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Issues/Programing

2nd Quarter – 2021

Quarterly Issues Program List

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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WKQS, NEGAUNEE, MI along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of October through December. The listing is by no means exhaustive, and additional air time not noted was devoted to serving our community. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Eastern.

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Home & Garden Show Coming Later This Month In Marquette

Coverage:

The chance to find the services and supplies you need for your building and remodeling needs is coming up later this month at the U.P. Home and ; Garden Show in Marquette.

Sarah Foster with the Home Builders Association of the U.P. spoke about the show with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Foster said the show is happening April 23rd through the 25th at the Westwood Mall and gives attendees the opportunity to meet over 100 professional exhibitors in a retail shopping environment.

She added that there is free admission to the public.

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The 8th Day: Tyler Young Talks 2020-2021 Sports Recap And COVID-19 On The 8th Day

Coverage:

Todd Pazz of The 8th Day sat with mediaBrew's Tyler Young to wrap up the 2020-2021 sports season. They also touched on the difficulties during the abbreviated seasons, and the obstacles Tyler faced calling games without a studio producer.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic mediaBrew was short staffed for the 2020-2021 sports seasons. That meant that Tyler, who calls the games for Ishpeming High School regularly, had to essentially pull double-duty. He was responsible for getting himself on and off air along with making sure all of his ad spots were being played.

He explained that is usual routine of calling games would become interrupted when faced with the challenge of going completely solo. Admittedly there were mistakes made, however small, sometimes would ruin the flow of the broadcast. Then again, that's live radio and you have to sometimes just roll with it.

Some of the other pressures Tyler and other broadcasters faced were the uncertainty of the schedules. Games could be added or cancelled at the drop of a hat. During the season mediaBrew was able to find more studio producers, and make the broadcaster's lives a little bit easier.

The extremely compressed training process of studio producers was touched on briefly. Tyler was happy that, even though the training time was short, things ran smooth during broadcasts.

Todd asked about Tyler's thoughts on how he thought the seasons went considering the difficulties

broadcasters faced. "It went pretty well. There weren't any major shutdowns due to covid. There were a couple of schools that had issues, but really we didn't see it. Especially around the teams that we cover." He did bring up that the only real team interruption he saw was with the Ishpeming boys basketball team. They had to end their season early, because they faced a team who had an athlete with a pending test that later became positive. While waiting on results the athlete had competed against Ishpeming. Which meant, due to protocols Ishpeming had to quarantine which cut their season short.

Tyler also talked about teams purposely cutting the last game out of their season. He brought up Marquette dropping the last game of the season. The final game didn't effect playoff seeding and was basically an exhibition game. Both Marquette and their opponent decided to forgo the game to avoid potential exposure. Which would lead to the inability for either team to play in the playoffs. There were multiple U.P. schools who did the same thing leading to the postseason.

Todd brought up a general discussion about vaccines and getting vaccinated. Tyler mentioned that he had to prove vaccination as a college student to be able to use certain amenities on campus. They talked about the public perception about vaccines, along with their own personal opinions on the topic.

They both expressed their views on the importance of knowledge about the vaccine at the community level. Tyler brought up the point that the vaccine conversation is an uncomfortable one. However, it's a topic that needs to be discussed. Without knowledge on the issue it has the chance to continue effect, not only everyday life, but on the schools and school athletics. Tyler really reinforced the mantra, "think globally, act locally." When we think big and act in a more intimate way with our communities it can only to be beneficial to one another.

Todd brought up the importance to keeping a broad horizon. Not only listening to what we want to hear, but how important it is to take in the information you don't want to hear and listen to everyone. He explains it's important to do what makes sense, not just want you do or don't want to do.

They eventually got back on the sports track, and brought up how football is looking for the 2021 season. Tyler talked about how Ishpeming didn't field a varsity team this year, and that he doesn't believe it was covid related. The JV team played three games and did well. He believes the Hemittites will field a pretty decent varsity team this year.

Tyler touched on his favorite soccer team, AFC Wimbledon. They aren't having the greatest season as of now, but Tyler is holding out hope that they can turn it around for the last part of the season.

Todd got back on the vaccine talk and the importance of getting vaccinated. Not only against COVID-19, but against all other major diseases and viruses. They reminisced about life pre-covid, specifically going to the movies. Tyler brought up the feeling of going to a packed theater on opening day of a highly anticipated movie, and how he can't wait to get back to that. Todd mentioned a couple of "older" movies, dating himself a bit, and the lines that would go all the way outside and around the corner. They are both hopeful to get back to that feeling and experience.

The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership Presenting Free Economic Development Webinar This Week

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is presenting a free webinar this week to explain more about economic development.

Mary Myers, Director of Business Development with the LSCP, spoke about the "Economic Development 411" webinar with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Myers said the webinar will explain what economic development is and how it impacts our community.

She added that it will increase the understanding of business attraction, entrepreneurship in our area, retention and expansion of businesses and the resources available to any size business in Marquette County.

The webinar is happening this Wednesday, April 7th, from 10:00am to 11:00am

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The Sunny Morning Show: Governor Whitmer Calls For Voluntary 2-Week Roll Back Of In-Person Activities

Coverage:

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer is calling on residents to voluntarily roll back in-person activities for two weeks in an effort to slow the growing numbers of COVID-19 cases in Michigan.

Whitmer spoke at a press conference today in Lansing about having Michiganders suspend in-person activities for high schools, indoor dining, and youth sports for two weeks.

Whitmer emphasized the slow downs are not mandated, but strongly suggested.

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Regional Blood Center In A Critical Need For Several Blood Types

Coverage:

The U.P. Regional Blood Center has a critical need for O-Negative, O-Positive, B-Negative and A-Negative blood types.

Blood Collection Coordinator Rachel Heath spoke about the need with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Heath said the Blood Center has collection sites in Marquette, Hancock, Escanaba, and Iron Mountain and is the primary supplier of blood to 13 U.P. hospitals.

She said you can visit their Facebook page at UPRBC906 for center details and blood drive locations. To schedule an appointment in Marquette, call (906)449-1450 .

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The 8th Day: Governor Gretchen Whitmer Updates On Vaccine Distribution and Rising Cases in Michigan

Coverage:

Today Governor Whitmer held another press conference to discuss Michigan's ongoing vaccination efforts and the recent rise in cases and the other coronavirus variants. The governor was of course joined by Dr. Khaldun. Take a listen to the entire conference below, or keep reading for quick highlights on the conference. Governor Whitmer started by updating on the fact that nearly 40% of Michigan is vaccinated and vaccine distribution is spreading up. That's about 5 million doses in less than four months. The Governor goes on to say the Johnson and ; Johnson one-shot vaccine is critical for younger Michiganders and those who might have trouble coming back in for a second shot. She goes on to urge Michiganders to get vaccinated to stop the rise in cases and the surge in the different coronavirus variants. She also asks everyone to stop dining indoors for two weeks, and instead sit in outdoor dining areas or order take out or delivery.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette City Commission Voting On Several Projects At Their Regular Meeting Tonight

Coverage:

Marquette City Manager Mike Angeli shared some of the highlights of tonight's agenda with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Angeli said Commissioners will hear an update on recycling efforts from Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority and will be awarding the professional services contract for the Kid's Cove Playground renovation project at Presque Isle Park.

He also talked about Commissioners acting on the purchase of residential property at 702 Lakeshore Boulevard from a private owner.

Angeli added the Commission will also be voting on the contract for the planned streetscape and sidewalk repair project on the 100 block of West Washington Street.

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The Sunny Morning Show: NICE Community Schools Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine Shares District COVID-19 Update

Coverage:

The NICE Community School District is working through the continually shifting landscape of COVID-19 related matters.

Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine shared the latest update today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

DeAugustine talked about a recent spike of COVID-19 cases in the district as well as how statewide concerns are impacting spring sports.

He also talked about plans for spring events within the district, including plans to hold activities such as prom.

DeAugustine wrapped up by outlining the goals for the district to safely and successfully get through the remaining 8 weeks that are left in current school year.

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The Sunny Morning Show: YMCA Of Marquette County Run/Walk Returns This Weekend To Kick Off A Busy Spring & Summer

Coverage:

The YMCA Run/Walk is back this weekend to give you a chance to unite with our community to provide local scholarships through the [YMCA of Marquette County Strong Kids Annual Campaign](https://www.ymcamqt.org/).

Marketing Director Grace Brindle spoke about how to get involved with the event and how it benefits the local community with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Brindle explained that the Run/Walk raises funds to provide both membership and program scholarships those in need to ensure every family and individual has an opportunity to thrive at the YMCA.

She also shared an update on the latest spring and summer activities and programs planned at the Y for folks to join up with.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Superior Arts Youth Theater Presenting Latest Production This Weekend Online

Coverage:

The Superior Arts Youth Theater 's Animation Series is featuring the third and final animated production in a series three short cartoons this Saturday.

SAYT Executive Director Jalina McClain and Cast Member Avonlea Kuhlman spoke about the online production with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

McClain talked about Lady Washinto, which has a humorous take on the inauguration of President George Washington and his concerned wife, Martha.

Kuhlman shared her thoughts on being in the cast as a voice actor and what she is enjoying about these unique performances.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Diaper Marquette County Effort Underway To Help People In Need Who Have Babies And Toddlers

Coverage:

Diaper Marquette County , a county-wide effort, is underway this month to increase awareness of diapering needs and collect donations of diapers and wipes for local families in need.

Founder and organizer Melinda Britton spoke about the community-based cause with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Britton said the drive runs until April 30th and the collected items will be distributed at the upcoming Marquette County Community Baby Shower.

Drop-off locations are at:

Shannon's Home Cooking at 120 N. Pine St in Gwinn

Chocolay ACE Hardware at 2250 US Highway 41 S. in Harvey

Jims Jubilee Foods at 900 US Highway 41 W. in Ishpeming

Jill Leonard State Farm at 3226 B US 41 W. in Marquette

Maple Ridge Resort at 134 Brown Road in Michigamme
Midtown Bakery and ; Cafe at 317 Iron St. in Negaunee

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Home & Garden Show Just Over A Week Away At The Westwood Mall In Marquette

Coverage:

Preparations are moving along for the U.P. Home and ; Garden Show at the Westwood Mall in Marquette.

Sarah Foster, Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of the U.P. and Katie Mechling, Sales and ; Marketing Manager with Rainy Creek Construction, spoke about the show with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

The show will be April 23-25, 2021 and admission is free. For more information about the U.P. Home and ; Garden Show visit their website HERE.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Area Boy Scouts Are Out "Scouting For Food" This Saturday In Negaunee

Coverage:

Negaunee Scouts are collecting food donations this Saturday as part of their "Scouting For Food" effort.

Daniel Hewitt, Senior Patrol Leader with Troop 346 in Negaunee, spoke about the food drive today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Hewitt said Scouts walked through Negaunee last weekend and placed special collection bags on door handles, and starting at 9:00 a.m. this Saturday, they're heading back to pick up those bags.

City residents can place their non-perishable food donations on their porch for collection. Palmer Area Residents can drop donations off at the Richmond Township Library by Friday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m.

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The 8th Day: Governor Whitmer Holds Coronavirus Press Conference

Coverage:

Governor Gretchen Whitmer held a coronavirus press conference. She discussed cases in Michigan and updated on vaccine distribution in the state. Gretchen Whitmer: All right, hello. Good afternoon. It is Wednesday, April 14th. I am joined by of course Dr. J and Dr. Adnan Munkarah from Henry Ford Health System, the chief clinical officer. Today, we're going to discuss Michigan's ongoing vaccination efforts and talk through additional steps we're taking to surge shots and save lives. Michigan has administered over 5.4 million doses of the safe effect of COVID-19 vaccines to over 3.4 million Michiganders. Over 192 million doses of the safe, effective COVID vaccines have been administered across the country and we're on our way toward doubling President Biden's goal of 100 million shots in 100 days. 41.9% of Michiganders 16 and up have gotten their first dose and 27.5% are fully vaccinated, including 61% of seniors. Our vaccine response is a testament to what we can do if we work together. I want to thank the frontline healthcare professionals who are working around the clock to keep our communities safe. Now I'd like to discuss steps we can take to keep each other safe and help our healthcare professionals do their jobs. Right now, we've got some work to do to get our COVID metrics headed in the right direction again. Cases are continuing to rise. Our test positivity rate is hovering around 18%. Two dozen hospitals are at 90% capacity or higher. We have a tough couple of weeks ahead of us as more effectious B117 COVID variant continues spreading. So to slow the spread, we all have to do our part and double down on what we know works masks, distancing, hand-washing. I also want to stress that we still have public health laws in place to mitigate the spread of COVID, including a mask mandate, capacity limits on indoor gatherings, and mandatory testing for sports. These are some of the strongest public health laws in the Midwest. The most important thing you can do of course is to get vaccinated. The safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines are the most effective way to keep yourself and your family safe and help us return to normal. Just yesterday, the CEO of Pfizer said they are upping their COVID vaccine output by 10%. This is great news and it demonstrates the hard work and ingenuity of Michigan workers who are making the lifesaving Pfizer vaccine in Portage, Michigan. If we all do our part, I know we can slow the spread and put this pandemic behind us, but we also must find ways to keep people safe and out of the hospital. Today, we're here to discuss promising therapeutic treatments that are available to help those diagnosed with COVID-19 to avoid serious symptoms and to stay out of the hospital as we're facing this surge. Last Friday, April 9th, the National Institutes of Health COVID-19 Treatments Guidelines Panel said they strongly recommend that Regeneron's COVID 19 treatment should be used in COVID-19 positive patients who are at high risk of clinical progression. The NIH's guidance was backed by data from a study of 4,500 patients showing that Regeneron's COVID treatment significantly reduced the risk of hospitalization and death. Regeneron and other therapeutics from Eli Lilly have already been granted emergency use authorization by the FDA, the exact same authorization given to the vaccines. So both treatments were granted this authorization back in November of last year. Regeneron and Eli Lilly offer a promising treatment for some people who have tested positive for COVID. Current data suggests both are likely effective against B117 variant, which is now the most common variant in the country. Notably, Regeneron was administered to President Trump late last year after he had COVID-19 and faced harsh symptoms. Regeneron's treatment very likely helped save the former president's life. It could save yours too. We are using every mitigation strategy, every medication, and every treatment option to help fight the virus here in Michigan. These treatments can be effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths for those diagnosed with COVID. And we are ensuring providers across the state have the supplies they need to effectively treat Michiganders. They are another tool in our toolbox as we work hard to save lives. So how did you get it and who can get it? Well, Regeneron and Eli Lilly are monoclonal antibody treatments that are administered via infusion through an IV. In just a few moments, we will have Dr.

Khalid talk more about the science behind these treatments. So far, more than 6,600 Michiganders have received these treatments since they were approved for emergency use by the FDA in November, and 65% of patients report feeling better within two days, and less than 5% require hospitalization following the treatment. Currently, people with pre-existing or underlying health risks qualify to receive these therapeutic antibody treatments. This includes all seniors, anyone with high blood pressure, asthma, lung issues, heart issues, cancer, or anyone who is immunocompromised. Ideally, both monoclonal antibody infusions should be administered as soon as possible after a qualifying patient tests positive for COVID-19. So if you are diagnosed with COVID, talk to a physician to see if you are eligible for this treatment. Time is of the essence with these therapeutics. The sooner you received them after you test positive, the more effective they will be. If you don't have insurance, this treatment is still available to you. We're proud to be removing this barrier right from the beginning to accessing this lifesaving care. I want to reiterate that COVID-19 vaccines are also free for all Michiganders. Regeneron and Eli Lilly antibody treatments can help keep you out of the hospital. They have also been shown to reduce the risk of symptomatic infection, meaning they could stop you from spreading COVID too. Approximately 30% of Michiganders were seen get diagnosed every day would qualify for these lifesaving therapeutics. In Michigan, we're seeing spreading awareness of these treatments and taking steps to make them available to all Michiganders where they are at no cost. Currently, both Regeneron and Eli Lilly treatments are available at a few hospitals in Michigan. We're engaging with our federal partners to expand supply at centers that currently administer these treatments and also working to stand up additional sites where they can be accessed. We know that as awareness increases, more people will take it and we will. And that as awareness increases, more people will take it. And we want to make sure we have the capacity to keep up with demand. The federal government has made therapeutic treatments free for all Americans who are eligible. There are currently still some administrative costs if you get this treatment, but we are working with the federal government and healthcare providers to get these costs waived. I want you to know that we are doing everything we can to make this therapy available to everyone who qualifies for free as quickly as possible. However, I do want to be very clear. Therapeutics are another tool, but they are not a substitute for vaccination. These treatments for folks with underlying health conditions who have COVID can help them avoid hospitalization and stop the spread temporarily. A Michigander who receives therapeutic treatment is eligible to receive COVID vaccine 90 days after administration. And the vaccine is still the most effective way to protect you and your family from COVID. And I encourage all Michiganders 16 and up to get it. And we will help everyone who receives this treatment schedule their vaccine appointment when they are eligible for that as well. In addition to these therapeutics, we're working with the federal government to bring in additional doses of remdesivir, a drug that will shorten hospital stays and save more lives. Remdesivir was approved by the FDA for emergency use authorization in May of last year. The drug is used for people hospitalized, experiencing severe COVID symptoms. Severe symptoms include patients with low blood oxygen levels, need an oxygen therapy, or those needing more intensive breathing support such as a ventilator. In a clinical trial, remdesivir was shown to reduce recovery time for patients with severe symptoms. This is yet another tool in the toolbox that we can use to keep people safe and move them safely out of the hospital. As always, we remain laser focused on keeping people safe, rebuilding our economy, and getting back to normal. Now, we have found more tools in our toolbox. Antibody infusions and drug therapy. If you, a loved one, a neighbor, or a friend is diagnosed with COVID-19 and are eligible because of your age or pre-existing conditions, I encourage you to ask your doctor for therapeutic options as quickly as possible. I also encourage you to go to michigan.gov/covidtherapy to find a site administering the antibiotic treatments near you. The treatments offered by Regeneron or Eli Lilly could keep you out of the hospital and save your life, and drugs like remdesivir can limit the number of days you stay in the hospital. I'm going to shoot straight with you as I always have. We're in a tough spot, Michigan. And while we appreciate the support we've received from the federal government, I will not stop fighting for more tests, more vaccines, more ways

to keep you and your family safe. Over the past year, Michigan has been one of the most proactive states. We took this seriously from the start and consistently led with science and data. I know how hard this year has been on all of us. I know we're all feeling pandemic fatigue, but we got to remember we're in this together. It's going to take hard work to beat this virus, but Michiganders are used to hard work and we can beat this virus together. So I'm calling on Michiganders to continue their professional, their personal efforts, to slow the spread by masking up, social distancing and washing your hands. And of course get vaccinated to keep you and your family safe and help us return to normal sooner.

Gretchen Whitmer: Now I'm going to turn it over to Dr. J.

Dr. J: Thank you governor. So I continue to be incredibly concerned about our state's COVID-19 data. This week, we surpassed the COVID 19 case and hospitalization rates that we saw in the fall. Right now, Michigan has 574 cases per million people, five times where we were in mid February and data indicates we have broad community spread. The percent of tests that are coming back positive is around 18%, five times where we were in the middle of February. MDHHS is tracking about 1,152 outbreaks in counties across the state, including new outbreaks in K-12 schools, manufacturing, and construction, long-term care, childcare, retail, restaurants, and bars. Since January, we've identified 291 clusters associated with youth sports teams. Since last week, we've also seen 52 new outbreaks in restaurant and retail settings. Our lab has identified 2,753 variant cases in 62 counties across the state. And because of this sharp rise in cases overall, there are likely many more that we do not yet know about, which makes the risk of contracting COVID even greater. Hospitalizations are also still increasing with many facilities continuing to report that they are at or near capacity. Over 18% of hospital beds are being used to treat COVID-19 patients.

So I worked in the emergency department this past weekend, and I'll tell you, it was exhausting. We are seeing more and more people who are being diagnosed with COVID-19. Many of them are younger than what we were seeing with previous surges. We're trying to take care of both patients with COVID-19 and those were coming in for other medical issues. And it is really putting a strain on our staff and our resources, and our bed space. All of which are spread way too thin. Patients are again lining our hallways like they were last spring. This situation is very serious. We need to be using every tool in our toolbox right now to get these cases and hospitalizations down. Again, just because something is open and legal, it does not mean that you should be doing it. We have learned so much about this virus over the past 15 months. Masks work. Wear one properly over your nose and your mouth anytime you're going to be around someone outside of your household. Large gatherings are riskier, particularly if it is indoors and people are not distanced apart appropriately. Sitting in an indoor space, like a restaurant where there's less ventilation and people are talking with their mask off is simply not a safe thing to do right now. If you are sick, stay home and get tested. Get tested if you've been exposed, or if you've recently traveled. And importantly, as the governor said, get vaccinated as soon as you are able.

I also want to talk a little bit about yesterday's announcement from the CDC and the FDA recommending a pause on the Johnson and ; Johnson vaccine. So as of April 12th, 6.8 million doses of the Johnson and ; Johnson vaccine have been administered across the country, including a little over 209,000 here in the state of Michigan. Of that 6.8 million, the CDC received reports of six cases of a where condition called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, essentially a blood clot in the blood vessels around the brain, in combination with something called thrombocytopenia, which is a low blood platelet count. While these events are very rare, out of an abundance of caution, the CDC and FDA made a recommendation for states to pause on giving additional doses of the Johnson and ; Johnson vaccine while they're able to look at the data on those six cases more closely, which they are doing today, and we'll be doing over the next several days. This proves that our monitoring system for these vaccines is robust and it works. And just six cases out of 6.8 million doses, that's about one in a million, means that this reaction is incredibly rare. Your risk of getting COVID if you are not vaccinated is much higher than your risk of getting an adverse reaction to this vaccine. While we await more information from the CDC on Johnson and ; Johnson, we still want people to schedule their appointments for the safe and effective Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. And if you have received the

Johnson and ; Johnson vaccine in the past three weeks, contact your healthcare provider if you develop symptoms of a blood clot, such as a severe headache or abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath. Again, these reactions were incredibly rare, just six cases out of 6.8 million. And while the CDC and FDA proceed with their thorough analysis of these cases and work to provide us with more information, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are still safe and effective, and the path forward to ending this pandemic. As the governor mentioned, we have now over 5.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccines administered in the state. About 42% of Michigan residents over the age of 16 have had at least one dose. Let's continue to focus on achieving our goal of getting at least 70% of Michiganders age 16 and up vaccinated as quickly as possible. And remember, there is so much you can do once you're vaccinated. Gathering with others in your home who are fully vaccinated without mask, traveling without testing if you don't have symptoms, not needing to quarantine if you are exposed. Vaccines give you the freedom and the peace of mind that your risk of COVID is low. Another very, very important tool that we are excited to talk about today that the governor mentioned are COVID-19 therapeutic medications. Therapeutic medications can potentially prevent high-risk people who have COVID-19 from needing to be hospitalized. It can shorten the number of days that you need to stay in the hospital, and it could even prevent deaths. Monoclonal antibodies, like the one made by Eli Lilly and the one by Regeneron, have been authorized by the FDA for use in some high-risk patients over the age of 12 with COVID-19 who do not need to be admitted to the hospital. Data from early trials suggest a 70% reduction in hospitalizations or death in high-risk patients treated with these monoclonal antibodies. To date, over 6,600 patients have been treated with this therapy across the state. That includes a one-time IV infusion. That takes as little as 21 minutes. Our preliminary data from Michigan shows that 94% of people who received this reported no side effects, and the 6% who did reported mild side effects like headache, fever, or myalgias that went away. No one who received these medications thus far had a severe allergic reaction, and there was a very low rate of hospital admissions for those who did receive it. Now, for those who are hospitalized with COVID-19, we have another therapeutic medication as the governor mentioned called remdesivir, that studies show may cut down on the length of time that someone may need to stay in the hospital. And that is so important now more than ever, especially with our COVID-19 hospitalization rates what they are. Thousands of people across the state have already received this medication. Our work on therapeutics led by Dr. Bill Fales, our MD, HHS, EMS medical director has been recognized by the Biden administration as leading the way in getting these therapies into our communities, including long-term care settings for homebound individuals and across hospitals and healthcare systems. We are working with the federal government to establish even more access points, and to make sure everyone who is eligible for these medications in Michigan can get them. So if you test positive for COVID-19, you should ask your doctor if you qualify for these therapies, and ask them where you can find them. It's important that you get this medication as soon as you can after you get your positive test result. You only qualify if it's within 10 days of developing symptoms, and the sooner, the better. You can go to our website, michigan.gov/covidtherapy, to find out more. There are over 70 sites that are providing these monoclonal antibodies in at least 37 counties across the state. For all clinicians, it's on us to know that these therapeutics exist, and we should be proactive in identifying the appropriate patients and helping to get them access. As an ER doctor, I use remdesivir for my patients who need to be admitted to the hospital, and I screen my COVID-positive patients for whether or not they qualify for monoclonal antibodies, and I'm asking every doctor in Michigan to do the same. Dr. J: So the past 14 months has been very challenging, and especially the past couple of months in Michigan as our cases have climbed, but I still have hope. We know what to do. We just all have to come together and do it. And with that, I will turn it over to Dr. Munkarah. Dr. Munkarah: Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. Over the last 14 months, this pandemic has affected all of us in many ways. The surge we are seeing now is very troublesome. Over the past five weeks at Henry Ford Hospitals, we have seen our patients with COVID increased

from 75 patients at the beginning of March to 550 patients as of this morning. This is almost a six-fold increase in the number of patients within four weeks. Our test positivity rate has gone up from 1 in 25 patients testing positive to 1 in 4 patients testing positive through our outpatients as well as our emergency department. This is extremely troubling. Throughout the pandemic, we have participated in multiple clinical trials and studies to test the effectiveness of treatments for COVID-19. We can attest to the success of monoclonal antibodies that the governor and Dr. Khaldun have talked about. We began using these monoclonal antibodies in December of 2020. We have so far administered over 800 infusion throughout our six sites of infusion. The therapy has been shown to help COVID-19 patients who are at risk of developing severe disease and potentially die. It also reduces hospitalization of COVID-19 patient, therefore easing the burden on our hospitals and caregivers. We are eager to continue leading this effort, and are working closely with our partners in the state and the federal government to expand the use of monoclonal antibodies as the governor and Dr. Khaldun had mentioned. We are finalizing details for expansion plans, and we'll be sharing those in the coming couple of days. Even with treatment breaks like this one, we need everyone's help. Families continue to lose their loved ones to COVID-19, or struggle to cope with loved ones who are getting very sick and hospitalized. Our care teams are emotionally and physically exhausted. Dr. Munkarah: They are more than committed and dedicated to provide the best care. However, they are frustrated to see people coming in very sick and die of an infection that we can control. The most important thing that we can do is to get vaccinated. We know that some people are hesitant. Even with the current pause and planned review of the use of Johnson and ; Johnson vaccine, we have two other vaccines, Moderna and Pfizer, both of which are safe and effective. I and all my eligible family members have received the vaccine. We also need everyone to continue a good faith effort to practice the safety measures we have in place. They are simple, they work, and they save lives. Wear your mask, practice social distancing, avoid large gatherings, and wash your hands regularly. We know you have heard this over and over again, and you might be getting fatigued with that, but if we all truly do our part, we can end this pandemic together. Thank you. Gretchen Whitmer: Thank you, Dr. Munkarah. Appreciate your joining us today and the work that you're doing every single day at Henry Ford, and we really are so grateful. So with that, I know we've got time for a few questions today. I understand we've got a little technical issue, so I'm going to call on a handful of reporters that are in the queue that my team tells me are ready to ask a few questions. So we'll start with Kyle M. Kyle M.: Thank you, Governor. During this pandemic, Michigan residents have been told to stay home, limit their travel, do Zoom Thanksgivings, and limit their activities per your office's request [inaudible 00:26:41] COVID spread, yet your head of the DHHS traveled to Alabama last week with COVID [inaudible 00:26:46] reaching pandemic highs. How do you justify this to residents who may feel that there may be two sets of rules in play here? Gretchen Whitmer: Well, I think first and foremost, let me say this. I'm not going to get distracted by partisan hit jobs on my team. Gretchen Whitmer: € Distracted by partisan hit jobs on my team. There have never been travel restrictions in Michigan. There just haven't been. What we have done is to ask people to be smart, to get vaccinated, to mask up. That is the key to traveling with confidence that you're going to be safe and not expose yourself or your loved ones to COVID or your community to COVID. So what directors do on their personal time is their business, so long as they are safe, which is what we're asking everyone in the state to do. Get vaccinated, mask up. If we all want the freedom to do these things that we're longing to do, that is the key to doing it with confidence that we're going to be safe, and we're not going to expose anyone else to COVID. So, go get your vaccine is my strongest response to everyone who's watching. That's the crucial component to us getting through this moment. And that's exactly what we are promoting within state government and across the state. All right, Dave B. is up next. Dave: Hi governor, thank you for taking my question. Earlier, Dr. Khaldun, I believe said, quote, We need to be using every tool in our toolbox right now to get these cases and hospitalizations down. If that's the case, why don't you think it's important for yourself, for the Health Department, to issue new restrictions or regulations on businesses, gatherings, or restaurants? Gretchen Whitmer: Well

at this juncture, we know that the tools at our disposal that can most dramatically improve outcomes for people in this state are vaccines, and that's why we're moving so swiftly to get people vaccinated, over 5.4 million shots in arms. This is no small feat, a million in just the last two weeks. We are really moving quickly on that, and it's going to be incumbent on all of us to encourage our neighbors, our loved ones, our friends, our coworkers, to get vaccinated. This monoclonal antibodies is an incredible treatment that has recently been endorsed by the NIH that we want to deploy in Michigan. It's no substitute for a vaccine, so number one tool we have is vaccine. Number two tool we have is masking, both of those together are important. But if you get COVID, because we know that we've got a high percentage right now, a monoclonal antibody, if you are someone that qualifies for it, can be a lifesaver and it can keep you out of the hospital. And that's what we're trying to do, is get our hospital rates down. Gretchen Whitmer: We know a lot more about our common enemy than we did a year ago. We know that masking up is crucial. We know that social distancing is crucial. We're asking everyone in Michigan to do their part, utilize this knowledge to keep yourself safe, to keep our communities safe. My personal recommendation is don't eat inside of a restaurant. Give your favorite restaurant, your business, sit in the outdoor area or get takeout.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership Spreading The Word About Electrical Line Tech Opportunities

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is getting the word out about career opportunities for people interested in becoming [Electrical Line Technicians](https://nmu.edu/tos/linetech). Brooke Quinn, LSCP Business Development Representative spoke about the program today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Quinn shared some of the highlights of the [Electrical Line Technician](https://nmu.edu/tos/linetech) program offered through [Northern Michigan University](http://www.nmu.edu) and how to find out more about signing up to become a student.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Senator Ed McBroom Discusses Bills To Restore 2nd Judge To Marquette County Circuit Court

Coverage:

Legislation introduced in the State Senate and House would restore a second Circuit Court judge in Marquette County.

The bills, introduced by Senator Ed McBroom and Representative Sara Cambensy, would restore the

second judgeship in the 25th Circuit Court which was eliminated in 2017.

Senator McBroom spoke about the effort with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

McBroom says it's needed due to an increasing number of legal cases and could help create a Veterans and Mental Health Court to serve the county.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Virtual Online Public Meeting Tonight On Planned Marquette US-41/M-28 Reconstruction Project

Coverage:

The Michigan Department of Transportation and Marquette Township are holding [a virtual online virtual public meeting this evening to discuss the US-41/M-28 rebuilding project getting underway this spring.](https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9620_11057-556584--m_2015_5,00.html)

M-DOT Spokesperson Dan Weingarten and Construction Engineer Al Anderson spoke about the meeting and the project today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Weingarten said there will be a short presentation at 6 p.m. by M-DOT officials and other stakeholders followed by a question-and-answer period prior to the regular township board meeting.

Anderson said the \$9.2 million project will resurface 2.8 miles of highway, along with building a non-motorized pathway and is scheduled for May to November, and will require lane closures, local detours, and some night work.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Superintendent Bill Saunders Shares Marquette Schools COVID Update And More

Coverage:

Marquette Area Public Schools Superintendent Bill Saunders says COVID-19 cases in the district are trending downward.

Saunders presented a district-wide update on coronavirus numbers and much more with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Saunders said there are several other activities and recognitions that are also happening currently in the district and shared some of the highlights.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Safely Dispose Of Old Medications On National Drug Take Back Day This Saturday

Coverage:

You can safely dispose of old and unneeded medications this weekend on National Drug Take-Back Day, which is Saturday.

Rich Johnson, a volunteer with the Forsyth Township Police Department and Chair of Marquette County TRIAD, and Marquette County Sheriff Greg Zyburt spoke about the effort with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Johnson outlined where you will be able to safely drop off expired medications that are no longer necessary to have in the medicine cabinet.

Sheriff Zyburt explained how this national initiative gives people the chance to throw away old prescription drugs in an environmentally safe manner with no questions asked.

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Home & Garden Show Set To Go This Weekend At The Westwood Mall In Marquette

Coverage:

The U.P. Home and ; Garden Show is just about ready to go at the Westwood Mall in Marquette, and today, we heard the latest updates from some of the key players in the event.

Sarah Foster, Chief Executive with the Home Builders Association of the U.P., and Scott Lotterman and Justin Prusi from Midway Rentals and ; Sales spoke about this weekend's events and activities with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

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Issue aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 04/22/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Calumet Theatre Rolling Out Upcoming Season Performance Schedule This Saturday Night!

Coverage:

The Calumet Theatre is hosting a special online live-stream event this weekend to reveal the schedule of performers and shows for the upcoming season.

Marlin Lee, Executive Director of the Calumet Theatre, joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today to preview the announcement and much more.

Lee said the reveal event goes live this Saturday evening at 7:30pm and can be seen on the [Calumet Theatre website](http://calumettheatre.com) as well as their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/calumettheatre/).

He added that there will also be some interviews with some of the performers as part of the event as well and there will be information about becoming a supporting member of the [Calumet Theatre](http://www.calumettheatre.com), which gives patrons early access to tickets for the shows.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Have Some Coffee This Saturday And Help Out The Marquette Women's Center

Coverage:

A chance to sample some of Marquette's best coffee and help out the Marquette Women's Center is coming up tomorrow.

The Third Annual Marquette Coffee Crawl by NMU's Public Relations Student Society of America runs from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Hanna Smith with the NMU PRSSA spoke about the effort today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Smith explained that participants will safely go from shop to shop, sampling the different types of coffee they have to offer while following the COVID-19 guidelines.

Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased through NMU's Ticketing Services at <https://nmu.universitytickets.com/w/?search=Marquette+Coffee+Crawl+2021+-+4%2F24%2F2021+12%3A00+AM> nmu.universitytickets.com.

All proceeds will be donated to the [Marquette Women's Center](https://wcmqt.org/).

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Home & Garden Show Is Set For This Weekend In Marquette

Coverage:

The U.P. Home and ; Garden Show is set to kick off later today at the Westwood Mall in Marquette.

Event Organizer Sarah Foster, Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of the U.P., shared a full update on the weekend's events and activities with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

The show is free to all and has the following schedule:

Friday, 4/23/2021 5 pm to 9 pm

Saturday, 4/24/2021 10 am to 8 pm

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Issue aired at: 06:00:00 AM on 04/25/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The 8th Day: Joe Esbrook Talks About Marquette Builder's Labor Shortage and How To Become A Builder

Coverage:

Joe Esbrook, the Chief Executive Officer of Hiawatha Log Homes, joined the the 8th Day talking about his time with the Home Builders Association and the labor issues of the building industry. With starting wages easily reaching \$18/hr, it seems wild that even entry-level jobs aren't filling up. While business is going well for many builders in the U.P, employers face a grave labor problem. They can't find the laborers to fill the jobs, and many attribute this problem to the many consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and unemployment issues throughout the nation. However, Joe comments that he believes the problem was happening even before the pandemic came to the United States, "You've got 77 million baby boomers retiring, and only about half that to fill their jobs. There's just not enough bodies to fill those extra vacancies." The Hiawatha Log Houses booth at the Home and ; Garden Show [caption] Hope isn't lost for this vital industry, however. Organizations in the area are working together with local schools to present the opportunities and benefits a vocational job can provide. Joe boasts the rare benefit of getting paid while training. "We're willing to train ya! So come on in, give us a chance." The Home Builders Association and Michigan Works! are great places to start on the path toward working as a builder. The HBA's Marquette office can be found at 307 S Front St in suite 102

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Issue aired at: 06:30:00 AM on 04/25/21 and was discussed for 15 Minutes

The 8th Day: Project Jade Talks About Autism and Support for the Marquette Community

Coverage:

While visiting the Home and ; Garden Show, Todd Pazz of the 8th Day, had the delight to speak with Megan Iwanski, a member of Project Jade. She was enthusiastic about introducing their project and

sharing the prizes available at their booth. Project Jade, a pronounced Facebook group with nearly 700 members, is fundraising around the community to help fund communication boards for special needs students in the Upper Peninsula. The organization's name was inspired by a young girl named Jade, who is growing up with autism. She boasts a colorful personality, loves to be outside, and is creatively artistic. Communication boards provide a way for non-verbal persons on the spectrum to speak with their peers. They provide a series of pictures for non-verbal people to point at. That way they can clearly illustrate their thoughts and feelings with others. These tools are extremely helpful to those on the spectrum who cannot voice their needs. With more availability of these communication boards, those who need them can become more adept at using them. These boards can be useful for all peoples in the Marquette area as an educational and communication tool. Project Jade hosted a booth at the Home and ; Garden Show, sponsoring a raffle with various prizes, including children's books, blankets, sweets, and wine.

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The 8th Day: What is the Home Builders Association? President Dave Martin Answers

Coverage:

This year's Home and ; Garden show bustled with trade talk and business, with a great turnout as the 2020 pandemic finally wanes in the Upper Peninsula. The 8th Day interviewed Dave Martin. Dave is the President of the Home Builders Association in the Upper Peninsula, a part of the Home and ; Garden Committee, and owner of the Window Store in Marquette. Dave talked about the Home and ; Builders Association, also known as HBA, and what it can do for the Upper Peninsula. "The mission of the association has been the same all along: to support the building industry." When pressed about the state of the business in the aftermath of Covid-19, Dave confidently revealed that business is booming. However, not everything is sunshine and roses in the building industry. The National Association of Home Builders reports that the increase of lumber prices alone has increased home building costs by about \$25,000. Is there a real shortage? Is this the law of supply and demand in effect? Dave suggests: "I think it's part of it, but I think a major part of the loss of products is loss of labor. No one can find labor. It's a nationwide problem." Dave attributes the building industry's labor problems to several things, but the solution is plain. The industry needs workers. The building industry boasts good-paying jobs. Dave suggests that starting wages can easily be \$18 an hour with good benefits. Owners are looking at the HBA's list of job applicants all the time, and trying to fill their openings. The HBA boasts over 200 licensed and insured members across the Upper Peninsula. The HBA also helps provide that information, ensuring that the public has the knowledge and access to licensed and insured contractors in the area. The local HBA offices are open and available for submitting applications for jobs in this field. Their office can be found at 307 S Front St. near Getz's and ; Towner's Pastry.

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Issue aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 04/26/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette City Commission Finalizing Lake Shore Property Purchase Tonight

Coverage:

The Marquette City Commission meets this evening and will finalize the purchase by the City of a residential property along Lakeshore Boulevard.

Marquette City Manager Mike Angeli spoke about the sale and other items on tonight's meeting agenda with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Angeli said the agreement for the purchase of the property and house at 702 Lakeshore Boulevard has been negotiated and the sale should be agreed to tonight.

Angeli also said Commissioners will also be acting on the sale of a portion of city property to the Ore Dock Brewing Co. for the development of a proposed outdoor beer garden and entertainment space.

The Commission will also be taking up a permit for the Noquemanon Trail Network to build and maintain a bicycle playground course at Tourist Park.

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Issue aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 04/26/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber Of Commerce Looking Ahead To Summer Events

Coverage:

The Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce is looking ahead to the summer season.

Executive Director Bob Hendrickson joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today to share an update on the latest happenings with the GINCC.

Hendrickson talked about an partnership in the works with Travel Marquette to increase the travel and tourism possibilities of the West End of Marquette County this year.

He also shared updates on a series of summertime events that are currently in the planning stages in Ishpeming, Negaunee and beyond.

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Issue aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 04/27/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: It's Time To Sign Up For The Annual Bay Cliff Health Camp Golf Outing

Coverage:

The 15th Annual Bay Cliff Golf Outing is coming this July at the Marquette Golf Club.

Bay Cliff Golf Committee Volunteer Nicole Burony-Noble and Bay Cliff Camp Director Clare Lutgen spoke about the event and how you can get involved today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Burony-Noble said the outing is scheduled for July 8, 2021, at the Greywalls Course in Marquette.

Lutgen explained that the fundraiser serves as a benefit for children to take part in the virtual summer therapy programs at the <http://www.baycliff.org> Bay Cliff Health Camp .

Burony-Noble highlighted several sponsorship opportunities available for individuals and businesses to support the event.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or if you have any other questions, contact Burony-Noble at (906) 226-0880.

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Issue aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 04/27/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Negaunee Public Schools Superintendent Dan Skewis Shares District COVID Update

Coverage:

Negaunee Public Schools Superintendent Dan Skewis joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today with an update on COVID-19 cases in the district.

Skewis spoke about the current cases, which have remained low and isolated, and how the district is handling them.

He said that as eligible students get the coronavirus vaccine, the need for quarantine through contact tracing will continue to decrease.

Skewis added that there are about six weeks left in the current school year, and it appears they will be able to make it through fairly uneventfully to graduation.

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Issue aired at: 07:00:00 AM on 04/28/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Northern Michigan University President Fritz Erickson Wraps Up Semester With An Eye On The Future

Coverage:

Northern Michigan University President Fritz Erickson joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today to put the wraps on the school year.

Erickson spoke about how the campus community was challenged by the coronavirus pandemic this past year and how faculty, staff and students responded.

He also talked about this weekend's commencement exercises that will be recognizing over 900 students on Saturday at 10:00am, eastern time.

Erickson also shared a campus-wide COVID-19 update as well as plans for the university moving into the summer and into the upcoming fall semester.

WKQS for 2nd Quarter

Issue aired at: 08:00:00 AM on 04/29/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Governor Gretchen Whitmer Outlines Plan To Lift COVID-19 Restrictions In Michigan

Coverage:

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has defined a plan to roll back COVID-19 restrictions based on the percentage of Michigan's adult population that is vaccinated.

Whitmer spoke about the main points of the plan, and the metrics it will follow, at a press conference in Lansing today.

Under the plan, two weeks after 55% of Michiganders over 16 get one dose, in-person work will be allowed in all business sectors. Two weeks after 60% of Michiganders get at least one dose, indoor capacity at sports stadiums, conference centers, banquet halls and funeral homes will increase to 25%; gym capacity will increase to 50%; and bars and restaurants will no longer be required to close early.

Two weeks after 65% of Michiganders get at least one dose, all indoor capacity limits will be lifted, but social distancing between parties will be maintained. Limits on residential social gatherings will also be relaxed. Two weeks after 70% get at least one dose, the gatherings and face mask order will be lifted.

Currently, just under 36% of Michiganders are fully vaccinated and just under 49% have received one dose.

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Issue aired at: 08:30:00 AM on 04/30/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: State Representative Sara Cambensy Shares Thoughts On Whitmer's COVID-19 Restriction Plans

Coverage:

109th District State Representative Sara Cambensy is weighing in on [a href="https://sunny.fm/featured/the-sunny-morning-show/1178582/governor-gretchen-whitmer-](https://sunny.fm/featured/the-sunny-morning-show/1178582/governor-gretchen-whitmer-)

outlines-plan-to-lift-covid-19-restrictions-in-michigan/"> Governor Gretchen Whitmer's plan to roll back COVID-19 restrictions by linking them to vaccination rates in the state.

Cambensy spoke about the plan and voiced some of her thoughts about it with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

The Marquette Democrat says the plan, which was announced yesterday morning by the Governor, came as somewhat of a surprise to her and other lawmakers, but she sees its value.

Cambensy says she does have some issues, though, with parts of the plan, including tying the loosening of restrictions to the vaccination rates by region around the state.

She added that she believes local health departments and other local medical experts should have a larger role in determining the rollback of restrictions within communities because they have a better sense of the virus in their areas.

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The 8th Day: Christopher Kelly - America Invaded A State By State Guide To Fighting On American Soil

Coverage:

Christopher Kelly - America Invaded A State By State Guide To Fighting On American Soil
Invasions have occurred in all fifty U.S. states countless times over the course of history. Have you ever wondered why some towns in Texas have French names? Or why there's a statue of a Shawnee chief at the U.S. Naval Academy? Or what coastal wildlife refuges have to do with American fears of invasion? And what the Olive Oil Riot in Montana was really all about? *America Invaded: A State by State Guide to Fighting on American Soil* by Christopher Kelly and Stuart Laycock (History Invasions Press, August 2017) has the answers to these intriguing questions, and many more. All are rooted in one often-overlooked fact: The United States of America, which throughout history has invaded dozens upon dozens of other countries from Normandy in 1944 to Iraq in 2003, has itself also been invaded on countless occasions. Americans are often resistant to this notion. Yet, ever ever since humans first set foot on the North American continent, they have explored, discovered, established boundaries and subsequently invaded all across the territory we now call the United States. In *America Invaded*, Kelly and Laycock provide a snapshot of the waves of invasion qualified as episodes of fighting on U.S. soil that have touched all fifty American states and Washington D.C. Drawing on years of meticulous research including a drive through 36 states, they chronicle some of the many explorations and invasions that founded or destroyed towns, that set and reset state lines, and that shaped the peoples and culture of this nation. Readers will learn how: Czarist Russia invaded California Confederates invaded Vermont from Canada during the Civil War Also during the Civil War, Union troops clashed with Copperheads (Democrats who opposed the war) in Charleston, Illinois Japan invaded the Aleutian Islands, shelled the California coast, and bombed the forests of Oregon in World War II Japanese balloon bombs rained down on at least 15 western states during World War II, including Colorado, Washington, California, Texas, Wyoming, Nebraska and Iowa Six Americans and more than one hundred and twenty Mexicans were killed in a border skirmish known as the Battle of Ambos Nogales

in Arizona in 1918 And much more Prof. Andrew Roberts, author of Napoleon; A Life , says Christopher Kelly and Stuart Laycock have once again pulled off a remarkable feat of fascinating scholarship. What an inspired idea to look at how warfare has touched each state of the Union individually, reminding us simultaneously of the proud American warrior tradition and of the sometimes brutal and bloody birth pangs of the USA. Readers of America Invaded will be reminded of the fluidity of political boundaries of the states. New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont were eventually detached from Massachusetts. West Virginia was carved out of Virginia during the Civil War. The book also includes essential tourist information about sites connected to American military history in all fifty states and Washington D.C., also listed on its website: [www.americainvaded.com](https://americainvaded.com/).

WKQS for 2nd Quarter

Issue aired at: 07:30:00 AM on 05/03/21 and was discussed for 30 Minutes

The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership Assisting Area Businesses With Restaurant Revitalization Fund

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is helping local businesses with registration for a federal program providing relief to restaurants negatively impacted by the pandemic. Mary Myers, LSCP Director of Business Development, spoke about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Myers explained that the fund is through the Small Business Administration and is part of a \$28.6 billion effort to provide financial support to help restaurants and other eligible businesses with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue losses.

She added that there is a full flight of information about the program and how to get involved at <http://www.marquette.org> the Lake Superior Community Partnership's website.

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The Sunny Morning Show: City Of Negaunee Surveying Public Opinions For Master Planning Process

Coverage:

The City of Negaunee has opened up a public survey to help develop a community Master Plan.

David Nelson, Planning and ; Zoning Administrator for the City of Negaunee, spoke about the survey and it's goals with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Nelson said the survey is looking to gather input about infrastructure, parks and ; recreation, economic development, downtown development, housing and more.

The information will be used to develop a long-range planning document to guide the future of the city,

and the master planning project is expected to wrap up this fall.

The survey can be accessed HERE and responses must be submitted by June 5th.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Multiple Services And Other Assistance Available For Marquette County Veterans

Coverage:

A wide array of support services are available for eligible veterans in Marquette County, ranging from help with tasks and transportation to financial assistance.

 George LaBlonde and Jim Provost with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Marquette County shared the details of some of the key programs today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

LaBlonde and Provost talked about the Marquette County Soldier-Sailor Relief Program and how veterans in need in the county can get involved.

They also shared updates about the Marquette County Veteran Transportation Program as well as the Veteran Support Program.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Collaboration At NMU Center For Native American Studies Teaches Culture, Art And Wellness

Coverage:

The Center for Native American Studies at Northern Michigan University is sharing the story of a multi-tiered collaborative project with a focus on arts and cultural education and wellness.

April Lindala, Professor of Native American Studies at NMU, spoke about the project with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Lindala says the Great Lakes Indigenous Art, Education, and Healing project was a partnership with the Center, the NMU School of Art and Design and Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

She explained the project educated students on several levels, including culturally, artistically and economically.

Lindala says the CNAS will soon unveil an online exhibition of the creative works from the project and a link will be posted at the <https://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericanstudies/> NMU Center for Native American studies website next week.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership CEO Sarah Lucas Discusses Economic Development Week

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is sharing the word about May 9th through the 15th being Economic Development Week.

LSCP CEO Sarah Lucas spoke about the week and how it highlights several aspects of economic development efforts on a local level and beyond with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Lucas said the week is an official event marked annually by the International Economic Development Council to celebrate the impact that local and regional economic development partners have on communities.

She added that economic development is best when people see it, and it's seen in Marquette County in the work of the Lake Superior Community Partnership and its partner organizations.

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The 8th Day: Kath Usitalo - Book 100 Things To Do In The Upper Peninsula Before You Die

Coverage:

Michigan's Upper Peninsula is known for its stunning beauty and natural wonders, four seasons (one of which brings tons of snow), and quirky personality traits that come with living in a vast, sparsely populated land surrounded on three sides by the Great Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior. Kath Usitalo's book 100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die is both an introduction to the

UP and a handy resource for veteran visitors and Yoopers (resident UP-ers) who find plenty to discover and share with family and friends. Kath carefully curated a winter itinerary, which can be found in the back of the book. Some activities to consider can be found below: The Northern Lights are spectacular in the cold, clear dark skies of the UP, especially along hundreds of miles of Lake Superior shoreline. Although unpredictable, the best opportunity for aurora viewing is from fall through spring. Skiers, snowmobilers, snowshoers and winter warriors from ice climbers and fat tire bikers to dog sledders and surfers (yes, surfing Lake Superior in winter is a thing) head to the UP for dependable lake effect snow, wide open spaces and terrain to suit varying levels of expertise. With the snow come events like dog sled and snowmobile races and celebrations of winter that include a wife-carrying contest and an outhouse race on skis. After (or instead of) a long day of braving the elements, warm up in a hot sauna, relax by a roaring fire, and get cozy in a toasty cabin or one-of-a-kind Band

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette City Commission Discussing New City Manager Hiring At Regular Meeting Tonight

Coverage:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting coming up this evening and will be discussing the latest with the search for a replacement for City Manager Mike Angeli, who is retiring at the end of this month.

Angeli spoke about this and other meeting agenda items today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Angeli said Commissioners will also be looking to award the construction contract for the Founders Landing piling reuse project and announce the artist selection for the Hurley Park Queen City Courts project.

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The Sunny Morning Show: GINCC Shares Summer Events Update And Welcomes New Businesses

Coverage:

The Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce is getting the word out about some summertime activities in the West End of Marquette County.

GINCC Executive Director Bob Hendrickson spoke about the events that are in the works as well as some new businesses that are starting up with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Hendrickson said that the Ishpeming City Council has approved permits for an Independence Day parade and fireworks, and the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is moving ahead for the summer in Ishpeming.

He also shared an update on a series of new businesses that are opening soon in Negaunee and Ishpeming and how all of the updates can be found at <http://www.gincc.org> the GINCC website or by calling their office at (906) 486-1111.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Vista Theater In Negaunee Coming Out Of The Winter Months With A Full Update On Repairs

Coverage:

Efforts to repair and restore the historic Vista Theater are getting going once again this spring.

The Vista's Rusty Bowers spoke about the latest developments with repairing the roof and the rest of the theater after last year's roof collapse with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Bowers says the structure weathered the winter quite well, and plans are drawn up to build a new roof as soon as finances are secured.

He added that there is some pending corporate support that will help greatly with the effort, along with the continuing processing of thousands of can and bottle returnables donated from the community.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Marquette & Alger Counties Invites You To Become A Big

Coverage:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and ; Alger Counties is hosting a special event to put out the call for area folks to get involved and be a Big.

BBBS Executive Director Jayne Letts spoke about the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Letts said the agency is looking to sign up 10 people to become Bigs at their Backyard Get Together at the Up North Lodge this Thursday from 4pm to 7pm.

She said it's a great opportunity to find out more about their programs, have some tasty food and meet some of the currently active Bigs and Littles from our area.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Return North Virtual Career Fair Seeks To Attract People Back To The U.P.

Coverage:

A collaborative effort between all three U.P. SmartZones, Innovate Marquette, MTEC SmartZone, and Sault Ste. Marie Economic Development Corporation showcasing career opportunities in the Upper Peninsula is coming up next week.

Kristin Johnson, Marketing Coordinator, at the Innovate Marquette SmartZone, spoke about what is in the works and how to get involved with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Return North, presented by TriMedia Environmental and ; Engineering, is a virtual career fair happening on Thursday, May 20 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm EST.

Johnson explained that the event is intended to attract alumni, former residents, and friends of the Upper Peninsula back to the region and is free for job seekers to take part.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Kids Cove Playground Redesign Public Meetings Coming Next Week In Marquette

Coverage:

An updating of the popular <http://www.kidscovemqt.com> Kids Cove Playground in Marquette is in the design phase, and the call is out for public input.

Nheena Weyer Ittner, Chair of the Marquette Playgrounds for All Committee, spoke about a series of public meetings coming next week in Marquette with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

She explained some of the history of the park and outlined the effort to hear from all interested people as the park is redesigned.

The schedule of the upcoming sessions are as follows:

Monday: May 17, 12:30pm – 2:30 pm – Open to the Public on-site at Kids Cove to meet with the design team, the Playgrounds for All Committee and City staff.

Monday: May 17, 5:30pm - 7:30pm Open to the Public
Russell Arena at Lakeview Arena limited to 100 people
Inclusive Design Presentation for Kids Cove. It can be joined via Zoom.

Tuesday: May 18, two sessions Open to the Public

The session at 11:30pm – 1:30pm is a Drop-in Design Day workshop is in-person only at Russell Arena, Lakeview Arena limited to 100 people.

The session taking place 5:30pm - 7:30pm is an Interactive Design Presentation and ; Workshop for Kids Cove at Russell Arena at Lakeview Arena limited to 100 people. Accessible via Zoom.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Senator Ed McBroom Weighs In On COVID Mask Use Mandate Changes

Coverage:

State Senator Ed McBroom joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today for a legislative update and shared his thoughts on the changes to the mask use guidelines.

McBroom spoke about the recent changes announced late last week by Centers for Disease Control and how it has impacted Michigan.

The Dickinson County Republican said the next several days will be somewhat of a work in progress as businesses around Michigan adapt their policies to reflect the new guidelines.

McBroom said the best thing to do for the time being is to follow the rules for mask usage posted by individual businesses for their establishments, get the vaccine, wash your hands and move forward.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Negaunee Superintendent Dan Skewis Wraps Up School Year And Looks To Summer Projects

Coverage:

The school year is rapidly coming to an end in the Negaunee Public Schools .

Superintendent Dan Skewis spoke about the end of a challenging school year and looked ahead to refurbishing projects getting underway over the summer months.

Skewis said graduation for the 2021 Seniors is scheduled for Friday, May 28th at the Lakeview Gym at 6:45 pm, and the school year fully wraps on Friday, June 4th.

He also shared the plans for some of the major construction projects for district school buildings and the projected schedule for the construction of a multi-use practice facility by the football field.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Memorial Day Community Take Out Picnic at Presque Isle Gives All A Chance To Reconnect

Coverage:

A special event is coming up to encourage community members to get outside, reconnect with each other and enjoy Memorial Day at Presque Isle Park in Marquette.

Dave Aro and Theresa Hamari, organizers of the Memorial Day Community Take Out Picnic, spoke about the event today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Aro and Hamari explained that the TAKE OUT PICNIC is a free, no strings attached activity from 11am to 1pm on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, intended to get people out and about and enjoy some food together.

They said all you need to do is take a ride around Presque Isle on Memorial Day and stop by the Pavilion to pick up your meal, or meals, at your requested time.

All orders need to be placed by Noon on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

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The Sunny Morning Show: UPAWS Helping Get Pets Microchipped In Marquette County With Special Clinic

Coverage:

The Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter is giving you the chance to make sure that your furry friend is always by your side and can be reunited with you no matter what.

Ann Brownell with UPAWS spoke about the UPAWS and ; 24PetWatch's Discount Microchip Clinic today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Brownell said the Microchip Clinic is for Marquette County residents and offers one discounted \$15 microchip pet per household. She added that one pet can be microchipped for free for any County resident with a valid Bridge Card.

Additional pets can be microchipped for \$25.

Brownell said the program is for all dogs, cats, and bunnies that are over 8 weeks old.

Appointments required.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Governor Gretchen Whitmer Outlines COVID-19 Restriction Changes In Michigan

Coverage:

Changes are coming to Michigan's COVID-19 restrictions.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer says as of June 1st, all capacity limits will be lifted for outdoor events, and all indoor capacity limits will increase to 50%.

As of July 1st, capacity limits at all indoor and outdoor gatherings and all broad mitigation orders will be lifted.

Whitmer spoke about the changes at a press conference earlier today in downstate Midland.

The Department of Health and Human Services will release an updated epidemic order on Monday, but they say people not yet fully vaccinated will still be required to wear a mask while indoors through June.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Democratic State House Candidate Joe Boogren Discusses Campaign Issues

Coverage:

Joe Boogren of Gwinn announced his candidacy this week as a Democrat running for the 109th District State House of Representatives.

Boogren, 60, has a lengthy history in military service in the U.S. Navy and has served on the Gwinn Community Schools Board of Education. He is currently the Forsyth Township Supervisor.

Boogren spoke about some of his key campaign issues and more today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

The seat is currently held by Democrat Sara Cambensy of Marquette, who is term limited out.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Back In Business This Saturday

Coverage:

The first Saturday Morning Outdoor market of the season for the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Marquette Commons.

Market Manager Sara Johnson spoke about the market and what shoppers can expect with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Johnson said customers will find a more robust market compared to last season with 45 vendors signed up.

She added that shoppers will need to follow the market's updated COVID-19 Safe Shopper Guidelines which will be posted on site and on the market's homepage

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The 8th Day: Governor Whitmer Announces Mask Mandates Will Be Lifted June 1st

Coverage:

Today Governor Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist spoke to share changes made to the Back to Normal project and stated that all mask mandates will be lifted on Tuesday, July 1st. Good afternoon. Today, I am going to provide an update on masks and then we will walk through some of the changes to the Back To Normal plan about building back our economy. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer: To date, Michigan has administered almost 7.9 million doses of the safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines to more than 4.6 million Michiganders ages 16 and up, with 57% of our eligible population receiving at least one dose. Cases and test positivity have declined for five straight weeks, hospitalizations have declined for three weeks in a row, and our COVID metrics are trending downward in Michigan and, of course, across the country. This is great news. Over 60% of American adults have gotten their first shots and almost half are fully vaccinated nationwide, so life is getting back to normal. Last Thursday, the CDC released new guidance on masks based on the strength of vaccines and preventing infection and spread among vaccinated people. Now, the guidance stated that vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks or socially distance outdoors or indoors other than in certain medical spaces. We have adjusted our mask policy to match the CDC recommendation, so now in Michigan, fully-vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors or indoors unless required by their work or business. Our recovery continues to pick up steam. Michigan's unemployment rate is now 4.9%. That's over a full point below the national average. In the past year, unemployment in Michigan has fallen by nearly 80% and we have added 968,000 jobs over the last year. But we still have work to do. We are still short of where we were before the pandemic and our economic recovery is going well, but we need to do and continue to do a lot more to invest in our families, small businesses and communities to help them succeed. As with every decision that we've made throughout the pandemic, we are leading with science and data to keep you and your family safe. But the way to put this pandemic behind us is for everyone to get their shot. The vaccine is the best way to keep you and your family and the most vulnerable among us safe from COVID-19. Recently, the Pfizer vaccine, manufactured right here in Michigan, was authorized for

children ages 12 to 16. Tens of thousands of kids have already gotten their shot to protect themselves from COVID and its variants, and I encourage all parents with kids in that age range to speak to your doctors about this vaccine. While millions of Michiganders have already gotten vaccinated, I know that many people still have questions, or some just want to wait it out. I want to speak to those people and answer some of their questions. First, these vaccines are safe. Over 160 million Americans have taken it. It's been rigorously tested and is trusted by doctors. Like other vaccines before it for polio and smallpox, the vaccine represents hope and healing. And even if you've had COVID, you should still get vaccinated to protect yourself from variants and repeat infection. If you received a monoclonal-antibody treatment, you should still get your shot, but you need to wait 90 days after the treatment. If you want to know more, I encourage you to speak with your family doctor and learn how vaccines can save your life and the lives of the people you love. Now, let's talk about some changes to the Back To Normal plan. As you can probably imagine, when the CDC came out last week with new mask guidance, we had to go back to the drawing board. Come on, that's kind of funny. You're not paying attention. All right. We went back to the drawing board. Originally our plan had four steps, each of which was tied to a percentage of Michiganders receiving their first shot plus two weeks. The first step started at 55%, and we hit that number pretty quickly. That means that we take the step on next Monday of getting people back in workplaces. The following steps would have happened every 5% as our vaccinations grew. On May 10th, when we [inaudible 00:11:51] at 55%, we now will see MIOSHA take action to allow offices across Michigan to allow in-person work at workplaces. Next Monday, we'll have a lot more detail to share on the MIOSHA rules for COVID-19 workplace safety. Now, based on the new mask guidance, we have two steps to get back to normal. On June 1st, all right, June 1st, all outdoor capacity limits will be lifted including here at the Dow Diamond. You can come and cheer on the Loons. We will maintain € All right. The Dow Diamond folks are really excited, and I am too. We will maintain our mask rule as already announced, but otherwise lift all mitigation measures on outdoor gatherings and only retain a 50% capacity limit on indoor establishments. That means that an indoor social gathering like a wedding or a funeral or a conference or a graduation party will be allowed to resume at 50% capacity through the month of June. In June, people who are not yet fully vaccinated are-In June, people who are not yet fully vaccinated are required to continue to mask up when they are indoors. MDHHS will officially release the updated order on Monday, so you can check it out that. On July 1, that is when we will take our final step. We will lift the broad mask and gatherings order, and we'll no longer impose broad mitigation measures during the pandemic. Unless of course, unanticipated circumstances arise. We do not expect that to happen. We look at this as the last moment of these types of orders. We will be able to sing at church, dance at weddings, cheer at games, hug each other, and laugh together. I know that that is welcome news to so many. We may have one or more targeted orders in place to protect vulnerable populations, but for the most part, life will be back to normal and we can have the kind of Independence Day we're all looking forward to. After a year of living with COVID and with masks and distancing and hand-washing, I know how jarring any change to our daily lives feel. In this time of transition, I'm asking that people extend one another a little bit of grace. As we return to normal, we should remember that tough times don't last but tough people do. We've gotten through this pandemic because of each other, because of our fellow Michiganders. As daily routines start to look more normal, we should recognize that everyone processes change at different speeds and in different ways. And so for the next few weeks and possibly months, some Michiganders will feel safer with a mask, even if they've been vaccinated, and that's okay. Other Michiganders who may have been vaccinated are ready to go mask free, and that's okay too. Either way, there should be no shaming or guilt tripping. Instead, I encourage people to have a conversation with their family doctor about the safe, effective vaccines, ask your questions, and learn more about how incredible they are and how they can help us get back to normal. So personally, since I am two weeks past my second dose, I'm going mask free because I know it's safe for my family, for me, and those around me. We should trust one another to make choices that are best for us. On July 1st, the broad mask rule will be lifted, but I want

to be clear about the fact that businesses and workplaces are well within their rights to require masks as patrons go in. So, let's give them our support as they navigate what's best for them and their workforce and their patrons. There will ultimately come a day when masks will be distant memories, maybe in boxes in our basements, but until then, we've got to transition back to normalcy together and give each other some grace. Now, as our economic recovery continues, our task is clear, build back better. Right now we have an opportunity to make transformative investments in Michigan's fundamentals, in our schools, in our small businesses, in our communities. We have over a billion dollars in federal COVID relief funds sent to us by the Trump administration. You heard that right. Last year, they sent it to us and they're still awaiting action in the legislature. I want to thank Midland's Senator, Senator Stamas, and our Appropes chair, for helping get dollars out the door for Michiganders. And I look forward to continuing our partnership to do just that. We also have billions headed our way under President Biden's American Rescue Plan, which includes \$5.7 billion to the State of Michigan, \$4.4 billion to local governments, and \$3.9 billion to Michigan schools. We need to think big right now, think outside the box. If we use these resources effectively, we can create thousands of good paying jobs for Michiganders and put us on a path to prosperity that far outlast our recovery from COVID. In addition to these federal funds, we also have the state budget, and I laid out my budget priorities back in February. My budget proposal focuses on people, projects, and potential. Largest investment in K-12 education in our history, without raising taxes, invest \$370 million to lower childcare costs, in some cases, down to zero for 150,000 Michigan families, beefs up the Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners, puts \$300 million toward fixing bridges, \$290 million in the MI Clean Water Plan to build up water infrastructure and create thousands of good paying jobs. So to meet this moment, we have to work together in a civil bipartisan way. We got to get these billions and aid out the door for Michiganders now.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer: Our jobs numbers are headed in the right direction, and we still have work to do to get back to our pre-pandemic levels of employment and beyond. I look forward to getting these budgets done and spending these federal dollars in the smartest way to benefit all Michiganders. In the weeks and months ahead, as we emerge from this pandemic, my administration will double down on the kitchen table issues that have guided our agenda from day one, a great education for every Michigan child, better paying jobs and path to education and skills, clean air and water, reliable roads and bridges, and much more. I am excited about the opportunity in front of us, and I'll continue to work to make sure we realize our potential. So with that, thank you. I'm going to hand it over to the lieutenant governor, and then we'll go from there. Thanks.

Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist: Thank you, Governor, and good afternoon, everyone. I also want to acknowledge and thank Governor Whitmer for her leadership. I also want to acknowledge Jim Fitterling, Dow, the mayor, others who have joined us here today for this important announcement about how we're going to move forward together, the pathway to the back end of this pandemic. I'm really thrilled to be here in Midland, here at the Dow Diamond. When we marked the one year anniversary, excuse me, of our first COVID cases, we stood in stadiums like this that were empty, addressing the hardships that we have been through as a state. But all of us, even at that moment when we were low, we had hope, hope that we'd be able to fill stadiums like this one, stadiums like the Breslin Center, stadiums like The Big House, to enjoy a musical or a play at the thousands of theater venues across the State of Michigan, or like the Fox Theatre in my hometown of Detroit, and of course enjoy the sports that we love and that connect us across any device. With every passing day, we move closer to reaching and reclaiming that sense of normalcy that we have all been craving. We must continue to encourage every person in Michigan who's eligible to make the choice to get vaccinated. This is the safest, this is the pathway for us to make sure that we can protect one another in addition to protecting ourselves, and that we can enable the opportunity that we know lies before us. In this particular area, I know that we're no stranger to coming together, because we faced unimaginable circumstances here in Mid Michigan. Shortly after the flooding that happened in this area, I was able to come out and personally tour where the dams fell. I was inspired to see how quickly the people of Midland and Sanford came together to support one

another. I was actually equally inspired by the way that people from every corner of the State of Michigan really stepped up to stand tall for their Michigan neighbors, and friends, and family, and yet strangers, because they knew that that helping hand was necessary. I've also visited Sanford Park for cleanup project and toward the M30 bridge that was rebuilt in partnership with community and with the Michigan Department of Transportation. I'm thankful for those employees and team members who worked tirelessly to repair that bridge and do so, so quickly, recognizing how critical that infrastructure is to this community. So many people have opened their doors to friends and family in need of shelter, in need of support. It's like everyone coming together after this historic flooding event to start the next chapter, and the people of Mid Michigan have stepped up and begun writing. And that's why one year later, Governor Whitmer and I are here to show, not only that we continue to maintain support, but that support is not going anywhere. Now, since the start of the pandemic, the governor had been focused on trying to do the right things, on acting quickly, on following the science, on listening to experts. And because of not only governor's leadership but because people across the state, elected appointed leaders, community leaders, individuals have stepped up, Michigan is on our way to getting back to normal and rebuilding and re-imagining our economy. We have so many resources that the state has contributed and committed to supporting not only the survival, but supporting those who are going to be coming out bigger and better after this pandemic is over, whether it's programs like our Small Business Restart Grants, programs to support restaurant owners and workers, programs to support the first responders and the people who've been working all weird during this pandemic to make sure that we could continue life and sustain it. We are looking forward to continuing those investments and leveraging every resource so that we can emerge from this pandemic stronger and better connected than ever. We'll leverage all of the resources of state government to rebuild this economy back better, harnessing every economic tool at our disposal, and working with leaders in government, leaders in the private sector and beyond to create an environment where entrepreneurs, where people with ideas no matter where they live in Michigan, can bring those ideas forward into reality, to create good paying jobs and opportunities for all Michiganders. Just yesterday, we saw how Michigan's economy is moving forward. As our unemployment rate is lower than national average, we've added jobs for three consecutive months. 968,000 jobs have been added over the past year. That is real progress, progress toward getting Michiganders and our economy back to normal. The governor will remain focused on economic recovery resilience, and most of all opportunity for all, but one of the most important steps, whi

h we cannot reiterate enough is making the choice to get vaccinated. Since I last spoke with the press corps, I've had a chance to receive my second dose in Flint, Michigan. I'm proud now to be counted amongst the people who have gotten both shots. This is our best shot to be free from this pandemic and the quickest way to getting our country and our communities back to where we want them to be, where we can hug one another, we can get back to work, we can go to restaurant, we can send our kids to school to play sports without the thought and the fears that we've all had to live with. But even now, there's still conversations to be had with people who have questions. Those questions are okay, and those questions have answers. It's important to recognize that we all have the power to encourage someone to make that choice, and that every person in Michigan who has not yet chosen to get vaccinated is just one conversation away. That's why we formed the Protect Michigan Commission to connect people with the information and resources from credible sources that they could trust, from community resources that people have relationships with and have had self-regenerations, to use that credibility, to demonstrate the credibility of the vaccine. And this effort has required the biggest, broadest coalition of leaders for anything we faced in Michigan-Broadest coalition of leaders for anything we faced in Michigan. It's the largest and most diverse commission that we've appointed and it's working, as people choosing to get vaccinated every single day. So I want to challenge Michiganders, especially those who have already gotten at least one vaccine dose, to talk about your experience. To let people know whether you had questions, whether it took a little convincing to get

you to that decision point. The vaccine sites that I've toured, speaking with nurses who come out of retirement to help this effort they talk about calming and comforting people. As they sit down to get their vaccine dose. Those nurses are public servants. They are heroes and miracle workers because they are helping people get back to normal. So I want you to make sure that you're using every resource you have, that you send a text message to someone today. That you sent a Facebook message to someone today. That you have a conversation on the phone or in person with someone today. Because we all know people who may not have yet made that choice. But if we make every effort we can get to and beyond having 70% of people in Michigan vaccinated, we can see the finish line coming into focus and now we got to give it everything we have. This is essential and it's the most important choice that people in Michigan can make right now. Along with our partners in the federal government, Governor Whitmer and I have committed to making sure that we can grow our economy back stronger and better. We're going to use everything at our disposal to make that happen. This has shown us in this pandemic that Michiganders really can do anything. We are capable of any and everything when we come together and work together to do extraordinary things. We've seen that spirit here in Midland, in a matter of hours this community came together to start recovering from a once in 500 year flood to mobilize and evacuate to safety, tens of thousands of people with not a single casualty. That is the embodiment of hope, determination, and grit. That is in the DNA of every person who calls Michigan home. So I hope that every person who's watching from around the state can channel that energy that is so present and is represented by these people and these leaders in this part of our state today. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist: So thank you all for having me today. Thank you all for really, truly standing tall for one another and standing tall for the state of Michigan. And let's remember to reach out to one another, to take care of one another, to be there for one another. Let's make sure every Michigander knows that every other Michigander has their back. And now it's my honor to turn the podium here over the mayor of this great city.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette City Manager Mike Angeli Previews His Final Marquette City Commission Meeting

Coverage:

The Marquette City Commission says goodbye to City Manager Mike Angeli at their regular meeting tonight. Angeli is retiring after over 40 years with the city.

Angeli spoke about the meeting and more today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Angeli said the Commission will be finalizing the employment agreement tonight with Karen Kovacs from downstate Milan, who will start as City Manager on June 7th.

The Commission is also voting on a resolution addressing food trucks at Presque Isle Park and other city properties and holding a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Brownfield plan for the UPHS-Marquette hospital to address the building of the new Beacon House facility.

The meeting begins at 6:00pm at Commission chambers at Marquette City Hall. It will be streamed live on the city's YouTube channel and on Spectrum channel 191.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Summer Events and Activities In The Works In The West End Of Marquette County

Coverage:

The Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce is getting the word out about events and activities happening in the West End of Marquette County this summer.

GINCC Executive Director Bob Hendrickson spoke about a series of the upcoming events with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Hendrickson said the Town-wide Rummage Sale is happening June 11-13, 2021 and is open to all West End residents. Deadline to sign up is June 8th.

He also mentioned that the Ishpeming Gus Macker Committee is moving forward with the planning the 2021 Gus Macker for the weekend of June 26 and ; 27, and that deadline to register is also coming up fast.

Hendrickson added that all of the information on these events and mor can be found by calling GINCC at (906) 486-1111

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette Area Public Schools Superintendent Bill Saunders Wraps Up School Year

Coverage:

The school year is rapidly coming to a close at the Marquette Area Public Schools .

Superintendent Bill Saunders spoke about the year that was filled with challenges with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Saunders said although there were some obstacles to overcome due to the coronavirus pandemic, the district made it's way through to complete a relatively successful school year.

He added that MAPS 2021 Graduation is coming up on June 4th and the final day of classes is on June 10th.

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The Sunny Morning Show: City Of Negaunee Still Wants To Hear From You To Form Their Master Plan

Coverage:

The City of Negaunee is continuing their call for people to participate a public survey to help develop a community Master Plan.

Negaunee City Manager Nate Heffron spoke about the survey with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Heffron says the survey is taking input about infrastructure, parks and ; recreation, economic and downtown development, housing and more to develop a long-range planning document to guide the future of the city.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Wausau Homes' Chris Pesola Discusses Building Custom Homes During The Pandemic

Coverage:

Home building and residential construction have faced some unique challenges over the last 15 months during the coronavirus pandemic.

Wausau Homes Custom Home Builder Chris Pesola spoke about current trends in the industry recently with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Pesola said the pandemic has created a current environment of higher material costs and shipping delays, but he is finding clients that are still intent on moving ahead with projects.

He added that the current boom in the existing home market has resulted in prices for those homes that makes building a new home to custom specifications a realistic possibility for many families.

Pesola said while prices for materials are beginning to trend downward, anyone thinking of a new home build or a residential renovation should still budget for higher costs than expected and be patient as the supply chain is just beginning to recover from the pandemic.

Find out more about options for custom new home building projects at [a href="https://wausauhomes.com/"](https://wausauhomes.com/) the Wausau Homes website.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Vinyl Record Show Returns To Ore Dock Brewing Company In Marquette

Coverage:

A chance to check out and buy some classic and new vinyl records is coming back to Marquette next month.

Jon Teichman, organizer of the Listen Long and Prosper Record Show, spoke about the return of the event with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Teichman said beginning at 12pm on Thursday, June 3rd until Sunday, June 6th at 11pm, the pop-up vinyl record show will be held at the [Ore Dock Brewing Company](https://ore-dock.com/) at 114 W. Spring Street in downtown Marquette.

He added that the event is open to all, and will take place in the 2nd floor community room and is co-presented by the NMU Vinyl Record Club.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette Police Reminding All To Use Common Sense To Stay Safe This Holiday Weekend

Coverage:

As the Memorial day holiday weekend approaches, [Marquette Police](https://www.marquettemi.gov/departments/police/) are preparing for the onset of the summer season with a message of using common sense and exercising patience. MPD Chief Blake Rieboldt and Capt. Mike Laurila shared some tips for staying safe this weekend and beyond with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Rieboldt said that this upcoming summer vacation season is expected to be very busy in the city, with visitors coming in from all around.

He knows it is already starting going into Memorial Day as pedestrian and vehicle traffic is up. He added that exercising some patience with visitors is a good idea for all.

Laurila talked about some the new and updated ordinances that are in effect that cover everything from dogs being on leashes to smoking on city beaches to parking at Presque Isle.

They recommended following the MPD Facebook page or the City of Marquette website for the latest updates going into the summer season.

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The Sunny Morning Show: U.P. Regional Blood Center Has Critical Need For All Blood Types

Coverage:

The U.P. Regional Blood Center currently has a critical need for all blood types.

UPRBC Blood Collection Coordinator Rachel Heath spoke about the need today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Heath said they have collection sites in Marquette, Hancock, Escanaba, and Iron Mountain and you can visit [their Facebook page at UPRBC906](https://www.facebook.com/UPRBC906/) for all center details and blood drive locations.

She added that for hours and scheduling at the Marquette Center, call them at (906) 449-1450.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette West Rotary Says HarborFest 2021 Is A Go!

Coverage:

Organizers of one of Marquette's most popular summertime events, [HarborFest](https://marquettewestrotary.org/index.php/2021/05/25/marquette-west-rotary-club-announces-harborfest-2021/), say it will be held this year.

Bryan Lopac and Pam Christensen, HarborFest Co-Chairs with Marquette West Rotary, spoke about the event's return with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Lopac says the [HarborFest](https://marquettewestrotary.org/index.php/2021/05/25/marquette-west-rotary-club-announces-harborfest-2021/) will be back on August 27th and ; 28th at Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park and will feature live music, food and a fully-stocked beer and wine tent.

Christensen explained that the club wanted to bring HarborFest back because it serves as the primary fundraiser for the Marquette West Rotary Foundation, which funds programs and groups in the county with grants from the monies raised during the event.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette Area Blues Fest Is Returning This Labor Day Weekend In Marquette

Coverage:

The Marquette Area Blues Society says the [Marquette Area Blues](https://marquetteareabluesociety.org/2021-marquette-area-blues-fest-will-be-held-labor-day-weekend-in-marquette-mi/)

Fest is returning for 2021 at Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Marquette.

MABS President Mark Hamari spoke about the festival's return after being cancelled last year due to COVID with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Hamari explained that the festival will be held Labor Day weekend, September 3rd through the 5th and will include the Free Friday Night community celebration along with the ticketed events on Saturday and Sunday.

He added that a full list of all of this year's performers will be released in the coming weeks along with ticket purchasing information, including area ticket outlets.

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The Sunny Morning Show: "Catch The Vision" Car Show & Cruise Coming Father's Day Weekend

Coverage:

A special event for car buffs is coming up later this month in Marquette Township.

Event organizer Randy Girard joined Mark and Walt in the Morning today to preview the Catch The Vision Car Show and ; Cruise .

Girard said the show will be held Saturday, June 19th in front of the Westwood Mall in Marquette Township with registration from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the show from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Catch the Vision Classic Car Cruise around township will then be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Girard added that representatives with the Salvation Army will be collecting canned goods that day to help restock local food pantries.

WKQS for 2nd Quarter

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The Sunny Morning Show: Superior Health Foundation Has Opened Their Fall Grant Funding Cycle

Coverage:

The Superior Health Foundation has begun accepting grant applications for its fall 2021 funding cycle.

SHF Executive Director Jim LaJoie spoke about the latest round of funding and the types of projects they are looking to support with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

LaJoie said the Foundation is looking to receive grant applications for health-centered projects or

equipment purchases.

He added that eligibility information and on-line application forms are available at superiorhealthfoundation.org .

Applications will be accepted through July 1st.

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The Sunny Morning Show: "Jumpstart A Heart" Seeks To Update AED Emergency Equipment For Marquette Co. Law Enforcement

Coverage:

Marquette County Law Enforcement agencies have used Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) on emergency calls for over 15 years, and while they have served the community well for many cardiac emergencies, they are now near or have passed their life expectancy.

Marquette County Sheriff Greg Zybert, Deputy Jennifer Best and Community Foundation of Marquette County CEO Zosia Eppensteiner spoke about an effort to raise funds to replace the units today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Zybert explained that Deputy Best pointed out that the current units were no longer 100% compatible with the technology employed by EMS units, causing some lack in continuity in care as well as difficulty finding replacement batteries.

Eppensteiner said the Community Foundation partnered with the Marquette County Law Enforcement Administrator's Association to create the "Jumpstart A Heart" program to raise funds for new AEDs for Marquette County Law Enforcement.

The new devices will be compatible with advanced lifesaving equipment found on EMS vehicles, and will include updates such as fully compatible infant/juvenile pads.

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The 8th Day: The Iron Range Roll is Looking for Volunteers!

Coverage:

Want to take part in the 8th Annual Iron Range Roll, but aren't sure or don't know how? Being a part of the Iron Range Roll is easy! Daniel Croney joined Todd Pazz on the 8th Day to share some of the great opportunities for you to be a part of the race. In particular, Connect Marquette is looking for volunteers for the race! Volunteering is a great way to get involved in the event and be a part of the community. It

can also be an opportunity to experience the event in a different way. Volunteer positions can be as short as 30mins to as long as 2 hours. Road crossing aid station volunteers are in high demand for the 2021 Annual Iron Range Roll. Other positions can be found at their volunteer site. Daniel encourages all members of the community to participate and offers that volunteering can be a great way to experience the event even if you're not sure you want to do the long bike.

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The 8th Day: Vice President Harris Makes History At Naval Academy Commencement

Coverage:

The 8th Day with Todd Pazz played the Naval Academy's graduation commencement speech. It was historical as the guest was the first woman to ever give the speech. Who was the woman? Vice President Kamala Harris. The full transcript of the speech is below. THE VICE PRESIDENT: Good morning. (Applause.) Acting Secretary Thomas Harker, General David Berger, Admiral Mike Gilday: Looking out at these midshipmen, I know we are all filled with pride. Vice Admiral Sean Buck, Captain T.R. Buchanan, faculty and staff: Thank you for educating such a fine crew. Alumni, thank you for the support you have shown over these years to this great institution. And to my Military Aide, Lieutenant Colonel Frank Machniak, who graduated in 2004, I am very proud to have you with me here today. Family and friends of these graduates, thank you for the sacrifices you have already made and will make. And I also want to acknowledge Kim and John Johnson. Your son was taken far too soon. And I promise you that he will not be forgotten. And finally, to the Class of 2021, congratulations. Congratulations. (Applause.) And look how far you've come. So, you endured 0530 PT and pro-no exams. You excelled on athletic fields and in academic exercises. You enjoyed the fare at Dillo's (laughter) I know karaoke at Harvest. (Applause.) You guys rolled up your sleeves and you got vaccinated. And you made it to this day. You made it to this day. (Applause.) And this day this day that is not only a commencement, this day that is a commissioning. And in a few minutes, you will take an oath. And it's actually the same oath I took as Vice President. An oath to support our Constitution and defend it against all enemies. An oath that has its roots in the founding of our nation. And no matter what changes in our world, the charge in this oath is constant. Remember that as you walk out into the world, because the world you all are walking into is rapidly changing. In fact, we are at a significant turning point. Just look at the last several months, and you know what I'm talking about. And look at several moments in our nation's history for perspective. Think about it: There was the world before the stock market crashed in 1929 and the world after. The world before the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the world after. The world before the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the world after. The world before the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and the world after. At some of these critical moments, our nation was compelled to take a hard look at both our priorities and our preparedness. And another turning point was September 11th 20 years ago, this year when airplanes hit the Twin Towers and our Pentagon, when Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. That day shaped your entire life, and it shaped our entire nation. It tested our systems, our structures, our very standing in the world. Well, Midshipmen, we are now entering the next era. A new age, a new epoch, with its own tests, with its own challenges, and with its own opportunities. The global pandemic you see, of course has accelerated what was happening before, and it has accelerated our world into a new era. It has forever influenced our perspective. And if we weren't clear before, we know now our world is interconnected, our world is interdependent, and our world is fragile. Just think, a deadly pandemic can spread throughout the globe in just a matter of months. A gang of hackers can disrupt the fuel supply of a whole seaboard. One country's carbon emissions can threaten the sustainability of the whole Earth. This, Midshipmen, is the

era we are in, and it is unlike any era that came before. So the challenge now the challenge before us now is how to mount a modern defense to these modern threats. So, let me share with you, for example, a personal experience. A few years ago, when I was in the United States Senate, I visited the USS Scranton. It was outside of San Diego, California. And at the time, I was also a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee. So, when I was aboard the vessel, I asked the officers I said, Hey, tell me, what does it take to protect such a valuable asset against cyberattacks? And they told me, You know, it's pretty simple: equipment and experts. Well, the way I see it, Midshipmen, you you you are those experts. On the issue of cybersecurity: Foreign advisor- adversaries have their sights set on our military technology, our intellectual property, our elections, our critical infrastructure. The ransomware attack by criminal hackers earlier this month well, that was a warning shot. In fact, there have been many warning shots. So, we must defend our nation against these threats and, at the same time, we must make advances in things that you've been learning things like quantum computing and artificial intelligence and robotics and things that will put our nation at a strategic advantage. And you will be the ones to do it. You will be the ones to do it because the United States military is the best, the bravest, and the most brilliant. (Applause.) And just think, from walkie-talkies, to the Internet, to satellite navigation, the United States military has been on the forefront of research, development, and technological advancement. That is a point of American pride. And as I look out at all of you, I know you will build on that leadership. And then, of course, there is climate change, which is a very real threat to our national security. And I look at you and I know you are among the experts who will navigate and mitigate this threat. You are ocean engineers who will help navigate ships through thinning ice. You are mechanical engineers who will help reinforce sinking bases. You are electrical engineers who will soon help convert solar and wind energy into power, convert solar and wind energy into combat power. And just ask any Marine today, would she rather carry 20 pounds of batteries or a rolled-up solar panel? And I am positive she will tell you a solar panel, and so would he. (Laughter and applause.) The American people are depending on you: the best, the bravest, the most brilliant. We saw this during COVID-19, when Americans watched how members of our military helped vaccinate our nation. Because you know biological threats like pandemics and infectious diseases are yet another threat in this era, and you are confronting this threat. Our military helped develop the technology that made the vaccine possible. Naval researchers also figured out how to use 3D knitting machines to make masks. Naval labs monitored the spread of the disease. And the Marine Corps and the Navy are leading on making the connection between the pandemic and medical readiness of our fighting forces for the future. Class of 2021, you are prepared for all of this. You are prepared for any threat. And you are prepared for this new era. And it is not only because of the knowledge and the skills you gained here or those you will continue to learn, but it's because of something more. It's because of who each of you is. It is because of who, collectively, you are. So, as I conclude today, that's what I want to talk about. I want to talk about you. As Vice President, I've come to know the United States Navy quite well. Every day, in fact, I'm surrounded by sailors and Marines and your tradition and your history. And I mean that literally. So, I often travel on Marine Two. In fact, that's how I arrived today. My residence is on the grounds of the United States Naval Observatory. My West Wing office features a desk built by Seabees from timbers of the USS Constitution. My ceremonial office my ceremonial office was once occupied by the Secretary of the Navy. And displayed there, I have placed the shoulder boards of your brigade commander, Midshipman Sydney Barber. And so here's what I know. Midshipmen, you are tireless. You are ambitious. You are a fierce fighting force. You are idealists in the truest sense. You are the embodiment of American aspiration. So hold on to that. Because in your career, you may witness some of the worst of humanity. But promise that you will never forget the best of who we are, that you will never forget the ideals you stand for: duty, honor, loyalty. Fight for those ideals, and fight for our democracy. And remember, our Constitution is not only something to defend; it is a guide. It is a guide for your service. It begins with three simple words: We, the people. Not I. We. Our nation was designed to be a team sport. And we are in this together. So, you know, finally, I'll just share with

you: On my way to the stadium this morning, I stopped by the cemetery to pay my respects to my dear former colleague, a great and courageous American: Senator John McCain. And, yes. (Applause.) So, most people don't know, he wanted to be buried next to his best friend who he met on the Yard: Admiral Chuck Larson. That is the ultimate example of what I mean in it together. So, Midshipmen, throughout our history, officers in the United States Navy, officers in the United States Marine have risked everything to defend our freedoms. Today, you will swear to do the same. You are the next links in the chain. And so, Midshipmen, when you stand to take the oath, I want you to know that, as we embark on this new era, President Joe Biden and I, our entire nation have great faith in you. And we are proud of you so very, very proud. Congratulations again. May God bless you. And may God bless the United States of America. Thank you. (Applause.)

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The 8th Day: The 8th Day Talks With Samantha Ashby From Peter White Public Library

Coverage:

Todd Pazz of The 8th Day sat with Samantha Ashby to talk about the Peter White Public Library staying open during the pandemic and afterwards.

Samantha Ashby is the Head of Adult Services at PWPL. She's the one who gets to purchase all of the library's contents: books, magazines, and other media. Samantha mentions that although the library shut down for a short period of time. The PWPL opened for computer appointments in July 2020 paired with curbside services. They opened fully on January 25th, 2021 for the public.

<h2>Library Services</h2>

The PWPL has many services that the public was once able to take full part in before the pandemic. Now that we're entering a life post-COVID some of the restrictions are being lifted.

Samantha brought up the private study rooms that library card holders can take advantage of to use for practicing presentations and zoom meetings. She also was unsure, but confident, that the community room can be rented out. However, capacity limits may be applied to ensure public health and safety. They're working on getting the Shiras Room open for public use and are very close to completing it. Samantha also mentioned they are going to be hosting various events, but are planning to have them outside as long as the weather permits it.

In terms of reference material, Todd brought up the use of genealogy references at the library. Samantha mentions that they've been doing genealogy help via Zoom for the last year. They're hoping to bring back in-person help in the fall.

<h2>Coronavirus</h2>

Samantha told The 8th Day that she was positive for COVID-19 earlier in the year. After having the virus, she wrote about her experience and submitted it to the Marquette County Stories of the Pandemic. It's the PWPL's project with the Marquette Regional History Center where they're trying to collect people's personal stories and experiences during the pandemic.

Todd Pazz brought up the importance of the Stories of the Pandemic from a historical stand-point. The project really sheds light on the severity and realness of the pandemic, and how close to home it really hit some people. It's also important to archive these experiences to give the public a reference point if

something as severe as the coronavirus, polio, or the Spanish flu were to happen again.

The Peter White Public Library does keep a "covid file" for the public to look to for recent news regarding the virus, and to look at the virus from the beginning.

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The 8th Day: The 8th Day Welcomes New Web Department Member Knute Olson

Coverage:

Todd Pazz of the 8th Day sat down to welcome new mediaBrew! employee, Knute Olson.

Knute is very excited about the new job opportunity. He got into graphic design to make things and help people, and now that he's able to apply what he loves to do in a professional setting is satisfying.

He enjoys the ability to make a personal connection with the local clients. He'll be designing everything from websites to letterheads for the local businesses.

Knute was working a lot of "one-and-done" projects before coming to mediaBrew, but prefers the steady workflow of the office. The ability to create many different things for different people was a very attractive part of the job for Knute. He brought up that no matter how much "raw" knowledge he has. That there's always something new to learn, and how to do it.

WKQS for 2nd Quarter

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The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership Offering Webinar On Economic Impact Studies

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is offering[a webinar](https://business.marquette.org/events/details/webinar-economic-impact-studies-143293?fbclid=IwAR1qVzfAPIC9FLdYRxd0NZVrvNgZk94ot42EkkXujZ8nKgrODwMwodeiL-g) to learn more about economic impact studies this week.

Mary Myers, LSCP Director of Business Development, spoke about the webinar with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Myers explained that the webinar is on Tuesday, June 8th, at 1:00 p.m., eastern, and will give

participants the chance to find out more about how economic impact studies can show the effects of a change in the local economy.

She said economic impact studies can show the effects of an event, an investment, or a change in employment wages on the community.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette 4th Of July Parade Is A Go For 2021!

Coverage:

There will be a 4th of July parade this year in the City of Marquette. The parade is being sponsored by the Marquette Elks Lodge and will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, July 4th.

Organizers Sally Davis and Jerry Irby spoke about the parade and shared more details today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Davis said there will be an abbreviated parade route that will travel south along 3rd Street from Fair Avenue to the Marquette Commons.

Irby said there is a need for volunteers and the call is out for parade entries as well.

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The Sunny Morning Show: International Food Fest Returns To Marquette's Lower Harbor This 4th of July

Coverage:

The Exchange Club of Marquette County says the International Food Fest will be back at Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park this 4th of July weekend after taking a year off due to COVID-19.

The Exchange Club's Geno Angeli spoke about plans for the return of their community fundraising event today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Angeli said the year off was a good time to refocus and the Club is bringing the event back strong for all to enjoy.

He said there will be a few things different this year, primarily the fact that tokens will not be used for food purchases, but the event will feature the usual mix of food, drink, live music, kid's activities and more.

The Marquette Exchange Club's International Food Fest runs Saturday, July 3rd and Sunday July 4th from Noon to 10:00pm on both days.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Upper Michigan Singer-Songwriter Michael Waite Debuts New Album Featuring Area High School Orchestras

Coverage:

U.P.-based singer-songwriter Michael Waite has a new project that features a series of original songs that feature string arrangements performed by students from area high school orchestras.

Waite spoke about the new collection of songs and performed one, "The Song of the River Thrush", today onMark and Walt in the Morning.

Waite said the recording, " We've Always Been At Home " has been in the works for some time and a personal highlight for him was the process of adding string arrangements performed by students from Marquette, Negaunee and Escanaba high schools.

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The Sunny Morning Show: New Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs Previews Tonight's City Commission Meeting

Coverage:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting this evening.

This will be the first official Commission meeting with new City Manager Karen Kovacs , and will be the first meeting with the public allowed for in-person attendance since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Kovacs spoke about the evening's agenda items and shared some of her background and what brought her to Marquette withMark and Walt in the Morning today.

Kovacs said the Commission will be holding a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of a property located at 616 Fisher Street.

She also talked about the Commission considering a resolution opposing proposed state legislation prohibiting local communities from regulating homeowners wishing to convert their properties into

short-term vacation rentals.

The Meeting is at 6:00pm at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall. Non-vaccinated attendees must wear a face mask.

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The Sunny Morning Show: GINCC Children's Carnival Returns Wednesday In West Ishpeming

Coverage:

The Annual Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce Children's Carnival is coming up this Wednesday evening in the country Village in Ishpeming.

GINCC Executive Director Bob Hendrickson spoke about the event and about a need for volunteers at several area events planned for the summer with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Hendrickson said the https://gincc.org/event/gincc-childrens-carnival/?instance_id=12 Children's Carnival runs from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the River Rock Lanes and ; Banquet Center parking lot, with a rain date of June 17th.

He also talked about a series of summer time events planned in Western Marquette County and how there is a need for volunteers, adding that the GINCC office can direct those interested in getting involved to the groups who need some help.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Steve Mariucci Shares U.P. Beacon House Construction Update

Coverage:

U.P. native and NFL Football Coach and Analyst Steve Mariucci stopped in this week with an update on the efforts to build the <http://www.upbeaconhouse.org> U.P. Beacon House in Marquette. Mariucci spoke about how the construction of the hospitality house is going so far at the 7th Street location adjacent to the UPHS Marquette hospital with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Mariucci said the building is starting to take shape, but there is still a way to go to raise all of the monies needed to finish out the structure to meet the goal of opening by this coming Christmas.

He added that there are several options to financially support the effort by visiting the U.P. Beacon House website at <http://www.upbeaconhouse.org> upbeaconhouse.org.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Returns To Wednesday Evening Markets

Coverage:

The Wednesday Evening Downtown Marquette Farmers Market returns this week.

Market Manager Sara Johnson spoke about the market's return today with Mark and Walt in the Morning

Johnson said the official second season starts tomorrow, Wednesday, June 16th, at the Marquette Commons and runs from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

She added that shoppers can expect to find a downsized market compared to Saturday Mornings, along with a handful of new events.

All shoppers are expected to follow the market's updated COVID-19 Safe Shopper Guidelines.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Banking On Literacy Event To Support Youth Reading And More

Coverage:

Range Bank has teamed up with the Literacy Legacy Fund of Michigan to present "Banking On Literacy", an auction event to support youth literacy.

Hanna Westra, Range Bank Marketing Specialist, spoke about the event today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Westra said the event is on Tuesday, June 22nd, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Range Bank building at 100 N. Front Street in Marquette.

It will raise funds via an auction of works by local artists and authors to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project in Marquette.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Governor Gretchen Whitmer Speeds Up Lifting Of COVID-19 Restrictions In Michigan

Coverage:

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today accelerated the end of all COVID-19 epidemic orders on gatherings and masking as COVID-19 cases continue to plummet following increased vaccinations.

Beginning Tuesday, June 22nd, capacity in both indoor and outdoor settings will increase to 100% and the state will no longer require residents to wear a face mask.

All restrictions were scheduled to be lifted on July 1st.

Nearly five million Michiganders ages 16 and older have received their first vaccine dose, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data.

According to data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry, half of Michigan residents have completed their vaccination and over 60% have gotten their first shots.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Art Week Returns For 2021 Next Week In Marquette

Coverage:

Marquette's Art Week returns next week for 2021, running June 21st through June 27th, featuring a week full of special events spread throughout the [City of Marquette](http://www.marquettemi.gov).

Tiina Morin, City of Marquette Arts and ; Culture Manager, spoke about some of the week's highlights this week with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Morin explained that the week dedicated to all aspects of arts and culture including exhibits, concerts, workshops, installations, demonstrations, and live performances.

She added that Art Week is a collaboration of the City with over 100 local artists, businesses, organizations, and other community partners.

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The Sunny Morning Show: The Return Of The Exchange Club Of Marquette County's International Food Fest Coming Soon!

Coverage:

The Exchange Club of Marquette County says the International Food Fest is coming together well for the return to Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park this 4th of July weekend.

The Exchange Club's Geno Angeli spoke about the latest updates with this popular community fundraising event today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Angeli said the food vendors, musical entertainment and "libations tent" are all getting set for this year's triumphant return after taking a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He reminded all that tokens will not be used for food purchases this year, but beer tickets and wristbands will be necessary to purchase beer and wine.

The Marquette Exchange Club's International Food Fest runs Saturday, July 3rd and Sunday July 4th from Noon to 10:00pm on both days.

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The Sunny Morning Show: TaMaMa Dance Company And Superior Strings Alliance Presenting Special Marquette Art Week Performance

Coverage:

A collaboration between TaMaMa Dance Company and the Superior String Alliance called "Revolve" is happening this coming Monday as part of the 2021 City of Marquette Art Week.

Marissa Marquardson and Tara Middleton from TaMaMa and Dani Simandl with the Superior Strings Alliance spoke about this unique performance this week with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

They explained that the performance is a one hour, outdoor, structured improvisation where the dancers and musicians work together in the moment to create a movement and musical story within the structure of the piece.

They added that "Revolve" is also a celebration of getting back together and bringing art back to live audiences once again.

The performance is at 4:00pm on Monday, June 21st at Harlow Park in Marquette and is free to the public. Audience members are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket for viewing.

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The 8th Day: 8Th Day NASA News Recap for June 18, 2021

Coverage:

Thomas Pesquet ventured outside the International Space Station for a spacewalk to install the first of six new solar arrays that will help the existing arrays power the station. On June 20, the pair is back outside to install the second array, with the other four being installed at a later date. NASA, SpaceX Update Crew Launch and Return Dates NASA and SpaceX have adjusted target launch and return dates for upcoming Commercial Crew missions to and from the International Space Station. Our SpaceX Crew-3 mission is now targeted for launch no earlier than Oct. 31, while the Crew-2 astronauts currently onboard the station are looking at a return to Earth in early-to-mid November. The next crew rotation mission beyond that is targeted for no earlier than mid-April 2022. Melroy Confirmed as Deputy Administrator The U.S. Senate confirmed former NASA astronaut Pam Melroy to be NASA's next deputy administrator. President Biden nominated Melroy for the position in April. She is a veteran of three spaceflights, has more than 38 days in space, and is one of only two women to command a space shuttle. Administrator Nelson Testifies at Budget Hearing During a June 15 Senate hearing on the President's budget request for NASA, our Administrator Bill Nelson discussed how the budget will help America maintain its leadership role in space exploration. He also talked about the importance of the funding to STEM education initiatives through which NASA can continue to recruit and maintain a diverse workforce, which has been key to the agency's success. We are being very mindful to diversify. This, I believe is directed for the entire Executive Branch of government. But I take it very, very seriously. Bill Nelson, NASA Administrator NASA Launches Mission Equity On June 15, NASA launched Mission Equity, a comprehensive effort to review NASA programs, procurements, grants, practices, and policies, and assess potential barriers and challenges that may exist for historically underrepresented and underserved communities seeking access to them. The effort includes an agency request for public feedback. The Power of Active Allyship @ NASA An agency LGBTQ+ Pride Month event on June 17 focused on the power of active allyship. It featured a panel discussion about what it means to be an ally, some of the barriers faced by the LGBTQ+ community, and what you €“ as an active ally €“ can do to help break down those barriers. New Postal Stamps of SDO Views of Sun To kick off the start of summer, the U.S. Postal Service issued a set of stamps highlighting NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, or SDO. The Sun Science stamps celebrate over a decade of Sun-watching for SDO. The mission helps researchers study and track regular solar activity, like solar flares and coronal mass ejections €“ which can impact technology and life on and near Earth. That's what's up this week @NASA € For more on these and other stories, follow us on the web at nasa.gov/twan.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Senator Ed McBroom Discusses Senate Oversight Committee Report On 2020 Elections In Michigan

Coverage:

State Senator Ed McBroom says an anticipated report on the 2020 elections by the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee will show there was no widespread vote tampering or election fraud in the 2020 elections in Michigan.

McBroom spoke about the findings of the report today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

The Dickinson County Republican is the Chair of the Oversight Committee, and he says claims to the contrary are false and misleading.

McBroom says there were some minor instances of discrepancies in some counties that turned out to be errors that were caught and corrected.

He adds that multiple safeguards in Michigan's election systems make vote manipulation and theft very difficult to perform.

The report is expected to be released this Wednesday.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Community Partnership Assisting Employers Find Workers

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is making resources available to employers in Marquette County and the region find workers.

Brooke Quinn, LSCP Business Development Representative, spoke about the services they can provide today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Quinn explained that the Partnership can work with employers to develop their job listings to attract the best employee candidates.

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The Sunny Morning Show: MI Brewers Guild's Scott Graham Says The U.P. Fall Beer Festival Is On In Marquette This Year!

Coverage:

A popular fall festival is returning to Marquette in September after a year off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Michigan Brewers Guild Executive Director Scott Graham spoke about the return of the U.P. Fall Beer Festival today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Graham says the event will be held on Saturday, September 11th at Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

He added that tickets for the event, which features craft beers from around the state, go on sale to the

general public on Thursday, June 24th at 10am at MiBeer.com.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Summer Camp For U.P. Kids With Diabetes Coming Up In July

Coverage:

A camp for kids with diabetes is going to be held later this summer at Clear Lake Education Center in Manistique.

Chris Alderton, RN and Diabetes Educator spoke about Camp UPeninsulin recently with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Alderton explained that the idea of camp is to bring kids that have Type I Diabetes from all over the UP together.

Michael Parks, RN and Diabetes Educator talked about how the camp gives kids a chance to bond with other diabetic children to show them they are not alone in their diabetes.

Krysti Ostermeyer, RN and Diabetes Educator added Type I diabetics ages 8-16 can attend, and this year the camp is happening July 26th through the 31st.

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The Sunny Morning Show: City Of Ishpeming Ending COVID-19 Support Programs For City Water Customers

Coverage:

The City of Ishpeming is ending COVID-19 support programs ordered by the State of Michigan that had allowed public water service to continue with no shut-offs, removed late fees and made other accommodations for residents financially impacted by the pandemic.

City Manager Craig Cugini spoke about the upcoming changes this morning with Walt and ; Mark in the Morning.

Cugini said the ban on shut-offs was lifted at the end of March by the state, but Ishpeming has continued with allowances. They are, however, coming to an end as the state is beginning to emerge from the pandemic.

He added that there are options available for residents impacted by these changes, and the best way to work out a solution is to contact him direct at Ishpeming City Hall.

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The Sunny Morning Show: Senator Ed McBroom With More On The Senate Oversight Committee Report On The 2020 Election In Michigan

Coverage:

A report by the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee has found no evidence of fraud during the November 2020 election in Michigan.

Senator Ed McBroom, who chairs the committee, spoke about the Committee's report today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

McBroom says after a lengthy and thorough review, the investigation found the results of the November 2020 Election were accurately represented by the certified and audited results.

The Dickinson County Republican says the panel found both real vulnerabilities and resiliency within the state's elections system, but no evidence of widespread or systematic fraud.

You can read the full report HERE.

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The Sunny Morning Show: International Food Fest Coming This 4th of July Weekend In Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park

Coverage:

The Exchange Club of Marquette County says the International Food Fest is just around the corner in Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

The Exchange Club's Geno Angeli shared the latest updates today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Angeli said the food vendors, musical entertainment and libations tent are all getting set for this year's festivities.

He reminded all that tokens will not be used for food purchases this year, but beer tickets and wristbands will be necessary to purchase beer and wine.

The International Food Fest runs Saturday, July 3rd and Sunday July 4th from Noon to 10:00pm on both days.

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The 8th Day: President Joe Biden on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework

Coverage:

Remarks by President Biden on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal

THE PRESIDENT: Please, please be seated. I got my notes here. Well, good afternoon. If you hear a little noise in the background, it's because I'm supposed to be getting on a helicopter to head to North Carolina, which I'm going to be doing short- right after this. And the Vice President and I, though, want to lay out what we've just settled, at least for the moment, with our friends the bipartisan group of senators. I said many times before: There's nothing our nation can't do when we decide to do it together, do it as one nation. Today is the latest example of that truth, in my view. I'm pleased to report that a bipartisan group of senators five Democrats, five Republicans part of a larger group have come together and forged an agreement that will create millions of American jobs and modernize our American infrastructure to compete with the rest of the world and own the 21st century. I want to thank them for working together and for raising their ideas and concerns with me and with the Vice President, as well as with our Jobs Cabinet: Secretaries Buttigieg is here good to see you, Mr. Secretary. Secretary Fudge. Secretary Granholm. Secretary there you are okay, you guys to make sure I I I thought everybody was on this side. I was €“(laughs). Secretary Raimondo and Secretary Walsh. I also want to thank Senator Shelley Capito for her earlier work on an infrastructure agreement. We didn't reach an agreement, but she tried her best to get something done. I'm sure it helped produce the final agreement we have. The fact is, investment in jobs and infrastructure have often had bipartisan support in the past. Matter of fact, when I first got to the United States Senate, it was probably the least difficult thing to do is pass infrastructure plans. But even so, it's been a very long time since the last time our country was able to strike a major bipartisan deal on American infrastructure which is so badly needed, I might add. We devoted far too much energy to competing with one another and not nearly enough energy competing with the rest of the world to win the 21st century. The investments we'll be making as a result of this deal are long overdue. They'll put Americans to work in good-paying jobs repairing our roads and our bridges. They'll deliver high-speed Internet to every American home, bringing down the price that people pay now for Internet service. And they'll close the American digital divide as been driven home by every mother and father with a child at home during the COVID crisis, that is, thank God, abating. And kids not being able to be in school. This is going to put plumbers and pipefitters to work. It's going to replace 100 percent of the nation's lead water pipes so that every child and every American could turn on the faucet at home or at school and drink clean water, including in low-income communities and communities of color that have been disproportionately affected by lead pipes and the consequences of that. This still makes key investments to put people to work all across the country building transmission lines, upgrading the power grid to be more ener- more energy efficient and resilient in extreme weather to be able to sustain extreme weather and the and the climate crisis. It also builds our natural infrastructure our coastlines and our and our levees to be more resilient as well. American workers will be installing electric vehicle charging stations and undertaking critical environmental cleanups. This bipartisan agreement represents the largest investment in public transit in American history. And I might add that the largest investment in rail, since the creation of Amtrak. You all know I have nothing but affection for Amtrak,

having traveled over a million miles on it, commuting every day. But it's a big deal. This agreement is going to create a new financing authority that's going to leverage private capital and infrastructure and clean energy projects that will provide folks with good-paying jobs that can't be outsourced the kinds of jobs that provide middle-class a middle-class life with a little bit of breathing room a little bit of breathing room for American families. My dad used to say, Being in the middle class is just being able to take that extra breath. I mean it sincerely. Think about it. Think about all the people who can't take that breath because they don't they have no margin for error. We're and we're and we're going to do it all without raising a cent from earners below \$400,000. There's no gas tax increase, no fee on electric vehicles. And the fact is, we're going to help ensure that we're going to make sure that everybody in America is in a position to be able to do what need be done. And so what I've because and let me be clear: We're in a race with China and the rest of the world for the 21st century. They're not waiting. They're investing tens of billions of dollars across the board. Tens of billions. I just came back from Europe with meeting with the G7, as well as with NATO, as well as the EU, and as well as with Mr. Putin all separately. There's massive investment going on in the among the autocrats. One of the underlying questions is: Can democracies compete with autocratic enterprises in the 21st century? And this is a big move toward that, being able to compete. We have to move, and we have to move fast. And this agreement singles signals to the world that we can function, deliver, and do significant things. These investment rep- these investments represent the kind of national effort that, throughout our history, has literally not figuratively literally transformed America and propelled us into the future. The transcontinental railroad, the Interstate Highway System investments that we made together that only our government was in a position to make. Now we're poised to add a new chapter in that American tradition. Let me be clear: Neither side got everything they wanted in this deal, and that's what it means to compromise. And it reflects something important: It reflects consensus. The heart of democracy requires consensus. And it's time a true this time a true bipartisan effort, breaking the ice that too often has kept us frozen in place and prevented us from solving the real problems facing the American people. This deal this deal means millions of good-paying jobs, and fewer burdens felt at the kitchen table and across the country, and safer and healthier communities. But it also signals to ourselves and to the world that American democracy can deliver. And because of that, it represents an important step forward for our country. I want to be clear about something else: Today is a huge day for one half of my economic agenda, the American Jobs Plan. It delivers on clean transportation, clean water and clean water, universal broadband, clean power infrastructure, and environmental resilience. In these areas, it invests two thirds of the resources that I proposed in my American Jobs Plan. Two thirds of what I called for in those areas. But I'm getting to work with Congress right right away on the other half of my economic agenda as well the American Family Plan to finish the job on childcare, education, the caring economy, clean energy tax cuts clean energy, and tax cuts for American families, and much more. For me, investment in our physical and human infrastructure are inextricably intertwined. Both make us better off and stronger. The case for these investments is clear. Economists left, right, and center independent Wall Street forecasters, they all say that these kinds of public investments mean more jobs, more workers participating in the labor force, higher productivity, and higher growth for our economy over the long run. Both need to get done, and I'm going to work closely with Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer to make sure that both move through the legislative process promptly and in tandem. Let me emphasize that: and in tandem. We need physical infrastructure, but we also need the human infrastructure as well. They're a part of my overall plan. What we agreed on today is what we could agree on: the physical infrastructure. There was no agreement on the rest. We're going to have to do that through the budget process. And we need a fairer tax system to pay for it all. I'm not going to rest until it all both get to my desk. And lastly, I know there are some of my party who discouraged me from seeking an agreement with our Republican colleagues, who said that we should, Go bigger and go alone. To them, I say this: I have already shown, in my young presidency, that I am prepared to do whatever needs to get done to move the country forward. That's what I did with the American Rescue

Plan, which was \$1.9 trillion. But let me say this: When we can't when we can find common ground, though, working across party lines, that is what I will seek to do. The reason why is because broader support for a proposal has the broader support a proposal has in Congress, the stronger its prospects for passage. Working together when we can allows us to make bipartisan process [progress] whenever possible without foreclosing the right and the necessity of moving forward on a on a major on a majority basis when we are at deep odds with one another. So-called reconciliation progress process. And for the for the deal being announced today, there is plenty of work ahead to bring this home. It's going to require hard work and collaboration. The committee chairs and the ranking members are going to play a major part. There are going to be disagreements to resolve and more compromise to be forged along the way. But this group of senators and all of the American people can be proud today because we have reaffirmed, once again, that we are the United States of America. There's not a single thing beyond our capacity that we aren't able to do when we do it together. I know a lot of you in the press, particularly, doubt that unity is possible, that anything bipartisan is possible. It's hard, but it's necessary. And it can get done. So, I want to thank you all. And God bless you. And now I'll take a few questions, before the helicopter leaves without me, from the press. Q Mr. President, what assurances do you have at this point that you have sufficient Democratic support, both in the Senate and the House, to move both on this bipartisan deal and on the reconciliation package? THE PRESIDENT: You always ask me those things. Nobody knows for certain. It's your job, but you know it's not a reasonable question. And the reason I say that I (inaudible) being critical the idea of my telling you now that I know what every senator how they're going to vote is just not I don't know that. I do know that among the roughly 20 bipartisan groups of senators and congr- senators that I met with only 10 were here today, but that group that we had an agreement. For example, you know and you know, they talk about, Well, why would Biden compromise? Well, when's the last time If you had asked me whether or not I'd be able to get passenger rail service or 66 billion dollars' worth largest investment ever since Amtrak came about. I asked for \$90 [billion] and got \$66 billion. Talk about public transit: \$49 billion \$49 billion for public transit. When I raised that before, some of you looked at me like, Where have you been, Biden? You've been spending too much in China or something. I hadn't been to China. You know, electric buses \$7.5 billion. I asked for \$15 [billion]. I couldn't get all of it, but I we compromised. Electric infrastructure that is charging stations along the roads. I got I asked for fifteen; I got seven and a half. These are significant down payments on things that we finally got after negotia- skillful negotiation on the part of my Cabinet and my team, led by Mr. Ricchetti. And so, when you ask me what guarantee do I have that I have all the votes I need: I don't have any guarantee, but what I do have is a pretty good read, over the years, of how the Congress and the Senate works. And the idea that we're not going because someone is not going to be able to get every single thing they want, they're going to vote against some of the things that I just named with nothing in here that's, quote, bad for the environment, bad for the economy, bad for the transportation is unlikely. But I can't guarantee it. You know that. Yes. Q Mr. President, talk a little more about your interactions with Republicans specifically. You said earlier, They've given me their word. Where I come from, that's good enough for me. To skeptics in your own party, what is it about the conversations you've had recently with Republicans that gives you so much hope? And, secondly, you had said earlier you might have more to say about the situation down in South Beach, in Miami. Just curious THE PRESIDENT: I'm going to stick to I will, at the end, answer your South Beach question. But let me so we have some coherence here. Number one, I've worked with a lot of these people who are in the room. I know them. Everybody knows and you guys know: When certain senators tell you something, they mean it. Snd others you take you discount. Where I come from and the in my years in the Senate, the single greatest currency you have is your word keeping your word. Mitt Romney has never broken his word to me. You know, the senator from Alaska and the senator of New Hampshire, they've never broken their wor- I from Maine they've never broken their word. They're friends. And so, the people I was with today are people that I trust. I don't agree with them on a lot of things, but I trust them when they say, This is a deal. We'll stick to the deal. Just like I doubt that you'll

find any one of them who say they don't trust me when I said, Okay, this is the deal on these issues, this is a deal we'll stick with. But, for example, there's and I made it clear today there's other things in the environment I want to get done. I think we should have the \$300 billion tax credit for dealing with the environment. It (inaudible) giant tax cuts for corporations, but it'll also be a giant move toward weatherizing every building in America and all the things that we need to do. So, there are things and so, when I said, We agree, I'm not going to go back and renegotiate the Amtrak piece, but I am going to fight for trying to get \$300 billion more for tax credits for the environment. That's about as best that I can answer the question. Yes, ma'am. Q Mr. President, can you answer a ques- thank you so much. My question is on the timeline. There are families who are looking at the Families Plan and wondering when the help is coming. Can you talk I know you said they're going to be promptly and in tandem, but can you say anything more about that? And what does this signal for future deals? There's still things like voting rights and policing reform that are not able to get bipartisan deals. What does this tell you? What have you learned in talking to Republicans about what would happen in the future? THE PRESIDENT: Let me take you asked three essay questions and legitimate questions, but you asked three of them. The first one related to what, again? Q The first one is on the timeline. When do you think this two-track (inaudible)? THE PRESIDENT: Timeline. And you said, when people are waiting for relief. Q Yes. THE PRESIDENT: I got them Q (Inaudible.) THE PRESIDENT: \$1.9 trillion in relief so far. They're going to be getting checks in the mail that are consequential, this week, for childcare. A lot has been happened already. Number one. Number two, I'm going to fight like heck to get them the rest of what I think has to be done. On education, for example, my proposal was, in the Family Plan, early education and free community college. I'm going to fight like the devil to get that done, but it's not going to be with Republican help. I'm going to have to get every Democrat and do it through reconciliation if it gets done. So that's number one. The I think, based on my being out on the street and polling data, I think the people who need the help the most trust me to be fighting to get them the help they need. They know who I am, and they know my record. With regard to the issue of what what about voting rights Q (Inaudible.) THE PRESIDENT: Voting rights is maybe the most consequential thing, I think, with I'm going to be going around the country, spending time making the case to the American people that this just isn't about iden- showing an identification that, This is who I am when I vote. This isn't just about whether or not excuse me you can provide water for someone standing in line while they're waiting to vote. This is about who gets to judge whether your vote counted after it's been cast. Think about it. Up to now, every state and the federal government has assumed that there would be officials who were appointed and/or elected in states where the election commissioners bound by an oath that they would uphold certain requirements to make sure the vote was honest and fair. What these guys are trying to do now, in ro- rough approximation, is say that, If we don't like the vote turned out and we control the state legislature, we're going to say the vote didn't count and we're going to recount. That's never happened before. It's wrong. Who in God's name, as my mother would say, died and left them boss? Your vote has to count when you cast it. There's a lot of ancillary pieces of this legislation that I strongly support. I strongly support the idea that there's no there's no prior if I had my way, there'd be no private contributions to see who gets elected how much money you raise. If I had my way and I think it's really important that every Election Day would be a day off because people can't go to people who work certain shifts can't make it to the election. I would make sure there's automatic registration when you turn 18. That's what I think everybody thinks this fight is about, and it's a worthy fight, but it's much more profound than that. It's about saying that the legislature in Georgia could decide, if it's a Republican legislature, You know, on reflection, we don't think that election was fair. We're going to vote to say it didn't count. It's just simply wrong. It's wrong. And in my view, it borders on being immoral. This is the sacred right to vote. As John Lewis said, It is the the the most important right you have. And so, I'm going to be making the case across the country and, as best I can, to see (inaudible). Q Mr. President? Q Mr. President, do you support critical THE PRESIDENT: Let me go to this side. Q Mr. President, you said you want both of these measures to

come to you in tandem. Did you receive any assurances that that would happen? And how do you anticipate what will you do if THE PRESIDENT: I control that.Q they don't get to you in time?THE PRESIDENT: If they don't come, I'm not signing. Real simple.So, but I expect I expect that in the the coming months this summer, before the count the fiscal year is over, that we will have voted on this bill, as well the infrastructure bill as well as voted on the budget record [sic] resolution.And that's when they'll but if only one comes to me, I'm not and if this is the only thing that comes to me, I'm not signing it. It's in tandem.Q Mr. President, do you support, then, Speaker Pelosi's stated plan to hold the bipartisan deal in the House until the Senate also passes reconciliation? Do you support that sequencing on her part?THE PRESIDENT: Yes.Q But, Mr. President, your own party is not on the same page about the reconciliation package. So, by moving forward with this two-track system, are you putting the bipartisan bill in jeopardy?THE PRESIDENT: Sure, the bipartisan bill was look, the bipartisan bill, from the very beginning, was understood there was going to have to be the second part of it. I'm not just signing the bipartisan bill and forgetting about the rest I that I proposed. I proposed a significant piece of legislation in three parts. And all all three parts are equally important.And, by the way, my party you keep everybody tell tells me my party is my party is divided. Well, my party is divided. My party is divided, but my party is also rational. If they can't get every single thing they want, but all that they have in the bill is that before them is good, are they going to vote no ? I don't think so.Q Mr. President?THE PRESIDENT: Yes.Q Mr. President, are you 48 hours ago, it seemed like this deal was kind of in a rough place or didn't necessarily have a path forward. What clinched it? What changed the dynamic that you saw? And also, would you be willing to include a debt ceiling increase in either of the two vehicles you're talking about?THE PRESIDENT: They're probably going (inaudible) be debt ceiling. Whether it's included in either of these bills is not relevant. It depends on what the the leadership in the House and Senate thinks how they should proceed, number one.Number two, you notice, I didn't have that bleak view you all had. You said, 48 hours ago, it didn't look good. It looked good to me 48 hours ago. It looked good to our team 48 hours ago. Seventy-two hours ago, it looked good, too. It wasn't there yet.But you guys know me too well. And it's I'm going to drive you crazy the next four years because I'm going to tell you the truth as I see it. I know the Senate and the House better than most of you know it. I've been my whole life, that's what I've done.It doesn't mean I'm going to turn out to be right all the time, but I'm not going to negotiate with the press while I'm negotiating with the privately with my colleagues. And these are really tough decisions senators have got. I don't, in any way, dismiss what Senator Murphy says about the environment. I don't dismiss it at all. Especially (inaudible). I wrote the bill on the environment. Why would I not be for it?The question is: How much can we get done? And the bottom line is: When all is said and done, does what you agree to preclude, forever, you getting the things you really want? Well, I'm not for that. I'm not going to vote for one of those deals.Secondly, do you get all of what you wanted? Or do you come back and fight another day?I've been President about 150 days. I think we've done fairly well so far. Not because of me, but because of the way the system works.So, it's not I mean, I I know that doesn't answer any of your questions about, Can you tell me when? and How are you going to do it? I just feel that the best way to get a senator or a congressperson who supports the essence of what's already there, but says, I don't have enough of what's there, of other things the best way to get that message across is go to the constituents, and say, Here's here's what's on the table. Do you think your senator, your congressman should vote for that? So, you campaign. The campaign doesn't stop; the partisan piece stops, in terms of, I'm against Charlie Smith or Harry Wilson. But that doesn't stop I mean, that stops. But what doesn't stop is to the saying, You're€', it's like on a last example I'll give. I promise I won't do this to you again. But remember: In 2018, everybody said, Well, you know, we're going to lose. The Democrats are going to lose. You know, the House and Senate, they're not going to make the House is not going to make gains. And I went into over 60 congressional districts. I didn't go after the individual congresspersons who were against making sure that we kept the Affordable Care Act. But I went to their constituents and said, The Affordable Care Act is really important. We had large crowds show up. And I'd say,

Here's why I think you should do it. That's why, if I were you, I'd take a look at what Charlie Smith says and Harry Wilson says. He's for it. She's not. Or She's for it; he's not. And guess what? We won, what, 40 some seats? So, it's not just convincing this particular congressperson. It's making a rational case, if you can, in their communities why this is important to get done. And I think the fact that I didn't get everything now at this moment for example, a lot of our housing pieces didn't get passed. We're coming back at it though. We're coming back at it. We're going to make the case. And if I make the case to the public at large the one thing I can say for all of you, you do accurately report what I say. The problem is I disappoint you because I can't answer all your questions and negotiate with you before I negotiate with my colleagues. But I really think the public understands and they're seeing the proof is in what's happening. It's now projected our economy is going to grow above 7 percent this year. Projections from Wall Street to the Fed: It's going to continue to grow. We're going to increase more and guess what? Remember you were asking me and I'm not being critical of you all; I really mean this. It was legitimate questions you were asking me asking me, Well, you know, guess what? Employers can't find workers. I said, Yeah. Pay them more. This is an employee's employee's bargaining chip now what's happening. They're going to have to compete and start playing [sic] hardworking people a decent wage. And, by the way talking inflation the overwhelming consensus is it's going to pop up a little bit and then go back down. No one is talking about, This great, great deal. So, again, if it turns out that what I've done so far what we've done so far is a mistake, it's going to show. It's going to show. The economy is not going to grow, like it wasn't before. People aren't going to have jobs with increased pay, like it was before. People are going to be out of work, like it was before, with no options. Unemployment is going to continue to climb, instead of continue to go down. If that happens, then my policies didn't make a lot of sense, but I'm counting on it not. That's my counting how it's working. I've got to get a helicopter (inaudible). Thank you. Q Mr. President, will you travel to Florida, sir? Q Can we ask you about Florida what you've learned and what you've (inaudible)? THE PRESIDENT: Oh, yes. I apologize. Yes, thank you. (Inaudible) President. I've spoken with, coincidentally, the mayor of Miami-Dade, who was in my office yesterday. And I talked to her today not about that, obviously and so I had a long discussion with her today. I've also spoken with we've been in contact with the Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, who has that district. We've gotten in touch with FEMA. They're ready to go. The governor is going to have to we can't they're they're down inspecting in what is what they think is needed. But I'm waiting for the governor to ask for declare an emergency if and especially as we learn more about what the rest might happen with the rest of the building. So, we are on top of it. We are ready to move, from the federal resources, immediately immediately, if in fact we're asked for it. But we can't go in and do it but the FEMA is down there taking a look at what's needed, and including from everything from if the rest of those buildings have to be evacuated as well; finding housing for those people; making sure they have the capacity to both have a place to to shelter, and food to eat, et cetera. So that's underway now, and I'm my Chief of Staff has been deeply involved in this from the very beginning. We got the Cabinet involved in it now, in terms of dealing with FEMA. We're working on it. And I made it clear that I say to the people of Florida: Whatever help you want that the federal government can provide, we're waiting. Just ask us; we'll be there. We'll be there. So, thank you so much. I appreciate it. Q Mr. President, one quick que- what are you hoping the Vice President can do at the border tomorrow? THE PRESIDENT: She's done a great job so far. And the reason why it's important that she go down: She's now set up the criteria, having spoken with the President of Mexico and Guatemala, visited the region to know what we need to do. Thank you very much. Q Do you know anything on these reports about moving Afghan nationals to other countries who helped during the war? THE PRESIDENT: They're going to come. We've already begun the process. Those who helped us are not going to be left behind. Q Do you know what country they're going to move to first? THE PRESIDENT: I don't know that. I'll be meeting with the with Ghani tomorrow, the head he's coming to my office. That will be a discussion. But they're welcome here, just like anyone else who risked their lives to help us. Q Thank you, sir.

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The 8th Day: 8Th Day NASA News Recap for June 24, 2021

Coverage:

Shane Kimbrough of NASA and Thomas Pesquet of the European Space Agency conducted the third spacewalk in 10 days outside the International Space Station. The pair worked to install and deploy the second of six new ISS Roll-Out Solar Arrays (iROSA). The arrays will help increase the station's total available power and are the same solar array design that will power elements of the agency's [Gateway](https://www.nasa.gov/gateway) lunar-orbiting outpost. Melroy Sworn in as NASA Deputy Administrator I, Pamela Ann Melroy. On June 21, former astronaut Pam Melroy took office as NASA's new Deputy Administrator, after being given the oath of office by Administrator Bill Nelson in a ceremony at our Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters building in Washington. I'm very honored to be teamed with Administrator Nelson and our Associate Administrator Bob Cabana and the rest of the broader team. It's our intention, I believe to not just lead today's NASA, but also lead us forward into the future and support the generations of fantastic things that NASA will continue to do. Pam Melroy, NASA Deputy Administrator What a grand occasion for us and what an appropriate nominee, now confirmed. And so we've got someone that is extremely skilled, experienced and ready for this job. Bill Nelson, NASA Administrator Melroy was nominated in April by President Biden and confirmed by the Senate on June 17. She is one of only two women to command a space shuttle and logged more than 38 days in space as an astronaut. Next Element for Artemis I Moon Rocket Gets Stacked Workers at our Kennedy Space Center have stacked the launch vehicle stage adapter atop the Space Launch System or SLS rocket's core stage, ahead of the uncrewed Artemis I Moon mission targeted for later this year. The cone shaped adapter connects the core stage and the interim cryogenic propulsion stage (ICPS), which provides the Orion spacecraft with the additional thrust needed to travel tens of thousands of miles beyond the Moon. [Artemis I](https://www.nasa.gov/artemis-1) is the first integrated test of Orion and SLS ahead of missions to the Moon with astronauts. Ocean-Observing Satellite Starts Providing Science Data After several months of check-outs and calibrations following its launch last November, the ocean-observing Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite made its first science data available to the public on June 22. The satellite is a U.S.-European collaboration to measure sea surface height and other key ocean features, such as ocean surface wind speed and wave height, and is part of a series of satellites that has been gathering precise ocean height measurements for nearly 30 years. Funds Awarded to Minority-Serving Institutions for Ocean Research Cooperative agreements and funding have been awarded to 10 minority-serving institutions with projects that support NASA's effort to better understand the role of oceans in the Earth system. The awards are through NASA's Minority University Research Spacewalks Continue to Install New Station Solar Arrays On June 25, astronauts Shane Kimbrough of NASA and The arrays will help increase the station's total available power and are the same solar array design that will power elements of the agency's Gateway lunar-orbiting outpost. Melroy Sworn in as NASA Deputy Administrator I, Pamela Ann Melroy. On June 21, former astronaut Pam Melroy took office as NASA's new Deputy Administrator, after being given the oath of office by Administrator Bill Nelson in a ceremony at our Mary W. Jackson NASA Headquarters building in Washington. I'm very honored to be teamed with Administrator Nelson and our Associate Administrator Bob Cabana and the rest of the broader team. It's our intention, I believe to not just lead today's NASA, but also lead us forward into the future and support the generations of fantastic things that NASA will continue to do. Pam Melroy, NASA Deputy Administrator What a grand occasion for us and what an appropriate nominee, now confirmed. And so we've got someone that is extremely skilled, experienced

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The Sunny Morning Show: Marquette City Manager Karen Kovacs Previews Tonight's City Commission Meeting

Coverage:

The Marquette City Commission has a regular meeting coming up this evening.

City Manager Karen Kovacs spoke about some of the key items on the agenda today with Mark and Walt in the Morning.

Kovacs said the Commission will be taking action on first reads of proposed ordinances regulating open burning at Presque Isle Park and setting rules for street performers in the City.

She added that the Commission will also hear the final report from the Marquette Ad Hoc Housing Committee on housing issues within the city, including low income housing and homelessness.

The meeting is at 6:00 p.m. at Commission Chambers at Marquette City Hall.

The full agenda is available on <http://www.marquettemi.gov> the City of Marquette website .

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The Sunny Morning Show: Lake Superior Theatre Launching 2021 Season With Unique Musical "The Last Five Years"

Coverage:

The Lake Superior Theatre is preparing for the launch of the 2021 season with the musical production "The Last Five Years" at their waterfront venue in Marquette.

Director Leslie Parkkonen and cast member Eliisa Gladwell spoke about the show with Mark and Walt in the Morning today.

Gladwell said she plays the lead female character, struggling actress Cathy opposite Alex Herman, who plays a successful writer named Jamie.

She said the show features the pair as the only members of the cast and they tell the story, through song, of their failed marriage from two perspectives.

Parkkonen says she is enjoying directing the show, because it's unconventional structure consists of Cathy telling her story backwards while Jamie tells his story chronologically; and the two characters only meet once, at their wedding in the middle of the show.

The show runs from July 6-10, 2021
