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MARQUETTE, MI
APRIL 2021 – JUNE 2021
JULY 1, 2021
(ALL TIMES: EASTERN)

Issue	Program Information	Brief Description
Public Health Needs		
	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	
	6/16-17	The Michigan State Police have developed a Mobile Application for both iPhone and Android platforms for helping people with dissemination of public information.
	6/11-13	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued a recommendation that Michiganders should avoid contact with foam they may see on Michigan’s lakes, rivers, and streams.
	6/11-13	Governor Whitmer announced grants awarded under the umbrella of the MI Clean Water Plan to help Michigan communities strengthen drinking water infrastructure and to better ensure safe, affordable tap water across the state.
	6/11-13	Governor Whitmer has signed two House bills which ensure that callers to the Michigan Crisis and Access Line (MiCAL) have access to information about availability of psychiatric beds. These bills will improve access to mental health services.
	6/10-11	Signs that someone is suicidal can vary from person to person, according to Dial Help in Houghton. Assistant Director of Dial Help Krissy Putz says the most important thing is getting that person some help.
	6/8-9	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and “Getsetup” are partnering to offer classes to improve brain health during June, which is Alzheimer’s and brain awareness month.

6/4-6		In 2020 Marquette County law enforcement responded to 46 cardiac emergency calls requesting the use of lifesaving automated external defibrillators. Law enforcement officers are frequently the first to arrive on scene because they are already mobile at the time of the call and have the necessary equipment, including AED's with them on patrol.	
5/28-30		The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Protect Michigan Commission are launching a new text messaging program to share Covid-19 vaccine information and encourage Michiganders to get vaccinated.	
5/28-30		The Michigan region of the American Red Cross is sharing information to create awareness of rip currents and other threats to Great Lakes swimmer safety.	
5/27-28		The Marquette County Health Department continues in it's efforts to vaccinate community members and is working to reach out to home bound individuals.	
5/27-28		The announcement of a bi-partisan agreement between the Governor and Senate Majority leader Mike Shirkey and Speaker of the House Jason Went worth has lead to Michigan moving forward.	
5/24-25		Governor Whitmer has announced that the plan to roll back Covid related restrictions has been stepped up in Michigan. As of June 1, capacity limits will be lifted for outdoor events, while indoor capacity limits will be increased to 50%. On July 1, Michigan will no longer have limits in place for outdoor or indoor gatherings.	
5/19-20		I an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Transportation have expanded the "Travel Points Testing Program" to the Clare, New Buffalo, and Coldwater Welcome Centers.	
5/18-19		State Representative Beau LaFave has introduced a bill which is part of a 6 bill bi-partisan package to prohibit the creation, implementation and enforcement of vaccine passports in Michigan. LaFave's bill specifically prohibits businesses from mandating proof of vaccination for customers.	
5/14-16		Governor Gretchen Whitmer is lifting the mask mandate for fully vaccinated Michiganders. The new order will take effect on Saturday, May 15 th at 9am.	
5/12-13		Governor Whitmer has announced that 55% of Michiganders have received their first dose of the COVID vaccine. With this announcement it marks the first milestone of the "MI Vacc to Normal Plan" which enables in-person work to resume across all employment sectors on May 24 th .	

5/10-11		Upper Peninsula State Legislators have disputed a media report that they were involved in the creation of the VACC to Normal metrics announced last week by Governor Whitmer.	
5/6-7		P-FAS testing will be done on private drinking water wells in Negaunee township. Out of an abundance of caution, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy will be sampling a select group of private drinking water wells surrounding the former Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township for the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	
5/5-6		May is motorcycle safety awareness month and many motorcycle advocacy groups around the world use the slogan “Look Twice – Save A Life. Motorcycles Are Everywhere.”	
4/30-5/2		Governor Whitmer and MDHHS have announced that the state is working to expand the use of a medical intervention designed to significantly reduce hospitalizations and deaths due to the virus.	
4/30-5/2		Governor Whitmer provided the state’s plan for the return to normal by unveiling the “MI VACC to Normal” plan. The state of Michigan continues to push toward its goal of vaccinating 70% of Michiganders ages 16 and older to facilitate this goal.	
4/26-27, 5/1-2		The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration has established a COVID-19 citation dashboard that businesses can log onto to learn the status of their violations.	
4/22-23		U.P. Health System – Marquette announced that it has acquired the latest innovation in Robotic Technology for surgeries, which inserts all surgical instruments through one small abdominal incision, improving surgical outcomes and allowing faster patient recovery. This is made possible by a more than \$1.7 million dollar investment from Life Point Health.	
4/19-20		Blood supply has dropped to critically low levels across the State of Michigan. With blood types O-negative and O-positive most needed.	
4/19		The Marquette County Road Commission has reopened Steel Bridge Road. County Road CG (Steel Bridge Road) in Ely Township has been reopened to traffic as the road conditions have improved. For more information, call the Marquette County Road Commission at PH: 906-486-4491.	
4/16-18		The Marquette County Health Department has reduced the COVID-19 quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days. The CDC says quarantine is intended to reduce the risk that infected persons might unknowingly transmit infection to others.	

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4/16-18		The St. Ignace News reports that the former fire hall space at the St. Ignace City Hall is continuing to serve the residents with a new purpose.	
4/16-18		The Marquette County Health Department has now begun scheduling appointments for 16 and 17 year olds who are in need of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine. The first doses will be given at NMU Northern Center on Thursday, April 22 nd from 3-6PM and Saturday, April 24 th from 1-4PM.	
4/15-16		As COVID cases across the State of Michigan surge, MIOSHA that is within the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, has extended its emergency rules that were originally issued October 14, 202. The current emergency rules have been extended until October 14 of this year.	
4/13-14		More than two-million Michiganders are fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and a focus now is ensuring that people who are homebound are also able to get the vaccine.	
4/12-13		The Oscar Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain has announced it's providing COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone who served in the military, as well as their caregivers and spouses under the authority granted by the "Save Lives Act".	
4/9-11		MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories scientists have been busy genome sequencing the virus to identify variants. More than 10,000 samples have been sequenced by staff to date with over 4,200 of those tests completed in 2021.	
4/9-11		Governor Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist released statements after the Biden Administration sent a letter to Michigan announcing that it has taken steps to ensure greater access to health care under the Healthy Michigan Plan by removing restrictive Medicaid work requirements that were put in place under the Trump Administration.	
4/5-6		Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are urging Michiganders to get tested for COVID-19 upon returning from spring break in an effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19.	
4/2-3		The Marquette County Health Department announced this week that vaccine supply in Michigan has reached the point where vaccinations will be offered to anyone 16 years of age and older beginning on Monday, April 5.	
3/29-30, 3-4		A supplemental budget house bill has now been signed into law. Right to Life of Michigan reports that under a directive, vaccine recipients must be given informed consent if and in what manner the	

development of the vaccine used aborted fetal tissue or a human embryonic stem cell derivation line.

What's Happening
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4/1-6/30 The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market will offer a Saturday morning and Wednesday evening outdoor market for the 2021 market season.

5/10-6/4 Upper Peninsula Health Plan and Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions will be having the Marquette County Community Resource Fair on Friday, June 4 from noon to 4 pm. It will be a drive-through “Express Style” in the parking lot of Lakeview Arena in Marquette. There is no cost.

5/6-15 The Community Action Alger-Marquette will be having a Walk for Awareness on Saturday, May from from 10 am until 2 pm.

5/3-9 UPAWS is participating in the Bissell Pet Foundations Empty the Shelters adoption event from May 5th through the 9th. During that time, dogs and cats 1 year and up will have reduced adoption fees.

4/15-21 Hope Starts Here Challenge will be from May 8th-16th.

4/1-12 Free Diabetes Prevention Class Series is offered online and currently there is no cost in a Zoom format beginning April 13th Tuesdays 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Needs of the Family

Focus on the Family
 REC
 Host: Jim Daly
 2:00 PM – 2:30PM
 10:00 PM – 10:30 PM

6/30 Darrell and Stevie Waltrip share some amazing stories from the NASCAR world and talk about their long-term marriage.

6/29 Kathi Lipp suggests that women need to spend time journaling all the things they’ve ever wanted to try and then seek God’s will as to which goals are worthy of pursuing and which can be eliminated.

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6/28		Danika Cooley shares practical ideas to equip parents to help their children develop a strong foundation of faith and nurture a solid relationship with God by studying the Bible together.	
6/25		Ellie Lofaro delivers a humorous message with a serious theme as she talks about being an “overcomer”.	
6/23-24		Shontell Brewer offers moms encouragement and guidance for developing their sacred calling to teach and motivate their kids to follow Jesus Christ.	
6/21-22		Singer-songwriter Matt Hammitt and his wife, Sarah, candidly discuss the severe marriage problems that resulted from his busy touring schedule.	
6/17-18		Pediatrician Dr. Meg Meeker provides great insights to encourage fathers to strengthen their relationships with their kids.	
6/15-16		Debra Fileta will help couples better understand the four seasons of healthy relationships.	
6/14		Greg Koukl pulls from his over 30 year of experience debating atheists and agnostics to help you share your faith with grace and truth.	
6/11		Claire Culwell’s birth mom was just 14 years old when she gave birth to her daughter after an abortion procedure that took the life of her twin in the womb. Jim Daly sits down with Tonya and Claire to discuss the circumstances of the abortion attempts and how-through forgiveness – God has healed their relationship and emboldened them to speak out for preborn babies.	
6/10		Fawn Weaver took a worldwide tour to learn the secrets of happy marriage.	
6/7		Brandon and Analyn Miller encourage parents to discover their children’s strengths.	
6/4		Pastor Ted Cunningham offers wisdom to newlyweds about the importance of separating emotionally, relationally, and financially from their family of origin.	
6/3		Kay Wyma decided to spend the next 30 days using moments to intentionally pursue peace.	
6/2		Greta will inspire parents to get their kids outside their daily routines and experience the thrill of adventure as a family.	
5/31-6/1		When former Navy SEAL Chad Williams graduated the incredibly grueling SEAL training, he was faced with depression and emptiness as he contemplated his future, and he became lost in drunkenness.	

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5/27-28		Rob Parsons shares biblically-based pearls of wisdom on life and love for his grandchildren; ideas that he's written down to help them avoid some of the difficult lessons that he learned as a young man.	
5/26		In their inspirational story, the Bainters share about the strength and redemption offered through Christ in times of great difficulty.	
5/24-25		Drs. David and Jan Stoop discuss the concept of emotional intelligence – the ability to understand your emotions, as well as your spouse's.	
5/21		Deborah Pegues examines twelve traits of strong leadership and counters that with tendencies we need to let go.	
5/19-20		Mark and Jill Savage share their own personal story of rebuilding trust in their own marriage after infidelity.	
5/17-18		Jim Daly and John Fuller talk with Dr. Jeremy and Mrs. Jerusha Clark about their book. They share an overview of what is going on in the teen brain from a neurological perspective, how to understand your teen's emotions, and the impact of puberty and hormones on your teen.	
5/14		Gary Thomas encourages couples to make a daily effort to go beyond the "duty" of love, and combat the natural inclination to drift apart by choosing to see the best in their spouse.	
5/12-13		Dr. Kevin Leman offers advice to help parents transform their child's behavior.	
5/11		Brian Noble describes how conflict can be a force of good or bad in our lives.	
5/10		Jason Johnson shares stories from his own foster parenting journey.	
5/7		Heidi St. John offers encouragement to you as a mom, especially if you feel afraid, overwhelmed, and discouraged by everyday tasks.	
5/6		Kathi Lipp speaks honestly about her struggles to have an effective prayer life.	
5/5		Stephen Arterburn helps listeners to better understand and assist loved ones in their healing from depression.	
5/4		Dr. Mohler and Jim Daly will help believers meet the challenges and demands of secularism with hope, confidence, conviction, and the gospel, even as our influence may appear to be waning.	
5/3		Author Melanie Shankle offers a humorous look at the differences between men and women.	

4/29-30	Kay Wyma shares powerful stories illustrating her own family's struggles with feeling overwhelmed, and reminds us that we can only find our worth and identity in Jesus Christ.
4/28	Author Sarah Smith shares her journey through caring for her mother as she battles Alzheimer's.
4/26-27	Author's Greg Smalley and his brother Michael help men know how to better communicate and interact within their primary relationships, especially their marriages.
4/23	Stephen Arterburn offers practical tips for how we can walk through a process of healing successfully.
4/21-22	In a dynamic message of marital restoration, Patricia Ashley shares her testimony of a painful five years with her husband and how the Lord worked a miracle in their hearts.
4/19-20	Dr. Gary Chapman and Arlene Pellicane reveal how technology is changing our kids – impacting the brain, relationships, safety and emotional health.
4/16	Pastor David Gudgel explains how parents can influence their teen and young adult children to avoid the risks of cohabitation and instead choose God's design for marriage.
4/14-15	Jodie Bendt offers parents guidance for how they can move frequently and effectively pray for their children.
4/13	Describing how his world was turned upside down when his son was diagnosed with severe autism, Jason Hague talks about living with a broken heart and seemingly unanswered prayer.
4/12	Patrick Schwenk and his wife, Ruth, offer help for maintaining a thriving marriage amidst the demands of parenthood.
4/9	Becky Kopitzke describes how frustrated moms can identify what triggers their anger, embrace forgiveness and grace, and offer kinder, gentler responses to their children for a more peaceful home.
4/7-8	Author and speaker Ron Deal offers couples in blended families advice on how they can assess the strengths of their marriage and improve on areas of weakness.
4/2	Christian apologist and best-selling author Lee Strobel shares his story of coming to faith in Christ, and then examines the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
4/1	Author Becky Kiser offers practical guidance for making special days – more meaningful and enjoyable for your family.

News
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- 6/28-29 State Representative Greg Markkanen announced that the Charter Township of Calumet has been awarded a grant to provide people with improved, more efficient infrastructure.
- 6/28-29 State lawmakers are considering a tax deduction for unborn children lost to early miscarriage.
- 6/18-20 Governor Whitmer attended a press conference recently at the Michigan Capitol Building with lawmakers to unveil a bi-partisan plan to increase access to childcare for Michigan families.
- 6/14-15, 19-20 New Stem Cell Research Guidelines from the International Society of Stem Cell Research violate the Michigan Constitution.
- 5/31-6/1, 6/5-6 Right to Life of Michigan supports a ban on targeted abortions, sponsored by Representatives Julie Calley and Andrew Fink. The legislation would make it a felony punishable by up to two years in prison for someone who knowingly performs one.
- 5/24-25, 29-30 Sending abortion-inducing pills through the mail creates the issue of women's safety and reveals Planned Parenthood's move to see even more abortions in the U.S.
- 5/17-18, 22-23 The Health and Human Services budget is in the works at the state capitol. Right to Life of Michigan is grateful for Mary White for pro-life provisions in the bill, though the budget is not yet finalized.
- 5/10-11, 15-16 One of the ethical debates surrounding in-vitro fertilization is how long embryos can be experimented on before being destroyed. There are demands to remove that limit.
- 5/13-14 The Marquette County Habitat for Humanity announced recently that they broke ground on their 107th home build in Ishpeming.
- 4/2-4 Affordable Child Care is crucial support for working parents, and it rivals the cost of college or housing for some Michiganders. Mary Schuermann explains.

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4/1-5/19

There will be women’s retreats on May 18 and 19, May 19 and 20, and May 20 and 21 in Bay Harbor.

Education

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 Local
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4/16-18

Plans for a new Pickford Community Library are under development, according to the St. Ignace News. The Library purchased the former home of the Napa Auto Parts Store, which is relocating.

4/15-16

The *Iron Mountain – Kingsford Daily News* is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The Iron Mountain Daily News published its first paper on April 11, 1921. Early in 1921, Frank J. Russell, Sr, the publisher of the Marquette Mining Journal, purchased two existing Iron Mountain Newspapers, the Tribune – Gazette and the Iron Mountain Press, which ceased publication shortly thereafter.

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6/21-30

Limestone Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School with the theme Heroes with God’s Power from July 5 through the 9th from 9:30 to noon each day.

Corrections/
Courts

News
Local
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- 6/29-30 Three residents of Lansing have been convicted of conspiring to provide material support to the designated foreign terrorist organization ISIS.
- 6/28-29 A 53-year-old North Caroline man has been taken into police custody for felonious assault, fleeing and eluding, concealed weapons violations, and operating while intoxicated after an altercation with a group of motorcyclists on the Mackinac Bridge.
- 6/25-27 The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued a request for proposals to provide services to victims of domestic and dating violence as well as their dependent children.
- 6/23-24 Michigan State Troopers from the Negaunee Post were called to a residence on Carlshend Road in Skandia Township for a report of a home invasion at a private residence.
- 6/22-23 Troopers from the Michigan State Police-Wakefield Post were dispatched to a residence in Rockland Township in Ontonagon County for an alleged home invasion and assault in progress.
- 6/19-20 Officers from the Marquette County Sheriff’s office responded to a one vehicle accident on County Road 550 near Wetmore Landing in Marquette Township.
- 6/16-17 The Marquette County Prosecutor’s office reports that 20-year-old Brenden Trey Brownwell of Gwinn was recently sentenced to a total of 55-60 years in prison for 5 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct and other sexual offenses.
- 6/9-10 The Marquette County Sheriff’s office and the Marquette County medical examiner have concluded the investigation into the death of Nicholas Suardini and found no foul play involved.
- 6/5-6 Officers from the Marquette County Sheriff’s Office responded to an ATV accident on County Road SAA near County Road 426.
- 6/2-3 The Houghton County sheriff’s department is investigating a breaking and entering that occurred at an unoccupied summer home on Lakeshore Drive in Calumet Township.
- 6/2-3 Chief Assistant Prosecutor Andrew Griffin held preliminary examinations in 96th district court involving defendants Robert Jay Miller, Ameire Rackem Stevens, and Alan Brian Schwalback. Each

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		of the defendants had been charged with multiple charges of child sexual abuse activity.	
5/28		The Marquette County Sheriff's Office reports that Nicholas Suardini, who was reported missing on May 17 th , has been found deceased in the woods.	
5/21-23		Romanian national Ioan Georgel Cristian Flore was sentenced to 75 months in federal prison for his role in an ATM skimming fraud.	
5/21-22		Nicholas Suardini was last seen Thursday, May 13 th leaving his mother's home and was reported as a missing person on Monday, May 17 th .	
5/18-19		The Marquette County Sheriff's office reports 31-year-old Nicholas Reid Suardini is missing.	
5/17-18		A federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment that adds new charges of conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction against 3 defendants and adds federal firearms violations against 2 defendants in the case alleging a conspiracy to kidnap Governor Whitmer.	
5/12-13		The Marquette County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to a single motorcycle crash on County Road AI near County Road AAD in Champion Township.	
5/11-12		Two Sault Ste. Marie men have been sentenced for child exploitation: 53-year-old Ralph Fletcher Hepner, Jr. and 48-year-old Duane Richard Forrest.	
5/10-11		Local expungement efforts are being supported for those looking for work, thanks to a \$4 million investment in the "Clean Slate" pilot program.	
4/26-27		A federal grand jury has charged Gonzalo Rodriguez of Kent County with aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns.	
4/21-22		Legislation would restore a second seat to the 25 th circuit court in Marquette County.	
4/19-20		David Robert-Daniel Saylor, Sr. of Newaygo, MI was indicted and charged with multiple federal offenses, including possession of destructive devices and possession of a stolen firearm.	
4/14-15		Troopers from the Michigan State Police Calumet post were dispatched to a report of shots fired at a residence in Hubbell.	
4/13-14		The Marquette County Sheriff's Office is requesting the public's assistance in the locating a wanted fugitive: 19-year-old Chenoa Rae Phillips.	

4/7-8 UW-Madison Police said that 3 19-year-old university students stole a rare pine tree as part of a “pledge” activity for the former Chi Phi fraternity.

Substance Abuse

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6/8-9 Dr. Gregory Jantz discusses various forms of common addictions.

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6/8-9 After a 9-month investigation, UPSET arrested a 29-year-old male from Ontonagon for possession with intent to deliver heroin and methamphetamine.

6/2-3 Detectives from UPSET arrested 3 people from Houghton County for selling illegal drugs.

5/14-16 Detectives from UPSET arrested a 39-year-old male from Houghton for possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

Tourism/
Recreation

News
Local
Hourly R.O.S. Basis

6/11-13 Due to worsening fire danger, the Hiawatha National Forest is restricting the building, maintaining, attending, or use of a fire or campfire with the exception of those in forest service provided and maintained fire rings.

6/11-13 UPPCO has announced that the company’s boat launch facility at Dam No. 4 on the Boney Falls Reservoir will be temporarily closed to the public on June 14.

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6/10-11		Red O’Hearn will be joining other trapping experts at the 59 th annual Trappers Convention/Outdoor Expo on July 9-10 at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba.	
6/9-10		The Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk will return this year on Monday, September 6 th .	
6/2-3		Michigan’s Department of Technology, Management, and Budget has officially begun its search for the “perfect tree” to grace the capital grounds in Lansing for the 2021 holiday season.	
5/19-20		Lake Antoine Park will be closed for camping until further notice due to broken water pipes.	
5/13-14		The Seney National Wildlife Refuge has announced that the marshland wildlife drive and fishing loop will open this Saturday, May 15.	
4/28-29		Colonial Michilimackinac will host a new program this summer called “Guns Across the Straits” allowing visitors the chance to shoot weapons without ammunition.	
4/14-15		Mackinaw City businesses are expecting a busy tourist season.	
4/6-7		A development push is underway to bring a new bicycle trail do Doc Holle’s Silver Mountain Skiing and Tubing Hill in Moran Township.	
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6/16-30		The Negaunee City Band will play weekly starting Wednesday, July 7.	
6/16-30		The Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library will have a special sale on Friday, July 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM.	
6/14-17		The 21 st annual Lake Superior Community Partnership Golf Outing will be Thursday, June 17 at Greywalls Golf Course.	
5/27-6/19		The Lori Branstrom Memorial U.P. Classic Cattle Show will be held at the U.P. State Fairgrounds June 19-20.	
5/25-6/5		The Copper Range Historical Society Museum in South Range will host its Annual Open House on Saturday, June 5.	
5/13-6/5		The 8 th annual Iron Range Roll will be Saturday, June 5.	

5/6-8	The TV6 Mother's Day Craft Show will be at the Westwood Mall in Marquette May 7-9.
4/15-23	Downtown Sault Ste. Marie retailers and restaurants are holding Ladies Night Out on Friday, April 23.
4/7-17	Downtown Marquette Restaurant Week is April 11-17.

Government Issues

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6/29-30	The Michigan department of Health and Human Services court appointed federal monitors continue with significant improvements to the state's child welfare system.
6/28-29	Senator Ed McBroom, chairman of the senate oversight committee announced the publication of the panel's report on the November 2020 general election in Michigan.
6/25-27	Senator Ed McBroom, chairman of the senate oversight committee, announced Wednesday the publication of the panel's report on the November 2020 general election in Michigan.
6/24	Governor Whitmer has called on the legislature for an expansion of the futures for frontliners scholarship program to meet increased demand and popularity. The tuition free scholarships would now include frontline workers who have served between November 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021.
6/24	The Federal Communications Commissions Rural Digit Opportunity Fund will provide up to \$20.4 billion dollars towards the expansion of broadband into under served rural areas with a focus on improving network speed.
6/19-21	Governor Whitmer has accelerated the end of all COVID-19 restrictions. Beginning June 22, capacity in both indoor and outdoor gatherings will increase to 100% and the state will no longer require residents to wear a face mask.
6/17-18	Transformation Michigan and the Michigan House of Prayer have sponsored the "Let Freedom Ring" Rally at the state capitol.
6/17-18	Michigan tax payers who missed the May 17 th state individual income tax filing deadline have options for filing a late return according to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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6/17-18		Governor Whitmer has announced a proposed investment of \$105.8 million dollars to modernize current facilities used by the Michigan Army National Guard to update the facilities provided to Michigan's female service members. Of that, \$50.9 million dollars will come from the State of Michigan.	
6/15		The Marquette County Road Commission has closed County Road 476 in Tilden Township, just west of its intersection with County Road PFS today until 3 p.m. for a culvert replacement.	
6/14-15		State Representative Sara Cambensy, a Democrat from Marquette, introduced legislation last week to restore a second seat on the 25 th Circuit Court in Marquette County. That bill has now passed the House by a vote of 104 to 5.	
6/14-15		Senator Ed McBroom is support a plan introduced by Senator Wayne Schmidt last week that would dedicate \$1.5 billion to fix bridges in severe condition throughout the state. A Republican from Traverse City, says it's no secret that many of the state's roads and bridges are in poor shape. He says this funding would prioritize bridge projects.	
6/7-8, 12-13		The Mississippi legislature has passed a bill to ban all abortions after 15 weeks, when a baby's organs are in place and growing in the womb. From Lansing, Sondra Gunderman spoke with Genevieve Marnin of Right to Life of Michigan.	
6/8-9		The Marquette County Road Commission has closed County Road 565 in Richmond Township between its northerly intersection with 35 in Palmer and County Road 476 until 3 pm for a culvert replacement.	
6/7-8		The commission charged with drawing Michigan's new voting district maps for the next decade is seeking public comment from residents across the state, including those who can't make it to in-person hearings or who don't have internet access. Lily Bohlke explains.	
6/5-6		The Marquette County Road Commission will be closing County Road 565 at the bridge over Schweitzer Creek, approximately a quarter mile south of County Road ML, for replacement of the bridge.	
6/4-6		Sawyer International Airport has announced the installation of a new parking system at the airport air carrier terminal. The new parking system uses the latest technology to streamline the parking process and provides a touchless entry experience with motion activated sensors at both the entry and exit areas.	
6/2-3		The Michigan Department of Transportation began its road resurfacing project on the I-75 business loop in St. Ignace recently according to the St. Ignace news.	

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6/1-2		State Representative Sara Cambensy has introduced legislation that is part of a bi-partisan package regarding sexual assault. The bills were crafted as a result of the 2018 investigation into the MSU/Larry Nassar sexual assault scandal, as well as on going investigations into the University of Michigan's former Athletic Doctor, Robert Anderson.	
5/31-6/1		Michigan Veteran Homes, a branch of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs received assistance from local scout troops and volunteers to plant more than 5,000 flags at the grave sites of fallen heroes in the cemetery at the Michigan Veteran Home in Grand Rapids.	
6/1		The Marquette County Road Commission will be closing County Road 565 in Richmond Township between its northerly intersection with M-35 in Palmer and County Road 476 on Wednesday, June 2 nd .	
5/26-27		A bill has been signed that renames a portion of U.S. 2/U.S. 41 in Delta County as the "Darryl M. Rantanen Memorial Highway". This is in honor of a trooper who was killed when the patrol car he was riding in was forced off the roadway during the pursuit of a stolen vehicle.	
5/25-26		State Senator Ed McBroom and Representative Greg Markkanen have urged Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson to reopen local branch office for walk-in service. Both lawmakers underscored documented problems with the department's new method of appointment only service.	
5/24-25		Governor Whitmer last week announced a bi-partisan agreement with Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth related to Cares Act spending.	
5/19-20		The Marquette county Road Commission will be closing County Road 498 to through traffic between Allen Street and Wright Street in Marquette Township beginning Friday, May 21 st .	
5/17-18		The Michigan Department of Treasury says taxpayers who have filed their individual 2020 Income Tax Returns early and collected unemployment benefits in 2020 should consider filing an amended state return if they haven't yet received their entitled tax relief.	
5/14-16		Lawmakers introduced two bills into the state senate recently to allow undocumented people in Michigan to apply for driver's licenses and identification cards. Michigan News Connection's Susan Potter reports.	
5/12-13		The Marquette County Road Commission has announced that beginning Monday, May 17 th all seasonal weight restrictions will be lifted on all roads under their jurisdiction.	

Issue	Program Information	Brief Description	18
5/7-9		The Marquette County Road Commission announced that beginning on Monday, May 10 th weight restrictions will be lifted on all roads south of U.S. 41 and M-28 as well as east of M95, including all of Chocolay, Marquette, Humboldt and Powell Townships.	
5/3-4, 8-9		Karl Manke, the Owosso barber, has filed a lawsuit challenging the \$9,000 in administrative fines levied against him and his barber shop by the state. Manke refused to shut down his shop, in violation of executive orders from Governor Whitmer. The Michigan Supreme Court later ruled those orders unenforceable.	
5/6-7		Committee Chair State Representative Beau LaFave recently led the committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security in approving a formal resolution to protect the 2 nd Amendment rights of Michigan resident's and oppose overreaching federal gun control measures.	
4/19-20, 24-25		Right To Life of Michigan has notified all hospitals with Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centers that Michigan law requires the reporting of all abortion complications and deaths to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.	
4/23-25		Governor Whitmer has joined with fellow governors to call on congressional leadership to pass the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, which would remove legal limitations and allow financial institutions to bank with state licensed cannabis businesses.	
4/22-23		Telephone users in 4 Michigan area codes, including 906 in Upper Michigan, will soon be required to include an area code in every phone call, as part of the new way to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. 10 digit calling will soon be required for all calls in Michigan's 616-, 810-, 906- and 989- area codes.	
4/21-22		Sawyer International Airport located in Marquette County has announced that flights will be increasing beginning in May.	
4/12-13, 17-18		The Thomas More Law Center will have a freedom of association case heard later this month at the U.S. Supreme Court. The Center based in Ann Arbor, is fighting a push from the California Attorney General to reveal its donor list.	
4/14-15		Representative Beau LaFave announced a plan to prohibit the use of a new form of government mandated identification known as Vaccine Passports. The identification would reveal the Covid-19 Vaccination status of a Michigan citizen.	
4/5-6, 10-11		Following the resignation of Robert Gordon as head of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, questions were raised about the financial payout of over \$150,000 from the State of Michigan.	

4/1-2 Michigan Senate Republicans recently introduced reforms to improve voting access in Michigan, ensure election integrity and restore trust in the outcome of a system vital to democracy.

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6/9 State Senator Ed McBroom and Representative Sara Cambensy will hold office hour together on June 18th in Marquette.

5/6 Webinar series covers specific Michigan sales and use tax laws for qualifying nonprofit entities and filing and payment considerations. Tax Guidance, June 22nd and Filing Guidance June 23rd.

4/13 State Representative Beau LaFave has upcoming office hours on April 16th from 3-4pm (CST) at Side Track Restaurant, from 5:30-6:30pm (CST) at Blackstone Pizza Co and April 17th from 4:30-5:30pm (EST) at Ludington Grill.

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3/22-4/18 Free online dementia training classes for caregivers. The dementia overview for family and friends April 22nd. Planning activities for persons with dementia April 29th and Understanding behavior and support needs of persons with dementia May 6th.

4/1-10 Caregiver Incentive Project offering a free mentor based training program for new in home caregivers on April 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th.

4/7 Walk with ease online training will be held on Wednesdays 2-3 pm May 26th through June 30th.

Employment/
Unemployment

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6/24

The Michigan State Police are seeking motivated individuals who desire a career as a trooper. The MSP is planning to hire more troopers to fill vacancies throughout the state, including in the Upper Peninsula.

Environment

News
Local
Hourly R.O.S. Basis

6/23-24

The Michigan Department of environment, Great Lakes and Energy announced 18 grants totaling \$600,000 dollars for projects that will support watershed organizations with conservation and educational efforts.

6/23-24

The Michigan Senate has unanimously approved legislation that would update parts of the state's commercial fishing law, which has not been reformed in 50 years and which has resulted in the Department of Natural Resources adopting problematic policies to regulate the industry.

6/22-23

Seed Libraries have taken root throughout the Upper Peninsula and are much like traditional libraries and make participation in the food system accessible by making seeds available to all according to the Upper Peninsula Food Exchange.

6/18-20

The Michigan PFAS Action Response Team will host a public meeting about the per and polyfluoroalkyl substance investigation near the former Marquette Airport on June 24th. PFAS are a large group of human made substances used in manufacturing, firefighting and consumer products.

6/18-20

The Michigan Senate has approved Senator Ed McBroom's legislation that would require that each member of the state's wolf management advisory council be a resident of the Upper Peninsula unless wolves become present in the Lower Peninsula.

6/16-17

Three Upper Peninsula communities received grants through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's Community Energy Management Program. 26 grants totaling \$492,000 have been awarded across the state for energy efficiency upgrades and other energy related projects.

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6/15-16		State Representative Greg Markkanen has announced the City of Ironwood has been awarded a grant to provide people with cleaner drinking water and improved wastewater systems.	
6/9-10		The Great Lakes and their surrounding regions have seen federal investments for restoration efforts, but those fighting on their behalf say more is needed.	
6/3-4		The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is starting on a back log of infrastructure projects at the Seney National Wildlife Refuge due to funding provided for in the Great American Outdoors Act.	
5/31-6/1		Michigan’s Bear population generally has been rising over the past decade, with most recent estimated count in 2019 at 9,900 bears, not including cubs and that number up 16% since 2012 according to the Iron mountain Kingsford Daily News.	
5/29-30		The Hiawatha National Forest is reminding forest visitors that with recent warming and drying trends impacting the great lakes region, fire danger conditions are above high at this time, so vigilance is needed when having a campfire.	
5/21-23		The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reports that the Great Lakes water levels are below last year’s record levels, but will continue rising before peaking in the Summer months.	
5/20-21		The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced recently that Marquette County will receive \$300,000 dollars in Brownfield funding through its multipurpose, assessment and cleanup grants.	
5/18-19		Governor Whitmer has announced grants for electric vehicle charging sites that will expand the statewide network. There are 32 locations across Michigan that have been approved as part of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy’s “Charge-Up” grants to install fast charging stations for private and commercial electric vehicles.	
5/12-13		Representative Greg Markkanen reported on his legislation to lift the cap on rooftop solar across the state. Markkanen says currently the utilities have a cap on rooftop solar.	
5/10-11		American Transmission Company is continuing to remove six submarine electric transmission cables and begin installing new cables on the lake bed of the Straits of Mackinac.	
5/10		Michigan Corps Cooperative Clean Water Program is accepting enrollments for volunteers for their cooperative lakes monitoring program. The deadline to enter for this season is May 10 th .	

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5/7-8		The 29 th Hiawatha National Forest St. Ignace District spring cleanup will take place on May 15 th from 9am until 2pm. Volunteers are asked to meet in the Castle Rock Parking lot at the start time.	
5/4-5		The City of Hancock has received a \$2.7 million dollar federal grant from the Economic Development Administration to provide flood resilient infrastructure for a new business and technology park.	
5/4-5		The public has been asked to help guide Michigan's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050. An online listening session is scheduled for May 5 th at 6pm.	
5/3-4		Michigan Waterkeepers are working to preserve fresh waters and vigilant monitoring is vital. The Grand Traverse Bay is a tourist and retirement hotspot which has led to more development, resulting in the loss of wetlands, vegetation, and the natural shoreline tree canopy.	
4/30-5/2		The Federal Environmental Protection Agency is funding a broad, coordinated campaign to clean up Lake Michigan and other great lakes this week.	
4/29-30		Michigan specialty crop producers and dairy farmers impacted by the pandemic are now eligible for new assistance from the USDA. A \$330 million dollar USDA investment announced this month is part of the USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers Initiative.	
4/26-27		An Upper Peninsula road project using rubber from scrap tires is doing well. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy helped fund a project on a stretch of County Road 607 in Dickinson County to test an unusual asphalt mix that uses pieces of old rubber tires to see if it could hold up in the harsh climate of the U.P. The project was a joint undertaking of the Dickinson County Road Commission.	
4/23-25		The Iron Baraga Conservation District has been selected by the Michigan DNR Wildlife Division for a \$13,500 dollars in funding under the 2021 U.P. Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative Grant.	
4/20-21		With Earth Day being scheduled for April 22 nd the public is asked to help guide Michigan's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.	
4/20-21		Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Public Service Commission have declared April "Safe Digging Month" and are urging Michiganders to call MISS DIG 8-1-1- before digging.	
4/13-14		Governor Whitmer has signed a bill which amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to change the allocation of fees collected for pheasant hunting licenses.	

4/12-13		The Clean Slate Act went into effect on April 11 th which allows more Michigan citizens with criminal records in their past to be eligible for expungement.	
4/9-11		The Iron Mountain Kingsford Daily News reported that wildfire danger is very high as officials warn that weather conditions will make it worse.	
4/8-9		The governors of 4 Great Lakes States have urged President Biden to prioritize federal investments in long neglected water infrastructure to advance environmental sustainability.	
4/8-9		According to the St. Ignace News, the Straits Area Sportsmen’s Club will continue its efforts to improve fishing on Brevort Lake in 2021 by stocking the lake with walleyes in both the spring and the fall.	
4/6-7		With the demolition of the Shiras Steam Plant slated for this summer, the Marquette Board of Light and Power will be lighting the Christmas Tree on the Shiras Steam Plant for the final time over this upcoming weekend.	
4/5-6		Michigan’s Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has moved 22,000 boxes of drilling cores and cuttings to a large warehouse at the former K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base.	
4/1-2		Michigan State University’s institute for water research has been chosen to conduct an economic study of the long term risk management strategies for groundwater contamination.	

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6/2		Public comments are being accepted on infrastructure improvements at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Please submit your comments by June 25 th to Sara Siekierski at 906-630-2015 or sara_siekierski@fws.gov .	
5/27		Michigan Wheat Program’s Fabulous Field Day, all virtual event is set for June 9, from 8-10a.m. Growers can get all the latest research information and pre-harvest tips.	
5/18		Wild about: Woods, Wetlands & Wildlife conservation seminar series for adults and older youth interested in conservation efforts in their yards, or properties. It provides continuing education to Extension Master Gardeners. Register for one or all topics desired. Sessions are \$5 each or all nine for \$35.	

- 5/18 A community Plant Swap will be held Saturday, May 29th at Woodland Church in Marquette from 10 a.m. to noon.
- 5/10 Eagle Mine will host a virtual community forum at 12 p.m. EDT on Thursday, May 20.
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- 5/6 JML Forestry will host a series of free virtual learning events for landowners interested in exploring how forest management can help their land grow healthier, increase its value, and earn revenue from well-planned harvests.

Economy

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- 6/14-15 Governor Whitmer announced an Economic Development Grant for Superior Extrusion Incorporated to support the company’s expansion and creation of 44 new jobs at it’s location at Sawyer International Airport.
- 6/1-2 Governor Gretchen Whitmer spent Memorial Day weekend on Mackinac Island, and while there, visited the M-185 construction project taking place.
- 5/28-30 Upper Peninsula Power Company has announced that the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have approved the transfer of the company’s stock to an affiliated entity of Axiom Infrastructure U.S. Incorporated.
- 5/24-25 The Michigan Public Service Commission issued a statement on the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline, a major source of fuel supply for states from the Southeast to the East Coast.
- 5/14-16 The Michigan Department of Transportation is investing nearly \$6 million dollars in the fortification and repair of M-185 on Mackinac Island that began on May 10th reports the St. Ignace News.
- 5/14-16 Critical support is available to Michigan’s bars and restaurants through the Federal Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Registration began April 30th with \$28.6 billion dollars available nationwide. The fund prioritizes direct relief to women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the first 21 days and then goes to a first-come, first serve basis for all eligible applicants.

5/7-9	Governor Whitmer visited the U.S. 127 Construction Project in Clare to discuss the administration’s Rebuilding Michigan plan and the \$300 million dollar bridge bundling proposal, which addresses the state’s crumbling bridges.
5/3-4	The Michigan Senate approved of Senator Ed McBroom’s bill providing COVID-19 ravaged businesses relief from license fees for this year.
4/27-28	Downtown Sault Ste. Marie was recently one of 17 communities to receive a \$25,000 dollar “Match on Main” grant provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.
4/26-27	Cleveland Cliffs last week released first Quarter results for the period ended March 31 st . First Quarter 2021 consolidated revenues were \$4.0 billion, compared with \$359 million in the prior year first quarter. The company recorded a net income of \$41 million, compared with a net loss of \$52 million the prior year.
4/12	The Marquette County Road Commission has closed County Road CG (Steel Bridge Road) in Ely township approximately 1 mile south of County Road 581 until further notice due to current road conditions.