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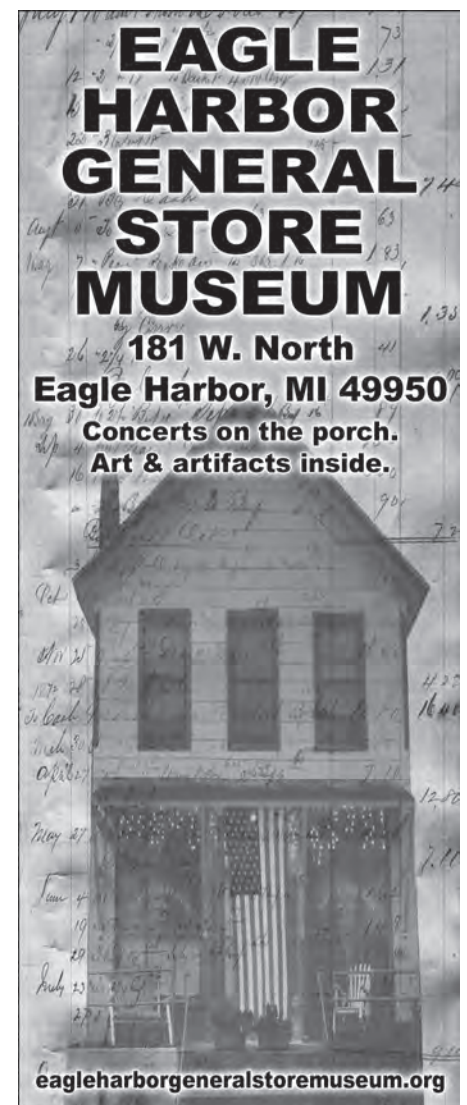


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city notes

KCHS to host 'Adventures in History' series

The Keweenaw County Historical Society has announced the July events in its "Adventures in History" series.

Jay Saunders, who is retired from the U.S. Forest Fire Management Office, will present "The Ecology and History of a Lake Superior Wooded Dune: 700 Years of Interaction and Dependence of Pine and Fire" at 7 p.m. on July 1 at the Eagle Harbor Community Building. Saunders will discuss results of a 2024 study of old wood in Eagle Harbor and Sand Bay, and how those results will affect current and future wooded dune ecosystem management. Admission is \$5.

John Smolens, author of "Wolf's Mouth," will present "'Wolf's Mouth: History, Suspense, Crime and a Love Story Set in a POW Camp in the U.P.'" at 7 p.m. on July 15 at the Eagle Harbor Community Building. Smolens will speak about the little-known history of Michigan POW camps along with this tale. Admission is \$5.

Oren Tikkanen and the Back Room Boys Jazz and Polka Band will perform at 7 p.m. on July 22 at Donny Kilpela Memorial Park in Copper Harbor. The group will present Keweenaw musical selections from the past 100 years, including ethnic music of Finnish, Slovenian, Italian and French-Canadian immigrants. Bring lawn chairs. Admission is free.

Tim Scarlett, an associate professor at Michigan Technological University, will present "Researchers Bring Forgotten Underground Mines into a 3D Future" at 7 p.m. on July 29 at the Eagle Harbor Community Building. Scarlett will explain how industrial archaeologists at MTU are exploring new possible futures for old underground mines. Admission is \$5.

For information, visit keweenawhistory.org/events.

Partridge Creek Farm hosts summer events

Partridge Creek West End Farm Stand is open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Partridge Creek Community Farm at 550 Cleveland Ave. in Ishpeming. Shoppers can find an assortment of fresh, seasonal produce, and the farm stand accepts food assistance benefits. The farm stand will be open through late October. For information, visit partridgecreekfarm.org/farm-stand.

In conjunction with the weekly farm stand, Partridge Creek Farm will

continue its free Skillshares at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through Aug. 26. Partridge Creek Farm will work with community partners such as UP Gourmet Foods and The Salvation Army to present on a variety of topics. To see the full schedule of Skillshares, visit partridgecreekfarm.org/events.

Interested guests can take a guided tour of the Partridge Creek Community Farm on Sept. 4. Visitors can drop in anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. to learn about the farm's programming, what's growing and the next steps taking place in the Ishpeming community and at the farm. No registration is required. For information, visit partridgecreekfarm.org/farm-tours.

Freedom Monument podiums installed at Harlow Park

Freedom Monument podiums have been installed within the Veterans Memorial Mall at Harlow Park in Marquette. In addition to their commemorative function, the granite podiums will serve as a platform for ongoing education and civic engagement, offering space for community groups and classrooms.

A formal dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on July 4 as a part of the American Legion Post 44 Independence Day event.

The podiums were inspired by Ron Katers, who was committed to helping others understand their history, culture and civic opportunities. For information, visit mqtcompass.com.

Downtown Marquette to celebrate Fourth of July

Downtown Marquette will host a full weekend of festivities taking place across the community and along the shores of Lake Superior to celebrate Independence Day. The celebration will begin with Freedom Fest, which runs July 2-4. This event will feature food vendors, live music and waterfront festivities along Lake Superior at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. On the evening of July 3, the annual fireworks display will take place at dusk, launched from the historic Lower Harbor Ore Dock for one of the most iconic views in the U.P.

Following the fireworks, the new Ball Drop Bash will take place on the 100 block of West Washington Street to ring in the 250th birthday of the United States at midnight with music, celebration and a countdown.

The festivities will continue on

July 4 with the annual Fourth of July parade at 2 p.m. The parade will roll along Washington Street and feature floats, performers, community organizations and local groups from across the Marquette area.

For information and a full schedule of events, visit marquettefourth.com.

Children's museum summer programs begin July 6

The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum will host Summer Discovery Programs beginning July 6. Designed for children ages 6 to 10, the program will feature six themed weeks filled with creativity, STEM activities, dramatic play, hands-on projects, museum exploration and imaginative learning experiences.

Week 1, July 6-10, will be Mad Scientist Week. Campers will explore experiments, messy reactions, STEM challenges and hands-on discovery activities. This week will be filled with bubbling potions, creative inventions, sensory science and interactive learning.

Week 2, July 13-17, will be Mystery Detectives Week. Children will solve mysteries, crack secret codes, complete scavenger hunts and investigate clues throughout the museum. Campers will build teamwork and problem-solving skills through immersive challenges and interactive games.

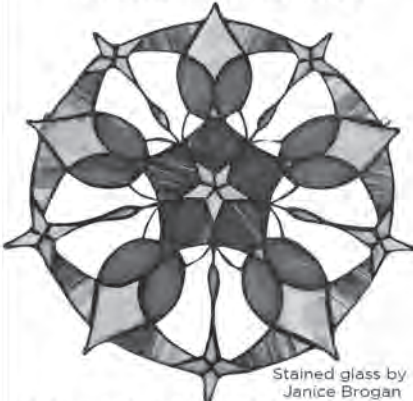
Week 3, July 20-24, will be Theatre Week. Campers will step into the spotlight as actors, storytellers, costume designers and performers while exploring theatre, improv, dramatic play and stage production. The week will end with a family showcase featuring camper-created performances.

Week 4, July 27-31, will be Art Explosion. Children will explore creativity through painting, sculpture, sensory art, collaborative projects and imaginative design. This week will encourage self-expression, experimentation and hands-on artistic exploration.

Week 5, Aug. 3-7, will be Space Week. Children will become astronauts, engineers and explorers as they investigate planets, rockets, aliens and outer space through hands-on STEM activities, sensory play, engineering challenges and imaginative missions. The week will conclude with a final Mission to Mars celebration and showcase.

Week 6, Aug. 10-14, will be Game Show Challenge Week. Campers will

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Researchers investigate 'zombie' fish



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and fish pathologists from Michigan State University made an expedition in June aboard the RV Lake Char to Superior Maximus, the deepest point of Lake Superior, to investigate the emaciated siscowet lake trout found in this lake. These fish, nicknamed "zombies" because of their thin and undernourished bodies, have increased in number in deep waters, sparking concern and interest from the public and scientists alike. Lake trout in this zombie-like condition were discovered by a DNR fisheries research team during recent Lake Superior deepwater surveys of siscowet lake trout. During the recent research expedition, the crew planned to investigate the possibility of a fish pathogen causing the highly emaciated appearance of the lake trout. They also collected more of these fish for thorough testing. "Zombie" fish aren't thought to have a contagious disease that they are spreading by biting other fish. Rather, their condition is believed to be a natural ecological phenomenon due to a lack of food in the deep waters in which they live. This phenomenon was observed only in the deepest parts of Lake Superior inhabited by few species due to very low productivity and extreme conditions. The top predator out there, the siscowet lake trout, is a deepwater form of lake trout that is adapted to live in areas of the lake with very low food resources. In recent years, DNR researchers have documented an increase in the number of thin, zombie-like siscowet in offshore Michigan waters at the deepest parts of Lake Superior, from 600 feet to around 1,320 feet. After the Upper Lakes meeting of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in March, at which DNR fisheries research biologist Shawn Sitar presented these findings, members of the public have expressed concern about the presence and prevalence of "zombie" fish in Lake Superior. For information about the DNR's Great Lakes research, visit michigan.gov/fishresearch. (Photo of RV Lake Char courtesy of the Michigan DNR)

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The program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and museum members will receive \$10 off per week. For information and to register, visit pci.jotform.com/form/261325624979063.

Keweenaw Heritage Center announces summer season

The Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's in Calumet has announced its plans for the summer season. The museum is open daily from 1 to 4:30 p.m., staffed by docent Theodore Baron, offering tours, stories about the building and area history,

exhibits and more. Admission is free for children and \$5 for adults.

The Copper Country Community Band, co-directed by Amy Johnson and Micah Erickson, will open the Musical Monday season at 7 p.m. on July 6. The season will continue with Gail English, Mike Irish and Scott Veenstra on July 13; Let's Sing and Play Variety Show on July 20; solo piano by Anne Linja on July 27; Cathy Isaacson and the Back Roads Boys on Aug. 3; a four-hand recital with Linja and duet partner Kathleen Arten on Aug. 10; the Home Choir under the direction of Susan Byykkonen on Aug. 17; and the Keweenaw Historical Music Ensemble on Aug. 24. A finale concert of favorites and surprises is set for Aug. 31. Musical Monday

concerts are fundraisers for the museum's roof project.

Pipe organ matinees played by Jan List and Kathleen Arten on an 1892 Barckhoff organ will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Themes will include a Patriotic Extravaganza, Christmas in July, Around the World in 1776, Used to Be, Early American Tunes and Surprises and Delights.

The annual Celebration Concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Aug. 7. Soprano Samantha Arten will be joined by Andrew Shaud on cello, Jennifer Wenger on piano and Kathleen Alatalo-Arten on harpsichord, piano and organ, to present a program of music by Romantic-era women composers titled "My Dreams Have Gone Adventuring."

Additionally, a fall program, titled "A Bit of Friendly Spookiness," is scheduled for mid-October. For information, visit keweenawheritagecenter.org.

NMU presents second summer concert series

The Northern Michigan University Department of Music will present a second season of its summer concert series, titled Summer Concerts at Reynolds, or SCR, on Tuesdays in July and August at Reynolds Recital Hall. SCR will highlight the music department faculty, all of whom are highly trained professional musicians as well as full-time teachers.

"Echoes of the Jazz Age: An Exploration of Early Jazz," featuring Mark Flaherty, Steve Riley, Steve Grugin, Christopher Schoelen, Gordon Erickson and Jim Strain will take place at 5 p.m. on July 7.

"Fiddle and Folk Tunes," featuring Barbara Rhyneer and other community musicians, will take place at 5 p.m. on July 14.

The world premiere of "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse," featuring Patrick Booth, will take place at 5 p.m. on July 21.

"Romanza: A Classical Guitar Recital," featuring Christopher Schoelen, will take place at 5 p.m. on July 28.

"Fluxus, Improvisation and Audience Participation," featuring Patrick Booth and Keri Lee Pierson, will take place at 5 p.m. on Aug. 4.

"The Complete 24 Italian Songs and Arias: Part 1," featuring Theresa Camilli, Keri Lee Pierson and Stephanie Beinlich, will take place at 5 p.m. on Aug. 11.

All concerts are free and open to the public, and donations will benefit the NMU Department of Music. For

information, visit nmu.edu/music/departments-music.

League of Women Voters to host primary election events

The League of Women Voters of Marquette County will moderate two public candidate forums for candidates running in the Aug. 4 primary election for positions as Marquette County commissioner and 96th District Court judge.

A forum will be held for the candidates for Marquette County Commission District 1 (Cody Mayer and Karl Numinen) and District 3 (Fred Benzie, Randy Ritari and Jenna Smith) at 6 p.m. on July 8 in the Marquette Charter Township Community Center.

A forum will be held for the three candidates for 96th District Court judge (Patrick Crowley, William Nordeen and Derek Swajanen) at 6 p.m. on July 9 in Marquette's City Commission Chambers.

The audience may meet and speak with the candidates after each forum. Both forums will be live-streamed to the League of Women Voters of Marquette County YouTube channel and recorded for later viewing. Constituents can submit questions for the candidates to lwvmqtco@gmail.com by July 6, or they can submit a question as a member of the audience.

Mark Brewer, a longtime election consultant and lawyer, will present "Challenges in Michigan Elections 2026" at 6:30 p.m. on July 25 at the Marquette Women's Federated Clubhouse. His presentation will be preceded by a brief review of "What's on Your Ballot in the August Primary Election?" by a member of the League's Voter Services Committee.

Brewer has been the litigator for the League of Women Voters of Michigan in the past and continues as an observer and commentator on the state of election law and security in Michigan. All citizens are invited to this free event.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information, visit lwvmqt.org.

Hiawatha pre-fest concert is July 9 at Ore Dock

Hiawatha Music Co-op will host a pre-fest concert from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 9 at Ore Dock Brewing Co. in Marquette. Music will be performed by the Annie and Rod Capps Quartet. This will also be the last chance to buy advance tickets for the Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival, scheduled for July 17-19 at Marquette's Tourist



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U.P. Notable Book Club to feature Raica-Klotz

The Crystal Falls Community District Library in partnership with the U.P. Publishers and Authors Association will host its next event with winners of the U.P. Notable Book List.

The guest will be Helen Raica-Klotz, author of "Superior Stories." This book, winner of the 2025 Michigan Writers Cooperative Press Chapbook Contest in fiction, is a series of six short stories exploring the lives of people who live in the northernmost part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Keweenaw.

Raica-Klotz has a master's in English from Central Michigan University, and she teaches composition courses at Saginaw Valley State University. She's also taught writing at a regional prison, a homeless shelter, an alternative high school and other places where she can find people with stories to tell.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. EST on July 9 via Zoom; contact Evelyn Gathu in advance at egathu@crystalfallslibrary.org.

talfallslibrary.org or 906-875-3344. For information about the U.P. Notable Book list, U.P. Book Review and UPPAA, visit upnotable.com.

Run the Keweenaw scheduled for July 11-12

Run the Keweenaw will return on July 11-12, hosting participants from across the region and all corners of the country who are eager to challenge themselves while enjoying the natural beauty of the Keweenaw.

Run the Keweenaw is a festival of trail running that has something for all ages and fitness levels. Events will include the 6K Mount Baldy Summit Run, 10K Copper Harbor Trails Challenge, 10K Copper Harbor Trails Non-Competitive Run/Hike, 2K Junior Trail Run and 25K Carl Olson Memorial Adventure Run. Each course is carefully planned to highlight the region's unique landscape while offering runners both inspiration and challenge.

Run the Keweenaw serves as a major fundraising event for the nonprofit Copper Country Ski Tigers. All funds raised support youth and junior Nordic skiing for ages 5 to 18. For infor-

mation and to register, visit runthekeweenaw.org/races.

MAPS school board election deadline is July 21

School board elections take place on Seven-year November general election dates. In 2026, Marquette Area Public Schools will have two open six-year seats and one open four-year seat.

Candidates who plan to run for their local school board in the November election must file an Affidavit of Identity and either a nonpartisan nominating petition or a nonrefundable fee with the Marquette County Clerk's Office by 4 p.m. on July 21. Failure to file an Affidavit of Identity and the petition or fee by this deadline will bar the candidate from appearing on the ballot.

For information or to obtain the Affidavit of Identity or petition, contact the Marquette County Clerk's Office at 906-225-8330.

Calumet Library to host book club, author event

The Calumet Public Library will host two special events this month. The Red Jacket Readers book club will discuss "Dead Moose on Isle Royale: Off Trail with the Citizen Scientists of the Wolf-Moose Project" by Jeffrey M. Holden at 6:30 p.m. on July 22 in the library's Community Room. The discussion is sponsored by the Friends of the Calumet Public Library and is open to the public. The book provides a look into the day-to-day realities of backpacking in the wilderness, while featuring the scientific discoveries of the Wolf-Moose Project and highlighting the role and rewards for volunteers in this endeavor.

"A Love Letter to the U.P.: A Story of Renewal and Hope," a presentation and book signing with author Diane Les Becquets, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 29 in the library's Community Room. It is open to the public. Les Becquets will discuss her newest novel, "Where the Water Meets the Sky," and the challenges she faced while dealing with a life-threatening illness. This novel of renewal, hope and personal discovery takes place on the U.P.'s Garden Peninsula as well as in Calumet, Eagle River and Copper Harbor. A book signing will follow the presentation. Books will be available for purchase as a fundraiser to benefit the library. For information, call 906-337-0311, ext. 1107.

Italian Fest returns to Ishpeming on July 25

The St. Rocco-St. Anthony Society of Ishpeming will host its 126th

annual Italian Fest on July 25 at the Al Quaal Recreation Area. The event is free and open to the public. Festivities will begin at noon and will feature a full day of Italian heritage, family entertainment, food, music and community activities. Guests can enjoy traditional Italian and American cuisine, games of chance, ring toss, balloon darts, bingo, a giant glide slide and a bounce house for children. One of the festival's longstanding traditions, the Greased Pole competition, will return with participants competing for a \$100 prize.

Live music by Soundz of Time will begin at 2 p.m., followed by a performance by the Blue Notes Drum Line at 4 p.m. and Diamanti at 4:30 p.m.

Italian Fest remains one of the U.P.'s long-standing summer traditions, bringing together families, residents and visitors to celebrate the Italian heritage that helped shape the Ishpeming community. For information, visit ishpemingitalianfest.com.

BIPOC Outdoors Summit's 5K walk/run is July 27

The BIPOC Outdoors Summit will host its signature 5K walk/run at 6 p.m. on July 27 at Northern Michigan University. The event is open to runners, joggers, walkers and rollers of all backgrounds and abilities.

As part of the broader BIPOC Outdoors Summit, this timed 5K is designed to promote inclusivity, wellness and outdoor engagement by centering representation in outdoor recreation and creating a welcoming, community-driven race experience. Event highlights will include the race led by Lance Woods, co-founder of WeRun313; high-energy race-day atmosphere with music, emcee and finish-line announcements; post-race refreshments and community engagement activities; and a variety of awards.

This event will take place in association with the BIPOC Outdoors Summit, a community-centered initiative that brings together athletes, advocates and community members dedicated to increasing representation, access and belonging in outdoor recreation. Registration is available through NMU Ticketing; visit nmu.universitytickets.com.

Federated Women's Clubhouse marks centennial

A two-day celebration will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Marquette Federated Women's Clubhouse. The celebration will kick off with a screening of silent movies at 7 p.m. on July 31. The movies will



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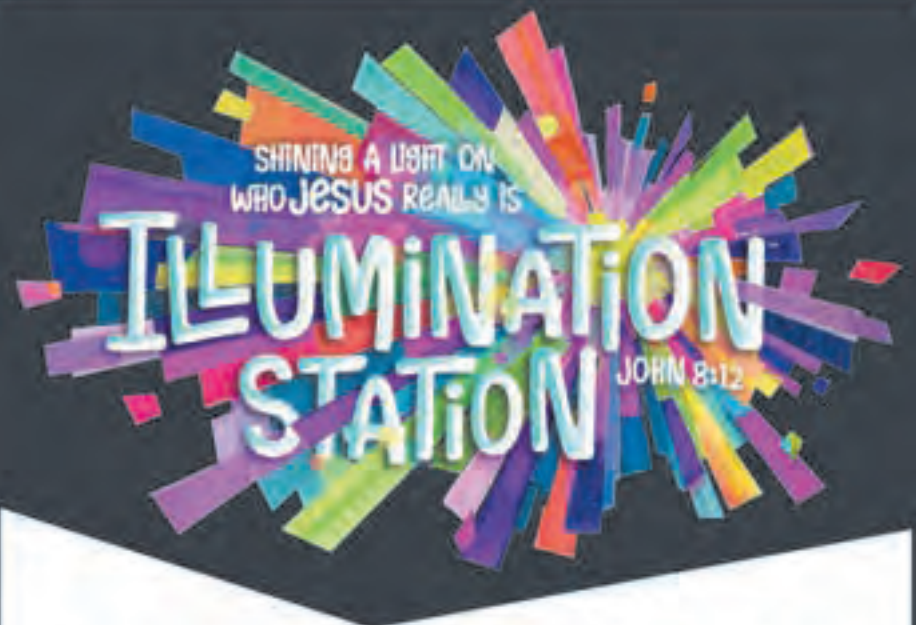
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Friday, July 3, 6:30 pm - Lower Harbor Park (USA Freedom 250 Concert)

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be presented by Jack Deo with piano accompaniment by Bob Buchkoe.

On Aug. 1, a Victorian high tea will take place at noon, featuring a historic presentation of notable women associated with the clubhouse by Jack Deo and Ann Hilton Fisher. The Centennial Celebration will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 and will include the unveiling of a legacy wall mural by Elizabeth Yelland, a silent auction, historic photo show and refreshments.

Tickets for the movie screening and tea are \$35 each; tickets for the evening celebration are \$50. Tickets for all three weekend events are \$100. Proceeds will support the clubhouse. For tickets and information, visit womensfederatedclubhouse.org/centennial.

Midsummer exhibit opens at Finlandia Gallery

The fourth annual Folk School at Midsummer exhibit in the Finlandia Gallery at Finlandia Foundation's Finnish American Heritage Center opened June 17 and runs through Aug. 19. The opening of the exhibit also featured works of painter Akseli Gallen-Kallela that are part of the Heritage Center's archive collection.

"It has become an annual tradition to celebrate midsummer with work from our Folk School, but what visitors see in the exhibit really changes in beautiful ways from year to year," said Clare Zuraw, director of the Finnish American Folk School and interim gallery director. "The creativity and skill of our incredible instructors and students shines brightly in this exhibit. All are welcome to visit and discover how we're linking traditional skills with contemporary art."

Regular visitors to the annual exhibit have likely come to expect fiber art, and this year is no exception with weaving, knitting and felting throughout the gallery. Visitors will also find remarkable basketry, ceramics, instruments and wood carving.

Folk School Ceramics Studio member Brooke Hilman reflects on the process of working with clay: "It grounds me in the physical world. It allows me to approach my process intuitively as a form of play, and a form of reconnection to the body," she said. "Ceramics feels like a call toward something old, steady and slow, cultivating a deeper sense of authenticity through making."

This sense of authenticity and steadiness suffuses the entire exhibition and the experience of learning and making at the Finnish American Folk School throughout the year.

The exhibition includes work by Allison Ahrens, Jade Babcock, Helen-Lahja Belopavlovich, Karen Blanco, Nate Corson, Denise Engel, Elaine Erickson, Phyllis Fredendall, Melve Kauppi, Sean Havins, Gretchen Hein, Brooke Hilman, Carol Impola, Evan Lanese, Paige Lewandowski, Victoria Marino, Mary Markham, Wynne Mattila, Alice Margerum, Jonathan Robins, Hannah Rundman Lowney, Karen Tembreull, Brettanya Zimmer and Clare Zuraw.

Visitors are welcome to view these and other exhibits inside the Finnish American Heritage Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 906-370-3722 or visit finlandiaartgallery.com.

UP CityServe Health Fair scheduled for Aug. 1

UP CityServe will host a health fair from 1 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 1 at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Marquette. The event will bring together health care professionals, churches, local organizations and volunteers to provide free health education, preventive care and screenings for common diseases.

Guests will have access to resources that promote healthier living, including guidance on nutrition, healthy eating and organic gardening. The fair will also distribute essential items such as over-the-counter medicines, basic medical supplies and wellness resources at no cost to participants.

There will also be a kids activity area and petting zoo, and a free meal for all attendees. Live music will be performed by Jon Micah, lead singer of the Christian rock band Kutless, local band After One and more. For information, visit upcityserve.org.

Second season of String Society to begin

The second season of the Marquette County Orchestra String Society will begin on Aug. 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marquette. All new and continuing adult string players are welcome for the joy of making music together.

This season, there will be a Beginning Strings class for adults looking to start playing violin, viola, cello or bass. The beginning session will run from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.; the intermediate group will meet from 3 to 5 p.m.

Rehearsals will continue to meet monthly, on Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19. To register and receive music for the new session, email mqtc-countysos@gmail.com.

Alone does not mean abandoned



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reminding residents that if they come across baby wildlife such as fawns, bunnies or birds, the best thing to do is leave them where they are. Animals like rabbits and fawns are often left alone for hours while their mothers look for food. This is normal and expected behavior. The babies are born without a scent, so it's difficult for predators to find them. If moms (or people) hang around too much, their scent can attract predators to the babies. Unless an animal is clearly injured or in immediate danger, residents are asked to keep their distance so the parent feels safe enough to return. If a wild animal is injured, call a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Many wild animals have adapted to live in urban and suburban areas and often nest near homes and businesses. Even though humans might accidentally disturb nests, these locations are carefully chosen for safety, since proximity to humans can prevent other predators from finding the nests. Birds build their nests in all kinds of places, but birds and their eggs are protected by state and federal laws and must be left alone. Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, it is illegal to destroy, touch, move or possess active nests with eggs or chicks without a permit. Baby birds sometimes fall from their nests while learning to fly, but their parents will continue to feed and care for them even when they are on the ground. Baby birds have the best chance for survival in their habitat and learn how to survive in the wild by exploring on their own. (Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR)

Health foundation announces golf classic

The West End Health Foundation, in partnership with the Marquette County Cares Coalition, or MC2, has announced the 11th annual WEHF Golf Classic, which will take place on Sept. 11 at Wawonowin Country Club in Ishpeming. Now in its eighth year partnering with MC2, the annual golf classic has become a signature event supporting youth development and health initiatives across Marquette County.

This year, the foundation and MC2 invite new teams and sponsors to join the tradition as they also welcome back many familiar faces. Sponsors will be recognized throughout the day on the course and at the awards ceremony.

Organizers are also seeking raffle basket donations to enhance the fund-raising experience.

The deadline to register is Aug. 17. The registration form outlines sponsorship levels and benefits and is available online at westendhf.org/events.

Winners of Upper Peninsula History Awards announced

The Historical Society of Michigan has announced the winners of its 2026 Upper Peninsula History Awards. Each year, HSM presents two U.P.-based awards: the Charles Follo Award for individuals and the Superior Award for historical organizations. The awards, which recognize individuals and organizations that have made contributions to the preservation and promotion of U.P. history, were scheduled to be presented at the 77th Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference on June 27.

The Charles Follo Award was established in 1979 to honor Charles Follo, a schoolteacher from Escanaba who worked to establish historical societies and promote the history of the Upper Peninsula. This year's award recipients are Karen and Charles Lindquist of Escanaba, dedicated volunteers at the Delta County Historical Society. Before retirement, Karen earned a master's degree in library science at the University of Michigan and served as the longtime



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Beaumier highlights Hallifax's photos



The Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University will open a new exhibition on July 9 that features the work of one of the U.P.'s most prolific photographers. Titled "Munising in Black & White: The Photographs of Mary Jayne Hallifax," the exhibit features images captured by Hallifax, an in-demand commercial photographer who also snapped numerous candid images of her hometown over seven decades. Hallifax died in 2025 at the age of 96 and donated many of her original negatives to photograph collector Jack Deo, who lent 60 images to the Beaumier Center for the exhibit. They represent a tiny fragment of her catalog and focus specifically on the 1950s and 1960s, depicting community events, street scenes, school activities and the lives of people in the community. A lifelong Munising resident, Mary Jayne (Shampine) Hallifax was a 1946 graduate of W.G. Mather High School. While working on the school's yearbook, she was asked by the school secretary to help develop and print photographs, and from that her lifelong love of photography began. After she graduated and started working, Mary Jayne spent her nights taking photos and developing them. It became such a passion that she gave up her job at Peoples State Bank to pursue photography full time. She soon became Munising's most in-demand commercial photographer, especially for weddings and senior photos. However, she also loved just wandering the streets of Munising taking candid photos of people and the general "goings-on" in the community. She even took photos for the Michigan State Police crime lab. In 1948, Mary Jayne married Richard Hallifax, and the pair worked on photography together. During her career with newspaper work and even into retirement, she photographed seven Michigan governors on their trips to Munising. Up until her 95th birthday, she had a weekly newspaper column featuring her photos. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 3 at the Beaumier Center's gallery in 223 Harden Hall at NMU. The center's summer hours are noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is free and open to the public. (Photo courtesy of Jack Deo)

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director of the Lenawee County Library System, while Charles earned a Ph.D. in history, taught at Adrian College and managed the Lenawee County Historical Museum. Since moving back to their hometown, the Lindquists have dedicated themselves to the preservation of Delta County history and have professionalized the DCHS. In addition to writing and lecturing on local history topics, they led the construction of a new museum facility in 2013, which combined the society's museum and archives. Charles has served as president of the board of directors since 2009, and Karen has led the cataloging of the museum's collection.

The Historical Society of Michigan established the Superior Award in 2006 to recognize historical societies, museums and other historical

organizations that have preserved and advanced U.P. history. This year's Superior Award was presented to the Neebish Island Historical Society in recognition of its work to preserve the Lookout No. 4 station along the St. Marys River and for the recent publication of "Neebish Island History and Stories." One of seven lookout stations built in the first decade of the 20th century, Lookout No. 4 managed marine traffic on the river before marine radios; today, it is the only station remaining. Published in October 2025, "Neebish Island History and Stories" tells the story of this unique place and the people who have made their homes there for generations.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828. For information, visit hsmichigan.org.

Nominations sought for Marquette Art Awards

The City of Marquette Office of Arts and Culture invites the community to nominate individuals, organizations and businesses for the 29th annual City of Marquette Art Awards. Nominees may be submitted for one or more of 11 categories: Arts Volunteer, Arts Advocate, Arts Educator, Youth Award, Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Writer of the Year, Special Recognition, Arts Organization, Arts Innovation and Arts Business.

The deadline for nominations is July 16. Nominations for nonresidents are welcome as long as the nominee has made contributions in Marquette. For information, call 906-228-0472,

email arts-culture@marquettetmi.gov or visit mqtcompass.com/annual-art-awards.

Diocese of Marquette ordains three to priesthood

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Marquette, which covers the entire Upper Peninsula, ordained deacons Mark Beukema, Drew Langton and Tyler Rivard to the priesthood on June 5 at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette. The men, who have been studying at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, were ordained by Bishop John Doerfler.

Beukema is from Davisburg, Michigan, and is the son of Roger and the late Patricia Beukema. His home par-

Program bridges art and wilderness



The Friends of the Porcupine Mountains organization has announced the pilot of its newest initiative: the Park Artist Ambassador program. This new role will work in addition to the park's current photo ambassadors, representing the first-ever ambassador position focused solely on the arts to deepen the connection between Michigan's largest state park and the broader creative community. The artist ambassador will serve as a creative bridge between the park and its visitors. By facilitating hands-on workshops and leading art-focused park tours, the ambassador will invite visitors to see the landscape through an artistic perspective. This role aims to foster an inclusive arts presence, ensuring that creative opportunities are welcoming to all skill levels and backgrounds. The Friends of the Porkies has announced that Caroline Meehan, an artist from central Wisconsin, and Jake Ring, a photographer and explorer from Ironwood, will serve as the inaugural artist ambassadors. Meehan is a practicing artist and an active member of the Porcupine Mountains Artist-in-Residence Steering Committee. Ring is a published photographer and videographer working on his next book, "The Comprehensive Porcupine Mountains Waterfall Book." Together, they will help shape the program's vision, promoting the park as a source of inspiration and a welcoming space for creative exploration. This pilot program builds upon the group's long-standing commitment to cultural programming. The organization already manages the Porcupine Mountains Artist-in-Residence program, which offers creators a stay in a remote cabin (pictured) to draw inspiration from 60,000 acres of old-growth forest. Additionally, the Friends of the Porkies host the annual Porcupine Mountains Music Festival. Central to the park's creative heartbeat is the Folk School. Located within the park, the school provides a space where heritage skills — from woodworking to fiber arts — are preserved and shared. Both Meehan's and Ring's work will fit with these existing programs. Individual artists and artist groups interested in developing or participating in workshops, creative programs, inspirational park tours or other arts-related activities are encouraged to connect directly with Meehan at carolinemeehan.com or Ring at ringoproductions.com, or contact the Friends of the Porcupine Mountains at friendsofporkies@gmail.com. (Photo courtesy of Friends of the Porcupine Mountains)



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ishes are St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph in Ishpeming. Langton is from Rockwood, Michigan, and is the son of Jeffrey and Donna Langton. His home parishes are St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph in Ishpeming. Rivard is from Cornell, Michigan, and is the son of Jim and Michelle Rivard. His home parish is All Saints in Gladstone.

A recording of the mass can be viewed at dioceseofmarquette.org/livestream.

Pay to increase for recruits at U.P. correctional facilities

As part of the Safe Prisons Initiative, the Michigan Department of Corrections has announced an increased pay rate of about \$10,000 per year for new corrections officer recruits at five U.P. correctional facilities. The increase is expected to improve recruitment and retention, a key component of the initiative. Facilities where officer recruits can earn the increased rate are Marquette Branch Prison, Baraga Correctional Facility, Alger Correctional Facility, Kinross Correctional Facility and Chippewa Correctional Facility. The facilities were selected based on current staff vacancy rates and being designated as existing in a hard-to-recruit region of the state.

The starting hourly pay for new officers will increase from \$23.45 to \$28.24, reflecting the base compensation typically received following completion of two years of service. The department is actively recruiting for the next Northern Region Officer Academy, which starts on July 20 in Kincheloe. Recruits who apply and are hired for the academy will begin at the increased rate on Day 1. They will receive eight weeks of intensive, paid training at the academy before continuing to their facility for eight weeks of on-the-job training. Interested applicants can apply online.

Along with the increased pay, officers will continue to receive comprehensive benefits from the State of Michigan such as health, vision and dental insurance; paid time off and parental leave; 401(k) with employer match; and more. It is the department's desire that current officers at the selected facilities who are currently below the \$28.24 hourly pay rate will be brought up to the increased wage. The department has initiated communication with the Michigan Corrections Organization, which represents current MDOC officers, and plans to stay actively engaged with the union on those discussions.

Conservation officers return stranded boaters to shore

A family of five from L'Anse returned safely to shore on June 2 after their 31-foot sailboat became stuck on rocks in Keweenaw Bay. The family was sailing on Lake Superior from the Portage Canal in Houghton County to the L'Anse Marina in Baraga County — about a 15-mile trip across Keweenaw Bay. They became stuck about halfway into the trip and immediately called 911 for assistance. Negaunee Regional Dispatch operators contacted the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to assist.

Within 30 minutes of receiving the call, Michigan DNR Conservation Officers Brian Lasanen and Cody Smith launched their 18-foot Lund DNR patrol boat from the Baraga County Marina. The officers located the family about 6 miles onto the water, northeast of the Sand Point Lighthouse. The family was in good condition and transported safely back to the Baraga County Marina. Aside from being stuck, the boat also was in good condition and did not pose any environmental risks. The DNR was assisted by members of the U.S. Coast Guard.

For information on earning a boating, hunting, snowmobile or off-road vehicle safety certificate, visit michigan.gov/recreationsafety.

DNR to offer camper storage at select state parks

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is offering a camper storage program, a convenient option that lets people temporarily store their unplugged RV, pop-up or camper for up to 15 nights at select locations between state park reservations.

Participating locations in the U.P. are Baraga State Park, Bewabic State Park, Brimley State Park, Fayette Historic State Park, Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, Indian Lake State Park, J.W. Wells State Park, Lake Gogebic State Park, Muskallonge Lake State Park, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Tahquamenon Falls State Park and Van Riper State Park. The cost is \$10 per night. Spaces are limited and not reservable in advance. For information, visit michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/camping-and-lodging/camper-storage.

State launches online form to report algal blooms

The Michigan Departments of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy; Health and Human Services; and Agriculture and Rural Development are reminding residents living near or visiting area waters to watch

'A Night Under the Big Top'

After 10 years of dancing, fundraising and community spirit, the U.P. Hospice Foundation's "Dancing with our Stars Marquette County Style" will evolve into a whimsical, high-energy circus-inspired celebration to support compassionate hospice care throughout the community. Under the glow of the big top, local celebrity groups will team up with Marquette dance professionals to deliver performances featuring theatrical storytelling, dazzling costumes, imaginative sets and crowd-pleasing musicality. Tickets are now available for "A Night Under the Big Top — Presented by Dancing with our Stars Marquette County Style," which will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette.



Ore Dock Brewing Co. will host The Big Top Wrap Party where guests can celebrate with the fundraiser's cast and crew. This year's lineup of stars has been announced: Breaking Moves by MyUPNow, featuring Rebecca Bartelme, Brianna MacLean, Air Stassek, Thomas Kinnunen and Jamey Couture; Fresh Coast Beauties, featuring Jessica Mariin, Sharon Matulewicz, Stephanie Perrier, Ashley LeClaire Scheiding, Tara Middleton and Kacie Hanford; GirlyPop, featuring Brooke Grondin, Amelia Bouws, Helana Sharp and Callie Tonella; NextHome Closing Crew, featuring Stephanie Jones, Ben Argall, Candi Kjellin, Jen Hendrickson, Jen Delmont and Melanie Oliver; The Starlettes, featuring Jessica Brooks, Stephanie Beinlich, Adrian Francisco, Jamie Weigold, Miranda Roose and Caitlin Johnson; Team Range Bank-The Loan Rangers, featuring Megan Spratling, Skylar Lancour, Destiny Sherbonda, Marleigh McKinnon, Shelby Oja, Hanna Westra and Sara Garvin; and Yoop-Phoria, featuring Carley Herro, Sophia Peterson, Rosie Wagner and Kaitlyn Berandt. Creative Director Ann Marie Frenn will oversee the dance professionals — Maureen McFadden, Adina Belanger, Kaylee Birmann, Eden Langlois, Mariel Morton, Milan Marietti and Kylee Taavola — as they coach, instruct and choreograph the routine dance for each team. The competition will feature three honors: Big Top Favorite will be presented to the team raising the highest amount for hospice care; Circle Ring Star will be selected by live judges based on performance excellence; and The Greatest Show will be awarded to the team with the ultimate combination of fundraising success and judges' scores. Supporters can vote online for their favorite Celebrity Dance Group now through Oct. 8. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Kori Bjorne at 906-225-4545 or korit@uphomehealth.org. For tickets and information, visit dwos.uphomehealth.org.

for harmful algal blooms, or HABs. HABs form due to a rapid growth of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, which are naturally found in lakes, rivers and ponds. Some cyanobacteria have toxins (cyanotoxins) that can be found in blooms and be harmful to people and animals. They often look like blue-green, yellow or brown streaks, foam or thick paint-like scums on the water surface.

To help residents alert the state about suspected HABs, EGLE has updated its online reporting form to include harmful algal bloom reports. The public will now be able to report suspected HABs by filling out the form at michigan.gov/habs. Individuals reporting a potential HAB are requested to provide details and upload photos of what they see in the water. Individuals can also make a report by calling EGLE's Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278. EGLE

staff will review reported information to help confirm whether it's likely a HAB. Reporting helps the state track and understand these blooms and can lead to public notifications to keep people and domestic animals safe if a HAB is detected.

Locations of HAB reports verified by EGLE and results of cyanotoxin testing are displayed on the Michigan Harmful Algal Bloom Reports Map. It is important to know that not all HABs in Michigan are reported to EGLE and therefore may not be on the map. HABs can move around, disappear and reappear, and start and stop producing cyanotoxins. This means HABs may be present in water bodies but not on the map.

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Enrollment open for Qualified Forest Program

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is reminding private landowners that applications to enroll in the Qualified Forest Program are due Sept. 1 to receive the associated tax exemption for the 2027 tax year.

MDARD's QFP encourages Michigan landowners to actively manage their privately owned forests for commercial harvest, wildlife habitat enhancement and improvement of other forest resources. Pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, the program provides landowners with two potential tax benefits for enrollment of their property as an incentive for sustainably managing their forests. The School Tax Affidavit authorizes an exemption from the local school operation millage (up to 18 mills of school operating taxes per year); this exemption only applies to land value. The Taxable Value Affidavit keeps the previous owner's property taxable value from uncapping on enrolled land after a transfer of ownership.

To apply, landowners must submit a QFP Application Form, a QFP Stand Summary and Harvest Schedule, a copy of the most recent deed and/or land contract, a copy of the tax bill, a \$50 application fee and a forest management plan. For information and program requirements, visit michigan.gov/mdard/environment/forestry/qualified-forest-program.

DNR approves grants for recreational boating

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has announced that seven communities throughout the state will share \$4.035 million in Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program funding to improve public access to recreational boating. Among the recipients will be the Cinder Pond Marina in Marquette, which will include Pier 1,

2, 3 and 4 replacement, including utilities. The grant amount of \$1,694,000 will be matched by the community for a total project cost of \$3,388,000.

The funding is made possible through the DNR Parks and Recreation Division's Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program, which began in 1949 with the goal of expanding the harbor system along the Great Lakes and boating access sites throughout the state. The grants are funded through the Michigan State Waterways Fund, a restricted fund derived primarily from boat registration fees and a portion of Michigan's gas tax. These funds support the construction, operation and maintenance of public recreational boating facilities.

Applications for the next round of Waterways Grant-in-Aid Program funding are due April 1, 2027. For information about DNR grant programs, visit michigan.gov/dnrgrants.

Michigan releases 2026 Eat Safe Fish Guides

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released the 2026 Eat Safe Fish Guides to help Michigan residents choose fish that are best for them and their families to eat. The Eat Safe Fish Guides provide consumption guidelines for eating locally caught fish. Guidelines are based on levels of chemicals found in the portions of fish people eat, typically the filets. Test results from the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories are used to determine what can be safe for people to eat over the long term.

In total, the guides provide consumption guidelines for 696 Michigan waterbodies. This year, there were 59 guidelines that were relaxed and 65 that became more protective than previous years.

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Submitted by Dr. Russell M. Magnaghi, history professor emeritus of NMU and author of several books.

to affect their health due to harmful chemicals. The guidelines are set to be protective of all individuals, including children, pregnant or breastfeeding women, and people with health issues including cancer and diabetes.

MDHHS also produces the Buy Safe Fish Guide to help residents choose seafood lower in mercury from local grocery stores, fish markets and restaurants. The Eat Safe Fish Guides and Buy Safe Fish Guide are available at michigan.gov/eatsafefish.

Michigan overdose death rate declines

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the state's overdose death rate has declined by 47% since 2021. Preliminary data for 2025 is projecting a lower rate of 16.4 deaths per 100,000 residents compared to a rate of 30.8 in 2021. This suggests overdose deaths have continued to decline for the fourth year in a row. In 2021, there were 3,096 overdose deaths compared to fewer than 1,800 deaths projected for 2025.

This progress reflects Michigan's continued statewide strategy and efforts to address substance use disorder through the pillars of prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery services. In 2019, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer established the Michigan Opioids Task Force to create a coordinated approach to reduce overdose deaths.

While the overall overdose death rate has declined, MDHHS continues to focus on addressing persistent racial and geographic disparities in both overdose deaths and access to care. Urban counties and regions continue to experience disproportionately higher overdose rates than the rest of the state — 24% higher than the total state rate in 2024 — and the overdose death rate in the black population is more than twice that of all other residents.

For information about substance use disorder resources and the state's opioid settlement investments, visit michigan.gov/opioids.

State agency launches survey for housing plan

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority invites Michiganders to help shape the future of housing in Michigan by participating in a new public survey. Available now, the survey marks the first statewide public engagement effort in the development of Michigan's next housing plan. SHP 2.0 will be a collaborative blueprint that will build on the progress of the state's first housing

plan released in 2022.

All are encouraged to share experiences, concerns and ideas about housing in Michigan. Public input will play a central role in developing the new plan and help inform goals and strategies for the years ahead.

"Housing is foundational to strong families, vibrant communities and a thriving economy, which is why it's so important that Michigan's next Statewide Housing Plan reflects the voices and experiences of people across our state," said Amy Hovey, MSHDA chief executive officer and executive director. "Michigan's housing needs continue to evolve, and we need perspectives from every community at the center of this process. Together, your insights will guide a housing plan that strengthens every Michigan community."

While SHP 2.0 will be a Michigan plan, MSHDA has contracted with ICF, a nationally recognized firm specializing in housing strategy, community engagement and data-driven planning, to support outreach, input and development of the plan.

Additional opportunities for public and partner engagement will include listening sessions and regional engagement events.

To complete the survey, visit surveymonkey.com/r/353RD8F.

From the desk of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

• Whitmer has requested that President Donald J. Trump declare a major disaster in response to severe storms, heavy rain, rapid snowmelt and nine confirmed tornadoes that caused widespread damage and severe flooding in 43 counties across Michigan between April 10 and 21. All categories of the Public Assistance program have been requested for 26 counties including Iron, Marquette and Menominee. "Communities across the First District and throughout Michigan suffered substantial damage from April's severe storms and flooding, and local officials have done everything possible to respond and recover," U.S. Rep. Jack Bergman said in a press release. "The scale of this disaster warrants federal assistance. I support Governor Whitmer's request for FEMA assistance and encourage FEMA to approve this declaration so our communities can get the help they need." Whitmer's request will be reviewed by FEMA, which will advise Trump on whether a disaster declaration is warranted. The final decision rests with the president.

• Whitmer recently signed a bipartisan bill that grants the voters of the



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City of Mackinac Island the opportunity to amend their charter and allow the city to regulate all aspects of ferry service to and from the island, including ferry prices and all ancillary fees associated with travel such as baggage, parking and early boarding options. Mackinac Island supports nearly 5,000 jobs and welcomes an estimated 1.2 million visitors each year.

- Whitmer recently signed an executive order to create the Every Child Reads Champions Council, which will bring together leaders in education, business, government and the community to monitor and advise literacy efforts across the state. Appointments will be announced in August, and the council will begin meeting at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

- Whitmer has appointed **Zosia Eppensteiner** of Marquette to the Michigan Community Service Commission, which provides vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. Eppensteiner is the chief executive officer of the Community Foundation of Marquette County. She also serves as a board member of the Council of Michigan Foundations, MSHDA Statewide Housing Partnership, Community Development Association of Michigan, the Community Foundation Committee and the Statewide Equity Fund Work Group with the Council of Michigan Foundations and is a Marquette County Ambassador through the Lake Superior Community Partnership and a board member of the Marquette Food Co-op.

- Whitmer has signed Executive Order 2026-13, which reestablishes the Michigan Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. This action continues the task force's work and builds on the governor's commonsense gun violence prevention laws, including background checks, safe storage requirements, extreme risk protection orders and stronger penalties for those convicted of domestic abuse. The governor also signed a proclamation declaring June as Gun Violence Awareness Month in Michigan.

Local business news in brief

- **TV6/FOX UP** has been named the 2025 Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. The station also earned top Broadcast Excellence Awards in nine categories and 13 merit awards, spanning news, investigative reporting, sports, digital and community coverage. Additionally, WLUC-TV recently earned two Michigan Emmy Award nominations.

- **Ore Dock Brewing Co.** has partnered with Focus Restaurant Concepts to create a new dining experience at the existing taproom. Guests can expect an elevated food program designed to complement Ore Dock's draft list with a menu that focuses on high-quality ingredients, scratch-made execution and a welcoming atmosphere. For information, visit oredockbrewing.com.

- **Emma Schultz** has been promoted to chief operating officer of the Community Foundation of Marquette County. For information, visit cfomc.org.

- First Bank has announced the promotion of **Debra Crandall** to the position of regional vice president for Upper Michigan. In the role, Crandall will oversee the overall direction and performance of banking operations across First Bank's Western region.

- Keweenaw Cooperative has announced the appointment of **Jonathan (Josh) Paakola** as general manager. Paakola brings 25 years of experience in retail grocery and will be responsible for leading the organization toward the achievement of its mission and vision set by the board of directors. For information, visit keweenaw.coop.

- UP Health System—Marquette has welcomed **Allison Blaksmith, PA-C**, to its Cancer Center team. Blaksmith specializes in oncology and bone health, including osteoporosis treatment and cancer care, and is dedicated to supporting patients through complex health decisions with a compassionate, patient-centered approach. The UPHS—Marquette Cancer Center is located at 850 W. Baraga Ave. in Marquette. For information, visit [up-healthsystem.com/cancer-care](http://healthsystem.com/cancer-care).

- The **Economic Development Corporation of Marquette County** Revolving Loan Fund Program has funding from several sources totaling approximately \$1 million. Funds are available to assist with land and building acquisitions, construction and renovation, machinery and equipment purchases, and working capital. For information or to set up an appointment, contact the Lake Superior Community Partnership at 906-226-6591 or mary@marquette.org.

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Thomas Jefferson was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence. (Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)

DAR marks semiquincentennial

The phrase “the reason for the season” is most often heard around Christmas. A group in Marquette, however, plans to adapt the spirit of that saying this July to honor our nation’s semiquincentennial.

As the United States celebrates 250 years of existence, the Daughters of the American Revolution want to remind everyone why we have a day off in the first week of July — and it’s not because we like parades and fireworks.

On Wednesday, July 8, the Onagominkway Chapter of the DAR will present a reading of the Declaration of Independence at Harlow Park in Marquette. “Our ancestors are the reason for the season,” said Melissa Wilson, who has been a member of the DAR for 21 years.

Wilson joined because her family was involved. “My sister and mother are involved, as well as our grandmother, great-grandmother and countless aunts and great-aunts,” she said.

There are around 60 members in the local chapter, which covers the western half of the Upper Peninsula. “There used to be eight chapters in the U.P.,” Wilson said, “but as the ’60s approached and women started pursuing jobs, they became defunct.” The local chapter, the Onagominkway Chapter, started in 2005. The name means “women by the lake” in Chippewa.

Wilson can trace her ancestry back to the American Revolution. Her relative was a private from New Jersey named Joseph Crowell who fought in the Battle of Monmouth. “I think my great-grandmother was Crowell’s

great-great-granddaughter,” Wilson said.

The DAR chapter is active year-round doing fundraising to help out community organizations. “Our three pillars are patriotism, education and historic preservation,” Wilson said. “We make donations to the U.P. Honor Flight. We purchase things for veterans. We also collect plastic bags, which we are putting into a program that will create a bench that will be sent down to the Oscar Johnson Hospital in Iron Mountain.”

The DAR awards National Defender Medals to junior ROTC kids and runs a good citizens program that includes an essay contest. The local organization also works on projects like cleaning up the Painesdale mine and the Keweenaw Historic District.

The ceremony featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence will start at 6 p.m. on July 8 at Harlow Park. “We want to give a brief history of the writing of the Declaration,” Wilson said. “The Second Continental Congress asked [Benjamin] Franklin and [Thomas] Jefferson to write something up on June 11, and then it was signed on July 4.” The DAR will honor each of the men who signed. “It was a treasonous act,” Wilson said. “It was the foundation of our nation, a bunch of states banding together, and the cause to become our own people separate from Britain.”

There will also be a reading by the DAR at Scott Park in Trenary on the same day at the same time.

For more information about the Onagominkway Chapter of the DAR, visit the group’s Facebook page.

By Brad Gischia



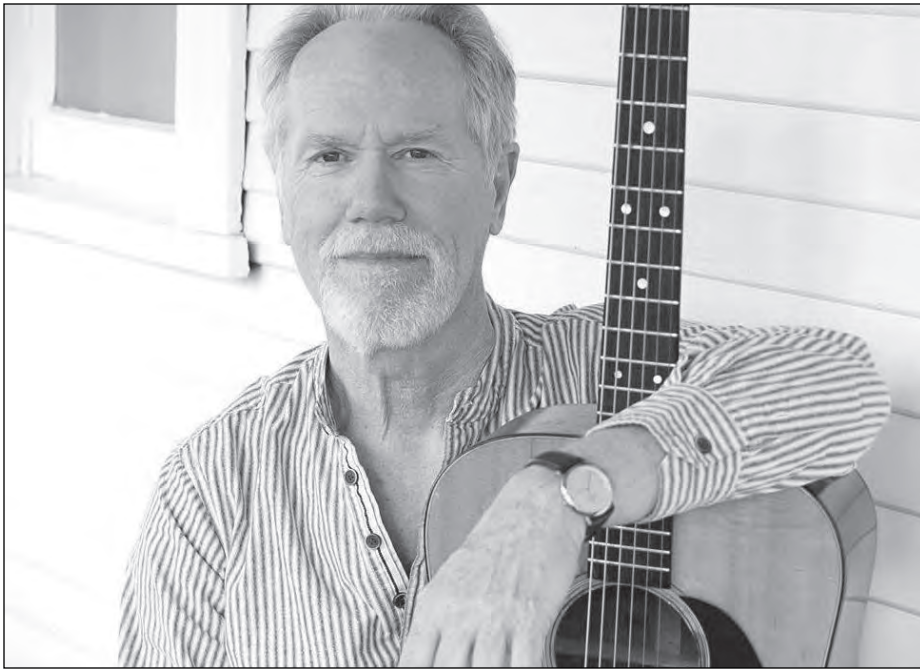
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Loudon Wainwright III will perform July 15 at Strega Nonna in Negaunee. (Photo courtesy of Loudon Wainwright III)

Strega Nonna raises funds to support public broadcasting

With the recent defunding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the local public radio and television stations have been feeling the pinch.

Rachael Grossman, owner of the Negaunee establishment Strega Nonna, decided to do something about it. In January, Strega Nonna hosted a fundraiser featuring musicians May Erlewine and Joshua Davis. "That was really fun," Grossman said. "It was a great event, and public broadcasting is a joy to work with. ... We do a lot of fundraisers at Strega."

On Wednesday, July 15, Strega Nonna will bring another major talent to Negaunee in the form of Loudon Wainwright III. Wainwright is a singer/songwriter who has released 26 studio albums. Some of his most popular songs include "Dead Skunk," "Motel Blues" and "The Swimming Song."

Grossman saw the success of their first public radio fundraiser and wanted to build on that. "My dad [Dr. Michael Grossman] and I have this fundraiser going, and we get excited about an artist and then we just reach out to them," Grossman said. "I was optimistic going into it, and I have a few friends who know [Wainwright] and thought we'd have a good chance at getting him."

Grossman said it was as easy as a call to Wainwright's agent, who passed the message along. Wainwright agreed to come.

The support for public radio is important, as its future funding is in question. "It's like access to the world, especially in the U.P.," Grossman said. "They broadcast a lot of local news and local artists, but it's also a place where we can be connected to what's going on outside of our tiny, beautiful community."

Strega Nonna is becoming a bit of a location for music and fundraisers, and all by a hometown girl. "I didn't ever envision that would be my role when I came back here," Grossman said. "But I'm not really surprised by it, either. My dad and I are dreamers, and so when we get ideas we just try to go for it and make it happen."

Grossman said one of the thrills for her is to look at the gig schedule for the upcoming artists. "You look at their tour dates, and they're doing Chicago and Minneapolis and New York City, and then you have Negaunee, Michigan," she said. "It sort of puts us on the map."

The fundraiser will include a buffet from 6 to 7 p.m. on July 15, and the music will begin at 7 p.m. The show will take place on the patio at 432 Iron St. in Negaunee, if the weather allows. Tickets are \$100 per person, with VIP seating available. Proceeds will go to local public broadcasting.

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Rehearsals are underway for Lake Superior Theatre's performances of "Chicago." (Photo courtesy of Lake Superior Theatre)

Showtime: LST season begins

The time has come for the boats to go out onto the lake and the performers to move into the boathouse. It's a process that happens every year, but one that doesn't get easier.

"We've been flipping it for 28 years," said Peggy Frazier, president of the Lake Superior Theatre board and owner of the boathouse at 270 N. Lakeshore Boulevard in Marquette. "Each time we do a fundraiser, everything comes out and goes into storage and we bring in chairs and tables and then it's all out again for when the theatre goes up."

In June, Lake Superior Theatre held a fundraiser featuring Leslie Parkkonen for a night of Broadway music. Later in the month was the organization's annual fish boil.

Frazier said the fundraisers are essential for a small theatre. "The rights to a show like 'Chicago' are almost \$10,000," Frazier said. "It doesn't matter if you have 100 seats or 500 seats; you still pay the same."

In between fundraisers, the LST board is busy picking and choosing the shows they'd like to put on for the coming year. Lake Superior Theatre has announced its 2026 schedule of performances, beginning on July 7 with "Chicago." This season will host a number of musicals, including "Disney's High School Musical 2 Jr.," "Come from Away" and "Plaid Tidings." Shakespeare will make an appearance as well with a performance of "As You Like It" on the schedule.

Frazier said LST chooses its lineup based on what is available and who is available. "It's an adventure each year and never the same," she said. "The lineup is dependent on available

cast and directors. This year, we have directors that are excited about the shows they're doing, and that helps a lot."

The 2026 shows are also interconnected around a theme. "Our theme this year is about how people step forward as a community to take care of one another," Frazier said. Her best example of that will be the play "Come from Away." She said, "When I heard that was available, I really wanted to make sure we did it." The play was on Broadway in 2017. Its story takes place in the days right after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"A bunch of airplanes landed in Gander, Newfoundland, on 9/11, and this little community housed more than 7,000 people," Frazier said. "They fed and clothed them. They took care of them."

Other musicians on the stage will be Brittany Jean, a Nashville recording artist, and the Franklin Park Band performing hits from the '60s. Parkkonen will also make another appearance.

This summer's lineup will also include Jack Deo and Jim Koski with "Legends and Lore 2," a pictorial history of the Upper Peninsula and the stories behind those photos.

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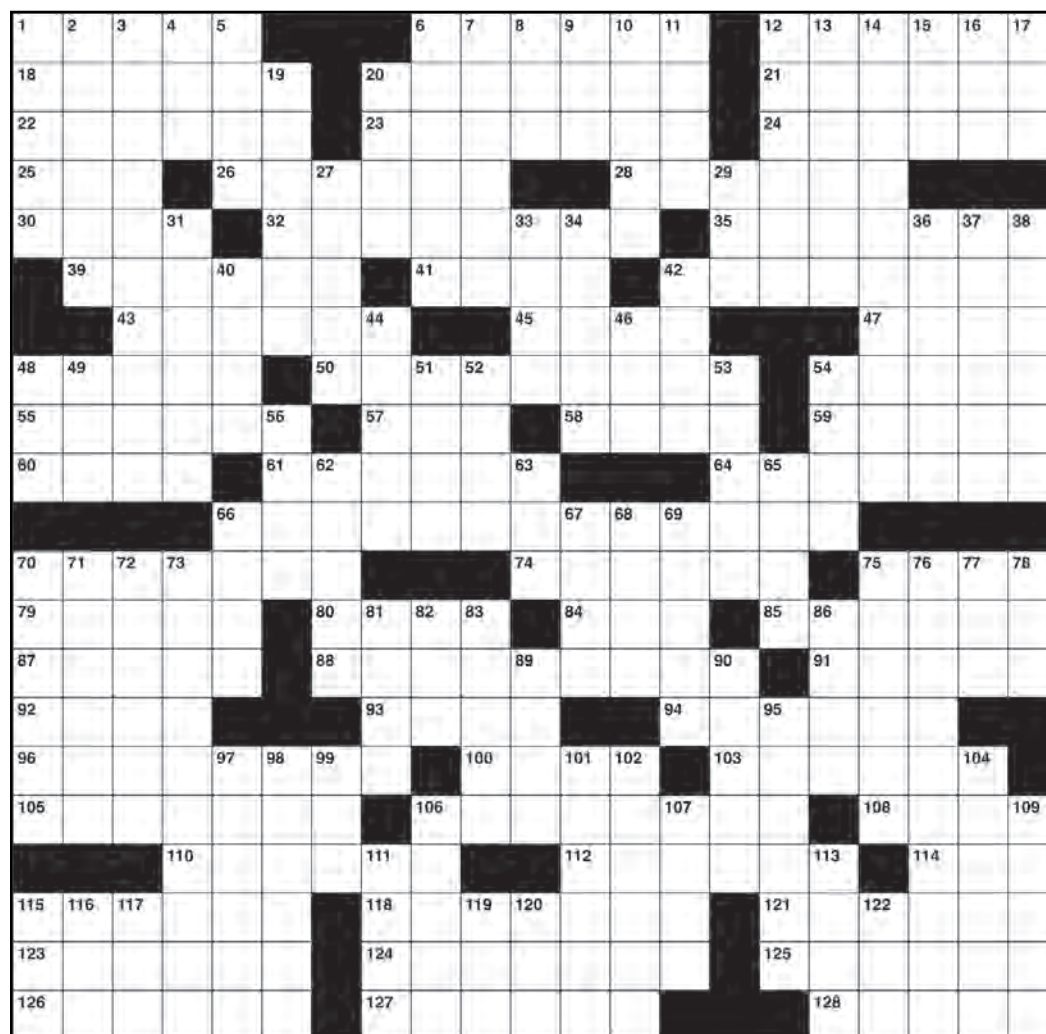
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- 21 Drink following a shot
- 22, 23 & 24 Airport announcement / Requirement to practice, perhaps
- 25 Breakthrough cry
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- 28 America's largest labor union, familiarly
- 30, 32 & 35 "Now, here's the thing ..." / Some board game surfaces
- 39 Long instrumental piece
- 41 Former alliance of France, Italy, Japan, the U.S., the U.K. and West Germany
- 42 Snuggle
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- 45 Letters aptly missing from ____ ightl_
- 47 Website for finding professional services
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- 55 Free of bumps
- 57 "Not exactly ..."
- 58 Philippe's head
- 59 Bit of "Great British Baking Show" fare
- 60 Some animation files
- 61 Eighth Avenue express line in N.Y.C.
- 64 Did some housekeeping
- 66 Amount that "ain't bad," so to speak ... or what to make with six sets of answers in this puzzle?
- 70 Creative evaluation of a sort
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- 79 Worries
- 80 Bevy : quails :: mob : ____
- 84 Relieve (of)
- 85 Feature of an intersection that forces a turn
- 87, 88 & 91 Syntax-reversing rhetorical device / Small, peelable citrus fruits
- 92 Taylor Swift's ____ Tour
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- 3 Laid eyes on but good
- 4 Country whose flag is known as "an tridhathach" ("the tricolor"): Abbr.
- 5 Deal with it!
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- 7 Lofty pitches
- 8 Corrida cry
- 9 Class for immigrants, in brief
- 10 Tries to rile, as on social media
- 11 Leave one's mark, say
- 12 Scratch-and-sniff samples
- 13 "How interesting!"
- 14 Classic film said to be the most quotable movie of all time
- 15 Wildcats of the Big 12 Conf.
- 16 Sonnet adverb ... or suffix?
- 17 Green Day drummer ____ Cool
- 19 Soda brand named for a volcano
- 20 Broccoli ____
- 27 Facts and figures
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- 31 Phrases preceding lyrics
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- 34 Like about 88 percent of the U.A.E.'s residents

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- 40 Help in a pinch?
- 42 Ural demurral
- 44 Vice president Agnew
- 46 This is the way: Abbr.
- 48 Seasoning that imparts umami flavor, for short
- 49 "____ dreaming?"
- 51 Red-haired hunter in Genesis
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- 53 Condemn
- 54 Response of comprehension
- 56 Hems and ____
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- 63 Award opportunity, in brief
- 65 Out of fear that
- 66 Thomas Hardy's titular Miss Durbeyfield
- 67 Swinger's warning
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- 70 Confirm, as a friend request
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- 77 Expose, in verse
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- 82 2028 Summer Olympics host
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- 99 Of an unspecified position in a sequence
- 101 National flower of Mexico
- 102 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 104 Dessert, to Brits
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- 113 Counterpart to nuts
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101-year-old Joe Enrietti reflects on his service in World War II



Joe Enrietti poses in his home in Mohawk with a photograph from his time in the U.S. Army Air Forces. (Photo by John Gagnon)

A Northland warrior

By Jennifer Donovan

The year was 1944. World War II was raging. While he was on a training flight as a tail gunner in the Army Air Forces, Joe Enrietti's B-24 crashed. He found himself stuck in the tail turret when the door jammed. And it saved his life.

Enrietti is one of a dwindling number of World War II veterans still

alive. Now 101 and living in Mohawk on the Keweenaw Peninsula, where he grew up, the veteran tail gunner said that day is etched in his memory.

The pilot was practicing touch-and-go landings, touching down on the runway as though to land and then taking off again. Enrietti calls it "the hardest thing to do in a plane." There was also a strong crosswind that day.

The tail gunners on the B-24s weren't supposed to stay in their turrets during landings or take-offs because the turrets hung low under the plane. But Enrietti couldn't get out. He notified the pilot over the intercom, only to hear the pilot snarl, "What kind of tail gunner do we have? He can't even get out of his turret."

Enrietti wasn't having any of that. "Sir," he said, "I just wish you

were as good a pilot as I am a tail gunner."

On the third touch-and-go landing, the plane crashed. The crew all perished, except for Enrietti. When the B-24 crashed, the tail section broke off, which saved the tail gunner's life.

But rescue crews didn't know he was there, stuck inside his turret. He yelled for help, and no one heard him. He started pounding on the metal



In World War II, Upper Peninsula native Joe Enrietti was a tail gunner on a bomber nicknamed Angel. He is in the front row, second from right. (Photo courtesy of Joe Enrietti)

walls of the turret with a hand crank. Then it occurred to him that, before starting training as a tail gunner, he had studied Morse code, so he hammered out the Morse code for SOS, and someone on the ground heard it and broke him free.

Northland warriors

Enrietti is one of nine veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam featured in a recently published book called “Old Northland Warriors,” by Lake Linden author John Gagnon. The book was published by McFarland & Co. of Jefferson, North Carolina.

Two of the other featured veterans also served in World War II: Wesley Loosemore, a radio operator who lives in L’Anse, and Uno Isaacson, an ammo carrier from Ahmeek. The Korean War veterans in the book are Pete Capello from Centennial, a combat engineer; Paul “Ozzie” Winkquist of Kearsarge, a machine gunner; and Leonard Kullonen, a rifleman who lives in Marquette. The Vietnam veterans included are Ray DeRoche from Hubbell, a rifleman and tunnel rat; Jake Jackovich, a rifleman and grenadier who lives in Tamarack Location;

and Neil Isaacson, a machine gunner from Five Mile Point.

Gagnon has written three books, all set in the Upper Peninsula. In addition to “Old Northland Warriors,” he wrote “Hard Maple, Hard Work,” about the Keweenaw’s prized forests, published by Northern Michigan University Press, and “Lake Superior Profiles, People on the Big Lake,” about the lives and work of people all around the lake, published by Wayne State University Press.

When Enrietti was finishing his senior year of high school, he decided to join the military, as his two older brothers had done before him. He wanted to fly, so he planned to join the Army Air Force.

He came home from school one day and told his family about his plans. His mother got very upset. “Joe,” she said, “we already got two others in the service now. We don’t know if they’re alive or dead, and now this fool wants to fly on one of those tin cans.” She covered her face and ran out of the room crying.

His brothers, who were both in the infantry, agreed with her about his desire to fly. They used to refer to “those poor bastards up there,” Enrietti recalled.

His father, who had served in the infantry in World War I, didn’t like the idea of Joe joining the Air Force either. “When you’re up there, there’s only one place to go, and that’s down,” he told Joe.

“I don’t want to go into the damn infantry,” Joe replied. “I don’t want to crawl in the mud and sleep in a fox-hole. I want to fly.” That made his father angry.

It turned out that Enrietti couldn’t take pilot training after all, because the Air Force required pilots to have completed two years of college. So he trained as an air traffic controller, then learned that there were openings for B-24 tail gunners. That put him back where he wanted to be — in the air.

His training took him to Florida and then to California. Trainees began by shooting skeet, to learn to hit moving targets, then took off in planes, shooting with cameras instead of bullets. Finally, they started practicing with bullets coated with colored crayon wax, which left marks on their targets on which they were scored. It was in California that Enrietti survived his bomber’s fateful crash landing.

After the crash, a colonel questioned Enrietti. He asked how the



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accident happened. “We had a dumb-ass pilot,” Enrietti replied. The colonel wasn’t pleased with his answer. “Can’t you say there was something wrong with the plane?” he asked.

Enrietti got the message. “OK,” he said. “We got a side wind and were coming in sideways. You can’t land a plane sideways, and the left landing gear caved in, and that’s why we crashed.”

The colonel nodded. “That would be much better,” he said. That’s the story Enrietti told at the inquiry, and the case was dismissed.

So Enrietti learned another rule of military life: “You do what they tell you.”

Going to war

After a year of training, Enrietti and his crew, led by William Happ — a top-notch pilot who became a life-long friend — boarded a troop ship for Liverpool, England, where they were to be based. They went by boat because too many planes had been shot down over the Atlantic.

On the dock in Liverpool, he got a foretaste of what lay ahead. As the fresh crew of airmen walked from the ship, they passed a haggard line of men headed home.

“You poor bastards,” one said.

Each crew member carried a flight bag for gear, a box of rations containing sandwiches and four cigarettes, a large map of France, Germany and Switzerland printed on silk, and what Enrietti called a Mickey Mouse compass the size of a nickel, showing nothing but the four main directions: north, south, east and west.

Enrietti’s aircraft, named Angel, was the lead plane in his squadron. The planes flew in formation to protect each other, but if a plane got in trouble, the rest of the formation flew on. “You weren’t supposed to come out of formation to help your buddy,” he explained. “You were on your own. You take it home the best way you can.”



Joe Enrietti displays a model of a B-24 bomber, the plane he served on in World War II. (Photo by John Gagnon)

Enrietti’s crew never lost a man, but he went through three airplanes. A landing gear jammed on his first plane, and it did a belly-flop alongside the runway. The second one took flak after dropping its bombs and lost two engines. Happ still managed to get the plane safely back to base.

Did it bother Enrietti to drop bombs, knowing that homes and schools and churches, men, women and children were being hit? Being high in the air somehow made it “cleaner,” he said. “In the infantry, you see the person you kill,” he added. “That’s pretty dirty. I think you have to live with that for the rest of your life.”

Home again

After three months fighting in Europe, Enrietti returned to the United States at the end of his tour

on June 9, 1945 — his 20th birthday. After some leave and a visit home, he went to Nevada to train as a gunner on the B-29 Superfortresses that were fighting in the Pacific theater. But before he could see action again, atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending the war in the Pacific. He was sent to Texas, where he served as a mess sergeant.

Enrietti mustered out on May 3, 1946, before he hit his 21st birthday. He returned home to Keweenaw County, Michigan, and married his sweetheart, Lenore. They had a daughter, Patricia, and, eventually, three grandchildren. His daughter now lives in Marquette. Lenore died 35 years ago. “I still miss her so much,” Joe said.

He did bookkeeping for a logging company and security guard work

for a mining company. He worked for Oldsmobile for a while in Lansing, “but we both missed the Copper Country,” he said, so they came back. Then he worked as a salesman for Gately Co., a furniture and clothing store in Calumet, and for Wiley Loan, for whom he managed Calumet Furniture. He eventually bought the store.

Enrietti retired at age 70, but when he was 80, he came out of retirement to work for friends at Erickson-Crowley Funeral Home as a hearse driver and funeral assistant. He lived in New Allouez for a time, but now he lives in Mohawk again, in a former priest’s house just one street away from where he grew up.

Enrietti did a lot of cross-country skiing, golfing and walking, and he enjoyed watching hockey games. He doesn’t do much of that now, but he still drives and does his own cooking. “I try to do everything, but I realize I’m old,” he said, “so I have to be careful.”

He hopes to continue living on his own. “I don’t want to be in a senior home or have some little girl changing my underwear,” he said.

Enrietti has some advice for young people: “Quit smoking. Eat right. Live moderately in everything you do. Don’t lie, because it will come back on you. Don’t ever give anyone a kick in the bum because you’re going to get a double one back. Treat people right. Try to help everybody.”

With 101 years of living behind him, Joe Enrietti knows what he’s talking about.

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July 19th – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain date: July 26th) & August 16th – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (rain date: August 23rd)

Two, identical self-guided tours of the Barnes-Hecker miners' headstones will be offered at the Ishpeming Cemetery, where visitors can explore the resting places or commemorative stones of the men lost in the 1926 disaster. Maps will be provided to guide attendees through the cemetery and highlight key locations. Throughout the grounds, family members of miners will be stationed at select headstones to share stories about their loved ones' life and legacy.

Memorial Park Dedication • September 5th – 11:00 a.m., at the mine site

The Barnes-Hecker Memorial Park will be formally dedicated on Saturday, September 5th at the historic mine site in Ely Township. The ceremony will include a ribbon cutting and thoughtful remarks reflecting on the legacy of the men, the families, and the community that have carried their memory forward for a century.

Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center Exhibit at NMU • October 17th – May 1st, 2027

This exhibit will detail the events that led to the Barnes-Hecker disaster, placing it in context of the history of mining in the Upper Peninsula. How did it happen, who was affected and what legacy did it leave behind? It will feature photographs and artifacts related to the disaster and the stories of the miners and their families who were so greatly impacted by the tragedy.

Uncovering the Truths About the Barnes-Hecker Mine Disaster • October 21st - 6:30 p.m.

Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring Street, Marquette

Presenter Jim Paquette, historian and author, will share his ongoing research of the Barnes-Hecker Mine disaster. Through the years, many mistruths have been shared and propagated. Uncovering real evidence and actual documented facts through intense historical research finally sheds the light of truth that the Barnes-Hecker disaster victims and their families have always deserved.

Interfaith Memorial Service • November 1st – 2:00 p.m.

at Bethany Lutheran Church, 715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming

The memorial service will bring together descendants, community members and faith leaders in a shared moment of remembrance. This gathering will honor the fifty-one men who lost their lives by offering prayers, readings and hymns. In marking a century since the disaster, the service aims to unite people in gratitude, reflection and hope, ensuring that the memory of the Barnes-Hecker miners continues to be carried forward with dignity and compassion.

Candlelight Vigil • November 2nd – 7:00 p.m., at the mine site

The candlelight vigil will take place at the historic mine site in Ely Township, where the community will gather in quiet reflection. Bagpipers will play a moving tribute to the miners whose lives were cut short a century ago.

Tolling of Church Bells throughout Ishpeming • November 3rd – 11:20 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m., the exact moment that the Barnes-Hecker Mine collapsed one hundred years ago, church bells throughout Ishpeming will toll fifty-one times in solemn remembrance of the fifty-one men who lost their lives in the disaster.

Televised Special on MY UP Now • November 3rd – 7:30 p.m.

My UP News (WBUP/WJMN) will present a half hour news program in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Barnes-Hecker Mine disaster. Join My UP's Rebecca Bartelme sharing the history, stories from the families left impacted by the tragedy and what marking this historic day means for the community. Broadcast will air at 7:30 p.m. and will be available online after the premiere on myupnow.com.



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Students from Au Train-Onota Public School in Deerton work with their underwater remote-operated vehicle in Marquette's Lower Harbor. The school's robotics program started in 2022. (Photo courtesy of Amy Pihlainen-Gabler)

From Deerton to the future

Au Train-Onota robotics program sets the pace in STEM education

By Erin Elliott Bryan

In early 2022, Au Train-Onota Public School teacher Amy Pihlainen-Gabler opened an email that had been forwarded from

Chris Standerford, director of the Seaborg Mathematics and Science Center at Northern Michigan University. It was an invitation to attend a training session for teachers to learn how to build and operate

underwater ROVs, or remote-operated vehicles.

"[Standerford] always emails us fun science opportunities," Pihlainen-Gabler said. "First thoughts were that it sounded cool, and even though

I had zero experience in robotics, I thought it would be a great opportunity for my students."

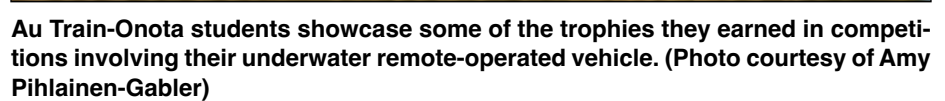
Pihlainen-Gabler accepted the invitation and traveled to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste.

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The team's most recent competition took place in March in Gaylord,



The Au Train-Onota robotics program has worked with the Alger Conservation District to study fish habitat in Au Train Lake. (Photo courtesy of Amy Pihlainen-Gabler)

though this year's event was a bit non-traditional.

"We were supposed to compete with 21 other teams, but an ice storm came through and all of the other schools canceled. We were already in Gaylord, so they still held the competition for us," Pihlainen-Gabler said. "Based on their scores, the judges said our teams would have blown all but two other high school teams out of the water, which was pretty cool because they do compete with mostly high school teams."

The Peanut Butter Jellyfish earned First Place Performance and Presentation awards. The Octocats team received Ambassadorship and Innovative Engineering awards.

"They were judging us on the task, how we work together, the creativeness of our robots and any problems," seventh grader Bentley Glasgow said. "It teaches designing and creativity and other skills like wiring and how it works."

In addition to competing against other students around the state, Pihlainen-Gabler also wanted her students to understand how the work they were doing could be used to solve real-world problems close to home.

During the first year of the program, Pihlainen-Gabler was put in

touch with Matt Watkeys, then the district manager of the Alger Conservation District. Using a grant from the Michigan DNR, the district was working on a project to reintroduce fish to Au Train Lake.

"I wanted the students to get outside, into the field and understand why we should care about the environment," Pihlainen-Gabler said.

Using information from inland lake fish surveys, the fish population at Au Train Lake was considerably lower compared to other lakes. One factor was determined to be the lack of habitat in the lake.

Watkeys said the goals of the project were to educate landowners and to introduce new habitats in the lake to build the fish population. The project identified landowners who were willing to have woody debris structures, known as "fish sticks," installed in front of their property just offshore.

"Landowners like clean, neat shorelines, but that leads to decreased habitats for fish," Watkeys said, adding that the project was aiming to return the lake to a state it would naturally be in without human involvement.

In conversations with Pihlainen-Gabler, Watkeys knew the Alger

Conservation District could work with the robotics students to document the effects of the project.

The students first visited Au Train Lake in the winter to capture underwater footage of the lake's current state. Watkeys worked with the students through trial and error to navigate the natural environment.

"The students were used to testing in indoor pools," Watkeys said. "But there was ice and debris, and there was a difference between chlorinated and fresh water."

Bundles of woody debris were then placed on the ice, which would eventually fall into the lake as the ice melted. In the summer, the students returned to Au Train Lake to capture new footage and measure the success of the "fish sticks."

"They learned how to approach the fish without scaring them, and we saw sunfish, perch," Watkeys said. "We could see the success. The kids were really excited, and they could see how their work can be used in real-world applications."

The students' footage was featured on the Alger Conservation District's website and social media to showcase the project's impact. "The footage was provided by and happened be-

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cause of the students,” Watkeys said. “They found a niche where they could fill a need.”

At the end of that school year, the students were invited guests at the district’s annual spring banquet where they discussed their role in the project, demonstrated their ROVs and answered questions from the public. “They were very well received,” Watkeys said.

Watkeys, who lives just down the street from the Au Train-Onota Public School, says the school is unique because kids of several different ages work together — and the students demonstrated that ability during the project. “They were outstanding,” he said. “They were very important and instrumental.”

The students have also been involved with garbage cleanups near water, using their ROVs to help. They have previously assisted with cleanups in Marquette at the Yacht Club in the Lower Harbor and with Great Lakes Great Responsibility at Founders Landing.

In the classroom, Pihlainen-Gabler continues to find ways to engage the students in real ways to use what they’re learning through the robotics program. Each year, she reaches out to organizations that use ROVs, both locally and nationally, to help inform students of the career opportunities that exist.

In November 2024, the students participated in a Q&A session via Zoom with staff from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. WHOI staff told Pihlainen-Gabler that they chose to speak to her class because in addition to building their underwater ROVs, they had done something with them, citing the students’ work with the Alger Conservation District.

The students first got to speak with a Ph.D. student who talked about algae blooms and later with Dr. Dana Yoerger, a scientist emeritus in



One winter, Au Train-Onota robotics students visited nearby Au Train Lake to place stick bundles on the ice as part of a study of fish habitat. (Photo courtesy of Amy Pihlainen-Gabler)

WHOI’s Applied Ocean Physics and Engineering Department.

Yoerger played key roles in developing the ROV Jason, the Autonomous Benthic Explorer, or ABE, the AUV Sentry and the hybrid ROV Nereus, which reached the bottom of the Mariana Trench in 2009, according to WHOI. He was also the lead investigator on the development of the midwater exploration robot Mesobot.

Yoerger has participated in more than 90 expeditions, including surveying shipwrecks such as the Titanic and assessing the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

The work of Mesobot has even inspired a children’s book from WHOI titled “Where the Weird Things Are” that discusses deep sea exploration and encourages children to be themselves.

“They go into the ocean with cameras and see underwater animals that come by,” said Au Train-Onota eighth grader Harper Cadwell, adding that she and her peers have read the book

to younger students. “It’s a really cool experience that not a lot of other kids get to do.”

Pihlainen-Gabler and her husband visited WHOI during spring break and had the opportunity to meet staff in person and tour the institution. It was also a full-circle moment for Pihlainen-Gabler, who had purchased the 1993 Scholastic book “Finding the Titanic” by Robert D. Ballard as a student and was able to see some of that technology in person.

“I tell my students all the time, the things I get to do because I teach you is incredible,” she said. “I’m so thankful to be a teacher, so grateful.”

The students have also had the opportunity to speak with the head engineer from Marquette-based KMI Space. In January 2025, NASA astronaut Suni Williams supervised and operated the REACCH system, a tentacle-like robotic arm developed by KMI that was tested aboard the International Space Station to improve the recovery of space debris.

“Space is similar to underwater,” Pihlainen-Gabler said. “We’re so fortunate that companies want to inspire kids and show them this is what you can do.”

Pihlainen-Gabler has presented about the robotics program, sharing its successes and inspiring her fellow educators. In March, she spoke at the Michigan Science Teachers Association conference. Then, in April, she presented “Fish Habitats and Underwater Remote Operated Vehicles” at the National Science Teaching Association Conference in Anaheim, California.

“We’re a small school, so the rapport with teachers and students is really good,” she said. “I’m there as the facilitator, but the kids are the ones doing the work. They should get the credit.”

For her students, they can already see how this experience could affect their future career paths and how they interact with others along the way. “This program has influenced me to be more creative with what I’m doing,” said eighth grader Liela Charlebois.

“It really pays off when you see something work that you made,” Glasgow said. “It helps build perseverance, patience and listening, and not thinking your idea is always the best.”

Pihlainen-Gabler said she hopes to build a sense of community among her students through this program where they can feel a little bit of frustration, but work together to solve problems. “I respect them, and teachers should model what they expect,” she said. “I think my students are the best. They’re so cool.”

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Cloverland's sound blends roots, original compositions and love for one another



Cloverland is made up of, from left, Kerry Yost, John Gillette, Sarah Mittlefehldt and Stephanie Whiton. (Photo by Tom Buchkoe)

There's joy in the air

By Jim LaJoie

You make your way to a neighborhood bar, and you hear a distinctive sound joyfully filling the air.

On stage stands a college professor, a grade school teacher, a social worker and a nurse. Smiles adorn their faces as they belt out soulful harmonies behind a driving bluegrass sound, mixing in country and a sprinkling of timeless rock.

This is Cloverland, a four-piece, Marquette-based musical group formed in the fall of 2024. From performing original compositions to mixing in traditional American music, Cloverland gives off a vivacious vibe and diverse energy that

audiences have come to love and appreciate.

Husband and wife, John Gillette (on guitar, banjo, bass and vocals) and Dr. Sarah Mittlefehldt (upright bass, banjo, guitar and vocals), joined by Kerry Yost (guitar, mandolin, bass and vocals) and Stephanie Whiton (drums), thoroughly enjoy making music and each other's soulful company on and off the stage.

"We started kind of naturally," said Yost, a social worker. "Sarah and I met at the Hiawatha Music Festival, and we wanted to start an all-female band. We played a gig and said, 'We need to make this happen.' Yet, it didn't. Later, I connected Sarah and John to Steph after we all performed at the Marquette Rockestra."

In their humble beginnings, the name Chatham GPT — suggested by local musician Noah Bauer — caught their attention for a band name. However, they settled on Cloverland for a number of inspirational reasons.

"We were enamored with the name," said Yost, adding that Cloverland is a name of a historical magazine. "We have all lived in Marquette for 20 years or so and have roots here. It mirrors the idea of building something together."

Mittlefehldt, a professor in the Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences at Northern Michigan University, added, "It was borrowed from the 20th century. We wanted to create something

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Cloverland played at the Marquette Regional History Center in May as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Lake Superior Art Association. (Photo by Tom Buchkoe)

new, while reflecting the beauty of this place and weaving a thread of experience from the past. We lean into the prospect of joy and hope and positivity. We really love each other, and we have a good time. We connect on many levels, and we are all committed to serving our community in different ways. There's a healing vibe with us."

Asked what best describes their music, one theme stands out.

"It's about roots," said Whiton, a nurse who is a versatile drummer with a penchant for punk, blues, folk and Motown. "John and Sarah are more bluegrass driven, and Kerry has brought more soulful rock. We spend a lot of time together on music retreats."

Cloverland's sound pays homage to the past while growing something fresh, pulsating and uniquely theirs. The band is an Eli Whitney of sorts, in that three of the members play multiple instruments with interchangeable parts. Yost said legendary singer Neil Young has inspired a good deal of their creative music.

"We like to push the boundaries of what is bluegrass," Mittlefehldt said. "One of our biggest fans, the brilliant

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Claire Rom from Marquette Senior High School, said we are like 'bluegrass Billie Eilish.'

"I love old songs ... they're timeless. It's about finding hope in the darkest hour ... about healing with one another."

Added Yost, who's also an accomplished dancer, "People have always leaned into music to try to make sense of it all. For me, Cloverland is a manifestation of that."

And they have a loyal following, judging by the size of the audiences that show up for their gigs.

Robb Cookman of Marquette tries to attend many of Cloverland's local shows.

"I really enjoy their music, and I enjoy the fact they're writing many of the songs," he said. "My son met John as a teacher a long time ago. I like the combination of the bluegrass and the folk. I really like what they have to say."

Added Rick Orr of Marquette, "I've seen them perform about six times now, and each time their performances have improved dramatically. What I enjoy about them is the energy level for all of their songs, and the harmonizing is just wonderful. And, you have three different lead singers, which makes it pretty special.

"They have a very positive energy that comes out in their performances. You come away feeling better after listening to them."

They've written a number of songs, have a self-titled EP and are on the doorstep of finishing up their sophomore EP by summer's end. One of the group's more popular songs that tends to resonate with audiences is "Nothing Stays the Same."

"I was working at the Jacobetti [Home for Veterans] during COVID," Yost said. "We were completely shut down, and that experience played a part in building this song. There was this feeling of being stretched too thin. I realize that life is not perfect and bad things happen, but we try to do the best we can and allow for grace. Resiliency comes from art. Our band definitely helps me find peace, and hopefully that's felt when we play out in our community."

Gillette writes many of the band's songs, yet collaborative songwriting and tag-teaming efforts permeate the band's rehearsals at Dead River Sound.

"We sing about experiences, nature and having a relationship with humanity," said Yost, adding that with busy personal lives the band plays about once a month. "We write songs in pieces. There may be a line that sits right with me that I come back to. We're a pretty transparent group and openly share our lives."

"John is absolutely the lightning bolt in this band. He takes the instrumental leads and has a beautiful singing voice. He puts up with so much and is such a good sport. He's grounded, and we really appreciate the energy he brings."



Mittlefehldt, his wife, added, "And he's really good looking!"

Asked what memory stands out in

their short existence as a quartet, each member had a different take.

"For me," Whiton said, "it was our

Cloverland formed in 2024. On its social media accounts, the band describes itself as "roots music merri-ment from Marquette, Michigan" — and its live shows reflect this attitude. (Photo courtesy of Cloverland)

first gig at the Landmark. We showed ourselves to the public. We keep it simple ... unique."

Yost said, "When we played together at Hiawatha, we thought it may be too soon for such a big gig. We were green, yet we were stoked to play. Hiawatha really embodies what we love to do. Kids were running around, there were bonfires on the grounds. It was so much fun to be on the main stage."

Mittlefehldt added, "It was the spirit of creativity that brought this band together."

When asked where Cloverland expects to be in 10 years, Mittlefehldt said she hopes the show will go on: "We hope we are still playing and doing what we do well. It's about building joy in relationships. We bring everything to the table."

Cloverland's music can be found on Bandcamp, Apple Music and Spotify. To learn more, visit cloverland-band.com or visit the group's Facebook page.

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Big Richard released “Pet” in 2025. The band will play on the Hiawatha mainstage this month. (Photo courtesy of Big Richard)

Sounds of summer

By Brad Gischia

The Hiawatha Music Festival has a strong tradition of bringing amazing musical acts to the stages in Marquette’s Tourist Park. They are musicians that Upper Peninsula residents might not normally see without leaving home.

This year is no different.

The festival’s mainstage will host a wide variety of talents again this July. Two of the acts that will be featured are Colorado’s Big Richard and Chicago’s Sons of the Never Wrong.

Dr. Joy Adams and Eve Panning are the cello and fiddle players, respectively, for Big Richard, a bluegrass band that was put together on a

whim. “I got a call from a local festival looking for a band,” Adams said. “They hadn’t booked any women, so I called up these ladies” — Panning as well as mandolin player Bonnie Sims and bassist Hazel Royer.

The group worked out a few rehearsals, but it was difficult as the members lived apart and all were working other jobs. But that didn’t

Sons of the Never Wrong have been together for more than three decades. (Photo by Domenic Pellicori)

dim their musical light. “We played the show, but it was so much fun we decided to keep it going,” Adams said.

That was in 2021. Since then, Big Richard has made big waves in the bluegrass world and has released three records: “Girl Dinner,” last year’s “Pet,” as well as a live album.

Their rise as a bluegrass band was only encouraged by their 2022 performance at the 49th Telluride Music Festival. “That was an hour that changed our lives,” Panning said. “We made a live album from that, and it was one of our first really big shows. There were a thousand people there, and somehow we held it together and delivered a strong show.”

So they were a band. They began working out music together, which seemed to come naturally. “I just felt it was really intuitive when I was putting arrangements together,” Panning said. Those arrangements resolved themselves into a mix of bluegrass standards along with some original tunes.

Each of the musicians has her own inspirations. “We all like so much different music,” Panning said. “I love tunes by Jeremy Kittel and Andrew Marlin, and we all like Crooked Still.” That last act has a cello in the band, something it has in common with Big Richard.

“We like rock ‘n’ roll as well,” Adams said, “anything with a gritty sound to it.”



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Ukrainian Village Band, based in Minneapolis, will perform on the main-stage of this year's Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival in Marquette. (Photo courtesy of UVB)

They have taken the styles and groups they love and viewed them through their own lens to become a high-energy bluegrass band, writing original songs while also featuring all the necessary skills if old favorites are called for.

"We usually write on our own and bring it to everyone," Adams said. "Eve will show up with a finished fiddle tune, and then it's just a matter of arranging things to fit around it, or someone might come with just a piece that we can all add to fill it in."

What makes Big Richard so unusual is that there is no real front person of the group. Each member brings her own unique talent, and each of those talents is inseparable from the others.

"I really love it when I feel like the music comes together in a way where we're having a similar vision," Panning said. "A lot of bands have a central figurehead who is sort of steering the ship. We're not like that. We're very democratic. Everyone gets a



voice and a moment in the spotlight."

Big Richard breaks the mold of typical bluegrass bands, where you would find a guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and bass. In Adams, they also have a cellist. "The cello brings a lot of melodic content to bluegrass music," she said. "It sort of fills the role of the guitar, and a bass, and a drum.

It's a lead instrument and a background instrument."

Big Richard has guitars sometimes, as both Sims and Royer also play, but not on everything. "Cello has the same frequency as guitar, so it hits those midpoint notes nicely," Adams said.

Bluegrass music in general has a wide range of emotional tones. Slow,

melodic, yearning vocals can fill you with longing for a place you never knew, while the upbeat dance music makes you want to kick off your shoes and circle the floor.

Big Richard is on both ends of the spectrum. "We tend to try and ride the middle between those," Panning said, "but if someone comes in with a song

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with a really clear theme to it, we go hot in every direction. If it's going to be happy, then we're really freaking out on it."

The dynamic range makes the music that much more fun to play, and the talents of the members have a chance to shine. "We are definitely confident in our lyrics, and maybe we go to extremes," Adams said, "but musically we push things pretty far as well. The music elevates the lyrics, and they sort of play off of each other."

Big Richard has played across the country since they got together. In that time, they've learned to play to the audience that's in front of them. "I love different things about so many spaces," Panning said. "We just played our first festival in a while, and it was great. It was a big stage in front of a big crowd, so the energy is great. But we also like to do a single mic in a little room. Acoustically it feels natural."

As is often the case in the tradition of bluegrass music, Big Richard doesn't shy away from collaborating with other musicians. "We've had some pretty great co-writes lately," Adams said. "We wrote a song with Melody Walker [lead singer of bluegrass band Front Country]. She's a force of nature."



Hussy Hicks straddles the line between folk, blues, country, rock and roots. The band is known for energetic live shows. (Photo courtesy of Hussy Hicks)

The group also has a wish list of artists they'd love to play with. "The Dixie Chicks or Dolly Parton would be so cool," Adams said. "And I'd like

to play Red Rocks as a band." All of the group members have played there individually.

As a group, though, they are not

Big Richard purists. Each of them has side gigs going that make it just another highlight for them. "The Colorado music scene is pretty amazing," Adams said. "We like playing shows with our friends."

When a band is as big as Big Richard, it seems like you can go online and find out all you need to know. Panning and Adams encourage you to ignore what you think you know. "We don't put a lot of our live stuff online," Panning said. "Live shows don't often translate into an Instagram post."

Adams insisted that their live shows, while musically strong, are only improved by the chemistry between bandmates. "Our onstage banter is pretty unhinged," Adams said. "It comes down to us just trying to make each other laugh, and it gets crazier and crazier with every show."

The band's most recent album is "Pet." It was all analog recording to tape, something that is almost unheard of these days. "We're really proud of this album," Panning said.

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Sons of the Never Wrong

We turn from a group that formed five years ago to one that has decades of experience together.

Sons of the Never Wrong have been together for 35 years, playing and gigging and recording. Members are Bruce Roper, Sue Demel and Deborah Lader. They're from Chicago. Well, most of them are from Chicago. It just so happens that Demel moved to the Upper Peninsula a few years ago.

"Everyone starts in bands when they're teenagers," Demel said. "I was in so many bands, singing backup in some and lead in others. I went to this singer-in-the-round event at the Beat Kitchen in Chicago, and there were these really slick guys doing really slick music, and then there was Bruce."

Demel describes feeling bad for him at the time, until he started singing. "These songs were so masterfully written," she said. "My friend and I wanted to get to know him and learn from him, and we got together later on and the next time we were together we had a gig."

Rather than sitting in a room and rehearsing, they worked it out on stage, in front of people. What might have been a terrifying exercise in improvisation was something far different. "We got really inspired by the sound we were making and started trying to create our own sound without putting too much pressure on ourselves," Demel said. "We started finding layers and writing songs on the top of other songs, so that there was this continuum of sound."

As a new band, of course, they needed a name, and Roper was ready with the right words. "Bruce came up with it," Demel said. Roper referenced bands with names like Sons of the Pioneers and Sons of the San Joaquin. "Those names, and ours, remind people that even though we're making a new sound, we trust and love those who have gone before us," she said.

The first iteration of the band changed when one of the original members, Nancy Walker, dropped out to do solo work. In the wings was Deborah Lader. "If it has strings, she plays it," Demel said.

Lader fills in the middle tones for the group. Demel said, "She plays



with a reckless abandon that makes our entire sound more jangly."

They learned who each other was through music, and as they learned, they found their sound. "Bruce writes the majority of our work," Demel said, "and then Deb and I arrange it and rearrange it and take it apart in front of him, and he's really great about it."

Roper grew up as the son of a Methodist minister. Demel says that influence can be heard in his work. "His music isn't religious, but it has a sacred feel to it," Demel said. "It's how he sees the world and the language he grew up with. It's reverence not only for the process, but for everything."

Demel herself started as a jazz singer after going to art school, and

though she loved that genre, she found a home with the Sons in the folk tradition.

They found their sound. Even though people who heard them heard things that were familiar from other groups, it was still different. That difference, while making them stand out from the crowd, also made this particular band hard to sign with a recording company.

"Early on, we were getting attention from bigger booking agents and marketing people," Demel said. "We would have a meeting, and they would say, 'You aren't labelable. Your show is a mess. It's all over the place.'"

Often, when doing press or radio for upcoming gigs, the interviewer would ask them to define themselves

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with a label. "We'd just tell them to make one up," Demel said. But without that label, you don't get signed.

Demel wishes the band had gotten signed, not for herself but for the legacy of music itself. "Part of what happens when you get signed by a label is that you have a team that cares about the music as much as the band does," she said. "When you have that many people working for the music, it changes everything."

The lack of a label hasn't stopped the Sons, who have in their 35-year career put out 11 albums, two collaboration albums, a Christmas album and one of sacred songs. Their most recent, "Feathers and the Starry Crown," dropped early this year.

At Hiawatha, the crowd will have an opportunity to see Sons of the Never Wrong in their other favorite capacity, as teachers. "People are intrigued by workshops," Demel said. "We don't do anything normal, so we called them 'harmony through the backdoor' and 'songwriting through the back door.'"

Demel said workshops are special because they teach people to listen to each other while still questioning their own abilities. "There's no fourth wall with us," Demel said. "We're here to show you our little path. It doesn't have to be your path; this is just how we did it. We're not teachers so much as facilitators."

They may not have signed with a record company, but their consistency and their love of the music and each other has kept them together, and earned them fans. "We've been doing this for a long time, and a lot of our audience has been following us



Hiawatha mainstage act Cristina Vane is a country blues singer, guitarist, banjoist and songwriter. She has released two albums on Red Parlor Records. (Photo courtesy of Cristina Vane)

for a long time as well,” Demel said. “We’re seeing their kids and grandkids coming to our gigs. I don’t know how it works, but it does and we still want to do it.”

Most important for Demel is the band. “I’m in a group with two remarkable humans,” Demel said. “We still care about each other and the music. But honestly, as much as we care about those things, we really care about the fact that the people that hear it feel the same love we do. It’s not hippy dippy ... or maybe it is ... we’re folk singers, for God’s sake. ... But all three of us are very interested in the experience for the

people that take our music in.”

For information about Sons of the Never Wrong, album information and upcoming gigs, visit sonsofthenewwrong.com.

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The baseball adventures of a Copper Country lefty

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By Michael Murray

Since the formation of the National League in 1876, about 23,000 men have played at least one Major League Baseball game. Of that number, 14 were born or grew up in the Upper Peninsula. Among this group, the player with the best MLB career was pitcher Kevin Tapani, a graduate of Escanaba High School. In 13 years with five teams, Tapani posted a 143-125 record with 1,482 strikeouts and was a key starter for the 1991 Minnesota Twins, who won the World Series.

While Tapani's success is unmatched among U.P. players, no one can touch the sheer movie-script nature of the career of another Yooper, lefthanded pitcher George Brunet. Brunet's time in baseball is worthy of a book, but here's a snapshot of his life and career, in nine innings:

First inning

Brunet was born in Houghton on June 8, 1935, in the depths of the Great Depression. His family name was Brunette, but his parents, George and Mable, changed the spelling sometime in his youth. As a boy growing up in New Allouez, Brunet spent a lot of time fishing and playing sports, including baseball and football.

On the day Brunet turned 15, rain cut short a fishing outing, and he stopped at a baseball game in Ahmeek on his way home. The older boys who were playing needed a pitcher, and they asked Brunet to join them. "I had on my fishing boots," he told Sports Illustrated's Steve Wulf decades later. "But damn if I didn't go out there and throw a no-hitter. Hell, this is easy, I thought."

"George was a one-of-a-kind talent," said longtime friend Glenn Pyhtila, who died last September at age 90. "He really had an arm."

Second inning

Brunet graduated from Calumet High School in 1953, but even before then he'd attracted the attention of professional baseball scouts. In the fall of his senior year, he was invited to a tryout at Briggs Stadium in Detroit. The Tigers liked his fastball — which he threw past everybody — and subsequently signed him to a contract, giving him \$500 (worth about \$6,300 today).

Brunet's first years in pro ball set a pattern for what would follow: a lot of movement between cities and clubs, up-and-down performances on the field and the long process of learning the craft of pitching. He started out at the lowest rung of organized baseball, playing in Class D in 1953 (in North Carolina) and 1954 (in Oklahoma). In August 1954, he married Oklahoma native Donna June Patterson, and they eventually had three children. Their mar-

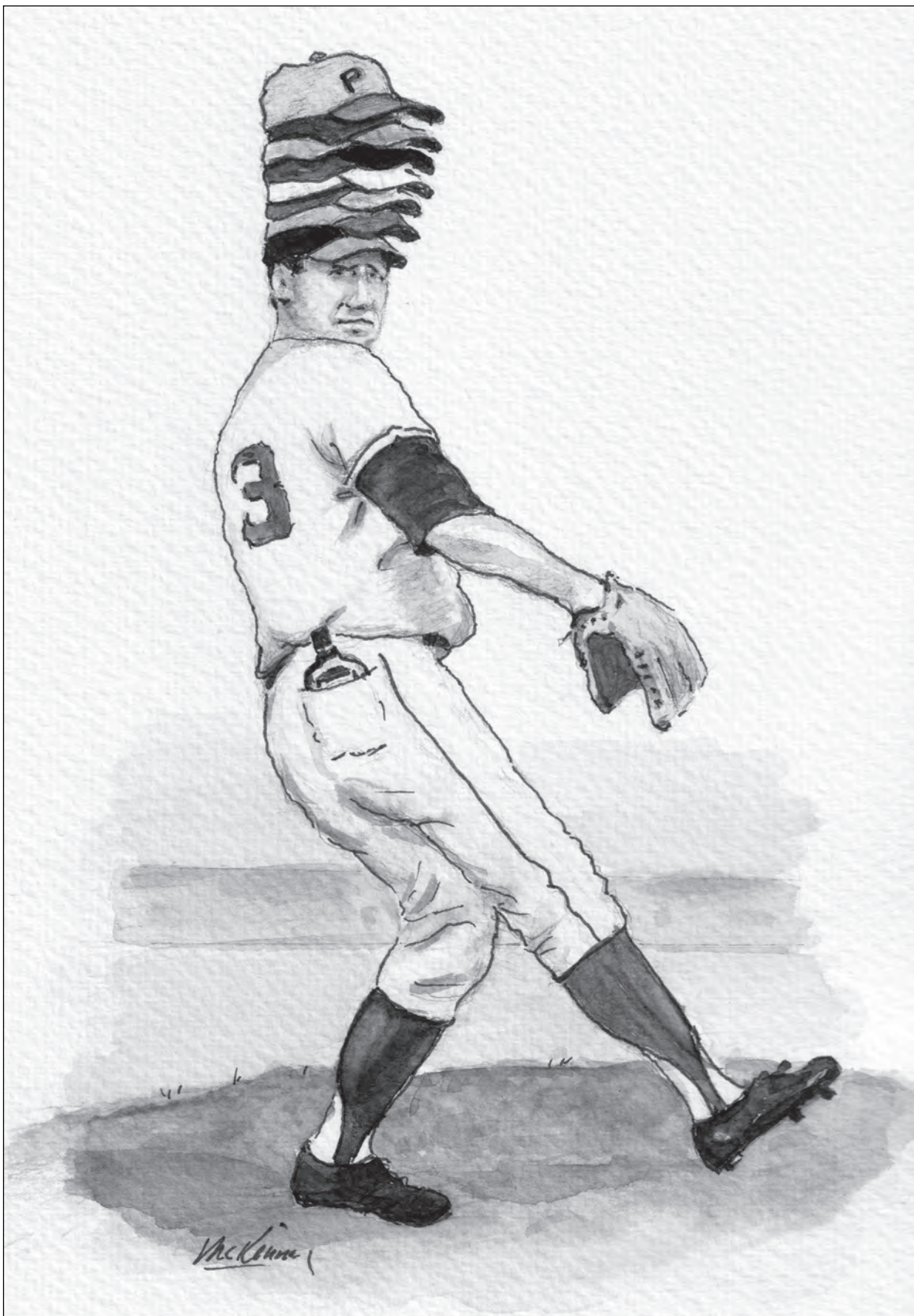


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riage, however, did not survive his nomadic lifestyle as he chased a baseball dream across North America.

By the end of the 1955 season, the Tigers thought they'd seen enough of the inconsistent Brunet and released him — a decision they would eventually come to regret.

Third inning

In 1956, now in the Kansas City Athletics organization, Brunet started to put it together. He quickly rose from Class C (where he had a 7-2 record and a no-hitter) to Class B to Class A.

The A's were on their way to a 102-loss season, and they were desperate for pitching. So they reached deep into their system and called up the 21-year-old lefty from the U.P.

Brunet's major league debut came on Friday, Sept. 14, 1956, in front of 5,884 fans at Kansas City's Municipal Stadium. He entered the game in the top of the ninth with the A's trailing 4-1 and produced a scoreless inning on one walk.

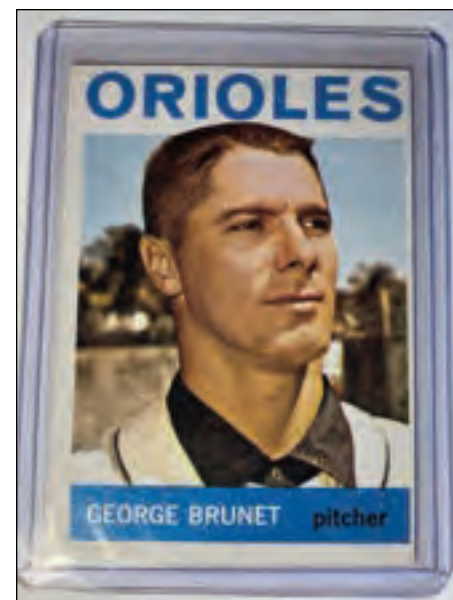
Four days later, the Boston Red Sox were in town. In the eighth inning, the A's called in Brunet from the bullpen with the bases loaded. When he got to the mound, he looked up and saw one of his heroes, Ted Williams, in the batter's box. Williams — widely regarded as one of the best hitters ever — had already hit a double and a homer in the game, but Brunet induced a groundout to second base.

The next day, Williams found Brunet before the game. "Kid," Williams told him, "if you keep that fastball down, you've got a long career ahead of you."

Fourth inning

Brunet spent most of 1957 and all of '58 in the minors before a strong spring training in 1959 earned him a shot at Kansas City's starting rotation. Late in spring training, however, Brunet went out for a night of partying with teammates. In an article about Brunet, the Society for American Baseball Research states, "Well after midnight, if the story is true, an intoxicated Brunet was out in the street near the team's hotel, directing traffic. The A's general manager and manager were in one of the cars Brunet stopped."

Syndicated columnist Jim Murray later wrote about Brunet's reputation: "Every time there was a song to be sung, a beer to be opened, a card to be turned over or a fight to be started, George was your man. Have temper, will travel."



George Brunet's 1964 Topps card.

Brunet's old friend Pyhtila said, "George never saw a party he didn't like."

As Brunet himself put it, "You have a hard time living down a youthful reputation."

Despite the incident, Brunet made the Opening Day roster. He might have wished he hadn't. In his second (and final) MLB appearance in 1959, on April 22, he walked five batters and hit one — all with the bases loaded. He spent the rest of the season at Triple-A Portland.

Fifth inning

From 1960 to 1964, Brunet was up and down between the majors and minors, playing for the A's, Milwaukee Braves, Houston Colt .45s, Baltimore Orioles and Los Angeles Angels — along with a handful of minor league teams.

Brunet's move to the Angels in August 1964 set the stage for the most productive and stable period of his MLB career. In the 1964-65 off-season, he lost about 30 pounds and arrived at spring training in the best shape of his life. From 1965 through 1968, he appeared in 41, 41, 40 and 39 games for the club then known as the California Angels. His ERA in those four seasons was all-star caliber: 2.56, 3.31, 3.31 and 2.86. He did not make an all-star team, however, because the Angels couldn't score enough runs for him, and he led the league in losses in 1967 and '68.

Sixth inning

Brunet never forgot the feeling of being released as a minor leaguer by his home-state team. "I never had any trouble getting ready to pitch against them," he said of the Tigers in a 1985 interview. "I thought they should have given me a longer look."



George Brunet's 1965 Topps card.

In 1967, Brunet outdueled Denny McLain on Opening Day in Anaheim, pitching a complete-game three-hitter to defeat Detroit, 4-2. On June 9 that year, a day after his 32nd birthday, Brunet again got the better of McLain and the Tigers, striking out eight in a complete-game three-hit shutout.

The 1967 pennant race in the American League went down to the final day of the regular season. The Tigers needed to sweep the Angels in a doubleheader in Detroit to tie Boston for first place and set up a one-game playoff. Detroit took the first game, but California won Game 162, with Brunet pitching a perfect ninth to earn the save.

Seventh inning

In 1969, righthanded pitcher Jim Bouton kept a diary of his season with the expansion Seattle Pilots. The subsequent offseason, he turned his notes into the groundbreaking and bestselling book "Ball Four" — the first unvarnished look at a major league clubhouse from the inside.

On July 31, 1969, Seattle acquired Brunet from California. Bouton wrote, "The Pilots have just bought George Brunet from the Angels for something just over the waiver price. He'll fit right in on this ballclub. He's crazy."

After Brunet joined the Pilots, Bouton revealed to his journal, and eventually the readers of his book, that Brunet didn't wear underwear (or a jockstrap or cup) under his uniform. "The only time you need them is if you get in a car wreck," Brunet told Bouton. "Besides, this way I don't have to worry about losing them."

Eighth inning

Brunet played his final game in the majors on April 28, 1971, two months shy of his 36th birthday. At

this point, most athletes would hang up the glove and go into coaching or open a restaurant — or, more likely in Brunet's case, a neighborhood bar.

But Brunet loved pitching like nothing else, so he kept pitching. He toiled in the minors for a couple of years before heading south to play in the Mexican League. Brunet's career in Mexico alone is worthy of an article. He quickly became an all-star there, one of the best starting pitchers in the league. In 1977, at age 42, he pitched a no-hitter, 21 seasons after his no-hitter in the low minors. On his 45th birthday, in 1980, the day he could begin receiving his major league pension, he pitched a three-hitter.

Ninth inning

Brunet kept pitching in Mexico into the mid-1980s. He appeared in two games in 1985, meaning he pitched in 33 consecutive professional seasons. In the following years, while working as a coach and manager, he made occasional appearances if his team's pitching staff was especially depleted.

He retired in 1989 and stayed in Mexico, where he ran a charter fishing business. He died of a heart attack in the city of Poza Rica on Oct. 25, 1991, at age 56.

Extra innings

Of course, Brunet's story needs more than nine innings to summarize. He played for nine MLB teams in 324 games over 15 seasons. He posted a career record of 69-93 with an ERA of 3.62 and 921 strikeouts. In Mexico, he set a league record for career shutouts. And he is reputed to hold the all-time record for strikeouts in the minor leagues, with 3,175.

Brunet is a member of the Mexican Professional Baseball Hall of Fame and the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame.

"George had the unfortunate luck to pitch with second-division clubs most of his career," Copper Country sports historian Bob Erkkila once told a reporter. "Otherwise, I think he would have gone on to bigger things. ... I'd rank him right up there with the best from around here."

Brunet summed up his life in baseball: "To be honest with you, it's the only thing I know. I can't think of anything that has made me happier than pitching."

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Competitive shooting teaches self-control skills in a chaotic world



The Mid-U.P. Clay Crushers are a competitive shooting team for middle- and high-school-aged adolescents. The team trains at the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club and competes throughout the Upper Peninsula, Lower Peninsula and Wisconsin. (Photo by Danielle Pemble)

Clay pigeons and quiet minds

By Alex Lehto-Clark

Sometimes, it's easy for adults to look at older children and adolescents and think, *their world moves so much faster.*

This kind of thought often comes as a judgment mistaken for fact. And

like most judgments, there is some fact there, but kids and teens didn't set the pace. Firearms can sometimes receive the same kind of quick judgment, though perhaps less so in areas like the Upper Peninsula where people still frequently hunt for their food.

Though this isn't really a story about guns or phones, it is a story about kids and what they need and the kind of responsibility they can handle when given the chance and the support.

Out on the range at the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, it is a warm day in

early June and, in true U.P. fashion, the bugs are out in full force. Several middle- and high-school-aged adolescents are wearing vests and earplugs, and when it is their turn, they settle into a sort of laser focus.

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Mike Ansell, head coach and founder of the Mid-U.P. Clay Crushers, hands out medals earned by team members at a competition this year, above and below. (Photos by Danielle Pemble)

Mid-U.P. Clay Crushers maintain an admirable level of control.

That level of focus is necessary, according to Mike Ansell, the team's coach. "If we as coaches deem that they cannot handle a firearm safely, then they are not allowed to be on the team," Ansell explained.

Ansell is active during the practice, watching the participants carefully. Two coaches stand by with clipboards. As the "round" begins, the group spreads out into a line, each position offering a different view and a unique challenge. Open shotguns are slung over shoulders until the time comes.

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activated to throw the clay pigeon."

If a participant hits the pigeon, it explodes in the air. But, hit or miss, Ansell said it's important for each team member to be aware of the person currently shooting.

This means no loud noises or movements, a tough ask for many adults. "Our team members practice an extreme level of focus and attention to their surroundings," Ansell

said. "That mental mindset is huge."

Ansell started the team three years ago, but he didn't do it alone. "All of my three sons did trap shooting, but my middle son wanted to be out here all the time," Ansell said. "And he said, 'Man, this would be great if it was a high school sport,' and I told him that I was pretty sure it was in some places. And he and I did some research about organizations and



A coach with the Mid-U.P. Clay Crushers scores the round of one of the team's members. (Photo by Danielle Pemble)

clubs across the country that promote this sport for youth. And then we started a team here."

The Clay Crushers compete as part of the Scholastic State Target Program. Ansell said the organization includes 9,000 kids, teenagers and college-aged adults, and there is at least one club in 49 of the 50 states.

Ansell said there are five active competitive teams in the Upper Peninsula, some of them with over a decade of competitive shooting on the books. "We do the most traveling and competing," he said. "We travel throughout Wisconsin and Lower Michigan and the U.P. Most teams do a couple competitions a year."

During competitions, points are tallied up and players earn medals. "They're shooting as a squad or team, but they're really trying to beat their own score," Ansell said.

And, as Ansell explained, the sport provides a unique experience: Everyone is included; everyone gets a chance. "There are no benchwarmers," he emphasized. "So every kid participates no matter what age or skill level they are, so they're gonna have a chance to compete and earn medals at competition."

Ansell said the competitions vary in size. At the big state competition in Mason, located in the Lower Pen-

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insula, the Clay Crushers can choose to participate in a number of different shooting events, but Ansell said most of the team focuses on trap shooting.

As the team finished up practice, members gathered together. The coaches handed out medals from a competition they recently participated in. Team members clapped for one another, joked about the results and excitedly pleaded to finish out practice with a game of "last man standing." They lined up and took a shot

at a pigeon. If they missed the shot, they were out. If they didn't, they took a step back. The last person wins the game.

Evans said that joining the team has had a positive impact on his son. "I've watched my son's confidence grow as he's been on the team," Evans said. "He's building friendships, too, which has been great to see."

During one practice round, a participant missed a few shots in a row. Ansell coached the team member through it. "You got nervous on that last session," he said, more encouraging than critical. "I saw that dramatic sigh, and then I could see you were thinking about the one you missed and you missed two more."

Sometimes, it's not a mindset that causes a miss, but an uncontrollable force everyone in the U.P. must learn to deal with. "I don't know what happened there, buddy," Ansell said to another team member, phrasing it like an open-ended question.

"The gnats — they were all in my face," the young man said with a laugh.

"We are outside," Ansell joked. "There's always going to be bugs."

Ansell said there's the physical sport, but perhaps more importantly, there has to be control over the internal narrative spinning before and after the shot. "The mental game is

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the most important part of this game next to firearm safety, what you do in between your ears,” he said. “In between every shot matters.

“If you think about how you missed that last target and you’re thinking, ‘Aw man, I wish I wouldn’t have missed that target’ — if that translates into their emotions, then that translates into their physical behavior, and physical behaviors tend to create another miss.

“So it’s important to drop it and just move on to the next shot. Staying positive, staying focused, not worrying about the shot you just dropped. Just one more clay. One more shot. One more clay. Focus on the next one.”

Ansell said all Marquette County kids between fifth grade and senior year can participate. The Negaunee Rod & Gun club can provide firearms to those who do not have them.

Those interested in more information can email the club at mupcc906@gmail.com. Ansell said the team also partners with organizations to provide firearm and hunter’s safety classes. More information about those events can be found at negauneerodandgun.com.

Ansell said he believes the sport can bring a lot to a young person’s life. “Reactionary skills, camaraderie, friendship, the ability to stay focused, that mental mindset is huge,” he said. “And kids need that more than ever; they need an outlet. They need an opportunity to be challenged, and they need a place where they can have quiet and focus.

“They put their earplugs in, and they’re by themselves.”

Maybe that sanctuary is what a lot of us crave and could use more of, between the moment something is about to happen and the moment it has already occurred, that sliver of time when the silence stills the brain and all of its calculations and predictions — maybe that can be found in those few seconds between ready, aim and trigger squeeze, a little bit of quiet assuredness, feet firmly planted in a world that insists upon constant movement.

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Mid-U.P. Clay Crushers coaches are attentive during practice, especially mindful of the safe handling of firearms. (Photo by Danielle Pemble)

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A trip into Marquette's past

Historic bus tours give visitors and residents a glimpse of local history

By Erin Elliott Bryan

For those looking for a fun way to see Marquette this summer and learn about its unique history, the Marquette Regional History Center is once again offering its popular historic bus tours. Riders board a comfortable air-conditioned Checker bus for a guided tour to some of the city's most interesting and historic sites, where costumed reenactors bring to light the stories of people who once called Marquette home.

The history center will offer eight tours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in July and August, and they are open to visitors and locals alike. The event is a fundraiser for the museum.

"We compare it to a movie or play. People are looking forward to being entertained and having an enjoyable evening with friends," said Betsy Rutz, MRHC's museum educator. "It's new entertainment every year."

Rutz works with Emily Varga, the center's education and administrative assistant, to plan the tours each year. Together, they begin by mapping out a route, which determines the tour's overall theme and characters. They also serve as tour guides, and Varga has appeared as a costumed character.

With additional help from museum volunteers, they plan and research the characters using information from the museum's J.M. Longyear Research Library and craft scripts for a four-



A volunteer historic character pauses in his World War I garb by the grave of a fallen soldier in Marquette's Park Cemetery. (Photo courtesy of the Marquette Regional History Center)

to six-minute skit that each character performs on the tour. "It's a different route every year," Rutz said. "It's like producing a play."

For the 2026 season, the route will take riders to Presque Isle Park, where they will learn about the area's geological and natural history as well as

its Native American history. The tour will make additional stops at some historic homes on Ridge Street, at Park Cemetery, in downtown and at the waterfront at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

Varga said this year's tour is designed to answer common questions asked by museum visitors. "People are always asking about rocks, about the water," she said. "It's a lot about natural history."

The popular bus tour traces its origins to 2010 when the museum, then located on Front Street, offered a trolley tour that followed the route of the Front Street Railway from the 1890s. The tour was titled "A Trip Down Memory Lane," and Rutz said it was "very successful."

In 2011, the Marquette Regional History Center moved to its current location on Spring Street. Rutz took over her position in 2012 and was tasked with creating this new event. Four tours were offered that year; in 2013, the museum expanded to the current slate of eight tours.

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Actors in costume pose in front of the Marquette Regional History Center for the 2018 bus tours. (Photo courtesy of the Marquette Regional History Center)

During the 90-minute narrated tour, the guide sets the scene as the historical reenactors hop aboard the bus at character stops along the route. Additional costumed volunteers appear as nonspeaking background characters as well as greeters and ticket takers at the museum.

One of Rutz’s favorite tours took place in 2018, when the theme commemorated the 100th anniversary of World War I. The tour also highlighted local businesses and organizations that were celebrating their centennial, and costumed characters included a World War I soldier and a member of the Women’s Welfare League.

“We really do have an incredible cast of volunteers, and these are historic reenactors that are trained in interpreting, not acting,” Rutz said. “Some of the characters are real people, and some are fictional but based on real people.”

Varga began working at the museum in 2022. On her first tour, she subbed in for an ill volunteer and took over the character of a salesperson at Getz’s. She has also portrayed the real character of Kathleen Shingler Weston.

Varga’s portrayal presented Shingler Weston on her way to her graduation from Northern Michigan University, and Varga talked about her experience in the “big city” of Marquette and how it’s important to “always follow your dreams.”

Once Varga stepped off the bus, the tour guide shared what happened to the real Shingler Weston after she earned her bachelor’s degree in biology from NMU in 1929, becoming one of the school’s first female graduates to go on to complete a medical degree.



Dr. Shingler Weston became part of the team that developed the Salk polio vaccine and was honored by President Lyndon B. Johnson as one of the nation’s “Outstanding Medical Women,” according to NMU. She married fellow NMU graduate Jean Weston, and the couple went on to earn master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan and Temple University. In 1968, they founded Weston Consultants Inc., which became a leader in toxicology analysis. Dr. Shingler Weston died in 2016 at the age of 107, and her son provided additional information to MRHC for use on the tour.

Rutz and Varga said the costumed characters add another layer to the event. “It gives the tour guide a break, and when you introduce a new voice you’re transferred back in time,” Varga said.

Rutz added, “When another voice comes in, it changes your learning. It really makes our tours unique.”

Marquette resident and history center member Dave Darling has attended nearly all of the museum’s tours, though he admits he “might have missed one way back in the beginning.” A native of the Detroit area, Darling moved to Marquette 23 years ago with his wife, Fran, and ap-

preciates its storied past. “Marquette has a really rich history because it was built out of the wilderness and was only accessible by water by pioneers in the old days,” he said. “The tours cover a lot of different areas of history.”

Darling enjoys the story of Olive Harlow, who came to Marquette with her daughter to join her husband, Amos, one of Marquette’s early pioneers. Olive kept a diary that detailed her journey, her arrival and her living conditions during her first days in the city. Much of the information from the diary has been used to inform her character on the bus tour. “A lot of

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these people kept journals, so the information is really accurate," Darling said. "You can really put yourself in a place of history."

Olive Harlow has been portrayed by Fran Darling, who has been a volunteer on nearly every tour since 2013. In addition to Harlow, she has portrayed a "grocery gal" shopping with Green Stamps at the Red Owl, a Women's Welfare League member, a person about town speaking about her friend Mary Kaufman, a painter of picnic scenes and a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital. "Marquette is still a small town and friendly," Darling said. "People here directly relate to these characters."

Darling recommends the bus tour for anyone interested in the development of the area. "A lot of things in Marquette bear the names of a lot of the founders, like Longyear and Peter White. There is a lot of relationship to the past," he said. "If you have any hint of curiosity, take this tour."

He also urged locals and visitors alike to check out the museum. "They cover the spectrum. They have things that you would never think of or guess they would have resources for," Darling said. "I would encourage anybody going anywhere near Marquette to go to the history center. It's a wonderful asset to the community and can't be beat."

Varga said she often asks riders if they're from Marquette or from some-



Bob Mercure and Eero Rutz portray Scoutmaster Perry Hatch and a Boy Scout for the 2019 bus tour. Hatch (1888-1975) was a local banker who helped organize the first Boy Scout troop in the area. He was instrumental in building a monument atop Sugarloaf Mountain in memory of his friend Bart King, a fallen soldier from World War I. (Photo courtesy of the Marquette Regional History Center)

where else. "It's usually a 50-50 split," she said. "For visitors, it's a great way to see the town, to see where their family might be living."

But Rutz added that the tour can be enjoyable for those born and raised here, too. "For locals, there's always something to learn, even if you know a lot," she said.

Rutz said there are 32 seats available on each tour, and they consistently sell out. But interested riders can call the museum on tour days or stop by the lobby just before each tour to see if last-minute tickets become available.

"This is a great way to support the Marquette Regional History Center, but also get something out of it that's fun and engaging," Varga said.

The Historic Marquette Bus Tours will be offered at 1 p.m. Tuesdays, July 21, July 28, Aug. 4 and Aug. 11; and at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, July 15, July 22, July 29 and Aug. 5. The 90-minute tours will depart from and return to the Marquette Regional History Center at 145 W. Spring St. Tours are open to all ages; they are recommended for age 5 and older as long as riders are able to sit on the bus for the full 90 minutes. Tickets are \$25 and are nonrefundable. For information, call 906-226-3571 or visit marquettethehistory.org.

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Cliff swallows help keep insects under control



Cliff swallows collect mud, which they use in construction of their nests. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

Welcome summer visitors

Story and photos by Scot Stewart

“How would you like to have a thousand brilliantly colored cliff swallows keeping house in the eaves of your barn, and gobbling up insects over your farm at the rate of 100,000 per day?”

—Aldo Leopold

Stop for a minute and contemplate a bird building a nest without the use of a pair of hands, and the task seems daunting. Then consider a nest made entirely of mud, carried to the nest site by the birds in their mouths, and the process would seem to lead to the thought, “Let’s just rent this year!” This is especially true when the research is further examined to show it might take 1,000 to 1,400 pellets

each carried individually back to the nest to construct it.

For one of the Upper Peninsula’s most welcome summer residents, the cliff swallow, the process of nest making seems to be just that arduous. Head to the mouth of the Dead River in Marquette or a number of local buildings with large overhanging roof edges or ledges, and these energetic birds may be winging around in wide loops. These insect eaters can

appear in mystifying, zigzag flight patterns as they spend the better part of each summer day scooping flying midges, mosquitoes, flies and insects aloft. They are among the most social of birds and are the famed swallows known for their return to San Juan Capistrano in California each spring.

Their natural choice of nesting sites is on steep cliff faces, and they sometimes nest in huge colonies in the west. Various websites note some



Cliff swallow nests are pictured in Marquette. Their natural nesting site is a steep cliff face. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

of the largest colonies were between 3,000 and 6,000 birds. With the construction of roadway bridges and culverts, they have slowly extended their range eastward to include most of the contiguous 48 states, adding to a range that had already extended into western Canada and much of Alaska.

They have adapted to the many changes in the Upper Peninsula since arriving here. In Marquette, they once nested at farm sites, such as the old Bancroft Dairy farm where the Westwood Mall now stands. They did nest for a time on a store once the mall was built. Back in the 1970s, they also nested on some of the buildings on Northern Michigan University's campus and traveled all the way to the then-unpaved parking lot at McCarty's Cove after spring rains to collect mud for nests. They are protected under the Migratory Bird Act, but because their colonies can be messy, some nests were taken down. This is a more serious matter today, so nests are only removed legally after the nesting season is over and the swallows have migrated south.

These days, cliff swallows nest in colonies on the upper walls of local barns and on the sides of bridges like the one on the Dead River in Marquette's Upper Harbor. The Upper Harbor south of the ore dock is a busy place with cliff swallows dart-



WATCHING SWALLOWS ZIP UP TO AND AWAY FROM NESTS IS ENTERTAINING, AND IT SEEMS THEY DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING.

ing through the air, skimming over the beach and occasionally dipping down for a morning drink of water from Lake Superior. They are usually joined by several barn swallows with their long, forked tails. They nest on ledges under the bridge. Both species of swallows may also nest in the quieter ore dock in the Lower Harbor but really must finish nesting before the Fourth of July, when the fireworks occur there.

Cliff swallow nests take up to two weeks to build depending in part on the weather and the amount of rainfall occurring to produce necessary mud. Nests do contain sand, too, and the swallows can be seen occasionally landing on the beach to collect it, but the mud is the glue that holds

them together. The nests are gourd shaped and often have a short, downward opening entrance. Most colonies in the Marquette area are in straight lines, but larger colonies begin with the first nests near the top of the site and work down over suitable surfaces. Once the nest is completed, it will be lined with a layer of grass. Three to four eggs are usually laid, one per day.

Because the swallows are colonial, they have some unusual nesting behavior practices. Some females lay eggs in the nests of other birds. Some females will even lay eggs in their own nest, then lift them out with their beaks and carry them into nearby nests. Once the eggs are laid, they incubate for 15 to 16 days before they hatch.

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The range of the tree swallow encompasses nearly all of North America. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

Watching the swallows zip up to and away from the nests is extremely entertaining, as it seems they do not always know where they are going. Occasionally, even in the smaller row of nests at the Dead River, they will fly up to a nest, then pull back and fly down the line to another nest, deposit mud or bring a meal to a female already in a completed nest. Sometimes, there are minor collisions between swallows in front of the nests as the birds find their own site and drop off materials. Studies have concluded the adults can recognize their young by sounds, and later by their unique markings. Immature cliff swallows have a wide variety of colored plumage, which is definitely an aid in locating their own offspring once they start looking out of the nest entrances.

Cliff swallows are strictly insect eaters, with diets consisting almost entirely of flying insects caught in midair. They can be seen scooping out of the air over the lake and along the breakwaters where midges are hatching. Their social behavior often extends into their hunting practices.

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Some swallows, especially young ones, may have difficulty finding food. They may return to nesting colonies and wait for others returning with food when other hunters have found swarms of insects like midges and emergent ants. These waiting swallows may then follow successful hunters back out to areas where swarms are being found and can provide others with good sources of food.

During migrations and when nesting near other swallows, cliff swallows will feed with other species. Sometimes in spring, a hundred or more swallows, often representing four or five species, can be seen flying up and down the Lower Harbor breakwater in Marquette scooping up flying midges over the structure. They can make an important dent in the numbers of insects. They are among the earliest migrators to head south again in fall, with a final winter destination of southeastern South America, from southern Brazil to Uruguay.

There are five other species of swallows found in the U.P. in summer. Besides the aforementioned barn swallows, species seen in the U.P. are northern rough-winged, bank and tree swallows, and purple martins. Rough-wings are less common in the U.P., and they find suitable habitat in more open areas, usually close to water. Bank swallows nest near the tops of high sand banks, where they tunnel into sand and other soft soil. Tree swallows are probably the most common in the U.P., nesting in abandoned

tree cavities like old woodpecker nests and bluebird houses. Their iridescent blue-blacks and white bellies make them easy to identify. Purple martins are the gold standard for swallows. Those beautiful white apartment houses near ponds and other open water bodies served for years as great homes for them and attracted dozens of pairs that removed huge numbers of mosquitoes, flies and other neighborhood pests. Unfortunately, their numbers dropped precipitously over the past 40 years in the eastern U.S., and only a few colonies still remain in this area. Some great work has been done in Escanaba to reestablish a colony there, and another solid colony can be found near Oconto on Lake Michigan in northeastern Wisconsin.

Birds like swallows offer a window to the environmental health of a community. Having such birds capable of controlling insects provides great natural control needed to maintain a healthy land. A bluebird house tacked to a tree or telephone pole, a good, clean martin house, a quiet ledge under the eaves of a house or shed, or a lovely old barn may be some of the best ways to get a pair of hungry swallows in the neighborhood to help keep those 'skeeters down this summer.

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Pop Can Park

How Tamarack City transformed a mill site into a community gathering place

By David Maki

One dime at a time.
That's how a former mill site was turned into a beloved community park in Tamarack City roughly two decades ago. That — and countless hours by countless volunteers, which is simply the way this Houghton County community does most everything.

"It was just an empty lot," said Don Wareham, one of the leaders of the effort to establish this recreation area. "And, you know, people just talking in town started thinking, 'Well, it'd be nice to put a park or something there, something for the kids.'"

Those casual conversations back in 2007 evolved into the Tamarack City Park Committee, an organization that through a series of fundraisers, some effective grant writing and a whole lot of small-town spirit raised nearly \$20,000 to transform a parcel of prop-

Nearly two decades ago, the people of Tamarack City transformed an empty lot, a former stamp mill site, into a community park. (Photo by David Maki)



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The mill in Tamarack City, officially the Ahmeek Stamp Mill, closed in the 1940s. The main building was torn down in 1975. (Photo courtesy of Superior View)

erty along M-26 into a park — lovingly dubbed “Pop Can Park” by some local folks — with a level of activity and usage that’s reminiscent of the days when the stamp mill was operational decades ago. The goal was to put a playset in place for the youngest residents to enjoy.

“We entered the [Fourth of July] parade to get funds,” Wareham said. “We got some donations from the people ... and, of course, we started the can drive.”

In the first four months of collecting returnable cans, the park committee earned thousands of dollars strictly through can returns — and perhaps a wee bit of carpal tunnel syndrome.

“There were so many people,” Wareham recalled. “My wife’s niece and her husband, they came from Ishpeming and helped us. My wife’s mom and dad, they were one of many can drivers. They came, they picked up cans every time they went to [the store].

“When we counted it all up, we realized that we had thousands of cans into those machines. To get that kind of money was just unbelievable. We’re proud of it now; we look back at it and say, ‘We did a good thing.’”

Not without a couple of headaches. When the playset was being installed, history provided one significant hiccup.

“When we put the playset together, there’s a big, main post,” Wareham said. “Everything has to be in a spot — you’re not just going to turn it on a 45 [degree angle] in the middle of it. [On the site] there used to be an old, old smokestack and all they did was knock it over. ... They didn’t take the

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foundation out, and I had said, ‘We’re lucky we’re not hitting where that stack was.’

“And ... we dug right into the middle of it. I mean, it’s a big center, but still, we were in the middle of it.”

Ultimately, small-town community spirit prevailed and the playset was properly installed and stabilized. Along with the playset, the committee added some trees to the park area, all donated to the cause by a local greenhouse owner who was retiring and closing his business.

“So, we took them, but of course we had to plant them,” Wareham said. “I would say about 40% of them survived, because it’s a stamp mill site, so, you know, not the most nutritious soil, [and] we used to take water in totes down to the park and water those trees with a bucket every day. We’d see people in the community doing that every night.”

Despite the abundance of hands-on activities, the community spirit didn’t wane once the playset was in place. Instead, they strived forward, this time with a goal of putting in a poured concrete basketball court with top-notch backboards and posts.

“By the spring of 2009, we raised enough money to install a regulation-sized basketball court in the back of the park,” Diane Wareham, Don’s wife, wrote in a scrapbook entry. “Through rummage sales, the returnable fundraiser and another grant from the Keweenaw Community Foundation, we raised \$11,000.

“Jay and Rob Reed were ... I don’t even have a word suitable. Without the help of Reed Construction and the fire department, it would not have happened.”

For Jay Reed, the proprietor of Reed Construction, it was a labor of love.

“It’s very rewarding,” the lifelong Tamarack City resident said. “My grandpa lived near there, and my mom lives two doors down. I’ve lived in town 58 years. ... It was an old mining site, and we played there as kids.”

Reed’s expertise in construction techniques, coupled with his passion for his hometown, resulted in what many Upper Michigan folks call “the best outdoor basketball court in the western U.P.”

Not only do the local young people populate the court throughout the summer, but some higher-caliber ballers have partaken of the court in recent years. The Michigan Tech women’s basketball team held several preseason practices there when the COVID pandemic was waning but still prevalent in the region.

But the good people of Tamarack City still weren’t done. The goal for 2010 was a pavilion at the park, and by August of that year, the fundraising coffers were full enough again to tackle Phase 3. The pavilion was erected that month. By the following



“Pop Can Park” in Tamarack City can be seen in the background, behind a remaining structure of the former stamp mill. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

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Tamarack City's park includes a basketball court and ample play structures for children. Organizers also planted numerous trees on the site. (Photo by David Maki)

spring, the finishing touches were completed and the pavilion was ready for community use.

"I mostly did the pavilion through my construction company," Reed said. "And there was a lot of volunteer involvement."

So much involvement, Don Wareham said, that it's impossible to thank everybody. That's why there are no individual names on the plaque at the park.

"Everybody always says, 'Get a plaque and put names on it,' but I'm stuck at the point [where] I don't want to forget anyone," Wareham said. "There were too many people. A lot of people tell us they're going to name the park after us [the Warehams], but I say, 'You know, all we were was the steering wheel. People volunteered; we just led the committee.' We did all the pop cans, but we don't need a pat on the back for that."

That pride in a job well done has continued throughout the community — and across generations.

"It's nice to see it used," Reed said. "We don't have the problems that some parks have, like vandalism. It's

policed a lot by the locals, by those who put the blood, sweat and tears into it. There are kids there all the time. The court is full all the time, but it's not overpopulated.

"It just shows how close-knit a community it is. Like the can drives, there's a lot of work in those [because] those returnable cans are a pain in the butt. But that's where a lot of this has come from."

That, and the community mindedness of folks like Don Wareham.

"We make sure the park's taken care of," he said. "You don't do something like that and just let it go. It deserves the TLC it's provided. People have been very good to it."

"Everybody did something. It's really a community effort. Every time I go by it now, it still makes me smile."

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David Maki is a lifelong U.P. resident who currently lives with his wife and daughters in Dollar Bay. Now serving as managing editor of The Finnish American Reporter, he is in the 26th year of his journalism career.



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Species is important in combatting invasive Japanese beetle

Winsome fly spotted at MooseWood



Story and photos by Scot Stewart

Invasive species have become headline villains. Genetic, chemical and biological scientists, engineers, educators and industrious volunteers are just some of those who have joined forces to find ways to control, halt and eradicate them. But these plant, animal, fungal, bacterial and protozoan species continue to move across the planet, changing the face of the land and creating serious environmental problems for native species.

One of the best-known insect villains across the United States is the

Japanese beetle, an invasive species that arrived in the United States in 1917, feed on the leaves of a plant. (Photo by Scot Stewart)



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A winsome fly egg can be seen on the head of a Japanese beetle. Winsome flies are parasites that help to control the Japanese beetle. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

Japanese beetle, which arrived in the country in 1917, apparently in a shipment of bulbs imported from Japan. They are small, attractive beetles with metallic green thoraxes (midsections), coppery wing covers and a half ring of white spots around their abdomens. They are relatively small but have voracious appetites and often can be found in large groups. As larvae, they feed on the roots of plants like grass, frequently killing large patches of lawn. As adults, they feed on nearly 300 different plant species including important agricultural plants like fruit trees, vegetable plants and flowers such as rose bushes. They often attack every leaf on a plant, severely weakening or even killing them.

In Japan, the beetles have a number of successful insect parasites — especially a species of wasps and a fly — that keep the beetle numbers under control. Lacking those enemies in the U.S. has made the Japanese beetle a

problem. Just six years after the discovery of the beetle in the Northeast, winsome flies — beetle parasites — were released in New Jersey in 1923. At first, they did not look like they were a feasible answer. Adult flies lay tiny white eggs on the head or thorax of the beetle. After the eggs hatch, about three days later, the larvae burrow into the body of the beetle and begin eating muscle tissue, slowing and then killing the beetle five to 10 days later. The flies finish their metamorphosis and become adults inside the dead beetles. The release first looked to be a failure, as the flies matured before the beetles emerged from the ground as adults in July. However, they finally began to connect with the Japanese beetles and have spread across the Northeast and into Canada.

Japanese beetles spend the early part of their lives as larval grubs underground, feeding on fine roots of plants. As they grow, they turn to



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Japanese beetles, pictured above mating, are voracious eating machines. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

eating coarser roots including those of grass. They are voracious eating machines. In smaller numbers, they usually do not attract attention until they emerge as flashy beetles and begin devouring garden and agricultural leaves. When startled, the beetles can drop off leaves, disappearing into the vegetation below, or fly away. Only a half-inch long, they are quite adept at escaping.

Between 1996 and 2008, winsome flies were released in the Minneapolis area and have successfully spread throughout a large part of Minnesota and into Wisconsin and Iowa. With increased evidence of damage to agricultural crops caused by Japanese

beetles, U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologists released batches of the winsome fly pupae in the Minneapolis area. Single or double reports of the fly have been posted on iNaturalist, a citizen science website, for Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Colorado.

On Aug. 5 of last year, a photo taken of a Japanese beetle in a fennel plant in front of the MooseWood Nature Center was posted on iNaturalist, and the photographer was asked to repost it and ID the species as a winsome fly. Unbeknownst to the photographer, the beetle had a fly egg on it. It is the first report of the fly in all of Michigan. If gardeners and others see a beetle with white spots on its head, they are asked

to post the photo to iNaturalist or give MooseWood a call.

This is a huge step in finding a way to control this invasive pest. With the introduction of so many new species to the U.S. by international commerce, it has become clear how quickly they can become established. The initial result is the amazing ability for some species to find immediate success with few limitations in their way. Not only do they become entrenched in their new homes, but they also just plain thrive and have a significant impact on these new homes. European starlings, zebra and quagga mussels, purple loosestrife, garlic mustard, Asian longhorned beetle, common



Invasive species, such as the Japanese beetle, pictured here, continue to spread and create environmental problems. (Photo by Scot Stewart)

buckthorn, narrow-leaved cattail, phragmites and spotted knapweed are a few examples of local invasive species in the Upper Peninsula creating big problems for native species and causing habitat change.

While searches continue to look for “safe” biological control species that could be introduced to control these problem species, invasives continue to spread and create environmental problems. Winsome flies provide a better way to control Japanese beetles, especially in places like residential lawns, where other controls like broad spectrum insecticides are applied. Chemical treatments involve killing a wide range of insects, including many beneficial ones, as well as invertebrates. They also affect other species because they serve as important foods to birds and other animal species. Worldwide studies have shown increasingly supportive evidence to suggest up to 40% of the world’s insect numbers have been lost through pesticides, climate change and environmental alterations to habitats. Invasive species have become an important part of those losses, so new manmade solutions to manmade problems become even more important to addressing these threats to the world’s environment.

Japanese beetles will be examined again in the Marquette area this summer, as observers watch for more signs of the winsome fly eggs on their

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heads and thoraxes, to monitor the successful spread of this important environmental factor. An iNaturalist post or contact with Michigan Department of Natural Resources offices are the best ways to report new sightings.

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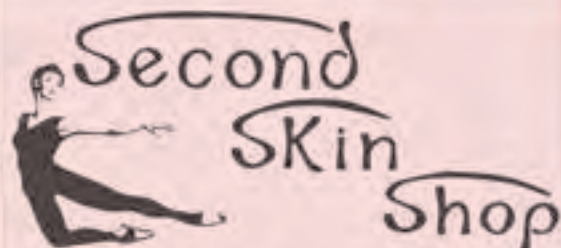
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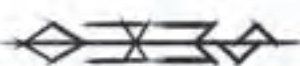


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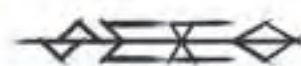
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Bay College President Nerita Hughes, left, and Northern Michigan University President Chris Olsen announced a transfer pathway between the schools in early childhood education. (Photo courtesy of NMU)

NMU, Bay College create transfer pathway in ECE

Northern Michigan University and Bay College have partnered to create a 3+1 transfer pathway that expands access to high-quality, flexible education options for students pursuing a career in early childhood education. It is now easier for those earning an associate of applied science in early childhood education to complete a bachelor's degree in the same discipline, with the potential to add a birth-to-kindergarten teaching certificate.

The pathway was developed collaboratively by faculty and academic leadership from both institutions. The new transfer pathway expands access to high-quality, flexible education options for students pursuing a career in early childhood education, or ECE.

"This partnership reflects a shared commitment to meeting the unique needs of our early childhood workforce. Bay College's ECE program is built around flexible, accessible learning for working professionals," said Tammra Houseman, coordinator for early childhood education at Bay College. "NMU embraced that model with the 3+1 transfer pathway. By allowing students to complete their coursework virtually and their student teaching locally, we effectively bust through the barriers of tradition-

al teacher prep. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue strengthening Michigan's early childhood workforce by expanding our graduates' access to a bachelor's degree and making it possible for them to remain rooted in the communities they love and serve."

With supervised field placements and internships included in each degree path, the combination of online learning and authentic, hands-on experience gives students a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills needed to teach and support young children. Additionally, as the agreement notes, "teacher candidates who complete the program requirements can seek certification for the birth to kindergarten grade band as identified by the Michigan Department of Education."

Bay College's early childhood education program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is Michigan's only competency-based education teacher preparation program. This innovative model allows students to progress at a more flexible pace and master essential teaching skills and competencies. These features make the program especially appealing to those already working in the field.

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NMU alumnus passionate about year-round kayaking

James Lasak, a May outdoor recreation and leadership management graduate, developed an interest in sea kayaking after attending a presentation by a Munising outfitter in one of his classes at Northern Michigan University. He made it a year-round passion, whether assisting with tours along Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during summer breaks, or — inspired by local legend Surfer Dan — paddling more impressive waves in a wetsuit during the winter. His post-graduation job is also on Lake Superior, managing an adventure tourism company that offers sea-kayaking tours of the Apostle Islands.

Lasak wrote a blog post about his introduction to sea kayaking at NMU and his winter kayak surfing endeavors. It was featured by Lake and Company, a Minnesota-based lifestyle

brand, magazine and retailer. Because Great Lakes waves are wind-generated, Lasak stated, catching ideal conditions requires braving the worst, bitter cold weather. While the number of board surfers dwindles as water temperatures drop, Surfer Dan is an exception.

“Amidst the blistering whiteouts throughout the northern winters, you’ll find a ‘Yooper’ with a tolerance for cold above the rest, carving up the lake’s violent waves with an eloquence akin to that of a ballerina; unwavering to the water he shares with miniature icebergs as he glides by,” Lasak wrote. “It was Dan who planted the seed in my mind. If he can be out there surfing waves on a board year-round, surely I can, too.”

“The moment I decide to paddle into a wave, and feel the propulsion as

I drop down the face of it, I fade into the most present state of mind I can fathom. ... All senses go wild — the sharpness of the ripping north wind in my nose; the view of vibrant colors of fall leaves or fat snowflakes that highlight the shore; the sting of water on my face as it turns to ice; and the taste of the purest water. All played to the tune of exploding waves that break over the top of me. A symphony of senses. There is no time to think — only to react and to be.”

He had hit it hard in the fall surf his senior year, Lasak said during an NMU phone interview, but the recent historic winter actually provided too much extreme weather. The conditions prohibited him from getting out on the water after January.

“Once the ice shelves move in, that messes with the wave dynamic,” he said. “And when it comes to launching a kayak, you need beach; you can’t just launch off an ice shelf. I did some cool ice caves kayaking in the Apostle Islands, but I wasn’t able to chase winter surf in the Marquette area as long as I would have liked.”

Lasak said the president of the Munising outfitter that employed him wanted to start a similar operation in Bayfield, Wisconsin. He helped to get

Apostle Islands Kayaking Express started between academic years at NMU and has returned there to continue the work on a more consistent basis. The company transports kayakers by boat to offshore launch locations near the sea caves of Devil’s Island and the stone blocks of Stockton Island.

“I’m always looking to keep learning and find ways to forward my credentials in the outdoor recreation realm,” said Lasak, whose dad is also an NMU alumnus. “I’ll keep my certifications updated in sea kayaking and as a wilderness first responder, but I’m taking an EMT course this fall to hopefully upgrade to a wilderness medical technician. This past winter, I got a captain’s license. I’m a certified merchant mariner who can drive commercial vessels up to 200 tons. I also hope to get a paramedic certification in the future so I can do something with search and rescue, whether in the front country or back country.”

Read Lasak’s Lake and Company blog post at thelakeandcompany.com/blogs/news/step-into-the-unknown.

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James Lasak paddles among large rocks protruding along the shore of Lake Superior. (Photo by Sam Lindner)

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The High Powered Rocketry Team at Michigan Tech participated in the International Rocket Engineering Competition. (Photo courtesy of AERE)

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Last year, the Enterprise Program celebrated 25 years of excellence and innovation alongside Michigan Tech's Design Expo, the annual showcase event for both Enterprise and Senior Design teams. Continuing forward as a hallmark of the Michigan Tech experience, Enterprise has added three new teams: Aeronautics and Rocketry, Urban Intelligence Lab, and Ink & Ore.

Nagesh Hatti, Enterprise Program director, sees the continued growth

as a natural progression as Enterprise continues to respond to both the industry demands and the educational resources students have come to expect.

"The emergence of Enterprise teams in areas like aeronautics, urban intelligence and the humanities highlights the breadth of experiential learning we offer," Hatti said. "Whether students are working on rockets, designing systems that support human interaction in complex environments or creating literary work, they gain real-world, interdisciplinary skills aligned with today's industries."

While the trio of teams are the newest players on the roster, all three are already proving their worth in international competitions and community engagement. Team members are pouring the well-known ingenuity of Michigan Tech Huskies into the hands-on creation of distinctive firsthand learning experiences. For Huskies on all three teams, that means participating in one-of-a-kind opportunities they've helped to build from the ground up.

AERE

While the Aeronautics and Rocketry Enterprise is only a year old, it has a much longer history on campus. Members of the Michigan Tech student organizations Keweenaw Rocket Range and Society of Automotive Engineers Aero initially joined forces to help secure more funding for national and international competitions.

During the fall 2024 semester, KRR member Jase Edwards, a junior studying computer science, along with five other students and their faculty adviser, Kazuya Tajiri, an associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, met weekly to lay the groundwork for what would eventually become the Enterprise team. AERE was officially founded in spring 2025. Since then, it's grown quickly.

With more than 65 members from a range of degree programs, AERE pushes the boundaries of aerospace innovation. Members are involved in propulsion research, autonomous flight systems and design and testing for rocketry and remote control aircraft. AERE consists of four teams: the High Powered Rocketry Team, Keweenaw Propulsion Lab, Husky Air and Project Theseus.

During its first semester of operation, AERE's High Powered Rocketry Team collaborated with KRR to compete in the 2025 International Rocket Engineering Competition, the world's largest rocket engineering competition.

What was once Michigan Tech's SAE Aero club has now become Husky Air. This subteam continues to compete in the annual SAE Aero Design competition, where students design, build, test and fly large remote-controlled airplanes, gaining experience in the full engineering lifecycle. Before AERE's founding, Tech's SAE Aero team was nearly out of commission due to low membership, but Husky Air has continued to grow on the foundations of the former student organization. This year, they competed in the SAE Aero Design Regular Class competition with their 10-foot wingspan aircraft.

AERE's research arm consists of the Keweenaw Propulsion Lab, which is working on an open-source liquid rocket engine with a long term goal of propulsively landing a rocket. Project Theseus is developing drones in order to test autonomous flight in complex environments.

Urban Intelligence Lab

With a growing focus on artificial intelligence and data science, both in industry and on Mich-

igan Tech's campus, the new Urban Intelligence Lab Enterprise is giving students the opportunity to connect people, data and cities to make communities more sustainable and resilient. Founded in fall 2025, the UI Lab started its work in the Keweenaw.

When data science junior Anna Tolles heard there was going to be a new Enterprise team focused on AI, she was immediately intrigued and reached out to the faculty adviser, Gabriel Draughon, assistant teaching professor in the Department of Engineering Fundamentals.

"He sent me a lot of information. I read it all and was really interested," she said. Tolles ended up being on campus over summer 2025, working with Summer Youth Programs, and had a hand in establishing the new Enterprise team.

As UI Lab president, Tolles oversees the logistics of the Enterprise team, but still has the opportunity to work on team projects, all of which currently have a local focus.

Last fall, Tolles was working on the campus activity tracking project. Using computer vision from the William J. Bernard Jr. Family Clock Tower webcam stream, the project detects, tracks and maps how students move through campus and interact with its infrastructure. This project allows new UI Lab students to practice some of the skills necessary for other human-centered data projects.

"We made a 2D map out of a 3D space so the camera could understand what was happening," Tolles said. "We know when we see someone far away that they aren't actually small and getting bigger as they approach, but the camera doesn't know that, so we try to make an aerial view so the camera can understand."

In one academic year, UI Lab has expanded to new local projects, working with Tech's Great Lakes Research Center to track and classify vessels traveling through the Keweenaw Waterway and collaborating with Mont Ripley ski area to track skier use for potential improvements. Tolles is a member of the Mont Ripley winter sports team, which uses cameras in ways similar to the campus activity tracking project.

Their work has been recognized for its originality and promise, winning first place at this year's Design Expo Awards in the Enterprise Team category recognizing outstanding work.

Tolles said the rewards go beyond prizes to include valuable experience. She's personally gained skills in team building, technical communications and public speaking, and is helping



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Ellie Has Far-off Eyes

By Claudia Drosen

She's sitting on one of those high wooden stools, in the moist, bread-baking kitchen, listening to the storm bang.

Her thumb, a pinkish raisin, lives in her mouth. It feels right in there, comforts her when being six is tough, or just boring.

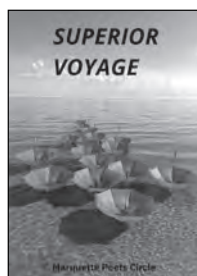
Hair smelling of the damp day, she twiddles a few matted strands with her free fingers, inhales the scent of her mother's apron,

stiff with gluey clumps of flour,
the sweet mess of her hard work.

The room fills with the yeasty aroma of the newly baked loaves.



Poet and musician Claudia Drosen has lived in Marquette for many moons. Her book of poems titled "Brooklyn Accent" was published in 2025 by Harvard Square Press. She loves music, photography, dogs and is a serious proponent of frequent and unbridled laughter.



This poem is from the 10-year anthology, "Superior Voyage," which is available for purchase.

All proceeds benefit Peter White Public Library.

"Superior Voyage" was selected as a 2023 U.P. Notable Book by the Upper Peninsula Publishers & Authors Association.



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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

Polling Places:

To the Qualified Electors of the Cities and Townships of Marquette County, State of Michigan

Champion	Pct. 1	Champion Township Hall, 1071 US 41 W., Champion
Chocolay	Pct. 1 & 2	Silver Creek Church, 219 Silver Creek Road, Harvey
Ely	Pct. 1	Ely Township Hall, 1555 Co. Rd. 496 (Greenwood Location), Ishpeming
Ewing	Pct. 1	Ewing Township Hall, 2500 W. Maple Ridge Road, Rock
Forsyth	Pct. 1 Pct. 2 Pct. 3	Gwinn Community Building, 165 N. Maple Street, Gwinn Little Lake Gospel Chapel, 1761 E. State Hwy. M-35, Little Lake K.I. Sawyer Emergency Services Bldg., 420 Avenue A, Gwinn
Humboldt	Pct. 1	Humboldt Township Hall, 244 Co. Rd. FAF, Champion
Ishpeming	Pct. 1	Ishpeming Township Hall, 1575 US 41 West, Ishpeming
Marquette	Pct. 1	Marquette Township Community Center, 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette
Michigamme	Pct. 1	Michigamme Community Center, 202 W. Main St., Michigamme
Negaunee	Pct. 1	Negaunee Township Community Center, 42 M-35, Negaunee
Powell	Pct. 1	Powell Township Hall, 101 Bensinger Street, Big Bay
Republic	Pct. 1	Republic Township Hall, 279 Kloman Avenue, Republic
Richmond	Pct. 1	Richmond Township Hall, 100 Smith Street, Palmer
Sands	Pct. 1	Sands Township Hall, 987 South M-553, Sands
Skandia	Pct. 1	Skandia Township Community Center, 224 Kreiger, Skandia
Tilden	Pct. 1	Tilden Township Hall, 3145 County Road PG, Ishpeming
Turin	Pct. 1	McFarland Community Center, 17430 Hwy M-35, Rock
Wells	Pct. 1	Wells Township Community Bldg, 38295 Co. Rd. 426, Arnold
West Branch	Pct. 1	West Branch Township Hall, 1016 County Road 545 S., Skandia
Ishpeming City	Pct. 1	KD Hall – St. John's Church, 325 South Pine Street, Ishpeming
Marquette City	Pct. 1 & 2 Pct. 3 & 4	Baraga Gym, 300 W. Spring Street, Marquette YMCA, 1420 Pine Street, Marquette
Negaunee City	Pct. 1	Negaunee Middle School, 102 W. Case Street, Negaunee

Signed by the following City/Township Clerks:

Champion Township	Tanya Gatewood	Republic Township	Anna Griepentrog
Chocolay Township	Max Engle	Richmond Township	Ethel Sundberg
Ely Township	Glenn Wing	Sands Township	Carolyn Kerkela
Ewing Township	Cindy Haas	Skandia Township	Marilyn Keto
Forsyth Township	Ronald Lauren	Tilden Township	Deb Pellow
Humboldt Township	Sarah Etelamaki	Turin Township	Priscilla Brunngraber
Ishpeming Township	Nicole Hyry	Wells Township	Patti Manninen
Marquette Township	Randy Ritari	West Branch Township	Jane Taylor
Michigamme Township	Kathryn Hanson	Ishpeming City	Emilie Stack
Negaunee Township	Rachel Sertich	Marquette City	Kyle Whitney
Powell Township	Sharon Mattis	Negaunee City	Judy Iwanski

The Polls for the August Election will be open ~ 7 A.M.,
and remain open until 8 P.M.

LINDA K. TALSMA - MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

For voting for candidates seeking nomination to the following partisan offices:

Candidates of the Democratic Party and Republican Party seeking nomination to the following partisan offices are to be voted for in Marquette County: Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress – 1st District, State Senator 38th District, 109th State Representative, 1st & 3rd District County Commissioner, Precinct Delegates for the Republican and Democratic Party; Various Township Officers, Community Center Board of Directors for Negaunee Township; Non-Partisan Race: 96th District Court Judge; (2) County Proposals and Various Other Township Proposals.

Proposals are as follows:

County Proposition – Millage for the Continuation of the Marquette County Transit Authority (Marq-Tran)

To provide local funds for the continuing operations and capital purchases of the Marquette County Transit Authority (Marq-Tran) on all properties within the County of Marquette,

Michigan, shall the total amount of ad valorem taxes collected be renewed at and increased up to the previously authorized six tenths (.6) of a mill (\$0.60 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation of real and taxable personal property), of which .5887 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millage and .0113 mill is a new additional millage, for a period of (6) years, from 2027 through 2032 inclusive.

County Proposition – Veterans Affairs Millage Shall Marquette County levy a millage of 0.0500 mill (\$0.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the years 2027 through 2035 inclusive, as authorized by MCL 35.21, for the purpose of improving and expanding services for veterans, including outreach, access to benefits and healthcare, support for veterans facing mental health challenges, rural service delivery, transportation coordination, and countywide services provided by the Marquette County Department of Veterans Affairs?

Forsyth Township – General Operating Millage Renewal Shall the previously-voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Forsyth Township of 4.8751 mills (\$4.8751 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which expires after 2026, be renewed and authorized at the same rate of 4.8751 mills for seven (7) additional years, 2027 through 2033, inclusive, for Forsyth Township's general operating purposes, raising an estimated \$1,266,215.37 in the first year the millage is levied?

Forsyth Township – Library Services Millage Renewal Shall the previously-voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Forsyth Township of 0.4947 mills (49.47 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value), which expires after 2026, be renewed and authorized to the same rate of 0.4947 mills for seven (7) additional years, 2027 through 2033, inclusive, for Forsyth Township's library services, raising an estimated \$128,489.00 in the first year the millage is levied?

Forsyth Township – Police Services Millage Renewal Shall the previously-voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Forsyth Township of 0.9965 mills (\$0.9965 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which expires after 2026, be renewed and authorized to the same rate of 0.9965 mills for seven (7) additional years, 2027 through 2033, inclusive, for Forsyth Township's police services, raising an estimated \$258,822.10 in the first year the millage is levied?

Humboldt Township – General Operating Millage Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed in Humboldt Township under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 3.0000 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 2.9766 mills (\$2.9766 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 3.0000 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2026-2029 inclusive, for the purpose of general operating, raising an estimated \$122,232.53 in the first year millage is levied.

Humboldt Township – Sanitation Millage Shall Humboldt Township levy a new millage of 1.0000 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for three (3) years, 2027-2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing sanitation services, raising an estimated \$40,744.18 in the first year the millage is levied?

Humboldt Township – Fire Protection Millage Shall Humboldt Township levy a new millage of 1.0000 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2026-2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection services, raising an estimated \$40,744.18 in the first year the millage is levied?

Humboldt Township – Emergency Services Millage Shall Humboldt Township levy a new millage of 0.2500 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2026-2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing emergency services, raising an estimated \$10,186.05 in the first year the millage is levied?

Michigamme Township – General Operating Millage Renewal Proposal Shall the expiring previous voted Michigamme Township increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, of 4.00 mills (\$4.00 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), reduced to 3.8457 mills (\$3.8457 per each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed and levied for three (3) years, 2027 to 2029, both years inclusive, for general operating purposes including operation of sanitation, park, building and roads?

Marquette Charter Township – Emergency Medical Services Shall the authorized millage for the Charter Township of Marquette be increased by a new millage in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill (\$1.00 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value) for one (1) year, only, in 2026, for the purpose of funding additional dedicated staffing for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continuous coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week?

Richmond Township – Renewal for General Operating Shall the expiring previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Richmond Township, Marquette County, Michigan, of 2.5000 mill (\$2.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property) reduced to 2.3915 (\$2.3915 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 2.5000 (\$2.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, from 2027 through 2031, both inclusive, for general operating purposes, raising an estimated \$80,000.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

Sands Township – Ambulance Operating Millage Renewal Shall the expired previous voted millage of one half mill (\$0.5000 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) as reduced by the required millage roll back which last resulted in a levy of 0.4349 mills (\$0.4349 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) against all property in Sands Township, Marquette County, Michigan be renewed at a rate of 0.4349 mills for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment for the ambulance department?

Sands Township – Sanitation Operating Millage Renewal Shall the expired previous voted millage of one mill (\$1.0000 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), against all property in Sands Township, Marquette County, Michigan, be renewed at the original voted rate of 1.0000 mill for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for sanitation operating, disposal and equipment expenses within Sands Township?

Sands Township – Fire Department Operating Millage Renewal Shall the expired previous voted millage of one mill (\$1.0000 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) as reduced by the required millage roll back which last resulted in a levy of 0.8704 mills (\$0.8704 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) against all property in Sands Township, Marquette County, Michigan be renewed at a rate of 0.8704 mills for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for equipment, maintenance and improvements for the fire department?

Sands Township – Road Repair Operating Millage Renewal Shall the expired previous voted millage of two mills (\$2.0000 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) as reduced by the required millage roll back which last resulted in a levy of 1.7415 mills (\$1.7415 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value) against all property in Sands Township, Marquette County, Michigan be renewed at a rate of 1.7415 mills for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road repairs within Sands Township?

Wells Township – General Operating Renewal Shall the voters of Wells Township, Marquette County, Michigan approve the renewal of a levy of up to 1.4778 mills on valuation (approximately \$1.47 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of 8 years, to commence in 2027, to be used for general operating expenses?

The Polls for the August Election will be open ~ 7 A.M., and remain open until 8 P.M

LINDA K. TALSMA - MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION for the TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the Cities and Townships of Marquette County, STATE OF MICHIGAN PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Marquette County who is not already registered; may register to vote at the office of the City or Township Clerk's Office; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Prospective Clerk listed below. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com

The Last Day to Register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 20, 2026

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency in addition to proof of identity (MCL 168.492) at:

TOWNSHIP/CITY	ADDRESS	Regular Business Hours	Aug. 1 st Hours	Aug. 2 nd Hours
Champion Clerk: Tanya Gatewood	Champion Township Office ~ 1071 US 41, Champion 906-339-2920	Monday 10:00am-2:00pm Thurs 8:00am-4:00pm		10:00am-7:00pm
Chocolay Clerk: Max Engle	Chocolay Twp ~ 5010 US 41 S., Marquette 906-249-1448	Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm	10:00am-2:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm
Ely Clerk: Glenn Wing	Ely Twp. ~ 1555 C.R. 496, Ishpeming 906-486-6802	Monday-Thursday 11:00am-4:00pm	9:00am-5:00pm	
Ewing Clerk: Cindy Haas	Ewing Twp Office ~ 2500 W. Maple Ridge Rd., Rock ewingtwnshipeclerk@yahoo.com	By Appointment		8:00am-4:00pm
Forsyth Clerk: Ronald Lauren	Forsyth Twp Office ~ 44 N. Johnson Lk Rd., Gwinn 906-346-9217	Mon-Thur 7:30am-4:00pm Fri 7:30am-11:30am		6:00am-2:00pm
Humboldt Clerk: Sarah Etelamaki	Humboldt Twp. ~ 244 Co Rd FAF, Champion 906-339-2927	Mon., Tue. & Wed. 8:30am-2:30pm		8:00am-4:00pm
Ishpeming Clerk: Nicole Hyry	Ishpeming Twp. ~ 1575 US Hwy 41 W., Ishpeming 906-485-5411	Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm	8:00am-12:00pm	9:00am-1:00pm
Marquette Clerk: Randy Ritari	Marquette Twp. ~ 1000 Commerce Dr., Mqt. 906-228-6220	Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:00pm	
Michigamme Clerk: Kathryn Hanson	Michigamme Twp. ~ PO Box 220, Michigamme 906-323-6608	Monday-Thursday 10:00am-3:00pm	9:00am-1:00pm	9:00am-1:00pm
Negaunee Clerk: Rachel Sertich	Negaunee Twp Office ~ 42 M-35, Negaunee 906-475-7869	Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm	9:00am-2:00pm	9:00am-12:00pm
Powell Township: Sharon Mattis	Powell Twp. ~ 101 Bensinger, Big Bay 906-345-9345	Monday & Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	
Republic Township: Anna Griepentrog	Republic Twp. ~ 279 Kloman Ave., Republic 906-376-8827	Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm	7:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-11:00am
Richmond Township: Ethel Sundberg	Richmond Twp. ~ Smith & Nicholas, Palmer 906-475-4180	Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm		8:00am-4:00pm
Sands Clerk: Carolyn Kerkela	Sands Twp Office ~ 987 S. M-553, Gwinn 906-249-9169	Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm		8:00am-4:00pm
Skandia Clerk: Marilyn Keto	Skandia Twp ~ 224 Kreiger Dr., Skandia 906-942-7404	Wed. 4:00pm-7:00pm Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm	7:00am-3:00pm	
Tilden Clerk: Deb Pellow	Tilden Twp Office ~ 3145 Co Rd PG, Ishpeming 906-486-6580	Mon.-Thurs. 9am-1pm Friday 9:00am-4:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm	10:00am-2:00pm
Turin Clerk: Priscilla Brunngraeber	Turin Twp ~ M-35, Rock turintownship@gmail.com brunngraeber@gmail.com	By Appointment	10:00am-6:00pm	
Wells Clerk: Patti Manninen	Wells Twp ~ 38295 Co Rd 426, Arnold 906-629-1128	By Appointment 906-238-4312	9:00am-5:00pm	
West Branch Clerk: Jane Taylor	West Branch Twp. ~ 1016 Co. Rd 545 N., Skandia 906-942-7400	Wed 2:00pm-7:00pm Fri 12:00pm-5:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	
Ishpeming City Emilie Stack	Ishpeming City ~ 100 E. Division St., Ishpeming 906-485-1091	Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm	8:00am-4:00pm	
Marquette City Kyle Whitney	Marquette City ~ 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette 906-228-0430	Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:30pm	8:00am-4:00pm At the PWPL	
Negaunee City Clerk Judv Iwanski	Negaunee City ~ 319 W. Case St., Negaunee 906-475-7700	Monday-Friday 10:00am-4:00pm	7:30am-3:30pm	

EARLY VOTING SITES

July 25th, 2026 to August 2nd, 2026

Site 1 = Marquette City

Peter White Public Library (Lower Level), 217 N. Front St.,
Marquette

Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Marquette City - Precincts 1-4

Site 2 = Marquette Township

Marquette Township Community Center, 1000 Commerce
Drive, Marquette

Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Marquette Township - Precinct 1

Powell Township - Precinct 1

Site 3 = Forsyth Township

Gwinn Community Building, 165 N. Maple Street, Gwinn

Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Ewing Township - Precinct 1

Forsyth Township - Precincts 1-3

Richmond Township - Precinct 1

Turin Township - Precinct 1

Wells Township - Precinct 1

Site 4 = Tilden Township

Tilden Township Hall, 3145 County Road PG, Ishpeming

Time: 10 am - 6 pm

Champion Township - Precinct 1

Ely Township - Precinct 1

Humboldt Township - Precinct 1

Michigamme Township - Precinct 1

Republic Township - Precinct 1

Tilden Township - Precinct 1

Site 5 = Negaunee Township

Negaunee Township Community Center, 42 M-35, Negaunee

Time: 9 am - 5 pm

Ishpeming Township - Precinct 1

Negaunee Township - Precinct 1

Negaunee City - Precinct 1

Ishpeming City - Precinct 1

Site 6 = Chocolay Township

Chocolay Township Hall, 5010 U.S. 41 South, Marquette

Time: 8 am - 4 pm

Chocolay Township - Precincts 1 & 2

Sands Township - Precinct 1

Skandia Township - Precinct 1

West Branch - Precinct 1

PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programs used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Public Accuracy Tests for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election will be held as follows:

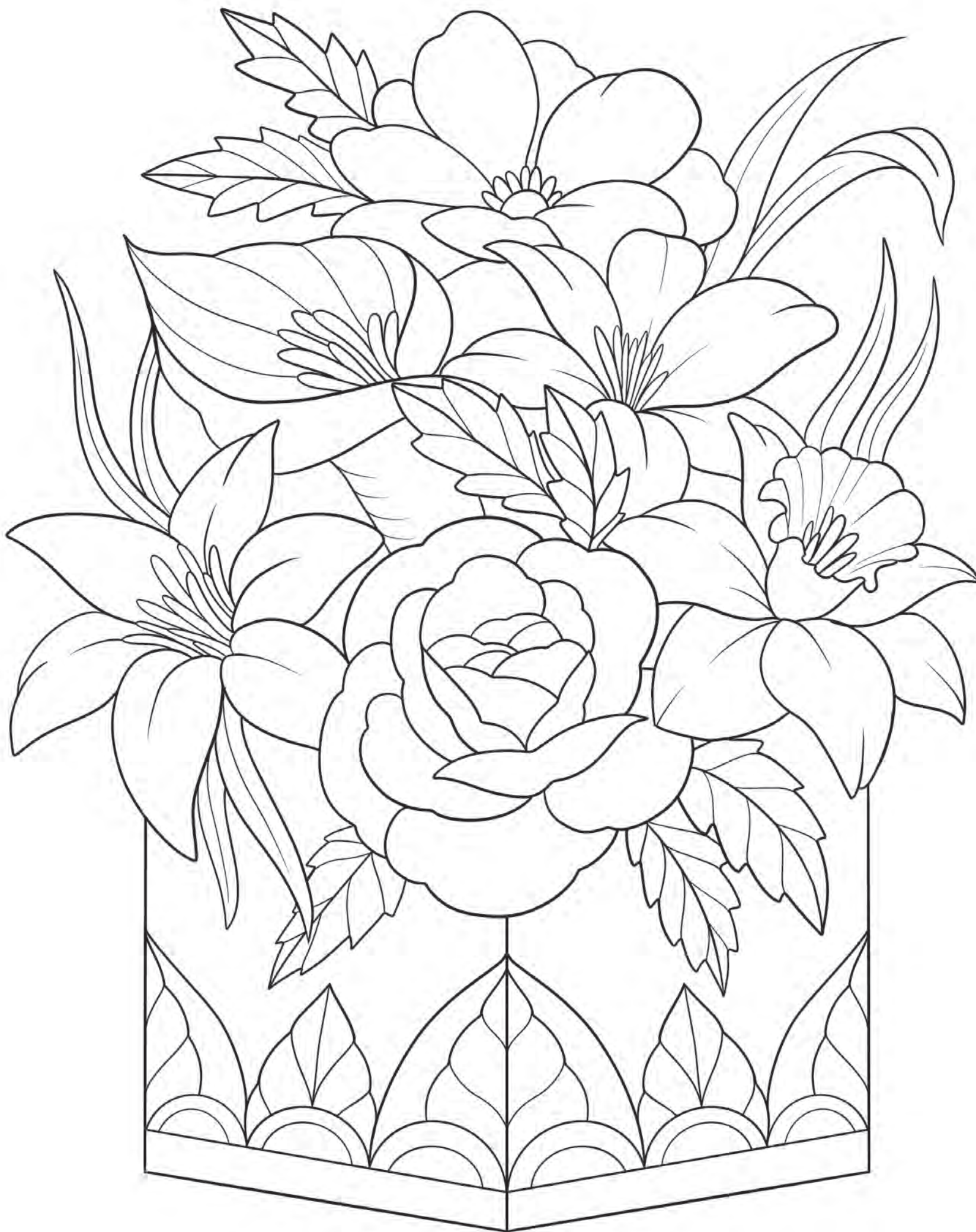
Friday, June 26, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Humboldt Township ~ Humboldt Township Hall, 244 Co. Rd. FA, Champion
Tuesday, June 30, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.
Marquette City ~ Marquette City Hall, Room 103, 300 West Baraga Avenue
Thursday, July 2, 2026 - 11:30 a.m.
Negaunee City ~ Negaunee City Hall, 319 W. Case Street, Negaunee
Monday, July 6, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Forsyth Township ~ Forsyth Township Hall, 44 N. Johnson Lake Road, Gwinn
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Ishpeming City ~ Ishpeming City Hall, 100 E. Division Street, Ishpeming
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Richmond Township ~ Smith & Nicholas, Palmer
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.
Ishpeming Township ~ Ishpeming Township Hall, 1575 US 41 W., Ishpeming
Monday, July 13, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Tilden Township ~ Tilden Township Hall, 3145 Co Rd PG, Ishpeming
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.
Ely Township ~ Ely Township Hall, 1555 Co Rd 496, Ishpeming
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - 3:00 p.m.
Marquette Township ~ Marquette Township Hall, 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Skandia Township ~ Skandia Township Hall, 224 Krieger Drive, Skandia

Thursday, July 16, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Powell Township ~ Powell Township Hall, 101 Bensinger Street, Big Bay
Thursday, July 16, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.
Negaunee Township ~ Negaunee Township Hall, 42 M-35, Negaunee
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Sands Township ~ Sands Township Hall, 987 S. M-553, Gwinn
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Chocolay Township ~ Silver Creek Church, 219 Silver Creek Road, Marquette
Wednesday, July 22, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Champion Township ~ Champion Township Hall, 1071 US Hwy 41 W., Champion
Republic Township ~ Republic Township Hall, 279 Kloman Avenue, Republic
Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 1:00 p.m.
Michigamme Township ~ Michigamme Township Hall, 202 W. Main Street, Michigamme
Wells Township ~ Wells Township Community Building, 38295 Co Rd 426, Arnold
Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
West Branch Township ~ West Branch Township Hall, 1016 County Road 545 N., Skandia
Wednesday, July 24, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.
Ewing Township ~ Ewing Township Hall, 2500 W. Maple Ridge Rd., Rock
Monday, July 27, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.
Turin Township ~ McFarland Community Center, McFarland

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LINDA K. TALSMA - MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

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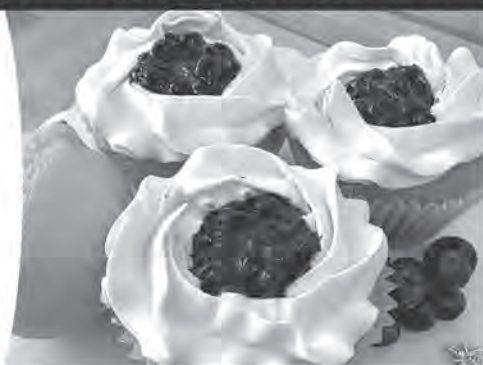
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Dr. Ryan Glover is proud to return home to the Marquette community to begin his career in dentistry. A Marquette native, Dr. Glover attended Northern Michigan University, where he studied biology and competed as a member of the Wildcat Swim and Dive team. He went on to earn his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Detroit Mercy in 2026.

Dr. Glover is passionate about providing patient-centered dental care and helping patients

feel comfortable and informed throughout their treatment. He values building long-term relationships with patients and takes pride in creating a welcoming, positive experience for individuals and families alike.

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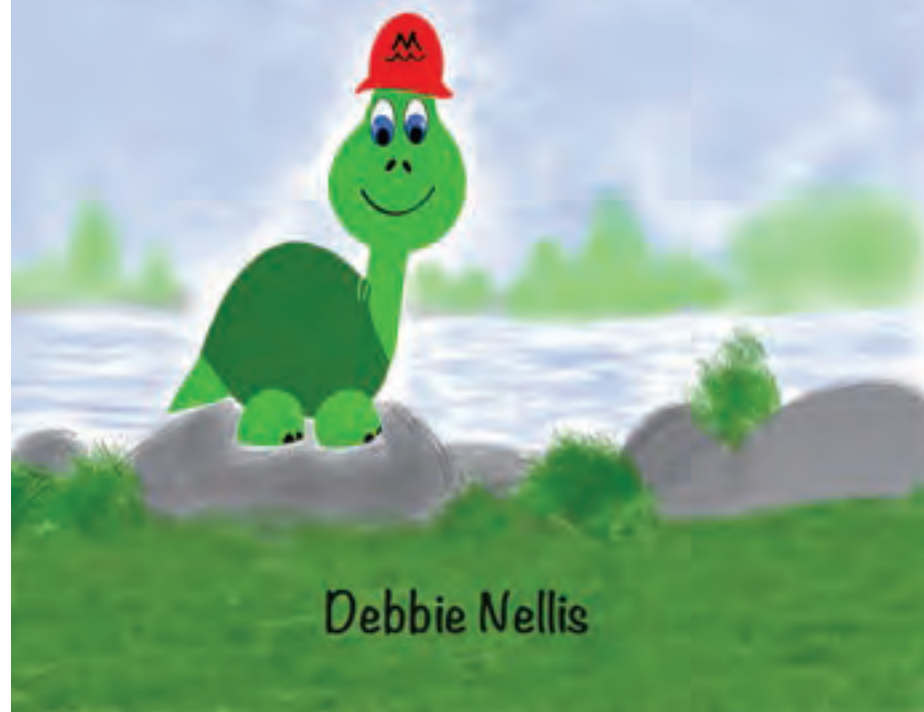
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Debbie Nellis

“Max Rocks” is part of Debbie Nellis’ ever-expanding series of children’s books featuring Mackinac Max. (Photo courtesy of Debbie Nellis)

Children’s books celebrate natural world

Review by Victor R. Volkman

Rudine Sims Bishop, an American educator, scholar and author celebrated as “the mother of multicultural children’s literature,” reputedly said, “Through stories, children learn who they are, where they came from and what their people believe.”

When we look at the barrage of streaming media available to Upper Peninsula children growing up in the 2020s, the importance of books that highlight the unique and fragile natural world we inhabit is all the more

important. Once again, as we dive into the ever-increasing stream of Yooper children’s books crossing the Superior Reads desk, I am encouraged that regional literature is alive and well for the next generation.

“Mackinac Max” is the adventure-seeking cartoon turtle creation of award-winning author Debbie Nellis. In this seemingly ever-expanding series of Mackinac Island quests, Max is always clad in a baseball cap and wearing a big smile. The debut book of the series, “Max Rocks: Island Adventures with Mackinac Max,” sees our tenacious turtle tackle the



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awesome and inspiring geology of Mackinac Island. Like the pint-sized audience that this book aims for, Max the turtle has a limited amount of locomotion. One sunny day, Max decides to traverse the island on his bicycle. Approaching Arch Rock on M-185, the only state highway in the nation where motor vehicles are banned, he faces quite a steep stair climb of more than 200 steps to reach his goal. Undaunted, Max conquers Arch Rock and visits many other fascinating geological sites on his circuit of Mackinac Island, including Skull Cave, the Cave of the Woods, the Crack in the Island and the Devil's Kitchen.

This type of travel book can easily serve two purposes: to build the excitement of tots prior to their first trip to the island and as a souvenir to remember warm summer days on cold winter nights. The series continues

with ever more adventures of Mackinac Max in subsequent books such as "Max at the Fort," "Max Horses Around," "Max's Fudgy Friends" and even "Max Sleeps." You can start anywhere in the series, as each story stands just fine on its own.

Continuing on our theme of animals in the natural world, Leokadia George and Maddy Moore's "Trumpet the Miracle Wolf Pup" follows the adventures of this singular female wolf throughout her life cycle. Although opinions about wolves in the U.P. vary widely, the cuteness of Trumpet can hardly be denied. Trumpet is indeed a "miracle wolf pup" because Trumpet was born in the Wolf Conservation Center of New York as the offspring of two wolves from the critically endangered Mexican Gray Wolf subspecies who were thrown together.

This month, we look into the fourth book of the series, "Trumpet



"Trumpet the Miracle Wolf Pup" follows the adventures of a female wolf through her life cycle. (Photo courtesy of Leokadia George)



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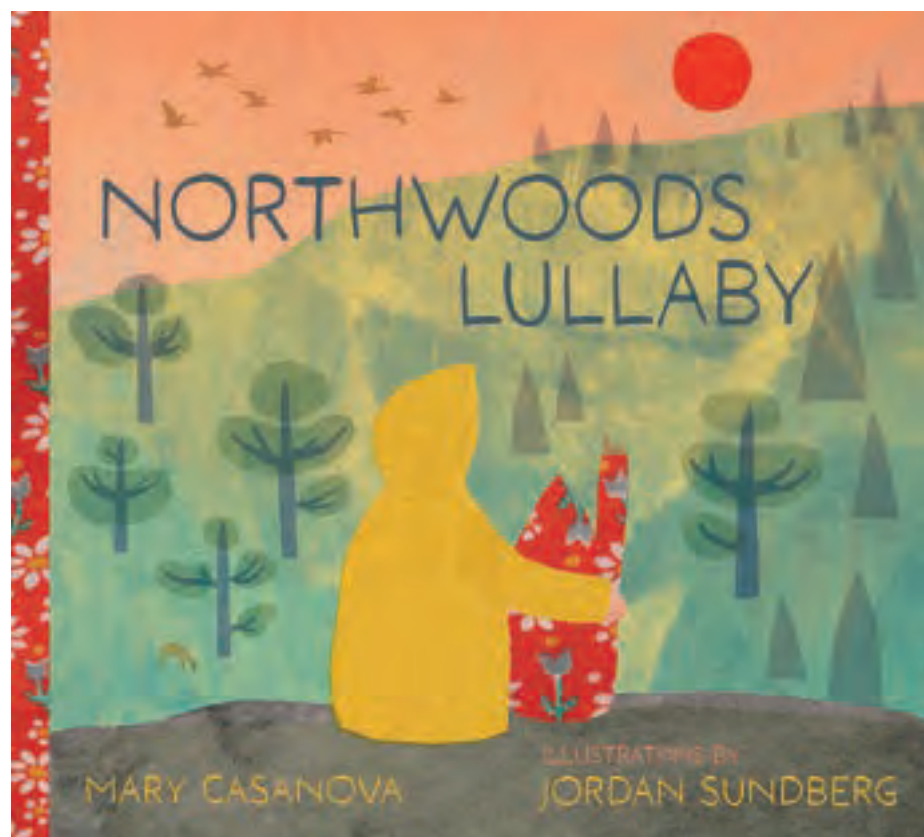
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"Northwoods Lullaby" calls itself "a springtime stroll that transforms into a heartwarming bedtime lullaby." (Photo courtesy of Mary Casanova)

the Miracle Wolf Pup: Trumpet Becomes a Mom," which completes the journey of our precocious Trumpet into maturity. As the story begins, Trumpet and her mate, Lighthawk, are now an inseparable "bonded pair." We learn about what a wolf pack is and how it relates to families of wolves. In the spring, Trumpet begins exhibiting strange behaviors such as digging holes everywhere. Eventually, she settles on an established underground den to retire for her confinement. Luckily, the webcams in the Wolf Conservation Center caught the moments of birth and nurture to provide a permanent record of the events, another miracle. The pups begin to frolic outside the den, and the cycle of life has completed. This series is a must-read for any children interested in the natural world and how animal conservation really works.

From turtles to wolves, we move on to a whole beautifully rendered panoply of the natural world. "Northwoods Lullaby" by Mary Casanova and illustrated by Jordan Sundberg calls itself "a springtime stroll that transforms into a heartwarming bedtime lullaby." Indeed, the soothing, lush, two-page watercolor spreads will work for reading to someone in your lap or with their head on a pillow. Casanova is a veteran children's author of dozens of books for young readers including "Hush Hush, Forest" and "Wake Up, Island." Since her family lives in a tiny cabin near a na-

tional park, they have an eagle's-eye view of the north woods.

It goes without saying that the only thing children love more than animals are "baby animals." As the rhyming lullaby continues, we are introduced to pairings of animal parents and their offspring, which is entirely suitable to a story set in spring. Featured among these are a family of loons, a doe and fawn, spring peeper frogs, mama and baby bears, snowshoe hares, a den of wolf pups, trumpeter swans and a family of fox kits. The admonishment of the author at the end to "close your eyes" finishes this bedtime book perfectly and indeed this month's installment of Superior Reads.

Until next month, keep on reading.
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out & about

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All events are free and in Eastern time unless noted. We print information sent to us by a wide variety of people and organizations. It pays to double check the date, time, place and cost before heading out.

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july events

01 WEDNESDAY

sunrise 6:00 a.m.; sunset 9:46 p.m.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Gail English with Uncle Pete's Red Hot Revue, 7:30 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumet-theatre.com.

Chassell

• **Farm and Craft Market.** 3 to 6 p.m. Centennial Park Pavilion. chassell-market.com.

Curtis

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring music by Project 906. 6:30 p.m. Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.

Eagle Harbor

• **The Ecology and History of a Lake Superior Wooded Dune: 700 Years of Interaction and Dependence of Pine and Fire.** Retired U.S. Forest Fire Management Officer Jay Saunders will share how results of a 2024 study

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7/3 Marquette Fireworks Show
7/3-7/4 Independence Day Sensory Friendly Laser Show
7/4 Marquette 4th of July Parade
7/16 Music on Third
7/16-7/18 Lasers on the Ore Dock
7/17-7/19 Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival
7/25-7/26 Art on the Rocks & Outback Art Fair
7/31 Blueberry Festival

AUGUST

Every Sat. & Weds. Downtown Marquette Farmers Market
8/1 50th Annual Gem & Mineral Show
8/6-8/8 Lasers on the Ore Dock
8/8 Ore to Shore
8/14-8/15 Marquette Trail 50 Ultramarathon
8/20-8/22 Lasers on the Ore Dock
8/27-8/29 Harborfest



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July 21-24

As You Like It

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July 28-31, August 2M

Disney's High School Musical 2 Jr.

Directed by Petra Frazier

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August 4-8; 10-14

Come from Away

Directed by Denise Clark

This deeply moving and unexpectedly uplifting musical shares the true story of 38 planes grounded in Gander, Newfoundland on 9/11 and the extraordinary kindness that followed.

August 18-21; 23M

Plaid Tidings

Directed by Tina Holiday

This show is a heaven sent family friendly, nostalgic and humorous experience characterized by witty banter, four part harmony and charming choreography.

July 13, 25 & Aug. 24, 28

Superior Memories

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of old wood in Eagle Harbor and Sand Bay will impact current and future wooded dune ecosystem management. Part of the Keweenaw County Historical Society's Adventures in History series. \$5. 7 p.m. Eagle Harbor Community Building. keweenawhistory.org.

Escanaba

• Lunch on Ludington Music Series.

This week will feature Big Al and the Tomatas. A food truck will be on site. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets.

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 3 to 6 p.m. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

Gwinn

• Super Science Fest with Wildlife.

Children and families can enjoy a variety of hands-on activities from the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum and wildlife from the Leslie Science and Nature Center. 4 to 6 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park. 906-346-3433 or forsythwplibrary.org.

• **Fiber Arts in the Park.** All experience levels are welcome at this drop-in fiber arts club for teens and adults. 6 to 7 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park. 906-346-3433 or forsythwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Living Fossils with Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum.** Meet live animals that are relatives of prehistoric animals. 1 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **West End Farm Stand.** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Partridge Creek Community Farm, 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org.

• **Community Skill Share.** Attendees can work with staff from Partridge Creek Farm to learn a new skill. 4:30 p.m. 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org/events.

• **New Photo Discoveries with Jack Deo.** Jack Deo will present new photographs of Negaunee, Ishpeming, Champion and Michigamme. 5:30 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

Marquette

• Books and Banter Book Group.

The group welcomes readers interested in a variety of contemporary fiction. This month's selection will be "Vera, or Faith" by Gary Shteyngart. 10 a.m. Peter White Conference Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4311 or pwpl.info/news-events/book-groups.

• **Congregate Meals for Seniors—Dine in or Curbside Pickup.** Meals available to those age 60 and older and their spouses. Call to reserve a meal. \$3.50 suggested donation. Noon to 1 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W.

Spring St. 906-228-0456.

• **Gelli Printing with Cindy Dupee.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. Pre-registration is required. 1 p.m. Lower Level Studio 1, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register, call 906-225-8655.

• **Night Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 5 to 8 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

• **Marquette County Quilters Association Meeting.** All skill levels are invited for socialization, program events and show and tell. Yearly membership fee, \$20. 6 p.m. Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. marquettequilters.org.

Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Knitting Group.** Crocheters, knitters and others interested in fiber arts are welcome to bring their projects and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided and lessons are available. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG).** Intended for middle school students and their homeschool peers ages 10 to 14. Snacks will be provided. 3 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee Farmers Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh local produce as well as goods from crafters and artisans. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Chiri Park, 399 Iron St. cityofnegaunee.com/farmers-market.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Writing Workshop.** Aspiring writers ages 13 years and older are invited to learn about the craft of story writing from Leo Siren, who has more than 20 years of writing experience. Participants can work on current projects, find inspiration and critique each other's works in a friendly environment. 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee City Band Concert.** Seating is limited; bring a chair. 7:30 p.m. Negaunee Outdoor Performing Arts Center, east end of Iron Street.

02 THURSDAY

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Calumet

• **Preschool Story Time.** 10:15 a.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

• **Knitting and Needlework Group.** Participants can bring their portable handwork project and enjoy an informal social time. Open to everyone. 1 p.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

Copper Harbor

• **Performance in the Park.** Featuring live music from Jan Arnold. 7 to 9 p.m. Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, 240 Gratiot St. 906-289-4020 or performances.in.the.park@gmail.com.

Escanaba

• **Live on the Lawn at Lunch.** Featuring music from Gemini Moon. Food trucks will be on site. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Gwinn

• **Modeltown Market and Community Concert Series.** Shop for items from local farmers and artisans. Anna p.s. will perform. 3 to 6 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. modeltownmarket@gmail.com.

Iron Mountain

• **Out to Lunch Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Mark Young and the Happy Enchiladas. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. First National Bank and Trust Downtown Stage. downtown-ironmountain.com/out-to-lunch.

Ishpeming

• **Feeding America Food Truck.** This

will be a drive-through event. 8:30 to 10 a.m. NORTHIRON Church, 910 Palms Ave.

• **Book Club.** The group will discuss "A Good Animal" by Sara Mauer. Open to ages 60 and older. 11 a.m. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Seniors Eat Well Congregate Meal Program.** A nutritious meal is prepared for seniors 60 and older. Reservations are required. Suggested donation, \$7. Noon. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Middle School Garden Club.** Marquette County youth ages 10 to 14 are welcome to join Partridge Creek Farm's Education Coordinator to learn how to maintain a garden and grow food. 2:45 to 4 p.m. Ishpeming Middle School Garden, 402 Cleveland Ave. partridgecreekfarm.org/events.

• **Art Class with Courtney Johnson.** Local artist Courtney Johnson will lead this class. 4 p.m. Ishpeming Carengie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Farmer's Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, items from local artisans and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Main Street and Cleveland Avenue. ishpemingfarmersmarket.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Luke Samms. Bring a chair. 7 p.m. Old Ish Park (rain location: Lake Bancroft Pavilion).

L'Anse

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- Saturday, the 11th: Charlie Reager. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, the 18th: Tom Edber's Sundown. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Friday, the 24th: A Place to Land. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, the 25th: The Lark Brothers. 6 to 9 p.m.
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- Sunday, July 5: Vinyl Tap. 4 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, the 12th: Groove Candy. 4 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, the 19th: The DayDreamers. 4 to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, the 26th: Almost Elvis. 4 to 8 p.m.

215 S. Co. Rd. 557. 906-346-9815 or theupnorthlodge.com.

Ishpeming

• Shelly's Rainbow Bar.

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- Saturday, the 4th: Mixedtape Mockingbird. Noon to 3 p.m.
- Sunday, the 5th: Hudson Granite. 120 E. Canda St. 906-486-8998.

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- Thursday, July 2: The DayDreamers. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Thursday, the 9th: Iron Golem Games. 6 to 10 p.m.
- Friday, the 10th: Jim and Ray. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, the 11th: Luke Samms. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, the 12th: Open Mic Night. 7 to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, the 15th: California Dan. 7 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, the 16th: Music on Third with Flat Broke Blues Band. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday, the 17th: Outlaw'd. 6:30 to

9:30 p.m.

- Saturday, the 18th: Jakey Thomas. 7 to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, the 22nd: Brian Ralieg. 7 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, the 23rd: Iron Golem Games. 6 to 10 p.m.
- Friday, the 24th: The Make-Believe Spurs. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, the 25th: The Knockabouts. 6 to 9 p.m.
- Sunday, the 26th: Open Mic Night. 7 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesdays: Trivia. 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

1034 N. Third St. 906-273-2727.

• Ojibwa Casino.

- Friday, July 10: Talent Quest Karaoke Competition. 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Saturday, the 11th: Diversion. 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Saturday, the 18th: Almost Elvis. 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Friday, the 24th: Talent Quest Karaoke Competition (final round). 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Saturday, the 25th: Marshall Star Band. 8 p.m. to midnight.

105 Acre Trail. 906-249-4200 or ojibwacasino.com.

• Ore Dock Brewing Company.

- Thursday, July 9: Hiawatha Pre-Fest Concert. 6 to 8 p.m.
- Friday, July 10: The Driftless Revelers 8 p.m.

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114 W. Spring St. 906-228-8888 or ore-dockbrewing.com.

• Superior Culture.

- Tuesdays: Open Mic night. 8 to 10 p.m.

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Negaunee

• Strega Nona.

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432 Iron St. 906-236-2891 or strega.fun.

Pelkie

• Church in the Valley Bar.

- Sunday, July 5: Alston City Limits. 4 p.m.
- Thursday, the 9th: Rob and Sara. 7 p.m.
- Saturday, the 11th: Groove Candy. 8 p.m.
- Sunday, the 19th: Cathy Bolton with Kay Lehto and Joel Tepsa. 4 p.m.
- Sunday, the 26th: Wild Honey Collective. 5 p.m.

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Republic

• Pine Grove Bar.

- Friday, July 3: Troy Graham. 8 p.m.
- Sunday, the 5th: Luke Samms. 3 p.m.
- Friday, the 10th: California Dan Lynn. 8 p.m.
- Saturday, the 11th: Diversion. 9 p.m.
- Sunday, the 19th: Old No. 7 Band. 4 p.m.
- Friday, the 24th: Boots and Sandals. 7 p.m.
- Saturday, the 25th: Toni Saari. 3 p.m.
- Friday, the 31st: Doug Pennala. 8 p.m.

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• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. Longyear Avenue Playground, 1901 Longyear Ave. (rain location: Lake Superior Village Family and Youth Center). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **Freedom Festival.** Featuring a variety of ethnic foods and local favorites, live music and family activities. Sponsored by the Marquette County Exchange Club. 4 to 10:30 p.m. Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquettefourth.com.

• **Alex Gubbins Book Launch.** Poet Alex Gubbins will read from his recently published collection, "Decoding the Hill of Dead Kings," from Wayne State University's Made in Michigan Series. 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **da Upper Yoopers' Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal.** New members are welcome to join the group and prepare for upcoming performances. 6:30 p.m. Marquette Hope's Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave. 906-361-8308 or upperyoopers@gmail.com.

• **Northwoods Music Collaborative Lullaby Concert Fundraiser.** The collaborative pairs mothers and caregivers from Marquette Women's Center with musicians to compose lullabies for their children. Donations appreciated. 6 p.m. Ore Dock Brewing Company, 114 W. Spring St. mqtcompass.com.

• **Independence Day Sensory-Friendly Laser Show.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park. travel-marquette.com.

Norway

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring The Grand Design Band. 7 p.m. CDT. City of Norway Bandshell Park. facebook.com/NorwayMusicInThePark.

03 FRIDAY

sunrise 6:02 a.m.; sunset 9:46 p.m.

Gwinn

• **Summer Story Time in the Park.** Stories, crafts and snacks will be provided. 10:30 a.m. Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. (rain location: Forsyth Township Library). 906-346-3433 or

forsythtwplibrary.org.

Marquette

• **Freedom Festival.** Featuring a variety of ethnic foods and local favorites, live music and family activities. Sponsored by the Marquette County Exchange Club. Noon to 10:30 p.m. Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquettefourth.com.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **Marquette City Band Freedom 250 Concert.** 6:30 p.m. Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquettecity-band.com.

• **Independence Day Sensory-Friendly Laser Show.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park. travel-marquette.com.

• **Independence Day Fireworks.** Dusk. Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquettefourth.com.

Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 2 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

04 SATURDAY

sunrise 6:02 a.m.; sunset 9:46 p.m.

Independence Day

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

Copper Harbor

• **Independence Day Celebration.** Titled "No Booms, Great Tunes," the celebration will include a parade, kids' games, food trucks and live music from Scotty Perkins and the Greenstone Runners. Parade, 10 a.m.; games, 1 p.m.; music, 7 to 10 p.m. Donny Kilpela Memorial Park. copperharbor.org.

Escanaba

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 9 a.m. to noon. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

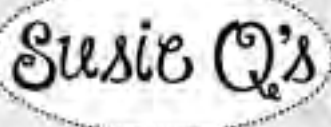
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• **Independence Day Celebration.** Events include the Firecracker 5K/1 Mile Walk and Daryl Champion Kids Parade. The community picnic will include food vendors, kids' games and live music with fireworks to follow at dusk. *Al Quaal Recreation Area. ish-peming4th.com.*

• **Open Fiber Circle.** Fiber artists can drop in anytime with their current project. All crafts are welcome and newcomers are encouraged. 1 to 2:30 p.m. *Snow Day Fibers, 200 E. Division St. snowdayfibers@gmail.com.*

Marquette

• **Farmers Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.*

• **Freedom Festival.** Featuring a variety of ethnic foods and local favorites, live music and family activities. Sponsored by the Marquette County Exchange Club. Noon to 10:30 p.m. *Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquettefourth.com.*

• **Independence Day Parade.** 2 p.m. Starts at the corner of McClellan Avenue and West Washington Street. *marquettefourth.com.*

• **Independence Day Sensory-Friendly Laser Show.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. *Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park.*

travelmarquette.com.

Michigamme

• **Independence Day Celebration.** The parade begins at 11 a.m., followed by food and games. *Downtown.*

05 SUNDAY

sunrise 6:03 a.m.; sunset 9:45 p.m.

Marquette

• **Author Signing.** Author Suzanne Jacobs Lipshaw will sign copies of her book "Decoding the Moon." 1 to 2 p.m. *Snowbound Books, 118 N. 3rd St. snowboundbooks.com.*

• **Poetry, Prose and Potluck in the Park.** Hosted by the Intersectional Co/Lab Collective and the Queer Sangha of Marquette. Bring something to share: food, poetry or prose, or yourself. All are welcome. 1 to 3 p.m. *Under the three trees at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-250-8626.*

06 MONDAY

sunrise 6:04 a.m.; sunset 9:45 p.m.

Calumet

• **Musical Mondays.** The Copper Country Community Band will perform. Donations support the raise the roof project. 7 p.m. *Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. 25725*

Scott St. 906-337-2410 or keweenawheritagecenter.org.

Escanaba

• **Music Mondays.** Featuring Stonewall. 7 to 9 p.m. *Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park.*

Marquette

• **LEGO Week!** Youth of all ages can drop in to build with the library's LEGO bricks. Noon to 4 p.m. *Great Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 6 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **Craft Magic Series: Punch Needle Magic with Lydia Taylor.** Participants will learn basic punch needle skills and leave with their own handmade punch needle project. Starter kits will be provided. 6:30 p.m. *Shiras Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register, 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.*

Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.*

• **Old Town Nature Walk.** The Negaunee Public Library invites children of all ages and their families to participate in a nature walk in Old Town. The walk will be about half an hour and strollers are welcome. 1 p.m. *Meet at the Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Superiorland Pet Partners.** Youth of all ages can read to friendly, trained therapy dogs who are great listeners. 6 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

07 TUESDAY

sunrise 6:04 a.m.; sunset 9:45 p.m.

Escanaba

• **Tech Tuesday.** Appointments or walk-ins are welcome. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.*

Gwinn

• **Unearth a Story: Kids Adventure Club.** Students in third through sixth grades will work together and use clues to open breakout boxes. 10:30 a.m. *Community Room, Forsyth Township Library, 180 W. Flint St. 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.*



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• **Calumet Art Center.** Works by local and regional artists. *Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.* 57055 Fifth St. 906-934-2228. calumetart-center.com.

• **Copper Country Associated Artist.** Works by members and workshop participants in watercolor and oil, drawings, photography, sculpture, quilting, wood, textile, clay, glass and other media. *Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.* 205 Fifth St. 906-337-1252 or ccaartists.org.

• **Gallery on 5th.** Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Days and hours vary.* 906-299-0118 or gallery-on5th.com.

• **My Story Gallery at Keweenaw Storytelling Center.** The gallery shares stories of ordinary residents through multimedia exhibits. *Contact for updated hours.* 215 Fifth St. 906-934-2346 or realpeoplemedia.org.

Curtis

• **Erickson Center for the Arts-Waterfront Gallery.**

- "Extraordinary Women of the U.P.," featuring the stories of women who made an impact in the arts, education, politics, medicine, activism, public service and more, will be on display through the 31st.

- "Visions between the Lakes," featuring work by Sherri Loonsfoot-Aldred and Aiyana Aldred, a mother-daughter Anishinaabe artistic team based in Marquette and enrolled members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, will be on display through Oct. 31.

- "Places of Echos," which combines nature photography from the U.P. and an original orchestral score by Adam King, will be on display through Oct. 31. *Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.* N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.

Copper Harbor

• **EarthWorks Gallery.** Featuring Lake Superior-inspired photography by Steve Brimm. *Daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.* 216 First St. 906-231-6318.

Escanaba

• **Besse Gallery.** Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Days and hours vary.* Bay College, 2001 N. Lincoln Rd. baycollege.edu.

• **East Ludington Gallery.** Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.* 1000 Ludington St. 906-786-0300 or eastludingtongallery.com.

• **Hartwig Gallery.** Featuring works by local, regional and national artists. *Days and hours vary.* Bay College,



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2001 N. Lincoln Rd. baycollege.edu.

• **William Bonifas Fine Arts Gallery.** - The annual Bonifas Membership Show, featuring work from members at every level of ability, is on display through Aug. 6 in the Powers Gallery. *Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.* 700 First Avenue South. 906-786-3833 or bonifasarts.org.

Garden

• **Village Artisans/Garden Gallery.** The Gallery has approximately 50 consignors each year featuring paintings, photography, quilting, stained glass, woodwork, pottery, jewelry and more. *Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.* 6367 State St. 906-644-2025 or villageartisansofgarden.org.

Hancock

• **Finlandia Art Gallery.**

- The annual Folk School at Midsummer Exhibition will be on display through the 23rd. *Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.* Located in the Finnish American Heritage Center, 435 Quincy St. 906-487-7549 or gallery@finlandiafoundation.org.

• **Kerredge Gallery.**

- Buellwood Weavers and Fiber Artists Guild Invitational Exhibition will be on display through July 3. *Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.* Copper Country Community Arts

Center, 126 Quincy St. 906-482-2333 or coppercountryarts.com.

• **Youth Gallery.**

- Crossing Superior: Painting Memories, featuring works by Isle Royale Teen Artists in Residence, Elsa Carter and Virginia Szok, will be on display through July 31.

Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community Arts Center, 126 Quincy St. 906-482-2333 or coppercountryarts.com.

• **Lynn Mazzoleni Studio and Gallery.** This is the working studio and retail gallery space of acrylic and oil painter Lynn Mazzoleni, showcasing her original artwork as well as home décor pieces and unique goods. *Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.* 116 Quincy St. lynnmazzoleni.com.

Houghton

• **The Rozsa Galleries.** Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1 to 8 p.m.* Rozsa Center, 1400 Townsend Dr. mtu.edu/rozsa.

Ishpeming

• **Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center.**

- "A Caregiver's Butterfly Garden," produced by IMPART Alliance, which transforms personal stories of caregiving into an installation of handcrafted butterflies that represent

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gratitude, reflection and recognition, will be on display through January 2027. *Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 121 Greenwood St. mobile. gicoaseniors.org.*

Manistique

• Lake Effect Community Arts Center.

- "Into the Woods..." featuring paintings by Eric Neilson and fiber work by Emily Tobin-Lavoy, will be on display July 2 through the 31st, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on the 10th. *Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 244 S. Cedar St. 906-286-4117 or lakeeffectarts.org.*

Marquette

• **Art—U.P. Style.** Art by Carol Papaleo, works by local artists, gifts, classes and more. *Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 130 W. Washington St. 906-225-1993.*

• Deo Gallery.

- "Inspirations from Nature, Two Visions," featuring work by Monica Zender and Marvin Zender, will be on display through the 31st. *Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-228-0472.*

• DeVos Art Museum.

- "North of the 45th," a juried exhibition featuring work from artists in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin living north of the 45th parallel, will be on display through Sept. 4. *Monday through Wednesday, and Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Corner of Seventh and Tracy streets. NMU. 906-227-1481 or nmu.edu/devos.*

• The Gallery Marquette.

Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inside the Masonic Building, 130 W. Washington St. thegallerymqt.com.*

• Huron Mountain Club Gallery.

- "80 Years of Fiber Arts in Marquette," featuring work from members of the Yarnwinders Fiber Guild, will be on display through the 31st. *Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-228-0472.*

• Lake Superior Photo and Gallery.

The studio features landscape photographic art by Shawn Malone, including naturescapes of the Lake Superior region. *Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

211 S. Front St. 906-228-3686 or lakesuperiorphoto.com.

• **Niik Creative Co.** Handcrafted and local artisan goods. *Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 2905 Island Beach Rd.*

• **Presque Isle Station.** This working pottery studio features pottery by Michael Horton and Terry Gilfooy, along with works by local artists. *Days and times vary. 2901 Lakeshore Blvd. 906-225-1695.*

• **Second Story Studio.** Featuring wildlife photography by Kurt Babcock and textured acrylic paintings by Taryn Okesson. *Thursday through Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m., and by appointment. Inside the Wattsson and Wattsson Marketplace, 118 B W. Washington St. tarynokesson.com/second-story-studio.*

• **Wintergreen Hill Gallery.** Paintings, prints, photographs and cards by featured artist Todd Carter will be on display through the 31st with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on the 21st. Wintergreen Hill Gallery strives to create an immersive art experience for visitors who are looking to buy or just looking for inspiration. Local art by local artists. *Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 810 N. Third St. 906-273-1374 or wintergreenhill.com.*

• **Zero Degrees Gallery.** Watercolor and plein aire paintings by guest artist Scott Dupras will be on display through the 31st with a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. on the 11th. *Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 525 N. Third St. 906-228-3058 or zerodegreesgallery.org.*

Munising

• **UP-Scale Art.** Featuring works by local and regional artists. *Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. 109 W. Superior Ave. 906-387-3300 or upscaleart.org.*

Rapid River

• **Ritch Branstrom's adhocWORKshop.** Specializing in award-winning found object sculpture. *By appointment or chance. 10495 S. Main St. 906-399-1572 or adhocworkshop.com.*

Sand River

• **Aurelia Studio Pottery.** Featuring high fire stoneware, along with functional and sculptural pieces inspired by nature, created by potter and owner Paula Neville. *Open by appointment or chance. 3050 E. M-28. 906-343-6592.*

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Big Bay

• **Big Bay Lighthouse.** Big Bay Lighthouse is an active aid to navigation monitored by the U.S. Coast Guard. The tour features the keepers' house and lantern area, including a viewing of the third order Fresnel lens. *\$10. Guided tours offered by appointment. 3 Lighthouse Rd. bigbaypointlighthouse@gmail.com or bigbaylighthouse.com.*

Calumet

• **Coppertown USA Mining Museum.** View exhibits relative to the copper mining industry and community life. The museum is a Keweenaw National Historical Park Heritage Site. *Children five and younger, free; children ages six to 15, \$2; adults, \$4. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 25815 Red Jacket Rd. 906-337-4354 or uppermichigan.com/coppertown.*

• **International Frisbee/USA Guts Hall of Fame and Museum.** Learn about the history of Guts Frisbee. *Days and hours vary. Open when events are held. Second floor ballroom, Calumet Colosseum, 110 Red Jacket Rd. 906-281-7625.*

Caspian

• **Iron County Historical Museum.** The Iron County Museum is one of the largest outdoor museum complexes in the U.P. and is the designated "Log Cabin Capital of Michigan" with more historic log structures than any place in the state. Exhibits include the Carrie Jacobs-Bond House, Stager Depot, St. Mary's Church, Toti's Tavern, Pioneer School House, Giovanelli Studio and Gallery and Lee LeBlanc Memorial Art Gallery. *Children five and younger, free; students, \$10; adults, \$15. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 100 Brady Ave. 906-265-2617 or*

ironcountymuseum.org.

Copper Harbor

• **Fort Wilkins and Copper Harbor Lighthouses.** Built in 1844, this fort is a well-preserved 19th-century military post and lighthouse complex. Through museum exhibits, audio-visual programs and costumed interpretation, visitors can explore the daily routine of military service, experience the hardships of frontier isolation and discover another era. Park store, bookstore, concession stand and campsites are on site. *Michigan Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry. Dawn to dusk. U.S. Hwy. 41 (one mile east of Copper Harbor). 906-289-4215 or michigan.gov/mhc/museums/fwchl.*

Covington

• **Covington Historical Museum.** Located in the historic 1905 Township Hall, a Michigan Historic Site, the museum houses exhibits, photographs and artifacts focusing on the life of early Finnish residents of Covington Township. The museum contains the township's only jail cell. The Genealogy Room has family history files and early township records. *Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m. Center Street (1 block west of U.S. 141). covingtonmichigan.org/covington-historical-society.*

Eagle Harbor

• **Eagle Harbor Life Saving Museum.** View displays of early wooden rescue boats, surfboats, life-cars and more. *Daily, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. End of Marina Road. kweenawhistory.org.*

• **Eagle Harbor Light Station Museums.** The original lighthouse was built in 1851, which was replaced by the present red brick structure in 1871. The U.S. Coast Guard continues to operate the light at the top of the tower as an active navigational aid. *Children 16 and younger and KCHS members, free; adults, \$8. Daily, noon to 5 p.m. 670 Lighthouse Rd. kweenawhistory.org.*

• **The Rathbone School/Knights of Pythias Museum.** This restored one-room school served the community from 1853 to 1872, and is where Justus H. Rathbone, who began teaching in 1860, conceived the idea for the ritual of the Knights of Pythias, a secret fraternal society. This interdenominational organization continues to conduct charitable work across North America and the school has long been an object of pilgrimage by society members. *Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 277 Center St. kweenawhistory.org.*

Eagle River

• **Eagle River Museum.** The museum focuses on four themes: the Cliff Mine, the town of Eagle River, the town and mine of Phoenix, and the Crestview amusement area. *Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. M-26. kweenawhistory.org.*

Escanaba

• **U.P. Steam and Gas Engine Association Agricultural Museum.** The museum preserves vintage steam and gasoline-powered machinery. *Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. U.P. State Fairgrounds (behind the Delta County Chamber of Commerce), U.S. Hwys. 2 and 41. upsteamandgasengine.org.*

• **Upper Peninsula Military Museum and Honor Flight Legacy Museum.** The museum honors Upper Peninsula veterans, and features exhibits and dioramas portraying the Upper Peninsula's contribution to U.S. war efforts from the Civil War through the Afghanistan wars. Learn the history of the honor flight trips. *Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inside the Delta County Chamber of Commerce, 1001 N. Lincoln Rd.*

• **Webster Marble Inventing the Outdoors Museum.** Webster Marble came to the U.P. in the late 1880s to be a timber cruiser and surveyor, but later became an inventor. He held 60 patents and invented a long list of gear for camping, hiking, hunting and fishing, including a safety ax with an attached blade guard that folded into the handle. *Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inside the Delta County Chamber of Commerce, 1001 N. Lincoln Road. 906-786-2192 or deltami.org/webster-marble-inventing-the-outdoors-museum.*

Garden

• **Fayette Historic State Park.** This site was once one of the Upper Peninsula's most productive iron-smelting operations. A town of nearly 500 residents grew up around two blast furnaces, a large dock and several charcoal kilns. It now includes a visitor center, museum exhibits, a 26-station walking tour and a scale model of the original townsite. *Michigan Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry. 9 a.m. to dusk. 14785 II Road. 906-644-2603 or michigan.gov/mhc/museums/fayette.*

Grand Marais

• **Lightkeeper's House Museum.** Step back in time to the early 1900s and discover the life of the early lightkeepers. Operated by the Grand Marais Historical Society. *Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. On Coast Guard Point next to the inner range light. grandmaraismichigan.com/*

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• **Old Post Office Museum.** The history of Grand Marais is on display, from the earliest peoples to the present day. A memorial rose garden is at the rear of the museum overlooking the water. Operated by the Grand Marais Historical Society. *Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Lake Avenue. grandmaraismichigan.com/historicalociety.*

• **Pickle Barrel House Museum.** This 16-foot-high barrel has been restored to its condition as a cottage, built for author and illustrator William Donahey, who created the Teenie Weenie characters. Operated by the Grand Marais Historical Society. *Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Northeast corner of Lake and Randolph streets. grandmaraismichigan.com/historicalociety.*

Greenland

• **Adventure Mining Company.** The mine opened in 1850 and remains one of the best-preserved sites of its time. Although the mine closed in 1920, many of the shafts are still open for touring. Tours range from surface walking tours to underground rappelling down a mineshaft. *Prices vary. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 200 Adventure Ave. 906-883-3371 or adventureminetours.com.*

Hancock

• **Quincy Mine Tours.** Guided tours take guests on a two-hour walking tour featuring the World's Largest Steam Hoist and historic mine workings more than 300 feet underground. Walking is on level ground in a 43-degree damp atmosphere; mobility assistance may be available upon advanced request. Options for a "hoist only" tour and self-guided tour of the surface structures are also available. *Prices vary. 49750 U.S. Hwy. 41. quincymine.com.*

Houghton

• **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum.** View the largest collection of minerals from the Great Lakes region and the world's finest collection of Michigan minerals, including, Yooperlites, sodalite-bearing syenites that possess fluorescent properties. *Prices vary. Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1404 E. Sharon Ave. museum.mtu.edu or 906-487-2572.*

• **Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw.** The museum features changing exhibits and programs about the region's natural and cultural history. *Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. 105 Huron St. 906-482-7140 or carnegiekeweenaw.org.*

• **MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections.** Features a variety of historical memorabilia, highlighting life in the Copper Country. *Open by appointment. Lower level of the J.R. Van Pelt Library, MTU. 906-487-3209.*

Iron Mountain

• **Cornish Pumping Engine and Mining Museum.** The 725-ton Cornish Pumping Engine, the largest steam-driven pumping engine ever built in the United States, is famous for dewatering Iron Mountain's Chapin Mine, one of the wettest mines ever worked and the largest producer of iron ore on the Menominee Iron Range. The museum also displays underground mining equipment. *Children five and younger, free; students, \$5; seniors and veterans, \$7; adults, \$8. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT. 300 Kent St. 906-774-1086 or menomineemuseum.com.*

• **Imagination Factory Children's Museum.** The museum features thoughtfully designed play areas that spark curiosity and ignite the love of learning. *Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Imagination Factory Community Center, 301 W. Hughitt St. imaginationfactory.us.*

• **World War II Glider and Military Museum.** During World War II, the Ford Motor Company's Kingsford plant built the CG-4A gliders for the U.S. Army. View one of seven fully restored CG-4A World War II gliders, military uniforms from the Civil War through the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, memorabilia, restored military vehicles and more. *Prices vary. Children five and younger, free; students, \$5; seniors and veterans, \$7; adults, \$8. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT. 302 Kent St. 906-774-1086 or menomineemuseum.com.*

Ishpeming

• **Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum.** View local historical artifacts of miners and mines, past and present, safety equipment, blasting and diamond drilling equipment and more. Guided tours of the tunnels are available. *Prices vary. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (guided tours available). 501 W. Euclid St. 906-485-1882 or cliffshaftminemuseum.com.*

• **Ishpeming Area Historical Society Museum.** The museum focuses on everyday life, people, businesses and past times that showcase Ishpeming's citizens, including John Voelker, Kelly Johnson and Glenn Seaborg, as well as memorabilia from the filming

of "Anatomy of a Murder." *Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. Gossard Building, 308 Cleveland Ave., Suite 305. ishpeminghistory.org.*

• **U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Museum.** The museum features more than 300 Hall of Fame inductees, presented in photographs and biographies, and displays and exhibits of skiing history and equipment, an extensive library, video show, gift shop, special events and more. *Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. US-41 and Third Street. 906-485-6323 or skihall.com.*

K.I. Sawyer

• **K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum.** The museum promotes and preserves the aviation history the air base brought to the area. Air Force-related materials are on display, including photographs, flags, medals and more. *Wednesday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment. 402 Third St. 906-236-3502 or kisawyerheritageairmuseum.org.*

Lake Linden

• **Houghton County Historical Museum.** Exhibits include local Copper Country mining, logging and cultural history. Outdoor exhibits include a working Calumet & Hecla Mining Company train. *Admission by donation. Daily, noon to 4 p.m. 53102 M-26. 906-296-4121 or houghtonhistory.org.*

Marquette

• **Baraga Educational Center and Museum.** View artifacts and tools used by Venerable Bishop Baraga. *Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. 615 S. Fourth St. 906-227-9117.*

• **Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center.** - "Munising in Black and White: The Photographs of Mary Jayne Hallifax," featuring candid images of Munising, the hometown of photographer Mary Jayne Hallifax, will be on display July 9 through Oct. 3. The museum promotes and preserves the history and culture of the U.P. and collects and preserves artifacts related to the history of NMU. *Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. 223 Harden Hall, NMU. 906-227-1219 or nmu.edu/beaumier.*

• **Marquette Maritime Museum.** Exhibits on shipwrecks in Marquette and Lake Superior, early life-saving and U.S. Coast Guard, the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald and the Henry B. Smith, and more. Guided tours of the Marquette Lighthouse are available. *Prices vary. Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 300 N. Lakeshore Blvd. 906-226-2006 or*

mqtmaritimemuseum.com.

• **Marquette Regional History Center.**

- "The U.P. through 250 Artifacts," featuring 250 artifacts, photographs and documents from the museum's permanent collections, connecting local history to the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, which is on display through Jan. 2, 2027. The museum also includes interactive displays as well as regional history exhibits. *Youth 12 and under, \$3; students, \$4; seniors and military, \$8; adults, \$10. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org.*

• **Upper Peninsula Children's Museum.** A variety of interactive exhibits offer learning through investigation and creativity. *Prices vary. Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 123 W. Baraga Ave. 906-226-3911 or upchildrensmuseum.org.*

Menominee

• **West Shore Fishing Museum.** Visitors can tour a restored early 20th-century home and gardens. View exhibits of fishing equipment and practices of pioneer fishing families and Native Americans on the west shore of Green Bay waters at this stop on the Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Trail. The beach area includes a display of boats used in the commercial fishing industry and a memorial monument. The Welcome Center features a new timeline in photos from the 1890s to present. *Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. M-35, 15 miles north of Menominee or 8 miles south of Cedar River. Turn at Bailey Park entrance. 715-923-9756.*

Michigamme

• **Michigamme Historical Museum.** The museum has a collection of more than 125 years of history through artifacts, antiques and memorabilia, including the "Anatomy of a Murder" display. The museum also has an exhibit devoted to the Ford story and a 1900 steamer on display. Guided tours or special showings by appointment. *Daily, noon to 5 p.m. 110 W. Main St. 906-323-9016 or 906-323-6608, or michigammetownship.com/michigamme-museum.*

Mohawk

• **The Delaware Mine.** Take a self-guided tour, seeing veins of copper exposed in the walls of the mine, as well as indoor and outdoor train displays. *Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7804 Delaware Rd. 906-289-4688 or delawareminetours.com.*

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World War II Glider and Military Museum, Iron Mountain

Munising

• **Alger County Historical Society Heritage Center.** Exhibits include the Grand Island Recreation Area, Munising Woodenware Company, barn building, homemaking, sauna and more. *Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1496 Washington St. 906-387-4308.*

Negaunee

• **Michigan Iron Industry Museum.** In the forested ravines of the Marquette Iron Range, the museum overlooks the Carp River and the site of the first iron forge in the Lake Superior region. Museum exhibits, audio-visual programs and outdoor interpretive paths depict the large-scale capital and human investment that made Michigan an industrial leader. The museum is one of 10 museums and historic sites administered by the Michigan Historical Center. *Michigan Recreation Passport required for vehicle entry. Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 73 Forge Rd. michigan.gov/mhc/museums/miim.*

Painesdale

• **Painesdale Mine and Shaft Inc.** Tours of the ground level are free and visitors can see the hoist house, the captain's office and the ground levels of the shaft house. Guides can provide interpretive information. Private tours can be arranged online. *Fridays and Saturdays, tours begin at noon. 42634 Second St. 906-369-5358 or painesdalemineshaft.com.*

Phoenix

• **Central Mine Visitor's Center.** The museum offers interpretive exhibits on the Central Mine as well as the miners' families, homes, schools and churches. Several buildings still stand on the site, which was once home to more than 1,200 people. *Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7143 Central Rd. kweenawhistory.org.*
• **Phoenix Church.** Originally built in 1858 and located in the town of Cliff, the museum was dismantled and reassembled in its current location in 1899. The last mass was held in 1957. *Daily, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Junction of US-41 and M-26. kweenawhistory.org.*

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Ishpeming

• **Ukulele Lessons.** This beginner-friendly class is intended for anyone who has wanted to learn the ukulele or brush up on their skills. No musical experience necessary. Open to ages 60 and older. 10:30 a.m. *Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.*

• **Chalk the Walk.** In partnership with the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, all are welcome to decorate the center's sidewalks with colorful chalk. Cold treats and refreshments will be served. 11 a.m. *Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.*

Little Lake

• **Bingo.** A concession stand will be available. *Doors open, 5 p.m.; early bird games, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 349, 1835 E. M-35. 906-346-6000.*

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. *East Ohio Street (Williams) Park (rain location: Peter White Public Library). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **1-on-1 Tech Coaching for Seniors.** Learn how to make your electronic devices work with the help of retired teacher and librarian Christine Ault. Bring passwords and ensure the device is charged. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Local History Research Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register for a 30-minute session, call 906-226-4311.*

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled

adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **Oil Painting, Pastels and Drawing Classes with Marlene Wood.** Bring your own supplies. \$20. 1 p.m. *Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-225-8655.*

• **Asahi Nordic Class.** Asahi Nordic is a gentle Finnish mind-body health practice that combines slow, low-impact movements. No equipment required. Class will be cancelled if it rains. 4 p.m. *Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-226-8171.*

• **NMU Music Department's Summer Concert Series.** The program will be "Echoes of the Jazz Age: An Exploration of Early Jazz" featuring Mark Flaherty, Steve Riley, Steve Grugin, Christopher Schoelen, Gordon Erickson and Jim Strain. 5 p.m. *Reynolds Recital Hall, NMU. nmu.edu/music.*

• **Author James McCommons.** James McCommons will speak about his new book, "The Feather Wars: And the Great Crusade to Save America's Birds," which explores the political, social and environmental forces that shaped American bird-conservation and protection. 6:30 p.m. *Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.*

• **"Chicago."** With its jazz-age score and choreography, this musical dives headfirst into celebrity culture,

corruption and the wild world of sensationalized media. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Eliisa Gladwell. *Youth*, \$7.50; *seniors and students*, \$12; *adults*, \$15 (plus \$5 surcharge). 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu. lakesuperiortheatre.com.

Negaunee

• **Readers Dozen Book Club.** As part of the “Readers Dozen Reading Challenge,” the library will host an optional book club for all participants. Participants can enjoy refreshments, share what they’ve been reading, swap recommendations for the coming month and connect with fellow readers. 5 p.m. Reading Room, Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Adult Books-to-Movies Club Meeting.** This month’s selection will be “Jaws” by Peter Benchley. 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

08 WEDNESDAY

sunrise 6:05 a.m.; sunset 9:44 p.m.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring REWIND. 7:30 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumet-theatre.com.

Chassell

• **Farm and Craft Market.** 3 to 6 p.m. Centennial Park Pavilion. chassell-market.com.

Curtis

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring music by the Kate Hinote Trio. 6:30 p.m. Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.

Escanaba

• **Lunch on Ludington Music Series.** This week will feature Whiskey Ryan. A food truck will be on site. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets.

• **Escanaba Public Library Bookmobile.** 1 p.m. West Highland Apartments, 2701 First Ave. S. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 3 to 6 p.m. Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

Gwinn

• **Fossil Frenzy.** School-aged children can create their own fossils using plaster of Paris and clay. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park. 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Storytime at the Park.** Families can enjoy storytime and playtime at the park. 11 a.m. Tilden Township Park, 650 Co. Rd. PBD, National Mine. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **West End Farm Stand.** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Partridge Creek Community Farm, 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org.

• **Community Skill Share.** Attendees

can work with staff from Partridge Creek Farm to learn a new skill. 4:30 p.m. 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org/events.

• **Up in the U.P.: Stories and Songs about Mining Towns.** Singer and storyteller Bill Jamerson will present songs and stories about life in Ishpeming and Negaunee. 5:30 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Most Laid-Back Bookclub Ever.** Intended for people who want to join a bookclub for the conversation, but not the assigned group reading. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bats Amore Used Books, 200 E. Division St. batsamore906.com.

Little Lake

• **Gwinn Quilters.** Members learn new skills and techniques, work on individual and group projects, and create items to donate to community organizations. A business meeting takes place at noon followed by show and tell. Bring a bag lunch. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Little Lake Chapel, 1761 M-35. 906-346-6344.

Marquette

• **Congregate Meals for Seniors—Dine in or Curbside Pickup.** Meals available to those age 60 and older and their spouses. Call to reserve a meal. \$3.50 suggested donation. Noon to 1 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. 906-228-0456.

• **LEGO Week!** Youth of all ages can drop in to build with the library’s LEGO bricks. 2 to 6 p.m. Great Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Night Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 5 to 8 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S.

Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

• **Community Knit/Crochet Club.** 5:30 p.m. Alley Kat’s Quilt Shop, 1010 W. Washington St. 906-315-0050.

• **250th Anniversary Reading of the Declaration of Independence.** Hosted by the Onagominkway Chapter of NSDAR, the Lac Vieux Desert Trail Society of NSCAR and the Straits Chapter of NSSAR. 6 p.m. Harlow Park.

• **Nationwide Reading of the Declaration of Independence.** 6 p.m. Marquette County Courthouse steps, 234 W. Baraga Ave. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org.

• **Public Candidate Forum.** The League of Women Voters of Marquette County will moderate a public forum for candidates running in the Aug. 4 Primary Election for the Marquette County Commission: District 1, Cody Mayer and Karl Numinen; and District 3, Fred Benzie, Randy Ritari and Jenna Smith. 6 p.m. Marquette Charter Township Community Center, 1000 Commerce Dr. Questions for the candidates can be emailed by July 6 to lwvmqtco@gmail.com.

• **Concert on the Steps.** This week’s guest will be Finding Feathers (formerly Seth Brown Duo). Bring a chair or blanket. 6:30 p.m. Front Street steps, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. (rain location: Community Room). pwpl.info.

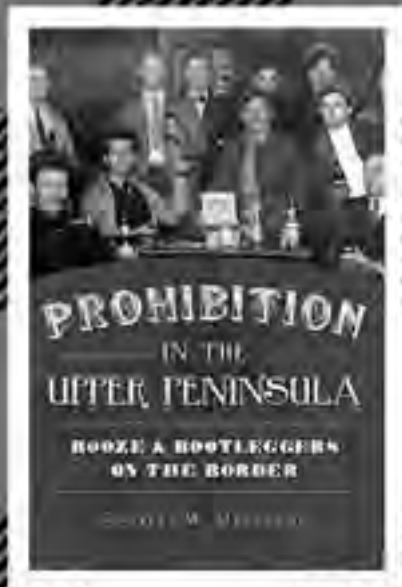
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Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Knitting Group.** Crocheters, knitters and others interested in fiber arts are welcome to bring their projects and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided and lessons are available. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG).** Intended for middle school students and their homeschool peers ages 10 to 14. Snacks will be provided. 3 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee Farmers Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh local produce as well as goods from crafters and artisans. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Chiri Park, 399 Iron St. cityofnegaunee.com/farmers-market.

• **Regional Authors Book Signings.** As part of Pioneer Days, a book-signing session will take place for several regional authors, including Negaunee native Adam Dompierre (mystery), Larry Buege (nonfiction and children's books), Kyann and Shire Clarke (children's nonfiction), Richard P. Smith (hunting guides) and Charlie Weisman (humor). These authors will have their books for sale. 4 to 6 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Writing Workshop.** Aspiring writers ages 13 years and older are invited to learn about the craft of story writing from Leo Siren, who has more than 20 years of writing experience. Participants can work on current projects, find inspiration and critique each other's works in a friendly environment. 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee City Band Concert.** Seating is limited; bring a chair. 7:30 p.m. Negaunee Outdoor Performing Arts Center, east end of Iron Street.

Trenary

• **250th Anniversary Reading of the Declaration of Independence.** Hosted by the Onagominkway Chapter of NSDAR. 6 p.m. Scott Park.

09 THURSDAY

sunrise 6:06 a.m.; sunset 9:44 p.m.

Calumet

• **Preschool Story Time.** 10:15 a.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

• **Knitting and Needlework Group.** Participants can bring their portable handwork project and enjoy an informal social time. Open to everyone. 1 p.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

• **Kids Movie Magic.** The film selection will be "Abominable." 7 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.

Copper Harbor

• **Performance in the Park.** Featuring live music from Kevin Blackstone. 7 to 9 p.m. Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, 240 Gratiot St. 906-289-4020 or performances.in.the.park@gmail.com.

Crystal Falls

• **U.P. Notable Books Club (Online).** This month's guest will be Helen Raica-Klotz, author of "Superior Stories." 7 p.m. EDT, 6 p.m. CDT. Via Zoom. 906-875-3344 or egathu@crystalfallslibrary.org. upnotable.com.

Escanaba

• **Fiber Arts a la Carte.** Intended for ages 16 and older. 5 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Gwinn

• **Modeltown Market and Community Concert Series.** Shop for items from local farmers and artisans. Blackberry Jam Band will perform. 3 to 6 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. modeltownmarket@gmail.com.

Iron Mountain

• **Out to Lunch Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Kind of Blues Band. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. First National Bank and Trust Downtown Stage. downtownironmountain.com/out-to-lunch.

Ishpeming

• **Seniors Eat Well Congregate Meal Program.** A nutritious meal is prepared for seniors 60 and older. Reservations are required. Suggested donation, \$7. Noon. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Middle School Garden Club.** Marquette County youth ages 10 to 14 are welcome to join Partridge Creek Farm's Education Coordinator to learn how to maintain a garden and grow food. 2:45 to 4 p.m. Ishpeming Middle School Garden, 402 Cleveland Ave. partridgecreekfarm.org/events.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club.** Youth in fourth through seventh grades can

enjoy a discussion and snacks. 4 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library*, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Farmer's Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, items from local artisans and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. *Main Street and Cleveland Avenue*. ishpemingfarmersmarket.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Vinyl Tap. Bring a chair. 7 p.m. *Old Ish Park* (rain location: *Lake Bancroft Pavilion*).

L'Anse

• **Lakefront Concert.** Featuring country music from Jack Joliff. 7 p.m. *Lakefront Park, Broad Street at the lake* (rain location: *L'Anse Area School Cafeteria*, 201 N. Fourth St.).

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. *Longyear Avenue Playground*, 1901 Longyear Ave. (rain location: *Lake Superior Village Family and Youth Center*). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library*, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center*, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **Second Thursday Creativity Series.** Preschool- and elementary-aged children can enjoy hands-on craft activities, a live musician and free Culver's frozen custard. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Upper Peninsula Children's Museum*, 123 W. Baraga Ave. 906-226-3911 or upchildrensmuseum.org.

• **Public Candidate Forum.** The League of Women Voters of Marquette County will moderate a forum for candidates running in the Aug. 4 Primary Election for the position of 96th District (Marquette County) Court Judge: Patrick Crowley, William Nordeen and Derek Swajanen. 6 p.m. *Marquette's City Commission Chambers*, 300 W. Baraga Ave. *Questions for the candidates can be emailed by July 6 to hvwmqtco@gmail.com.*

• **Marquette Poets Circle.** Local poets, writers and poetry enthusiasts can enjoy an evening of poetry. Starting at 6:30 p.m., participants gather to workshop their current work, followed by an open mic at 7:15 p.m. New and experienced poets are welcome for either or both events. 6:30 to 8 p.m. *Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library*, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **da Upper Yoopers' Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal.** New members are welcome to join the group and prepare for upcoming performances. 6:30 p.m. *Marquette Hope's Connection Center*, 927 W. Fair Ave. 906-361-8308 or upperyoopers@gmail.com.

• **American Fantasy: A Salute to the Land We Love.** The Marquette Symphony Orchestra will celebrate America's 250th birthday with patriotic and pan-American favorites from Herbert, Lecuona, Custer, Lara, Reed, Sousa and more. 7:30 p.m. *Peg Hirvonen Bandshell, Presque Isle Park*. marquettesymphony.org.

• **"Chicago."** With its jazz-age score and choreography, this musical dives headfirst into celebrity culture, corruption and the wild world of sensationalized media. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Eliisa Gladwell. *Youth*, \$7.50; *seniors and students*, \$12; *adults*, \$15 (plus \$5 surcharge). 7:30 p.m. *Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse*, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lakesuperiortheatre.com.

Negaunee

• **Annual Book Sale.** Hosted by the Friends of the Negaunee Public Library, all purchases will be by donation. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Negaunee Senior Citizens Center*, 410 Jackson St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Dinosaur Egg Activity.** This program is appropriate for children ages 5 and older. 1 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library*, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

Norway

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring Kind of Blues Band. 7 p.m. *CDT. City of Norway Bandshell Park*. facebook.com/NorwayMusicInThePark.

10 FRIDAY

sunrise 6:07 a.m.; sunset 9:43 p.m.

Gwinn

• **Summer Story Time in the Park.** Stories, crafts and snacks will be provided. 10:30 a.m. *Peter Nordeen Park*, 115 N. Pine St. (rain location: *Forsyth Township Library*). 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Friday Crafternoons.** Tweens and teens ages 10 and older can create pressed flower jars. Registration is required. 2 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library*, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

Marquette

• **LEGO Week!** Youth of all ages can drop in to build with the library's LEGO bricks. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Great*

Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **NCLL: Italian Cooking Made Fresh and Easy.** Culinary instructor Amanda Latvala will guide participants through a multi-course Mediterranean menu. *NCLL members*, \$5; *non-members*, \$10 plus a \$30 ingredients fee. 11 a.m. *Marquette Food Co-op*, 502 W. Washington St. To register by July 3, visit events.humanitix.com/ncll-italian-cuisine. 906-235-8532 or nmued/ncll.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center*, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **Blue Champagne Concert.** Marylou Pesola and Bob Buchkoe will perform a concert of swing, easy listening jazz and pop standards. Part of the Save Our Clubhouse series. 7 p.m. *Marquette Federated Women's Clubhouse*, 104 W. Ridge St.

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Negaunee

• **Read to a Service Dog.** Youth of all ages can read to service dog Blush. 11 a.m. *Negaunee Public Library*, 319 W. Case St. To make a reservation, call 906-475-7700, ext. 18.

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library*, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 2 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library*, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

11 SATURDAY

sunrise 6:08 a.m.; sunset 9:43 p.m.

Big Bay

• **Fire on the Bay.** This annual event includes an evening concert and fireworks displayed over Lake Superior. Concert, 7:30 p.m. *Fireworks, dusk. Burns Landing Historical Park, CR-KK*. powelltownship.org.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. *Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts*, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

Copper Harbor

• **Run the Keweenaw.** This annual festival of trail running is open to all ages and fitness levels, and offers a variety of events. Proceeds support Copper Country Ski Tigers, which supports youth and Nordic skiing for ages five to 18. 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. runthekeweenaw.org.

Escanaba

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 9 a.m. to noon. *Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets*. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

• **Ink Society Local Writers' Group.** Intended for ages 16 and older. 10:30 a.m. *Escanaba Public Library*, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

• **LEGO Club.** This month's theme will be "Red, White and Blue." 1 p.m. *Escanaba Public Library*, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Books and Badges Storytime.** Special guest Chief Radabaugh of the Ishpeming Police Department will read "If You Give a Pig a Pancake" by Laura Numeroff. 11 a.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library*, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Open Fiber Circle.** Fiber artists can drop in anytime with their current project. All crafts are welcome and newcomers are encouraged. 1 to 2:30 p.m. *Snow Day Fibers*, 200 E. Division St. snowdayfibers@gmail.com.

Marquette

• **Farmers Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Marquette Commons*, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

• **Power of Produce: Nutrient Scavenger Hunt.** Youth ages two to twelve years old are welcome to participate. Those who successfully complete the weekly activity receive a \$5 voucher to purchase fresh produce at the market. Power of Produce tent. *Marquette Commons*, 112 S. Third St. partridgecreekfarm.org.

• **Family Dino Run with Queen City Running.** Families with children of all ages can participate in this one-mile fun run. Presented in partnership with Queen City Running. 9:30 a.m. *South Beach Parking Lot*. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. *Lessons*, 10 a.m. *Games*, 11:30 a.m. *Marquette Senior Center*, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

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Negaunee

- **Pioneer Days Fun/Run and Walk.** \$15. 8:30 a.m. Starts at the Negaunee Ice Arena, 141 Rail St. negauneeiron-town.com.
- **Pioneer Days Parade.** 11:30 a.m. Begins on Iron Street. negauneeiron-town.com.
- **Pioneer Days Old Towne Festival.** Featuring live music, food trucks and a beer tent. 2 to 7 p.m. Old Towne Park, end of Iron Street. negauneeirontown.com.
- **Pioneer Days Fireworks.** Dusk. Teal Lake. negauneeirontown.com.

12 SUNDAY
sunrise 6:08 a.m.; sunset 9:42 p.m.

Copper Harbor

- **Run the Keweenaw's Carl Olson Memorial Adventure Run.** Proceeds support Copper Country Ski Tigers, which supports youth and Nordic skiing for ages five to 18. 8 a.m. Copper Harbor Trailhead Sign. run-thekeweenaw.org.

Marquette

- **Poetry, Prose and Potluck in the Park.** Hosted by the Intersectional Co/Lab Collective and the Queer Sangha of

Marquette. Bring something to share: food, poetry or prose, or yourself. All are welcome. 1 to 3 p.m. Under the three trees at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-250-8626.

13 MONDAY
sunrise 6:09 a.m.; sunset 9:41 p.m.

Calumet

- **Musical Mondays.** Gail English, Mike Irish and Scott Veenstra will perform. Donations support the raise the roof project. 7 p.m. Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. 25725 Scott St. 906-337-2410 or keweenawheritagecenter.org.

Escanaba

- **Music Mondays.** Featuring the Chet Marrier Orchestra Revival Band. 7 to 9 p.m. Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park.

Marquette

- **Unearth a Story: Book Fair No. 2.** Youth registered for Summer Reading, and who have been tracking their reading, can stop by to choose their next free book. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.
- **Senior Theatre Experience: Monthly Theatre Workshop and Discussion.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. 4 p.m. Room B, Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. To register, 906-225-8655.

Negaunee

- **Feeding America West Michigan**

Food Distribution. All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. *Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.*

• **Explore Cartography.** NMU Professor Robbie Goodrich will lead an exploration of cartography. Attendees ages eight and older can learn how to read a map and how mapmaking has changed over time. *5 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

14 TUESDAY

sunrise 6:10 a.m.; sunset 9:45 p.m.

Escanaba

• **Tech Tuesday.** Appointments or walk-ins are welcome. *11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.*

• **Strings on the Bay.** Amy I-Lin Cheng & Alexander Burrow will perform solo and four-hand piano works, celebrating storytelling, legacy, and new beginnings. *Students, \$7; adults, \$15. 7 p.m. Besse Theater, Bay College, 2001 N Lincoln Rd. deltami.org.*

Gwinn

• **Unearth a Story: Kids Adventure Club.** Students in third through sixth grades will create their own dinosaur gardens. *10:30 a.m. Community Room, Forsyth Township Library, 180 W. Flint St. 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.*

Ishpeming

• **Tot Dance Party.** Youth ages six and younger, with a caregiver, are invited. *11 a.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.*

Little Lake

• **Bingo.** A concession stand will be available. *Doors open, 5 p.m.; early bird games, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 349, 1835 E. M-35. 906-346-6000.*

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. *9:30 a.m. East Ohio Street (Williams) Park (rain location: Peter White Public Library). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **1-on-1 Tech Coaching for Seniors.** Learn how to make your electronic devices work with the help of retired teacher and librarian Christine Ault. Bring passwords and ensure the device is charged. *10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local History Research Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register for a 30-minute session, call 906-226-4311.*

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and who have been tracking their reading, can stop by to choose their next free book. *10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. *11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. *\$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **Oil Painting, Pastels and Drawing Classes with Marlene Wood.** Bring your own supplies. *\$20. 1 p.m. Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-225-8655.*

• **Lake Superior Knitters.** Learn how to knit, solve problems in reading patterns and expand your knitting skills. The group includes a variety of ages and levels of experiences. Bring a skein of lighter color yarn and a size 7, 24-inch wooden circular needle to make a hat or cowl. The Knitters also welcome other fiber artists—crochet, embroidery, felting—who have pieces that can fit in their lap or seat at a table. *1 to 2:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. beehive47@yahoo.com.*

• **Teen Tuesday: Cookie Decorating.** Youth entering sixth through 12th grades can decorate three different cookies and learn decorating techniques with Doozers Cookies. *1 or 2:30 p.m. (register for one session). Studio 2, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.*

• **NCLL: Fix Your Plate—Fix Your Health.** Dr. Ryan Brang, a certified culinary medicine specialist and local physician, will offer simple, sustainable and evidence-based strategies focused on whole foods and portion awareness. *NCLL members, \$5; non-members, \$10. 1:30 p.m. Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register, visit nmu.edu/ncll. 906-227-2979.*

• **Asahi Nordic Class.** Asahi Nordic is a gentle Finnish mind-body health practice that combines slow, low-impact movements. No equipment required. Class will be cancelled if it rains. *4 p.m. Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-226-8171.*

• **Senior Dance Class.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. *4 p.m. Baraga Gym, Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. To register, 906-225-8655.*

• **NMU Music Department's Summer Concert Series.** The program will be "Fiddle and Folk Tunes" featuring




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Negaunee

• **Egypt Presentation.** Young people ages eight and older can learn about Egypt and how to write in hieroglyphics. 5 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

15 WEDNESDAY

sunrise 6:11 a.m.; sunset 9:40 p.m.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.
 • **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Chad Borgen and The Collective. 7:30 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.

Chassell

• **Farm and Craft Market.** 3 to 6 p.m. Centennial Park Pavilion. chassell-market.com.

Curtis

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring music by Detroit-based Side Trak'd. 6:30 p.m. Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.

Eagle Harbor

• **“Wolf’s Mouth:” History, Suspense, Crime and a Love Story Set in a POW Camp in the U.P.** Author John Smolens will discuss his new book “Wolf’s Mouth,” which follows the story of an Italian prisoner of war held in a U.P. camp. Part of the Keweenaw County Historical Society’s Adventures in History series. \$5. 7 p.m. Eagle Harbor Community Building. keweenawhistory.org.

Escanaba

• **Lunch on Ludington Music Series.** This week will feature Cash O’Riley. A food truck will be on site. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets.
 • **History Hunters: An Interactive Journey through Michigan’s Ancient Past.** Intended for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration is required. 2 p.m. Escanaba Public

Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 3 to 6 p.m. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

Ishpeming

• **West End Farm Stand.** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Partridge Creek Community Farm, 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org.
 • **Community Skill Share.** Attendees can work with staff from Partridge Creek Farm to learn a new skill. 4:30 p.m. 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org/events.
 • **Illustrated History of the Soo Locks.** The presentation includes historical photos dating back to the 1860s to an update on the ninth lock currently being built. 5:30 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.

Marquette

• **Congregate Meals for Seniors—Dine in or Curbside Pickup.** Meals available to those age 60 and older and their spouses. Call to reserve a meal. \$3.50 suggested donation. Noon to 1 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. 906-228-0456.
 • **Gelli Printing with Cindy Dupee.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. Pre-registration is required. 1 p.m. Lower Level Studio 1, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register, call 906-225-8655.
 • **Game On!** Students entering sixth through 12th grades can drop in for board and video gaming. 2 to 4 p.m. Teen Zone, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.
 • **Night Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 5 to 8 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.
 • **Historic Marquette Bus Tours.** The Marquette Regional History Center will offer historic interpretation and reenactors to bring to light the stories of buildings, people and points of interest at Presque Isle, along the Marquette lakefront, downtown, at historic homes and Park Cemetery. The 90-minute tour will be aboard an air-conditioned Checker bus. \$25. 6 p.m. Departs from the Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org/bus-tour-tickets.
 • **Concert on the Steps.** This week’s guest will be Bluegrass Throwdown. Bring a chair or blanket. 6:30 p.m. Front Street steps, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. (rain location: Community Room). pwpl.info.
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Negaunee

• **Fire Truck Tour.** All are welcome to tour the new city fire truck and meet a firefighter. 11 a.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

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• **Knitting Group.** Crocheters, knitters and others interested in fiber arts are welcome to bring their projects and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided and lessons are available. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG).** Intended for middle school students and their homeschool peers ages 10 to 14. Snacks will be provided. 3 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee Farmers Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh local produce as well as goods from crafters and artisans. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Chiri Park, 399 Iron St. cityofnegaunee.com/farmers-market.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Writing Workshop.** Aspiring writers ages 13 years and older are invited to learn about the craft of story writing from Leo Siren, who has more than 20 years of writing experience. Participants can work on current projects, find inspiration and critique each other's works in a friendly environment. 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **"Summer Scares" Author Event (Virtual).** As part of the "Summer Scares" reading program, contributing writers will discuss their book "Never Whistle at Night," a novel appropriate for adult readers. This program from the Horror Writers Association is held in partnership with Crystal Falls District Community Library. 6:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Negaunee City Band Concert.** Seating is limited; bring a chair. 7:30 p.m. Negaunee Outdoor Performing Arts Center, east end of Iron Street.

16 THURSDAY
sunrise 6:12 a.m.; sunset 9:39 p.m.

Calumet

• **Preschool Story Time.** 10:15 a.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

• **Knitting and Needlework Group.** Participants can bring their portable handwork project and enjoy an informal social time. Open to everyone. 1 p.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.

• **Kids Movie Magic.** The film selection will be "The Wild Robot." 7 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.

Copper Harbor

• **Performance in the Park.** Featuring live music from Uncle Floyd. 7 to 9 p.m. Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, 240 Gratiot St. 906-289-4020 or performances.in.the.park@gmail.com.

Curtis

• **"The Sound of Music."** Local talent will perform this Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about Maria, a high-spirited nun in training sent to be the governess for seven children of a widowed naval officer during the 1930s in Austria. In advance, students, \$15; adults, \$25. At the door, students, \$20; adults, \$30. 7 p.m. The Pine Performance Center, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. mynorthtickets.com.

Escanaba

• **Live on the Lawn at Lunch.** Featuring music from Kind of Blues. Food trucks will be on site. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Gwin

• **Modeltown Market and Community Concert Series.** Shop for items from local farmers and artisans. Chris Valenti will perform. 3 to 6 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. modeltownmarket@gmail.com.

Iron Mountain

• **Out to Lunch Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Kaleidoscope Jos. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. First National Bank and Trust Downtown Stage. downtownironmountain.com/out-to-lunch.

Ishpeming

• **Seniors Eat Well Congregate Meal Program.** A nutritious meal is prepared for seniors 60 and older. Reservations are required. Suggested donation, \$7. Noon. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **"Grieving Before Goodbye."** Guests from Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice will present "Grieving Before Goodbye: Understanding Anticipatory

Grief," which will explore the complex emotions that can arise before a loss. Participants ages 60 and older will learn how to care for themselves while caring for others. 1 p.m. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Teamwork 24/7: Marquette to Cleveland.** Michelle Briggs, Chief Park Ranger of the Soo Locks, will invite children to pretend they are aboard a freighter and learn about the ship, cargo, US Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard. 2 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.

• **Middle School Garden Club.** Marquette County youth ages 10 to 14 are welcome to join Partridge Creek Farm's Education Coordinator to learn how to maintain a garden and grow food. 2:45 to 4 p.m. Ishpeming Middle School Garden, 402 Cleveland Ave. partridgecreekfarm.org/events.

• **Farmer's Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, items from local artisans and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Main Street and Cleveland Avenue. ishpemingfarmersmarket.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Diversion. Bring a chair. 7 p.m. Old Ish Park (rain location: Lake Bancroft Pavilion).

L'Anse

• **Lakefront Concert.** Featuring a variety of music in the annual Aura Jamboree preview. 7 p.m. Lakefront Park, Broad Street at the lake (rain location: L'Anse Area School Cafeteria, 201 N. Fourth St.).

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. Longyear Avenue Playground, 1901 Longyear Ave. (rain location: Lake Superior Village Family and Youth Center). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Pair-of-Docs Transform Midlife with Alpacas.** Carol Van House, a retired licensed psychologist, will share her 23-year journey with the late Donna Pearre, former NMU vice president. Together, they traded their professional careers for a 200-acre farm south of Marquette to raise alpacas. NCLL members, \$5; non-members, \$10. 10 a.m. Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-227-2979 or nmu.edu/ncll.

• **Director Chat.** Visitors can stop by the library to chat with Director Andrea Ingmire. 11 a.m. to noon, and 5 to 6 p.m. Circulation Lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4303 or pwpl.info.

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323

or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **MooseWood Nature Center 30th Anniversary.** Activities will include nature-themed exhibits and demonstrations, Recycling Art by Marquette area schools, a visit from Smokey Bear, face painting and more. The WM Recycling Truck and a food truck will be on site. 5 p.m. MooseWood Nature Center, Shiras Pool Building at Presque Isle Park. moosewoodnc@gmail.com or moosewood.org.

• **Music on Third.** Local musicians will perform along the sidewalks of Third Street. 6 to 9 p.m. downtown-marquette.org.

• **Kulisheck Speaker Series: Dr. Barbara McQuade.** Dr. Barbara McQuade, faculty member of the University of Michigan Law School, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and legal analyst for NBC and MSNBC, will discuss her new book, "The Fix: Saving America from the Corruption of a Mob-Style Government." 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **Marquette City Band Children's Concert.** This concert will also commemorate the anniversary of MooseWood Nature Center. 6:30 p.m. Peg Hirvonen Band Shell at Presque Isle Park. marquettcityband.com.

• **da Upper Yoopers' Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal.** New members are welcome to join the group and prepare for upcoming performances. 6:30 p.m. Marquette Hope's Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave. 906-361-8308 or upperyoopers@gmail.com.

• **"Chicago."** With its jazz-age score and choreography, this musical dives headfirst into celebrity culture, corruption and the wild world of sensationalized media. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Eliisa Gladwell. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15 (plus \$5 surcharge). 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu. lakesuperiorthatre.com.

• **Lasers on the Ore Dock.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park. travelmarquette.com.

Negaunee

• **Bookmark-making Program.** Intended for young people ages five and older. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

Norway

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring The Kaleidoscope Jos. 7 p.m. CDT. City

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of Norway Bandshell Park. facebook.com/NorwayMusicInThePark.

17 FRIDAY

sunrise 6:13 a.m.; sunset 9:38 p.m.

Caspian

• **History Happy Hour: I Remember Downtown Amasa.** Presented by Kelly Mullinx and Sharon Ryden. \$5. 6 p.m. CDT. *Iron County Historical and Museum Society, 100 Brady Ave. 906-265-2617 or info@ironcountymuseum.org.*

Curtis

• **"The Sound of Music."** Local talent will perform this Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about Maria, a high-spirited nun in training sent to be the governess for seven children of a widowed naval officer during the 1930s in Austria. *In advance, students, \$15; adults, \$25. At the door, students, \$20; adults, \$30. 7 p.m. The Pine Performance Center, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. mynorthtickets.com.*

Gwinn

• **Summer Story Time in the Park.** Stories, crafts and snacks will be provided. 10:30 a.m. *Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. (rain location: Forsyth Township Library). 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.*

Hancock

• **Key Ingredients.** Visitors can sample a taste of Hancock restaurants while enjoying live music from Bling Crosby, REWIND, Uncle Pete's Red Hot Revue and more. 6 to 8 p.m. *Quincy Street. cityofhancock.com.*

Ishpeming

• **Bell Bingo.** Open to seniors 60 and older. Sign-up is required.

Noon. *Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.*

• **Friday Crafternoons.** Tweens and teens ages 10 and older can create mini bookcases. Registration is required. 2 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.*

L'Anse

• **48th Annual Aura Jamboree.** Features traditional, folk, bluegrass, ethnic, classical, country and western music performed by more than 50 musicians from around the Midwest. *Youth 10 and younger, free; ages 11 to 17, \$5; two-day admission button, \$20. 4 p.m. to midnight. Historic Aura Community Hall, 13759 Townline Rd., L'Anse. aurajamboree@gmail.com or aurajamboree.org.*

Marquette

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **46th Annual Traditional Hiawatha Music Festival.** Features traditional music styles, such as bluegrass, old-timey, Cajun, Celtic, acoustic blues and folk, including singer/songwriters, as well as traditional dance styles. Mainstage acts include nationally known performers as well as regional and local favorites. *Prices vary. Tourist Park. 906-226-8575 or hiawathamusic.org.*

• **"Chicago."** With its jazz-age score and choreography, this musical dives headfirst into celebrity culture, corruption and the wild world of sensationalized media. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Eliisa Gladwell. *Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15 (plus \$5 surcharge). 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior*

Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lakesuperiortheatre.com.

• **Lasers on the Ore Dock.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park. travelmarquette.com.

Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Exploration of Coprolite Archaeology.** Presented in conjunction with the Marquette Regional History Center, attendees of all ages are welcome to investigate what might be encased in fossilized (fake) poop. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 2 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

18 SATURDAY

sunrise 6:14 a.m.; sunset 9:37 p.m.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

Copper Harbor

• **End O' The Road Keweenaw Tour and Car Show.** A cruise from Calumet to Copper Harbor will be followed by a car show, live music from Chad Borgen and The Collective, and awards. Proceeds support Keweenaw Random Acts of Community Kindness. Cruise, noon (begins in the Calumet Schools parking lot). Show, 1 to 6 p.m. Copper Harbor Community Building.

Curtis

• **The Josh Rose Trio.** Michigan singer-songwriter Josh Rose will be joined by two fellow musicians. Prices vary. 7 p.m. The Pine Performance Center, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. mynorthticks.com.

Escanaba

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 9 a.m. to noon. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

• **Delta County Family Coalition Children's Storytime.** The theme will be "Treasure Hunt." Intended for families with children up to age six. 10:30 a.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or

escanabalibrary.org.

Hancock

• **Canal Run.** The event features a half marathon, 10-mile run and walk, 5-mile run and walk, 2-mile run/walk and a kids' dash along the Portage Canal. Categories for adaptive athletes are also included. Proceeds will benefit the Hancock Trails Club. Cost varies by race. Race times begin at 7:15 a.m. 906-483-1187, hello@canal.run or canal.run.

Ishpeming

• **Weave a Trinket Basket.** Attendees will learn beginner basket weaving techniques. Registration required. Bring your own lunch or snack. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.

• **Open Fiber Circle.** Fiber artists can drop in anytime with their current project. All crafts are welcome and newcomers are encouraged. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Snow Day Fibers, 200 E. Division St. snowdayfibers@gmail.com.

L'Anse

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Marquette

• **Farmers Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

• **46th Annual Traditional Hiawatha Music Festival.** Features traditional music styles, such as bluegrass, old-timey, Cajun, Celtic, acoustic blues and folk, including singer/songwriters, as well as traditional dance styles. Mainstage acts include nationally known performers as well as regional and local favorites. Prices vary. Tourist Park. 906-226-8575 or hiawathamusic.org.

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• **Lasers on the Ore Dock.** Presented by Travel Marquette. 10 p.m. Ore Dock, Mattson Lower Harbor Park. travelmarquette.com.

19 SUNDAY

sunrise 6:15 a.m.; sunset 9:37 p.m.

Ishpeming

• **Barnes-Hecker Miners' Cemetery Tour.** Visitors can explore the resting places or commemoratives stones of the men lost in the 1926 disaster. Family members of the miners will be at select headstones to share stories during this self-guided tour. Rain date, July 26. 1 to 4 p.m. Ishpeming Cemetery, N. Second St.

Marquette

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• **Poetry, Prose and Potluck in the Park.** Hosted by the Intersectional Co/Lab Collective and the Queer Sangha of Marquette. Bring something to share: food, poetry or prose, or yourself. All are welcome. 1 to 3 p.m. Under the three trees at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-250-8626.

• **Wetland Wonders at Presque Isle Bog.** Learn about the bogs formation, along with its plant and animal life. Suggested donation, individuals, \$5; families, \$10. 7 p.m. Presque Isle Bog parking lot. Peter White Dr. 906-228-6250 or moosewood.org.

Munising

• **TLC Farm and Garden Tour.** Visitors can take self-guided tours of four farms and four gardens in Trenary, Limestone, Chatham and the surrounding area. Tours take place rain or shine. Presented by Alger Matters, proceeds will support the needs of the Alger County community. In advance, \$20; day-of or on-site, \$25. 906-250-4825.

20 MONDAY

sunrise 6:16 a.m.; sunset 9:36 p.m.

Calumet

• **Forever Be Sure Music.** The concert will feature songs of faith, truth, hope and harmony. 7 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumet-theatre.com.

• **Musical Mondays.** The night will include a variety show. Donations support the raise the roof project. 7 p.m. Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. 25725 Scott St. 906-337-2410

or keweewnawheritagecenter.org.

Escanaba

• **Music Mondays.** Featuring Igor and the Red Elvies. 7 to 9 p.m. Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park.

Hancock

• **Buellwood Weavers and Fiber Arts Guild Meeting.** All fiber artists are welcome and encouraged to bring their show-and-tell projects. 1 p.m. Fiber Arts Studio (Room 105), Finnish American Folk School, lower level, Skyline Commons, 200 Michigan St. jegale@att.net or 906-221-5306.

Marquette

• **Alex Thomas and Friends Puppet Show.** This interactive puppet show will introduce three baby dinosaurs to explore different dinosaur species, ancient ecosystems and the world of paleontology. 10 a.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Writers on Writing: Cindy Hunter Morgan and the Artist Book.** Cindy Hunter Morgan, a Michigan Notable Book author and fiber artist, will lead a two-day workshop in which participants create and bind a collaborative artist book. Registration is required. 1 p.m. Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322, machatz@pwpl.info or pwpl.info.

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Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **NMU FROST Program.** Sponsored by the Negaunee Public Library, this presentation will discuss NMU FROST, the cold weather body farm, as well as forensics and archaeology. There will also be information on the body donation program. The program is recommended for ages 13 and older; parental discretion is advised. 1 p.m. Negaunee Senior Citizens Center, 410 Jackson St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Jim Paquette Presentation.** Local archaeologist Jim Paquette will discuss his paleolithic finds in the region. 5:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Superiorland Pet Partners.** Youth of all ages can read to friendly, trained therapy dogs who are great listeners. 6 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W.

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21 TUESDAY
sunrise 6:17 a.m.; sunset 9:35 p.m.

Escanaba

• **Tech Tuesday.** Appointments or walk-ins are welcome. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

• **Escanaba Public Library Bookmobile.** Part of Art at the Marketplace. 1 to 3 p.m. Escanaba Marketplace, 15th Street South. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Gwinn

• **Unearth a Story: Kids Adventure Club.** Students in third through sixth grades will create an edible dino habitat, talk about the books they have read this summer and celebrate together. 10:30 a.m. Community Room, Forsyth Township Library, 180 W. Flint St. 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Disc Golf.** This beginner-friendly course will cover the basics of the sport: rules, how to throw and how to choose the appropriate discs. Discs will be provided for instruction if needed. Open to ages 60 and older. 11 a.m. Disc Golf Course, Al Quaal Recreation Area. For information and to sign up, call 906-485-5527.

• **Ukulele Lessons.** This beginner-friendly class is intended for anyone who has wanted to learn the ukulele or brush up on their skills. No musical experience necessary. Open to ages 60 and older. 10:30 a.m. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Alex Thomas and Friends Interactive Puppet Show.** Learn about dinosaurs during this interactive puppet show. 11 a.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.

• **Bell Bingo.** Open to seniors 60 and older. Sign-up is required. Noon. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Adult Book Club.** The group will discuss "A Good Animal" by Sara Mauer. 2 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381.

Little Lake

• **Bingo.** A concession stand will be available. Doors open, 5 p.m.; early bird games, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 349, 1835 E. M-35. 906-346-6000.

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. East Ohio Street (Williams) Park (rain location: Peter White Public Library). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **1-on-1 Tech Coaching for Seniors.** Learn how to make your electronic devices work with the help of retired teacher and librarian Christine Ault. Bring passwords and ensure the device is charged. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local History Research Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register for a 30-minute session, call 906-226-4311.

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **Historic Marquette Bus Tours.** The Marquette Regional History Center will offer historic interpretation and reenactors to bring to light the stories of buildings, people and points of interest at Presque Isle, along the Marquette lakefront, downtown, at historic homes and Park Cemetery. The 90-minute tour will be aboard an air-conditioned Checker bus. \$25. 1 p.m. Departs from the Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org/bus-tour-tickets.

• **Oil Painting, Pastels and Drawing Classes with Marlene Wood.** Bring your own supplies. \$20. 1 p.m. Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-225-8655.

• **Teen Tuesday: Mini Figure Painting.** Youth entering sixth through 12th grades can join Iron Golem Games to paint mini figures. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. 1 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.

• **Writers on Writing: Cindy Hunter Morgan and the Artist Book.** Cindy Hunter Morgan, a Michigan Notable Book author and fiber artist, will lead a two-day workshop in which participants create and bind a collaborative artist book. Registration is required. 1 p.m. Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322, machatz@pwpl.info or pwpl.info.

• **Asahi Nordic Class.** Asahi Nordic is a gentle Finnish mind-body health practice that combines slow, low-impact movements. No equipment required. Class will be cancelled if it rains. 4 p.m. Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-226-8171.

• **Senior Dance Class.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. 4 p.m. Baraga Gym, Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. To register, 906-225-8655.

- **Dungeons and Dragons Jr: Jurassic Adventures.** Youth entering fourth and fifth grades can enjoy a Jurassic D&D adventure. Experienced and new players are welcome. 4 p.m. *Great Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*
- **NMU Music Department's Summer Concert Series.** The program will be the world premiere of "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse," featuring Patrick Booth. 5 p.m. *Reynolds Recital Hall, NMU. nmu.edu/music.*
- **"As You Like It."** This tropical ride of danger, comedy and romance will follow Shakespearean characters through modern Margaritaville. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Sevi Voigt and assistant Angeline DeVries. *Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lakesuperiortheatre.com.*

Negaunee

- **Craft Night.** Participants ages 10 and older can make a clay diffuser by creating a design, letting it harden and applying an essential oil to make an ornament to hang in the house or car. 5 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **"Summer Scares" Author Event (Virtual).** As part of the "Summer Scares" reading program, contributing writers will discuss their book "Our Shadows Have Claws," a novel appropriate for teen readers. This program from the Horror Writers Association is held in partnership with Crystal Falls District Community Library. 6:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

22 WEDNESDAY

sunrise 6:18 a.m.; sunset 9:34 p.m.

Calumet

- **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.*
- **Red Jacket Readers.** The book club will discuss "Dead Moose on Isle Royale: Off Trail with the Citizen Scientists of the Wolf-Moose Project" by Jeffery M. Holden. 6:30 p.m. *Community Room, Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.*
- **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Cathy Bolton and Circle of Friends. 7:30 p.m. *Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.*

Chassell

- **Farm and Craft Market.** 3 to 6 p.m. *Centennial Park Pavilion. chassell-market.com.*

Copper Harbor

- **Oren Tikkanen and the Back Room Boys Jazz and Polka Band.** Local musicians will perform an evening of Keweenaw musical selections from the past 100 years, including ethnic music of Finnish, Slovenian, Italian and French-Canadian immigrants. Part of the Keweenaw County Historical Society's Adventures in History series. 7 p.m. *Donny Kilpela Memorial Park. keweenawhistory.org.*

Curtis

- **Music in the Park.** Featuring music by No B.S. 6:30 p.m. *Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.*

Escanaba

- **Lunch on Ludington Music Series.** This week will feature Finding Feathers. A food truck will be on site. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. *Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets.*
- **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 3 to 6 p.m. *Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.*

Ishpeming

- **Storytime at the Park.** Families can enjoy storytime and playtime at the park. 11 a.m. *Al Quaal Park, 501 Poplar St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.*
- **West End Farm Stand.** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. *Partridge Creek Community Farm, 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org.*
- **Community Skill Share.** Attendees can work with staff from Partridge Creek Farm to learn a new skill. 4:30 p.m. *550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org/events.*
- **Meet the Author.** Author Sara Maurer will discuss and sign copies of her book "A Good Animal." 5:30 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4391.*

Marquette

- **Congregate Meals for Seniors—Dine in or Curbside Pickup.** Meals available to those age 60 and older and their spouses. Call to reserve a meal. \$3.50 suggested donation. Noon to 1 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. 906-228-0456.*
- **Dungeons and Dragons.** Jordan from Iron Golem Games and local dungeonmasters will lead groups of teens entering sixth through 12th grades on a quest with this role-playing game. Registration is required. 4 p.m. *Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.*
- **Night Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 5 to 8 p.m. *Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.*
- **Historic Marquette Bus Tours.** The Marquette Regional History Center will offer historic interpretation and reenactors to bring to light the stories

of buildings, people and points of interest at Presque Isle, along the Marquette lakefront, downtown, at historic homes and Park Cemetery. The 90-minute tour will be aboard an air-conditioned Checker bus. \$25. 6 p.m. *Departs from the Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org/bus-tour-tickets.*

- **Concert on the Steps.** Ramble Tamble will perform. Bring a chair or blanket. 6:30 p.m. *Front Street steps, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. (rain location: Community Room). pwpl.info.*
- **"As You Like It."** This tropical ride of danger, comedy and romance will follow Shakespearean characters through modern Margaritaville. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Sevi Voigt and assistant Angeline DeVries. *Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lakesuperiortheatre.com.*

Negaunee

- **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.*
- **Knitting Group.** Crocheters, knitters and others interested in fiber arts are welcome to bring their projects and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided and lessons are available. 1 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG).** Intended for middle school students and their homeschool peers ages 10 to 14. Snacks will be provided. 3 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **Negaunee Farmers Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh local produce as well as goods from crafters and artisans. 4 to 6:30 p.m. *Chiri Park, 399 Iron St. cityofnegaunee.com/farmers-market.*
- **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **Gossamer Strings Performance.** This concert is family-friendly and all are welcome. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **Writing Workshop.** Aspiring writers ages 13 years and older are invited to learn about the craft of story writing from Leo Siren, who has more than 20 years of writing experience. Participants can work on current projects, find inspiration and critique

each other's works in a friendly environment. 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

- **"Summer Scares" Author Event (Virtual).** As part of the "Summer Scares" reading program, author Bree Paulsen will discuss her book "Garlic and the Vampire," a novel appropriate for middle-grade readers. This program from the Horror Writers Association is held in partnership with Crystal Falls District Community Library. 6:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*
- **Negaunee City Band Concert.** Seating is limited; bring a chair. 7:30 p.m. *Negaunee Outdoor Performing Arts Center, east end of Iron Street.*

23 THURSDAY

sunrise 6:20 a.m.; sunset 9:33 p.m.

Calumet

- **Preschool Story Time.** 10:15 a.m. *Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.*
- **Knitting and Needlework Group.** Participants can bring their portable handwork project and enjoy an informal social time. Open to everyone. 1 p.m. *Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.*
- **Kids Movie Magic.** The film selection will be "Beauty and the Beast" (1991). 7 p.m. *Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.*

Copper Harbor

- **Performance in the Park.** Featuring live music from Gail English and Friends. 7 to 9 p.m. *Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, 240 Gratiot St. 906-289-4020 or performances.in.the.park@gmail.com.*

Escanaba

- **Once Upon a Time: A Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk Interactive Event.** Presented by Bright Star Theater. 10:30 a.m. *Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.*

Gwinn

- **Once Upon a Time: A Cinderella and Jack and the Beanstalk Interactive Event.** Presented by Bright Star Theater. 2 p.m. *Forsyth Township Library, 180 W. Flint St. 906-346-3433 or forsyhtwplibrary.org.*
- **Modeltown Market and Community Concert Series.** Shop for items from local farmers and artisans. Troy Graham will perform. 3 to 6 p.m. *Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. modeltownmarket@gmail.com.*

Iron Mountain

- **Out to Lunch Summer Concert**

Series. Featuring Datura. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. First National Bank and Trust Downtown Stage. downtown-ironmountain.com/out-to-lunch.

Ishpeming

• **Seniors Eat Well Congregate Meal Program.** A nutritious meal is prepared for seniors 60 and older. Reservations are required. Suggested donation, \$7. Noon. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

• **Crochet Club.** Gather with fellow crafters to socialize. Supplies and instruction will be provided for those who are interested in learning how to crochet. 2 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Middle School Garden Club.** Marquette County youth ages 10 to 14 are welcome to join Partridge Creek Farm's Education Coordinator to learn how to maintain a garden and grow food. 2:45 to 4 p.m. Ishpeming Middle School Garden, 402 Cleveland Ave. partridgecreekfarm.org/events.

• **Graphic Novel Book Club.** Youth in fourth through seventh grades can enjoy a discussion and snacks. 4 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

• **Farmer's Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, items from local artisans and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Main Street and Cleveland Avenue. ishpemingfarmersmarket.com.

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Stetson. Bring a chair. 7 p.m. Old Ish Park (rain location: Lake Bancroft Pavilion).

L'Anse

• **Lakefront Concert.** Featuring music from Cathy Bolton. 7 p.m. Lakefront Park, Broad Street at the lake (rain location: L'Anse Area School Cafeteria, 201 N. Fourth St.).

Marquette

• **Storytime In the Park.** Families can enjoy books, songs, action songs, bubbles, parachute play and more. 9:30 a.m. Longyear Avenue Playground, 1901 Longyear Ave. (rain location: Lake Superior Village Family and Youth Center). 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

• **32nd Annual Garden Tour.** Presented by the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee Inc. The

event will take place rain or shine. Locations available upon ticket purchase. Children 12 and younger, free; adults, \$15. 1 to 7 p.m. 906-869-0794 or mqtbeautification.org.

• **"Recovery Stories."** Hosted by Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization (SCRCO), this community event will include short presentations shared by several people in recovery from substance use disorder. There will also be remarks from an addiction specialist, a family member of a loved one in recovery and a social worker in the legal system. 5:30 p.m. Heritage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St.

• **Northwords and Music: Summer Dreams.** Writer B.G. Bradley and his friends, including poet Marty Achatz, musicians Linda Smith and Seamus Collins (Big Lake Acoustic), and actors Jacque Love and Jim Edwards, will present an evening of music, stories, poetry and skits. This event will also be livestreamed. 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **"The Importance of Education: Both Spiritual and Material."** Sponsored by the Marquette Baha'i Community. All are welcome. 6:30 p.m. Shiras Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-361-1844 or bahai.org.

• **da Upper Yoopers' Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal.** New members are welcome to join the group and prepare for upcoming performances. 6:30 p.m. Marquette Hope's Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave. 906-361-8308 or upperyoopers@gmail.com.

• **"As You Like It."** This tropical ride of danger, comedy and romance will follow Shakespearean characters through modern Margaritaville. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Sevi Voigt and assistant Angeline DeVries. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lakesuperiortheatre.com.

Negaunee

• **Edible Dirt Cups.** Young people of all ages can make edible dirt cups. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

Norway

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring Finding Feathers. 7 p.m. CDT. City of Norway Bandshell Park. facebook.com/NorwayMusicInThePark.

24 FRIDAY

sunrise 6:21 a.m.; sunset 9:32 p.m.

Gwinn

• **Summer Story Time in the Park.** Stories, crafts and snacks will be

provided. 10:30 a.m. Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. (rain location: Forsyth Township Library). 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Bright Star Theatre: Dino Academy.** Learn about dinosaurs through a dinosaur puppet show. 1 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

Marquette

• **Docu Cinema: "The Extraordinary Voyage."** In honor of the anniversary of the 1969 moon landing, the library will screen "The Extraordinary Voyage," a documentary that chronicles the cinematic journey of "A Trip to the Moon," from the Méliès' production in 1902 to the rediscovery of a nitrate print in color in 1993, to the premiere of the new restoration on the opening night of the Cannes Film Festival in 2011. The film is not rated. Noon. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.

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Negaunee

• **"Dino Academy" Puppet Show.** Bright Star Touring Theatre will present "Dino Academy" featuring life-like, colorful dinosaur puppets that stomp and roar. Led by the quirky and curious Dr. Sarah Tops, the show blends science, storytelling and imagination. 10 a.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Read to a Service Dog.** Youth of all ages can read to service dog Blush. 11 a.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. To make a reservation, call 906-475-7700, ext. 18.

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Superior Wildlife Rehab Presentation.** Staff from Superior Wildlife Rehab will present a program on what to do if you find a wild baby.

Attendees will learn how to determine whether a young wild animal is in need of help or if it should be left alone. 1 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 2 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

25 SATURDAY

sunrise 6:22 a.m.; sunset 9:31 p.m.

Calumet

• **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

Curtis

• **SIPS & BIDS.** Formerly the Wine and Cheese Tasting and Auction, this event is the annual fundraiser for the Erickson Center for the Arts. There will be silent and live auctions, entertainment and more. In advance, \$40. At the door, \$45. 4 to 9 p.m. Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. mynorthtickets.com.

Escanaba

• **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 9 a.m. to noon. Escanaba Marketplace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

• **STEAM Storytime.** Intended for ages five to 12. 1 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

• **Marina Fest.** This festival will include music by Lorne Watson & The Jass Brigade, Kind of Blues, Chasin' Steel and the Flat Broke Blues Band. 2 to 10 p.m. Escanaba Municipal Dock, 200 Ludington St. deltami.org.

Gwinn

• **Concert in the Park and Used Book and Brat Fundraiser.** A used book sale and brat sale will be hosted by the library's Fundraising Friends; all proceeds benefit the library. Live music will be performed by Big Lake Acoustic and the Gwinn Quilters will have handmade tote bags to purchase by donation. Brats and hot dogs will also be available. Noon to 2 p.m. Peter Nordeen Park. 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.

Ishpeming

• **Italian Fest.** Presented by the St. Rocco-St. Anthony Society of Ishpeming, there will be a day-long picnic, vendors, games, activities and live music. Noon. Al Quaal Recreation Area. ishpemingitalianfest.com.

• **Open Fiber Circle.** Fiber artists can drop in anytime with their current project. All crafts are welcome and newcomers are encouraged. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Snow Day Fibers, 200 E. Division

St. snowdayfibers@gmail.com.

Marquette

• **Farmers Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

• **Art on the Rocks.** Proceeds from this juried fine arts show benefit the Lake Superior Art Association. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquetteartontherocks.com.

• **Outback Art Fair.** Features more than 100 art and food vendors. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shiras Park at Picnic Rocks.

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. Lessons, 10 a.m. Games, 11:30 a.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland-bridge.tripod.com.

• **"Iron Family" Reunion: Movie Screening and Reading with Chad Faries.** Poet Chad Faries and the cast of "Iron Family" will host a viewing of the documentary accompanied by a Q&A with the subjects and a short reading from Faries' new poetry collection, "Amasa Speaker Factory," winner of the 2026 Yooper Poetry Prize. Poet Jonathan Johnson will provide an introduction. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **Marquette County String Orchestra Society Rehearsal.** All adult string players are welcome to gather for the joy of making music together, particularly those who are getting back into music. 3 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Ridge St. To register and receive music for the event, email mqtcountrysos@gmail.com.

• **"Challenges in Michigan Elections 2026."** Mark Brewer, a long-time election consultant and lawyer, will speak on "Challenges in Michigan Elections 2026." His presentation will be preceded by a brief introduction to "What's on Your Ballot in the August Primary Election?" Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Marquette County. 6:30 p.m. Marquette Women's Federated Clubhouse, 104 W. Ridge St. lwvmqtco@gmail.com or lwvmqt.org.

26 SUNDAY

sunrise 6:23 a.m.; sunset 9:29 p.m.

Marquette

• **Art on the Rocks.** Proceeds from this juried fine arts show benefit the Lake Superior Art Association. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mattson Lower Harbor Park. marquetteartontherocks.com.

• **Outback Art Fair.** Features more than 100 art and food vendors. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shiras Park at Picnic Rocks.

• **Poetry, Prose and Potluck in the Park.** Hosted by the Intersectional Co/Lab Collective and the Queer Sangha of Marquette. Bring something to share: food, poetry or prose, or yourself. All

are welcome. 1 to 3 p.m. Under the three trees at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-250-8626.

Paradise

• **Blessing in Nature Gathering.** U.P. Wild will lead a reciprocal blessing of the water. 11 a.m. Meet at Clark Point (at the mouth of the Tahquamenon River, six miles south of Paradise). upwild.org.

27 MONDAY

sunrise 6:24 a.m.; sunset 9:28 p.m.

Calumet

• **Musical Mondays.** Anne Linja will perform. Donations support the raise the roof project. 7 p.m. Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's. 25725 Scott St. 906-337-2410 or keweenawheritagecenter.org.

Escanaba

• **Music Mondays.** Featuring The Grand Design Band. 7 to 9 p.m. Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park.

Marquette

• **All Booked Up: Can We Talk?** This month's selection will be "Son of Nobody" by Yann Martel. 10 a.m. Dandelion Cottage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **Senior Theatre Experience: Monthly Theatre Workshop and Discussion.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. 4 p.m. Room B, Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. To register, 906-225-8655.

• **Dinner and A Movie Block Busting Cinema: "Glory."** In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States, guests can bring their dinner and enjoy a screening of the Oscar-winning film "Glory," which tells the story of the U.S. Civil War's first all-black volunteer company. The film is rated R. 5:30 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

• **BIPOC Outdoors Summit 5K Walk/Run.** This timed 5K is designed to promote inclusivity, wellness and outdoor engagement. The event is open to runners, joggers, walkers and rollers of all backgrounds and abilities. NMU students, faculty, staff and alumni, \$5; general public, \$20. 6 p.m. NMU. nmu.universitytickets.com.

Negaunee

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.

• **Excavation with Cookies.** Budding archaeologists ages 5 and older can

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28 TUESDAY

sunrise 6:25 a.m.; sunset 9:27 p.m.

Escanaba

- **Tech Tuesday.** Appointments or walk-ins are welcome. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.
- **Author Talk with Michigan Notable Author Jeffrey Holden.** Jeffrey Holden is author of “Dead Moose on Isle Royale.” 5:30 p.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

Ishpeming

- **Mobile Secretary of State.** Those ages 60 and older can renew their driver’s license, license plates and handicap placards. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.

Little Lake

- **Bingo.** A concession stand will be available. Doors open, 5 p.m.; early bird games, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 349, 1835 E. M-35. 906-346-6000.

Marquette

- **1-on-1 Tech Coaching for Seniors.** Learn how to make your electronic devices work with the help of retired teacher and librarian Christine Ault. Bring passwords and ensure the device is charged. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local History Research Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. To register for a 30-minute session, call 906-226-4311.
- **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.
- **Teen Tuesday: Cooking Class at the Marquette Food Co-op.** Youth entering sixth through 12th grades will learn an easy-to-prepare recipe and eat great food. Register for one session. 10 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. Marquette Food Co-op, 502 W. Washington St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.
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of buildings, people and points of interest at Presque Isle, along the Marquette lakefront, downtown, at historic homes and Park Cemetery. The 90-minute tour will be aboard an air-conditioned Checker bus. \$25. 1 p.m. Departs from the Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org/bus-tour-tickets.

- **Oil Painting, Pastels and Drawing Classes with Marlene Wood.** Bring your own supplies. \$20. 1 p.m. Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Lower level, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-225-8655.

- **Lake Superior Knitters.** Learn how to knit, solve problems in reading patterns and expand your knitting skills. The group includes a variety of ages and levels of experiences. Bring a skein of lighter color yarn and a size 7, 24-inch wooden circular needle to make a hat or cowl. The Knitters also welcome other fiber artists—crochet, embroidery, felting—who have pieces that can fit in their lap or seat at a table. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. beedhive47@yahoo.com.

- **Asahi Nordic Class.** Asahi Nordic is a gentle Finnish mind-body health practice that combines slow, low-impact movements. No equipment required. Class will be cancelled if it rains. 4 p.m. Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. 906-226-8171.

- **Senior Dance Class.** Free for City of Marquette and neighboring township residents ages 50 and older. 4 p.m. Baraga Gym, Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. To register, 906-225-8655.

- **Dungeons and Dragons Jr: Jurassic Adventures.** Youth entering fourth and fifth grades can enjoy a Jurassic D&D adventure. Experienced and new players are welcome. 4 p.m. Great Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

- **NMU Music Department’s Summer Concert Series.** The program will be “Romanza: A Classical Guitar Recital” featuring Christopher Schoelen. 5 p.m. Reynolds Recital Hall, NMU. nmu.edu/music.

- **Bluesday Tuesday Concert.** The Marquette Area Blues Society will present a concert. 6:30 p.m. Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.

- **“Disney’s High School Musical 2 Jr.”** This performance is packed with high-energy dance numbers and chart-topping songs. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Petra Frazier. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lake-superiortheatre.com.

Negaunee

- **Craft Night.** Participants ages eight and older can create stone mosaics. 5 p.m. Negaunee Public Library, 319 W.

Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.

29 WEDNESDAY

sunrise 6:26 a.m.; sunset 9:26 p.m.

Calumet

- **Drop-in Knitting and Crochet.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Supernova Yoga, Gallery and Gifts, 220 Fifth St. 906-934-2170 or dosupernovayoga.com.

- **“A Love Letter to the U.P.: A Story of Renewal and Hope.”** Author Diane Les Becquets will discuss her new novel “Where the Water Meets the Sky,” which is set on the Garden Peninsula as well as in Calumet, Eagle River and Copper Harbor. 6:30 p.m. Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.
- **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring The Wild Honey Collective. 7:30 p.m. Calumet Theatre, 340 Sixth St. 906-337-2610 or calumettheatre.com.

Chassell

- **Farm and Craft Market.** 3 to 6 p.m. Centennial Park Pavilion. chassell-market.com.

Curtis

- **Music in the Park.** Featuring music by The Knockabouts. 6:30 p.m. Erickson Center for the Arts, N9224 Saw-Wa-Quato St. 906-586-9974 or ericksoncenter.org.

Eagle Harbor

- **Researchers Bring Forgotten Underground Mines into a 3D Future.** MTU Associate Professor Tim Scarlett will explain how industrial archaeologists at MTU are exploring new possible futures for old underground mines. Part of the Keweenaw County Historical Society’s Adventures in History series. \$5. 7 p.m. Eagle Harbor Community Building. keweenawhistory.org.

Escanaba

- **Unearth a Story with the Clear Lake Education Center.** Intended for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration is required. 10:30 a.m. Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

- **Lunch on Ludington Music Series.** This week will feature GoodFellas. A food truck will be on site. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets.

- **Farmers Market.** The market has taken place for more than 100 years. 3 to 6 p.m. Escanaba MarketPlace, Ludington and 15th streets. escanabadda.org/farmers-market.

Ishpeming

- **Art Class with Courtney Johnson.** Local artist Courtney Johnson will lead this class. 2 p.m. Ishpeming Carengie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

- **West End Farm Stand.** 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Partridge Creek Community Farm, 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org.

- **Community Skill Share.** Attendees can work with staff from Partridge Creek Farm to learn a new skill. 4:30 p.m. 550 Cleveland Ave. partridge-creekfarm.org/events.

- **Adult Horror Book Club.** The selection will be “Pathogenesis” by Jonathan Kennedy. 6 p.m. Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.

- **Lowest Stakes Trivia.** All ages are welcome for the “weirdest, silliest and least competitive trivia game in town.” 6:30 p.m. Bats Amore Used Books, 200 E. Division St. batsamore906.com.

Marquette

- **Congregate Meals for Seniors—Dine in or Curbside Pickup.** Meals available to those age 60 and older and their spouses. Call to reserve a meal. \$3.50 suggested donation. Noon to 1 p.m. Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. 906-228-0456.

- **Bubble, Bubble, Splash!** Youth of all ages can enjoy sprinklers, a toy car wash, bubbles, water play and more. Swimsuits and towels are recommended. 2 to 4 p.m. Front Street steps and lawn, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.

- **Game On!** Students entering sixth through 12th grades can drop in for board and video gaming. 2 to 4 p.m. Teen Zone, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4321 or pwpl.info.

- **Night Market.** Includes farmers, growers, food producers and artisans. 5 to 8 p.m. Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. mqtfarmersmarket.com.

- **Historic Marquette Bus Tours.** The Marquette Regional History Center will offer historic interpretation and reenactors to bring to light the stories of buildings, people and points of interest at Presque Isle, along the Marquette lakefront, downtown, at historic homes and Park Cemetery. The 90-minute tour will be aboard an air-conditioned Checker bus. \$25. 6 p.m. Departs from the Marquette Regional History Center, 145 W. Spring St. 906-226-3571 or marquettehistory.org/bus-tour-tickets.
- **Concert on the Steps.** This week’s guest will be Copy That. Bring a chair or blanket. 6:30 p.m. Front Street steps, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. (rain location: Community Room). pwpl.info.

- **“Disney’s High School Musical 2 Jr.”** This performance is packed with high-energy dance numbers and chart-topping songs. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Petra Frazier. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lake-superiortheatre.com.

Negaunee

• **All Booked Up (On Air).** “Upper Michigan Today” host John Redfield, along with Peter White Public Library staff, will host an on-air, in-person discussion of “Son of Nobody” by Yann Martel. 9 a.m. *WLUC TV6 Studio, 177 U.S. Hwy. 41 E. 906-226-4322 or pwpl.info.*

• **Feeding America West Michigan Food Distribution.** All youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26 can receive nourishing meals at no cost. Noon to 1:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary or feedwm.org.*

• **Knitting Group.** Crocheters, knitters and others interested in fiber arts are welcome to bring their projects and enjoy fellowship. Coffee will be provided and lessons are available. 1 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Junior Teen Advisory Group (J-TAG).** Intended for middle school students and their homeschool peers ages 10 to 14. Snacks will be provided. 3 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Negaunee Farmers Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh local produce as well as goods from crafters and artisans. 4 to 6:30 p.m. *Chiri Park, 399 Iron St. cityofnegaunee.com/farmers-market.*

• **“Old Time in the Current Times.”** Using guitar, banjo, mountain dulcimer and autoharp, Michigan Folk Singer Ben Traverse will perform a variety of songs, showcasing old time music’s wide range of cultural and systemic influences, how those affect its perception today and its continual evolution and growth. 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Robotics Club.** Open to children of all ages (toddler through teenager). 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Writing Workshop.** Aspiring writers ages 13 years and older are invited to learn about the craft of story writing from Leo Siren, who has more than 20 years of writing experience. Participants can work on current projects, find inspiration and critique each other’s works in a friendly environment. 5:30 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

• **Negaunee City Band Concert.** Seating is limited; bring a chair. 7:30 p.m. *Negaunee Outdoor Performing Arts Center, east end of Iron Street.*

Rock

• **Escanaba Public Library Bookmobile.** 1 p.m. *Rock Senior Center, 3892 W. Maple Ridge 37 Rd.*

906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.

30 THURSDAY

sunrise 6:28 a.m.; sunset 9:25 p.m.

Calumet

• **Preschool Story Time.** 10:15 a.m. *Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.*

• **Knitting and Needlework Group.** Participants can bring their portable handwork project and enjoy an informal social time. Open to everyone. 1 p.m. *Calumet Public Library, 57070 Mine St. 906-337-0311, ext. 1107, or clklibrary.org.*

Copper Harbor

• **Performance in the Park.** Featuring live music from The Wild Honey Collective. 7 to 9 p.m. *Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, 240 Gratiot St. 906-289-4020 or performances.in.the.park@gmail.com.*

Escanaba

• **Live on the Lawn at Lunch.** Featuring music from Folias Duo. Food trucks will be on site. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. *Escanaba Public Library, 400 Ludington St. 906-789-7323 or escanabalibrary.org.*

Gwinn

• **Modeltown Market and Community Concert Series.** Shop for items from local farmers and artisans. MUG (Marquette Ukulele Group) will perform. 3 to 6 p.m. *Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. modeltownmarket@gmail.com.*

Iron Mountain

• **Out to Lunch Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Safe Sax. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. CDT. *First National Bank and Trust Downtown Stage. downtown-ironmountain.com/out-to-lunch.*

Ishpeming

• **Seniors Eat Well Congregate Meal Program.** A nutritious meal is prepared for seniors 60 and older. Reservations are required. Suggested donation, \$7. Noon. *Ishpeming Senior Center, 121 Greenwood St. 906-485-5527.*

• **Poo from the Past.** Learn about what ancient cultures from around the world ate by excafting poop (clay). 1 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpepinglibrary.info.*

• **Middle School Garden Club.** Marquette County youth ages 10 to 14 are welcome to join Partridge Creek Farm’s Education Coordinator to learn how to maintain a garden and grow food. 2:45 to 4 p.m. *Ishpeming Middle School Garden, 402 Cleveland Ave. partridgecreekfarm.org/events.*

• **Mackinac Bridge: Then and Now.** Learn the history of transporation in the Straits area and the building of the Mackinac Bridge. 5:30 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpepinglibrary.info.*

• **Farmer’s Market.** Visitors can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, items from local artisans and more. 6 to 8:30 p.m. *Main Street and Cleveland Avenue. ishpepingfarmersmarket.com.*

• **Summer Concert Series.** Featuring Boots and Sandals. Bring a chair. 7 p.m. *Old Ish Park (rain location: Lake Bancroft Pavilion).*

L’Anse

• **Lakefront Concert.** Featuring Celtic music from The Knockabouts. 7 p.m. *Lakefront Park, Broad Street at the lake (rain location: L’Anse Area School Cafeteria, 201 N. Fourth St.).*

Marquette

• **Gather2Grow: Feeding America West Michigan.** The library serves as a pickup site for shelf stable meals as part of this summer program open to all youth (18 and younger) and disabled adults up to age 26. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Lower level lobby, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **da Upper Yoopers’ Barbershop Chorus Rehearsal.** New members are welcome to join the group and prepare for upcoming performances. 6:30 p.m. *Marquette Hope’s Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave. 906-361-8308 or upperryoopers@gmail.com.*

• **Marquette City Band Concert.** 7 p.m. *Peg Hirvonen Band Shell at Presque Isle Park. marquettcityband.com.*

• **“Disney’s High School Musical 2 Jr.”** This performance is packed with high-energy dance numbers and chart-topping songs. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Petra Frazier. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30 p.m. *Lake Superior Theatre Boathouse, 270 N. Lakeshore Blvd. For tickets, 906-227-7625 or tickets.nmu.edu.lake-superiorthatre.com.*

Negaunee

• **Building Club.** Youth ages five and older will discuss a topic that will be the focus of their creations, and then have time to build with blocks such as LEGO bricks. Participants can have their creations displayed in the library until the following meeting. 4 p.m. *Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case St. 906-475-7700, ext. 18, or facebook.com/NegauneePublicLibrary.*

Norway

• **Music in the Park.** Featuring Music Jar. 7 p.m. CDT. *City of Norway Bandshell Park. facebook.com/NorwayMusicInThePark.*

31 FRIDAY

sunrise 6:29 a.m.; sunset 9:23 p.m.

Gwinn

• **Summer Story Time in the Park.** Stories, crafts and snacks will be provided. 10:30 a.m. *Peter Nordeen Park, 115 N. Pine St. (rain location: Forsyth Township Library). 906-346-3433 or forsythtwplibrary.org.*



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Ishpeming

• **Friday Crafters.** Tweens and teens ages 10 and older can create beaded plants. Registration is required. 2 p.m. *Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-486-4381 or ishpeminglibrary.info.*

Marquette

• **Blueberry Festival.** Featuring local vendors, sidewalk sales and lots of “blueberry fare,” from blueberry pizza to blueberry beer. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. *West Washington and South Front streets. downtownmarquette.org.*

• **Unearth a Story: Book Fair No. 3.**

Youth registered for Summer Reading, and who have been tracking their reading, can stop by to choose their next free book. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Community Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-226-4323 or pwpl.info.*

• **Superiorland Duplicate Bridge Club.** Games open to all interested players. \$5 for games. 12:30 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. superiorland_bridge.tripod.com.*

• **Silent Movies.** Silent movies will be presented by Jack Deo with piano accompaniment by Bob Buchkoe.

This event will kick off a two-day celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Marquette Federated Women’s Clubhouse and all proceeds will support the Clubhouse. \$35, or \$100 for all three weekend events. 7 p.m. *Marquette Federated Women’s Clubhouse, 104 W. Ridge St. womensfederatedclubhouse.org/centennial.*

• **“Disney’s High School Musical 2 Jr.”** This performance is packed with high-energy dance numbers and chart-topping songs. Presented by Lake Superior Theatre and directed by Petra Frazier. Youth, \$7.50; seniors and students, \$12; adults, \$15. 7:30

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Negaunee

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support groups

• **11-Step Centering Prayer—Marquette.** Attendees can practice the 11th step with a 20-minute meditation followed by a short reading from “Divine Therapy” by Thomas Keating. All 12 step groups are welcome to drop in. July 13. 5:30 p.m. *Messiah Lutheran Church, 305 W. Magnetic St.*

• **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families—Marquette.** Sundays, 7 p.m. Use the parking lot entrance. Downstairs meeting room, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 201 E. Ridge St. adultchildren.org/meeting.

• **Alano Club—Marquette.** Twelve-step recovery meetings daily. Daily, noon and 7:30 p.m. 106 Coles Dr.

• **Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups.** A fellowship offering strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. al-alon.org or 888-425-2666.

• **Al-Anon—Ishpeming.** Friends and family who have loved ones dealing with alcohol issues are invited. Mondays, 6 p.m. *Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock St. 906-361-9524.*

• **Alcoholics Anonymous.** Daily meetings throughout Marquette County at many locations and times. Twenty-four-hour answering service. aa-marquettecounty.org or 906-291-3334.

• **Open AA Meeting—Gwinn.** Tuesdays, 7 p.m. *Basement, Gwinn Community Building, 165 N. Maple St.*

• **Open AA Meeting—K.I. Sawyer.** Fridays, 8 p.m. 906 Community Church, 315 Explorer St.

• **Men’s AA Meeting—Gwinn.** Thursdays, 8 p.m. *Saint Anthony’s Catholic Church, 280 Boulder St. (entrance to the right of main entrance).*

• **ALZConnected.** This is a free, online community for everyone affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other memory loss diseases. alzconnected.org.

• **American Legacy Foundation.** Smoking quit line for expectant

mothers and cessation information for women. 800-668-8278.

• **Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Cholesterol Checks.** Cholesterol checks are \$5. Call for Marquette County schedule. 906-225-4545.

• **Caregiver Support Group—Marquette.** Family, friends and others who are caring for a person with a chronic illness or disability can share their feelings, develop friendships and learn about available community resources. July 8. 2 p.m. *Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice, 914 W. Baraga Ave. 906-225-7760 or lakesuperiorhospice.org.*

• **Caregiver Support Group (Phone-based).** Intended for family, friends and other caregivers who are caring for a person with a chronic illness or disability. Support will be provided from your own home via telephone or cell phone. Registration is required. July 15. 2 p.m. To register, call Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice at 906-225-7760.

• **Celebrate Recovery—Gwinn.** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. *First Baptist Church of Gwinn, 195 N. Billings St.*

• **Celebrate Recovery—Marquette.** Twelve-step program for hurts, habits and hang-ups. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. *Marquette County Salvation Army, 1009 W. Baraga Ave. 906-226-2241.*

• **Disabled American Veterans Chapter 22 of Marquette.** All disabled veterans are welcome. Second Wednesday of each month. 7 p.m. *American Legion Post, 700 W. Bluff St. upexplorer2014@gmail.com.*

• **Gamblers Anonymous.** This group is for those who have or think they have a problem with gambling. Thursdays, 7 p.m. *Library Room, First Presbyterian Church, 120 N. Front St., Marquette.*

• **Grief Support Group—Marquette (Drop-In).** Guided by trained facilitators, these gatherings will offer comfort, understanding and connection through shared experiences. Open to all, whether you’ve recently lost a loved one or are still

coping with grief from the past. July 22. 4 p.m. *Lake Superior Life Care and Hospice, 914 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette. 906-225-7760.*

• **Grief Support Group—Ishpeming.** U.P. Home Health and Hospice offers support for those caring for a loved one with a life-limiting diagnosis or who recently experienced the loss of a loved one. Second and fourth Thursdays, 2 p.m. *Ray Leverton Community Room, Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, 317 N. Main St. 906-225-4545.*

• **Grief Support Group—Ishpeming.** Anyone dealing with grief and loss is invited to attend. Third Wednesday of each month. 7 p.m. *St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1889 Prairie Ave. 906-376-8475.*

• **Grief Support Group—Marquette.** U.P. Home Health and Hospice will offer support for those caring for a loved one with a life-limiting diagnosis or who recently experienced the loss of a loved one. First and third Thursdays, 3 p.m. *Dandelion Cottage Room, Peter White Public Library, 217 N. Front St. 906-225-4545.*

• **iCanQuit.** Smokers are invited to learn more about quitting with the help of a quitting coach. 800-480-7848.

• **Marquette Codependents Anonymous Meeting.** Mondays, 7 p.m. *LoveMarq Church, 728 W. Kaye Ave. coda.org.*

• **Michigan Tobacco Quit Line.** This free quit smoking coaching hotline provides callers with a personal health coach. 800-784-8669.

• **Nar-Anon Meetings—Ishpeming.** Family and friends who have addicted loved ones are invited. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. *Mission Covenant Church, 1001 N. Second St. 906-361-9524.*

• **Narcotics Anonymous Meetings—Marquette.** Family and friends who have addicted loved ones are invited. Open meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Closed meeting on Fridays, 7:30 p.m. *Downstairs Social Room, Marquette Hope First Campus, 111 E. Ridge St. (use Ridge*

Street entrance).

• **Nicotine Anonymous.** 415-750-0328 or nicotine-anonymous.org.

• **Parkinson’s Support Group.** Open to people living with Parkinson’s and their caregivers. July 15. 2 p.m. *Marquette Senior Center, 300 W. Spring St. 906-228-0456.*

• **SMART Recovery—Calumet.** A self-help group for alcohol and substance abuse and other addictive behaviors. Mondays, 7 p.m. *Copper Country Mental Health, 56938 Calumet Ave. smartrecovery.org.*

• **SMART Recovery—Hancock.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. *Conference Room No. 5, U.P. Health System—Portage Hospital, 500 Campus Dr. smartrecovery.org.*

• **SMART Recovery—Marquette (Zoom).** Mondays, noon. Via Zoom. smartrecovery.org.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly.** This is a non-commercial weight-control support group. Various places and times throughout the U.P. 800-932-8677 or TOPS.org.

• **UP VIPs.** This is a support group for Visually Impaired People (VIPs) living with any visual impairment, no matter how temporary or permanent. Second Tuesday of each month. 10 a.m. *Great Lakes Talking Books, 1615 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette. Remote join options are available; for the Zoom link or to join by phone, email mbrodeur@superiorlandlibrary.org.*

• **Virtual Caregiver Support Group.** U.P. family caregivers are welcome to join. A device with an internet connection, webcam, microphone and an email address are necessary. Advanced registration required. Second Tuesday of each month. 2 p.m. 906-217-3019 or caregivers@upcap.org.

• **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program.** Clinics include nutritional counseling and coupon pick-up. Appointments required. Call for Marquette County schedule. mqthealth.org or 906-475-7846.

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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

07 FRIDAY

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Gwinn

• **Story Time.** Children and families can enjoy stories, crafts and light snacks. 10:30 a.m. Forsyth Township Library, 180 W. Elm St. 906-346-2911 or forstlib.org.

Houghton

• **Celebrity Hypnotist Chris Jones.** Chris Jones is a hypnotist, comedian and the host of the prank series "Double Take" on Facebook Watch.

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