

# BAY MILLS NEWS

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## Investigation continues into Straits spill

By Shannon Jones  
*Bay Mills News*

BAY MILLS — Concerns about pollution in the Straits of Mackinac became a reality on April 1, as American Transmission Company reported a leak of mineral-oil based fluid to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Approximately 500 gallons of fluid was released into the lake from the transmission lines before the spill was contained. ATC has two power lines that connect the Upper Peninsula to lower Michigan, which are composed of six separate cables on the lake bed.

For more than a year locals and environmentalists have voiced their concerns regarding Enbridge's Line 5 that runs across the Straits. The ATC report took many by surprise as the existence of the lines was not common knowledge to the public. The spill only reinforced calls to

not only shut down Line 5, but find another solution to how ATC runs their electric lines.

"The recent chemical spill in the Straits shows just how risky it is to run oil pipelines beneath the Great Lakes. It took nearly a week to assess the situation with the ACT chemical spill," said Bryan Newland, Bay Mills tribal chairman. "Had this been a leak from the Line 5 pipeline in the dead of winter, it would have been catastrophic."

While ATC placed the two lines out of service once the spill was discovered, it took days to get to the site of the spill due to ice and weather conditions. The environmental impact of the spill remains to be seen, although the Coast Guard believes the amount of dilution reduced the risks.

This is the first time ATC has reported damage to their lines. Enbridge also suspects their lines were damaged in the same

incident, with both lines suffering dents.

Taking heat for the damage is Vandenkevoort Tug and Barge, Inc., which is suspected of dropping and dragging anchor on the lake bed. On April 16, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette sent a letter to the company notifying it of "potential liability for discharge of injurious substances to waters of the State."

The company, if found at fault, can face civil and criminal penalties for the leak.

The Coast Guard investigation is independent of the state and could result in additional federal charges.

The investigation into the incident and the overall impact is ongoing, but Newland hopes this incident doesn't go unnoticed.

"We need to learn the right lesson from this event - oil and chemical pipelines have no place beneath our Great Lakes," he said.



CHAMPS — On April 7, robotics Team 4392 Brimley Deceivers placed first at the LSSU District Tournament and won the Quality Award. Fast forward a week, and the winning continued. On April 14 the team traveled to Saginaw, and out of 508 Michigan First Robotics teams, the Deceivers won their Division and went on to place second in the State Championship with their team alliance. The accomplishment earned the team a bid for the World Competition being held in Detroit from April 25 to 28. Brimley will face teams from all over the United States and 80 other countries.

# Executive Council discusses tribal matters

By Shannon Jones

Bay Mills News

BAY MILLS — Bay Mills Executive Council met for regularly scheduled meetings on March 26 and April 9.

After approving the prior meeting minutes on March 26, Chairman Bryan Newland delivered his report. He noted that BMIC continues to voice their concern over Enbridge and that he had recently traveled to Lansing regarding the issue. He also noted that Bay Mills Construction is working to get a certification that would allow the tribe to bid on MDOT contracts in the future.

In the Tribal Manager report, Albert Bertram touched based on several items. One item, which is of interest to many community members, is the possibility of in-home nursing care availability on the reservation. Bertram is working with fellow manager Sharon Teeple on establishing a program. Bertram reported he is also still working on the Property Assistance Program, looking into jail costs, acquiring quotes about establishing gas service on the tribal property known as Plantation Hills, and will be reviewing an education plan in the future.

Bay Mills Resort & Casino General Manager Richard LeBlanc was next up to deliver remarks. LeBlanc said his efforts to improve customer service and the overall gaming experience are ongoing.

In old business, a policy regarding contracts was approved. The policy establishes guidelines for departments and sets the standard for when legal review is required. Changes were made to the gaming commission waiver policy that only allow one waiver request approved every five years. A motion to approve a new “chiller” for BMRC was passed and the revised sliding fee scale for Bay Mills Health Center was approved.

In new business (action items), the following items were approved:

- Policy exception for positions at Bay Mills Health Center
- Donation request for the Honoring Our Children Pow Wow
- Reaffirmation of a poll vote regarding a donation to the Peninsula Fund.

After approving the minutes from the March 26 meeting, the April 9 meeting moved into the Chair-

man’s comments. Newland expressed his concern about the recent spill of material into the Straits of Mackinac. He said the impact on the fishery is unknown at this time, but that the tribe is in communication with authorities. Newland also touched base on possible changes to the services being provided by the tribal prosecutor at the tribal court, which will be updated in the future. Work on the Tribal Action Plan is continuing, with a training opportunity for staff taking place in the coming months. Training will be funded by the federal government.

In the Tribal Manager Report, Bertram said work on the home medical service project is continuing. Conservation may get a new garage near their current building and Bertram is working to establish funding for the project. The tribe is also looking into acquiring the services of a text message system that would inform the community when there are alerts regarding closures and weather.

In the Health Director’s report, Audrey Breakie

presented the council with the community survey regarding health needs that is being implemented. She is also considering applying for funds that would be utilized for home health care, allowing the elderly to stay at home.

In action items, the council approved the following:

- Tribal fleet fund policy and per diem amount: This established that a tribal vehicle, if available must be the first method of travel.
- Amendments to Game Rule 14: Adoption of internal control standards
- Liquor license for Wild Bluff Golf Course
- Donation of \$1,000 to the Brimley School Robotics program
- Raffle license for the Bay Mills Pow Wow Committee
- Reaffirmation of poll votes regarding the fire operations guide.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 23 at 4:30 in the tribal administration building.



**CANCER AWARENESS EVENT A SUCCESS**— Bay Mills Health Center hosted a “Cancer Awareness” event on March 28. The evening gave community members the opportunity to learn about cancer screenings, local programs, and take a stroll through the giant inflatable colon. Door prizes were given out and those in attendance had the chance to decorate a lantern to honor a loved one lost to the disease.



# Chairman's Update: Telling our story

**By Bryan Newland**

Bay Mills Indian Community Chairman

It is in our nature to focus our attention on the things that need fixing. We can see this in our personal lives, at work, and in our community. Sometimes, this causes us to lose sight of the things that work well, and the successes we've achieved.

There are certainly many things that we need to improve here at Bay Mills. We need to increase opportunities for higher education and skills training. We need to address substance abuse and other public health issues in our community. And, we need to protect our cultural, natural, and treaty resources. These are some of the reasons I ran for this office.

But, I also think that it is important to recognize the things that we have done well. We need to tell our story.

That is why we have prepared a report summarizing the economic impact that Bay Mills has had on the northern Michigan economy. We have made this report available to you on our tribal website: [www.baymills.org](http://www.baymills.org).

This report shows just how far our community has come in the past three decades.

When I was growing up, there were very few jobs available to tribal members. Very few people received mortgages to purchase new homes. It was rare for tribal members to receive a college education, and to re-

ceive quality medical care. Many Bay Mills members had to live elsewhere to make a living.

Today, Bay Mills Indian Community is one of the largest employers in northern Michigan. We are a driving force in our regional economy.

In 2017, Bay Mills Indian Community and Bay Mills Community College employed a total of 765 people – including 370 Bay Mills Indian Community members.

Bay Mills Indian Community's employees earned nearly \$18 million in salaries and wages last year, and received more than \$5.1 million in employment benefits (health insurance and retirement contributions). This money is spent at local businesses in our northern Michigan economy.

Bay Mills contributed more than \$2.7 million to federal, state, and local governments in 2017. This amount includes \$1.83 million in employee taxes paid to the Federal Government, and an additional \$428,000 in employee taxes to the State of Michigan. Bay Mills Indian Community paid an additional \$450,000 to Chippewa County, Bay Mills Township, and Superior Township pursuant to our class III gaming compact with the State of Michigan.

This \$2.7 million helps to fund education, law enforcement, and other services for communities outside of the Bay Mills Indian Reservation.

Our Bay Mills Health Center treated

more than 1,800 medical patients, and 1,900 dental patients in 2017. We were also able to provide behavioral/mental health services to 218 individual clients last year. Our patients and clients come from across northern Michigan.

Last year, Bay Mills provided financial support to 103 students who were enrolled in community colleges, universities, and graduate schools. A total of 20 Bay Mills Indian Community members received higher education degrees in 2017.

As you can see, we have indeed come a very long way. The Bay Mills Indian Community is a vital piece of the northern Michigan economy, and many of our neighboring communities have looked to us to provide job opportunities and important governmental services. We should all be proud of the work our community has done to get to this point, while also continuing the effort to make our community a better place.

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 906-248-3241 or [bnewland@baymills.org](mailto:bnewland@baymills.org). My official Facebook Page is "Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Chairman."



**GTC REMINDER:**  
Bay Mills Tribal Members are encouraged to attend the quarterly General Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Armella Parker Senior Building.  
*\*Please note the change in location.*

# OPINION

## Learn to make your own party and be happy about it

By Sharon M. Kennedy

It often takes a lifetime to realize nobody is going to make us happy except our own selves. If we wait for people or money or retirement to complete us, we might experience a lot of unhappiness when these things come to pass and we're just as miserable as we were before. Depending upon somebody or something to fulfill us is a waste of time and energy.

The beauty of aging is that some of us have learned to make our own party. It might be a pity party or a thankful one or something as simple as throwing a tax refund party and buying a new pair of shoes. As adults, we have choices. We can become bitter, angry, hostile, vindictive, or we can accept whatever comes our way and move on. I realize that's easier said than done especially when it comes to the weather.

By mid-morning on April 4th, eight inches of snow had fallen and the plow was nowhere in sight. I had plans to meet a lady friend for lunch at Sacy's at the Bay Mills Casino. We don't see each other much during winter, so by the time April's here, we're ready for a get together and a long visit. You can just about imagine how I felt when I awoke to all that fresh snow covering the four inches from a few days prior. By noon the plow still hadn't ventured down my sideroad and I knew I wasn't going anywhere.

Twenty-four hours later another snowfall added an additional eight inches. The only way I could get through the day was to pretend it was November. For six months I've been cloistered in this trailer due to the weather and I'm ready to scream. Usually I



don't pay much attention to what Karl Bohnak says when he gives the weather report. I just look out my window and see what's going on and plan my day from there. I guess I won't be doing any planning until July.

After calling my friend and cancelling our luncheon, I made a pot of coffee, toasted some bread, and took to my chair. I was disappointed. No, that's not quite true. I was furious and emitted a few choice words I can't share with you, but I let the stinking Greek goddess of snow, Khione, know how I felt. She had come all the way from Greece to dump our area with more snow than we had in January.

I know complaining about snow in April is a minor concern when people all over the world are starving to death or being deported from their homes or being chased by African tribesmen carrying machetes. I have heat, lights, water, and enough beans and rice to last through the decade, so I should be thankful and not grumble about spring snow, but you know what we're like. We're

genetically programmed to comment on the weather. Any kind of weather is the beginning and end of most Yooper conversations. It governs our lives and every outdoor step we take.

I'm at that age when I no longer have meaningful employment so I don't have to drive daily on icy or snow filled roads. I stay home most of the winter and my outings are limited to the grocery store and the doctor's office. Perhaps once a month on payday, I might venture to

the casino and try my luck at the slots knowing full well I'm not going to win as much as a dime.

That's why the late snowfall was such a disappointment. It thwarted my plans. The lunch I was looking forward to ended up being a piece of dry toast instead of a delicious buffet with a friend I've known since kindergarten. So I threw myself a two hour Pity Party and relished every minute of it.

As an oldster, I've earned the right to complain, get angry, and maybe even cuss a little when things go haywire. I've kept a stiff upper lip throughout many a trial and tribulation in my life. I've kept going, slapping a smile on my face and telling myself everything would be fine. Well, everything's not fine. I'm old, tired, and disgusted.

But by the time you read this, the snow might be gone and daffodils might be dancing in a warm breeze. Then I'll throw a Welcome Spring Party and you're invited. Come on over and join me.

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# OCS names March Students of the Month

**BAY MILLS** — Ojibwe Charter School recently chose their March Students of the Month. OCS uses the Seven Grandfather Teachings for their Student of the Month program, along with **TRIBE**. **TRIBE** stands for; Treat others kindly, Ready to learn, I need to listen, Be safe, and Everyone tries their best.

The Grandfather teaching for March is Respect or Mnaadendimowin. Respect is represented by the buffalo. The buffalo gives every part of his being to sustain the human way living, not because he is of less value, but because he respects the balance and needs of others. To honour all creation is to have respect.

## **Leo Tadgerson/Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Mr. Collins**

The Kindergarten and First Grade is very proud to announce that Leo Tadgerson has earned March Student of the Month for our class. Leo has grown a lot at OCS and he is now among our model students. Leo earns high marks in the classroom and he has become a well rounded student who makes good choices. Good job Leo!

## **Kendreya Teeple/2nd Grade: Mrs. Dettloff**

Kendreya Teeple has been selected as the Second Grade Student of the Month for March. Kendreya honors the Seven Grandfather Teaching Respect in our classroom, school, and community. Kendreya was respectful to our classroom visitors during Reading Month, often greeting them with “Aanii, I’m Kendreya Teeple” and a handshake. Kendreya was respectful and kind to her peers while playing a leadership role while singing hand drum songs for our guests and community. Chi Miigwech for treating your peers, environment, and Earth with respect, Kendreya.

## **Karma Doyle/3rd & 4th Grade: Mrs. Bowen**

The third and fourth grade student of the month for March is Karma Doyle. Karma is an amazing student in so many ways. During school, she is hard working and a great example for her fellow classmates. Outside of school Karma is involved in many different activities and takes on many extra responsibilities. Karma is a hardworking individual who always goes the extra mile. She is very talented, respectful, and always has a smile on her face. She is never afraid to speak up when she feels that people aren’t being respectful, which show her positive leadership skills. Keep it up Karma!

## **Aiden Frye/5th & 6th Grade: Mr. Dettloff**

Aiden Frye has an inquisitive mind and caring heart. He often asks for clarification about how and why to better himself when his behavior affects his peers negatively. He has respect for the learning process and builds people up when they feel small. Aiden practices Mnaadendimowin (respect) for himself and, consequently, is able to respect others and their feelings in return.



## — ALUMNI — SPOTLIGHT



Mark Mastaw is a 2012 alumn of Bay Mills Community College’s Computer Information Systems (CIS) program and a member of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is currently a system administrator at Wisconsin’s largest home seller, Shorewest Realtors, where he has been for three years. Mastaw supports more than 1,200 agents who use nearly two dozen different technologies over a variety of platforms. After graduating BMCC, Mark continued his studies at Lake Superior State University, where he graduated cum laude (with honor) earning a B.S. in computer networking.

“My associate and bachelor’s degrees have helped me develop and fine-tune troubleshooting techniques and other problem solving abilities. This applies to all areas [of my life], not just work or school,” said Mastaw.



He said he enjoyed small class sizes and the individualized attention he received at BMCC, noting the relaxed atmosphere at Bay Mills was just what he needed as he was returning to school after a gap of 20 years. Mark is currently enrolled in a graduate program at Arizona State University in Technical Communication.

To find out more about BMCC’s CIS program, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CIS-BMCC/> or BMCC’s website at <http://www.bmcc.edu/computer-information-systems-program>



# Brimley Elementary Students of the Month for March

**Sienna Baker** has a great attitude towards school, which shows every day in her work. She always takes a lot of pride in her assignments and completes them with 100 percent effort. Her enthusiasm is contagious and very motivating for other students to do their best as well. Sienna is not only a great helper and friend in 1st Grade, she sets an excellent example for continually following Bays' Ways! Great work Sienna. — Mrs. Castagne

**Amy Sweeten** is a wonderful learner in our classroom and is a very helpful to her classmates and teacher every day. She 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. Amy follows Bays' Ways every day. She is a kind, and helpful member of our classroom family. Amy is also a responsible learner. — Ms. McPherson

**Sylvia Leclerc** is an awesome student who is my right hand lady. She is responsible, kind, caring, and helpful to everyone around her. Sylvia does her assignments excellently and promptly. She is a great role model and we are so fortunate to have her in our class this year. Congratulations Sylvia! Keep up the good work. — Mrs. VerStrate

**Gavin Emplit** has made tremendous gains in the area of reading. Not only has his reading fluency improved but also his reading comprehension has increased. Gavin has also been working on his multiplication facts through the Reflex program, as he has an advanced understanding of numbers and how to manipulate them to solve a problem. Gavin is a great helper in the classroom and has wonderful class participation. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know Gavin this school year, and look forward to seeing all that he achieves the rest of this year and in following years. —Mrs. Schaedler

**Ceara LeBlanc** is a great student and all-around wonderful person to have in the classroom. Ceara works very hard to be a good student. She has many outside-of-school activities that keep her very busy, but she budgets her time well so that she is able to keep her school work current and well done. Ceara is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs her help. Her organizational skills are exceptional. Ceara is also a friend to all. She does not get herself involved in the drama that can be sixth grade friendships, but shares her friendship with her peers. It is a pleasure to have Ceara in the classroom. Keep up the good work, Ceara! — Mrs. Hutchins

**Lily Carrick** has been selected as our March Student of the Month. Lily is an all-around great student. She is a friendly, out-going girl that gets along well with everyone. She lends a helping hand to anyone in need whether it is a peer or an adult. I can always count on Lily to be following the Bays' Ways and to be a great role model to her classmates. Lily always completes her work on time and puts forth a lot of effort. We all enjoy Lily's sense of humor and her cheerful attitude. Way to go, Lily! — Ms. Peller

**Jason Teeple** has been working extremely hard in the classroom on making sure he is doing good quality Kindergarten work. He has made great improvements with his behavior and his academics since the beginning of the year. Jason is a sweet boy who gets along with his classmates and is always one of the first students to help out when needed. He is very helpful in the classroom, always willing to help clean up, even when he wasn't the one to make the mess. I am proud of you, Jason! Keep up the great work! — Miss Allison

**Phoenix Thompson** is an awesome student who is always willing to give a help-



ing hand to others in need. Phoenix is a very funny kid, who will do his best to put a smile on your face. Phoenix can be found following the Bays' Ways by being safe, responsible, respectful, and ready to learn! Congratulations Phoenix, and keep up the great work! — Mrs. Rutledge

Our Student of the Month for March is **Andrew Teeple**. Andrew is always kind and is a good friend to other students. He consistently follows our Bays' Ways rules. He can be counted on to tell the truth and is trustworthy. Andrew has consistently done a good job in fifth grade and has made the Honor Roll each marking period. We are glad he is in our class! — Mrs. Hope

Miss **Camela Kemp** is actually a "Queen" ...Junior Miss I-500 Queen for 2018. Camela is active in basketball, church, and cheerleading. Camela will lead groups when asked. She is a very good student, making the Honor Roll two times, thus far. Camela is a good friend to her classmates, always offering a helping hand. She follows Bays Ways and is very well mannered. — Mrs. Osborne

**Kenzie Johnson** is a polite, helpful young lady who shows model behavior in all school settings. She has matured into a responsible student who is very eager to learn. She has learned to manage her time wisely in order to finish his work on time. She listens during lessons and always tries hard to do what is asked of her. Kenzie has matured academically and knows to take her time to make her work neat. She continually strives to improve in order to be ready for success in first grade. She is a very kind friend that will go out of her way to help others. She will often bring in gifts for friends in order to share and make her friends feel extra special. It is wonderful to have such a caring girl in our class! Way to go, Kenzie! — Mrs. Hill

**Sunshine Teeple** has taken reading month to heart and can be found reading a book anytime time she can. She has even been spending lots of time at home reading. Sunshine is a kind and considerate young lady and treats her classmates with respect. She is an active participant in class and has great thoughts and ideas. Keep up the great work Sunshine. — Mrs. Gross

**Derek Carrick** is a responsible, kind, and hardworking student. He is very diligent about his class work and always does his best work. He works well with all his classmates and is a wonderful addition to every group activity. He is considerate, upbeat, and positive in all his interactions in and out of the classroom. I appreciate his good nature, sense of humor, and can always count on him to lend a hand. Congratulations Derek on earning SOTM! You have definitely earned it! — Mrs. Teeple

**Kamara Bator** is one of the kindest and sweetest girls that I have ever met. She is outstanding in and out of the classroom. Keep up the amazing work Kamara and congratulations! — Mrs. Jarvis

# Workshop to cover dual enrollment and early/middle college programs

LANSING – Students can learn how to earn college credit in high school in a statewide series of workshops hosted by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

Staff will meet with teachers, counselors, and administrators to discuss student options as they transition to college and careers, and then host free evening sessions for students and parents interested in reducing college tuition and expenses through early college credits.

Early/Middle College programs allow students to earn a high school diploma and substantial college credit through a fifth year of study. Programs can begin as early as the ninth grade, and are located within a school, intermediate school district (ISD), or college campus. The model is most beneficial for economically-disadvantaged and first-generation college students, as well as those students who are underserved, underachieving, or underrepresented.

Dual enrollment allows eligible students, starting in ninth grade, to enroll in up to 10 postsecondary courses throughout their high school careers. Dual enrollment courses may be taken on college campuses, online, or through a concurrent enrollment program established by a school district.

Last year, Michigan paid more than \$40 million in dual enrollment fees for about 28,000 students, who earned over 81,000 postsecondary credits.

MDE staff also will share Work-Based Learning requirements for students and employers, as formal school-business part-

nerships can help students better prepare for meaningful careers and create a pipeline of future employees.

Brochures distributed at each session will provide basic information on Dual Enrollment, Early/Middle Colleges, and Work-Based Learning. Light refreshments also will be available.

Locally, the meeting will be held on May 23, time TBD, at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. As more information is received, it will be posted online at baymillsnews.com.

The form to register is located online at: [http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire/0,4629,7-136-3452\\_3476-466453--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire/0,4629,7-136-3452_3476-466453--,00.html)

## LSSU names Lynn Gillette as new provost

SAULT STE. MARIE – Lake Superior State University has named Lynn G. Gillette as its next provost, effective July 1. Gillette assumes the post from David Roland Finley, who has served as interim for the past two years.

Gillette comes to LSSU from Nicholls State University, a public university with an enrollment of 6,400 students located in Thibodaux, La., and part of the University of Louisiana System of universities. Since 2015 he has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs as well as special assistant to the president.

While at Nicholls, Gillette added three new academic programs, expanded the Nursing program by 33 percent, and reallocated resources to expand online programs and enrollment. He secured a \$1.2 million grant to serve first generation and low-income students, and \$7.3 million in external funding for faculty development and academic programs. He also oversaw the highest first-year retention rate in the university's history.

From 2008-14, Gillette was provost, executive vice president, and eventually president of Sierra Nevada College, a private liberal arts college in Incline, Nev. While there, he introduced more than a dozen new programs, gained reaffirmation of accreditation for the college, and increased undergraduate enrollment each year.

Before that, Gillette taught graduate-level management courses at Tulane University's Freeman School of Business as an adjunct instructor from 2004 to 2013. He has served in an administrative capacity at many higher education institutions, including tenures as area chair in economics and statistics at the University of Phoenix and vice president for business, administration and compliance at Spalding University.

Gillette holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Richmond and a doctorate in economics from Texas A&M University. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Management Development Program.

Gillette, a native of Virginia, is married to Shannon Morse. They have two daughters: Jacquelyn, who holds a doctorate in accounting from the University of Rochester; and Danielle, a recent graduate in chemical engineering from the University of Missouri.



***The Bay Mills Child Development Center is currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year.***

**For more information, please call Andrea Shaw or Christel LeBlanc at 248-8700.**



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# Ojibwe Charter

## School names

### “Spotlight Readers” for March



The Kindergarten Spotlight Reader is **Zaydn Tellas**. Zaydn is always happy at quiet reading time. He challenges himself to become a better reader every day. Zaydn enjoys superhero and animal books. -Mr. Collins

**Tami Trudeau** is the First Grade Spotlight Reader. Tami is a strong reader who likes fantasy stories and non-fiction books about animals. Tami has been an excellent addition to our classroom and we are happy to share her love of reading. - Mr. Collins

**Sage Tellas** has been selected as the Second Grade Spotlight Reader for March. Sage always speaks positively about reading and exploring a new book. Sage’s love for reading inspires her classmates. She can frequently be observed reading a chapter book about a mystical land, a girl on a mission, or a cute and fluffy animal. Sage enjoys reading with her mother and to her classmates. Keep reading! - Mrs. Dettloff

The March spotlight reader for third grade is **Maemi Willis**. Maemi truly enjoys reading and she enjoys sharing her love of reading with others. Maemi enjoys reading a variety of different types of books, and often can be found with a book in her hand. Maemi is an excellent reader has taken some more reluctant readers under her wing. She has really shared her love of reading and has helped others foster a love for reading too. Keep it up Maemi! Mrs. Bowen

The fourth grade spotlight reader for March is **Nathaniel Malloy**. Nathaniel is an excellent reader and is always excited to share about what he is reading. He loves reading informational books and sharing his new knowledge with others. Nathaniel's love for learning in general has really sparked his love for reading. Keep reading Nathaniel! Mrs. Bowen

**Jayna Hunt** has exceeded reading expectations in and outside of the classroom. She enjoys reading and re-reading passages for enjoyment and deeper understanding. She is excited to offer her insights in class discussions and frequently shares challenging questions about reading material with her peers. —Mr. Detloff

**Donovan Murphy** has started to explore how authors use descrip-

tion to create deeper meaning. He makes acute observations in his reading reflections and shares unique viewpoints in his own reading-centered responses. Donovan is making excellent strides in his close reading and critical thinking in our class readings. — Mr. Dettloff

Brimley Elementary Honor Roll			
Third Quarter			
Grade 5		Brendan Gross	
Bradley Anderson		Kaira Hopper - All A's	
Dallas Andrus		Anna Keyser - All A's	
Morgan Barnes		Lennon Howell	
Memphis Courser		Camela Kemp	
Addison Hill		Kai Morrison	
Lawrence LeBlanc		Meredith Newland	
Trey Lynn		Kenneth VanderMeer	
Evan Mills - All A's		Simon Whealy	
Mark Osborne		Hunter Baragwanath	
Angelyn Sergeiko		Isabelle Caraccio	
Paul Sweeten - All A's		Mila Croad - All A's	
Phoenix Thompson		Grace Dumas - All A's	
Chendra Tremblay		Abigail Hoffman - All A's	
Grade 6		Raegen Kopitsch	
Paris Bedell		Ceara LeBlanc	
Stacey Bishop		Perry LeBlanc	
Laila DuVall		Autumn Ward - All A's	



# New law is a win for Indian Country

**BAY MILLS** — A new law will help bridge the gap in communication between tribal social services and state child protective services. In March, Senate Bill 616 was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder. The bill will open the lines the communication between the entities, and allow tribes to better care for their members.

According to Bay Mills Social Services Director Amy Perron, the issue emerged through the consultation processes of the Tribal-State Partnership Quarterly meetings, which she attends every quarter.

“In our discussions on the implementation processes of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act, much of the conversation in the past two years has been geared toward how to apply culturally significant active efforts to tribal families,” said Perron. “This applies to tribal families who reside on state land and who are having child abuse and neglect issues.”

Under the law, the state must provide the family services to correct issues of abuse and neglect, preventing removing children from their home.

The Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services must first verify that the child is a tribal member, or eligible to be, a member of the tribe. The heart of the problem came when the State of Michigan MDHHS took the position that it was be breach of confidentiality under the Michigan Child Protection Law to discuss the case with the child's tribe. Because of this inaction, the tribe was prohibited from offering tribal social services to tribal members. These services include free family support that correct issues that the family is struggling with, referrals for free medical, dental and behavioral services, and substance abuse counseling are something they are entitled to receive. Services can also include many things, like transportation, food, housing, budgeting, parenting skills development, and so on.

For quite some time the state would not budge from their position that they would not share child protected services information with the tribes any further. The state then redesigned their forms, intended for their purposes of verification only and nothing more.

“It was a very cold and disheartening change in pace,” said Perron. “It meant is that the tribe could not expect to know about abuse and neglect issues surrounding our children, until they were sitting in front of a state court judge, as this is when ICWA and MIFPA law requires the state to notify the tribe.”

During a tribal state summit meeting, Gov. Synder informed the tribes that he would support a change to the Michigan Child Protection Law, which would allow the tribes access to this information. Director Nick Lyon of the MDHHS also supported the idea of changing the law to allow the state to share CPS information on tribal children with the child and family's tribe. This got the ball rolling in a positive direction last October.

The next phases were handled by the tribe's government to government relations and the tribal legal teams. ACFS Attorney Liz Eggert



and Pokagon Band Annette Nickel were instrumental tribal attorneys who worked very hard at getting the language right, noted Perron. The United Tribes of Michigan supported the proposed language to change the law and Sen. Pat Emmons introduced Senate Bill 616, with the support of Sen. Wayne Schmidt. Tribal attorneys, social services directors, and tribal chairmen testified before the senate, explaining how important it was to work together with the tribes to help our keep our tribal families together. There was much presentation on the ICWA and boarding school era. As a result of these efforts, SB616 passed the senate and headed to the house a few weeks later before landing on the desk of the governor.

“The importance of this change in law is that it allows the state to work together the tribe to help a tribal family who resides outside of tribal jurisdiction,” said Perron. “Problems can occur when we do not work together. I've been in state court hearings where the children were removed from their parent's care unnecessarily, not often but sometimes. However, even sometimes is too much, because most times, the removal itself is traumatic for children and we must do everything within our power to prevent this by trying to actively correct the abuse and neglect issue and helping that family during the course of CPS investigations. Removing children from their homes, should be the absolute last option possible and it should only happen if the child is at serious risk of harm.”

The amended law will not influence the placement of children, but allows the MDHHS the ability to inform the tribal social services when they have a CPS case involving one of their families. “It also allows us to work together, by sharing resources to help our tribal family,” said Perron. “Although the ICWA/MIFPA law requires the states to provide active efforts, the tribal social services can help the state workers by identifying culturally appropriate services that may be available to our family.”

# Tobacco cessation digital success stories feature locals

SAULT STE. MARIE – Four Native Americans residing in Michigan have volunteered to share their success stories about giving up smoking cigarettes to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Valorie Glazier of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Kimberly Leapley and Jacques LeBlanc of Bay Mills Indian Community, and Christopher Polasky of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, (working with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians) each graciously told their stories about quitting commercial tobacco.

The call to action for these stories are to urge their Native American peers to never give up quitting smoking. The focus of the campaign is to call the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program at 1-855-372-0037. Native Americans in Michigan who call the AICTP can receive culturally tailored help and may receive free nicotine replacement therapy including gum and lozenges through May 31.

“40 percent of Native American adults in Michigan smoke cigarettes,” said Cathy Edgerly, program manager at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. “Quitting smoking can be difficult, but help is available. Over 30 percent of callers to the AICTP stay quit after six months. We hope these digital stories remind all that they should never give up their attempts to quit smoking.”

“Digital stories have been widely used to share the personal story of patients and individuals through public health,” said Mike Willette, communication specialist, ITCMI. “Typically, digital stories are shared on the internet and at presentations to showcase successes with a personal touch. We are taking



this idea and moving it to the next level with shortened 30-second PSAs to air on television and the internet to support each three-minute digital story. We will be spreading the wealth of these wonderful stories throughout the year, focusing on one story per season. We have made all four videos available to view at <http://keepitsacred.itcml.org/quitline>. We would like to thank Valorie, Kimberly, Jacques, and Christopher for taking us into their personal lives to tell their story and encourage their peers to give up commercial tobacco.”

Funding for this project came from the National Native Network, Michigan Tobacco Program, REACH Journey to Wellness, and the Three Fires Cancer Consortium programs. The stories were filmed and edited by Northern Michigan company Lamphere Visuals of Gaylord, Michigan. For more information, call 1-855-372-0037 or learn more at <http://keepitsacred.itcml.org/quitline>.

*Thinking about quitting commercial tobacco?*

The Michigan Department of Health and

Human Services is expanding its telephone coaching and nicotine replacement therapy program to all Michigan residents through May 31.

During this time, the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program and the Michigan Tobacco Quitline will offer a free, two-week supply of nicotine gum, patches, or lozenges for all new enrollees who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. American Indians looking to begin their commercial tobacco free journey may call 1-855-372-0037. Enrollment is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The program serves all ages, however, callers seeking NRT must be over 18 and meet basic health requirements. Enrollees will receive a coach who will assist them in setting a quit date, choosing a nicotine replacement product that is right for them, and making an individualized quit plan. The coach will provide support with up to four telephone coaching sessions scheduled around the caller's quit date.

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# CCFP board finalizes drawings for teen foster care home

SAULT STE. MARIE – The Chippewa County Family Project, in cooperation with The Sidock Group, Inc., has finalized plans for a two-story, 5,500-square foot tri-plex that will serve as a teen foster care home in Sault Ste. Marie.

Located on 3-Mile Road, just south of Sault Area High School, the home includes 4 bedrooms for boys in one unit and an identical unit for girls on the other. Both areas can comfortably house up to six teenagers upstairs and include a full kitchen, sitting area, first-floor master bedroom for house parents, dining room, living room, den, three bathrooms and two-car garage.

The smaller middle unit will serve as the main office for the director, which also includes a bunk area suitable for emergency placement, kitchen and bathroom.

The CCFP, which formed in February 2016, has begun the formal grant writing process. To date, the organization has received enough money to purchase the land, develop engineered plans and install the driveway.

“Board member Amy Scott-Kronemyer is ready to ramp up our grant writing efforts now that we have secured the property and drawings,” said CCFP Founder Tracey Holt. “While the project has quietly evolved during



the past two years, the need of foster care in our community has only increased. To date we know of nearly 100 homeless youth in the local area.”

While the group home concept is being phased out on a national scale, it’s often the only option for teens. The CCFP’s goal is not for institutional care, but to provide a stable home for teens and help integrate them into society. Support teams will be assembled to ensure educational success, opportunities to play sports, participate in clubs, work part-time or simply enrich social and life skills.

“We want to give these teens a chance to be in a caring environment, and to have the opportunity to lead a meaningful, successful life,” Holt noted. “Much of the credit for this

project deserves to go to the CCFP Board, which includes Scott-Kronemyer, Lisa and Rob McCrorie, Debbie Harrington, Jen Obreiter, Linda Bouvet, Erin Albrecht and Lisa Davis, all who been working diligently over the past several months to make this possible for these kids.”

CCFP support has already come from a variety of groups and individuals, upcoming community presentations with more information will take place in the near future. For more information or to show your support, please contact us at CCFP P.O. Box 121, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or contact Jen Obreiter at [jen.obreiter@gmail.com](mailto:jen.obreiter@gmail.com).

## Presentation to be held: “The Saulteurs meet the French”

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Chippewa County Historical Society has announced that Dr. Theresa Schenck will once again be visiting the Sault. On this trip she will speak at the Society’s annual meeting, Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. and being held at Bayliss Public Library. Using French letters and records, Dr. Schenck will discuss some 17th and 18th century events that took place at Sault Ste. Marie and their effects on the first people of the Sault.

Schenck, a Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, taught in the American Indian Studies Program. Before teaching at UW-Madison she also taught at Washington State University and First Nations Studies at the University of Winnipeg. Schenck received her Ph.D. in anthropology from Rutgers University and in 1997 was the recipient of the Native American Fulbright Scholar to Canada. She is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation and has Ojibwe descent through her grandmother. Besides being a popular speaker, Schenck is the author of *The Ojibwe Journals of Edmund F. Ely* (2012); *History of the Ojibwe People*; by William W. Warren, 2nd edition (2009); *All Our Relations: Chippewa Mixed Bloods and the Treaty of 1837* (2009) and *William W. Warren: The Life, Letters and Times of an Ojibwe Leader* (2007).

## Film Festival open to entries

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Soo Film Festival has issued an open call for entries. Documentary and all genres of fiction, feature and shorts, will be accepted online exclusively through FilmFreeway.

The festival committee has set a no-fee early bird deadline of May 11.

The regular deadline is June 22 and requires a \$10 entry fee. Late entries must be submitted by July 9, with an entry fee of \$15. The selected films will be announced the first week of August. The festival will be held in downtown Sault Ste. Marie from Sept. 12 to 16.

Filmmakers will find complete details on the Submit a Film section of the festival’s website, [soofilmfestival.org](http://soofilmfestival.org).

### **Phyllis Mary Parish-Bennett**

Phyllis Mary Parish-Bennett passed away on April 3, 2018, at age 81, in Portland, Oregon.

She was born Oct. 5, 1936, in Sault Ste. Marie, to Percy and Mary Daigle-Parish. Phyllis was one of four siblings born and raised in Brimley as a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community.

Phyllis married James Bennett in the fall of 1954, and started her family on Six Mile Road. Phyllis and James had four children before moving to Astoria, Oregon. Phyllis lived on Walluski Loop, where she loved watching her children grow up riding horses and motorcycles. Phyllis enjoyed going to their many shows and 4-H events. She also loved showcasing her prize-winning hydrangeas at the fair.

Phyllis had many hobbies through the years, and as a devout Catholic she enjoyed spending time with her church family at St. Mary's Church in Astoria. She also had a love of music, and often played guitar and sang karaoke while visiting friends at the American Legion.

Her love of family, friends and animals kept her active throughout the years. Phyllis was a large advocate for her grandchildren's sports, attending as many events as she could and cheering them on from the stands. Phyllis was a career filleter in canneries in the Astoria area until her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Percy and Mary; her son, Steven; and siblings, Ruth, Clifford "Skip" and Rose Parish; as well as a great-grandson, Chazz.

Phyllis is survived by a son, Gene (Cynthia) Bennett; daughter, Sally (Zane) McKnight; daughter, Kathryn (Richard) Stineman; grandchildren, Keith Haynes, Bryan Arceneaux, Jacqueline McKnight, Michelle Reed, Michael and Matthew Stineman, Jesse and Steven Bennett II, and Kelly, Jennifer and Joshua Bennett; and great-grandchildren, Tiana Haynes, Linnea, Cinobia, Oscar and Bailey Arceneaux, Lily and Landon Reed, Emma-lynn Stineman and Remi, Serenity and Brandon Bennett.

A service will be at St. Mary's Church in Astoria at 11 a.m. April 21, with a reception to follow at the Star of the Sea Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Traditional Indian burial services will be held at Mission Hill Cemetery in Brimley at a later date.

### **Loretta (Lori) Fox**

Loretta (Lori) Fox, 83, of Brimley, and most recently of McKinley Manor, passed away peacefully at the Hospice House of the E.U.P. surrounded by her loving family. From her birth in Hamtramck, Michigan on June 17, 1934 to her passing on Friday, April 13, 2018, Lori nourished those she loved with faith, truthfulness, and caring.

Left to honor Lori and remember her love are Doreen (Tom) Van Dorn, Paul Fox, Michael (Julie) Fox; three grandchildren, Tom Van Dorn, Jr., Brad Van Dorn and Morgan Fox; one great-grandchild, Cooper Charles Paquin-Van Dorn; brother Raymond (Priscilla) Ujenski; niece Lisa Finstrom; great-nieces, Hannah and Isabella Finstrom, and one- great nephew, Noah Finstrom.

Lori was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her son, Gary; parents, Leonard and Angeline Ujenski; nephew, David; and Cio-Cia (aunt).

## **Walking On**



Loretta found beauty in the simple things of life. One of her favorite passions was watching her birds, which were fed daily. In her last days, the family played her a CD of bird sounds, as they always brought her happiness and peace.

Services have taken place with the assistance of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

The family would like to extend our gratitude to all the staff at the Hospice House of the E.U.P. for their attentiveness and loving care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Loretta's name to the Hospice of the E.U.P., 3208 W 12th Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

### **Ruth Xaverine Parish**

Ruth Xaverine Parish, 82, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away early Saturday morning, March 17, 2018, at War Memorial Hospital's Long Term Care Unit.

Ruth was born on April 4, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late Percy and Mary (Daigle) Parish. She was a commercial fisherman's daughter and helped work the family business from a young age. Ruth was a graduate of Brimley High School. After college, she worked as a registered nurse in Big Rapids, Escanaba, Kincheloe and Sault Ste. Marie. She enjoyed sewing and crafting. She also enjoyed spending time at Goodwill and the Salvation Army Store, where she would volunteer her time.

Ruth is survived by her son: Anthony Huyck of Brimley, MI; three grandchildren: Courtney Huyck, Alex Huyck and Steven Huyck; and a great-granddaughter: Ella Grace. She is also survived by a sister: Phyllis Bennett of Oregon.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, two sons: Gary Payment and Kenny Payment; her former husband: Ordell M. Huyck; and two siblings: Skip and Rose.

According to Ruth's wishes, no public services will be held. Interment will be at Mission Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolence may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com)



# Students earn awards at LSSU robotics competition

The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Math) Robotics Competition was held on the campus of Lake Superior State University from April 6 to 7. This is the third time the university has hosted the event. Local teams did well amongst the 40 other high schools. Ojibwe Charter School's Accidental Success 5714 (right) was named a district event finalist. Other local teams earning awards included:



District Chairman's Award — 5709 Rudyard Nerf Herders (Rudyard High School)

District Engineering Inspiration Award — 4988 Yooper Troopers (Cedarville High School)

District Event Winner & Quality Award — 4392 The Deceivers (Brimley High School, shown below)

District Event Finalist & Judges Award — 1596 The Instigators (Sault Area High School)



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# Prolonged wintry conditions create stressful conditions for deer

UPPER PENINSULA— With more snow predicted for the region this weekend, the prolonged wintry conditions being experienced in the Upper Peninsula show no sure signs of relenting soon, a circumstance that has state wildlife biologists concerned about the stressful impact to white-tailed deer.

“A month ago, we were optimistic about the deer herd, with spring on the horizon and the winter we’d had to that point,” said Terry Minzey, Upper Peninsula regional wildlife supervisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. “Now, I’m quite concerned with what we might end up with because of this protracted winter weather.”

Deer radio-collared in the western U.P. as part of an ongoing predator-prey study or a new deer migration study, have suffered a 13.5 percent mortality rate so far this winter, with 11 percent of adult female deer dying.

That mortality rate compares to 15 percent through the entire month of April in 2017.

“The big difference between this year and last year is that as of April 11 last winter, 95 percent of the deer had dispersed from their wintering complexes,” Minzey said. “This year, there have been none. They’re all still there because of the continuing winter conditions.”

An April 9 snow depth map showed more than 2 feet of snow in some northern parts of the region, nearly 2 feet of snow in other places, and several inches on the ground in areas traditionally green with grass by this time of year.

Some snow depth examples included 20 to 26 inches in Hulbert, 12 to 17 inches in Gwinn, 15 to 19 inches at Baraga, 16 to 17 inches at McLain State Park north of Hancock and 17 to 21 inches at Wakefield.

“In general, across the north and west, the deer are starting to look pretty rough and stressed,” said Brad Johnson, a DNR wildlife technician at Baraga. “The Keweenaw is almost up to 300 inches of snow (for the season) and we are listening to Tiger baseball on the truck radio 5 miles out on 2 feet of ice in Lake Superior in April.”

Johnson said DNR staffers are starting to get a lot of calls of stressed deer reported at feeding sites.

Minzey said this winter is different than most others because a comparatively low amount of snow fell during the early part of the winter. Temperatures remain below average for April so far.

“With relatively no green vegetation available, deer are suffering a negative energy balance at the same time they are burning energy used for developing fetuses or antler development,” Minzey said. “Deer expend five times more energy to move through snow than they expend to keep warm.

“Generally speaking walking in 14 inches of snow results in a 50 percent energy expenditure increase as compared to walking on dry ground. If deer are forced to walk through 21 inches of snow, they burn twice the energy compared to walking on dry ground.”

Minzey said when these snow, weather and health conditions exist after mid-March, it typically spells trouble for fawn, and potentially adult deer, survival.

In some areas, the only snow-free areas are along roadsides where deer are congregating and getting struck by passing vehicles.

“Up until a month ago, I would have said that is was 20 percent of fawns that looked like there were in rough condition, or at least starting down that

path,” said Kristie Sitar, DNR wildlife biologist at Newberry. “These last two weeks, about half of fawns look like they are not going to make it. Most adults look still fairly decent.”

In Sault Ste. Marie, DNR wildlife biologist David Jentoft said most of the deer he’s seen on the far east end of the peninsula still look OK.

“Deer movement was not heavily restricted for most of the winter in eastern Chippewa and Mackinac (counties), as snow depths have not been real deep, so that likely has helped,” Jentoft said. “Having said that, deer don’t seem quite as responsive as they were a couple of weeks ago. If the winter conditions hold on a lot longer, deer condition may deteriorate.”

In Crystal Falls, DNR wildlife biologist Monica Joseph said most deer look skinny, but OK.

“They still seem willing to run off and jump banks, so they still have some energy reserve,” Joseph said. “We are likely losing fawns as some are looking bad, and with persistent snow cover and significantly more snow forecast for the weekend, they are going to be stressed even more. No observations of dead adult deer, due to winter loss, have been reported.”

Similar reports were received from Shingleton where deer were observed at northern feeding sites and in the southern part of the Cusino wildlife management unit.

“Most of those deer are skinny, but don’t look like they’re quite on their last legs yet,” said Cody Norton, DNR wildlife biologist. “I’m sure they are getting pretty susceptible to predation and other forms of mortality though, and the coming storms could definitely push them over the edge in much of the unit.”

In Delta and Menominee counties, deer observed looked to be in good condition, according to DNR wildlife biologist Karen Sexton and wildlife technician Colter Lubben.

“I was out working late last night running on sick/injured deer and I made it a point to look at fields of deer and large feeding sites. I looked closely at the fawns and I can say that out of the 150 plus fawns I observed I didn’t see a single fuzzy face or any that I could see ribs or hip bones,” Lubben said. “The deer are still very active; chasing each other, running from moving vehicles, et cetera.”

Sexton said fields were mostly open during the last week of March and then snow-covered from April 1 until a few days ago.

At the Marquette DNR office, during the past month, folks who have been feeding deer have reported the number of deer observed has increased by 20 to 50 percent.

“Overall, my forecast for the northern deer is poor if the weather doesn’t turn soon,” said DNR wildlife technician Caleb Eckloff. “Southern deer in my work area are faring much better, but I still have reservations about a successful fawn crop.”

Overall, with improving winter conditions, the Upper Peninsula deer herd had been rebounding over the past year or so, after three consecutive hard winters in which significant deer mortality was recorded.

A hunter camp survey released in February reviewed last fall’s deer hunting season. Across the region, hunters said the number of deer seen and the percentage of hunters harvesting a buck had increased, while they said the deer herd trend and rating of the season had improved.



# Trout season opener will see additional 10-brook-trout bag limit streams in the U.P.

Anglers heading out for the trout season opener at the end of the month will have portions of nearly 40 Upper Peninsula trout streams where an additional five brook trout may be kept as part of the daily bag limit.

The new regulation approved last fall added a suite of 36 streams, or portions of streams, where 10 trout is the daily possession limit. For streams not on the list, the daily bag limit remains at five.

During the 2016-17 fishing season, there were eight U.P. research area streams where a 10-trout bag limit was allowed.

Five of those streams were removed from the final listing proposal and no longer have a 10-brook-trout bag limit. These five streams include portions of Bryan Creek (Marquette and Dickinson counties); East Branch Huron River (Baraga and Marquette counties); East Branch Tahquamenon River (Chippewa County); Presque Isle River and tributaries (Gogebic County) and Rock River and tributaries (Alger County).

With the exception of Menominee County, 14 of the U.P.'s 15 counties have at least one stream included on the 10 Brook Trout Possession Limit Waters list.

"The intent of the regulation change is to diversify fishing opportunities across the whole U.P. landscape, while simultaneously being protective of brook trout populations," said Jim Dexter, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division Chief.

Over the past six years, at the request of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and with input from members of the Coldwater Regulations Steering Committee, DNR Fisheries Division staff investigated social and biological aspects of increasing anglers' brook trout possession limit from five to 10 on a subset of U.P. trout streams.

A brook trout catch from an Upper Peninsula stream. Public opinions were gathered using several methods, including more than two dozen public meetings, various surveys conducted via the Internet, postcards and creel clerks (384 responses received), consultations with sport clubs and other governing agencies, and from e-mails, letters and telephone calls.

Biological information was gathered on seven streams using electrofishing surveys, while creel clerks collected catch, effort and harvest data on four streams.

"Staff worked to select specific stream segments or sub-watersheds to be considered for the 10-brook trout possession limit, based on criteria proposed by the DNR Fisheries Division and accepted by the Natural Resources Commission," Dexter said. "Staff also looked broadly across all fisheries unit boundaries."

The opening day of inland trout season on Type 1 streams, which include the increased bag limit, is Saturday, April 28.

For a complete listing of the streams where a 10-trout bag limit is allowed, see the 2018 Michigan Fishing Guide available from DNR offices, where fishing licenses are sold or online at [mi.gov/fishing](http://mi.gov/fishing).

# Registration opens for summer BOW program

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced today registration is open for this summer's "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" (BOW) program, which is set for June 1 to 3 in Marquette County.

This will mark the 21st annual summer BOW gathering for women, 18 and older, who are seeking an opportunity to improve their outdoor skills in a relaxed, noncompetitive atmosphere.

"Becoming an Outdoors Woman is a program where each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace," said Michelle Zellar, BOW program coordinator in Newberry. "The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities and sharing in the success of one another."

The summer BOW program is sponsored by the DNR and offers instruction in more than two dozen different types of activities, including kayaking, wilderness first aid and survival, lake and fly fishing, field birding, geocaching, shooting sports, boating and introduction to bird hunting with dogs.

"Volunteer BOW instructors provide basic and advanced teaching that is tailored to each participant's individual ability, helping participants learn the basics in a short amount of time," Zellar said.

BOW participants stay and take their classes at the Bay Cliff Health Camp, a universally accessible facility overlooking Lake Superior, which is situated about 30 miles north of Marquette near Big Bay.

Participants will be housed in a dorm-style facility with amenities including a sauna, pool, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails, along with easy access to northern hardwood forests and Lake Superior.

"The summer program typically fills quickly, so early registration is encouraged," Zellar said.

The \$200 registration fee includes all food and lodging, as well as most equipment and supplies. The deadline for registration is May 11. A limited number of BOW Scholarships are available to help low-income participants with the cost of registration. The scholarship application deadline is May 4.

Class information and registration materials are available online at [www.michigan.gov/bow](http://www.michigan.gov/bow). Registrations must be mailed, with payment, to the DNR Newberry customer service center address stated on the form.

For more information on the summer BOW program, contact Michelle Zellar at the DNR Customer Service Center in Newberry at 906-293-5131 or by e-mail at [DNRBOW@michigan.gov](mailto:DNRBOW@michigan.gov).

# Announcements

**Vendors needed:** Crafters, demonstrators, food, and the like. Serious inquiries only for very busy event on the grounds of the Wheels of History Museum in Brimley for 4th of July. Contact : Thomas1927@sbcglobal.net

## Community input needed

Chippewa County is ranked 82nd out of the 83 counties in Michigan for health behaviors. Please complete the Bay Mills Health Center assessment. The information gathered is only used to improve our services to the community. Each completed survey generates \$5 towards a community playground upgrade. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6G6KZ6V>.

## Community asked to participate in recreation survey

Please help spread the word to individuals that live, work, and play in the Bay Mills community. Email the link below to family, friends, committees and coalitions that have an interest in Bay Mills Recreation. Follow this link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMICRec>

This survey is the first step in completing a comprehensive recreation plan for Bay Mills Indian Community. The link will be open for input until the end of May.

## War Memorial Hospital Community Baby Shower

Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m., LSSU Norris Center

Whether you are expecting a baby, recently had one, or are planning a family - come and meet local businesses and vendors who have information and products helpful to those who are expecting or have a new baby. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given away. Bring a friend for this fun and free event.

## Women's Gathering planned

A Women's Gathering is being planned for April 27 to 29 at Migizi Hall. Throughout the weekend there will be talking circles, story telling, and traditional crafts. This free event is an opportunity for women in the community to

take time away from their busy lives and relax. You must sign up to participate. There is limited availability for overnight accommodations. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Anna Rogers-Stott at 906-248-8311 or email [am-rogers-stott@baymills.org](mailto:am-rogers-stott@baymills.org)

## BMCC announces graduation ceremonies

This year's Commencement Exercises for Bay Mills Community College will be held on Friday, May 11, at the Bay Mills Resort & Casino's Horizon Conference Center. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Line-up for all participating graduates and faculty will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Group Photos-Waishkey Center Gym

All participating graduates, faculty, and staff

must be at the Waishkey Center Gym by 9:15 a.m. for group pictures. If for any reason, you are late, there is no guarantee you will be included in the photo.

Caps, gowns, and tassels : All 2018 participating graduates should see Holly Sparks at the reception desk in the Administration Building to pick up their cap and gown between May 7 and May 10.

Need invitations?: While invitations are not required as the ceremony is open to the public, each graduate will be issued 10 commencement invitations. These are available for pick-up at the Student Success Center. Out of town graduates who would like their invitations mailed to them must contact Deb Wilson or Heather Church at 906-248-3354.



## Join us for our BMCC Spring OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 | 3:00PM-6:00PM

This event is open FREE to the community. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to check out our campus and what we have to offer. We are not only a college, but also have services available to our community such as a public library, the Mukwa Fitness Center, the Waishkey Bay Farm, Community Education programs and many more!

- Visit tables on every program we offer
- Get all your questions answered
- Refreshments will be served
- Prizes available!

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