

# QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR STATION – WBUP/WBKP

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## Section I: Issues

**Environmental/Energy Issues:** Almost \$15 Million dollars have been federally awarded to modernize the states electrical grid with projects such as improving flood prevention and recovery systems, and hardening power lines. The fine for not reporting the deer harvest has been reduced to a onetime fee of \$150 dollars and can be reported online using the DNR app. Four new Electronic Waste Recycling Drop Off sites have opened in the Upper Peninsula making it easier than ever to protect the environment; additional sites are in the works for the Iron Mountain area. ABC10 sent a reporter to get an exclusive interview and footage regarding the fire damages the Goose Marsh Fire left. Two fast electric car stations will be installed in downtown bring sustainability and clean energy right here to the Upper Peninsula. The DNR stocked a little over 9 Million Fish with their Tribal Partners, and the fish included splake, walleye, lake trout, and so much more.

**Education:** Bay College hosted rapid enrollment information sessions for adults that meet these qualifications: they are 25 years or older, a Michigan resident (minimum one year), and has not yet completed an associate or bachelors degree. Bell Hospital hosted a fundraiser for the non-profit company, Bell Auxiliary which focuses on patient education, youth education and senior assistance. Student Debt forgiveness will be given to nearly 27,000 Michiganders who have accumulated minimum 20 years of qualifying payments. MDARD will be reminding schools to practice safe integrated pest management, and under their requirements all k-12 schools must establish an IPM program and notify guardians before pesticides are used. Education is one of the most used tools for the fight against drug dependency and overdoses, our reporter looked into it further with the help of a foundation helping to educate their community. Starting in 2024, parents that are seeking education for themselves have an opportunity to have childcare at the Northern Michigan University with help/partnership of Gretchen's House.

## **Public Health Care:**

Six new residents started at UPHS- Marquette, pledging the next three years of their lives to our communities health. Tru-North Federal Credit Union is committed to the health and safety of our community as they awarded money for the local fire department to receive new defibrillators and other necessities for Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum. Teen vaping is making it hard for surgeons to give safe operations due to increased risks during surgery. \$400,000 dollars in federal funding will be used to give the first responders the best chance at being safe and efficient in the field. Childhood obesity awareness month was September and parents are encouraged to talk to their children about having healthy habits and relationships with food to decrease their risk of getting the disease.

## **Local Culture:**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Rodeo event took place to help cowboys and cowgirls get the points they need for the national competition in Las Vegas and is the only PRCA sanctioned event in the state of Michigan. The Fiber Festival is back and will be a family oriented event showcasing quilts, crafts, a fashion show and much more. Reporter Jessica Potila met with Mayor Chapman on why the Ishpeming businesses are thriving in downtown. The Parade of Nations in Houghton showcased 35 countries while offering dances, food and other activities to fully immerse the community members into. A new shooting range was opened to bring a safe environment together for all gun and bow enthusiasts, it was also dedicated to two men who were murdered there in 1926.

# **Section II - Responsive Programs**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL/ENERGY ISSUES:**

- The U.S. Department of Energy will be awarding the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy almost \$15 million dollars in federal funding. This money would be used to modernize the state's electrical grid. The funding will be used for projects such as hardening power lines and electric facilities, improving flood prevention and recovery systems, replacing electric cables, and more. Run Date: 07/07/2023 Title: ELECTRIC GRID TRT: 23 Seconds

- Governor Whitmer signed a senate bill into law on Tuesday that reduces the penalty for failing to report a deer harvest. (Insert V.O. titled DEER HARVEST 07.12.23). Last year the Michigan DNR began requiring hunters to report their deer harvest online within 72 hours. The initial fine for failing to report was up to \$500 plus a misdemeanor resulting in up to 90 days in jail. Under the new law, the penalty for failing to report your harvest is a one-time fine of \$150 dollars. Reporting a deer harvest can be done online or on the phone using the DNR app. The DNR says the deer harvest reporting system is streamlined and can be completed in about five minutes or less. Run Date: 07/12/2023 Title: DEER HARVESTING TRT: 35 Seconds
- Not sure where to dispose of those old computers and related devices? (Insert V.O. titled E-Waste VO 08-16-23). There are four new electronic waste recycling drop off sites open in the U.P. The new sites are in Sands Township, Sault St. Marie and two in Alger County. Electronic products disposed of at e-waste collection sites are properly recycled to help protect the environment. Additional e-waste sites are being planned in the iron mountain area. For tips about e-waste recycling contact Steve Noble at 517-449-6153. Run Date: 08/16/2023 Title: E-WASTE TRT: 27 Seconds
- Let's now go to the ABC10 Exclusive from Paradise, where the DNR gave me a ride along through the site of the Goose Marsh fire that blazed through the area a few weeks ago. (Insert Package Titled: FIREPKG09.04.23) Run Date: 09/04/2023 Title: FIRE EXCLUSIVE TRT: 04:23
- To encourage and facilitate sustainable transportation and clean energy in the region the superior watershed partnership has received a Charge Up Michigan grant from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. (Insert V.O. titled CHARGEUPVO09.13.23). The grant, which amounts to nearly 169,000 dollars, will go to installing two fast electric vehicle charging stations downtown. Carl Lindquist, SWP Executive Director said quote, "Installing more fast chargers not only furthers clean energy and climate adaption; it also furthers sustainable economic development locally. – Visitors, local residents and local businesses all benefit when we work together to secure state funding for these important projects." These charging stations will be located in the lakeshore parking lot, under the iconic ore dock, and will be installed in the coming months. These charging stations are state of the art, with a max output of 62.5 kilowatts, and should fully charge the average electric vehicle in about 30 minutes. Joe Thiel, CEO of innovate Marquette said quote, "We approach sustainability by collaborating with partners and providing equitable and inclusive access to necessary resources for entrepreneurs that will benefit the people of Marquette from a social, economic, and environmental perspective. In this case, the new chargers will benefit anyone with an electric vehicle in our city." On top of this, the partnership was awarded a second grant to install three more stations along the picture rocks national lakeshore. Run Date: 09/13/2023 Title: CHARGE UP MICHIGAN TRT: 01:23
- The DNR stocked 269 tons of fish this year. (Insert V.O. 9 MILLION FISH STOCKED). 8 different species, plus one hybrid, a total of 9.3 million fish, which adds up to a successful spring and summer stocking season. DNR fishery crews

stocked fish at 705 different sites. So, expect great fall fishing. The Marquette State Fish Hatchery stocked 340,000 lake trout, brook trout, and splake (a lake and brook trout hybrid). Thompson State Fish Hatchery in Manistique stocked 997,000 fish that included yearling steelhead and fingerling chinook salmon. 2.7 million walleye spring fingerlings were also stocked by the DNR and Tribal Partners. The public is welcome at any of Michigan's State Fish Hatcheries to see firsthand the fish rearing process. For more information, visit michigan dot gov forward slash hatcheries Run Date: 09/22/2023 Title: DNR 9MILLION FISH STOCKED TRT: 43 Seconds

## **Education issues:**

- Bay college is hosting Michigan reconnect and rapid enrollment information sessions at the Escanaba and iron mountain campuses on Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. local time. The Michigan Reconnect Program is a program through the state of Michigan and offers qualifying in-state residents free or discounted tuition. Qualifying applicants must be a resident of Michigan for a year or more, be 25 years of age or older, have a high school diploma or GED, And have not yet completed an associate or bachelor's degree. For more information, go to bay college dot edu forward slash reconnect. Run Date: 07/11/2023 Title: BAY COLLEGE TRT: 34 Seconds
- Stop in to Bell Hospital July 17th or July 28th to help support Bell Auxiliary with their fund raiser! (Insert VO titled NUTMAN CANDY 07.17.23). Enjoy a selection of 200 quality nuts, chocolate, mixed snacks and candy! Bell Auxiliary is a nonprofit corporation and accepts a wide variety of payment options. Their focus is on senior assistance, patient education, and youth education for the west end community. For more information or any questions, call (906)485-2751. Try these nutty treats today to help support this sweet cause. Run Date: 07/17/2023 Title: NUTMAN CANDY TRT: 28 Seconds
- Nearly 27,000 Michiganders are eligible for student debt forgiveness under the higher education act. Borrowers are eligible for forgiveness if they have accumulated 20 or 25 years of qualifying monthly payments. Just a month ago, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Biden Administration's plan to forgive debt for students. Biden said in a statement that quote, "Republican lawmakers – who had no problem with the government forgiving millions of dollars of their own business loans – have tried everything they can to stop me from providing relief to hardworking Americans". End quote. Student loan repayments are on track to start in October, after a 3 year pause. Run Date: 07/24/2023 Title: 27K DEBT FORGIVENESS TRT: 37 Seconds
- Thanks Alexis... With summer vacation coming to a close, Michigan children are heading back to school.(Insert VO titled MDARDVO08.15.23). The Michigan department of agriculture and rural development is reminding schools to practice safe integrated pest management. The main preventative measures in i-p-m practices are stopping pests from entering buildings, through general structure repair and sealing holes where pipes and supply lines enter buildings. This also

includes proper sanitation measures like keeping spaces clean, removing trash, and proper storage of waste and food. Under MDARD requirements, all Michigan k–12 schools must establish an IPM program and notify parents and guardians before pesticides are applied. For more information about MDARD's pesticide and plant pest management division, visit [www.michigan.gov/mdard](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard). Run Date: 08/15/2023 Title: MDARD TRT: 44 Seconds

- Community outreach and education is one of the leading tools in the ongoing fight against Drug Dependency and Overdoses, and this year for International Overdose Day Biehl Bridges for Recovery in Marinette is doing just that, with the details is ABC10's Jacob Darner. (Insert PKG overdosepkg08.24.23). Run Date: 08/24/2023 Title: OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY TRT: 01:31
- Parents attending or working at NMU will have access to a new option for reduced rate child care next year. (Insert VO titled CHILD CARE VO 08-24-23). The University has partnered with Gretchen's House, which operates ten child care centers throughout Michigan. Gretchen's House will open a new facility a few blocks from campus in early 2024. NMU will invest two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually to help pay for employees and students to enroll their children at Gretchen's House. There will be thirty five to forty slots available at the center. Run Date: 08/24/2023 Title: CHILD CARE TRT: 29 Seconds

### **Public health care issues:**

- UPHS – Marquette, family medicine residency program welcomed six new residents on June 30th. (Insert VO titled DR. RESIDENTS 07.14.23). This program trains the 6 new resident physicians for three years in a community–based setting. They will incorporate inpatient and outpatient medicine experiences as well as rotations in rural areas within Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Program Director, Dr. Brian Waite, states quote, "Our new class of residents have arrived, and are enthusiastically going through their orientation, we're looking forward to a great three years with them." End quote. Run Date: 07/14/2023 Title: RESIDENCY TRT: 31 Seconds
- We begin with Tru-North Federal Credit Union who has chosen 6 recipients for the 2023 Community Grant Program. (Insert V.O. titled Grant Program). The Ishpeming fire department was awarded around \$3000 dollars to replace a defibrillator that's at the end of its service life with a refurbished unit, and to purchase an additional unit for a truck that doesn't have one. Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum was also awarded about \$1200 dollars. The funds will be used to upgrade the museum's current fire protection systems to comply with NFPA requirements. Several other local non–profit organizations received grants in various amounts. Run Date: 07/17/2023 Title: Grant Program TRT: 33 Seconds
- There are new developments about the dangers of teen vaping. (Insert VO titled TEEN VAPING VO 08-25-23). Teens who use e–cigarettes are at increased risk for respiratory complications before, during and after surgery, according to the Michigan society of anesthesiologists. The group recommends that parents talk to their children about the harmful effects of vaping and that teens who undergo surgical procedures are honest with their doctors about any vaping history.

Pediatric anesthesiologist Dr. Rebecca Nause-osthoff said: "it's important patients and their parents understand that vaping can literally be a life and death decision." End quote. Nearly one third of high school students have used e cigarettes according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Run Date: 08/25/2023 Title: TEEN VAPING TRT: 41 Seconds

- And in more good news regarding grant funds, Several Upper Peninsula Fire Departments will receive more than four hundred thousand dollars in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The funding comes from the federal emergency management agency's assistance to firefighter's grants program. Senator Stabenow said: "Our firefighters put their lives on the line to protect our families, homes and communities. These new resources will help keep the public safe and give our first responders the equipment they need to do their jobs more safely and effectively." End quote. Ahmeek Fire Department will receive money to purchase turnout gear and Jaws of Life equipment. Laurium Village will receive funding to purchase turnout gear, and Osceola Township will receive money to improve operations and safety. Run Date: 09/05/2023 Title: Fire Grants TRT: 45 Seconds
- September is national childhood obesity awareness month, and now is as good a time as ever to talk with your child about diet, exercise, and healthy habits. According to studies, roughly %20 of kids ages 2 to 19 can be categorized as obese, which translates to about 14.7 millions children. The studies show that not only are these statistics climbing, but it's affecting youth earlier and earlier. The risk increases with diet, through foods like vending machine snacks, fast food and baked goods, not to mention fruit juices and other drinks high in sugar – little to no activity or sedentary practices such as TV or Video Games also increases this risk. While adults can't expect children to understand nuances of science and body mass index, we can still help them understand the changes in their body as they grow – and most importantly, that their mental/ physical health and wellness is more important than any number. Nurturing and fostering healthy habits begins at home, and is the perfect way to teach youth behaviors that they can use for the rest of their lives. But most importantly, when navigating these discussions with your kids, remember – be body positive, be holistic, and encourage healthy habits and relationships with food. Run Date: 09/12/2023 Title: CHILD OBESITY TRT: 01:07

### **Local cultural issues:**

- Finally today, we get to view more on the fun weekend Iron River had! (Insert PKG titled RODEO 07.10.23). Run date: 07/10/2023 Title: RODEO KICKER TRT: 03:49
- The 2023 Lake Superior Fiber Festival is almost here! (Insert VO titled FIBER FEST). It's being held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. From 9:30am – 4:00pm at the Marquette Regional History Center. Enjoy quilts, knits, weaving, spinning, and other fiber arts. Watch several creative or educational demos, as there will be many to choose from. Plus, model in and submit your creations to a fashion

show! This is a family friendly day at the museum, so all are welcome. Pay the museum entry fee as admission to this event. For more information, visit Marquette History dot Org. Run Date: 09/07/2023 Title: FIBER FEST TRT: 29 Seconds.

- Sometimes good things come in small packages. This seems to be the case in the small town of Ishpeming. Reporter Jessica Potila met with the town's Mayor to learn why business is thriving downtown. (Insert PKG titled MAYOR CHAPMAN PKG 09-14-23). Run Date: 09/14/2023 Title: MAYOR CHAPMAN TRT: 03:37
- Hundreds of huskies and a few more community members lined up through Hancock and Houghton over the weekend to celebrate an international culture meeting in the Keweenaw Peninsula. (Insert VO titled VO PARADE OF NATIONS 2023). The parade of nations this year saw around thirty–five countries from around the globe represented by Michigan Tech's international students, and ethnic and cultural groups from around the area. The parade procession led the community to the Dee Stadium for the Multicultural Festival, where attendees tasted various dishes from various international student groups. More than twenty tables were set up around the rink, sharing international cuisines such as chicken korma; a curry dish from Bangladesh, and Baklava served with Persian tea from Iran. The Keweenaw Bay Indian community took the front stage first, with a traditional dance and drums. The local Kiva–Jat dances followed Keweenaw Bay Indian community and shared traditional Finnish dances. Run Date: 09/18/2023 Title: PARADE OF NATIONS MTU TRT: 52 Seconds
- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources plans to open its long–awaited \$2 million dollar, public shooting range. (Insert V.O. titled NEW SHOOTING RANGE). Opening October 11th, the all–accessible shooting range will offer target shooting up to 400 yards, as well as archery and sporting clay shooting. The Skoglund–Erickson shooting range, Built on 25 acres owned by the Cleveland–Cliffs Iron Company, will be dedicated to Michigan Conservation Officer Emil Skoglund and Game Warden Arvid Erickson who were murdered by an ex–convict with a pistol not far from the location in September 1926. The firing range will meet NRA and Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines. DNR plans for a range in this area date back to 1993. For more information visit [michigan.gov/shootingranges](http://michigan.gov/shootingranges). Run Date: 09/19/2023 Title NEW SHOOTING RANGE TRT: 40 Seconds