

WNMU-FM 2023 Q3 Issues & Programming

WNMU-FM provides its listeners with programming and public service announcements that address issues of concern to the upper Great Lakes communities that we serve.

The following issues were determined to be of most concern to the community during the preceding calendar quarter of July 1-September 30, 2023

Arts and Culture

Environment

Education

Economy and Business

Legal

Government and Politics

Health/Human Services

Native American Issues

Below is the list of programs, news features and interviews addressing these issues that aired between April 1-June 30, 2023

Education was the primary focus of Q3 2023 with discussions around many local and national issues. Also focused on was Health and Human Services issues and Government and Politics.

Arts and Culture

July 1, 2023 (00:14:00) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Eli Kahn, Guitarists with *After Ours*, a Midwest jazz duo about the making of their album *Music for Cats*. They discussed making music together, their influences, and their connection to the Marquette area.

July 12, 2023 (00:19:00) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Terri Bocklund, Hiawatha Music Co-op Executive Director and Festival Director about the history of the *Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival* and the excitement generated preparing for the next one. They discussed the artists that will make their appearance in 2023, along with the activities and workshops offered.

July 13, 2023 (00:09:53) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Ryo Morita, Trumpet Soloist and Dr. Stephen Grugin, Marquette City Band Conductor and Artistic Director about Ryo's appearance with the Marquette City Band for a children's concert and her history coming from Japan to the U.S. Dr. Grugin discussed the repertoire.

July 13, 2023 (00:06:18) WNMU-FM News Director Nicole Walton talks with Author and Marquette native Jeff Vande Zande about an upcoming presentation at Peter White Public Library about dystopian literature.

July 15, 2023 (00:09:09) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Audree Stephens, Vocalist with the Marquette-based alt-pop band *Iridescence* about making the *Iridescence* EP. They discussed the collective musical history of the four members and what they contributed to the album, along with how live performances have gone so far.

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July 31, 2023 (00:13:53) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Karen Beacom, Artistic Director and Soprano playing the role of "Floria Tosca" in Puccini's *Tosca*. They discussed the production of the show, which the Soo Theatre Company staged at the Soo Theatre in Sault Ste. Marie and reduced staging on Mackinac Island.

August 1, 2023 (00:20:19) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Carrie Pearson, local children's book author who released *Virginia Wouldn't Slow Down!*, *The Unstoppable Dr. Apgar and her Life Saving Invention* and *Real Princesses Change the World* about her two children's books and the Baby Doctor Clinic event at Peter White Public Library. They also discussed the importance of barrier-breaking real-world female role models in literature, especially for young readers.

August 18, 2023 (00:19:05) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Evan Premo, Artistic Director and Founder of Beethoven and Banjos; and Clay Zeller-Townson, Bassoonist with early music band *Ruckus* to discuss the 2023 Beethoven and Banjos festival. They discussed the program called *Holy Manna*, which is based around traditional Sacred Harp singing. The program brought local, regional, and national musicians for instrumental music, singing, and audience participation.

August 21, 2023 (00:12:40) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Len Fieber, featured artist and founder of Beaver Chew Furniture; and Marc Himes, Outreach Coordinator for Zero Degrees Gallery about Len being the featured

Visiting Artist at the gallery and how he makes high-end furniture with rustic details out of wood left behind by beavers.

July 29, 2023 (00:07:18) WNMU-FM Host Hans Ahlstrom spoke with Marty Achatz from the Peter White Public Library and local author about the premier book launch event for *The Gift of Water*, a new book of essays that first premiered in the local publication: *The Marquette Monthly*. All of the essays revolve around living and enjoying the bodies of water that surround us. Marty also talked about the Cedar Tree Institute and read a portion of his own essay centered around snow.

August 24, 2023 (00:13:04) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Ellen Lord, Author and Poet about her poetry and writing. They discussed the influences that led to her first chapbook *Relative Sanity* and her poetry which was featured in the latest edition of the *Walloon Writers Review*.

August 29, 2023 (00:13:20) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Jon Teichman, Coordinator of NMU Vinyl Record Club record shows at Ore Dock Brewing Company to discuss the upcoming vinyl record show and what people can expect to find at the event.

September 2, 2023 (00:17:40) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Chelsea Monaghan, Singer, Songwriter, Musician; and Andrew Langberg, Vocalist and Musician, both with the band Sea Hounds about the release of their debut EP called *Dissolving Dreams* and what went into the creation of the album. Chelsea also discussed the songwriting inspirations and what it was like for the band to put it all together.

September 6, 2023 (00:14:14) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Sue Roll, Upper Peninsula Arts & Culture Alliance President about the inaugural conference of UPACC. They discussed the mission of the alliance, what they do for the various arts & culture sectors of the U.P., and what people can expect at the conference, along with information about the featured speakers and workshops.

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September 15, 2023 (01:00:00) WNMU-FM aired the program: Music for the Days of Awe, an observance of the Jewish High Holidays Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

September 15, 2023 (01:00:00) WNMU-FM aired the program: Birthday of the World Rosh Hashanah Music and Liturgy for Rosh Hashanah, (The Jewish New Year) sung by The Western Wind with Guest Cantors, Narrated by Leonard Nimoy

September 16, 2023 (00:13:09) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Trapper Schoep, Singer/Songwriter from Milwaukee about his concert at the Ore Dock Brewing Company. Also discussed was his music, inspired by folk singers Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash and his new album *Siren Songs*.

September 22, 2023 (00:15:36) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Sarina Partridge, member of the musical group Heartwood Trio about their upcoming tour. They discussed the trio's creative residency on Rabbit Island and how they created music inspired by their surroundings. They plan to take what they created and bring them back to share with the Keweenaw community for the tour activities.

September 26, 2023 (00:8:59) WNMU-FM Host Kurt Hauswirth spoke with Alyson Sundberg, Co-chair for the United Way of Marquette County's Annual Campaign about what the group does for the community and how people can either help with fundraising or volunteerism.

Environment

July 2-3, 2023 (00:30:00) "Media Meet-Getting to know the Nature Conservancy" WNMU-TV's Mike Settles hosts Helen Taylor-State Director, The Nature Conservancy; and Rich Bowman-Director of Policy, the Nature Conservancy to discuss how The Nature Conservancy has grown into such an important, influential environmental nonprofit and what is the result of their efforts here at home. In Michigan, TNC has more than 32,000 members and some 436,000 acres of land protected through purchase, partnerships and easements. A good portion of that land is right here in the Upper Peninsula.

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July 25, 2023 (00:06:08) WNMU-FM News Director Nicole Walton talks with NMU President Brock Tessman to discuss preparations for the upcoming school year and the creation of a Security Operations Center on campus.

August 6-7, 2023 (00:30:00) "Media Meet-Battling Book Bans" WNMU-TV's Mike Settles hosts **Leslie Warren-Dean of Library and Instructional Support at NMU; Andrea Ingmire-Director at Peter White Public Library, Marquette; and Dillon Geshel-Director at Superiorland Library Cooperative, Marquette** to take a fresh look at censorship in the form of book challenges and bans. This discussion with local librarians and educators discusses how they continue to speak out about attempts to remove books from public libraries and school reading lists and what is behind this wave of book challenges and what, if anything, should be done about it.

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may be considering a career in the trades. The state-of-the-art learning facilities, education and training programs, and apprenticeships were also discussed.

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September 3-4, 2023 (00:30:00) "Media Meet-Setting Aside Criminal Convictions-An Expungement Update" WNMU-TV's Mike Settles hosts Nicholas Schroeck-University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; Rebecca Simkins Nowak-University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; and Glenn Sark-Marquette Expungement Attorney to discuss how difficult it is for those with a criminal record to find work, secure housing, pursue educational opportunities, and more. On April 11, 2023, close to one-million Michiganders had criminal convictions suddenly expunged

from their records. The panel dives into how individuals can clear their conviction records.

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Native American Issues

WNMU-FM regularly airs **National Native News**, weeknights at 4:30pm

A five-minute newscast dedicated to Native issues, produced by Koahnic Broadcast Corp.

WNMU-FM regularly airs **Anishinaabe Radio News**, Fridays at 7:30am and 4:30pm. A three-minute segment on Native American history, culture, and Indigenous events at NMU and across the Great Lakes Region.

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