

Quarterly Issues and Programs List  
Houghton Community Broadcasting - WHKB

For the quarter beginning April 1st through June 30th, 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
- 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
- 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

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

April 2, 2023 - Farmer's markets are popping up all over the Copper Country. Grower Jake Ten Harmsel of the From the Ground Farmers Market Collective talked with host Todd VanDyke about local farming and connecting with consumers (health, economy). April is Child Abuse and Prevention Month. Host Todd VanDyke talked with Iola Brubaker from the Keweenaw Family Resource Center about progress on this stubborn issue, and what to do if you think a child is at risk (domestic violence, health, mental health)

April 9, 2023 - The Portage Health Foundation is taking over Dial Help. Todd VanDyke talked with PHF Executive Director Kevin Store, and Dial Help Executive Director Rebecca Crane about what the move means

for both organizations (mental health, drugs and substance abuse, domestic violence, service agencies). Baraga County is working on a major ATV trail upgrade. Barb McEwen and Harry Miron from the Baraga County Trail Authority spoke with host Todd VanDyke about the project, and what it will mean for Baraga County (economy, natural resources, recreation)

April 16, 2023 - Host Todd VanDyke talked with Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Denice Swanke about changes at the park this summer, and ways to enjoy the wilderness island (recreation, natural resources, economy). Host Todd VanDyke discussed the dual problems of child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault with Paige Setter-Hallwachs of Dial Help, and Hancock Police Chief Tami Sleeman (domestic violence, drugs, social services).

April 23, 2023 - Spring brings potholes and road construction. Kevin Harju from the Houghton County Road Commission joined host Todd VanDyke to talk about summer projects, load limits, and the damage caused by recent flooding (public infrastructure, disaster preparedness). Adaptive equipment for those with physical disabilities is expensive and hard to get – especially for athletes. Jen Shaud, Monica Aho and John Velat of Equipment Loans of the Keweenaw talked with host Todd VanDyke about their mission to make sure such equipment is available to users in the Copper Country, and about opportunities for disabled athletes (inclusion, social services, recreation, health).

April 30, 2023 - The remains of two of three vessels that were lost in a Lake Superior November Storm in 1914 after sailing from Baraga were recently discovered. Corey Adkins from the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society talked with host Todd VanDyke about the ships, and life on the lakes a century ago (cultural heritage). As the snow melts, the Copper Country home buying season heats up. Karen Lahti from RE/MAX Douglass Real Estate talked with host Todd VanDyke about market conditions, and what buyers and sellers should do to achieve success (affordable housing, economy).

May 7, 2023 - Visit Keweenaw's Brad Barnett talked with host Todd VanDyke about the recent winter tourist season, and what's expected in the upcoming summer season (economy, recreation, natural resources). Houghton City Manager Eric Waara spoke with host Todd VanDyke about the upcoming demolition of the big downtown parking deck, and what will happen to the land afterward (infrastructure, local government, economy).

May 14, 2023 - Copper Country Intermediate School District Superintendent James Rautiola talked with host Todd VanDyke about the need for teachers, and the status of public education in the area as the end of the school year approaches (education, economy). Michigan Tech President Dr. Rick Koubek and host Todd VanDyke talked about the university's adoption of the Finlandia University nursing program, MTU's continued growth, and other pertinent issues (Finlandia, education, economy, health).

May 21, 2023 - The shift of thousands of acres of undeveloped land in Keweenaw County to public ownership via the The Nature Conservancy continues. Rich Bowman and newly-appointed Project Manager Julia Petersen joined host Todd VanDyke with an update (natural resources, recreation, economy). As we head outdoors, Tanya Rule from the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department joined host Todd VanDyke to talk about summer food and water safety, safe swimming, ticks, and more (health, recreation).

May 28, 2023 - With the ATV season in full swing, Daryl St. John and Michael McMahon from the Keweenaw ATV Club talked with host Todd VanDyke about the rebuild of the Lake Linden trail, the status of other trails in the area, and the importance of volunteers in maintaining the trails for recreational use, and to support the tourist economy (economy, recreation, natural resources). On Memorial Day weekend, host Todd VanDyke

welcomed VFW member Art Krievi and American Legion member David Crowley to talk about the importance of veterans organizations in the Copper Country, the work they do, and the need for new members (veterans, service agencies)

June 4, 2023 - With Bridgefest just two weeks away, Katie Schlieff and Ryan Towles joined host Todd VanDyke for a preview of the Keweenaw's biggest festival (economy, cultural heritage). Michael Steber from Bridges Copper Country talked with Todd VanDyke about their effort to help Keweenaw residents work their way out of poverty (economy, education, social services).

June 11, 2023 - The effort to save the historic Ford Sawmill at Alberta continues. Mike DeRochers, Dave Stimac and Wayne Abba brought an update, and discussed Ford's historical impact on the region with host Todd VanDyke (cultural heritage, economy). Foreign exchange students provide many benefits in our high schools and our communities. Host Todd VanDyke talked with Lauren Scherr from International Cultural Exchange Services (education, inclusion).

June 18, 2023 - The effort continues to limit invasive species migration into Keweenaw bodies of water. Jade Stadler and Zoe Sterrif from the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area talked with host Todd VanDyke about what boaters and waterfront property owners can do to help (natural resources, recreation). The Keweenaw County Historical Society's summer history program series is about to begin. Guest host Thomas Fournier talked with members of the society about their plans (cultural heritage, education).

June 25, 2023 - Chassell Lions Club members Judy Evert and Steve Palosaari previewed the upcoming 75th annual Copper Country Strawberry Festival, and talked with host Todd VanDyke about the history of the event, and farming history in the Chassell area (cultural heritage, service organizations). With a busy summer underway in Calumet, Leah Polzien from Main Street Calumet talked with host Todd VanDyke about Pasty Fest and downtown Calumet revitalization (economy, cultural heritage, arts and culture).