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The following report reflects this station's most significant programming treatment of these needs falling within the broadcast period of January 1 through March 31, 2024.

Each entry includes a title, date, running time, and brief description of the story.

Arts and Culture

Heikenpaiva celebrations are underway in Hancock/Jan. 8/02:24

As the Upper Peninsula embarks on the winter season, residents and the city of Hancock are also preparing to celebrate Finnish culture during Heikinpaiva. The cultural festival helps to shine a light on our country's largest population with Finnish ancestry.

Celebrate Finnish culture with the Hobby Horse Hoedown and the Snowflake Challenge/Jan. 16/03:02

Now that snow has accumulated on the ground, and with plenty more powder on the way, winter has finally arrived in the Upper Peninsula; just in time too, as the Copper Country will soon celebrate winter and Finnish culture during Heikinpaiva. There are still a few more community events before the main festivities.

City of Marquette Office of Arts & Culture announces planning sessions for Marquette Art Week/Jan. 23/01:08

The City of Marquette Office of Arts & Culture announces community planning sessions and project development assistance for Marquette Art Week. Residents and creatives are cordially invited to attend these planning opportunities, which offer a platform to find inspiration, build partnerships, and develop proposals for the upcoming city-wide event.

The Walking Together Traveling Exhibit debuts years of work and research at the KBIC Winter Powwow/Jan. 29/03:33

The Walking Together Traveling Exhibit shares some of the local history Native American tribes endured during the United States Federal Indian Boarding School Program that lasted from 1819 to 1969. In 1891 Congress began the process of building its first school in the state purchasing land in Mount Pleasant. Of the five schools located in Michigan, two were located in the Upper Peninsula in Schoolcraft and Baraga counties.

Man On the Street: An Exclusive Journey into Marquette's vibrant music scene/Feb. 20/03:57

This installment offers a deep dive into the vibrant music scene of Marquette, featuring an exclusive interview with Jack Laurila from Jim's Music.

Two distinct film screenings in Marquette/March 8/01:59

The Marquette Regional History Center presents "Cooperatively Yours" a window into the history of the Cooperative movement in the Upper Peninsula that shaped our local communities. The film presents the Finnish American movement through the lens of the Settlers Co-op in Bruce Crossing, a 107-year-old organization, which is still in operation today. The movie also features interviews with historians in Finland who offer further explanations about the Finnish American and Finnish cooperative movements.

Geoff & Jon's Record Show: Musical treasures abound/March 14/03:42

A chat with Jon Teichman, of The Emporium, about a record show coming to Marquette's Ore Dock Brewery. Hosted by lifelong friends, Teichman and Geoff Walker, thousands of new and used vinyl records, CD's, posters, cassettes, books, and t-shirts will be up for grabs in the brewery's upstairs community space.

Harmonies and homesteads: unveiling Whiskey Ryan's musical odyssey/March 29/03:23

Reporter Selena Potila sat down with Americana musical artist Whiskey Ryan at Smarty's Saloon in Negaunee for an intimate conversation about his journey in music. The artist shared stories of his roots and the soul-stirring melodies that inspired his sound.

Business

New owner of Rare Earth Goods in Ishpeming/Jan. 3/03:26

A grand reopening ceremony was held at Rare Earth Goods in Ishpeming yesterday where new owner Esther Ruggles cut the celebratory red ribbon signaling the official change of hands for the art and natural foods co-op. Rare earth, which features consignment sales of arts and crafts from local artists, natural foods and medicine, alternative clothing and an eclectic beer and wine selection, was first opened more than a decade ago by Pamela Perkins.

Winter weather impacting western U.P. businesses/Jan. 11/01:24

Weather conditions in the Western Upper Peninsula have had a devastating impact on area small businesses this winter season. Warmer than usual temperatures and a shortage of snow are putting a damper on outdoor recreation activities such as snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing and ice fishing, activities which bring tourists to the area. Tourism and recreation comprise 85 percent of the small businesses' annual revenue in the Western U.P.

Delta County Chamber of Commerce hosts their Mid-Winter Gala /Jan. 18/01:38

Presented by Stewart Manufacturing, the event is considered to be the County's premiere social gala. Hosted at the Island Resort and Casino, the event promises to be filled with fun, prizes, and an opportunity to meet and mingle.

Moyle Real Estate Development acquires Jutila Center/Jan. 31/01:13

Moyle Real Estate Development officially announced the acquisition of the former Jutila Center in Hancock. Moyle has initiated the development of partnership plans with existing tenants to ensure the building's financial viability. In addition, they have started brainstorming ideas for the community asset.

Tekken tournament at Four Swords Retropub draws gamers and spectators/Feb. 2/03:35

Four Swords Retropub, a new arcade and ramen bar in downtown Marquette, hosted its first Tekken tournament Thursday. The event attracted a crowd of gamers and spectators, who enjoyed the thrill of competing and watching the popular fighting game.

The arrival of Texas Roadhouse and its addition to the local culinary landscape/Feb. 28/02:46

In Marquette, the aroma of hand-cut steaks and freshly baked bread is wafting through the air. A new Texas Roadhouse restaurant is opening its doors in the city. Reporter Trevor Freeman delves into what it means to the local community, the unique offerings of the popular chain, the collaborations they've formed for their grand launch, and the impact on Marquette's culinary scene.

Michigan businesses can seek relief amid unusual winter conditions/March 5/01:28

Businesses can apply for loans up to \$2 million on which they pay no interest for the first year and a maximum rate of four percent for the rest of the loan period. Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer said, "A drought is a drought - whether we're talking about rain or snow. Businesses impacted by low snow in these 42 counties can apply for support right now, and I'll continue to push our federal government for more solutions. We'll get through this warm winter together."

Man on the Street: A culinary adventure at Third Coast Pizzeria during Marquette's Restaurant Week/March 15/02:42

In this week's installment of 'Man on the Street,' Trevor Freeman visits Third Coast Pizzeria for some food and beer samplings during Marquette's Restaurant Week.

Crime

Chippewa County man sentenced for child sexual assault/Jan. 16/01:30

A DeTour Village man convicted of sexually assaulting a child will spend at least 25 years in prison. When sentencing Goetz, Judge James Lambros said he had never seen a more disturbing piece of evidence than one of the videos that was introduced at the trial.

Houghton man found guilty of defacing synagogue/Jan. 25/01:01

A member of a white supremacist group has been convicted of defacing a Hancock synagogue with neo-nazi symbols. Nathan Weeden, 23 of Houghton was found guilty today by a federal jury of one count of conspiracy against rights and one count of damage to religious property.

Ishpeming man charged with 51 felony counts in sex crime investigation /Jan. 31/01:16

An Ishpeming man has been arrested and charged with 51 felony counts related to child sexually abusive material. Ishpeming Police Department began investigating the alleged crimes in October after they responded to a report of a 32 year old male with an underage female at James Nicholas Schwarten's Division Street residence.

Former U.P. narcotics officer sentenced on drug charge/Feb.13/02:19

A former Houghton narcotics officer has been sentenced to serve 90 days in jail for possession of methamphetamine. Prior to working for Houghton City Police, Scott Monette was a member of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team.

Police seeking potential date rape victims connected to raid on Chatham home/Feb. 26/01:01

Police discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia at the residence, as well as a large quantity of gamma-butyrolactone, also known as GBL. GBL, which has the street names "liquid ecstasy" and "cherry meth," is commonly used by rapists to subdue their victims prior to an attack.

Marquette man arrested, accused of accosting child for immoral purposes/March 14/00:44

A Marquette man was charged with one count of children-accosting for immoral purposes and one count of using a computer to commit a crime. The Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit investigated the case after it was learned that Flynn was chatting with minors on the internet.

Narcotics team arrests four in connection with Ironwood drug distributions/March 21/02:13

The Gogebic Iron Area Narcotics Team last week arrested four individuals accused of distributing drugs in Ironwood. The team investigated the alleged drug dealers when they received information that the four were distributing methamphetamine in Ironwood and Hurley, Wisconsin.

Johnson pleads guilty to DUI causing death in 2022 L'Anse gas station crash/March 27/01:02

The driver of a semi-truck that veered off US-41 and killed a L'Anse man nearly 18 months ago has pled guilty. Dawaun K. Johnson admitted that he had been drinking before the truck he was driving crashed into the Holiday gas station on US-41 in the late evening hours of Oct. 14, 2022.

Margaret Kempainen found competent to stand trial/March 27/01:07

A review hearing to determine the competency of accused murderer Margarat Kempainen was held. She has been charged with open murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the Dec. 2023 shooting death of Hancock resident Alvin Kempainen.

Education

New NMU provost named/Jan. 8/01:24

Anne Dahlman will take over the position effective April 1. NMU President Brock Tessman said Dahlman stood out during the selection process because of the energy, creativity and vision she can bring to the University.

Marquette Area Public Schools are changing their nickname/Jan. 9/01:13

Marquette Area Public Schools will soon adopt a new nickname. The former Redmen and Redette monikers were retired last summer in a 5 to 4 vote by the Board of Education after members of the public argued that those names promoted racial stereotypes with regard to Native Americans. In a meeting last night board members mulled over 24 potential new nicknames generated by students in Marquette Senior High School advisory classes.

Holy Name Catholic School hosts its “Little Crusader Kick Off”/Jan. 29/00:52

The event offers a fantastic platform for parents and students to engage with Holy Name’s preschool and kindergarten educators and explore the unique offerings of the school.

Making physics accessible with Professor Robert Nemiroff at Michigan Tech/Jan. 31/ 2:24

Throughout the years, Michigan Tech’s Physics Department has been home to numerous professors who have transformed physics into a more engaging subject. Recently, one such professor released a new book aimed at making this complex field more accessible. Professor Robert Nemiroff believes that infusing humor into his teaching and into a subject that some may find daunting can aid in understanding the concepts.

Michigan Tech University’s Free Stem Event/Feb. 14/00:40

Michigan Tech University is offering a free stem event for middle and high-school students, hosted by the Michigan Tech multi-planetary innovation team. The students will learn about using robotics in lunar environments and how to program Zumi mini-robots. The team will also share their experiences building robots for NASA’s Lunabotics Competition.

Copper Country Intermediate School District students triumph at regional automotive competition/Feb. 22/01:07

Copper Country Intermediate School District students excelled at the annual regional automotive competition held at Bay College. In the master overall category, students were challenged by multiple timed hands-on testing skills in engine repair, drive train, steering and suspension, and electrical tasks.

More than 600k in scholarship funding at Bay College/March 4/00:39

Bay college is accepting scholarship applications for the 2024–2025 Academic Year. The college provides more than 300 scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors, current students and returning learners. This year, over \$600,000 in scholarship funding is available. Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence, financial need, leadership, and specific academic programs.

Northland College seeks funding to keep the doors open/March 13/01:45

Northland College, of Ashland Wisconsin, is taking proactive steps to avoid a similar fate to its biggest athletic rival, Finlandia University. Finlandia closed at the end of its spring semester in 2023.

Fire

Marquette firefighters responded to a sauna fire on New Year's Day/Jan. 02/01:01

The fire was contained to the portable sauna and did not spread to an adjacent building.

Fire destroyed two buildings in downtown Escanaba early this morning/Jan. 24/02:32

Escanaba Public Safety was dispatched to the scene shortly before 2 a.m. following a report of flames coming through the roof at 1101 Ludington Street. Within minutes, that building was fully engulfed. It took 8 hours for firefighters to gain control of the blaze, but they were unable to completely extinguish it at the time due to the structure collapsing.

Two injured in Iron Mountain house fire/Jan. 26/00:56

One resident was treated at the scene for minor smoke inhalation, and another was transported to the hospital for treatment of burns to their hands. The home had working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers which firefighters said helped with the outcome of the incident.

Man dies in Iron River house explosion/Feb. 11/00:55

An 80-year-old man died when his Iron River home exploded Saturday night. The 820 Cayuga St. home was destroyed with debris scattered as far as three blocks away, according to a Michigan State Police press release. The man had recently moved into the home from Florida and is the only confirmed fatality.

Cat rescued from Portage County structure fire/March 1/00:40

The officers searched the building and found no people within, but did rescue a cat from one of the apartments. All residents of the apartment building were identified as Michigan Tech students who were away on spring break.

Fire ravages Ironwood storefront: Lutey's Flower Shop and Greenhouse destroyed/March 20/01:19

An Ironwood storefront was destroyed by fire last night. Firefighters responded to Lutey's Flower Shop and Greenhouse shortly after 11:30 p.m. when an Ironwood citizen called 911 to report smoke emanating from the Mansfield Street business. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Animals killed and property destroyed during Wells Township fire/March 22/00:34

A barn and camper were destroyed and two piglets died during a fire in Wells Township Thursday evening. The firefighters were able to contain the fire with no injuries or loss of life other than the piglets. All other animals housed in the barn including horses, chickens and ducks survived.

Ishpeming stove fire caused by burnt food/March 26/00:42

Ishpeming firefighters responded to a report of fire at an apartment at 110 Main Street shortly before noon. The unit is housed above Snyder's Drug Store, the former Johnson's Drugs. The building was evacuated as a precaution. According to Ishpeming Fire Chief Jason Annala, old food in the bottom drawer of the stove ignited.

Government (local and state)

Governor Whitmer delivers 2024 State of the State Address/Jan. 25/01:10

The Governor highlighted gains her administration has made over the past year and outlined plans for the future. Whitmer said her administration plans to invest in education, infrastructure and housing.

Part One: ABC 10 exclusive interview with Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist/Feb. 16/04:52

Reporter Jessica Potila interviewed Gilchrist at the ABC 10 studio about topics ranging from housing costs to free student lunches for school children.

Part Two: ABC 10 exclusive interview with Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist/Feb. 19/05:14

Reporter Jessica Potila interviewed Gilchrist at the ABC 10 studio about topics ranging from free community college to the caregiver tax credit.

Bill introduced to rename U.P. highway/Feb. 22/01:09

A Michigan state representative introduced a bill today to rename a section of Upper Peninsula highway after a World War II veteran who was killed in action. His bill to rename a section of M-26 was referred to the House Transportation Committee.

Michigan's Presidential primary results and local proposal outcomes/Feb. 28/01:21

President Joe Biden did receive the majority of votes in the Democratic primary. Former President Donald Trump also comes out of Michigan with another victory. In Marquette County, voters passed both the Ishpeming School District sinking fund millage renewal and the Sands Township recreational facilities millage renewal.

Houghton City Council gathers data on streetlights/Feb. 29/00:55

Houghton City Council members reignited the conversation regarding potential streetlights in neighborhoods west of M-26. Council members decided last night to collect more data from residents living in West Houghton about the issue, with the intent of determining if views have changed since the city last sparked the lighting discussion.

Grant township clerk resigns/March 13/00:49

At a township board meeting last night, Grant Township Clerk, Stacia Lynn, informed the board of her intent to resign from her post. In a letter read before the township, Lyn expressed concerns about the working environment in the office as a reason for her departure.

Public Health

UP Health Systems will begin visitor restrictions for all inpatient units at all hospital facilities/Jan. 22/00:46

Due to a rise in respiratory illnesses such as covid, influenza and RSV cases in the community effective today UP Health Systems will begin visitor restrictions for all inpatient units at all hospital facilities. UP Health Systems continues to take all necessary precautions to protect patient safety by isolating contagious patients appropriately, maintaining effective disinfection protocols, and enhancing safety with the use of personal protective equipment.

New doctor at U.P. health system/Jan. 26/01:33

A cardiothoracic surgeon with more than 20 years of experience in his field has joined the Marquette Heart and Vascular Center at U.P. Health System. Dr. Chris Liakonis most recently served as chief of cardiology at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital.

Ishpeming hospital recognized for excellence/Feb. 20/01:24

U.P. Health System-Bell has been named one of the top 100 critical access hospitals in the United States. The Ishpeming based hospital was rated on eight pillars that comprise the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX. These include quality, patient outcomes, patient satisfaction, and financial factors such as cost.

Ontonogan hospital to shutter inpatient care, emergency room services/Feb. 21/00:53

Aspirus Health will be ending hospital and emergency room services in Ontonagon in April. The Aspirus Ontonagon location will transition into a rural health clinic. The Ontonagon team will only provide primary care, same-day access, core lab services, imaging, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, pharmacy services, and specialty outreach for cardiology, women's health, podiatry, and diabetes care.

Vaccination urgency in Houghton County/March 8/01:04

Houghton County residents are at risk for vaccine-preventable infections. Vaccine rates in Houghton County are among the lowest in Michigan according to the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department. These include vaccines for infections such as measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough, chicken pox, meningitis, pneumonia, and polio.

Community supports nurses at informational rally in Sault Ste. Marie/March 13/01:22

More than 150 nurses and community members participated in an informational picket at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault yesterday. The nurses are members of the Michigan Nurses Association union and are in contract negotiations with hospital management. The nurses say they are frustrated with hospital executives who are demanding concessions in the contract that are not being asked of non-union nurses and wages that are not competitive with other area hospitals.

Sault nurses authorize bargaining committee to call for strike/March 20/01:08

Nurses at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault voted last night to authorize their bargaining team to call for an unfair labor practice strike should they deem it necessary. The Michigan Nurses Association union would provide a 10-day notice to the hospital before any strike begins.

Outdoors/Environment

A family dog was rescued after a fall at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore/Jan. 12/01:25

A family dog who fell off a sixty-foot cliff in Munising yesterday was rescued by park rangers and a local rope rescue team. Dancer the dog was visiting the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore with her Minnesota family when she broke free from her leash and fell off a cliff near Miner's Castle. Dancer has been reunited with her family and is expected to make a full recovery.

Good news for Presque Isle salamanders/Jan. 30/01:50

Blue spotted salamanders will have safer travels during their spring migration from Presque Isle Park in Marquette to adjacent wetland breeding grounds. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources awarded a Wildlife Habitat Grant of more than \$27,000 to install amphibian crossing tunnels inside the park.

An unprecedented weather interruption of the Isle Royale wolf and moose survey/Feb. 6/01:18

The Isle Royale Wolf and Moose team from Michigan Tech University has decided to halt the remaining part of their winter survey. As reported by the Associated Press last Friday, the research team had to return from the island last week following an order from the National Park

Service (NPS). The scientists' ski-planes are unable to land on the island due to the ice being rendered unsafe by the warm temperatures.

Tips for motorists: Navigating common deer collisions in Upper Michigan/Feb. 12/02:02

Nearly 2 million deer wander through Michigan's forests and fields. Recent data from State Farm Insurance, the largest car insurer in the United States., reveals that over 1.8 million auto insurance claims were filed across the industry between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, specifically related to animal collisions. Michigan holds the fourth position among the top 10 states where such collisions are most likely to occur.

Bear safety in Michigan's Upper Peninsula: Guidelines to keep bears at bay/March 20/01:53

In the Upper Peninsula, spring might not feel imminent to us humans, but black bears are gradually waking up from their long winter hibernation. Just like us, these bears will soon be hungry. Officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recommend taking precautions to keep bears at a safe distance.

Gardening conference returns to Escanaba/March 25/00:55

The program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening, regardless of experience, but it also qualifies for Master Gardener educational credit. This year's conference will feature 16 different classes regarding a variety of lawn and garden topics.