 49th Annual I-500 Snowmobile Race Week begins with registration (12-6 p.m.) and Tech Day (1 to 7 p.m.) happening throughout the afternoon hours as the prospective riders and teams go through the process of getting things ready to go for a grueling three days of qualifying to get into the most prestigious snowmobile race in the world.

The smooth ice surface allows the general public to skate on the famous one mile oval track during Monday's OPEN SKATE NIGHT from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Spectators can enjoy watching the first on-track action of the week as the professional riders begin the grueling process of attempting to qualify for the I-500. First Day qualifying is from noon to 5 p.m. Also on Tuesday is Rookie Practice from 6:30 to 7:30p.m., followed by the only "Nighttime" Qualifying Session for the I-500 from 7:30-10 p.m.

Hot Seats also go on sale that day. For pricing and availability, contact Ric Federau by email, safetytecric@gmail.com, or phone/text; (989) 808-5266

Wednesday, Feb. 1

It's a busy day in Sault Ste. Marie as qualifying continues from noon to 5 p.m. The first actual racing during the week occurs as the I-500 hosts the 2nd Annual Brad Redman Memorial for the Great Lakes Antique Snowmobile Series (G.L.A.S.S.). This event allows drivers with sleds that are 30 years old (1987) and older the chance to get a feel of the only mile oval snowmobile endurance track in North America.

Additionally, riders will qualify for the prestigious Woody's Challenge and also participate in the Woody's Dash Race (The Last Chance Qualifier for the Woody's Challenge). High speeds

and the unknown will certainly make this 15-lap event a thriller. The night ends with the 40-Lap Brad Redman Memorial.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Thursday is action packed with I-500 final qualifying taking place from 1 to 6:00p.m., and live music after three grueling days of Qualifying. A \$1,000 prize is awarded to the rider who takes the Overall Pole with the fastest lap timed in over the three days of qualifying. Then the I-500 Project hosts its annual "Woody's Challenge"—a 40-lap feature that includes both professional and amateur racers. High speeds, thrills and track excitement will provide a night of fun you won't want to miss.

Then let the fun begin in Sault Ste. Marie as the city becomes host to the mid-west's largest "WINTER PUB CRAWL." The heated hospitality tent opens to visitors with live music and plenty of beverages on hand. Join the mid-west's premier winter party at the I-500 venue. Visit the many bars, saloons, and lounges in the community who offer maximum fun for race fans and sled-heads. Drinks, food specials and fun are on tap throughout the Soo area. T-Shirts are on sale for those who want to participate in the Pub Crawl.



Friday, Feb. 3

While the big track is closed as the one-mile ice oval gets prepped for 500 miles of grueling action, it's not an "off-day" for the I-500 by any means. Come and enjoy the Mini-5 Race. These aspiring racers get a chance to race in their very own Mini-5 Snowmobile event starting at 7:30 p.m. The race takes place on a mini version of our oval ice course located at a designated area in the Upper Level Parking Lot. The three classes – Kitty Cat, Stock 120, and Modified 120 all compete, but everyone goes home a winner.

The I-500 also plays host to Family Night, where the newest snow queens will be crowned. The I-500 Pageant starts at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4 - Race Day

Opening Ceremonies open with our traditional vintage lap at 9 a.m. A display of vintage snowmobiles will also be on hand. Spectators can enjoy the heated hospitality tent all day, race day. Stop by the vendor tent, trailers, and booths for food and fun. The green flag drops promptly at 10 a.m. Approximately 90 minutes after the checkered flag flies on the 49th Annual I-500, the 2017 Awards Banquet will be held at Kewadin Casino (Dream Makers Facility).

2017 lake sturgeon season on Black Lake to begin Feb. 4

The 2017 lake sturgeon fishing season on Black Lake (Cheboygan County) will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. All anglers must register to participate in the lake sturgeon season.

The 2017 total recreational harvest limit for Black Lake is seven lake sturgeon. However, to reduce the chance of exceeding the harvest limit, officials will close the season when one of two scenarios occurs:

- Once the sixth fish is harvested, or
- If five fish have been harvested at the end of any fishing day.

Fishing hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day of the season. The season will end either at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, or when one of the above scenarios is met, at which point anglers will be notified on the ice by DNR personnel that they must immediately stop fishing for lake sturgeon.

Anglers 17 years of age or older must possess a valid Michigan fishing license. In addition, all anglers must possess a lake sturgeon tag, available for free from all license vendors. Anglers must have both of these prior to registering for the Black Lake sturgeon season.

The 2017 angler registration process will be similar to what was enacted several years ago. Anglers need only to register once for the entire season. An early registration will be held at the DNR Onaway Field Station from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. This station is located approximately 5 miles north of Onaway on Route 211. Anglers can pick up their fishing identification flags at this time and learn more about season logistics and sturgeon populations from the DNR.

Anglers unable to participate in the Friday registration may register Saturday only at the registration trailer located at Zolner Road ending on Black Lake. Morning registration begins at 7 a.m. Anglers are strongly encouraged to register Friday, Feb. 3.

At registration, anglers will be issued



a disposable flag that must be displayed each day at the entrance of their shanty.

Anglers who harvest a lake sturgeon must immediately tag the fish, contact an on-ice DNR employee, and register the fish at the Zolner Road trailer. Registration may include an examination of internal organs and removal of a piece of fin tissue for DNA analysis and aging.

Registration logistics were developed in recent years to allow greater participa-

tion by anglers while also protecting the population of lake sturgeon in Black Lake from over-harvest. In addition, the DNR and Michigan State University have been determining annual population estimates of adult fish from the spring spawning run with the assistance of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, which allows officials to set a safe harvest level in cooperation with tribal agencies.

Rehabilitation of lake sturgeon in the Cheboygan River watershed is a cooperative effort involving the DNR, the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, MSU, various tribal agencies and Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership.

For more details, anglers may call the DNR Customer Service Center in Gaylord at 989-732-3541 or visit Michigan.gov/fishing.

Thinking spring? Apply for spring turkey hunting, now through Feb. 1

“If you are looking to hunt one of the limited-license turkey hunts, make sure to apply,” said DNR upland game bird specialist Al Stewart. “If you’re looking for broader statewide options in your hunt, you may want to wait and purchase Hunt 234.”

The 2017 spring turkey season runs April 17 through May 31, with several different hunt periods to choose from. The Spring Turkey Digest, which can be found online, explains regulations, season dates and hunt units.

Hunt 234 licenses go on sale over the counter March 20, with no application required. Hunt 234 offers the most days to hunt, as it is valid May 1 to 31 and is open statewide except on public land in southern Michigan.

“In Michigan, spring turkey season is a big deal,” said Stewart. “We’re ranked seventh in the nation for turkey harvest, harvesting over 30,000 turkeys while providing a variety of quality hunting options.”

Now through Feb. 1, a \$5 spring turkey application may be purchased anywhere hunting licenses are sold or online at www.mdnr-elastic.com. Hunters may purchase only one spring turkey hunting license.

For more information about spring turkey hunting visit www.michigan.gov/turkey.

Beginning March 6, applicants can check whether they were drawn for a license at www.michigan.gov/turkey. Any leftover licenses will be sold until the quota is met in each hunt unit and hunt period.

A base license is required for every resident and nonresident who hunts in Michigan. Hunters may purchase a spring turkey license only after they have obtained a base license for the year. The 2017 base license is available beginning March 1 and is not required to apply. The base license also is a small game license.

Announcements

Tax help for seniors

AARP will provide free tax preparation on Fridays in February and March to Seniors and others, by appointment. Call 906-632-8368 for more information and to make an appointment.

Fire Management Course to be offered

Bay Mills Fire Management will be hosting a class (\$130-90) on basic wildland fires. This course is required for those interested in joining the Bay Mills crew. The course will be offered from Jan. 23-27 and will cover entry-level topics such as fire suppression, techniques, fire behavior, and incident management. Class times are Monday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact Cole or Kyle Tadgerson at 906-248-8443 or 906-248-8448, or email catadgerson@baymills.org to sign up for the class.

CCHS announces events

The Chippewa County Historical Society has two events coming up in conjunction with the Sault's Downtown Winter Ice Festival.

- Fri., Jan. 27, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Model Train Displays and Layouts will be on view for the public at 115 Ashmun St. It is a fun, free family activity. Donations gladly accepted. The Gift Shop and other displays will be available as well. Refreshments provided. Parking is available in front of the building on Ashmun Street or in the handicap accessible parking lot at the back of the building off of Portage Avenue.

Paradise to host Winter Carnival

Join the community of Paradise in celebrating Snow! Festivities include a free Winter Swap Meet (Only Winter items, snow shoes, skies, ski poles, helmets, sleds, hats, mittens, etc.) Snow Shoe Softball (Visitors are invited to join any team. Some Snowshoes available for your use.) Guided Snow Shoe Hikes, Lantern-Lit Ski Trails, and Snowman Building Contest. Start with the Fish Fry at the Silver Creek Grill & Pub Friday night, Jan. 27, and enjoy lots of hot cocoa and cookies throughout the weekend.

- Snowshoe and Cross-Country Trails Open at the Tahquamenon Falls State Park & Paradise Pathways
- EMS Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 28: 8 a.m. to Noon at the Whitefish Township Community Center

Take part in Radar Run

Soo Snowmobile Association will be hosting the annual Radar Run on Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can test your sled against the "gun" at trail #49 to Kinross (North side of the road where it has been run in the past). Cost is \$3 per run, four runs

for \$10.

Guided Snowshoe Hikes planned

Guided Snowshoe Hikes take place at Tahquamenon Falls on Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 2 p.m.

Strap on your snowshoes and join staff for a free guided hike through the forests of the Upper Falls. Snowshoeing tips and tricks will be provided, and a limited number of snowshoes are available to borrow at no charge. Meet at the Upper Falls Fact Shack, near the bonfire.

Notice to tribal members regarding tax exemption

If you are State Tax exempt and enrollment does not have your social security number on file, you are not listed on the tax exemption list that goes out monthly. As a result, you will have your return rejected from the State when you file. Please contact Phyllis Malloy in enrollment to update your information.

Pow Wow Design Contest

Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee is holding a T-shirt design contest for the 2017 pow wow. The winner will be awarded \$100 with artist credit on shirts. The design should include the following: Bay Mills Indian Community 26th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow — June 23-25, 2017. Artwork can be hand drawn or digitally created. If hand drawn, the committee will need original artwork. Digital files can be pdf. or jpeg. Artwork can be sent by email to bmpowwow17@gmail.com with subject line labeled T-shirt contest, or mailed to Sarah Bedell, Bay Mills Indian Community Pow Wow Program, 12140 West Lakeshore Drive, Brimley MI 49715. The deadline for entries in the contest is Friday, Feb. 24.



Samuel's team, the Soo Coop Credit Union Squirt B hockey team, won on Jan. 12 in an exciting shootout to go on to Districts in Traverse City. I want to congratulate the team for their hard work and extend best wishes as they go to Traverse City next month.

Also a big "Thank You" to Bay

Mills Indian Community for sponsoring Samuel on the team. — Phyllis Malloy

