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ISSUES/PROGRAM LIST
STATIONS WHWL, WEUL, & WHWG
MARQUETTE, MI
OCTOBER 2023 – DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 1, 2024
(ALL TIMES: EASTERN)

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Program Information</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
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Public Health Needs

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

10/23

Dr. Matthew Stanford offers a compassionate look at mental illness, which affects one in five teens and adults in the United States.

What's Happening
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R.O.S. Basis

12/12-31

The Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians is seeking community input that will help shape the future of healthcare services the tribe provides to the region. The tribe will hold a town hall meeting January 18 at the Kewadin Casino.

10/25-27

A drug take-back day will be held at the Iron Mountain VA Medical Center on October 27.

10/18-11/30

A Dementia Caregiving series will be held on Thursdays, November 30 and December 7 and 14 via zoom.

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	10/12-11/9	The American Red Cross will be holding blood drives to help rebuild the blood supply. Anyone donating from October 21 through November 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by mail.	
	10/1-24	A Dementia Caregiving series for caregivers of people with dementia will be held on Tuesdays, October 24 and 31 and November 7 via zoom.	
News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	12/29-31	The Marquette County Sheriff's Office responded to an in-flight emergency involving a small Piper Tripacer airplane that landed on highway M-94 at Scorpion Road in Forsyth Township.	
	12/27-28	The Marquette County sheriff's office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the persons responsible for breaking into the American Legion Post #144 in Ely Township and stole approximately \$3,800 dollars.	
	12/26-27	Senator Ed McBroom reported on his legislation that will allow a hospital to convert from a county hospital to a non-profit hospital.	
	12/23-25	On December 23, the city of Ishpeming fire department was dispatched to a structure fire at 618 N. Third street in the City of Ishpeming. Improper use of a candle was determined to be the cause to the fire.	
	12/19-20	Many hallmarks of the holiday season, including Christmas trees, holiday lights, and festive meals present potential fire hazards.	
	12/4-5, 9-10	Governor Whitmer has signed into law the Reproductive Health Act.	
	12/6-7	The Michigan Traffic Incident Management Action Team and the Comstock Fire Department held an event last month to bring awareness to crash responders and Michigan's Move Over law.	
	11/20-21, 25-26	The March for Life was staged at the capitol on November 8 th .	
	11/21-22	Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke, so learning how to spot one can be vital in saving your own life.	
	11/20-21	A measure on lead testing for children makes a critical lead test available by physicians at the one and two-year-old mark.	
	11/15-16	Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security division is encouraging Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.	

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11/14-15		The Drug Enforcement Administration's drug take back day removed almost 600,000 pounds of unneeded prescription medication across the country. The Detroit Field Division collected over 62,000 pounds between 498 sites in Michigan, Ohio and Northern Kentucky.	
11/10-12		The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services urges Michigan residents to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning by installing CO detectors.	
10/30-31,11/4-5		Four abortion bills cleared the Senate earlier this month and are now before the House of Representatives.	
10/30-31		Representative Dave Prestin of Cedar River, is spearheading legislation to allow trained 17 year olds to receive a medical First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician license.	
10/30		The Dickinson County Sheriff's office is investigating a fatal accident. A 2014 Camaro was traveling westbound on the Upper Pine Creek Road when the vehicle lost control, went off the roadway and struck a tree.	
10/27-29		The Drug Enforcement Administration will host it's 25 th national prescription drug take back day on Saturday, October 28 th .	
10/16-17, 21-22		The Senate Committee for Housing and Human Services was to hear testimony on legislation to repeal safety measures protecting women seeking an abortion.	
10/20-22		Heart disease is Michigan's number one cause of death.	
10/19-20		Mackinac Island emergency crews responded to a boat crash offshore near Mission Point Resort. A 43 foot long pleasure craft owned by a man from Cedarville ran aground.	
10-19-20		Lawmakers are advancing changes to abortions in Michigan.	
10/17-18		Donors have been stepping up to help re-build the blood supply.	
10/9-10, 14-15		Pro-life advocates say the Reproductive Health Act is a threat to women.	
10/13-15		The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are warning Michigan seniors to be on alert for scams and high pressure sales tactics during this year's annual Medicare open enrollment period.	
10/2-3, 7-8		The Fifth Court of Appeals has ruled against the Biden Administration rules on the distribution of abortion pills through the mail.	

Needs of the
Family

10/6-8	Right to Life of Michigan is urging Michigan residents who care about women’s health and safety to call their representatives and voice concerns about the Reproductive Health Act.
News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	
12/29-31	Kingsford has a combined services contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for an M-95/Carpenter Avenue road project, reports the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Daily News. The city plans to replace 2 blocks of water and sewer lines.
12/27-28	The Children Trust Michigan’s board of directors has approve over \$1.6 million dollars for 6 Michigan community based organizations to support local child abuse prevention initiatives.
12/21-22	The Administration is taking steps to send “working families tax credit” checks to more than 7000,000 Michigan households.
12/17-18	Lane closures will be required this week as work continues of the US41/M26 Portage Lake lift bridge between Houghton and Hancock.
12/15-17	People can buy a \$5 permit to cut a tree in the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests.
12/7-8	In recognition of Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson is reminding residents that resources are available through the Michigan Department of State for residents to educate themselves on safe driving at any age.
12/5-6	Many residents complete their families through adoptions and November has been the month to encourage awareness and recognize those still waiting to be adopted.
12/4-5	The Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Fitness Foundation reminds motorists to watch out for people traveling on foot or rolling.
11/3-4	Elevator replacement work on the US-41/M/26 Portage Lake lift bridge between the cities of Houghton and Hancock will require lane closures on the bridge.
12/4	NB and SB US-41at Daliba St. in Champion is closed due to a crash.

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11/30-12/1		A new bill signed into law will rename a portion of I-94 to the “Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway” near Ypsilanti.	
11/28-29		St. Ignace gained a stoplight this year in conjunction with the MDOT Overpass Construction Project at the I-75/US-2 interchange.	
11-24-26		November is Native American Heritage month in Michigan.	
11/23-24		The Michigan Public Service Commission winter energy appraisal for 2022-2024 forecasts lower petroleum and propane prices, and projects demand for electricity will decline slightly while demand for natural gas will increase.	
11/22-23		The Michigan Department of Treasury is raising awareness about cyber security by reminding Michiganders to be prepared to fight tax-related identity theft.	
11/16-17		The U.S. Department of Agriculture has expanded Michigan’s partnerships to increase home ownership opportunities for Native Americans.	
11/14-15		November 11 th was celebrated as Veteran’s Day, honoring Michigan’s more than 530,000 veterans.	
11/12-14		Elevator replacement work on the US-41/M-26 Portage Lake lift bridge between the cities of Houghton and Hancock will require lane closures on the bridge.	
11/6-7, 11-12		A nine bill package of legislation on surrogacy is in the House.	
11/6-7		The Michigan Department of Transportation will be performing repairs on the traffic signal at the US-41/M-28 intersection at Baldwin Avenue in Negaunee.	
11/1-2		The public can access free weekly credit reports from each of the 3 main credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and Transunion.	
10/25-26		October is Nation Farm to School Month and Ishpeming middle schoolers and partridge Creek Farm are celebrating.	
10/25-26		A temporary reduced speed limit of 25 mph remains in effect on the US-141 bridge over the east branch of the Net River in Iron County.	
10/25-26		The Marquette County Road Commission says motorists can expect intermittent delays on County Road 510.	
10/18-19		October is Cyber Security Awareness Month.	
10/16-17		MDOT reports it will be performing repairs on the traffic signal on US-2/US-41/M-35 at Danforth Road in Escanaba.	

10/12-13		Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is reminding the public it will never approach a customer at their home or business and request a copy of their energy bill.	
10/11-12		Work on a roundabout on US-41 and Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming near Jubilee foods is underway.	
10/11-12		The Marquette County Road Commission will be closing Heritage Drive (County Road JB) in Negaunee Township for a culvert replacement.	
10/6-8		Elevator replacement work on the US-41/M-26 Portage Lake lift bridge between the cities of Houghton and Hancock will require lane closures.	
10/4-5		MDOT will continue maintenance on the US-2 bridge over the Menominee River near Spread Eagle, Wisconsin at the Michigan/Wisconsin border in Dickinson County.	
10/4		Today officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency along with Federal Communications Commission will send a message through it's internet based common alerting protocol, that sends emergency alert system (EAS) tests to radio stations.	
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12/7-23		Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Champion and Woodland Methodist Church of Michigamme will have a joint Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 pm at the Woodland Methodist Church.	
12/20-30		Limestone Baptist Church will have a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm.	
11/29-12/16		The Calumet Aglow Christian fellowship will host their breakfast meeting Saturday, December 16 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.	
11/28-12/9		Little Lake Chapel will host their annual Living Nativity December 8, 9 and 10 th .	
11/27-12/16		Harvey Baptist Church will be having a “Singspiration” on Sunday, December 17 th .	

11/2-11/23	The Calumet AGLOW Christian fellowship will hold their next breakfast meeting Saturday, November 11 at the Harvest Church of the Keweenaw.
10-23-11/18	Messiah Lutheran Church's Global Fair Trade Market will be held on Saturday, November 18 th .
10/18-11/18	The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry will hold a "Prophecy Up Close" one day conference on November 18 th at Wausau Bible Church in Wausau, WI.
10/16-28	St. Peter Cathedral will hold a Fall Bazaar on October 28 th .
10/16-30	Child Evangelism Fellowship's 41 st Annual fundraising Banquet will be on Monday, October 30 th at Bruce Township Hall.
10/10-26	An Old Fashioned gospel Sing will be at Limestone Baptist Church on Friday, October 27 th .
10/9-28	The 76 th Fall Bazaar, Bake Sale and Tea will be on Saturday, October 28 th at SS Peter & Paul Lutheran in Houghton.
10/6-11/4	Surviving the Holidays at Bethany Baptist Church in Dollar Bay will be on November 4 th from 1 pm – 3 pm.
10/2-20	Grace Church of Gladstone Michigan is holding the Legacy Grandparenting Summit Simulcast on Friday October 20 th .
10/1-7	Autumn Fest jamboree will be held at Bible Baptist Church in Ishpeming on October 7 th .
10/1-4	AWANA Clubs held Wednesday's from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for kindergarten through 6 th grade at Bible Baptist Church in Ishpeming.

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12/13-14	The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will conduct a meeting Thursday, December 14 th .
12/12-19	State Rep. Dave Prestin and State Sen. Ed McBroom will soon host an energy town hall in Escanaba. The town hall is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19.
12/4-16	A Winter Bazaar will be held on December 16 th in South Range.

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12/4-14		“The Gift of Giving” Second Thursday Creative Series at the Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum will be Thursday, December 14 th .	
12/4-8		The 13 th annual Winter Snow Fun Holiday Parade & 48 th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December in downtown Marquette.	
11/28-12/12		MSU Extension announces statewide public listening sessions.	
11/27-29		Wednesday, November 29 th from 10:00 to 11:00 in Escanaba there will be a “Saluting Service: Honoring Veterans and Their Earned Benefits” program.	
11/16-12/18		EGLE will have in-person public input sessions on December 6 th in Marquette and virtual public input sessions on December 14 th and 18 th .	
11/14-16		A town hall meeting with Michigan Senator Ed McBroom will be Thursday, November 16.	
11/6-25		The Marquette Turkey Trot will be on Thursday, November 23 rd at Marquette Senior High School.	
11/10-31		Upper Peninsula Health Plan is reaching out to the community to recruit dedicated volunteer drivers to join its network in the Upper Peninsula.	
10/5-11/30		Hiawatha National Forest is announcing that commercial bough permits are now available at the Rapid River/Manistique and Munising Ranger District Offices.	
10/1-6		The Kids Consignment Sale will be at the Copper Country Mall in Houghton from October 4 th through October 7 th .	
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12/29		Dr. Erwin Lutzer shows parents how to abandon their routine list of requests and trade them for scriptural prayers, immersing them in God’s promises and will.	
12/27-28		Lee Strobel examines why our culture chases immorality and how we want to make a name for ourselves that survives the test of time.	
12/22		Chaplain Bill Goodrich of God Cares Ministry describes the vibrant opportunity to befriend and share Christ with the elderly in your community.	

12/20-21		Lysa TerKeurst reflects on the death of her marriage and how she had to place boundaries in her life to protect her own mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being.	
12/19		Crystal Paine shares her four-step system that can help moms feel less frazzled and have more room to breathe in your everyday life.	
12/18		Joe Dallas shares his testimony of being repeatedly molested as a boy and pursuing homosexual encounter as a teenager.	
12/14-15		Jodie Berndt encourages couples to pray for their marriages.	
12/12-13		Abby Johnson recounts what God has done in her life since she originally released her book Unplanned.	
12/11		As a full-time comedian, Kenn Kington works hard to see the funny side of life.	
12/8		Gary Thomas explains the meaning of Advent, “God with us.”	
12/6-7		Rhonda Stoppe and her son Brandon provide practical advice and encouragement for moms raising sons.	
12/4-5		Greg and Erin Smalley discuss the importance of couples prioritizing time together.	
12/1		Robin Jones Gunn and Jenny Coffey stress that Mom should be the safest person in her daughter’s life.	
11/29-30		Dr. Chapman emphasizes the importance of knowing and using your spouse’s love language to keep their “love tank” full.	
11/27-28		Virginia Prodan shares her powerful story of courageously sharing God’s love with a gun-wielding assassin in Communist Romania sent to execute her in her law office.	
11/24		David Murrow understands the negative effects from overuse of screens.	
11/23		In celebration of Thanksgiving, we present portions of previous interviews with broadcast guests who talked about the importance of being thankful in all circumstances, good and bad, and how parents can teach their children gratitude.	
11/22		Dr. Mike Bechtle helps you learn to navigate difficult conversations and stressful conditions with friends and family so you can enjoy those get togethers and special times.	
11/20-21		Instilling character in the heart of your child.	

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11/17		As a mom of seven, Heidi St. John explains why you as a mom need to stay spiritually disciplined in your relationship with the Lord.	
11/15-16		Foster parents are often called “heroes” for bringing needy children into their home, but Jillana Goble argues that they are normal people who simply obeyed God’s call to care for orphans and widows.	
11/14		Kari Trent Stageberg and her husband unpack the techniques to navigate the situation when differences emerge.	
11/13		Dr. Tony Evans will encourage you to become a full-time, verbal, visible follower of Christ in your everyday life.	
11/10-11		Chad Robichaux is an American hero, and he works to support American heroes worldwide. Save Our Allies, a coalition he created, was born of his commitment to save his interpreter from the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan.	
11/9		Author Kathi Lipp offers practical suggestions for planning your family’s Christmas celebration so that it can be budget-friendly, stress-free and Christ-centered.	
11/7-8		Pastor and researcher John Burke offers a better glimpse of the God of heaven – the Creator of the universe and the Lover of our souls.	
11/3		Successful NFL quarterback Kirk Cousins shares his family story and his journey in football, as well as about the importance of discipleship and evangelism in impacting the culture.	
11/1-2		Mark Makinney and his wife Rosie also list warning signs that your spouse could be addicted to porn, and then share their own story of Mark’s 25-year addiction and how it impacted their marriage.	
10/30-31		Dr. Ken Wilgus encourages moms and dads to relax a little bit, back off from micromanaging, and start treating their teen more like a budding adult.	
10/27		Brad Formsma explains how to have a giving mindset, and shares the importance of modeling generosity to your children.	
10/25-26		Greg Koukl provides concrete ways to take a stand for our beliefs.	
10/24		This program features an episode of the new Crazy Little Thing Called Marriage podcast, hosted by Greg and Erin Smalley.	
11/20		Family coaches Dave and Ann Wilson offer a clear, biblical plan to help you engage in constructive conflict, to prevent resentment from damaging your marriage.	

10/18-19		Lynsi Snyder is the owner and president of In-N-Out Burger company. When Lynsi felt trapped in a pit of despair, God met her there and lavished her with love and acceptance, restoring her sense of identity in Jesus Christ.	
10/17		Cynthia Tobias and Sue Acuna address why the middle school season of parenting is challenging.	
10/16		Ray Vander Laan helps listeners understand how to study the Bible with attention to the original context and audience.	
10/13		Dave Deets shares about the four miscarriages he experienced with his wife.	
10/11-12		Jason Jimenez provides strategies to connect with Gen Z kids and instill a strong Biblical faith in them to withstand negative external influences.	
10/10		Tim Hawkins presentation is laugh-out-loud funny and will inspire you to see life from a more humorous perspective.	
10/9		Deborah Smith Pegues equips women to manage finances wisely.	
10/5-6		Lee Strobel describes the struggles he and his wife, Leslie, experienced when he was an atheist and she was a new Christian.	
10/3-4		Dr. John Trent and his daughter, Kari Trent Stageberg, provide strategies for moving toward health, freedom, and life.	

Education

News
Local
Hourly R.O.S. Basis

12/29-31		The Michigan Department of Treasury is encouraging Michiganders to consider giving the gift of education through a tax deductible donation to help youth who have experienced foster care.	
12/12-13		All 15 of Michigan's public universities have signed on to a new national incentive designed to ensure transparency, clarity and understanding around communicating student financial aid offers.	
11/17-19		The Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville has received over \$354,000 dollars in rural business development grant funding.	
11/1-2		In picking a college or university students now have a tool to help them assess factors important to them.	

10/27-29		Lake Superior State University professor Zakaria Mahmud says the school's new Space Technician Program is expected to provide an open door for students ready to enter Michigan's burgeoning high tech space industry.	
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10/1-3		Michigan students will join children from around the globe to celebrate "Walk and Roll to School Day" on Wednesday, October 4.	
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10/17-23		The 2023 Connect Conference: Embracing Change & Transformation will be on Friday, October 27 th , from 8 am to 4 pm at NMU's Northern Center.	
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10/17-23		Learn more about DNR state land review at virtual meetings October 24 th and 25 th .	
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10/5-23		Join lumber professionals for a four-day introduction to lumber grading workshop Dec. 4-7, at Kirkland Community College's Grayling campus.	
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Corrections/
Courts

<p>News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis</p>		
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12/28-29		56 year old Lori Bradford of Southfield was sentenced to 15 months incarceration after pleading guilty to 10 felonies stemming from her preparation of false tax returns for clients and providing false supporting documents to the Department of Treasury.	
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12/25-26		U.S. Attorney for the western district of Michigan announced the indictment charging Avis Damone Coward with being a felon in possession of a firearm, conspiracy to tamper with evidence, and tampering with evidence. Two other Lansing residents, Emma Huver and Gina Schieberl were also charged with the indictment.	
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12/15-17		22 year-ole Ryan Cox of Mancelona has been arraigned on one charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder as well as being charged with a felony firearm.	
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11/6-7		The U.S. district court for the western district of Michigan awarded the state a \$120 million dollar judgment against lee Mueller, whose business owned and operated the Edenville Dam, and is responsible for the 2020 Midland Catastrophe.	
11/27-12/2-3		Two men linked to the Governor Whitmer kidnapping plot have been transferred to out-of-state prisons.	
11/29-30		Michigan communities will soon benefit from the addition of 61 state troopers who graduated from the 144 th trooper recruit school.	
11/23-24		Sean Peitila, 19, of Pickford, Michigan, pleaded guilty to federal charges for making violent threats online.	
11/13-14		Lawyers are finding it difficult to talk to accused kidnapers of Governor Whitmer, Paul Bellar and Joseph Morrison as they were transferred out of Michigan.	
11/7-8		An Iron Mountain man accused of child abuse in the first degree was convicted on less severe second degree charge.	
11/3-5		An indictment charging 31 year old Juwara Jawan Compton, Jr., of Kalamazoo with possessing a machine gun and being a felon in possession of a fire arm.	
10/17-18		32 year old Evan Baker of Prudenville was arraigned on one count of stalking and one count of using a computer to commit a crime.	
10-13-15		Terrance Wayne Vanochten of Mancelona was sentenced to 52 months in federal prison. Vanochten pled guilty in June to possessing 3 pipe bombs which were found as part of a large cache of military style firearms and equipment.	
10/10-11		Deputies and detectives from the Dickinson County Sheriff's office have been investigating the theft of property stolen from grave sites. A female suspect was later located in the city of Iron Mountain and taken into custody for multiple counts of larceny.	

Substance Abuse

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11/19		Six Luce County residents were arrested Tuesday after a traffic stop in Newberry. The troopers located suspected methamphetamine in the vehicle.	
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11/10-12		The Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget has harvested and delivered the 2023 Christmas tree to the state capital from Onaway, Michigan.
11/2-3		The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed the Soo Locks Visitor Center October 31 st for the 2023 season and transitioned to winter hours.
11/1-2		The DNR is working closely with the City of Wakefield to come up with the best long term solution for re-routing what's known as Snowmobile Trail #2.
10/27-29		The Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget has selected the official 2023 Christmas tree for the State of Michigan.
10/24-25		The Michigan Department of Transportation has announced that it will close all roadside parks in the Upper Peninsula on Friday, October 27.
10/23-24		The International Crossing Toll System project has won international honors.
10/20-22		With hunting season now upon u, the Michigan Department of Natural resources reminds everyone enjoying the outdoors to wear blaze orange when out on the trails.
10/9-10		The Michigan Department of Natural Resources plans to open it's long awaited \$2 million dollar public shooting range in Marquette County on Wednesday, October 11 th .
10/9-10		Toll increased October 1 st at the International Bridge.
10/3-4		Hunters and anglers have a new option to earn the required recreational safety certificate before hitting the wood and water with online courses.
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12/4-10		“Julfest” Christmas in Sweden Program will be December 10 th at 6:00 pm at First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain.
11/30-12/3		The First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain is hosting the “Rocke Brothers” in concert on Sunday December 3 rd at 6 pm.

11/20-12/9 Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee will hold a Christmas Market on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am – 2 pm.

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10/3-11/9 The Marquette Senior High School Drama and Music Departments presents Beauty and the Beast on November 10th and 11th at the Kaufman Auditorium.

10/3-21 Copper Country’s own award-winning Americana/Country recording artist, Hannah Bethel, to perform Homecoming Concert at Historic Calumet Theatre on Saturday, October 21st.

10/1-22 Bell Auxiliary and the Mather Inn are sponsoring a concert featuring Marquette County’s swing band on October 22nd at the Mather Inn.

Government Issues

News
Local
Hourly R.O.S. Basis

12/29-31 The Michigan Department of State announced recently that the state is bringing back green and white “Water Wonderland” license plates. Michigan is changing the look of it’s drivers licenses and state ID’s.

12/29-31 Sondra Gunderman spoke with representative Steve Cara about bringing about change in Michigan’s legislature.

12/27-28 The Keweenaw Heartland Project is ongoing at the Department of Natural resources. The project involves lands east of Copper Harbor at the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula, a 32,000 acre parcel.

12/25-26 The chair of the Michigan House Education Committee proposed reform to homeschooling reporting after children in the foster care system were being reportedly abused.

12/18-18, 23-24 Volunteers are sharing the message of the “Grand New Party” political action committee.

12/18-19 The Mackinac Center has filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting a requirement for states to obtain employee consent prior to withholding union dues.

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12/15-17		The U.S. Congress passed a 1 year extension of the current farm bill, which leaves room for continued debate on factory farming issues in rural areas.	
12/11-12, 16-17		Governor Whitmer made history in June when through executive order she created the L.G.B.T.Q Plus commission.	
12/11-12		MDOT has announced the recipients of the 2024 annual Local Grade Crossing Surface program. Two projects in the U.P. include: Sagola Ave. in Dickinson County and McMillan Ave. in Luce County.	
11/8-10		The Department of Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Team has launched a new website to make it easier for Michigan residents to access common scam alerts, research charities, and more.	
11/30-12/1		Coast Guard Sectors Buffalo and Sault Ste. Marie are scheduled to change names to Sectors Eastern Great Lakes and Northern Great Lakes, on December 1 st .	
11/29-30		Legislation recently signed into law would allow active duty personnel to return their ballot electronically.	
11/28-29		Several groups have united in support of a Grand Rapids based parish and it’s Catholic School. The group is asking the 6 th Circuit to protect the school’s constitutionally protected freedom to operate as a religious school.	
11/20-21		The legislature has officially adjourned, the earliest in over 40 years.	
11/13-14, 18-19		Some House staff members in Lansing work in fear of their jobs.	
11/16		Senator Ed McBroom is hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the recently passed energy plan.	
11/13-14		Houghton and Ontonagon have each received a grant from MDOT for repaving a road.	
11/10-12		The 25 th Circuit Court announced the appointment of Jenna Nelson as Marquette County’s next Prosecuting attorney.	
11/9-10		Upper Peninsula lawmakers are split over energy bills.	
11/9-10		Mackinac County voters approved an increase to the senior services millage last August, which should have doubled the amount of taxes collected for Community Action Agency, however, due to a clerical error, the increased millage never made it on the tax bills, leaving a \$295,000 dollar shortfall, reports the St. Ignace News.	

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11/8-9		Governor Whitmer has asked Michigan lawmakers to create a new program to offer paid family and medical leave.	
11/8-9		Governor Whitmer recently announced the appointments of Lawrence Elassal to the 3 rd Circuit Court in Wayne County, Matthew Wiese to the 25 th Circuit Court in Marquette and Monique Sharpe to the 36 th District Court in Detroit.	
11/7-8		47 villages and cities across the state with populations less than 10,000 residents, will receive road funding grants totaling \$8 million dollars.	
11/6-7		The Mackinac Bridge Authority met on November 3 rd in Traverse City to review the recently completed viaduct repair project. The MBA also met in closed session to review safety and security at the bridge.	
11/3-5		The City of Ishpeming announced a \$20 million dollar drinking water infrastructure project is moving forward.	
11/2-3		The Mackinac Center for Public Policy has filed a new brief in the lawsuit to keep the state's lowered tax rate in place.	
10-31-11/1		An estimated \$5.2 billion dollars was lost nationwide in scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission.	
10/31-11/1		The Seney National Wildlife Refuge reports that the bi-partisan infrastructure law funding has provided an opportunity to do work needed to reduce fuel loads and maintain firebreaks on the refuge.	
10/30-31		The state has launched a new web page.	
10/26-27		Michigan's Senate Republicans expressed frustration with delays in permitting to build Enbridge's Line 5 Tunnel.	
10/24-25		The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services announced that the state of Michigan recently launched a website, michigan.gov/studentloanrestart .	
10/23-24		U.P. state legislators have taken issue with the efforts of a senator from Ann Arbor to dictate future land use in the Upper Peninsula.	
10/16-17		A measure has been signed into law removing from the books a Michigan law against cohabitation.	
10/16-17		The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has announced it will appeal an August 24 th federal court ruling that would regulate the tribe's 1836 treaty fishing rights for the next 24 years.	
10/12-13		Michigan is piloting early, in person voting, in many local communities for their upcoming November elections.	

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	10/11-12	The Attorney General's office has moved to dismiss a lawsuit on the state's income tax increase.	
	10/5-6	Michigan Representative Neil Friske joined 10 other Michigan state legislators in a significant step by filing a lawsuit in federal court against state election officials. This legal action contends that the state constitutional amendments passed in 2018 and 2022, which govern the timing, locations and procedures of federal elections, are devoid of legal validity.	
	10/5-6	Governor Whitmer awarded \$21 million for blight elimination grants to communities across Michigan.	
	10/3-4	The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is voicing concerns over proposed legislation that would create a new government entity in the office of the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, to help a fraction of workers who have lost their jobs because of environmental policies.	
	10/2-3	Attorney General Nessel, the Federal Trade Commission and 16 other state attorneys general have sued Amazon.com, Inc. alleging that the online retail and technology company is a monopolist.	
Needs of the Elderly	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis		
	12/14-15	Michigan Veterans Homes has published a wish list for each home highlighting much needed items to support veteran members this holiday season.	
	12/7-8	The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has announced customized veteran classes with "Get Set Up" to enhance the well being and quality of life for Michigan veterans aged 50 and older.	
	11/17-19	Legislation will ensure that a Power of Attorney is accessible to more residents. It's estimated that more than 100,000 older adults in Michigan are victims of elder abuse and that fewer than half are reported to authorities.	
	10/23-24, 28-29	A package of bills would bring accountability to the guardianship industry, helping to safeguard Michigan's vulnerable citizens.	

Employment/
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- 12/22-24 More than 800 Michigan businesses will receive an average of \$54,000 to train, develop and retain 28,000 current and newly hired employees through the Going Pro Talent Fund. These businesses will receive a combined \$45 million from the fund to finance training initiatives.
- 12/1-3 The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency has added six legal experts to it's free advocacy program and boosted pay by 30%.
- 11/15-169 Advocates for a minimum wage hike in Michigan are expected in court next month for a hearing on "Adopt and Amend" legislation that passed back in 2018.
- 10/13-15 Michigan's seasonally adjusted jobless rate rose by 1/10th of a percentage point to 3.7% during August.

Environment

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- 12/26-27 Michigan's Solid Waste Management law was amended in December 2022. Under the amended law, each county will be required to have a materials management plan that will pave the way for Michigan to achieve a 45% residential recycling rate.
- 12/21-22 State Senator Ed McBroom fears the U.P.'s 2 main natural gas fueled power sources - Kuester Generating Station in Negaunee Township and the MIHM Generating Station in Baraga will be forced to close early, as utility providers to transition to carbon free energy generation.
- 12/19-20 Offshore wind development in the Great Lakes region has had a turbulent history and faced many challenges.
- 12/5-6 The Michigan Public Service Commission has approved a siting application filed by Enbridge Energy for the proposed Line 5 tunnel.
- 12/5-6 Governor Whitmer has signed new energy legislation. This legislation requires that Michigan produce 50% of it's clean energy from renewable sources by 2030, 60% by 2035 and 100% by 2040.

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	11/24-26	Upgrades to Beulah’s wastewater plant, disposal of PFAS contaminated bio solids at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and removal of contaminated soils from a lagoon in Grand Rapids are among \$10.8 million dollars in Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy grants.	
	10/26-27	The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Daily News reports that a cougar recently turned up in southern Menominee County.	
	10/20-22	State Senator Ed McBroom and all 18 members of the state Republican caucus sent a letter earlier this month to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Governor Whitmer urging them to expedite the state and federal permitting process regarding construction of the Great Lakes Tunnel project for Line 5.	
	10/18-19	State Representatives Greg Markkanen and Dave Prestin have condemned new bills that significantly minimize the priorities of residents condemning large scale solar and wind energy projects in their communities.	
	10/10-11	State Representative Dave Prestin has issued a statement addressing serious concerns over the proposed energy plan for Michigan.	
Economy	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis	The Marquette County Road Commission will be benefactor of category “F” grant from the Transportation Economic Development fund from MDOT.	
	12/28-29	Michigan’s population loss cannot be solved without broad economic reforms, according to the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy.	
	12/20-21	The Michigan State Housing Development Authority announced the new housing readiness incentive grant program. Cities, villages and townships that apply for the program may receive a maximum grant of \$50,000 dollars to cover costs associated with adopting land use policies.	
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	12/8-10	Lake Superior Community Partnership is a leading source of economic development in Marquette County. Helping small business in the Central U.P. is the goal of the new “Support Hub.”	
	12/4-5	The Soo Locks Macarthur Lock will close for the navigation season on Sunday, December 17 th .	

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	11/27-28	Michigan Central and MDOT announced the launch of Detroit's Advanced Aerial Innovation Region by attracting startups, catalyzing new high skill jobs, advancing policy and driving commercialization and adoption of drone technology.	
	11/27-28	The Michigan Occupational safety and Health Administration awarded \$870,000 dollars in training grants to 20 non-profit organizations statewide to strengthen worker safety and health, workforce training and business development.	
	11/22-23	The City of Negaunee has been awarded the Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.	
	11/3-5	The City of Escanaba has been awarded a Revitalization and Placemaking grant by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.	
	10/25-26	Cleveland-Cliffs has reported third-quarter results for the period ended September 30. The report shows revenues of \$5.6 billion with a net income of \$275 million.	
	10/2-3	Governor Whitmer has announced Norwegian Hydrogen Company NEL Hydrogen has chosen Plymouth Charter Township as the location for it's new automated gigafactory for production of electrolyzer technology for green hydrogen production.	
Needs of the Handicapped	News Local Hourly R.O.S. Basis		
	11/24-26	The State of Michigan Mobility Funding Platform has announced that three companies will receive \$178,000 of funding for mobility projects across the state.	
	10/4-5	The Michigan Public Service Commission is highlighting the importance of the Michigan Telecommunications Relay Service that allows deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired persons to communicate by telephone.	

Needs of
Young People

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Legislation has been unveiled that will create a new license plate to generate support for Michigan 4-H youth.