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ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST
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MARQUETTE, MI
JANUARY 2023 – MARCH 2023
APRIL 1, 2023
(ALL TIMES: EASTERN)

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Program Information</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Needs of the Family		
	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	
3/31		Attorney General Nessel and the Michigan State Police cyber section are working together highlighting the dangers of cryptocurrency scams.
3/29-30		The U.S.D.A. has launched the “Rural Data Gateway” to strengthen partnerships and expand the access to resources for people in rural America.
3/24-26		The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Daily News reports the Michigan D.N.R. and Michigan Conservation Officers are working closely with Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger to coordinate drop-off locations for white-tailed deer.
3/17-19		The F.B.I. is seeking information and additional victims of suspected sexual exploitation for Rex Dale Phelps who was charged with abusive sexual contact in an aircraft on March 6.
3/14-15		The number of video and cable television operators in Michigan declined in 2022, and total subscriptions for these services declined.
3/8-9		Marquette County Road Commission will impose and enforce seasonal load and speed restrictions on all roads and streets under its jurisdiction starting on March 15.

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3/7-8		Governor Whitmer has proclaimed March reading month in Michigan.	
2/28-3/1		The <i>St. Ignace News</i> reports the Mackinac County Emergency Management Office has slated a mass evacuation drill on Mackinac Island for September 8-10.	
2/27-28		Michigan Veterans Homes is looking for volunteers to join the “No Member Dies Alone” to offer companionship and assistance to veteran members who are entering the final stages of life.	
2/24-26		Attorney General Nessel is highlighting a scam targeting Michigan State University consumers and warning residents about unlicensed merchandise purporting to support the Spartan Strong fund.	
2/21-22		Michiganders are encouraged to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.	
2/6-7		The Marquette County Road Commission will be closing County Road JAD (Heritage Drive) at the Carp River bridge.	
2/6-7		Americans continue to have little faith in the news media. Many people under the age of 30 say they trust information from social media as much as local or national news.	
1/28-30		The Marquette County Road Commission will be closing County Road JAD (Heritage Drive) at the Carp River bridge through February 2.	
1/23-24		The Better Business Bureau warns consumers that scammers often take advantage of the Mega Millions Jackpot situation to trick people into thinking they are winners, according to the <i>Iron Mountain Kingsford Daily News</i> .	
1/20-22		Michigan taxpayers can begin to file state individual income tax returns on Monday, January 23.	
1/19		The Marquette County Sheriff’s office is attempting to locate an 11-year-old female, Davida Patrice Fortin, last seen in the Trowbridge Park area of Marquette Township.	
1/12-13		Marquette County Sheriff’s Office deputies were dispatched on January 11 to M-35 between County Road 492 and Forest Drive in Negaunee Township for a vehicle/telephone pole crash. The pickup truck was driven by a 51-year-old Gwinn man.	
1/11-12		During National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Michigan State Police motor carrier officers are teaming up with officers from across the nation and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance to raise awareness.	

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1/10-11		The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is seeking proposals to expand services to victims of human trafficking.
1/10-11		The Department of Treasury is encouraging tax payers to make sure that their addresses are updated with current and previous employers and financial institutions before the 2023 income tax filing season begins.
1/7-8		The City of Ishpeming Fire Department was dispatched on January 5 to a working structure fire at 604 South Pine Street.
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3/30-31		The Marquette County Habitat for Humanity is calling out for volunteers to refresh the ReStore April 16-19.
3/16-31		The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library and Partridge Creek Farm will be opening a seed library starting April 22.
3/14-21		The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Western Upper Peninsula Citizens' Advisory Council will meet at the Marquette Township Community Center March 21.
3/9-15		The Police vs. Firefighters Charity Hockey game for the Marquette County Fire Relief Fund will be holding their 39 th annual event on March 15.
3/3-9		The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum will hold their Second Thursday Creativity Series "Everything Green" on March 9.
2/28-3/31		The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is looking for volunteer drivers to transport veterans.
2/28-3/8		Michigan State University Extension is hosting an Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference at Bay College in Escanaba March 8.
2/25-3/31		The Michigan Maple Syrup Association is hosting a weekend in Rudyard April 1-2.
2/24-3/2		The National Alliance on Mental Illness Alger/Marquette is holding an 8-week "Family to Family" education course March 8-April 26.
2/21-3/27		The U.P. Food Exchange announces that registration is open for the 2023 U.P. Food Summit to be held March 27 at the Northern Center.

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2/14-3/13		Northern Michigan University is holding an online grief support specialist training starting March 13.
2/9-3/31		Michigan State University Extension is hosting a pruning workshop for smart gardeners via Zoom on March 31 or April 7.
2/8-3/2		Weight Management for Life Class will take place March 2 in Escanaba.
2/8-18		The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be held February 18 at Father Marquette Catholic Academy.
2/7-9		The Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum will host its Second Thursday Creativity Series “Valentine’s Day Party” February 9.
2/7-3/12		Powerful Tools for Caregivers for the informal family caregiver will be held March 22-April 26.
1/25-3/8		MSU Extension will host the annual Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference in Escanaba March 8.
1/19-2/11		St. Peter Cathedral Parish Hall will hold a spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit Ben Edwards February 11.
1/17-31		MSU Extension is offering a Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101 course starting February 2.
1/9-2/2		MSU Extension is offering the Smart Gardening with Vegetables 101 course live during January and February.
1/5-12		The Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum will hold its Second Thursday Creativity Series “Princesses and Pirates” January 12.
1/1-3/31		The “Run for the Trees/Happy Little (Virtual) 5K” will take place April 22-28.
1/1-18		Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a 6-week online workshop for the informal family caregiver, will be held starting January 18.
1/1-31		The Future Historians club meets in the Iron Industry Museum once a month.

Church Bulletin Board

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R.O.S. Basis

3/29-31	The Calumet AGLOW Christian Fellowship will hold their breakfast meeting at 9:30 AM April 15 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.
3/6-17	Family Baptist Church in Kingsford is hosting a Sportsmans' Seminar and Dinner March 18.
3/1-11	The Calumet AGLOW Christian fellowship will host its monthly breakfast meeting Saturday, March 11 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.
2/21-3/31	WinSome Women Christian retreats will be held at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor, MI May 4-5 and May 5-6.
2/23-3/31	"In Your Cell" jail/prison ministry is seeking adult singles, couples, or families to adopt a vetted Michigan State prisoner to correspond with monthly.
2/21-3/18	Child Evangelism Fellowship's 15 th Annual Family Fun Fair will take place March 18 at the Soo High School gym.
2/3-3/4	Mission Bible Training Center is having its "Annual Family Supper Night" March 4 at Grace Covenant Church in Iron River.
1/30-3/4	GriefShare will be held on Saturdays at Bethany Baptist Church in Dollar Bay beginning March 4.
1/25-2/11	The Calumet AGLOW Christian Fellowship will hold a breakfast meeting February 11 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.
1/25-2/10	A gardening seminar will be held at the Baptist church in Ontonagon on February 10.
1/10-2/20	The U.P. Pastors' Wives' Retreat will be held April 3-4 at Northland Camp in Dunbar, WI.
1/16-3/1	Upper Peninsula Bible Camp is holding a Moms Retreat March 16-19.
1/13-14	First Church of Christ in Sault Ste. Marie is hosting "The Sanctity of Life Event" on January 15 at 2:00.
1/12-22	St. Michael Catholic Church in Marquette is holding a "Mini March for Life" on Sunday, January 22.

1/4-13	The Calumet AGLOW Christian Fellowship will host a breakfast meeting Saturday, January 14 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.
Focus on the Family REC Host: Jim Daly 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM 10:00 PM – 10:30 PM	
3/31	Josh and Christi Straub help Christian parents introduce their young children to the story of Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection in age-appropriate ways.
3/29-30	Elisa Morgan shares stories of brokenness from her own family to assure other wives and mothers that God uses tragedy to create beauty here on earth.
3/27-28	Author Gary Thomas describes what it means to truly cherish your spouse.
3/24	Pastor John Burke encourages listeners to create opportunities to reach others for Christ by building relationships and providing a judgment-free “come as you are” learning space.
3/23	Dr. Erwin Lutzer shows parents how to abandon their routine lists of requests and trade them for scriptural prayers.
3/22	Lisa Jacobson and Phylcia Masonheimer discuss the series of “flirtation experiments” they created to rekindle their connection with their husbands.
3/20-21	Abby Johnson recounts what God has done in her life since she originally released her book Unplanned and shares stories of the ways she’s helped women leave the abortion industry.
3/16-17	Shaunti Feldhahn and professional sex therapist Dr. Michael Sytsma join Jim and John to discuss common questions that married couples ask about physical intimacy.
3/15	TobyMac shares about faith, family, and music as he encourages you to trust Christ in all circumstances.
3/13-14	Courtney DeFeo offers practical suggestions and fun ideas on how parents can make biblically-based values, love and laughter a part of everyday life in the home.
3/10	Kenn Kington works hard to see the funny side of life.

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3/8-9		Rosaria Butterfield shares her dramatic testimony of coming to faith in Christ after living as a lesbian who was vehemently opposed to Christianity and the Bible.	
3/6-7		Drs. Greg Smalley and Bob Paul describe how cultural myths and fairy-tale expectations about marriage have a detrimental effect on couples.	
3/3		Robertson McQuilkin shares lessons he learned about the nature of true love through his wife's long battle with early-onset Alzheimers's.	
3/1-2		Dr. Kevin Leman explains how you can avoid common parenting mistakes.	
2/27-28		Dr. Tim Muehlhoff shares how God provides us with miracles in our everyday lives.	
2/23-24		Pastor Greg Laurie describes his troubled past and reminds listeners that we're all in a search that can only be satisfied by a relationship with God.	
2/22		Ryan and Selena Frederick describe how, early in their marriage, his severe health problems compelled them to become more intentional about putting Christ at the center of their relationship.	
2/20-21		Roland Warren, who was raised by a single mom, offers help and encouragement for single moms with boys.	
2/16-17		Dr. Meg Meeker outlines the powerful influence that fathers have on their daughters.	
2/15		Author Deborah Pegues encourages listeners to embrace God's promises and focus on His divine perspective as a way of cultivating a more positive outlook on life.	
2/13-14		Greg and Erin Smalley discuss the importance of couples prioritizing time together, connecting on a deeper emotional level.	
2/9-10		Debra Fileta discusses finding your identity before you make it your dating relationship, having emotional boundaries, and focusing on Christ as the true healing and fulfillment in your life.	
2/8		Kirsten Watson offers encouragement for moms in the trenches.	
2/6-7		Dr. Erwin Lutzer implores Christians to stand for their faith and refuse to hide.	
2/2-3		J. Warner Wallace provides a compelling evangelistic message that will challenge nonbelievers and inspire Christians to be bolder.	

2/1	Rick and Tiffany Bulman talk about overcoming the betrayal of an affair and share how their marriage was restored.
1/30-31	Pastor Doug Fields shares humorous stories about his own parenting journey.
1/27	A panel of parents join Jim Daly and John Fuller to discuss preparing their children for the teen years and adulthood.
1/26	War veteran Chad Robichaux tells a story of nearly being captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.
1/25	Ginger Hubbard offers parents a Biblically-based three-step pan for dealing effectively with their children’s back talk, whining, and lying.
1/23-24	Katharine Hill offers couples helpful reminders for cultivating a thriving marriage.
1/20	Robyn Chambers and pastors Todd and Kelly Hudnall discuss the impact you can have on transforming hearts and minds by staying engaged in the pro-life battle.
1/19	Natalie Frisk shares her insights as a parent and curriculum developer to help equip parents to share their faith and disciple their children more intentionally at every age.
1/18	Marriage coaches Dave and Ashley Willis encourage couples to be completely open and honest with their spouse about “private” struggles they may face.
1/16-17	Dr. David Ireland explains how Christians can help foster racial and ethnic diversity.
1/13	Radio host and author Brant Hansen discusses the importance of humility and forgiving others.
1/11-12	Michelle Singletary discusses wise money management during the economic downturn.
1/10	Jolene Philo discusses how to use Love Languages to express love to your child with special needs.
1/9	Dr. Miles Mettler recommends parents “ask for permission” to talk to their kids—rather than barging in and interrupting what they’re doing.
1/6	Pastor Kyle Idleman’s life was changed when he realized that when Jesus reached the multitudes he actually focused on one person at a time.

- 1/4-5 Katharine Hill offers practical advice and encouragement to parents of young children.
- 1/2-3 Best-selling author Shaunti Feldhahn offers insights from research she’s conducted on what makes for a happier, more fulfilling marriage.

Public Health

News
Local
Hourly R.O.S. Basis

- 3/29-30 A 14-year-old boy reported missing last week in Marquette County was treated and released after two DNR conservation officers located him cold and wet near Foster Creek.
- 3/27-28 People across the country filed comments online opposing the Biden administration’s push to rescind DHHS’s rules allowing doctors and medical staff to refuse to perform abortions or surgeries that violated their conscience.
- 3/20-21, 25-26 The Alliance Defending Freedom has filed a lawsuit in Amarillo, TX against the Food and Drug Administration for allowing abortion-causing drugs to be sold at pharmacies that become certified to dispense them.
- 3/15-16 Walgreens recently came under scrutiny for its decision to dispense an abortion pill.
- 3/10-12 The Michigan DNR has recorded 14 snowmobile fatalities so far during the 2022-2023 winter season, reports the St. Ignace News.
- 3/6-7, 11-12 Questions have been raised by parents and lawmakers about the practice of transitioning children from their birth gender.
- 3/5 A 42-year-old Wisconsin man was killed Thursday morning when the snowmobile he was operating crashed into an approaching trail groomer.
- 2/27-28, 3/2-3 The Biden administration is attempting to revise a Trump-era rule that would allow federal funding to be stripped from medical facilities where staff refuse to participate in procedures that violate their religious beliefs.
- 3/1-2 A chronic shortage of dentists makes some parts of Michigan “dental deserts.”

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2/17-19		A record number of Michiganders signed up for comprehensive health insurance on the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2023.	
2/16-17		February is National Children’s Dental Health month.	
2/13-14		Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions and the Region 1 Perinatal Collaborative have been awarded \$80,000 in grant funding for the Upper Peninsula Maternal Opioid Misuse model program.	
2/6-7, 11-12		Governor Gretchen Whitmer is celebrating a decision by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to make chemical abortions available with a prescription.	
2/8-9		February is American Heart Month.	
2/7-8		Mackinac Straits Health System is adding a new medical professional office building to its campus, reports the <i>St. Ignace News</i> .	
1/31-2/1		The health risks associated with gas-burning stoves have caused a recent stir and fears of a government ban on the appliances.	
1/31-2/1		The St. Ignace City Council has approved the purchase of 12 new air bottles for the St. Ignace Fire Department.	
1/30-31		State police are investigating a fatal snowmobile crash. A 53-year-old man from Berlin, Wisconsin was pronounced dead at the scene.	
1/28-30		On January 27 deputies from the Marquette County Sheriff’s Office responded to a snowmobile crashed by 56-year-old Carol Arnold from Pennsylvania.	
1/30		An Escanaba couple was killed Friday afternoon in a multi-vehicle crash on U.S.-2 in Delta County.	
1/24-25		On the 50 th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, bills have been introduced in the Michigan legislature to eliminate penalties for nurses and doctors who provide abortion.	
1/18-19		The “MI Heart Safe School” program was developed to prepare school facilities to respond to cardiac emergencies.	
1/16-17		The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released new “Eat Safe Fish” guidelines for rainbow smelt.	
1/11-12		Michiganders who need health insurance are encouraged to purchase a health plan on the Health Insurance Marketplace before the January 15 deadline.	

1/5-6 January is national birth defects prevention month and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is joining with leading prenatal health experts to increase awareness.

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3/1-31 The Marquette County Health Department is holding a WIC clinic on April 6.

2/25-3/16 The National Alliance on Mental Illness Alger/Marquette will hold in-person support groups in March.

1/19-31 The American Red Cross seeks donors of all blood types.

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3/13-25 The Marquette Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a free dinner with the doctor. Dr. Brent Hildebrand will discuss the benefits of Blue Zone living March 26.

Employment/
Unemployment

News
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2/24-26 The National Federation of Independent Business is against current efforts to repeal Right to Work in Michigan.

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3/10-28

MSU Extension is holding a Michigan Cottage Food Law workshop on March 28.

3/9-17

The Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education Family Life Education Advisory Committee is seeking parent representatives. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17.

1/7-3/22

Northern Michigan University Career Services is holding a summer employment fair in February and a winter semester job fair in March.

Corrections/
Courts

News

Local

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3/27

The U.S. Attorney's office reports that 46-year-old Eric Walker of Detroit was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison as an armed career criminal for his illegal possession of a firearm.

3/9-10

The Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children task force announced the arrest of 28-year-old Brandon Lake of Quinnesec.

2/27-28

The U.S. Attorney's office announced 32-year-old Michael Granado of Lansing was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

2/17-19

The U.S. Attorney's office announced that 27-year-old William Henderson, Jr. of Kalamazoo was sentenced to 13 years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

2/10-12

Kathy Funk, age 59, from Flint Township pled no contest to one count of misconduct in office. Funk was previously charged with ballot tampering and misconduct.

2/9-10

Ryan King, age 43, of Benzonia sent threatening and intimidating emails to the 19th Circuit Court Administrator. He was sentenced to 2 years of probation with 1 year of jail suspended.

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	2/3-5	The Michigan State Police have arrested 53-year-old Kevin Michael Perron of Brimley for child sexually abusive activity.	
	2/1-2	The Department of Natural Resources reports that 23-year-old Thomas Steele III of Chelsea is serving a 60-day sentence in the Marquette County Jail after pleading guilty in intentionally sabotaging a hunter's tree stand.	
	1/23-24	Valda Cork, age 59, of Saginaw was bound over following a hearing on January 11 in 70 th District Court in Saginaw County. Cork is charged with 2 counts of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult over \$100,000.	
	1/19-20	The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced that it will seek relief from a January 3 ruling from an Ingham County judge that would award \$88 million in damages to the developers of proposed casinos in Lansing and Romulus.	
	1/2-3	A Macomb County federally licensed firearms dealer, 23-year-old Chase Farmer of St. Clair, was charged in an indictment with illegally importing Glock conversion devices from Russia and failing to keep proper records.	
	1/2-3	The last of 7 defendants was sentenced for a retail theft and wire fraud scheme they executed at hundreds of Walmart stores in 38 states. The leader of the conspiracy, Adarius Ferguson of Benton Harbor, was sentenced to 144 months in prison.	
Substance Abuse	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	On March 30, detectives from UPSET (the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team) conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest of a male suspect from White Pine for charges relating to the distribution of crystal meth and suspected fentanyl pills.	
	3/31-4/1	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is launching Opi Rescue, a smartphone app aimed at reducing harm due to opioid misuse.	
	3/7-8	Detectives from UPSET conducted an investigation on March 2 that resulted in the arrest of two female suspects from Chicago for trying to illegally obtain a false prescription and resisting arrest.	

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	2/27-28	Detectives from UPSET arrested 36-year-old Michael Statler and 36-year-old Arleen Statler, both from Atlantic Mine, on three counts each for delivery of methamphetamine.	
	2/20-21	Detectives from UPSET executed a search warrant in Houghton and discovered the occupants were manufacturing methamphetamine.	
	1/16-17	Detectives from UPSET made drug arrests in Schoolcraft County on January 12.	
Tourism/ Recreation	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced that the 2023 Soo Locks Engineers Day will be held on Friday, June 30.	
	3/17-19	State Representative Neil Friske has introduced a plan to repeal the Department of Natural Resources' order requiring hunters to electronically pin drop the locations of their deer harvests via the internet within 72 hours.	
	3/6-7	The Michigan DNR announced it's not too early to book late summer and fall camping reservations, register boats, and mark the ORV free weekends on your calendar for June 10-11 and August 19-20.	
	3/15-16	The public can explore the stories of the Underground Railroad in Michigan with a new interactive map.	
	3/3-5	The Nature Conservancy in Michigan has announced its Keweenaw Heartlands project. The group is committed to ensuring the miles of state-designated trails that run through the Keweenaw Heartlands remain open and available to the public.	
	2/23-24	Starting March 1 the recreation passport resident vehicle fee will increase from \$12 to \$13.	
	2/21-22	Michigan DNR trails officials are cautioning snowmobilers to anticipate potentially poor riding conditions on U.P. trails.	
	2/17-19	The Hiawatha National Forest and its partners have canceled this year's winter trails day event planned for February 18 at Rapid River Ski Trail.	

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2/15-16		The Upper Peninsula Sled Dog Association has announced the cancellation of the U.P. 200, the Midnight Run, and the Jack Pine 30 sled dog races this weekend.	
1/26-27		Grants to improve local parks and trails have been handed out. Ford River Township in Delta County is a recipient in the amount of \$83,600.	
1/20-22		Living Waters Prayer Chapel, east of Naubinway on U.S.-2 along the scenic Lake Michigan shoreline, was dedicated in September 2021, according to the St. Ignace News.	
1/13-15		The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced that the Soo Locks will close for the season on Sunday, January 15, allowing for critical maintenance to be completed.	
1/13-15		The Department of Natural Resources announces it will debut its free snowmobiling weekend February 11-12.	
1/12-13		The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reports that anglers will soon benefit from the over 624,000 fish, collectively weighing 7.8 tons, that were stocked by the DNR in 85 locations across the state last fall.	
1/6-8		A piece of the Mackinac Bridge now resides on permanent display at the U.S. Antarctic Program facility in Antarctica.	
1/3-4		Governor Whitmer announced grants to improve local parks and trails in 14 communities across the state. In the village of L'Anse, the Meadow Brook Community will receive \$150,000 in grant money.	
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2/1-16		Winter Trails Day will be held at Rapid River Ski Trail on February 18.	
1/1-3/31		The Michigan Iron Industry Museum is now on its winter schedule. Through April 30 the museum is open from Wednesday-Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM.	

Government Issues

News
Local
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3/28-29	State Representative Dave Prestin is condemning the National Popular Vote.
3/23-24	Representative Jim DeSana has introduced legislation that prevents discrimination based on vaccination status.
3/23-24	Michigan legislators have continued their push to reduce freedoms for those who hold concealed pistol licenses.
3/22-23	The president’s budget for fiscal year 2024 includes more than \$7.4 billion in discretionary funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, including key projects in the U.P.
3/21-22	The Governor has signed bi-partisan legislation expanding rights and freedoms for LGBTQ+ Michiganders. The Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act has been expanded to reaffirm legal protections for sexual orientation and to include gender identity and expression.
3/21-22	State Representative Dave Prestin continues to stand up for law-abiding gun owners and hunters who will face burdensome requirements if a plan being rushed through the legislature becomes law in Michigan.
3/21-22	Governor Whitmer has declared March 19-25 as Michigan’s severe weather awareness week.
3/20-21	A proposal by the U.S. Department of Agriculture would allow the “Product of USA” label to be used only on meat, poultry, and eggs from animals born, raised, slaughtered, and processed in the United States.
3/20-21	Michigan Attorney General Nessel has issued a cease and desist letter to Intoxalock regarding its misleading advertisements.
3/13-14, 18-19	The repeal of the 1931 abortion law was an issue addressed by Governor Whitmer in her State of the State Address.
3/16-17	Governor Whitmer has signed a new law that rolls back Michigan’s “Retirement Tax.”
3/15-16	Governor Whitmer joined former congresswoman Gabby Giffords for a gun safety rally in Lansing at the Capitol March 15 to support gun violence prevention.

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3/13-14		Lawmakers have called for hearings and oversight over the state's two energy grants, DTE and Consumers, after an ice storm and a thunder snow knocked out electrical service to millions across Michigan. Three bills relating to energy have been submitted in the 102 nd Michigan legislature.	
3/10-12		The Michigan House of Representatives has passed a bill that will amend the 1976 Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act to codify sexual orientation and gender identity as two protected classes.	
3/9-10		A new report is calling for public housing authorities to change certain policies to prevent excluding people with criminal records.	
3/9-10		Representative Jenn Hill was elected for this term and reported on representing Marquette and her constituents.	
3/8-9		Walmart has launched a "Dark Store Theory" tax appeal against the City of Houghton, claiming that their local store is not valued fairly.	
3/8		The Michigan legislature voted to repeal the 1931 law that bans abortion.	
3/6-7		Michigan democrats are seeking to expand gun-free zones, according to Great Lakes Gun Rights Executive Director Brenden Boudreau.	
3/2-3		The Michigan legislature passed the "Lowering MI Costs" plan that will roll back the retirement tax.	
3/2-3		The Michigan legislature wants to expand the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act again on bills with sexual orientation and gender identity.	
2/28-3/1		Great Lakes Gun Rights has promised to work with local political activists and begin recalling politicians who vote for gun control legislation.	
2/20-21, 25-26		Senate Bill 4 has been released from committee. The bill would make changes to the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.	
2/23-24		The State of Michigan's case against Enbridge Energy over the Line 5 pipeline is one step closer to moving the case back from federal court to Michigan's court.	
2/20-21		In the wake of a lone gunman who opened fire February 13 at Michigan State University, Great Lakes Gun Rights Executive Director, Brenden Boudreau, says some were calling for more gun restrictions before all the facts of the shooting were known.	
2/13-14, 18-19		Sondra Gunderman reports on the addition of Proposition 3 to Michigan's constitution.	
2/15-16		February 1 st was National Unclaimed Property Day.	

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2/14-15		Governor Whitmer has ordered flags lowered to half staff immediately and until further notice to honor and remember the victims of the shooting at Michigan State University.	
2/10-12		Members of the Michigan legislature introduced bills to roll back the retirement tax and increase the earned income tax credit.	
2/10-12		In the 1970's Michigan had strong environmental laws to hold polluters to account, but by the early 2000's deregulation had been used to change the state's regulatory agencies.	
2/8-9		Governor Whitmer presented her budget recommendations to a joint session of the Michigan House and Senate Appropriations Committees.	
1/30-31, 2/4-5		State Representative Brad Paquette wants to develop ethics reform for lawmakers in Michigan.	
2/3-5		"Protect Life Michigan" hosted a Roe v. Wade Memorial March at the State Capitol.	
2/3-5		The Administration and Fiscal Agencies of the Michigan Department of Treasury have reached a consensus on revenue estimates.	
2/2-3		The Michigan legislature approved legislation to grant Billerud investment support of up to \$200 million in funding. The U.P. company owns the Escanaba and Quinnesec paper mills.	
2/2-3		Senator Ed McBroom and Representative Greg Markkanen have announced the need for information regarding the public water along the Bill Nichols Trail in Ontonagon County.	
2/1-2		In Governor Whitmer's 5 th State of the State Address she emphasized policies designed to put more money in Michiganders' pockets.	
1/27-29		Michigan's individual income tax filing season has officially begun.	
1/23-24, 28-29		The U.S. House of Representatives has passed two pro-life resolutions.	
1/26-27		A new report says states will need to find new ways to fund road maintenance as more electric vehicles take to the road.	
1/26-27		Governor Whitmer delivered her State of the State Address in front of a joint session of the state legislature.	
1/25-26		A new bill signed into law authorizes the designation and administration of a State Veterans Cemetery by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in one of two counties: Crawford or Presque Isle.	

1/24-25		Governor Gretchen Whitmer will deliver her State of the State Address Wednesday evening, January 25.	
1/16-17, 21-22		With gender identity and sexual orientation being championed in society and the threatening of deeply held religious beliefs in business, the question of what a Christian can do to survive spiritually is being raised. Senator Ed McBroom suggests an answer.	
1/20-22		Northern Strike 23-1, hosted by the national guard, is scheduled to take place across northern Michigan's national All-Domain Warfighting Center (Camp Grayling and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center) January 21-29.	
1/17-18		The Michigan Bureau of Elections and Bi-partisan county and local election clerks will conduct more than 200 public audits of the November 8, 2022 election.	
1/9-10, 14-15		The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in December in a case that will decide whether the state of Colorado can force Christians to speak against their deeply held religious beliefs.	
1/12-13		The Internal Revenue Service announced a delay in reporting thresholds for third party settlement organizations set to take effect for the upcoming tax filing season.	
1/2-3, 7-8		St. Joseph Parish in downstate Clinton County has filed a lawsuit challenging a Michigan Supreme Court ruling that redefined the term "sex discrimination" in the 1976 Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights act.	
1/4-5		Governor Whitmer signed a bi-partisan bill package into law to update Michigan's holding company statute to ensure compliance with national accreditation standards and to provide the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services with regulatory tools to ensure effective financial oversight of insurance companies based in Michigan.	

Education

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3/31		Michigan's state-wide graduation rate increased for the 2021-2022 school year.	
3/30-31		The Upper Peninsula construction council is seeking high school juniors around the U.P. to participate in a new program called Construction Connect Up for the 2023-2024 school year.	

3/31		Upcoming financial aid webinars are available for students and families who have completed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and have received a financial aid award letter from their chosen college or university.	
3/29-31		The Michigan Reconnect Student Scholarship will assist in giving tuition-free education to students who are interested in pursuing a Community College associates' certificate.	
3/27-28		A new program highlighting job opportunities at Mackinac Island's water treatment plant will be available for students at the Mackinac Island Public School.	
3/17-19		The Michigan Department of Treasury suggests starting a college savings program with a Michigan Education Savings Program account.	
2/24-26		Michigan students will soon benefit from the addition of 31 police officers recently trained in the Teaching, Education, and Mentoring school liaison program.	
2/22-23		Superior Central's agriculture and forestry class has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to support a project that will bring more local food into the lunch room.	
2/15-16		The Michigan State Police report that students at 36 Michigan high schools will have the opportunity to become better, safer drivers by participating in the "Strive for a Safe Drive" program.	
2/13-14		Governor Whitmer has awarded funding to keep students safe at school and hire 195 School Resource Officers.	
2/8-9		Attorney General Nessel has re-issued a video that highlights the seriousness of making threats against schools.	
1/27-29		Negaunee High School's environmental science class has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to support a project that will bring more local food into the lunch room.	
1/13-15		The Rudyard High School Career and Technical Education program offers students state-approved opportunities in mathematics, science, and real-world applications, reports the St. Ignace News.	

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1/23-2/1 The National Hardwood Lumber Association is offering two classes through Kirtland Community College in Grayling. Lumber Grading 1 starts February 1.

Environment

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3/22-23 A coalition of conservation groups and volunteers are turning the empty lots of Detroit into a connected series of wildlife habitats.

3/13-14 The Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Conservancy and Waucedah Township announced the purchase and protection of over 4 miles of waterfront property on the Sturgeon River near Norway in Dickinson County.

3/10-12 The Upper Peninsula Power Company's energy waste reduction plan has been re-approved.

2/22-23 The Michigan House has advanced a resolution from State Representative Greg Markkanen that seeks to use a portion of the U.P.'s abundant wolf population to re-establish a self-sustaining wolf population in the lower peninsula.

1/27-29 Billerud plans to transform its Escanaba mill operations in Wells Township to produce a more technologically-advanced paper product known as paper-board or carton-board.

1/19-20 The Governor and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced that nine Michigan communities received nearly \$15 million to upgrade water systems. Iron River was one of the recipients.

1/9-10 Michigan farmers and others are growing crops, trees, and livestock on the same land with a technique known as silvopasture.

1/5-6 Upper Peninsula Power Company will begin lowering water levels at its hydroelectric reservoirs to prepare for melting snow and precipitation this spring.

Economy

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- 3/28-29 The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the department is investing \$19.5 million to bring high speed internet access to people living and working in rural Michigan.
- 3/24-26 New community revitalization efforts across Michigan include bringing a grocery store to downtown Hancock.
- 3/24-26 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, Soo Project office will open the Poe Lock on Saturday, March 25, marking the 2023 Great Lakes Shipping Season start.
- 3/6-7 The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has been awarded a \$100,000 federal grant to study the possibility of creating its own power utility.
- 3/3-5 Governor Whitmer joined the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to announce Michigan Strategic Fund approval of a wide range of projects, including the demolition of the former Marquette General Hospital.
- 3/3-5 The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing \$2.7 billion nationwide to help 64 electric cooperatives and utilities expand and modernize the nation’s rural electric grid and increase grid security.
- 3/1-2 The Michigan Public Service Commission has issued a request for proposals from qualified firms to conduct a feasibility study on nuclear power generation in Michigan.
- 2/20-21 The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced \$1.5 million in grant funding to improve meat processing capacity in Michigan.
- 2/16-17 The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget has announced that the jobless rate remained stable in December.
- 2/9-10 Governor Whitmer has filled two positions on the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority that oversees the proposed Line 5 replacement project.
- 2/7-8 The Michigan Treasury is announcing that grants are available for Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships.
- 2/5-7 Several communities have been awarded grants for infrastructure projects. The Chippewa County Road Commission has been awarded a grant of \$375,000.

1/30-31	The U.S.D.A. awarded a \$700,000 rural Innovation Stronger Economy grant to Innovate Marquette Smartzone.
1/24-26	Peninsula Fiber Network and Winn Communications have announced an agreement that will see the two companies merging. The combined companies will operate a fiber-optic network that spans three states covering more than 6,000 miles.
1/18-19	The Michigan Public Service Commission showed a 37% increase in growth in 2021 of the Distributed Generation Program.
1/16-17	Michigan is named one of three states poised to dominate electric vehicle battery manufacturing in the United States by 2030.
1/9-10	The Michigan Public Service Commission has approved a settlement agreement that permits Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin to implement a rate increase that started January 1.
1/6-8	The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development announced that the USDA is investing in 263 projects which will create economic opportunities and improve the lives of people living in rural America.
1/3-4	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District's new lock at the Soo is reauthorized in the water resources development act of 2022.

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2/15-20	The Economic Club of Marquette County will meet February 20 with the topic Artificial Intelligence.
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Needs of the Handicapped

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2/14-15	A Walmart store in Mt. Pleasant failed to make reasonable modifications to its policies so that an individual with a mobility disorder had an equal opportunity to access the store.
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The U.S. Attorney's office settled a complaint regarding the failure of a local law office to provide free American Sign Language interpretation services for a client who is deaf, in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.