

Quarterly Issues and Programs List  
Houghton Community Broadcasting - WHKB

For the quarter beginning October 1st through December 31st, 2023.

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Section One - Issues

This station has identified the following issues facing our community during this quarter:

- Closure of Finlandia University, effect on education, employment, economy, cultural heritage, health care (nursing)
- Health - COVID-19; cost and availability of care; healthy living and local sports opportunities for residents
- Economy - jobs and economic development, and the effect wrought by COVID-19
- Affordable Housing
- Day Care
- State/Local Governmental Issues - Election
- Recreation
- Education, Job Training and Youth Services
- Public Infrastructure
- Mental Health - caring for those with mental health issues, addressing suicide
- Drugs and substance abuse
- Natural Resources - environmental issues, wildlife management, responsible use of resources, recycling
- Domestic Violence - creating awareness and victim support
- Social Services - support for financially challenged individuals and families
- Cultural Heritage
- Energy Costs and Availability.
- Public Safety
- Veterans Issues - availability of care and benefits
- Inclusion - making the community welcoming and safe for all
- Arts and Culture
- Disaster Preparedness
- Service Agencies and Nonprofits - support, and assistance in publicizing needed services they offer
- Agriculture

Section Two - Responsive Programs 2

This station has broadcast programming dealing with the above issues as follows. This list of programs does not necessarily include all broadcasts that may have addressed the above issues.

Copper Country Today - Aired Weekly on Sunday at 9:00 am

October 1, 2023 - As Domestic Violence Awareness Month opened, Mary Niemela from the Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter discussed the issue, their services, and activities they have planned. Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Service Agencies/Non-profit Support, Law Enforcement. Dr. Tim Havens from Michigan Tech joins host Todd VanDyke for a discussion about artificial intelligence, how it's affecting Michigan Tech, and an upcoming forum at which the public is welcome. Education, Economy.

October 8, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Hancock City Manager Mary Babcock about summer activities, a flurry of proposed new housing in the city, and the prospect of purchasing several Finlandia University buildings. Finlandia Closure, Affordable Housing, Public Infrastructure, State/Local Government Issues. Houghton City Manager Eric Waara talks with host Todd VanDyke about the city's summer activities, the progress of the downtown parking deck demolition, and the resolution of the Walmart tax dispute. State/Local Government Issues, Economy.

October 15, 2023 - In advance of the organization's 60th anniversary, Mike Bach and Leslie Griffith of Copper Country Mental Health talked with host Todd VanDyke about their services, and options for mental health treatment in the region. Mental Health, Drugs/Substance Abuse, Service Agencies/Non-profits. Host Todd VanDyke welcomed Julia Peterson from The Nature Conservancy, with an update on the Keweenaw Heartlands project, in which thousands of acres of wilderness are being preserved for public access. Natural Resources, Recreation, Cultural Heritage, Agriculture.

October 22, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke welcomed Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Director Carol Korpula for a discussion about their need for medical transport drivers, their firewood heating program for seniors, and their upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Social Services, Service Agencies/Non-profits. Host Todd VanDyke talked with Calumet Village Manager Megan Haseldon about the update of the village's master plan that's underway, and with Main Street Calumet's Leah Polzein about upcoming Halloween activities, and the impact of the late Robert Langseth. State/Local Government Issues, Public Infrastructure, Cultural Heritage.

October 29, 2023 - Mark Wilcox, Executive Director of the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association, joined Todd VanDyke to talk about their membership drive, and ways people who love the parks can be supportive. Natural Resources, Cultural Heritage, Economy, Recreation. Host Todd VanDyke talked with Karyn Juntunen of the Copper Country Community Transition Council about their efforts to help physically and developmentally disabled teens transition from school into jobs and fulfilling lives. Social Services, Education, Inclusion.

November 5, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Lola Brubaker and Kevin Weir from the Keweenaw Family Resource Center about their new initiative to support dads in the Keweenaw. Social Services, Service Agencies/Non-profits. Jenn Schaud and Monica Aho from Equipment Loans of the Keweenaw joined host Todd VanDyke to talk about their mission to provide equipment for the disabled, and their upcoming community sled hockey event. Inclusion, Recreation, Service Agencies/Non-profits, Health.

November 12, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Mark Pomeroy and John DePue of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources about the upcoming firearm deer hunting season. Recreation, Natural Resources, Cultural Heritage, Public Safety. Sherry Middlemis-Brown talked with host Todd VanDyke about the work of the Copper Country Angel Mission, including the help they provide, and the help they need. Social Services, Service Agencies/Non-profits.

November 19, 2023 - Former Keweenaw residents who would like to return home can learn about job opportunities at the upcoming Return North Career Fair. Jason Mack from the MTEC SmartZone previewed the event with host Todd VanDyke, and talked about the opportunities. Economic Development, Education. Host Todd VanDyke talked with Baraga County Memorial Hospital CEO Rob Stowe about a new program that can help veterans secure health care services locally, and another program that can match hospital and law enforcement personnel immediately with mental health professionals in crisis situations. Health, Mental health, Veterans Issues, Public Safety.

November 26, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Susan Nielsen and Anna Sanchez of the Community Alliance for Progressive Education about learning options they're providing in the Keweenaw. Education, Recreation, Service Agencies/Non-profits, Arts and Culture. Mike Babcock from the Copper Shores Community Health Foundation talked with host Todd VanDyke about their upcoming Giving Tuesday Campaign, and how 30 community organizations will benefit from \$250,000 in matching funds. Service Agencies/Non-profits, Recreation, Health, Mental Health.

December 3, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Chad Van Bennekom and Mike Borlee of the Keweenaw Snowmobile Club about the importance of the trails they maintain, and snowmobile safety and etiquette. Recreation, Economy, Public Safety. Todd VanDyke welcomed Jenn Shaud, Craig Hughes and Larry Zorawski from the Swedetown Trails Club, to talk about the trail system and proposed plans to expand the chalet. Recreation, Health, Inclusion, Public Infrastructure.

December 10, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Matt Zika from the National Weather Service Marquette office about winter weather, and the long-term forecast. Economy, Public Safety. Elise Bur from Northern Michigan University's Center for Rural Health joined Todd VanDyke to talk about the challenges of providing health care in the U.P., and efforts to develop and recruit more health care professionals. Health, Mental Health, Jobs.

December 17, 2023 - Democratic State Representative Jenn Hill from the 109th District discussed with host Todd VanDyke the recent session of the state legislature, and decisions that affect the Copper Country. State/Local Government. Host Todd VanDyke welcomed Mike Lutz and Cynthia Drake from Omega House for a conversation about dealing with grief during the holidays. Mental Health, Social Services.