



# Federal appeals court remands Line 5 lawsuit back to state court after March hearing

LANSING – On June 17, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals issued an opinion and judgment directing a federal district court to remand the case *Nessel v. Enbridge* back to a state court, announced Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. The Attorney General argued before the Sixth Circuit in March that the case seeking to shut down the aging and dangerous oil pipeline must be sent back to state court, where it was originally filed and litigated for over a year. The Sixth Circuit agreed and ordered the case to be remanded back to the 30th Circuit Court in Ingham County, where it is expected that proceedings will resume before Judge James S. Jamo.

“This case never should have left state court in the first place, and after this long delay caused by Enbridge’s procedural manipulations, we’re elated to welcome *Nessel v. Enbridge* back to its rightful judicial venue,” said Nessel. “The State has an obligation and imperative to protect the Great Lakes from the

threat of pollution, especially the devastating catastrophe a potential Line 5 rupture would wreak upon all of Michigan. As we’ve long argued, this is a Michigan case brought under Michigan law that the People of Michigan and its courts should rightly decide.

“The Straits of Mackinac is a fragile and unique ecosystem that must be defended from those who would risk it, and the way of life for hundreds of Michigan communities in the north, for continued fossil fuel profits. Line 5 is no safer than it was when I first sued Enbridge in 2019. It is still old, dangerous, and worsening. And I am still committed to doing everything in my power to shut down its passage through the Straits.”

Attorney General Nessel argued in March that the case should be handled in state court, where she originally sued Canadian oil giant Enbridge Energy in 2019. Enbridge originally agreed and litigated the

case there for over a year. The state court agreed with Nessel that Line 5 needed to be temporarily shut down after being struck by anchors or similar objects, and the court ordered a temporary shut down in the summer of 2020. Nessel and Enbridge each filed motions asking the state court to decide the case, but those motions were never decided because Enbridge then removed the case to federal court long after the deadline to do so had passed.

On appeal, Attorney General Nessel argued that Enbridge’s removal of the case to federal court was both late and improper. The federal trial court agreed that the Federal Court of Appeals should review this question. The Court of Appeals then granted Nessel permission to appeal in July of 2023 before hearing oral arguments in March of this year. Today, the Court of Appeals agreed that Enbridge’s removal was untimely and ordered the case remanded back to state court.

# Bay Mills 2024 Pow Wow Competition Winners

## Youth Boys Traditional

- 1st Place: Alex Klein
- 2nd Place: Arrow Hatch
- 3rd Place: Christian Montoya

## Youth Boys Grass

- 1st Place: Diamond Temoke
- 2nd Place: Brandon Woods Jr.
- 3rd Place: Carson Sayers
- 4th Place: Eyabay Wemigwans

## Youth Boys Fancy

- 1st Place: Ethan Jourdain
- 2nd Place: Dawson Sayers
- 3rd Place: Wam Marshall

## Youth Boys Woodland

- 1st Place: Jordyn Smith
- 2nd Place: Mason Sayers
- 3rd Place: Ethan Temela
- 4th Place: Hollis Perez

## Youth Girls Traditional

- 1st Place: Matteliah Pheasant

## Youth Girls Jingle

- 1st Place: Jordan General
- 2nd Place: Nailah Pyawasit
- 3rd Place: Mattelin Pheasant
- 4th Place: Aniecia Guerrero Woods

## Youth Girls Fancy

- 1st Place: Lilianna Klein
- 2nd Place: Kisasy Dreaver
- 3rd Place: Marzia Kingbird
- 4th Place: Aurora Betts-Cecil

## Youth Girls Woodland

- 1st Place: Athena Begay
- 2nd Place: Binesi Wesaw

## Teen Boys Grass

- 1st Place: Keveon Kingbird
- 2nd Place: Makoonse Aquash



## 3rd Place: Allex Mahl

## Teen Boys Fancy

- 1st Place: Wiingashk Shawano

## Teen Boys Woodland

- 1st Place: Francis Delabreau
- 2nd Place: Grason Jackson
- 3rd Place: Gegek Webkamigad

## Teen Girls Traditional

- 1st Place: Georgia-June Abel

## Teen Girls Jingle

- 1st Place: Royal Pemma
- 2nd Place: Reynette Wemigwans
- 3rd Place: Cassandra Syrette
- 4th Place: Waasey Wemigwase

## Teen Girls Fancy

- 1st Place: Kendreya Teeple

## Teen Girls Woodland

- 1st Place: Hope Stevens
- 2nd Place: Waabin Pyawasit
- 3rd Place: Aanimikwan Trudeau

## Men’s Traditional

- 1st Place: Adrian Klein
- 2nd Place: Zack Antoine-Jackson
- 3rd Place: Gabe Cleveland
- 4th Place: Nodin Aquash

## Men’s Grass

- 1st Place: Miishen Shawanda
- 2nd Place: Matthew Pheasant
- 3rd Place: CJ Lasley
- 4th Place: Quincey Anotoine-Jackson

## Men’s Fancy

- 1st Place: Tyrone Shawana
- 2nd Place: Nodin Jackson
- 3rd Place: Adrian King
- 4th Place: Keveon Kingbird

## Men’s Woodland

- 1st Place: Nodin Shawanda
- 2nd Place: Naakwam Shawanda
- 3rd Place: Darrel Delabreau
- 4th Place: Richard Pine

## Women’s Traditional

- 1st Place: Summer Baldwin
- 2nd Place: Chelsey Recolet
- 3rd Place: Kristol Abel
- 4th Place: Patricia Delareau

## Women’s Jingle

- 1st Place: Kianna White
- 2nd Place: Alexis Syrette
- 3rd Place: Kayla Dreaver
- 4th Place: Riley Diehman

## Women’s Fancy

- 1st Place: Beedokaw Stonefish
- 2nd Place: Michelle Reed
- 3rd Place: Autumn Hart
- 4th Place: Tierra Rose Kingbird

## Women’s Woodland

- 1st Place: Ashley Rave
- 2nd Place: Jenica Greenbird
- 3rd Place: Hannah Morningstar
- 4th Place: Shaelynn Recollett

## Golden Men’s

- 1st Place: Walker Stonefish
- 2nd Place: Boyd Ladd Sr.
- 3rd Place: Russ Blackbird
- 4th Place: Stephen Pelletier

## Golden Women’s

- 1st Place: Mariette Sutherland
- 2nd Place: Debbie Plain
- 3rd Place: Joyce Petoskey
- 4th Place: Punkin Shananaquet

## Drums

- 1st Place: Under the Pines
- 2nd Place: Battle River
- 3rd Place: Hay Creek
- 4th Place: Crazy Spirit
- 5th Place: Mountain Town

# Executive Council discusses business at regular meeting

July 8 meeting  
Reports

## President Whitney Gravelle

— June 18 Tourism Action Plan meeting held. Going over recommendations. Website reviewed, suggestions made to template. Consider Parks & Recreation staff that would help highlight and promote these areas. Will follow up in the near future. This will support economic development.

— Had a meeting with Superior Health Foundation. They provide grant funding. Will apply for equipment funding.

— Spoke at the UP History conference. This was a non-tribal audience, spoke about Abe LeBlanc and fishing history.

— June 27 held regular CORA meeting. Discussed access sites. Discussed possible changes to migratory bird regulations. Extreme changes proposed, we will be submitting comments.

— July 3 received wetland permit from Army Corps for BMRC construction. Some property will be deemed wetland.

— Still working on land issues with Bay Mart project, deeds are being reviewed.

— 2020 Consent Decree is on going, we predict a court date for arguments in the fall.

— Line 5 is ongoing.

## Tribal Manager Rachel Lyons

— Tourism Feasibility study will be coming for a site visit at the end of the month.

— Did not receive the cybersecurity grant.

— Plantation Hills lots have been set aside for additional BMIC development. Looking to construct two townhomes next year.

— Monthly meetings were held.

— Executive Secretary Assistant interviews were held. Ryan Gravelle began the position today.

— Commodities renovation nearly complete.

— Looking to phase move in for new admin building in August.

— Footings poured for professional housing. Houses to show end of July/early August.

— Riverview Campground is topic of bi-weekly meetings.

## CFO Crystal Wilcox

— Working on scheduling interviews for HR director.

— Accounting is waiting for one entry to close out 2022 audit. Auditors to be on site soon. Working on getting financials in a more timely manner each month.

— Working on HR record retention policy for documents. Will bring for review.

— Updating other policies, including marijuana testing and insurance is-

sues. Looking for best solution. This applies to sensitive positions and the possibility of rapid testing.

— Reminding staff about purchasing policy and three quote rule.

— Reassignment of duties in HR to be done. This will divide and define duties for staff.

— AOT is doing well on retail side with extended hours.

## Health Director Lucy DeWildt

— Should have occupancy permit for Brimley clinic soon.

— Fire suppression room will have final work done.

— Had a table at Sault Tribe Pow Wow.

— Several meetings held.

— Child Advocacy Center will have their grand opening on Wednesday.

— In August is National Health Center Week, we will recognize.

## Bay Mills Gaming Authority Richard LeBlanc

— Continuously evaluating casino performance. Holiday week impacted numbers, as many people spend the 4th outdoors.

— Reviewing marketing data. Looking at year over year growth.

— Maintenance is working on organizing storage areas, inventoried, cleaned, etc.

— Casino power outage planned for August. Looking at a time that will have the least amount of impact.

— A patron damaged some slot machines and will be paying for the damage.

## Bay Mills Business Holdings

Justin LeBlanc (Four Seasons and Bay Mart)

— New coffee station has arrived for Bay Mart. This should be up and running shortly.

— Inventory will take place this month at Bay Mart. Working on monthly inventory at Four Seasons.

— Both stores had a significant increase in sales over the holiday.

Glen Philpot- submitted a written report

## Old Business

1. Amendments to Bay Mills Personnel Policies & Procedures – Section 207.14. Approved.

## New Business

1. Resolution No. 24-07-08A: Waiver of Sovereign Immunity – Ironside Human Resources Bay Mills Health Center Services. This is a renewal of recruitment agreement with Health Center. They have been helping with numerous positions. Approved.

2. Resolution No. 24-07-08B: Approving Engagement with Earthjustice and the Native American Rights Fund. This is regarding the treaty rights rule when setting water quality standards. States are suing to abolish the rule. This is pro bono work. Approved.

3. Resolution No. 24-07-08C: Resolu-

tion Regarding Public Comment for the Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement – Housing Development Project. Requesting more than \$4 million to build homes on the reservation. Approved.

4. Resolution No. 24-07-08D: Application to the Indian Community Development Block Grant for the Mixed-Use Development Project. Asking for \$2 million for the Kings/Tribal Admin mixed used building. Tribe will match funds. Approved.

5. Approval of USACE Federal Permit LRE-1994-380141-S23; BMIC - Casino Expansion. Work authorized to be completed by Fall 2025. Army Corps can inspect throughout process. Will monitor wetland impacts. Approved.

6. Re-Authorization of HEARTH Act Ordinance and Submission to Bureau of Indian Affairs. The HEARTH only applies to new leases. Approved.

7. Approval of Agreement with Kentwood Office Furniture – New Admin. \$271k - this was the lowest quote. This

is covered by indirect monies we have received. Approved.

8. Approval to Submit: Approved.

a. MACC Facility Improvement & Equipment Grant – FY2025 - \$30,000. Matching \$7,500, for repairs to the lighthouse museum

b. Michigan Environmental Justice Impact Grant Program - \$500,000. Installing air quality monitoring equipment. No match.

9. Acceptance of Funds from USDA Rural Development - \$300,000. This is for the mixed use facility planning. Approved.

10. Pickles Bar & Grill, LLC – Liquor License. Annual. Approved.

11. Donation Request. Approved.

12. Reaffirmation of Poll Votes: Approved.

a. Emergency Donation Requests

b. Raffle License – Bay Mills Community College

c. Acceptance of Funds for Violence Against Women Act & Indian Child Welfare Tribal Court Training - \$138,000

## Training to take place in Bay Mills

BRIMLEY — Bay Mills Indian Community invites you to join its annual Noojimo'iwewin: The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Training on July 31-Aug 2 at Bay Mills Resort & Casino. In its 6th year, Noojimo'iwewin will focus on Healing Together. Training registration is open and free.

Each year, BMIC strives to share national voices and timely content to heal our communities from family violence.

This domestic violence and child welfare training brings together Bay Mills attendees including representatives from the community college, health center, Social Services Department, Police Department, and Tribal Court. In the past, attendees have also represented over 80 tribes and tribal departments from Washington, California, Alaska, Minnesota, and beyond.

"At Bay Mills Indian Community, we are committed to fostering healing and resilience within our communities," said Whitney Gravelle, president of Bay Mills Indian Community. "The Noojimo'iwewin training is not just an event; it's a powerful gathering where we come together to share knowledge, support one another, and build stronger networks to combat family violence and protect our children. By working collectively, we can create a safer and more just future for all Indigenous peoples."

Attendees can anticipate learning alongside others who prioritize the same undertaking: staying up to date with tools for effectively addressing the crisis of violence against Indigenous peoples while navigating complex jurisdictional frameworks.

Four two-hour units will provide hands-on skill-building opportunities designed to help attendees assess and refine strategies for effectively ensuring community safety.

Tentative topics include:

- Strength in Solidarity: Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV) (Keynote)
- Empowering Practitioners: Trauma-Informed Supervision In Action
- Compliance Essentials: Understanding VAWA and TLOA Requirements
- Protecting Survivors: Strengthening Law Enforcement Practices in DV Cases
- Current Trends: Evolving Challenges and Solutions in Domestic Violence (Panel)
- Collaborative Care: Working and Partnering with State Agencies

This free training is pending approval for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education and Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Units.

If you cannot attend the training in person, Noojimo'iwewin continues to be available virtually. When registering, be sure to note if you will attend in person or online. Attendees can register and sign in through Whova, the interactive event platform. On Whova, you'll see the agenda, speaker details, and presentation materials, and you can get to know other attendees through community discussion boards and more.

Registration is free and still open.

Contact [trainings@whitengroup.biz](mailto:trainings@whitengroup.biz) with questions. This training is funded by the Tribal Justice Support Division of the Office of Justice Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs.



# Chairperson's Report

By Whitney Gravelle

## Bay Mills Tribal Chairperson

On July 17, 2024 we will be hosting the General Tribal Council meeting at 6 p.m. in the Armella B. Parker Elder Center. At this meeting we will provide updates to our tribal citizens on projects currently happening in Bay Mills Indian Community, and receive presentations from the Tribal Youth Council. One outstanding GTC item that is still being worked on is the collection of signatures for the Constitutional Referendum that was approved last November. We have until Nov. 1 to collect 600 signatures of any Bay Mills tribal citizen that is over the age of 18 years old.

Our teams have been working together to discuss ongoing review of the tourism recommendations received from the MSU Extension Tourism Assessment Program conducted last Fall. This included a review of outstanding action items, review of a potential Destination Bay Mills webpage, consolidation of Parks & Recreation information, small business information, and tying together our enterprise and governmental operations. Of significant discussion was the idea of adding Parks & Recreation Department that would help manage these areas on behalf of Bay Mills, while also helping with the promotion and advertising of them to locals and community members. We will follow up on these items again in the near future and keep planning to expand these opportunities not only for use by our tribal citizens, but also to help support economic development.

We also had robust discussion at the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meetings, not only discussing regular business, but also elevating a request to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources about budget information and increased access sites throughout the waters of the Great Lakes. We also discussed changes the US Fish & Wildlife is proposing making regarding the migratory bird regulations. Migratory birds would include eagles, and the biggest change proposed will be that US Fish & Wildlife is looking to expand possession from just tribes to include the public. Tribal Nations issued concerns regarding illegal take and black-market commercialization. We will be participating in the public comment process on this, which will include comments on who be authorized to possess a whole migratory bird and parts, US Fish & Wildlife would like to know if they should continue to limit the possession of whole remains and parts to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes or open to public.

We have also been conducting meetings with our Language Preservation Coordinator to discuss language

integration across Bay Mills Indian Community, which would include more visibility of language in signage, posters, and integration of teaching modules. This language signage plan is also part of our larger plan to upgrade signage across our Tribal Nation, which includes creating more directional signage for ease of transportation and wayfinding.

The Executive Council has also held regular meetings with the Bay Mills Gaming Authority. We went over reports from the General Manager, Marketing Director, Food & Beverage Director, Hotel Director, and Hospitality Manager. We received approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a wetland permit for the Resort expansion. This will allow construction to continue in a timely fashion. We are still on track to be done next Fall of 2025 and open to the public. We have also submitted permits to the Chippewa County Road Commission for the creation of additional sidewalks along the Resort property to improve employee and guest safety. We expect these to be completed before the winter months.

The Executive Council has also held regular meetings with the Bay Mills Business Holdings. We went over reports from the Retail Manager, NLCC

Manager, and Controller, and the Chief Financial Officer. We are still working through the property issues for the Bay Mart project, and have found some original deeds of the lands which are currently being examined by the Legal Department and Land Office. It is our hope to get this resolved so the expanded work can take place later this fall for the Bay Mart project. Zoning was previously denied due to the old road that used to traverse a portion of the property connecting across near the Veterans Memorial. The road was moved in the 1970s to where it resides presently. We will keep everyone apprised of the project as we work expeditiously to solve the issues involved. Presently, all of the interior renovations regarding Bay Mart have been completed. Huge shout out to the Bay Mart team who have been working diligently through all these unusual circumstances!

Finally, there are several ongoing construction projects that will be completed this year. We fully expect that the Boys & Girls Club Expansion, the Bay Mills Brimley Clinic, the Justice Center Expansion, Bay Mart Renovation, the Commodities Expansion, Ogi-maag Gamig / Tribal Admin Building, and Plantation Hills Housing to be finished this year. As of recent weeks,

eight of the houses on Plantation Hill will be ready to move in at the end of July. We have four more homes on Plantation Hill that will be completed, and five Professional Homes in Spectacle Village also being worked on, so families can start moving in within the upcoming months. We fully intend to continue to work on more housing in the coming years as well.

There have been a lot of cultural activities taking place across Bay Mills as well, including leather belt workshops, pucker toe moccasin workshops, pipe carving workshops, all which focus on the teachings and passing on of our cultural practices. Chi miigwetch to the Cultural Department, Waishkey Bay Farm, Museum & History Departments, as well and everyone else that helps plan, prepare, and coordinate these activities.

Our teams will continue to strive for the success of Bay Mills Indian Community. Please check out our tribal website or the official Tribal Chairperson Facebook Page for regular updates about what is going on here at Bay Mills. Please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by for a visit to share your thoughts, questions, and concerns with me. You can reach me at 906-248-8100 or [president@baymills.org](mailto:president@baymills.org).

**Daminodaa! Let's Play!**  
**Game Day**  
 Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
 12:30pm (after lunch)

**Prizes** **Food & Fun**

**Armella Parker Elders Center**  
 12485 W Lakeshore Drive  
 Brimley, MI 49715

**Elders ages 55+. Lunch provided. Featured game has 25 squares and a free space. Questions? call Joan Jerman 906.248.8758**  
**This is an educational event. No cash involved.**



# OPINION

## Are you and your blood pressure buddies?

By Danny Tyree

Although I receive three or more official doctor's office blood pressure readings annually, I have procrastinated about regularly assessing my blood pressure at home.

I'm sincerely striving to behave responsibly. My father died of a massive heart attack and my maternal grandmother suffered a series of ministrokes in her later years, so I know hypertension is no laughing matter.

Unless...

...it's deadline time and you need a humor column before your editor blows a cardiac gasket!

One reason I had adopted a "no news is good news" approach to b.p. awareness is that I dreaded adding more pharmaceuticals to my pillbox. I mean, some people carry a medicine chest that tempts you to chant, "Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum!"

Another excuse was an overabundance of sometimes conflicting online tips for the ideal equipment and conditions for home tests.

Reading between the lines, I could see that one physician thought that my wrist cuff was merely "better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick." ("Oh, and four out of five doctors concede that your favorite thermometer is marginally superior to sticking your left big toe in the trash compactor.")

Furthermore, I was doing commendably well with the whole systolic/diastolic thingie until 2017, when the threshold for hypertension was dramatically reduced by the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the American Benevolent Order of Party Poopers.

I suppose I've dodged my share of bullets while neglecting my blood pressure. (Ironically, dodging those metaphorical bullets constitutes a large percentage of my exercise regimen.)

I could stand to lose some weight (when did "more to love" become "more to resuscitate"?), but I have several heart-health factors working in my favor. Alas, the passage of time is not one of them.

Blood vessels become less flexible with age, which is another reason for thinking "youth is wasted on the wrong people." Kids can cover before monsters under the bed, stress out over playground bullies, obsess over the Elf on the Shelf and still hold up enough fingers to indicate their b.p.!

I finally resolved to be more disciplined about home readings because I yearned to say, "Ha!" to those inexplicably high doctor's office measurements. I know "white coat hypertension" is a real phenomenon, but my experiences have been ridiculous.

I can avoid caffeine, fire the Morton Salt girl, carpool to the clinic with the Dalai Lama and go to my happy place for 20 minutes—before the nurse asks, "Are you certain you weren't being beckoned toward a bright light?"



There are a million reasons to do the things needed to keep your numbers under control. For one, an article says that a lower b.p. reading can contribute to improved brain health. Admittedly, the authors may have high blood pressure themselves, as they went on to say, "And with your improved brain, you can study the fairies dancing on your lawn in the moonlight."

Oh, sure, it means a lot of "minor lifestyle adjustments" and "barely noticeable sacrifices"; but maintaining a log of your readings and developing a plan with your physician can work wonders.

Everyone should aspire to stay alive and healthy so they can watch their grandchildren grow up to ...replace their hobbies with sleep time, graze the lawn, have an exercise bike surgically attached to their buttocks...

It's the circle of half-life.

\*Sigh\*

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## How air conditioning changed the world

By Tom Purcell

Thank God Willis Haviland Carrier invented air conditioning — for the most part.

Before air conditioning, the heat drove us outside and brought us together. Friends sought the shade of trees or a refreshing dip in a lake or river.

On the hottest nights, whole families brought their blankets and pillows to riverbanks, where it was cool.

In the evening, neighbors sat on their large front porches, enjoying a cool breeze as they sipped lemonade and told stories.

Even in the 1970s, when I was a kid in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, few homes had air conditioning. Our windows were always open.

At night you could hear neighbors talking, a distant baby crying and Pirates' announcer Bob Prince calling a game on somebody's porch radio: "... he missed it by a gnat's eyelash!"

In the mornings, I'd wake early to the sound of chirping birds. I could smell the cool dew outside my window and the scent of toast and scrambled eggs my father was cooking up in the kitchen.

Air conditioning has certainly changed many things for the better — I'm nice and cool as I write this column — but it has brought with it some downsides.

Most neighborhoods are sealed shut now. Rather than the voices of children playing, all you hear is the hum of air conditioning motors.

My Uncle Jack's 1920s home was designed with high ceilings, cross ventilation and large hallways to dissipate heat — magnificent features that are no longer



necessary in today's low-ceilinged suburban houses that put the porch in the back and the garage in the front.

No lemonade for you!

Commercial buildings used to have windows that opened, but that isn't necessary anymore.

Today's glass-plated buildings are designed to keep the light and air out, making us oblivious to whatever season it may be.

Before Congress got air conditioning in the 1920s, hot, humid Washington was empty from mid-June to September.

Now the Congress can spend lots more time working on — as the great New York Times columnist Russell Baker once put it — "... the promulgation of more laws, the depredations of lobbyists, the hatching of new schemes for Federal expansion and, of course, the cost of maintaining a government running at full blast."

Sure, air conditioning has dramatically improved life for the elderly and others with respiratory problems. It's saved a lot of lives. And our productivity has been vastly improved by the cool air.

I'm just saying that sometimes it's good to be hot, sweaty and uncomfortable.

When I lived in the D.C. area in 2004, a group of us sat next to the Capitol Build-

ing in 102 degree heat during a Fourth of July ceremony.

Thousands of people were jammed together dripping with sweat, but nobody really minded.

We sang the National Anthem together and it was a moving event. We watched the fireworks go off above the Washington Monument. It was a spectacular experience to be together in the heat with so many others.

But as soon as the last of the fireworks exploded, most people fled to their air-conditioned cars and homes and went quickly back into isolation.

I didn't.

I put my car windows down. We drove slowly through the streets of Washington, listening to the occasional firecracker and people talking as children played with sparklers.

Of course, as soon as I got to my Virginia condo, I cranked the AC as high as it would go — happily enjoying the incredible upside of Willis Carrier's cool invention.

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# Walking On

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## **Albert Timothy “Tim” Walden Sr**

Albert Timothy “Tim” Walden Sr. passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, surrounded by family. Born on Aug. 23, 1951, in Flint Michigan, Tim had the gift of gab, loved a good joke or story, and could make anyone feel like a true friend within five minutes of meeting. Most who met Tim would describe him as “good people”.

Tim served in the United States Army, returning home in 1972. In the late 70s, Tim, Deb, and their young family moved to Colorado, where he became a coal miner. Upon arriving back in Michigan in the 80’s, Tim worked as a fish processor, finally retiring from Lock City Fish Market in the late 2000’s. Tim often held a second job, including blackjack dealing and bartending at the Brimley VFW, the Cozy Inn, and Lazy Bob’s. He passed on his strong work ethic and varied skills to his next generation.

Tim was an avid outdoorsman, loved to hunt deer and fish for walleye, cut his own firewood, and ride the back roads with his beloved wife, Deb. Tim loved to host a good fish-fry and poker party in his garage for his devoted friends, and was the first to offer them a Pabst Blue Ribbon as they walked in the door. He loved to tell jokes (have you heard the one about the kangaroo?) and stories about anything and everything.

Tim left behind a loving and tight-knit family including his beloved wife of 52 years, Deborah Ann (Lyons) Walden; children, Stacey, Stephanie, Sandra, Timmy (Kimmi) and Tony Walden; grandchildren, Delaney, Ceara, Darcey, Daynah, Dayton (Maryssa), Jazlyn, Daisy, Paula Ann, Albert, Drayden and Rylee; great-grandson and birthday buddy, Dominic; great-grandson, Jasper; and a third great-granddaughter expected in December; siblings, Betty Gerhard and Jim Walden; sisters-in-law, Mary Hopper and Yvonne Lyons; brother-in-law, Lorne Lyons, Aunt Yvonne (Turtle), Uncle Fudd and Aunt Sandy; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Tim was preceded in death by his infant son, Robert; mother, Barbara Schwabauer Peterson; father, Albert Walden; special aunt and uncle Birdie and Charlie Nikita; sisters, Sally (Jose) Encarnacion and Barbara Bowden; brother, Chuckie Walden; parents-in-law, Frank and Donna Lyons; and brothers-in-law, Shon, Lonnie, and Robbie Lyons.

Tim’s final wishes were to have one last get-together at his home, where friends and family can share a Pabst Blue Ribbon together.

Final resting place will be Mission Hill Cemetery, in Bay Mills Township, Michigan. Burial will happen at a later date.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

## **Michelle Lynn Sparks**

Michelle Lynn Sparks, 51, died at McLaren Northern Michigan on June 26, 2024, in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born on May 27, 1973, in Saginaw, Michigan, to William and Anne (Floeter) Sparks.

Michelle grew up in Saginaw and attended Reese High School. She started her career soon after high school, as a waitress and bartender at Northpoint Restaurant and Sports Bar in Pinconning, Michigan.

Michelle enjoyed doing outdoor activities, camping, canoeing, going to the beach, and partying with friends and families.

Michelle is survived by her daughters, Samantha Sparks and Kendreya Teeple; sisters, LeeAnne (Gene) Gravelle, Linda Owen, and Tina (Steve) Spessard; and her beloved dog, Bee.

Michelle was preceded in death by parents, William and Anne, and brother, Leo Owen.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

## **James “Jim” Lyons Jr.**

James “Jim” Lyons Jr., 70, of Bay Mills, Mich., died on June 26, 2024, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jim was born on May 24, 1954, to the late James Lyons Sr. and Audrey Lyons.

Jim grew up in Bay Mills and was a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community. He spent his career working construction in various departments within the Tribe. Jim had a great affection for animals, often gifting family members with strays that he would find. He was a beautiful singer and avid guitar player, a gift that he shared with his sons. Jim could always be seen driving his side by side with his little dog Bailey at his side.

Jim is survived by his son, James Lyons III (Teyana) of Bay Mills; stepdaughters, Heather (Stan) Parish and Amanda Stehlik; grandsons, Jace and Orion Lyons; sisters, Marilyn Yon, Kathi Carrick, Dawn (Dave) Terrell, Melanie Lyons, Anita (Don) Charles and Michele LeBlanc; and brother, Walter (Bobbi) Lyons.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Lisa; youngest son, Jason (Farley) Lyons; brother, Lawrence Lyons; and sisters, Denise and Gerri LeBlanc.

Services have taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Chippewa Animal Shelter, 1554 E. 3 Mile Rd, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

## **Robert Anthony Blandino**

Robert Anthony Blandino, 67, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died at his home on June 21, 2024. He was born on Feb. 10, 1957, in Sault Ste. Marie to Antonio S. and Barbara J. (Myrick) Blandino.

Robert grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School. After graduating, he worked as a bouncer at the Back Door Bar. His colleagues describe his demeanor as being a caring guy with the best sense of humor. His efforts at being grumpy were hilarious, he was genuinely a good-hearted person, and a safe place for his coworkers as well.

Robert loved spending time with his family and had a passion for sports. He was an avid collector for sports memorabilia.

Robert is survived by sister, Georganna (Robin) Fournier of Greenfield, Wisc.; nephew, Eric (Julie) Fournier; and great niece, Kiera and Ava.

Robert was preceded in death by his father, Antonio Blandino; and his mother, Barbara Huttenan.

Services have taken place.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

## **Eugene A. Teeple**

Eugene A. Teeple, born on April 1, 1936, in Brimley, Mich., passed away peacefully on May 16, 2024. He was the beloved son of Edmund Teeple and Beulah Teeple (Holiday).

Eugene proudly served 20 years in the United States Air Force, retiring from the service. He also dedicated four years as a recruiter for the Army Reserve. Additionally, he was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as a Grand Knight. Eugene was a successful business owner and worked at the K-25 Nuclear Plant as a Security officer.

He was preceded in death by his Mom & Dad, Edmund Teeple and Beulah Teeple; his two sons, Gary Teeple and Leonard Teeple; his Granddaughter Amanda Teeple; his brothers, Gary and Leonard Teeple; and his sisters, Maxine Jerman and Catherine Teeple.

Eugene is survived by his loving wife, Edna Faye Teeple (West), with whom he shared 64 wonderful years of marriage; his sister, Regina Hudson (Rocky Hudson); his brother, Michael Teeple (Laura Teeple); and his grandchildren, Dustin Teeple, Heather Teeple, Brittany Teeple, Destiney Aguilar (Kevin Aguilar), Shania Teeple, and Hunter Teeple. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Alexander Lyons, Leland Teeple, Nylah Teeple, Liam Aguilar, Nash Aguilar, Aubree Baldasano, and Kaylee Teeple. Along with several nieces & nephews.

Eugene resided in Tennessee but was deeply connected to Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley, Mich. He will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his community, and his service to his country. His presence, good jokes & stories will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services have taken place.

Final Resting Place will be at Mission Hill Cemetery in Brimley, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).



# BMPD visits with Bay Mills Boys & Girls Club



As part of Operation W.I.N., the Boys & Girls Club of Bay Mills hosted Bay Mills police officers as special guests for the day.

Officer Weist and Officer George explained what police officers do for our community and how to become a police officer. Club members got to see the inside of a police car and turn on the lights and sirens. The 10+ age group also got to try simulation goggles for different BAC levels and for marijuana use while trying to solve a maze. The officers also handed out goodies: suckers, donut stress balls, coloring books and crayons, pencils, and Junior Officer stickers.



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# 2024 Chippewa County Fair Schedule

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

Campers can start arriving after 12 p.m.  
7 p.m. - Miss Chippewa County Fair Queen Contest (4-H Building)

**Sunday, Aug. 25**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Enter Rabbit Meat Pens  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Enter all other Rabbits  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Enter Poultry Meat Pens  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Enter all other Poultry

**Monday, Aug. 26**

9 a.m. - Rabbit Judging (Rabbit Barn)  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Enter All Market Livestock (May enter breeding animals also)  
2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Enter Youth/Open Still Exhibits (4-H Building)

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**

9 a.m. - Poultry Judging (Poultry Barn)  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Youth/ Open Still Exhibits Judging (4-H Building)  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enter Youth Class Horses  
1 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Enter Breeding Livestock  
1p.m. to 9 p.m. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)  
2 p.m.. to 8 p.m.. - Youth/Open Exhibits in 4-H Building open to public  
3 p.m. - Pocket Pet Judging  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.- TBA (Pavilion)  
4:30 p.m.- Dog Show Registration  
5 p.m.- Dog Show Judging  
4 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Quonset/ Vendors Open  
5:30 p.m. Livestock Exhibitors Meeting (Behind Livestock Office)  
GRANDSTAND

8 p.m.- USA Demo Derby Presents (Grandstand) Power Wheel Race, Stock Bump N Run with heats & feature

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

9 a.m. - Swine Judging (Covered Show Ring)

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. - Quonset/Vendors Open

1 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Skerbeck Carnival

1 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)

2 p.m. - Market Goat Judging (Covered Showing Ring)

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Youth/Open Exhibits in 4-H Building Open to Public

2:15 p.m. - Sheep Judging (Covered Show Ring , Costume Class will be Friday)

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. - TBA (Pavilion)

GRANDSTAND

8 p.m. - USA Demo Derby Presents Stock Auto Cross with heats & feature - Front Wheel Demo Derby Finale

**Thursday, Aug. 29**

9 a.m.- Beef Judging (Covered Show Ring)

9 a.m. - Garden Tractor Pull (Tractor Pulling Area)

11 a.m. - Antique & Classic Tractor Pull (Tractor Pulling Area)

11 a.m.-Youth Horse Show Speed & Action

11a.m. to 10 p.m. - Quonset/ Vendors Open

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Special Needs Activities

12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Conservation District Amazing Race

1 p.m.-10 p.m.-Carnival Rides

1 p.m.-9 p.m. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Youth/ Open Exhibits in 4-H Building Open to Public

3 p.m.-Draft Horse Judging  
3 P.M. - Small Animal Overall Showmanship (Poultry, Rabbit Barn Area)  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - TBA(Pavilion)

The Jim Cryderman Memorial Pull  
5 p.m. - Open Pony Pull - Free Admission

7 p.m. - Open Horse Pull - Free Admission Sponsor For Both Pulls

**Friday, Aug. 30**

9 a.m. -Youth Horse Show

10 a.m. - Dairy Judging

11 a.m. - Farm Stock Tractor Pull (Tractor Pulling Area)

11 a.m. - Goat Judging (Goat Show Ring) 1

11 a.m. to 10 p.m.. - Quonset/Vendors Open

12 p.m.. - Open Horse Show - Speed & Action (Horse Arena)

1 p.m. to 11p.m. - Carnival Rides

1 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)

2 p.m. - Chili Cook-off

2 p.m.. to 8 p.m. - Youth/Open Exhibits in 4-H building Open to public

5 p.m.. - Sheep Costume Class (Open and Pee Wee) (Covered Show Ring)

5 p.m. - Goat Costume Class (Goat Show Ring)

4 p.m. to 7p.m. - TBA (Pavilion)

6 p.m. - Supreme Showman Contest (Covered Show Ring)

GRANDSTAND

7:30 p.m. - Stock Car Racing

**Saturday, Aug. 31**  
9 a.m. -Garden Tractor Pull (Tractor Pulling Area)

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Youth/Open Exhibits in 4-H Building open to public

1 p.m.. to 9 p.m. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)

1:30 p.m. - Market Livestock Sale (Covered Show Ring)

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - TBA (Pavilion)

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Chippewa County Fair Exhibitor's Barn Dance (Covered Show Ring)

GRANDSTAND

6:30 p.m. - Antique Tractor Parade

7:30 p.m. - Dafter Lion's Mud Run

**Sunday, Sept. 1**

9 a.m. - Open Horse Show (Horse Arena) (halter, western & english)

9 a.m. - Worship Services (Grandstand)

9 a.m.-Garden Tractor Pull

10 a.m.. - Dead Weight Tractor Pull (Tractor Pulling Area)

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Car Show (In front of 4-H Building)

12 p.m. -10 p.m - Quonset/ Vendors Open

12 p.m.-12:45 p.m. - Register for Master Stockman (Covered Show Ring)

1 p.m.. - Master Stockman (Covered Show Ring).

12 p.m.-Register for Pedal Pullers

1 p.m. - Pedal Pullers Contest

1 p.m.-10 p.m.. - Carnival Rides

2 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Youth/Open Exhibits in 4-H Building open to public

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.. - Bingo (Dunbar Building)

4 p.m. - Livestock Exhibitors Meeting (Covered Show Ring)

5 p.m. - Tri-County Speed Horse Contest (Horse Arena)

GRANDSTAND

9 a.m. - Worship Services



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# 2024 Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow



Despite the rain moving activities indoors, a great time was had by all who attended the 2024 Bay Mills Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow. It was a record year, with sold out spaces for vendors. Brimley Area Schools stepped up and offered space to take the event indoors when severe weather hit the Upper Peninsula. Vendors and dancers didn't miss a beat and spent the weekend inside. The canoe race had to be canceled for safety concerns, but the committee looks forward to bringing it back again next year.



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# Take part in the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk

The 2024 Annual Bridge Walk is currently scheduled for Monday, Sept. 2. Any updates will be posted on the Mackinac Bridge Authority web page as the event approaches.

The Mackinac Bridge will be closed to public traffic from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Sept. 2 to accommodate the 2024 Annual Bridge Walk.

No bus transportation across the bridge will be provided as part of the event. Walkers who decide to walk across the entire bridge will need to arrange their own transportation back to the end of the bridge where they started after the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon. There is limited parking space available west of the Mackinac Bridge Authority plaza area.

For those seeking alternative transportation during the event, the local Mackinac Island ferry companies offer transportation between St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, and Mackinac Island, as well as between St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. Local transportation companies also offer shuttle service between various locations.

There is no fee or registration required to participate in the walk. The walk begins at 7 a.m. You may start walking any time after the governor's party starts the walk at approximately 7 a.m. No one will be permitted to start after 11:30 a.m., so make sure you arrive early.

The walk begins in St. Ignace at the north end of the Mackinac Bridge in the Upper Peninsula, and in Mackinaw City at the south end of the bridge in the Lower Peninsula. To participate in the walk you may:

- Walk from either end of the bridge, turning around at the midpoint and returning to the city you started from, where your transportation is located. The turnaround points will move towards the ends of the bridge beginning at 10 a.m., but walkers can walk at least a portion of the bridge if you start by 11:30 a.m. Walkers must be on the side of the bridge they wish to re-

## Mackinac Bridge Walk Rules

- Bridge will be closed to public traffic 6:30 a.m. to Noon
- Walk begins in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City
- Walkers can start the walk from 7 to 11:30 a.m.
- Walkers can U-turn or walk through with their own transportation arrangements
- Wheelchairs, mobility scooters and baby strollers allowed
- Bags subject to search
- No wagons, running, skateboards, bicycles, roller skates or in-line skates
- No signs, banners or other large objects
- No pets except trained service dogs
- No restrooms available on the bridge

Bridge Walk U-turn Start Times

North and south starting lines close at 11:30 a.m.

turn to before 10 a.m. or you will be turned back.

- Walk from either end of the bridge and continue across to the other side. This option is most like previous bridge walks. However, since bus transportation across the bridge will not be provided, walkers who choose this option will need to arrange for their own transportation back across after the bridge reopens at noon. Walkers who do not reach the midpoint of the bridge before 10 a.m. will be turned back.

- Walk from either end of the bridge, continuing across to the other side, then walking back to the end of the bridge you started from. This option will mean a 10-mile round trip for participants. If walkers in this option do not reach the midpoint of the bridge on their return trip by 10 a.m. will be turned back.

Walkers will use the left-hand outside paved lane as they walk onto the bridge, regardless of which end of the bridge they start from. Walkers who turn back at the midpoint will turn right, then return using the opposite side outside paved lane. Walkers who choose to cross the entire bridge will stay in the left-hand outside paved lane

all the way across.

The Michigan State Police and other official personnel will be available in the event of an emergency.

Please note, there are no restrooms on the bridge and the average length of time to walk the bridge is about two hours. Portable toilets will be available in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City.

Baby strollers and wheelchairs are allowed on the bridge during the walk. Prohibited items include signs, banners, umbrellas, bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, wagons and similar types of devices. With the sole exception of working service dogs, no animals are allowed. Walkers must stay away from bridge railings. The inside lane in both directions will remain open for emergency vehicles.

Except for pre-qualified, registered participants in the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Run, no running or racing is permitted on the bridge. Playing tag on the bridge is not permitted and no smoking on the bridge, please. For information on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Run, please go to [www.michiganfitness.org](http://www.michiganfitness.org) or contact the Governor's Council at 517-347-7891.

Those who attend will receive a numbered bridge walk certificate at the completion of your walk. Certificates will be distributed at both ends of the bridge. Individuals under the age of 18 should have the permission of a parent or guardian to participate in the walk. Any two or more people walking together should make plans for a meeting place in the event that they become separated during the walk.

Before beginning the walk, all participants should carefully determine that they are physically fit and medically able to participate in the annual walk since the physical strain of the walk could lead to serious health problems. Participants should also understand that walking involves risks of injury from falls due to the surface condition of the bridge, contact with other participants, and the effects of weather including high heat and/or humidity.

As in the past, persons who need reasonable accommodations due to disability may contact the Mackinac Bridge Authority by Aug. 30 at 906-643-7600. TTY users may call the Michigan Relay Center at 800-649-3777.

## Sault Ste. Marie nurses and MyMichigan reach agreement

SAULT STE. MARIE — Nurses at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault voted on June 25 to ratify a new contract that will help recruit and retain the RNs needed to take care of the community now and into the future.

“We’re proud of our solidarity and strength as a union that made this possible, as well as the amazing community support for which we are so grateful,” said Colleen Waucaush, RN and president of the Michigan Nurses Association local bargaining unit at the hospital. “This journey was worth it to set up a better future for local nurses and our hospital, which ulti-

mately means a better future for everyone in the eastern U.P. Nurses never lost our focus on providing the best care possible for our patients, and we’re proud that this contract will support making that happen every day at our hospital.”

Sault nurses were always focused on achieving a fair contract that will recruit and retain nurses. The new contract supports that with wage increases that will move the top-of-the-scale wage beyond \$50 an hour by the end of the contract on Dec. 31, 2027.

About 120 nurses work at the hospital.

“This agreement underscores our commitment to valuing and supporting the critical role our nurses and all of our staff have in delivering safe, excellent care that we always have provided. We believe this contract will foster a collaborative, supportive and positive work environment, ensuring our nurses and staff have the resources necessary to continue their outstanding service to our community,” said Kevin Kalchik, president, MyMichigan Medical Center Sault. “At MyMichigan Health, safe staffing, workplace safety and competitive compensation and benefits have al-

ways, and will continue to be, priorities. We remain dedicated to maintaining open lines of communication with our nursing staff to ensure their voices continue to be heard. And, most importantly, together with our nurses and all of our staff, we look forward to building a healthier and even stronger future for the benefit of our patients and communities we serve.

The Michigan Nurses Association is the largest union and professional association for registered nurses and healthcare professionals in Michigan and an affiliate of National Nurses United and AFL-CIO.



# Falcons flourish at Sault International Bridge

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. and Ontario – It’s been another successful summer for the resident peregrine falcons at the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge, with the pair of nesting raptors successfully raising three chicks this year.

Karl Hansen, bridge engineer for the International Bridge Administration (IBA), gave an update on the pair of peregrines in the U.S. side nest box. It’s not currently known if it is the same pair that has nested on the bridge between the U.S. and Canada for years.

The chicks, a male and two females, were banded by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources team on June 4. Color-coded bands attached to the legs of young birds allow scientists to track the movements, reproductive behavior, and population growth of the falcons. The MDNR had assistance this year from Sault College environmental technologist Brittany White and recent graduate Glo O’Brien.

Nest boxes for the peregrines have been installed on the bridge since 2010, placed at locations that had evidence of past nesting activity. Last year, the resident pair of peregrine falcons hatched four chicks. Over the years, the site has been a great success, hatching 42 falcon chicks since IBA staff started counting the birds, Hansen said.

An interesting illustration of how far the birds can range: one of the birds hatched and banded at the International Bridge was spotted and photographed in the Dominican Republic back in November 2020.

In addition to their leg bands, the peregrine chicks received names. International Bridge staff decided to call the female birds Janet and Barb and the male bird Chum. Janet and Barb were named in honor of retired bridge toll collectors Barb Winowiecki and the late Janet Hotchkiss. Chum was named in remembrance of Janet’s habit of greeting many people as “chum.”

Several years ago, the IBA added a video camera trained on the nest box, the “Fal-



Cam.” The live video stream, which has become very popular, is viewable at [www.saultbridge.com/falcam](http://www.saultbridge.com/falcam), offering bird watchers a front row seat for the seasonal activities of the endangered raptors. The best time to view the birds is when they’re nesting in the spring.

Michigan lost its peregrine falcons in the 1960s and 1970s due to the use of DDT and other environmental contaminants. Since conservation efforts started in the mid-1980s, the number of peregrines has fluctuated, but has generally increased since the 1990s, according to the MDNR.

The peregrine falcon has been removed from the federal endangered species list but is still listed as an endangered species in Michigan, protected by state and federal law. While they historically nested on cliff

faces in Michigan, peregrines have adapted well to city habitats, nesting on tall buildings, smokestacks, bridges, and other man-made structures around the world.

In Canada, peregrine populations have also increased in recent years. Federally, the species is designated “not at risk” in Canada, except for one subspecies listed as of “special concern” on the federal Species at Risk Act.

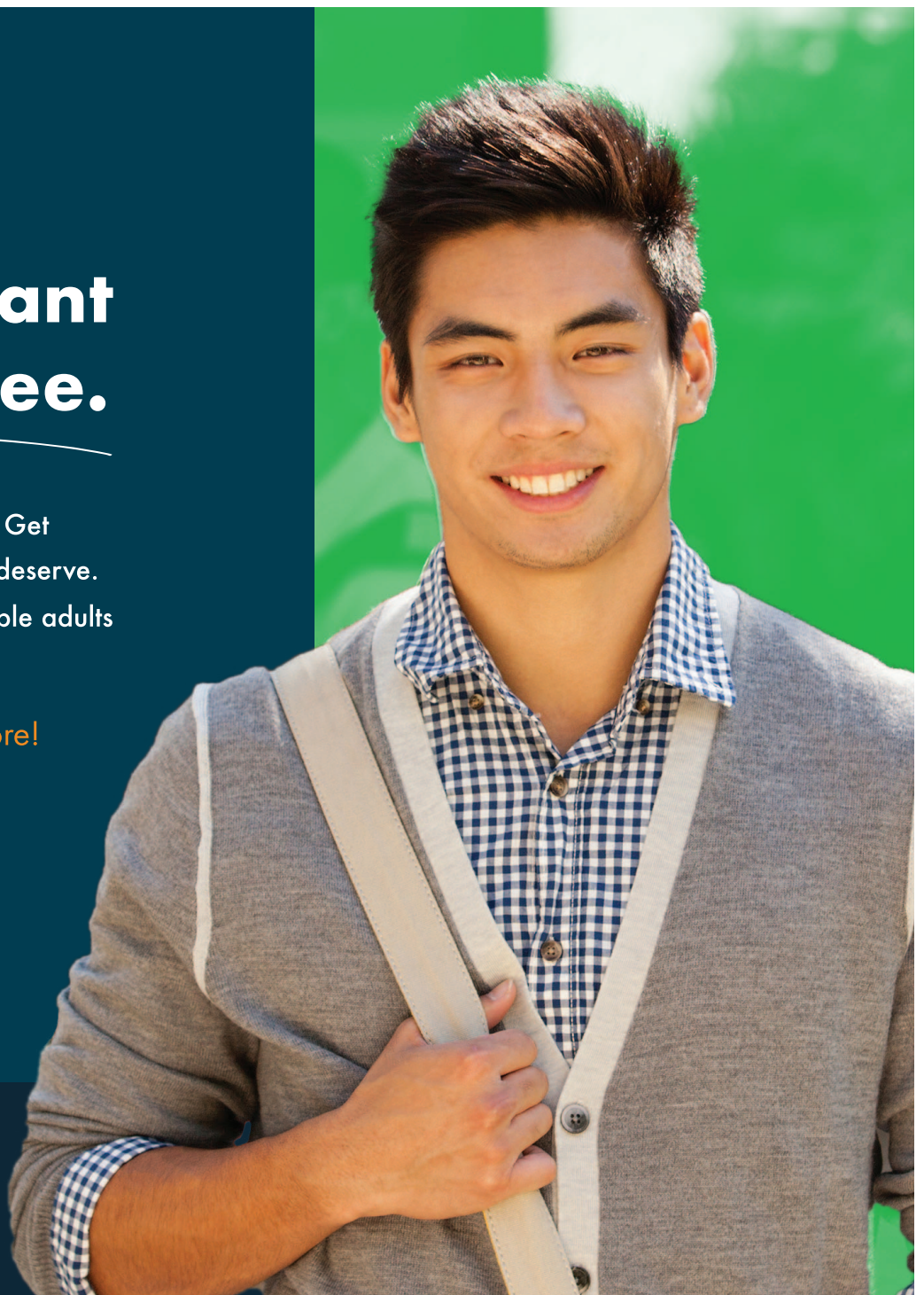
Of all the active peregrine falcon nesting sites monitored by the MDNR in the Upper Peninsula, the International Bridge is the second-most productive in terms of chicks hatched, behind only a nest on Grand Portal Cliff at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

High-speed hunters capable of flying at 200 mph, the peregrines may help keep populations of nuisance pigeons under control. While researchers have found pigeons make up a relatively small portion of the falcon diet, the dangerous predators may play a role in frightening them away from bridges. Keeping pigeons away is seen as potentially saving the IBA maintenance money down the line, as pigeon droppings can damage paint on metal bridge surfaces.

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# Wooden steamship shipwreck remains discovered

WHITEFISH POINT— The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society (GLSHS) is proud to announce the discovery of the wooden steamship, Adella Shores, one of the many ships that “Went Missing” over the years in the vicinity of Whitefish Point, MI. The Shores went to the bottom of Lake Superior with no survivors on May 1, 1909.

In shipwreck parlance, the reference “Went Missing” is used to describe a vessel that left the dock and was never seen again. Such vessels vanish with no survivors, no witnesses, and are yet to be located. All of that changed when GLSHS found the Adella Shores more than 40 miles northwest of Whitefish Point in more than 650 feet of water.

The Adella Shores had a storied career. Built in Gibraltar, Mich. in 1894 the 195-foot, 735-ton wooden steamer was owned by the Shores Lumber Company and named after the owner’s daughter, Adella. Adella’s sister, Bessie, christened the new ship with a bottle of water (v. champagne or wine) as the family was strict about alcohol consumption. Old time sailors might have seen that as a bad luck omen. The Adella Shores had her share of trouble...she sank twice in fifteen years in shallow waters, later being refloated each time and put back into service.

On April 29, 1909, the Adella Shores was upbound for Duluth with a load of salt. The Shores was following the larger steel steamship, Daniel J. Morrell, through a thick ice flow, with the Morrell plowing a path through the ice as they went. As both ships rounded Whitefish Point, they were met by a fierce northeast gale. The Shores was already two miles behind and out of sight of the Morrell. The Adella Shores was never seen again, disappearing with all 14 crew members. Some debris

was found, but no bodies. Captain Millen of the Morrell thinks the smaller Shores might have struck a large ice flow, puncturing her hull, and quickly sinking. It was that day that the Adella Shores became another ship that “Went Missing” on Lake Superior.

In the summer of 2021 GLSHS Director of Marine Operations, Darryl Ertel and his brother Dan were out running grids towing the society’s Marine Sonic Technology side-scan sonar system when they found a target. “I pretty much knew that had to be the Adella Shores when I measured the length of it, because there were no other ships out there missing in that size range,” said Ertel. “As soon as I put the ROV down on it for the first time, I could see the design of the ship and I could match it right up to the Adella Shores.”

“Not only is she a member of the “Went Missing” club... those ships on the Great Lakes that disappeared with all hands... decades later, to be discovered. She still tells a very poignant and fascinating story”, reflected maritime historian and author of “Went Missing,” Fred Stonehouse. “The folks that are out there actively hunting for shipwrecks like the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society are helping to answer that story. And they keep looking for the ones that are not yet told and not yet found. For that, they deserve the highest commendation.”

“People often ask us why we wait so long to release shipwrecks that we find,” recalls GLSHS Content/Communications Director, Corey Adkins. “Every one of these stories is important and deserves to be told with the utmost honor and respect. GLSHS has had some banner years of discovery...and a lot of research goes into each press release, ensuring that we tell the story accurately.”

## Cloverland Electric Cooperative announces election results

DAFTER, Mich— Cloverland Electric Cooperative announced results of the director elections at its Annual Meeting of the Members June 6. Cloverland is a democratically controlled, not-for-profit electric co-op governed by nine directors elected by and from the members of their respective districts to serve a three-year term. One seat per district is up for election each year. The election process is managed by an independent third-party, Survey & Ballot Systems of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Members had the option to vote electronically or by mail-in ballot. Ballots mailed April 29 and voting concluded May 31.

### District A Results

Gerald Nettleton of DeTour Village was re-elected for District A, receiving 1,522 votes. Jill Eyre of St. Ignace received 874 votes. District A is also represented by Willie LaLonde of St. Ignace and Jason St. Onge of Mackinac Island.

### District B Results

Patrick Egan of Brimley was elected for District B, receiving 899 votes. Heidi Witucki of Sault Ste. Marie received 781 votes and Jeffrey Middlestead of Sault Ste. Marie received 351 votes. District B is also represented by John Sawruk and Carmine Bonacci Jr., both of Sault Ste. Marie.

### District C Results

Ron Provo of Manistique ran unopposed and will retain his seat as director for District C. District C is also represented by Virgil Monroe of Manistique and Kevin Vanatta of Newberry.

Voter percentage in the 2024 election was 19.36%, with 3,678 mail-in ballots and 774 electronic ballots submitted by 4,452 cooperative members across districts A and B. Ballots were not mailed to District C since the candidate ran unopposed.

“I eagerly anticipate forging ahead on continuous cooperative progress with our newly elected and longstanding directors,” states Cloverland’s President and CEO, Mike Heise. “The elec-

tion process stands as a cornerstone of Cloverland’s democratic governance, guaranteeing every member a voice and a vote within the cooperative. I commend the 2024 director candidates for their dedication in advocating for the representation of our members on the board of directors.”

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# Latest DNR survey shows stable wolf population in Michigan

LANSING — The 2024 winter wolf population survey estimate from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources found a minimum of 762 wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This year's estimate showed an increase of 131 animals compared to the 2022 estimate of 631; however, the results demonstrate a continued trend of statistical stability in Michigan's wolf population.

"This year's survey findings are statistically consistent with our wolf population surveys for the past 14 years," said Brian Roell, the DNR's large carnivore specialist. "When a wild population reaches this stable point, it is typical to see slight variations from year to year, indicating that gray wolves may have reached their biological carrying capacity in the Upper Peninsula."

In other words, Michigan's U.P. wolf population has achieved an equilibrium between availability of habitat and the number of wolves that habitat can support over time.

The survey, completed last winter, found the population distributed among 158 packs in the Upper Peninsula, with an average of 4.8 wolves per pack. This year's survey represents the highest population estimate since 2012, when the department began doing the semiannual survey. The survey is conducted during the winter because it relies in part on identifying wolf tracks in the snow.

Prior to the winter of 2007, the DNR sought to count wolves throughout the entire Upper Peninsula. However, as the wolf population increased, this peninsulawide survey method became more difficult and time-consuming, especially the process of distinguishing among adjacent packs.

As a result, the department developed and evaluated a different sampling method to reduce the search area and allow additional time to accurately count wolves in neighboring territories. The new approach uses a geographic stratification – essentially breaking up regions into small pieces and ensuring those regions have representative samples – and produces an unbiased, precise minimum estimate of wolf abundance in Michigan's U.P. during midwinter when wolves are at their lowest point in their yearly population cycle.

The DNR is currently evaluating two other techniques for estimating wolf abundance in the U.P. One relies on a track survey similar to the department's current method. The other uses trail cameras spread across the U.P.

If successful, these additional techniques may have advantages over the current methodology, mainly by decreasing staff time. The camera model would have the added benefit of producing estimates at times of the year other than winter.

This March 2024 Showcasing the DNR story shares more about the survey pilot programs.

At the same time, the department plans to continue its search for wolves in the Lower Peninsula. The last survey for the presence of wolves in the northern Lower Peninsula occurred in 2019. A new survey is planned for early 2025.

Monitoring wolf presence in the northern Lower Peninsula is significantly different than in the Upper Peninsula because wolves, if present in the Lower Peninsula, are at such low-density levels the track survey protocol used in the U.P. is impractical.

Instead, a targeted search approach based on resident reports of wolves or wolf sign – such as tracks or scat – is used to concentrate efforts in areas more likely to have wolves. The department also plans on testing some new technology using trace DNA collected from fresh tracks left in the snow to verify suspected wolf presence.

Although it is possible that individual wolves currently occupy the Lower Peninsula, as of April 2023, the state's wolf population is not known to extend to that part of Michigan.

During the 2011 targeted winter track survey, and shortly after the 2015 survey period, tracks consistent with a wolf were observed in Cheboygan and Emmet counties. In 2014, biologists from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians captured what appeared to be a wolf on a trail camera and were able to collect a scat sample. DNA analysis of the scat confirmed the animal to be a male wolf.

The last wolf identified in the Lower Peninsula was a male wolf taken in January 2024 in Calhoun County by a coyote hunter. An investigation into the matter failed to determine how the wolf came to be in Calhoun County.

"Research has suggested that there is suitable habitat for wolves in the northern

Lower Peninsula," said Roell. "However, this habitat is fragmented and the ability of wolves to travel the landscape among these habitat patches is uncertain. Suitable habitat becomes even more patchy in the more populated southern Lower Peninsula, which makes it unlikely that wolves would establish themselves there."

Wolves in Michigan are currently protected under the federal Endangered Species Act by federal court order. As a result of this status, wolves can be killed only if they are a direct and immediate threat to human life. Because wolves in Michigan long ago attained federal and state population goals, the DNR continues to advocate for returning wolves to state management.

For more about Michigan's wolf population, including the Michigan Wolf Management Plan, visit [Michigan.gov/Wolves](http://Michigan.gov/Wolves).

## DNR-managed land available via online auctions in August, September

The properties, ranging in size from under an acre to 160 acres, are available in more than two dozen counties

Lake frontage, river frontage and vacant, forested acreage surrounded by private ownership – these describe some of the parcels available in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' next round of surplus land auctions set for later this summer.

The DNR is busy preparing 91 such properties for sale via online auctions in August and early September.

Surplus land sales, a regular part of the DNR's public land strategy, are key to how the department manages the land it oversees on behalf of the people of Michigan. Auction proceeds will be reinvested in acquiring critical land for the public to help provide future outdoor recreation opportunities in keeping with the DNR's mission to conserve, protect and manage the state's natural and cultural resources for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations.

Land in more than two dozen counties throughout Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula will be available via 11 online auctions between Aug. 2 and Sept. 5:

Friday, Aug. 2 – Eaton and Livingston counties.

Tuesday, Aug. 6 – Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac counties.

Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Dickinson, Houghton, Marquette, Menominee and Ontonagon counties.

Thursday, Aug. 8 – Crawford, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Otsego and Roscommon counties.

Friday, Aug. 9 – Antrim and Charlevoix counties.

Tuesday, Aug. 13 – Alpena, Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties.

Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Grand Traverse and Manistee counties.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Arenac and Midland counties.

Thursday, Aug. 22 – Macomb and St. Clair counties.

Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Berrien County.

Thursday, Sept. 5 – Genesee County.

How bidding works

Interested bidders may pre-register and get more information about the online auction schedule at [www.tax-sale.info](http://www.tax-sale.info). If you would like to bid on a property, you must register before the property's auction date. Absentee bids can be made up to 30 days before an auction.

The "interactive" bidding portion of an auction will open at 10 a.m. on that auction date. At that time, bidders will be able to see current high bids for each property. Bidders can continue to place bids on a property throughout the day until 7 p.m. when bidding closes and the winning bidder is determined.

More information on the bidding process, available acreage, maps and location information of the properties offered can be found at [Michigan.gov/LandForSale](http://Michigan.gov/LandForSale). Interested bidders are encouraged to review DNR Land Sales: Terms and Conditions.











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# Laker Hockey announces 2024-25 full schedule

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Lake Superior State hockey program has announced its 2024-25 hockey schedule, as announced by Head Coach Damon Whitten. In addition, season ticket packages for the 2024-25 season are available now at the early bird rate for \$245 for a 19-game home schedule. Prices will increase to \$265 on Sept. 1. All season packages include first round CCHA playoff tickets. Season ticket packages for seniors and children are available by calling 906-635-2601.

Ticket package renewals are available online now until Sept. 1. All seats not claimed by Sept. 1, 2024 will be released for general admission sale. To renew online, last year's season ticket holders can go to [lssulakerstickets.universiticket.com](http://lssulakerstickets.universiticket.com) and click "Deposits". Please call 906-635-2601 for more information. Single game tickets for the 2024-25 season will be available July 24.

"We are excited about the upcoming season and the competitive schedule we have lined up," said Whitten. "Our team has been working hard in the offseason, and we are looking forward to showcasing our talent and dedication on the ice."

The Lakers will open their season hosting the defending Big Ten Champion Michigan State (MSU) Spartans in a rematch of an opening weekend series from a year ago in East Lansing. Last season, the Spartans claimed both games over the Lakers, but LSSU made them earn the victories with a highly competitive effort on both nights. The former Central Collegiate Hockey Association rivals hold strong ties to one another with both Coach Whitten as well as Associate Head Coach Mike York being MSU graduates themselves with York having been named to

the MSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015 after a playing career that saw him score 210 career points (79G, 122A) in 158 games. Meanwhile, Spartan Head Coach Adam Nightingale once donned the blue and gold in Sault Ste. Marie, playing hockey for LSSU from 1999-02 before transferring to Michigan State, and in his final year as a collegiate player, Whitten was serving as a volunteer graduate assistant for the Spartans.

"Kicking off the season versus Michigan State will be a great opening weekend of hockey, and we cannot wait to see our fans fill Taffy Abel Arena and create an electrifying atmosphere!" said Whitten.

The following weekend, the Lakers will travel downstate for a pair of exhibition contests in Plymouth, Mich. First, they will take on the United States National Team Development Team's Under-18 squad (USNTDP U-18) on Oct. 11 before facing the Red Leafs of Simon Fraser the following day.

LSSU will then return home for Great Lake State Weekend for their first ever matchups against the Stonehill Skyhawks. In addition to the pair of contests, LSSU will also be honoring the 30th anniversary of the 1994 NCAA National Championship team, the 50th anniversary of the 1974 NAIA National Championship team, and the induction of Keith Aldridge (hockey), Eric Menk (men's basketball), and Chris Nance (women's basketball) into the LSSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

"We always look forward to Great Lake State Weekend, and we are excited to welcome Stonehill to campus for the first time," said Whitten.

Two weeks later, the Lakers will open their November slate with a trip to the Buckeye State on Nov. 1-2 for a two-game series at Ohio State. This will mark

the first meeting between the two programs in just over a decade with the former CCHA rivals last facing one another in January of 2013.

Then, after two weekends of CCHA contests against Northern Michigan and Ferris State, LSSU will then close out their non conference schedule with a return trip to Alaska Anchorage. The Lakers hosted the Seawolves for a pair of games last season during Great Lake State Weekend. LSSU took the opening game by running away with a 5-1 victory after giving up the opening goal. However, Anchorage responded the following night, taking game two in a highly-competitive 3-2 matchup.

## 2024 Laker Home Games

- Oct. 5 vs. Michigan State, 4:07 p.m.
- Oct. 6 vs. Michigan State, 4:07 p.m.
- Oct. 18 vs. Stonehill, GLSW, 7:07 p.m.
- Oct. 19 vs. Stonehill, GLSW, 6:07 p.m.
- \*Nov. 15 vs. Ferris State Bulldogs 7:07 p.m.
- \*Nov. 16 vs. Ferris State Bulldogs 6:07 p.m.
- \*Dec. 6 vs. Bemidji State Beavers 7:07 p.m.
- \*Dec. 7 vs. Bemidji State Beavers 6:07 p.m.
- \*Jan. 3 vs. Bowling Green Falcons 7:07 p.m.
- \*Jan. 4 vs. Bowling Green Falcons 6:07 p.m.
- \*Jan. 17 vs. St. Thomas Tommies 7:07 p.m.
- \*Jan. 18 vs. St. Thomas Tommies 6:07 p.m.
- \*Feb. 7 vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats 7:07 p.m.

\*Feb. 8 vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats 6:07 p.m.

\*Feb. 21 vs. Minnesota State Mavericks 7:07 p.m.

\*Feb. 22 vs. Minnesota State Mavericks 6:07 p.m.

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## Hunter safety education offered

Join the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Hunter Safety Education Week, Aug. 12-18. More than 40 in-person classes will be offered throughout the state as additional opportunities to obtain a hunter safety education certificate.

These new classes will be posted and available for registration on Friday, July 12, by 8 a.m.

To purchase a hunting license in Michigan, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, is required to successfully complete an approved hunter education course.

Hunter safety education classes are commonly offered in the spring, ahead of spring turkey season, or in the fall before the firearm deer season. Hunter Safety Education Week is offered in addition to the already planned fall classes.

"Just like preparing for school and fall extracurriculars, hunting season needs to be considered in advance," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR recreational safety, education and enforcement supervisor.

There are four options for completing hunter safety education in Michigan, all of which require at least four hours of in-person instruction:

- Traditional classroom-based course.
- Online course followed by an in-person field day.
- Interactive online course followed by an in-person field day.
- Take-home study course followed by an in-person field day.

Hunter safety education helps the next generation of hunters learn how to safely and responsibly enjoy hunting and understand the importance of wildlife management. The DNR-managed program teaches lifelong skills, such as firearm safety, basic first aid and how to use a map and compass, to an average of 15,000 students per year.

Learn more or register for a class at [Michigan.gov/HunterEducation](http://Michigan.gov/HunterEducation).

Additionally, the DNR is always looking for new volunteer recreational safety education instructors.



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## BMIC Members reminded about Purchased Referred Care

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

## Have you moved? Update your address!

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

## Walking path is closed to motorized vehicles

BMIC has developed a pedestrian/bicycle path connecting both sides of the Reservation. This path is for pedestrians and bicyclists only, and our existing tribal ordinances prohibit motorized vehicles from using this path. Signs have been posted. Please be aware that BMPD has been directed to strictly enforce this rule along that pathway to protect walkers, runners, cyclists, and the path itself. If you ride an ATV, ORV, dirt bike, motorcycle, golf cart, etc on this path, you should expect to receive a ticket and pay a fine.

## Looking for events?

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

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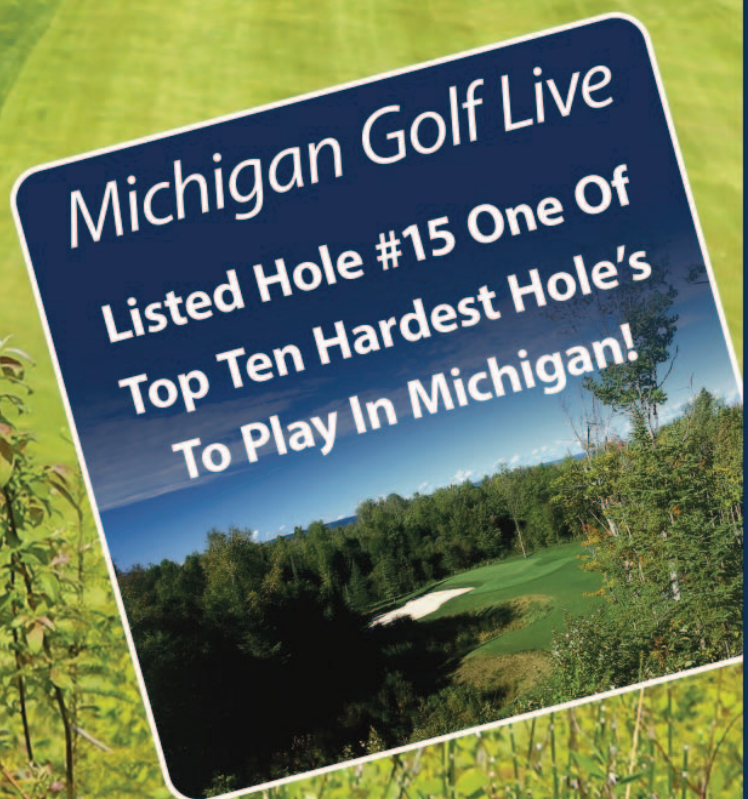
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