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Perron invited to attend UCLA Summer Art Institute

By Shannon Jones

Bay Mills News

While most people struggle with doodling stick figures, Bay Mills tribal member Kalista Perron, 15, is hoping to take her artistic talents to California this summer. Perron, the daughter of Calvin and Jamie Perron, was recently invited to attend the Summer Art Institute at UCLA this July, after sending some of her work to the school for review. She found the opportunity online.

Led by recent UCLA Master of Fine Arts graduates, the Summer Art Institute curriculum “encourages students to explore and expand their creative work and develop their artistic vocabularies.” Participants will be scheduled 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for an intensive two-weeks of study and



studio instruction.

For Perron, drawing in colored pencil and working with acrylics is her preferred medium. But this opportunity will allow her to explore other techniques and hone her talent. She will also earn three college credits for her participation.

Perron admits wasn't always interested in art, but realized as she got older her talents began to really develop.

In the first grade, at age six, her work was displayed at the Alberta House Arts Center Gallery in Sault Ste. Marie. In

the fifth grade she started winning awards.

“I always just did it because I was good at it,” she said. “Then as I got older I actually became interested.”

While she doesn't plan to study art as a major once she graduates high school, she is planning for art to be her minor. Participation in this summer program will also give her an advantage when she applies for college.

Many in Bay Mills are familiar with Perron's work, as she donated her painting talents in the past to raise monies for a family friend who was battling cancer. She has also sold some pieces when she was looking to earn Christmas money. And anyone with a Facebook account is well aware of her talent, and likely in awe of her skill.

While traveling to Los Angeles is in-

timidating for Perron, so is the cost. The institute comes with a hefty price tag of nearly \$4,000, as housing on campus is mandatory and expensive for the two-week term. Her parents have started a Go Fund Me account in an effort to help ease the burden, as they don't want their daughter to miss out on such a rare opportunity.

“Her talent comes naturally and we are so impressed with how much she has advanced through the years,” said her mother, Jamie Perron. “She is a self-taught artist and amazes us everyday. We are so proud of her for applying to this camp on her own and the drive and passion she has when it comes to art.”

Anyone wishing to contribute to Perron's fundraiser can visit the link online by searching Kalista Perron on Go-fundme.com.

Hudson selected as W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network fellow



BAY MILLS — Bay Mills tribal member Joshua Hudson has been selected as one of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's latest Community Leadership Network fellows. Hudson is one of a few Native Americans in the cohort and the only Anishinaabe person within the Michigan cohort. He was chosen from a pool of more than 800 applicants.

“It's surreal that I was selected – but I also know that I have a responsibility to represent Anishinaabe people and Bay Mills specifically in a dignified and intentional manner,” said Hudson, who currently works at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan as a program manager for the National Native Network. He is also a judge for Bay Mills Healing to Wellness Court and Court of Appeals.

“My friend and former colleague, Phil Millerov, suggested I apply and he was in the first cohort of the WKKF CLN,” said Hudson. “After researching the fellowship, I really felt like this aligned very closely with my personal and professional

perspectives and orientation.”

The fellowship has three main areas of focus: 1) advancing racial equity and racial healing in communities; 2) marshalling collective resources and efforts to ensure all children have the opportunity to thrive; and 3) fostering a connected network of local leaders to drive transformational change.

The WKKF Community Leadership Network brings together 80 inspiring and diverse leaders from across the United States and sovereign tribes, with cohorts based in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans. There is also one national cohort.

“Over the course of a year and a half, I will deepen my knowledge and skills for authentically engaging communities to advance racial equity and racial healing and create sustainable solutions to pressing problems. I will also become part of a vast network of 1,700+ alumni who provide ongoing resources,” said Hudson.

The first gathering of the Michigan cohort takes place at the end of March, with another planned for June. In the next 18 months participants will receive hands-on training, personalized coaching and mentoring, and practical experience and support to effect systemic change.

“While the program hasn't fully kicked off just yet, I know that each of the fellows will be paired with a mentor, and we each will receive tailored attention and will be guided and compelled to ground our leadership development and education in our

communities,” said Hudson. “I am most excited to grow my skills and knowledge relating to leadership and racial equity, and to be a part of a network of leaders across the country who share some of the same passions and motivations that I hold.”

Hudson grew up in Mount Pleasant and went on to study political science with a concentration in public administration, American Indian Studies, and leadership while attending Central Michigan University.



TEEPLE HONORED — Dwight “Bucko” Teeple was honored on March 9 in Traverse City at the 2019 Native American Critical Issues Conference. Teeple received the Michigan Indian Education Council's Distinguished Service Award. MIEC is an advocacy organization concerned with Native American education throughout the State of Michigan.

— Photo courtesy of Tina Moses, MIEC.

Chairman's Update

Working to protect our treaty rights through protecting the Great Lakes

**By Bryan Newland
Bay Mills Tribal Chairman**

In March, I had the opportunity to appear before the United States House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to testify on behalf of Bay Mills Indian Community and our fellow treaty fishing tribes. Our delegation met with a number of Members of Congress (from both parties), and spoke about the importance of federal funding for treaty rights protection, and protecting the Great Lakes.

I've gotten a lot of questions about what, exactly, the United States government funds when it comes to treaty rights.

As many of our tribal members know, Albert "Big Abe" LeBlanc was cited for fishing without a state license in 1971. He took his case to the Michigan Supreme Court, which affirmed that the Treaty of 1836 protected our right to fish in the Great Lakes. Separate from that case, the Federal Government filed a lawsuit against the State of Michigan for violating our tribal treaty fishing rights. Bay Mills joined that case, along with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

In 1985, a Federal Court issued an order that set limitations and regulations on how and where tribal members can fish. In 2000, the treaty tribes (which also included the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) negotiated an agreement with the Federal Government, and the State of Michigan to regulate how and where our tribal members can exercise our treaty right to fish. The Federal Court entered that agreement as a court order, which means that it is legally binding on all of the parties.

Since the Federal Government negotiated that agreement on our behalf, and since the agreement is legally binding on the Federal Government and the Treaty Tribes, the Federal Government has responsibility for ensuring that all of the parties fulfill the agreement. Congress provides funding to implement the terms of that agreement, which helps fund tribal programs like our Conservation and Biology Departments, and our Tribal Court. Congress also provided funding to Bay Mills (and other tribes) to develop and acquire dock space to allow our tribal fishermen to access the Great Lakes to exercise these rights.

These funds are not grants. They are not welfare or gifts to tribes. The funds ensure that the Federal Government fulfills the terms of agreements it negotiated on our behalf.

I was pleased to hear that many Members of Congress understand this obligation, and have committed to this funding. But, the Federal Government's obligation to honor our treaty rights does not end there.

Invasive species, climate change, and pollution have caused a lot of damage to the fishery in Lakes Michigan and Huron. This has put a lot of pressure on our tribal fishermen, as whitefish stocks have declined in those lakes. It is not enough to defend our legal right to fish anymore. The Federal Government, and the State of Michigan, must take steps to protect and restore the fish themselves – without a healthy Great Lakes fishery, our treaty rights cannot serve their purpose.

During our visit to Washington, D.C., we urged members of Congress to continue to fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and to support efforts to reduce and prevent invasive species. I was disappointed to see that the President has proposed reducing funding for Great Lakes protection by 90 percent. But, I'm encouraged that members of Congress from both parties are working hard to make sure the Federal Government will continue this important work.

Bay Mills, along with our fellow treaty tribes, are going to work hard to ensure that the Federal Government and

the State of Michigan protect our treaty rights by protecting the Great Lakes fishery. It is our responsibility to take on this work for the benefit of the generations who will come after us.

In addition to our work in Lansing and Washington, D.C., we have been working with our neighboring governments here at home to improve services for everybody in our communities. I am pleased to share that we have acquired a new, state-of-the-art ambulance to serve Bay Mills Indian Community, Bay Mills Township, and Brimley. This would not have been possible without the cooperation of Bay Mills Township and Superior Township, which have shared the cost of purchase with us.

Our new ambulance will replace our aging rig, and will ensure that community members can get to the hospital safely and quickly in emergencies. With proper care and maintenance, this new ambulance will serve our communities for many years. Miigwetch to our partners on the Bay Mills and Superior Township Boards.

Please check out our tribal website, and my official Tribal Chairman Facebook Page for regular updates about what is going on here at Bay Mills. And, please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop-in to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns with me – I work for you. Miigwetch!

You can reach me at 906-248-8100 or bnewland@baymills.org. My official Facebook Page is "Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman."

BRIMLEY AREA SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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Any Parent or Guardian who has a child that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2018 is asked to attend with that child. Registration is by appointment only. You may call the school at 248-3217 to set up an appointment time.

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**Gathering will begin Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 5:00
With closing circle on Sunday, April 14, 2019 @ 11:00**

**For more information or to RSVP contact
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BMIC Executive Council discusses business

By Shannon Jones
Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Executive Council met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 11. It was the first time the council met for an open meeting in a month due to the closures related to weather. No meeting was held on the fourth Monday of February.

Prior to beginning the meeting, council took a moment of silence to honor those community members who recently passed on — Irving Teeple and Arlene Manabat.

After approving the agenda and meeting minutes from Feb. 11, council moved into reports.

Chairman Bryan Newland touched on several topics in his report, including:

— Health Center plans continue to move forward with efforts being made to secure funding sources at a significant savings;

— A tribal-state liaison meeting was held in Lansing on Feb. 20, which the chairman attended. The state also recognized the contributions of William “Bun” LeBlanc at this time for his work in state and federal government. LeBlanc, a BMIC elder, passed away earlier this year.

— A visit was made to D.C. with tribal attorneys to advocate for treaty rights with Congress;

— Consent Decree work is ongoing and meetings continue to be held; and

— Council participated in a strategic planning session.

Tribal Manager Duane Bedell noted the new ambulance would be on site in the coming days,

a collaborative effort between BMIC and the local townships. He also discussed communication efforts with the Department of Natural Resources in regards to trail grooming and a meeting with Bay Mills Community College officials about rolling out training modules online for staff.

Human Resources Director Kendal Perron updated council on his efforts to update the employee time management system, also known as Kronos. He is continuing to work with the company to get a much-needed update to the software, which will enhance options for managers and reduce technical issues. It will take approximately 10 to 12 weeks to get the software “live” once training is complete, as it is an extensive process to integrate the data. Perron also addressed possible changes in the minimum wage. This will be discussed in a working session with the council.

Chief Financial Officer Albert Bertram presented the IT budget for approval and discussed the use of BMCC interns for some departments. He also noted that Plantation Hills plans are nearly complete, with a possible savings to funding power on the hill in the form of grant monies.

Bay Mills Resort & Casino General Manager Richard LeBlanc said the casino is preparing for spring business, but is keeping an eye on possible winter hazards to the buildings. Some snow and ice build up on the buildings did cause an issue with ice dams, but insurance is covering the repairs. In the meantime, maintenance is being allocated to keep an eye on the areas of concern.

In action items, the following were approved:

— Attorney contract for Whitney Gravelle (this was previously approved, but needed a formal resolution for the BIA);

— Sliding Fee Policy for BMHC, with minimal changes;

— IT Budget;

— Game Rule 19, to address issues with maintenance on count machines;

— Tribal Action Plan;

— Budget for Kronos upgrades;

— Three grant submission proposals;

— Grievance Board appointments;

— Raffle License for the Pow Wow Committee;

— Donation request for the Brimley Bays Bas-

ketball team; and

— Poll votes were reaffirmed.

Prior to the concluding the meeting, discussion took place about the loss of traditions, culture and language, and the issue of cultural leave in respect to funerals. Council members agreed this should be addressed in some manner.

Another tribal member expressed his concerns about a lack of information and communication about a child his family fostered and later adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

The next meeting of the Bay Mills Executive Council will take place on Monday, March 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the tribal administration building.



BMPD OFFICER JUMPS FOR CHARITY — Bay Mills Police Officer Amanda Nemeth participated in the Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 16 in Sault Ste. Marie. Several local officers jumped in the icy pool in an effort to raise money for Special Olympics. Approximately \$1,200 was raised at the event.

Photo courtesy of Chippewa County Sheriff's Dept.



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OPINION

Presidential Harassment or Self-Inflicted Comeuppance?

By Sharon M. Kennedy

Recently, I read an article written by Byron York, a political correspondent for the conservative Washington Examiner based in Washington, D.C. York was voicing his opinion on the ill treatment of our president. He agreed that Mr. Trump is, indeed, the target of "presidential harassment." I don't watch television or follow anyone on Twitter, so I was surprised to learn our Leader and Chief Bully tweets that he is a victim of harassment.

The 1960 presidential election is the first one I remember when Adlai Stevenson sought and lost his bid to become the candidate on the Democratic ticket. Some readers will recall he was defeated by that upstart from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy. It was my opinion that Stevenson didn't stand a chance in his third bid for the nomination. He was too refined, too intelligent, and too scholarly. Even as a teenager of 13, I knew he couldn't compete with the handsome JFK and the Kennedy political machine.

But did Stevenson slink away and throw stones at the new president? Did he cry "victimization" and pout like a two year old who didn't get his own way? Did he refuse to serve JFK? No, he did not. He was appointed am-

bassador to the United Nations, a post he held for only four years. He died in 1965. To quote from a somewhat questionable source, Wikipedia, Stevenson was "The voice of a reasonable, civilized, elevated America. His gift to the nation was his language, elegant and well-crafted, thoughtful and calming."

I wish Donald Trump would take a long and honest look at himself. Self-examination is good for the soul. It exposes those areas in our life that need attention. Nobody is a saint. We all make mistakes, but very few of us lie, cheat, or rely upon "alternative facts" as our modus operandi. I wish Mr. Trump would read about honorable statesmen who, when given the opportunity to make America a beacon of hope and goodwill in the eyes of the world, were up for the task. To claim he is the target of "harassment" is to belittle all people who are truly harassed in the workplace, in the home, or by society. Few people court harassment. Mr. Trump is the exception.

So what does Adlai Stevenson's eloquence and intelligence have to do with Donald Trump? One man was a loser in his bid to become president. The other was successful. One was honorable in his defeat. The other bullied, mocked, and created mass frenzy in



his victory. A lot of years have passed since 1960 and a lot has changed in the political arena. Traits like valor, piety, sincerity, and honesty are rarely associated with today's politics or political candidates. Maybe they never were.

Is the man in the Oval Office "making American great again" or is he tearing it apart? Are his policies beneficial to all Americans or only a chosen few? Do his corrupt as-

sociates mirror his contempt for the law or are they merely disgruntled renegades? Show us your tax returns, Mr. President, and maybe your self-inflicted "harassment" will end and your well-deserved comeuppance will disappear

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The cheating parents of California

By Michael Reagan

The massive college admissions scam - where rich and famous people in California are being charged with cheating and paying bribes to get their kids into top colleges - is only the tip of what is said to be a really dirty iceberg.

And so far, President Trump is not being blamed for it by CNN.

But the admissions scandal tells us a lot about what's wrong with some of today's "elite" parents - and their spoiled kids.

Many wealthy moms, dads and partners think that unless their kids are accepted to a top school like Yale, Stanford or the University of Southern California, their kids will turn out to be losers or pieces of dirt.

They often pressure their kids: "You've got to go to college - and you have to go to this college."

The rich parents and TV stars being charged so far in the admissions scam apparently went the extra mile to make sure their kids got into the best school: they cheated their fat wallets off.

Dozens of parents paid between \$15,000 and \$75,000 to hire a college admissions prep company run by a crook who arranged for someone to take the college boards for their dumb kids.

Other parents paid huge sums that were used to bribe coaches at nine top schools to accept their kids as recruits to their athletic teams despite their nonexistent credentials.

Here in La-La Land, the actress Lori Loughlin, who played Aunt Becky on "Full House," and her husband allegedly agreed to pay bribes totaling \$500,000 to have their two daughters designated as recruits to the University of Southern California crew team.

For good measure, they sent in photos of the girls sitting on rowing machines. Trouble was, the only boat the kids were actually qualified to be on was the family yacht.

What the cheating parents of California did was not just criminal. It was also stupid parenting.

Buying their kids spots at Yale or USC might make sense if the kids already are geniuses, super talented in a sport or know exactly what they want to be in life - a computer software engineer, a neurosurgeon, a rocket scientist.

But in the vast number of cases, where 18-year-olds have no clue why they are going off to college, it wouldn't matter what school their parents sent them to.

It's not the "YALE" on junior's jacket or the "USC" on missy's sweatshirt that is going to determine how their lives turn out.

It's about who the kid is inside. And what he or she is going to become in life depends on how well they were raised and if they do the right things in college.

If they study, if they learn, if they are serious, if they don't blow their own or their parents' money by taking Mickey Mouse courses, they can get whatever they'll need for a successful start in life at a smaller private college like Creighton or a giant university like Arizona State.

You never know, some kid could study economics at some tiny private, non-profit Christian liberal arts college in Illinois and become president someday.

Which is what my father did.

He studied at Eureka College, then read books and kept learning his entire life.

He didn't have to go to Harvard or Yale with the Bushes, Kennedys and Clintons to become a success because his success was all about himself and his character.

Speaking of character, those substandard rich kids who benefited from the admissions scam are as guilty as their cheating parents. Not legally, obviously, but morally.

They received stolen goods - prestigious college educations that otherwise would have gone to others who were academically or athletically qualified.

To say they didn't know what was going on is idiotic. They were silent partners in their parents' crimes.

And getting tossed out of their schools ASAP, which they deserve, might actually teach them an important lesson about right and wrong that their cheating parents never could.

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Students of the Month announced for Brimley Area Schools

Haywood Hopper is a very sweet boy who follows classroom rules precisely. During lessons, he is always listening and following along. He has worked very hard this year to become a great student. This hard work has helped him make great gains in all areas. He continually produces quality Kindergarten work that is always very neat! He is also very responsible in all school settings which is appreciated by all staff! I can see him maturing daily in order to be prepared for first grade. Keep up the awesome work, Haywood! — Mrs. Hill

We all agreed that **Bobby Robbins** is a great friend to his classmate and fun to be around. Bobby is always ready to learn and loves sharing his knowledge of letters and reading with others. He is also helpful to students the other students during math class. Bobby is safe and responsible in the classroom as well as other parts of the school building. Bobby is constantly making good choices and is a very respectful student. We love having Bobby in our class! Keep up the great work! — Mrs. Leep

Myah Asmus is our 1st Grade Student of the Month for February. She is a very respectful girl who is consistently kind and shows it by always helping another friend when in need. I am proud to say that Myah is a very enthusiastic learner and responsible student. She always goes the extra mile with her work and does a great job! If something needs to be changed in her work, she does so with our complaining and turns in "proud work." Keep up the outstanding work, Myah!

Mrs. Castagne

Tessa Massey has been voted by her classmates as the Student of the Month of February in Ms. McPherson's first grade class! What a perfect role model and excellent choice. She is a leader in our classroom and is always ready to learn, body basics, and awesome listening. Tessa is respectful in school and on the playground where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard, and always has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hall, and bathroom. She is kind and helpful in our classroom and at school. She is always ready to lend a hand. We are thrilled to have Tessa in our classroom and look forward to her leadership every day. — Ms. McPherson

Lily Passmore is a great friend to many in the classroom. She works really hard on all of her assignments and never gives up. She has a wonderful personality and a "can do" attitude. She doesn't hesitate to ask for help when needed or when others in the class need assistance she is willing to step in to help. It has been a great pleasure to have Lily in my class and I'm happy to select her as my February Student of the Month. — Mrs. Schaedler

Hunter Hopper is a caring and respectful student who treats her classmates with kindness and respect. She is a student who is willing to do whatever is needed to help her classmates or the teacher. Hunter comes in each morning excited and ready to learn. She has excellent work habits and always does her homework. She is a wonderful example for her peers and can be counted on to follow directions the first time. Keep up the great work Hunter! — Mrs. Gross

Drake Cameron is an awesome young man. He is extremely polite and considerate of everyone. He always pitches in when help is needed for everyone. Drake also has a great

sense of humor and adds a lot of fun and excitement to our lessons and classroom atmosphere. He puts forth a lot of effort into his work and it shows. Congratulations Drake! — Ms. Peller

Gavin Emplit has been an awesome student since the beginning of the year. He is a fantastic student and is such a positive asset to our classroom. Gavin puts a lot of effort and thought into his school work. He makes sure that he not only completes assignments on time, but also ensures that he is doing them correctly. Gavin sets a good example for his classmates when it comes to following the Bays' Ways. He follows classroom rules and he is ALWAYS ready to learn. We are so fortunate to have Gavin in our classroom. He is a joy to have our classroom. Congratulations Gavin! Keep up the good work. — Mrs. Ver-Strate

Ava Elliot is always showing Bays Ways throughout the school day. She does quality work on her assignments and participates in class lessons. Ava is a good friend to her classmates and a great help around the classroom. Keep up the outstanding work, Ava! — Mrs. Alexia Jarvi

Kade Bowen has been working hard this year and it really shows! He takes the time to put his best effort into every assignment. Kade makes great contributions to our class discussions and is a great partner and group member. Kade volunteers to help and always goes the little extra with a smile on his face. I appreciate his positive attitude and upbeat personality and he helps make our classroom an enjoyable place to be! Congratulations Kade on earning Student of the Month. Keep up the good work! — Mrs. Rogers

Khloe Dumas is a wonderful student who always tries her hardest to follow the Bays' Ways by being safe, respectful, responsible, and ready to learn! Khloe is always willing to go the extra mile with a smile on her face! Khloe's classwork is top notch, and it shows as she has made the Honor Roll all year. Congratulations Khloe and keep up the good work! — Mrs. Rutledge

Dylan Kabelman is a student who enjoys participating in class and learning. He puts forth his best effort and consistently turns his assignments in on time. He portrayed Marco Polo in our Social Studies Fair and he worked very hard on his project. He made good use of his class work time and always volunteered to help others when they had technology issues. We appreciate his kindness and the respect that he shows others. We are very glad that he is in our class! — Mrs. Hope

Miss **London LeBlanc** is a very sweet young lady. She follows the Bays' Ways each and everyday. London plays in band. She also is the penguin mascot for the credit union. London can be trusted with any task. She offers a helpful hand a kind word to all! — Mrs. Osborne

Talissa Daniels works hard to be a good student. She does a good job of keeping up with her assignments and turning them in on time. Talissa is also a helpful student, both to her teachers and to her fellow classmates. She often jumps in and helps with a task without being asked to do so. It is a pleasure to have Talissa in the classroom. Keep up the good work, Talissa! — Mrs. Hutchins



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Bunker Mfg. celebrates 50th anniversary of incorporation

SAULT STE. MARIE — Bunker Manufacturing, Inc. celebrated its 50th anniversary of incorporation on Feb. 5.

The business started in a small building in Algonquin, when the original co-founders, Bob and Wanda Bunker, moved their four children into the back of the building into a two-bedroom apartment. They turned the front into a hardware shop and small machine shop. This is where Bob, as a young entrepreneur, began on the first of his inventions; utilizing his basement to produce an expandable leaf rake, which he then patented.

In the mid-60s, as the business started to grow, they moved into one of the former Camp Lucas barracks buildings, with a stop along the way at a location on 3 Mile Road. Bob began traveling to make sales calls; obtaining contracts for trencher teeth and automotive stampings. In 1969, the company was incorporated.

In 1974, the company moved to its current location (1501 W. 12th Street) in the Sault Ste. Marie Industrial Park. They were still manufacturing automotive stampings, as well as, held contracts for a large quantity of parts under the Dept. of Defense Tank Program. Bob also manufactured his second invention, a pneumatically controlled wire weaving machine for fireplace screens, which was destined to a factory in British Columbia.

In 1990, as Bob and Wanda desired to travel more, their son Kelley Bunker, daughter Brenda and her husband Jamie Coullard, took on management roles. At that time, the company became more diversified, adding structural steel metal fabrication for building construction to their services. Thereafter, Bob also began his third invention for a remote controlled “cart tug” for retrieval of shopping carts, which folks may have seen at Walmart.

In 2011, Brenda and Jamie Coullard became the sole managers of Bunker Mfg. Some of the more recent projects have been in supplying material for updates to railroad bridges and structural beams/columns for numerous buildings throughout the U.P. and Northern Lower Peninsula; including Mackinac Island. They held contracts with the Dept. of Interior, manufactured swing gates for wildlife refuges in North Carolina, stop logs and guides for the DNR Shiawassee River and the US Fish & Wildlife Dept., as well as, a navigational cell for the Neebish Island Light Cell.

Bunker has also been a sub-contractor, offering boring mill work and numerous machine shop related services during the Sault Locks winter shutdown and upgrading. From



2017 to 2018 they supplied materials for the West Center Pier Project, cover plates for the Poe Lock Electrical Project and fabrication/bushing work for the Poe and MacArthur Lock embedded gate anchorage replacement as well as quoin/miter blocks for the Poe Lock.

Brenda wants to recognize the fact that it was because of her parents, Bob and Wanda Bunker, the company exists and that she and husband Jamie are proud to still be a part of its success.

“We would also like to express a sincere and heartfelt ‘thank you’ to all who have and are an instrumental part of the company’s continued growth and success including employees, customer’s (large and small), family and friends,” she said.

TEDxLSSU speakers announced

SAULT STE. MARIE – TEDxLSSU will take place on April 5, at the Lake Superior State University Library from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local and non-local voices under the theme of “-isms”.

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a program of locally organized events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

Now in its fourth year, the theme for this year’s TEDxLSSU was inspired by our campus read, where we found ourselves engaged in conversation and debate around systems, philosophies, ideologies and theories that could be described with one word that inevitably ended in “ism”. The possibilities seemed endless, and as we received an abundance of fascinating proposals, we found this to be truer than we had anticipated. “The really difficult task for our committee was only getting to choose six speakers from the many excellent proposals we received,” said Teresa Yelverton-Johnson, one of the TEDxLSSU organizers.

Speakers at TEDxLSSU 2019 include:

- Ryan Byrne & Danial O’Brien – “Localism”: Building a collaborative and creative community; they are film-makers that hail from our sister city, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
- Blake Erickson – “Exceptionalism”: Exceptionalism and its role in achieving goals; Erickson is currently a senior at LSSU studying criminal justice and preparing for law school this fall.
- Dr. Justin Goldston – “Chainism”: How will YOU contribute to Web 3.0: The blockchain effect; he is a leading expert on blockchain technology and its inclusion in business enterprises.
- Betsy Huggett – “Defense Mechanism”: Fight, flight or freeze: Your body’s defense mechanisms; she is the executive director for Diane Pepler Resource Center, Inc., which serves the victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault.
- Megan Kinney – “Social Entrepreneurism”: Soo-cial Entrepreneurism: How microenterprise can spur innovation and growth in Sault Ste. Marie; she is a librarian with years of experience supporting community growth and engagement.
- Dr. Todd Zakrajsek – “Positivism”: Defining yourself: You are what you see; An alum of LSSC (Class of ’85), he is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine at UNC - Chapel Hill, providing resources for faculty related to teaching/learning, leadership and scholarly activity.



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Brimley Area Schools is currently accepting nominations for its 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award and its Athletic Hall of Fame



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**Mr. Brian Reattoir, Superintendent,
Brimley Area Schools,
7134 South M-221, Brimley MI 49715.**

Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2019

Brimley Area Schools hosts annual pow wow



Brimley Area Schools Native Studies instructor Sonja Killips held another successful school pow wow on Thursday, March 14. A great time was had by both community members and students as they enjoyed an afternoon of dancing, drumming, and Native foods.



OCS Spotlight Readers recognized for the month of February

Kindergarten: The Spotlight Reader for February is **Alex**. He has been making a lot of progress over the last few weeks working on recognizing words, sounding them out and reading his books with confidence. —Ms. Heikkinen

First Grade/Second Grade: **Chloe Duran-Causley** challenges herself and wants to improve her reading constantly. Her confidence has grown greatly. - Mrs. Dell

Third Grade: **Kendreya Teeple** is the third grade spotlight reader for February. I can always count on Kendreya to volunteer to read in class and try her best when it comes to reading. She enjoys sharing her love of reading with others by sharing and talking about what she is reading. Great work Kendreya! — Mrs. Bowen

Fourth Grade: **TJ McSorley** is working hard to improve his reading skills and putting in lots of extra effort. TJ enjoys reading and often spends his free time reading in class. Good job TJ! —Mrs. Bowen

Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade: **Samuel Malloy** was chosen for Spotlight Reader of the month because he is always wanting to read during his free time. He's always interested in learning new things while he's reading and constantly asking questions to learn more! Sam also enjoys letting me know about the new facts he learns while he's reading as well! — Ms. Hunter



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Ojibwe Charter School students and staff take part in Reading Month activities

March is all about reading at OCS. Throughout the month the days were filled with book-themed dress-up days, guest readers, and book fairs. Each March the school participates in activities to promote reading.



Brimley Area Schools Middle School/High School Honor Roll

7th Grade

Quarter 2: Stacey Bishop, Isabelle Caraccio*, Mila Croad, Grace Dumas*, Laila Duvall, Brendan Gross, Abigail Hoffman*, Kiara Hopper, Camela Kemp, Anna Keyser*, Raegan Kopitsch, Ceara LeBlanc, Kai Morrison, Meredith Newland*, Autumn Tremblay*, and Simon Whealy.

Semester 1: Hunter Baragwanath, Ajibik Biron, Stacey Bishop, Isabelle Caraccio*, Mila Croad, Grace Dumas*, Laila Duvall, Brendan Gross, Abigail Hoffman*, Kiara Hopper*, Camela Kemp, Anna Keyser*, Raegan Kopitsch, Ceara LeBlanc, Kai Morrison, Meredith Newland*, Autumn Tremblay*, and Simon Whealy.

8th Grade

Quarter 2: Savannah Albrough, Ella Bowen*, Katie Brueggeman, Julianna Carrick*, Vivian Carrick, Kenneth Clow, Grace Hill, Lindsey Hill, Kayleigh Hopper*, Sydney Hopper*, Elizabeth Johnson-Anargyros, Braedon Kemp*, Cameron King, Kaylee Komejan*, Betty Kovas*, Kelsie Lyons, Chloe Teeple, and Logan Thomson.

Semester 1: Savannah Albrough*, Ella Bowen, Julianna Carrick*, Vivian Carrick, Kenneth Clow, Grace Hill, Lindsey Hill, Kayleigh Hopper*, Sydney Hopper, Elizabeth Johnson-Anargyros, Braedon Kemp*, Cameron King, Kaylee Komejan*, Betty Kovas*, Kelsie Lyons, Chloe Teeple, and Logan Thomson.

9th Grade

Quarter 2: Stephanie Bishop, Gavin Burtscher, Colin Hopper, Carlie Keyser*, Caleb Lipponen, Sadie McGuire, Siersha Miller*, Dominic Morrison, Grady Newland, Luke Slater, and Alana VanderMeer.

Semester 1: Stephanie Bishop, Colin Hopper, Carlie Keyser*, Caleb Lipponen, Sadie McGuire, Siersha Miller*, Dominic Morrison, Grady Newland, Luke Slater, and Alana VanderMeer.

10th Grade

Quarter 2: Natalie Albrough, Zoe Bell, Carmen Cameron*, Justin Carrick, Jaden Fus, Kadin Goetz, Cameron Hoornstra, Torin Miller, Janine Napoletano, Mireya Saiz Gomez, and Dezman Skipper.

Semester 1: Natalie Albrough, Zoe Bell*, Austin Burley, Carmen Cameron, Justin Carrick, Jaden Fus, Kadin Goetz, Cameron Hoornstra, Torin Miller, Janine Napoletano, and Mireya Saiz Gomez.

11th Grade

Quarter 2: Victoria Aikens*, Tommissa Archambeau, Cole Brehm, Madison Brown, Philip Brown*, Zachary Gross, Jolie LeBlanc, Kallen Miller, Trevor Moran, Derek Postma*, Rebecca Sherman, and Dayton Parish.

Semester 1: Victoria Aikens*, Tommissa Archambeau, Cole Brehm, Madison Brown, Philip Brown*, Jaymie Cameron, Zachary Gross, Jolie LeBlanc, Kallen Miller, Trevor Moran, Derek Postma*, Rebecca Sherman, and Jacob Skonieczny.

12th Grade

Quarter 2: Samantha Biele, Samantha Bishop*, Jenna Cameron, Dylan Carrick, Kendra Carrick, Jessie Hall, Zoey Hall, Autumn Halvorsen, Marcus Harris, Tiia Hyvarinen, Jamie Johnson, Abigaile LaRue.

Semester 1: Samantha Biele, Samantha Bishop*, Jenna Cameron, Dylan Carrick, Kendra Carrick, Jessie Hall, Zoey Hall, Autumn Halvorsen, Marcus Harris, Tiia Hyvarinen, Jamie Johnson, Abigaile LaRue and Kristyn Van Sickle.

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Tribal members discuss the positive impact of Bay Mills Education Incentive Program

BAY MILLS — The Bay Mills Indian Community Higher Education Incentive Program is designed to provide financial awards of achievement to tribal members in pursuit of degrees of higher learning. The program did a recent survey of participants, asking to share their experience with the community.



Sandra Walden,
Boys & Girls Club Director
B.S. Psychology, Central Michigan University

In the fall of 1997 I met one of the goals I set for myself in 8th grade: attend Central Michigan University. In 2001, I met a second goal: graduate with a bachelor's degree in psychology. This would not have been possible without the assistance of the Higher Education Incentive Program.

When I decided to attend college away from home right out of high school, I had

no idea what I was getting myself into. I was overwhelmed with things I had never considered. The incentive program helped ease the burden. Gas, school fees and supplies, and more were things I did not have to worry about on top of my schoolwork. I was able to focus on being the best student I could. The incentive program also brought out my competitive side. I was motivated to work hard because I knew I had to turn my grades in. When I did, I wanted them to be the best so those in the Education office would see how hard I was working (and if I'm honest, I could show off a little). Today I am the Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills, using all the skills and knowledge I developed at CMU to give back to the youth in the community. I am so proud that I was able to come back to my community with all I learned and put it to use in such an impactful way. There was definitely a ripple effect: I was able to attend college because of the Incentive Program, which pushed me to work hard, which led to graduation, which provided me with the education and experience to help secure my selection as a program coordinator for Club, which prepared me to apply for the director's position.

I will be forever grateful for the opportunities that were afforded to me because of the Higher Education Incentive Program.

Debbie Wilson,
BMCC Dean of Student Services
Bay Mills Community College Associate of Applied Science (AAS) – Computer Applications Technology (2004); Associate of Arts (AA) Business Administration (2010); Central Michigan University, B.S. Organization Administration (2013)



The degrees I received had a huge role in my career path. I would not be where I am now without them. When I started college at BMCC, I had very little knowledge about computers and I wanted to learn more. That is when I knew I wanted to go back to college. In the end, I was able to apply all my college experience, education, and the skills and knowledge to my job that I have now, working in my community at Bay Mills Community College and providing support services to BMCC students.

The Incentive Program has helped me tremendously throughout my college years. The incentive money I received helped me financially and it also encouraged me to do my best each semester until I completed my education. The incentive money was spent toward my books, college supplies and gas money. I would like to thank the BMCC Higher Education Department for their assistance and support. The Incentive Program had a huge part in me completing my education.

I am a first generation to go to college in

my family. I was 30 years-old when I decided to go back. Raising my family and being a full-time student was a challenge. I had a goal. I wanted to complete my education and find a job working in my community. I did not give up. My advice is that it is never too late to go back to college. Seek out and find ways that can financially help you go to college and surround yourself with support from your family, friends, colleagues and community. I was very fortunate for all the assistance and support I received along my journey.

Albert Bertram, Chief Financial Officer,
Bay Mills Indian Community
Associate's in Business Administration - BMCC; Turfgrass Management - Golf, MSU; Business Administration, Management - LSSU; MBA, Accounting - U of M Flint; Education Specialist w/ Administrator Certification: Leadership - U of M Flint; Currently pursuing a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) U of M Flint.



I wouldn't be in my current position or in my previous two positions without the education the incentive program helped me obtain. With skyrocketing costs in higher education, allowed me to continue my education beyond where I would have on my own financially. I am extremely thankful for that support and I do my best to better the community that helped me obtain my education through my career.

When I first started at Lake State, I was living in poverty while working at Wild Bluff. I didn't have benefits or a retirement and this program helped me escape that.

Getting an education is only step one. Sharing knowledge and encouraging others to grow and learn is an important part of this for me. When I said I want to make my community better, that is done both by helping accomplish things and by sharing knowledge with others. I like to think that the impact of the incentive program isn't directly measured, but I want my positive experience to be multiplied and compounded over time with all the things I help accomplish and people I help grow. We should all strive to continuously learn and share information to grow together.

For more information about the Higher Education Incentive program please contact Shannon Belk at 906-248-8128 or sbelk@baymills.org.



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My 24-hour experience on the *Joseph L. Block*

By Sharon M. Kennedy

BRIMLEY — Many years ago when I was a youngster, the sound of a freighter's whistle blasting through my slumber did two things. First, it told me there was fog on the St. Mary's River and ships had to be careful as they went through the Soo Locks. Second, and certainly most important to a seven year old, the blast had awakened me from a sweet dream.

A year ago, Captain Raymond Sheldon of Escanaba invited me to sail aboard his ship, the freighter *Joseph L. Block* during the 2018 summer season. Before I knew it, summer was gone, November was here, and so was the Captain's renewed invitation. I hesitated because my driver to get me home from Port Inland was in Chicago. When the Captain called again, I knew if I didn't jump at the chance, the season would be over and so would my opportunity to sail on the Great Lakes. Although I've lived in Michigan for decades, the only time I was in a watercraft was 15 years ago when a friend tried to teach me how to paddle a canoe and that was a lost cause.

The Captain said the *Block* would be at the Cedarville quarry around 1800 hours, in other words, 6 p.m. EST. I don't drive at night so I arrived early and waited. The longer I waited the more nervous I became because of the dreaded rope ladder I thought I was going to climb to board the ship. Why did I think the ladder would be made of rope? I have no idea.

Anyway, when the ship was docked, I was ready. To my great relief, an aluminum ladder was lowered and down came deckhand Daryll Hixon, a pleasant chap who has sailed for 44 years. He held my satchel that held my purse and steno pad and up the ladder I went as spry as a gal of 17 instead of 71. I would have climbed all the way to the pilot house if one of the sailors on deck hadn't suggested I slow down and step on board. Hixon escorted me up at least three flights of metal stairs until we reached my final destination where Captain Sheldon greeted me with a smile and a hug.

Although I had been on the *Block's* sister ship, the *Wilfred Sykes*, I had never spent more than an hour on it so I wasn't sure what to expect. I forgot the *Block* was in port for a reason and it wasn't just to pick up an aging passenger. It was for a load of dolomite limestone from the Carneuse quarry.

Imagine my shock and surprise when I was told it would take approximately 15 hours to load and that was only if things went well, no belts broke, and nothing froze up. In cold weather it isn't uncommon for docks or loading rigs to lose power.

When the sailors aren't working, they either eat at one of the tables or get some food and take it to the lounge or their room. Chow is always available and there's a well-stocked refrigerator where they can help themselves to ice cream, frozen treats, yogurt, or whatever's there. Fresh groceries are regularly delivered from various vendors. The food basket is lowered and loaded.

The suite I inhabited is reserved for visitors and is much larger and more luxurious than the sailors' rooms. On the *Block*, two unlicensed men share a room with no frills. Licensed sailors like the Captain, mates, engineers, and the steward have their own rooms. The guest quarters are special. There's a large bedroom with two twin beds, a spacious bathroom, a "living" room with a table and four chairs, a couch, two easy chairs, end tables, and a large screen television. Direct TV is available. That room was surrounded by windows, not portholes, but large windows where guests can watch the calm or churning water. There's also a door leading to a small deck. I didn't open it because I didn't feel the need for a blast of fresh November air or to topple over the side, never to be heard from again.

The Captain gave me a tour of the pilot house and answered lots of questions. When I told him I was no good at standing, he pointed to his one-arm chair where I spent an hour quizzing him. Naturally, my first question was the one I asked everyone. Why did you opt for a career on a Great Lakes freighter? He explained his formative years were spent in Ludington at the family home on Lake Michigan. His father had been a ferry captain and the lure of the lakes intrigued young Ray from the start. There was no doubt in his mind that one day he would be at the helm of a Great Lakes freighter.

"In March of 1976, I entered the Maritime Academy in Traverse City," he explained. "I worked my way up from an ordinary seaman, to an AB, to Third Mate, Second Mate, First Mate, and finally Captain. I've been sailing these lakes for 42 years and being on the water is my passion. The scenery is always changing. No two sunrises or sunsets are identical. The color of the sky and lakes

changes with the weather. Lake Michigan is long and narrow, but the vastness of Lake Superior is beyond description until you sail those wide open waters and experience it for yourself.

"My favorite port has always been Escanaba where my wife, Debbie, is waiting for me. But last year we made our last run there when the Empire mine closed. Now most of our runs are between the Cedarville quarry and Port Inland in Gulliver where we load limestone and unload at Indiana Harbor. Upbound on Superior, we travel with a load of limestone to Duluth and return with a load of iron ore. People might not realize how important Great Lakes freighters are to our economy. Our cargo is blended with steel to make everything from kitchen appliances to beams for high-rise buildings. Shipping is the most economical way to move limestone and iron ore."



As I followed Captain Sheldon from one deck to another, his pride in the *Block* was obvious and for good reasons. The ship was spotlessly clean, his crew was respectful, and the general atmosphere was congenial.

He had forewarned the sailors an "investigative reporter" would be a guest. I don't know how much "investigating" I did, but the fellows I met didn't hesitate to answer questions. Some were serious and some were as unexpected as when I asked the Captain how many light bulbs were on the ship.

"There's at least 500," he said. "Some are florescent, new ones are LED to save on electrical costs, and the ones that haven't burned out yet are incandescent. Eventually all the lights will be LED." I asked about the bank of computers I saw in the pilot house. "We keep up to date with technology," he said. "We have the most sophisticated radar, communication systems, and electronic mapping screens. It's not like the old days. Now all we have to do is look at a computer screen and we can see where ships are on the lakes and what weather to expect.

"Over the years, I've seen a lot of changes in this industry. There aren't nearly as many ships now as in previous years when the lakes were thick with freighters owned by companies like U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel. Foreign countries have been dumping steel here for years, and if it wasn't for the Jones Act there would be even fewer cargo carriers flying the U.S. flag."

For readers who are unfamiliar with the Jones Act, it's a federal law from 1920 that regulates maritime commerce in U.S. waters and ports and prohibits foreign ships from transporting cargo between U.S. ports. It's important for Great Lakes freighters because it requires cargo ships to sail under our flag. Indiana Harbor Steamship Company technically owns the *Block* and was formed to meet the Jones Act requirement.

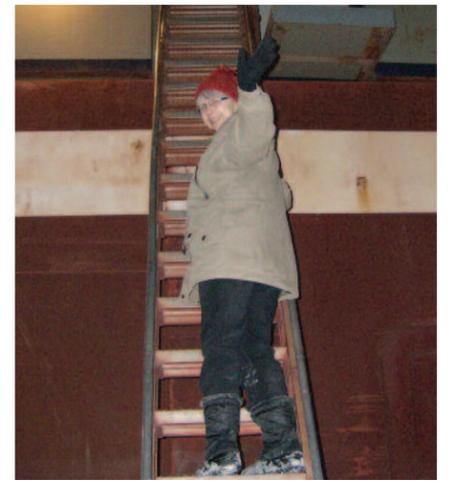
After seeing the pilot house, we went to the galley and then I went back to the guest quarters to call it a night. The room was as quiet as my bedroom at home and the ship made no movement. I could have been sleeping at a five star hotel instead of on a cargo freighter.

The bed was comfortable and I didn't hear the limestone being loaded because it was crushed and not in one or two inch pieces. When I awoke in the morning and looked out a window I saw open water and thought we were on our way. When I looked out another window and saw we were still loading, I realized we hadn't left the dock. I went to the galley for coffee and to meet Kevin Buchanan, the steward from Jamaica, and his assistant, Betty Benish from Indiana.

Kevin is a chef who has worked at some Michelin Star restaurants, cooked for Wolfgang Puck and President George W. Bush, and prepared a delicious salmon dinner for me. Betty bakes cookies, pies, cakes, and the best bread you'll ever taste. Kevin had been on the *Block* for only four months, but Betty's been cooking for sailors for 14 years.

My next stop was the engine room. Chief Engineer Joyce Estelle from Traverse City graduated from the Maritime Academy in 1996 and has sailed for 22 years. She was an outstanding guide and gave me an excellent tour. She explained what everything was. It was amazing to see what it takes to keep a ship running. Q-MED

(Qualified Member Engineering Department) Mike Warren, currently a resident of Tennessee, was on ballast. Joyce said the ship



was like a "floating city" because it's self contained. "We have our own water, sewer, electrical, and fire departments," she said. "We also have a first responder onboard and first aid for emergencies. If someone is seriously ill and we're not in port, we call the Coast Guard and they transport the sailor to a hospital." Joyce and Mike were the only ones in the engine room while the *Block* was docked.

Captain Sheldon had suggested I sail with them to Indiana Harbor but I wasn't sure how I'd take to the water so I opted to disembark at Port Inland. Although my time on the *Block* was short, there were many memorable highlights. Looking through the windows that surround the bridge gave me the same view the Captain and First and Second Mate see every day and what a view it is.

For readers unfamiliar with this freighter, the *Joseph L. Block* is a 728' self-discharging bulk carrier built in 1976 by the Bay Shipbuilding Company of Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. She has a cargo capacity of 37,200 tons and is powered by two diesel engines each having 20 cylinders for a combined total of 7,000 HP. Diesel capacity is 100,000 gallons. The self-unloading boom measures 250' and the 24 hatches open into seven cargo holds below deck. She has both bow and stern thrusters. The *Block* was commissioned for Inland Steel and was named for a former CEO and Chairman of the Board. A photo of Mr. Block hangs in the guest quarters. Safety is a high priority on the ship. A fire control and safety plan is posted on the decks as well as a Muster List that outlines the duties and responsibilities of crew members in case of an emergency. Once the ship leaves Sturgeon Bay at the beginning of a new season, mandatory drills are conducted monthly to practice for emergency situations.

From the shore, freighters look like they're gliding across the lakes as easily as skaters glide across a smooth ice rink, but the sailors know anything can happen. Weather can turn, machinery can malfunction, and problems can arise from human error. The crew has to be prepared for any emergency.

In August of 2015, Captain Sheldon responded to a boater in distress on Lake Michigan and diverted the *Block* from its course. A small vessel was sinking. Crew members rescued the lone boater and kept him aboard while awaiting the arrival of the Coast Guard to transport him to shore.

For their rescue, the Captain and crew received the Captain David P. Dobbins Award that "recognizes outstanding action accomplished while conducting a search and rescue mission on the Great Lakes." From the engine room to the pilot house, Captain Sheldon and his crew are dedicated to keeping the ship, each other, and distressed boaters safe. The lure of the water was the main reason given to me when I asked the sailors why they chose to sail.

From the crew of 22, I spoke with only a few, but each answer to that one question was the same. However, the life of a sailor is not for everyone. Sailors work seven days a week either on watch which means four hours on and eight off, or shifts which is what deckhands work and that can last 15 hours when cargo is being loaded in all kinds of weather. The crew hails from various parts of the country and it's not uncommon for a "newbie" to undergo a period of initiation. Sailors can leave the ship when it's in port if their shift or watch is over. When I saw bicycles hanging below deck, Joyce said some fellows ride them to town when in port.

I want to thank everyone who made my stay on the *Joseph L. Block* a memorable one. A special thank you to Captain Raymond Sheldon for extending the invitation. As he said during one of our conversations, "You are reacting to the ship, not the ship to you." In other words, the man who is responsible for the cargo and everyone on board has to be a knowledgeable person capable of remaining calm in every situation and adept at communication.

This story is dedicated to Capt. Sheldon's wife, Debbie, who passed away on Feb. 12.

Running program open to girls in grades 3 to 5

SAULT STE. MARIE – Girls on the Run is currently registering 3rd to 5th grade girls who like to have fun, be active and discover their limitless potential for its Spring 2019 season, which begins the week of April 8th.

“Girls on the Run is so much more than a running program,” said Cindy Merkel, executive director.

During the 10-week program, the girls, led by nationally certified volunteer coaches, learn about themselves, how to build healthy relationships, be part of a team and the importance of giving back to their community. They learn that it is not okay to gossip and bully and they learn how to stop and take a BrThRR (breathe, think, respond, review) whenever faced with peer pressure.

Girls on the Run, Merkel explained, uses running and other physical activities as a platform for teaching critical life skills and healthy living. While the girls are learning about their “wonderfully, unique selves and discovering their limitless potential,” they are also preparing themselves for the season’s culminating event, the 5K Celebration.

“The 5K Celebration provides the girls with a tangible understanding of the confidence that comes through accomplishment,” said Merkel. “Each girl completes the 3.1 miles at a pace that is just right for her. At Girls on the Run, every girl finishes first.”

This year, thanks to community support, coaches can ensure that no child is turned away from the program due to financial considerations. Scholarships up to \$140 for any child that may need it are available simply by registering the child or contacting the local Council. The full program fee is \$150.

It has been a concern, Merkel noted, that families may experience sticker shock when they see the program fee.

“We always emphasize that the actual fee paid is based on what the family can afford.

Our full program fee, which is consistent with most Councils across the country, is based on a recommendation from the program’s parent organization, Girls on the Run International.”

For more information about the program and to register for the Spring 2019 season, visit www.gotrmichUP.org/Our-Locations or call the Upper Peninsula Council at 906-632-8109.

Candidates for Cloverland seats announced

DAFTER – Cloverland Electric Cooperative announces the members nominated by petition and eligible for election to its board of directors later this spring. Only one candidate may be elected in each membership district.

The candidates are presented by membership district in alphabetical order by last name. Information about the candidates will be published in the May-June issue of the co-op’s Cloverland Connections magazine and included with the mailed ballot.

District A:

- Dale Carlson (DeTour Village)
- Jason St. Onge (Mackinac Island)

District B:

- Carmine Bonacci Jr. (Sault Ste. Marie)
- Linda Hoath (Sault Ste. Marie)

District C:

- Allan Ott (Manistique)
- Kevin Vanatta (Newberry)

As a not-for-profit, democratically-controlled utility, Cloverland Electric is governed by a nine-member board. Its service area is divided into three membership districts, and each district is represented by three directors elected by the members of his or her district to serve a three-year term. One seat is up for election in each district every year.

Voting will take place in May by mailed ballot. Ballots must be received by the cooperative’s election service provider no later than May 31. Cloverland members have until the date of record — Friday, March 29, 2019 — to update their membership records if there have been any changes over the past year. If a membership is held jointly, such as with a spouse, then either member may cast the vote for the membership. The name(s) of those eligible to cast the vote for the membership will be printed on the ballot. Businesses, associations, firms, partnerships, governmental units and other entities must file a voter designation letter with the cooperative on its stationery by the date of record confirming the authorized voting representative. A sample letter is available on the cooperative’s website — <https://cloverland.com/documents-and-forms>.

Election results will be announced at the co-op’s annual meeting of the members on June 6, and shared with members through the local media, its magazine, website and social media channels.

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Walking On

Peter John Pine

Peter John Pine passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at his home in Sault Ste. Marie, after a long and arduous battle with cancer. Peter was born in Sault, Mich., on April 8, 1954. Peter was cared for by his family and friends, and was very thankful to everyone who helped him the past couple of years. Peter was a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, attended Bay Mills Community College, and worked in several different fields over his life time, some of which include: carpet layer, glass blower, manufacturing at IBM, and security guard at Sault Tribe's Kewadin Casinos.

Peter is survived by his beloved daughter Caroline Popke of Bell, Fla.; three grandchildren: Lilli, Nick, and Gabe; his sisters, Mary Shipp, Princess Pine (Harriet Moran), Chiquita Allred, Margaret Scott; and one brother, Norman Pine, and many nieces and nephews.

Peter is predeceased by his grandson, Mason Popke; parents, Alex and Nancy Pine; brothers, Alex Pine, James Pine, Robert Pine, and Albert Pine; sisters, Sophie Kizior and Lavina Mikolay-Brown.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Interment will be at the Wilwalk Cemetery on Sugar Island. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

Irving Allen Teeple

Irving Allen Teeple, 63, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2019. He was born on July 14, 1955.

Irving was predeceased by his parents, Richard Lawrence Semasky, Sr., and Frances Jane Semasky, as well as his brother Robert.

He is survived by his children: Christopher (Crystal) Teeple, Stephanie Teeple, and Giselle Teeple; grandchildren: Kelsi Teeple, Logan Teeple, and Myles Teeple; siblings: Michael Semasky, Richard (Lydia) Semasky, Jr., John Semasky, Dale (Heather) Semasky, Elaine (Elmer) Lehre, Irene (Ron) Semasky, and Joy Hunt. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, and former spouses Kim, Giselia, Karen, Susan, and current wife Cindy.

Irving was a retired veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired in 1999 after 25 years of service in the military. His assignments were 1/50 RECON, DIV G3 Plans and Operations, 3rd BDE, 3-505th Airborne, 2-505th Airborne, 1-508th Airborne

(RED DEVILS) Panama, and the 3rd SOSOC. He spent most of his military career stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

There will be a private gathering amongst family and friends, with military honors, upon the arrival of his children. Anyone wishing to participate may contact any of the family members for details regarding the gathering.

Arlene Margaret Teeple Manabat

Arlene Margaret Teeple Manabat, 82, passed away early Tuesday morning on Feb. 27, 2019. She was born on Dec. 13, 1936, in Bay Mills, Michigan within the Bay Mills Indian Community to parents Edith Teeple and Paul Gringras. Arlene was forward thinking and persevered regardless of the historical and generational trauma that affected so many of our native relatives. She had no choice but to endure, and through this perseverance, she remained strong and steadfast in her spirit, which reflected through her children, grandchildren, and anyone in her heart she adopted, touched and loved, that she, Arlene, Prayer Warrior will be joining our ancestors and going home. Her influence will continue and will be honored through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren siblings, cousins, and attended family and relations. May Arlene's travels be all that she dreamed of and more. Her family's prayers and good intentions follow her into the spirit world with love, honor, humility, and respect.

Services have taken place. Burial will take place later this year at Mission Hill Cemetery.

The family of Arlene M. Manabat would like to say Chi-Miigwetch to family, friends, and our community for your generous love and support during our Mom's/Gramma's journey on from this life. The outpouring of affection, good food, and stories shared was greatly appreciated!

Mary Beth Rose Andrews

Mary Beth Rose Andrews, 54, of Bruce Township, died Feb. 26, 2019 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, after a two-month battle with pneumonia. Her family was by her side.

Mary Beth was born in Dearborn, Mich., April 22, 1964, to Stephen and Clara (Toth) Balog.

Mary Beth was a teacher at Brimley Area Schools, teaching middle school science and middle school/high school art. She would take her middle school students on a science camping trip to the Keweenaw Peninsula to meet with Michigan Tech. science instructors and to scour the landscape for rocks, to which she would wonder how come her students found all the "good"

rocks.

She enjoyed gardening, building fairy houses, and was the holiday pie maker.

She was our bargain hunter extraordinaire. If you wanted something she would find it at some garage sale, if she thought you might like it she got it for you even if you didn't know you needed it.

Often an antique she found would be "borrowed" by her father-in-law to use on the family farm. She was the keeper of the birthday dates and organizer of the birthday celebrations. She was a 3-time survivor of cancer.

In 1996, Mary Beth married the love of her life, Timothy Andrews. They have one son, Gordon who was her second great love.

Surviving Mary Beth are her husband Timothy Lee Andrews and son Gordon R.T. Andrews of Bruce Township; her father, Stephen Balog (stepmother Karen); brother, Stephen J. Balog (Pam); and sister, Michele Munkarah (Adnan).

She is also survived by loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of long-time friends. The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made in her name to Road to Recovery, 500 Osborn Blvd., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or HOPE AACR for Chippewa County MI. Nick Meier, Regional Director, 1921 E. Steel Rd., DeTour, MI 49725

A memorial service will be held in the spring, Mary Beth's favorite time of year.

John Collyer White

My name is John Collyer White. I was born Jan. 31, 1949 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. I graduated from Soo High in 1967 and spent four years in the United States Navy. Later I graduated from Lake Superior State University in 1988 and again in 1990.

So, I have gone to my Maker and thank Him for the life He gave me.

My Mom and Dad, Mary Jane and Paul and my sister Kathy have gone on before. So, this is about the ones I have left behind.

To my brothers Bill and Tim: You have been not just my brothers, but my best friends. Thank you for the love and support you have given me.

To my incredible wife Lise: I love you beyond words. You gave me so much of yourself and inspired me to always be better than I was. You have been my rock and my best friend. There are no words to describe how grateful I am for the love and support you gave me!

To my daughter Serena: You have always been the light of my life! I love you beyond words. Thank you for Logan and Ryker our two beautiful grandsons, and thank you for all the

love and support you have given me.

To my children Tyler and Jacqueline: Thank you for the love and support you have always given me. Love you. Jacqueline, thank you for Louen and Esmé our two beautiful grandchildren.

To the Berthelots: Thank you for allowing me into your lives and for all the love and support you have given Lise and me.

To BC, Tony, Sharpie, David, Coach: Thank you for the friendship, support and prayers you have given me.

To Biff and David: Thank you for the many, many years of friendship!

I was blessed to have spent the last few years of my working life at Bay Mills Community College among a great group of people. Bay Mills always felt like home to me. Stephen, Nancy, Jan, Brent, Stephanie, Jeanie and Samantha, thank you for the friendship, love, support and prayers you have given me. And to the many students that passed my way through the years: You all touched my heart in some way and inspired me to be a better teacher.

There are many others I have been blessed to know through church, music and sports, who have filled my life with inspiration and friendship. Thank you all.

Services have taken place.

In lieu of flowers please donate to <https://www.curesarcoma.org/way-to-give>. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com

Kenneth Allen Teeple Sr.

Kenneth Allen Teeple Sr., 72, of Bay Mills, Mich., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019 peacefully in the care of the compassionate nursing staff at Hospice of Sault Ste. Marie. Ken was born on Sept. 19, 1946 to Lehman J. and Frances L. (Perrault) Teeple in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Ken enjoyed spending time with his family and taking leisurely drives with his wife Linda Teeple. Ken is survived by his three children; sons: Jerry Jesse, Ken A. (Sarah) Teeple, Jr. and daughter: Vicki L. (Brad) Sommers and three of his siblings; sisters: Theresa Teeple, and Julie (Richard) Timmer, Brother: Dale Teeple. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Teeple in 2018.

Services have taken place with Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

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Women Today Retreat planned for April at LSSU

SAULT STE. MARIE — The 46th annual Women Today Retreat, an inter-denominational Christian ministry, will be held on April 12 to 14 at Lake Superior State University's Cisler Center in Sault Ste. Marie. The theme for the retreat is "Regret Free Living" based on Philippians 3:13b.

The featured speakers are Kirsten and David Hart from Branson, Missouri. The Hart's are the co-hosts for the Zola Levitt Presents television program seen on the ABC Family Network/Freeform, Daystar Network and hundreds of independent channels around the world. Along with the weekly television broadcasts, they also host two tours a year to Greece, Israel, and Jordan. For more information on their ministry with Zola Levitt Presents and the tours, visit www.levitt.com. Visit www.DavidandKirstenHart.com to find out more.

An author of eight books, speaker and singer, Kirsten, has been able to travel with some of America's premier Christian singing groups. For more on Kirsten's Women's Events, visit www.kirstenhart.com. As a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, David Hart has been active in the Christian music world since 1978, when he joined the well-known group, TRUTH. Dave has combined his touring experience with serving in the local church as a Minister of Music. He brings a depth of knowledge from also working with Senior Adult Ministries on a local, state, and national level. In Branson, David led worship for Gaither Vocal Band's Gary McSpadden, as well as other Christian artists. At the Women Today Retreat, Kirsten will also minister in song. The Women Today Praise Team will lead in worship as well.

Mini-session topics include Kirsten doing three mini-sessions on Saturday: Reinventing You (1), Reinventing You (2), Reinventing You (Q & A). As in past years, attendees have the opportunity to meet in assigned Friendship Circles for fellowship and prayer. Cook Christian Supplies will again be open in the Cisler Center during the Women Today Retreat. Christian books, Bibles, music, and gift items will be available.

The public is welcome to browse and shop. The bookstore will be open on Friday from 4 until 9 and again on Saturday from 8:30 am. until 9 p.m. Women interested in attending the retreat are urged to register early. Postmark deadline is April 1, 2019. Registration plans include meetings only, or meetings with meals. For more information, please check out the website: womentodayinc.org or visit their Facebook: Women Today, Inc. Retreat or contact Lynn Kurtz at 906-248-6651.

Musicians to play at Arts Center

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Arts Center at Lake Superior State University presents Country Royalty. Country Royalty performs the hits you remember from the golden days of country music and takes the stage at the Arts Center April 8 at 7 p.m.



"This should be a real crowd pleaser! It's great music and we have lots of folks in the area that love country – so we're very excited!" said Arts Center Director, Spencer Christensen. "We will have two of the biggest legends of country music on the Arts Center stage at the same time...Hank Williams and Patsy Cline and seven piece band will perform the top-of-the-charts hits!"

Free parking is available in Lot K, in front of the Arts Center, and Lot E, behind the Cisler Center. The Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free for LSSU students, \$27 for adults, \$23 for seniors, and \$10 for children 17 and under. For directions, tickets, and more information please visit www.lssu.edu/arts-center or call 906-635-2787.

On April 9, Take 3 performs at the Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Comprised of Lindsay Deutsch (violin), Lila Yang (cello), and Christopher O'Riley (piano), Take 3 is taking everything you thought you knew about a classical music concert and throwing it out the window.

These three award winning musicians do adaptations of yesterday's and today's hits in a Classical-Pop crossover genre, bending all the rules.

Take 3 has toured around the world for years and members have appeared in major music venues such as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Radio City Music Hall in New York, Venice Performing Arts Center, and the Greek Theater in Los Angeles.

"Take 3 is burning hot with passion, fashion, and excitement. A perfect assortment of the classics, pop culture, and virtuosity." Bahman Saless, conductor of the Boulder Chamber Orchestra.

The Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free for LSSU students, \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for children 17 and under. For directions, tickets, and more information please visit www.lssu.edu/arts-center or call 906-635-2787.

The productions were made possible with the generous support from the MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, Fund for LSSU, and the Duncan MacLaren Family Fund for the Performing Arts.



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IHS Model Agreement CY 2018 - Annual Report

A contract was entered into by the Bay Mills Indian Community and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Indian Health Service.

The following Programs, Functions, Services and Activities were performed:

A. Health Management: Provide overall administrative services for Tribal Health and Human Services Programs. Services included overall supervision, coordination, management, and monitoring of all Tribal Health and Human Services Programs. Approximately \$457,669.43 was expended on administration related activities. This include support of 7.7 employees.

During the CY 2018, there was about an 18% staff turnover including key positions such as a substance abuse counselor, hygienist, turnovers with billing and reception staff and LPN's. We have implemented automated texting patient appointment reminders in medical, behavioral health and pharmacy and have improved upon this service in 2018. We have implemented a patient portal where our patients can access their medical information. Bay Mills Health Center contracts with a Traditional Healer that is supported 2.5 days per month. We contract with War Memorial Hospital to provide psychiatry 8 hours per week. This is the second year of psychiatric service. There is an additional need for a child psychiatrist in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

B. Primary Medical and Dental Services: A full time ambulatory clinic was operated to provide medical and dental care to eligible individuals. Routine medical and dental care was provided with an emphasis placed on preventive care with a total of 3 FTEs medical providers and 1.7 FTE dental providers in 2018.

Services were also available to non-Native Americans on Fee for Service and Value Base Care. Efforts were made to capture all possible third party revenue. Revenue generated by clinic services is reprogrammed into operating expense and allocated towards a New Health Facility. The Bay Mills Health clinic was staffed in accordance with tribal priorities, availability of funds and demand for services.

In 2018, the Medical Clinic served 1,899 patients with 8,136 patient visits. The Dental Clinic served 1,799 patients with 5,340 visits.

The Health Center maintains accreditation through the Joint Commission in Ambulatory Health Care, Behavioral Health Care and Primary Care Medical Home.

Approximately \$4 million was received during 2017 for medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health services through third party billing.

C. Purchased/Referred Care (PRC): In order to provide comprehensive health services to eligible individuals, a Purchased/Referred Care Program was maintained. Health services as defined in this section may be purchased through other health providers when the Bay Mills Health Clinic cannot provide such services. Purchased health services may include hospitalization, specialized physician and dental care, pharmacy, optometry, and patient transportation. The BMHC does not pay for any service that can be provided on site for Tribal Members, unless approved by the Health Board. Services procured will be in accordance with IHS regulations and tribal priorities, which will be determined by the Health Board annually on the basis of need and availability of funds. The Health Board approved priority IV for Chiropractic Services with the referral coming from the clinic. This approval is in response to offering an alternative service for Pain. Approximately \$719,900.67 was expended for PRC purchased services, including \$259,758.73 in prescription purchases for tribal members at the Health Center Pharmacy.

D. Substance Abuses Services: Substance abuse services were provided to eligible individuals and consists of intensive outpatient, outpatient counseling, relapse prevention, youth prevention, crisis and referral services. Emphasis is placed on prevention services. The Access to Recovery Program ended and was replaced by a State Targeted Response Program. The state limited the use of funding for inpatient care unless patient has an opioid diagnosis. Program administration will focus on quality of care and continued services. The Substance Abuse Program served 73 clients, totaling 686 visits in 2018. The decreased numbers of visits are reflected as growth in Mental Health as providers are cross trained in co-occurring diagnoses and have Master Level degrees.

E. Mental Health Services: Mental health services consists of outpatient therapy, psychological testing, psychiatry, counseling, family therapy, play therapy, prevention and outreach which are available to eligible individuals. The full time Behavioral Health Coordinator under the HRSA Community Health Center grant funds works closely with our medical clinic staff to integrate behavioral health and primary care. This program served 368 patients and had 3,478 visits.

F. Community Health Services: Community health services consisted of educational programs focusing on prevention and healthy behavior and targeted at the entire community. Programs and activities are provided to the community through outreach, home based and transportation services. The BMHC is looking to employ an additional transporter.

G. Pharmacy: On-site pharmacy services are provided to the Native American and non- Native American patients of the Health Center. PRC funding was used to pay for pharmaceuticals for Native American patients. Bay Mills Health Center Pharmacy offers 340 B, discounted prescriptions.

H. Environmental Health Program (Sanitarian): Field Environmental Health Sanitarian Services are provided in accordance with IHS criteria through a subcontract arrangement with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. These services provide for various inspections/surveys of tribal facilities and training. Copies of these inspections may be viewed in health administrative offices. The total of this contract was \$38,000 annually.

I. Emergency Medical Services: Twenty-four hour emergency medical services are available including advanced life support.

Funding Amounts Available in Calendar Year 2018 was \$2,676,237.

Submitted by:

Audrey Breakie, MA

Health & Human Services Director, Bay Mills Indian Community

Announcements

Mobile mammography unit

The Bay Mills Health Center will be hosting a Mobile Mammography event on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10.

If you are a woman over the age of 40, and due or overdue for your annual mammogram, please contact the Bay Mills Health Center at 906-248-8364 to make your appointment for May 9 or May 10.

This opportunity is available to all tribal members, casino employees, and other residents of the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Mammograms take only 20 minutes. By making your appointment with the clinic it will ensure that this screening is done at no cost to the patient.

The mobile mammography unit provided by Spectrum Health Betty Ford Care Services will be providing mammograms to women in the Hannahville Indian Community prior to the arrival at Bay Mills on May 9.

Those looking for more information on the opportunity to get their mammogram at Bay Mills Health Center on May 9 and May 10 should reach out to Betty Jahnke, BSN, RN, Supervisory Case Manager, Bay Mills Indian Community at 906-248-8364 or at bjahnke@baymills.org

Sturgeon Harvest Application period extended

Bay Mills Indian Community will be issuing one sturgeon tag for the 2019 season (season beginning on May 3rd) on Black

Lake. Interested tribal members can apply at the Bay Mills Conservation office. The application period will end at 4 p.m. on April 2. The drawing will be held on April 3rd, at the regularly scheduled Conservation Committee meeting.

Get a free smoke alarm

Superior Township Fire and Bay Mills Fire are teaming up with the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. This is available to all residents of Superior Township, Bay Mills Township and Bay Mills Indian Community free of charge. The group will be doing smoke alarm installation on March 30. Please contact Superior Township Hall at 906-248-5218 or Squeak from the Red Cross at 906-293-1676 to get on the list.

Report water issues online or via phone

Bay Mills Indian Community water customers can now report if they are experiencing issues via phone or online. The number to report issues is 906-248-8179. You can also utilize the online reporting form available at www.baymills.org on the upper left side of the page.

Journey to Healing programs held

- Teen Empowerment Group held at the cultural building for teenagers 11 to 17 every Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m.

- Women's Support Group, every Monday, 5:30 p.m. at the cultural building.

Sports gear donations and giveaway

Play it forward! A sports equipment drive is being held from April 1 to May 15, noon to 8 p.m. at the Kinross Recreation Center, 43 Wood Lake Road in Kincheloe. Sports gear such as basketballs, gloves, cleats, helmets, skates, shin guards, shoes, dance gear, lacrosse and swimming gear is all accepted. Donations must be in good condition.

Donated gear will be made available for pick-up for all families in need. Items will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, May 15, 4 to 8 p.m. for grades Pre-K to 12.

For more information, contact DeeDee Frasure at 906-495-5350 or email rec@kinross.net.

This program is brought to you by the Kinross Building Healthier Communities Coalition.

Save the date- training opportunity

Bay Mills Indian Community will be hosting a training at Michigan State University from June 19 to 21 titled "Trial Advocacy Skills: Opioid and Violent Crimes Training."

This interactive training is designed to improve the effective prosecution of cases involving illegal narcotics, violent crime, and to enhance tribal justice systems.

Featured trainers include Jeff Davis, Collette Routel, Gina Allery, Ron Whitener and more.

The training is free, but space is limited. For more information and to register, visit www.twgtrainings/baymillstrialadvocacy or

email.trainings@whitenergroup.biz.

Training is sponsored by BMIC and the OJS Tribal Justice Support.

Job Fairs announced

UPWARD Talent Council Michigan Works! will be hosting job fairs locally:

- Mackinac County Job Fair

Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace

April 9, 2019

2 to 4 p.m.

- Luce County Job Fair

American Legion Post 74 in Newberry

April 18, 2019

4 to 6 p.m.

Employers interested in meeting local qualified candidates can register for a FREE table at one or multiple job fairs by calling 906-635-1752 or visiting bit.ly/CLMS2019JobFair.

Cardboard now being accepted

Have you heard the news? Recycling cardboard just got a whole lot easier! Bay Mills Maintenance Department is now accepting all corrugated cardboard from both tribal and non-tribal folks free of charge! You can feel twice as good about recycling with Bay Mills because your cardboard supports other maintenance and waste management efforts at BMIC! Drop off your cardboard in the white garage behind the BMIC trash compactor. Open same hours as the trash compactor. For more information contact 906-248-8154.

Community learns about cancer prevention at annual Cancer Awareness Health Fair

BAY MILLS— Early detection is key to combatting cancer.

Bay Mills Health Center hosted their Cancer Awareness Health Fair on Thursday, March 14 at the Horizons Conference Center in Bay Mills Resort and Casino. This year's fair was a partnership with the Bay Mills Health Center, the American Cancer Society, and Prevent Cancer Foundation.

"There are two quotes that always stick out to me when I think of cancer prevention, 'early detection is the best protection' and 'everyone deserves to be an elder' (Bad River Tribal Health Center). I like these quotes, because with early detection of cancer, everyone can become an elder," said Betty Jahnke, BSN, RN, supervisor case manager at Bay Mills Health Center.

Prevent Cancer Foundation showcased

their Prevent Cancer Super Colon®, an interactive educational tool that travels to communities across America with the message that colorectal cancer is Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable!® The Prevent Cancer Super Colon® provided community members with an up-close look at:

- Healthy colon tissue
- Tissue with non-malignant colorectal disease like Crohn's and colitis
- Colorectal polyps
- Various stages of colorectal cancer

The Cancer Awareness Health Fair also featured many booths related to cancer awareness, door prizes, and included decorating lanterns to honor someone.

If you missed out on the fair, but would like more information on prevention, please contact Bay Mills Health Center.



Pictured left to right, Angie Johnston, Betty Jahnke, Audrey Breakie, and Brenda Brining from Bay Mills Community Health; a division of the Bay Mills Health Center. The Prevent Cancer Super Colon® is an exhibit provided by the Prevent Cancer Foundation to help promote regular colorectal cancer screenings and conversations with patients and doctors on how to prevent colorectal cancer, and is used to promote the month of March as colorectal cancer awareness month.



There are so many reasons to stay healthy with diabetes.

Living well with diabetes begins by finding out as much as you can about it.

Talk with your health care provider or local diabetes education program.

**Bay Mills Health Center
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906-248-5527

Teresa Besler, RD, Nutritionist

Gina White, BSN, RN, Patient Health Educator

Betty Jahnke, BSN, RN, Case Manager

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