

QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR STATION – WBUP/WBKP

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Section I: Issues

Environmental/Energy Issues: Fires were reported all over the region over the winter. Cities around the U.P. enact an environmental public health code. Rates for electricity are on the rise in some areas of the Upper Peninsula. The Forest Legacy Program and other conservancy efforts work toward preserving Upper Peninsula Forests. National Parks around the shore of Lake Superior will be the first to de-carbonize their programs. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reporting several new invasive species that have been found in the Upper Peninsula.

Education: Finlandia University closes due to financial instability. Northern Michigan University and Bay College offer Teach-Out agreements to students. ChatGTP introduced at Northern Michigan University. Local school systems focus on mental health and wellness. Northern Michigan University named a national leader in Bachelors Degrees. A 3-D printing projects helps area high school students and senior citizens. Building trades are a focus of local union groups, for example the Upper Peninsula Construction Council is hosting a High School Introduction to Construction this summer. Dark Store issues are coming to the forefront again, with local schools and municipalities expecting to take a hit from the WalMart in Houghton.

Public Health Care: UP Home Health and Hospice celebrates 50 years serving the Upper Peninsula. Radon test kits are offered to home owner. Elevated levels of Radon are believed to exist in 10 percent of the four-county area that the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department covers. Free COVID testing is still available to residents, but the final pandemic allowances like extra food for low-income residents begin to wind down. Dozens of vehicle and snowmobile accidents were reported across the region, many of which reported alcohol and speed being the cause. A Minnesota – based community foundation started an endowment fund to help Copper Country Cancer patients. Suicide prevention is at the top of

the list for health care providers. Fentanyl laced drugs continue to be found in the area.

Local Culture: Iron Mountain Police accused of sexual harassment. After Finlandia University announces its closure, the Finlandia Foundation announces it will continue to preserve the University's Heritage Center and Archives. Portage Health Foundation holds its annual giving Tuesday event helping nonprofit organizations from across the Copper Country to fund their activities. Marquette's Arts and Culture Center holds its first-ever State of the Arts event. Cultural festivals like Heikinpaiva and Heikki Lunta return to U.P. towns to celebrate the winter season as well as the Upper Peninsula and Finnish Heritage. Local lighthouses are the subject of preservation efforts. Marquette Winter Roots festival makes a return. The Great Lakes shipping season opened in March with the reopening of the Soo Locks. Skiing snowmobile riding, fat tire biking and snowboarding are all things that go well with a U.P. Winter.

Section II - Responsive Programs

ENVIRONMENTAL/ENERGY ISSUES:

- The City Of Houghton will review the proposed u-p environmental health code one last time...On Wednesday during the county commission meeting the board tabled further action on the upper peninsula environmental health code until next month... Saying that the board wants to be as thorough as possible... Their discussion included comments from western upper peninsula health department director tonya rule. Rule noted that the word *potential is itself found in numerous health codes throughout the country ...*and that it's used more than 500 times in state-approved manuals as well as the environmental health code that was put before the board... Adding health officers base their decisions on state-approved technical manuals and the law... Houghton county will reconvene during the april commission meeting, and will consider accepting the upper peninsula environmental health code... That meeting will take place on april 11th, at 4 pm.**Title: U.P. Environment, TRT: 1 min, 1 second, Run date: 3/16/2023.**

- And the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department hopes to move forward on the proposed upper peninsula environmental health code soon the department is seeking to approve the same proposal already adopted by several other upper peninsula health departments. WUPHD last updated environmental health codes for the Western Upper Peninsula back in 1997. Health Officer Kate Beer says the proposed codes will take into account new technologies, and public health strategies that have been developed over the past twenty years. Beer says that the new environmental health codes have taken out confusing and unnecessary language and updates the codes for regulating private businesses' septic fields. The western upper peninsula health department will hold a public hearing next monday at 5:30 pm, at their office headquarters in hancock. for those interested in learning more about the proposed upper peninsula environmental health code, you can find links to the health department's website at abc 10 up dot com. **Title: WUPD Health, TRT: 1 min 30 sec. Run Date: 2/22/2023.**
- Electricity rates could rise in the Copper Country... Recently the Michigan Public Service Commission granted an increase to the Upper Peninsula Power Company, that will boost the average resident's electric bill by 10 point one percent...that increase will take affect starting july 1st. It is the first increase granted to UPPCO in four years. For customers using more than 500 kilowatt hours per month, the increase represents an average bill jump from 121 dollars and eight cents to 133 dollars and 38 cents...part of the agreement with the service commission requires upcco to set up a residential assistance credit that is applied to low income customers... And UPPCO is required to donate 200,000 dollars to a non-profit that serves low income citizens. The agreement also allows upcco to increase the customer owned generation cap from 3 percent to 4 and a half percent, opening up opportunities for residents installing solar or wind home generators. Visit abc 10 up . Com to find more on UPPCO'S rate increases coming this summer. **Title: UPPCO, TRT: 57 sec. Run date: 3/28/2023**
- The Forest Legacy Program In Michigan offers over 160,000 acres of environmentally sensitive forests for public use through the acquisition of property or development rights. The program aims to

protect forests that contribute to healthy fish and wildlife habitats, clean air and water, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The program is administered by the u.s. forest service and the Michigan Department Of Natural Resources, using federal and matching funds to acquire forests that are worthy of special care. Landowners who wish to nominate their forests for the program must submit applications by may 1 of 2025 . The forest legacy program also supports sustainable forest management and the development of strong markets for forest products. Learn more at michigan dot gov forward slash private forest land **Title: Forest, TRT: 44 sec, Run Date: 3/31/2023**

- The national parks surrounding Lake Superior expect to become the first parks in the country to decarbonize the parks. The National Parks Of Lake Superior Foundation has announced that the national parks on Lake Superior's Shore In Minnesota, Wisconsin And Michigan, will begin efforts to decommission fossil fuel powered vehicles, implement solar panels and other proven technologies, with the goal of reducing maintenance and operating costs within the parks. The parks included in the decarbonize the parks program are the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Grand Portage National Monument, Isle Royale National Park, The Keweenaw National Historic Park, and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. They hope to set standards for other parks to model after. An engineering study suggests the energy efficiency changes will cost 15 million dollars; most of the funding for decarbonizing the parks has already been allocated through legislation In Washington D.C. the decarbonize the parks program is based on off the shelf proven technologies that many public buildings already use.**Title: National Parks Decarbonize, TRT: 1 min, 1/30/2023**
- Rock snot, spotted lantern flies, and woolly adelgid (ad-al-gid) are just three of many invasive species that have migrated to Michigan over the years. These invasive species can wreck havoc on Michigan's eco systems, pollinators, animals, and flora. But there is some good coming out of all of the department of natural resources efforts to mitigate migration. Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area President Sigrid Resh says there has been a more concentrated effort on collaboration between county groups

work between different county invasive species management areas has helped track various invasives as they move through the state. This summer the dnr plans to work closely with these county groups to begin to determine the best pathway forward while removing invasive species and rehabilitating areas like wetlands, forests, grasslands, and beaches. Go to abc 10 up dot com to find the dnr's 2022 annual invasive species report. And links to the KISMA website, which details some of the more prolific invasive species coming to the Upper Peninsula, and how you can help. **Title: DNR, TRT: 1:32, run date: 3/28/2023.**

Education issues:

- Yesterday Finlandia University announced plans to close after 126 years following the spring semester. The news sent shockwaves throughout the Upper Peninsula community. In a statement released by the city of Hancock officials say. They are working with the university's administration and board of directors, along with community partners, to identify potential options for the buildings on campus. The campus will resume the spring semester when students return from spring break after next week... The university is working with partnered schools to establish "teach out" agreements. **Title: Finlandia to close, TRT: 33 seconds, run date: 3/3/2023**
- And CHATGPT is a language model developed by the company openai, and designed to respond to text-based queries, generating natural language responses after only a few seconds. since the rise of chat gpt last november, universities across the country are facing a big problem: students are using CHATGPT to do their work. One of the NMU faculty Dr. Aumann talked about his students who used CHATGPT to write up the *perfect* final paper at the end of the last semester. instead of being against chat gpt, dr. Aumann believes as a professor, that he should not only embrace the technology, but to also teach students the right way to use it. Dr. Aumann is still concerned for higher education. He hopes student can still learn how to think for themselves in the college experience rather than to copy and paste. **Title: Chat GTP, TRT: 33 seconds, run date: 3/3/2023**
- We begin tonight with the marquette alger regional education service agency , who was holding a community task force last night, about

youth wellness in the local communities. 55 people from all walks of life to include, parents, grandparents, and parents whose children are grown and out of the house. The discussion focused on five main topics: regional youth psychiatric services, mental health services, diversity equity and inclusion, social emotional learning, and behavior management strategies. For more information on Maresa, please visit their website at www.maresa.org. **Title: Youth, TRT: 50 seconds, run date: 2/22/2023**

- Northern Michigan University's Online Applied Workplace Leadership Program has been named one of the top organizational leadership bachelor's degrees in the US. The program, offered through NMU's global campus, is designed for non-traditional students who have already earned college credit or an associate degree, and want to advance their education on a flexible schedule. The program's accelerated courses are taken one at a time and prepare students for leadership positions with a curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking, ethical decision-making, and communication skills. Organization allleadership.edu based its selection on excellent instructors, industry and community connections, resources and support for students. This has given the organization the edge it needs to claim the academic and leadership rankings it now has. For more information on the applied workplace leadership major, visit nmu.edu/online/applied-workplace-leadership. **Title: Leadership Program, TRT: 52 Run Date 3/12/2023**
- Turning now from outdoor to indoor activities...today Marquette Senior High School 3-D printing students had some senior visitors...showing off their three D printer they received in 2008 ...the school offers the 3D class for tenth through twelfth grade students...who say the event today is a good opportunity to benefit both youth students and community seniors. Here's student Becky Labreque with more. **Title: 3-D Printing, TRT: 54 Run Date: 3/9/2023**
- The Upper Peninsula Construction Council is accepting applications for the 20-23 building trades summer camp, which provides high school students an introduction to construction activities over a six-week period... Registration is available on the u-p-c-c website, and

up to 30 students will be selected to participate... The program rotates annually to different upper peninsula locations... And participating trades include electric, plumbing, and carpentry, among others... **Title:UPCC, TRT: 27 Seconds Run Date: 3/15/2023**

- The battle over property taxes between Walmart and the city is expected to heat up soon. Yesterday local residents showed support for the city, by hosting a rally against Walmart, near the national retailer's brick and mortar... Holding signs and picketing near the store, some residents expressed their concerns over Walmart's so-called dark store legal strategy.. Speaking with supporters... Hancock resident Glen Anderson, says that Walmart is the most profitable business in the county's history. Anderson says he joined the rally as a citizen...and not as a county commissioner...which he happens to be... Walmart meanwhile is seeking to have its property evaluation lowered for future property taxes... As well as a retroactive one point two million dollar refund for the past six years... Now the Daily Mining Gazette is reporting that both sides *have begun discussions again recently...and are hoping for an agreeable solution...we'll keep following this story as it develops **Title: Walmart, TRT: 1:09, Run Date: 03/16/2023**

Public health care issues:

- We begin tonight with a fatal car fire that took place in ewing township on friday. According to police, at approximately 3:20 a.m. the negaunee police were called to a vehicle fire on West Maple Road In Ewing Township. The call revealed that a car was on fire in the middle of the roadway. The fire department arrived on the scene and were able to quickly put out the fire, however the body of a deceased person was found within the vehicle. Personel on the scene then contacted the negaunee post to notify detectives for assistance on the case. Also assisting on the scene were the Michigan State Police Marquette Forensic Lab, and The Tri-Township Fire Department. At this time the victim has not been positively identified but a gofund me has been started for cole possi, father of two, who passed away after his, vehicle unexpectedly exploded killing him and his dog. For the link to the go fund me page visit our website at abc10up.com

- Early Saturday morning the Marquette City Fire Department was dispatched to Sugarloaf Ave for a structure fire. Upon arrival the structure, a storage unit, was fully engulfed. The crews were able to clear the scene after 2 hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation. **Title: Fire, trt: 26 seconds, run date: 1/02/2023**
- The goal of up home health is to help their patients regain their independence, to live their life the way they want to. Up home health will be holding numerous events throughout 2023, including 50 birthday party for staff, golden anniversary parties with other community organizations. For more information visit www.uphomehealth.org or call 906–225–4545. **Title: UP Hospice, TRT: 59 seconds, run date: 2/3/2023**
- January is national radon action month. The western upper peninsula health department would like to inform the community about the potential hazards associated with elevated radon levels in their homes. Radon is odorless, tasteless, gas that at high levels, can increase the risk for lung cancer. Fortunately, testing for radon is easy, and high radon levels can be lowered. Radon typically enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation, or walls, and becomes a problem for homes because it can become concentrated in smaller areas, as opposed to outdoors where it is diluted by the atmosphere. Within the four counties the health department is responsible for, an epa study found that 10 percent of homes tested had elevated radon levels. The health department does have free radon home test kits available for pick up. Please contact the Hancock or L'Anse au Loup offices for availability. **Title: Radon Test Kits, TRT: 50 seconds, Run Date: 1/20/2023**
- And the Peter White Public Library has partnered with the Michigan Department Of Health And Human Services to increase access to free at home covid– 19 testing kits. Testing kits will be available at the front desk of the library with a limit of one free testing kit per person and up to 5 per household. For more information on free covid – 19 test kits at the peter white public library contact the circulation desk at 906–228–9510 **Title: Free COVID testing at Peter White, TRT: 22 seconds Run date: 1/17/2023**

- A single-vehicle crash with entrapment occurred on Wednesday night near Cat Harbor in Eagle Harbor Township. The driver, 21-year-old Jack Kipela from Hancock, failed to negotiate a curve and struck a tree, critically injuring himself and a 21-year-old female passenger. The Copper Harbor Volunteer Fire Department extricated them from the vehicle and they were transported to Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, they were later flown to Up Health Systems Marquette. Alcohol and speed are believed to be factors in the crash, which is under investigation. **Title: Accident, TRT 30 seconds, Run date: 3/9/2023**
- A 53 year old man was seriously injured last night in an accident with a parked vehicle in Hancock. He was traveling west on Quincy Street and hit the end of an unoccupied parked vehicle at a high rate of speed. He was transported to the hospital immediately following the crash. Hancock police noted that the man was wearing a helmet, and alcohol is believed to be a factor. The man is considered to be in serious, but stable condition at this time. The crash is currently under investigation. **Title: Accident2 TRT 27 seconds, Run date: 3/10/2023**
- The Keller Family Community Foundation, Minnesota-based non-profit, recently announced they plan to start an endowment fund to support copper country cancer patients. The endowment fund cements the foundation's partnership with the portage health foundation, as they both look to ease the transportation costs associated with cancer treatment in rural areas. With more on the ride with Claudia Transportation Endowment Fund, and the families bringing it together, is Keweenaw Bureau Reporter Thomas Fournier. **Title: Keller Family Foundation, TRT: 2:23, Run date 1/23/2023**
- Two people from Atlantic Mine who are facing felony drug charges following an arrest by upset agents earlier this week. Michael Statler and Arleen Statler, each thirty six, were arrested for delivering methamphetamine, following a six month investigation by the upper peninsula substance enforcement team...on February 19th, during a traffic stop, troopers found methamphetamine and a loaded handgun on Arleen Statler. After detectives executed a search warrant, more drugs, weapons, and drug paraphernalia were found at the statler

residence, including five additional handguns and thirteen long guns... Both were arraigned in Houghton County where they now face three counts of delivery of methamphetamine. Title: Drug Arrest: TRT:40 seconds, Run Date: 2/24/2023

Local cultural issues:

- The Iron Mountain Police Department leadership is being sued for sexual discrimination and retaliation. This suit involves female Officer Trease Williams. She filed the suit on February 13, in the U.S. District Court for the western district of Michigan. The suit named Iron Mountain Police Department Director Ed Mattson; Deputy Director Joseph Dumais; And Sergeant Garth Budek. The suit also names The Iron Mountain Police Department and municipality. The suit states she was being held to a completely different standard of expectations than the male police officers. She started with the Iron Mountain Police Department in October of 2017. She was the first and only female police officer in the department's history. **Title: Sex Harassment, TRT: 39 seconds, Run date: 2/21/2023**
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- A week after Finlandia University announced plans to close after 126 years...the Finlandia Foundation says it intends to preserve much of the university's heritage center and archives. The non-profit, Finlandia Foundation was founded in 1953 with the intent to connect the United States' Finnish Americans... The foundation plans to establish a task force which will identify significant objects and materials from the Finnish American heritage center, folk school, art gallery, North Winds Books and the Finnish American Reporter....while the foundation says it is saddened by the circumstances in which they are taking over preservation efforts... They are happy to do so, and feel it is important to protect the artifacts in the university's possession. You can find a full copy of the Finlandia Foundation's press release and more information at keweenawreport.com. **Title: Finlandia Heritage Center, Total Run time: 43 seconds, run date: 3/7/2023**
- The Portage Health Foundation has begun delivering giving Tuesday donations to the 26 non-profits that participated this year. In total over 650,000 dollars in donations were raised with the foundation matching another 200,000 dollars, bringing this year's total to more than 800,000 dollars, making 2022 another record setting year for the

organization. Abc 10's Keweenaw Bureau Reporter Thomas Fournier has more. **Title: Giving Tuesday, Run date: 1/20/2023, TRT: 2min :22 seconds.**

- And The City Of Marquette Office Of Art And Culture Is Holding Their First State Of The Arts Event Tonight From 6 To 8pm At Ore Dock Brewing Company. This Event Is A Gathering Of Artists, Organizations, Businesses, For The Public To Discuss The Current State Of Arts And Culture In The City Of Marquette. The Event Aims To Encourage Attendees To Share What They Are Working On, To Discuss How To Better Partner And Advocate For The Arts, And To Be Able To Talk Openly About The Most Pressing Needs Facing The Creative Community Within The Next 5–10 Years. With The City Of Marquette Approaching The Renewal Of Its 10–Year Arts And Culture Master Plan, The Event Is An Important Step In Ensuring The Creative Community's Voice Is Heard. The city's office of arts and culture encourages anyone with an interest in local arts and culture to attend and provide feedback on initiatives and resources provided by the city. **Title: Art Advocacy, Run date 3/30/2023, TRT: 2min,11 seconds.**
- Heikinpäivä made a joyful return to Hancock after a two–year absence caused by COVID pandemic. Despite single digit temperatures, crowds lined up and down quincy street for the annual parade, the Tori markets were filled with people shopping, and many people enjoyed the circle dance, the wife–carrying contest, and the kids kicksled races. Those who missed the festivities over the weekend can still enjoy some of the art displayed for the festival. The animal life: art from the kalevala display will be open through February in the Kerredge Gallery at the copper community arts center in downtown Hancock. Find other photos from the event on our website. **Title: Heikinpaiva: TRT: 1:47, Run date: 1/25/2023**
- Home to our favorite lights on the water, Michigan takes pride in the many light houses that dot our state's coastlines. And over the years, as some have been decommissioned or automated, preservation groups have taken on the challenge of restoring these beautiful structures. Recently two Keweenaw County lighthouses received

Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program Grants from the state historic preservation office, totaling 106 thousand dollars. One of the two is located in open water, and three miles of the coast of Isle Royale, the Rock of Ages Lighthouse. Title: MLAP, TRT: 31 Sec., Run Date: 3/21/2023

- Marquette Winter Roots Festival returning to The Hiawatha Music Co-Op March 17- 18. Coordinated in partnership between the NMU Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center, Hiawatha Music Co-op, and THE Peter White Public Library, the Winter Roots Festival is an annual celebration of folk music and dance, featuring two days of performances, workshops, and other activities. THE WINTER ROOTS FESTIVAL WILL kickoff on Friday at 6:00pm with Irish dance lessons followed by a performance by a Milwaukee-based Irish folk band. The fun continues on Saturday with a Winter Roots Film Festival in the Peter White Public Library Shiras Room. Following a fiddle and harmony singing workshops, The Hiawatha Fold WILL headline a performance by traditional duo, Newberry & Verch at NMU's Forest Roberts Theatre. This year's events are separately ticketed and for more information, visit www.facebook.com/WinterRootsFest or contact the Hiawatha Music Co-op at (906) 226-8575 **Title: Marquette Winter Roots Festival; TRT:53 seconds, Run Date: 3/13/2023**
- The shipping season on the lakes starts back up this Saturday, at 12:01 am. Throughout the season the Soo Locks will see over 7,000 vessels pass through the Saint Mary's River, carrying over 75 million tons of cargo. The Soo Locks play an important role in the state's and federal economy and security. The Navigation Division of Army Corps of Engineers will continue coordinating with the Construction Division to ensure the shipping season and construction at the new locks does not conflict. Visit abc10.com to find links to the Soo Locks, and more information about their history and the new lock construction project. Title: Soo Locks Season, TRT 34 seconds, Run Date: 3/24/2023
- The freestyle snowboard event of the Copper Country is finally returning to Houghton this weekend. Jibba Jabba's organizers and

course builders set out yesterday to block off Huron Street in the middle of downtown, and placed the rail features and snow for the competition, Keweenaw Bureau Reporter Thomas Fournier, caught up with Jibba Jabba Lead Organizer Jenn Reed, to hear how the event started nearly a decade ago, and what's new with the event coming back to town. **Title: Jibba Jabba, TRT: 2:28, Run Date: 3/2/2023.**

- THE UPPER PENINSULA SLED DOG ASSOCIATION HAS CANCELED THE UP200, MIDNIGHT AND JACK PINE30 THIS COMING WEEKEND. THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR MUSHERS, THE DOGS, SPECTATORS, AND VOLUNTEERS, ARE ALL FACTORS IN THIS CANCELLATION. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT ABC 10 UP.COM. **Title: Cancellation of the UP200. TRT: 17, Run date: 2/15/2023**
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