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WELCOME TO MARQUETTE COUNTY

FAST FACTS

Population:

Marquette County: 65,492
City of Marquette: 20,916
(2008 estimate)

Location:

Marquette County is in the central Upper Peninsula on the south shore of Lake Superior.

History:

The county of Marquette was first settled in the mid-1800's. The city of Marquette was established in 1848. It was named after Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit priest.

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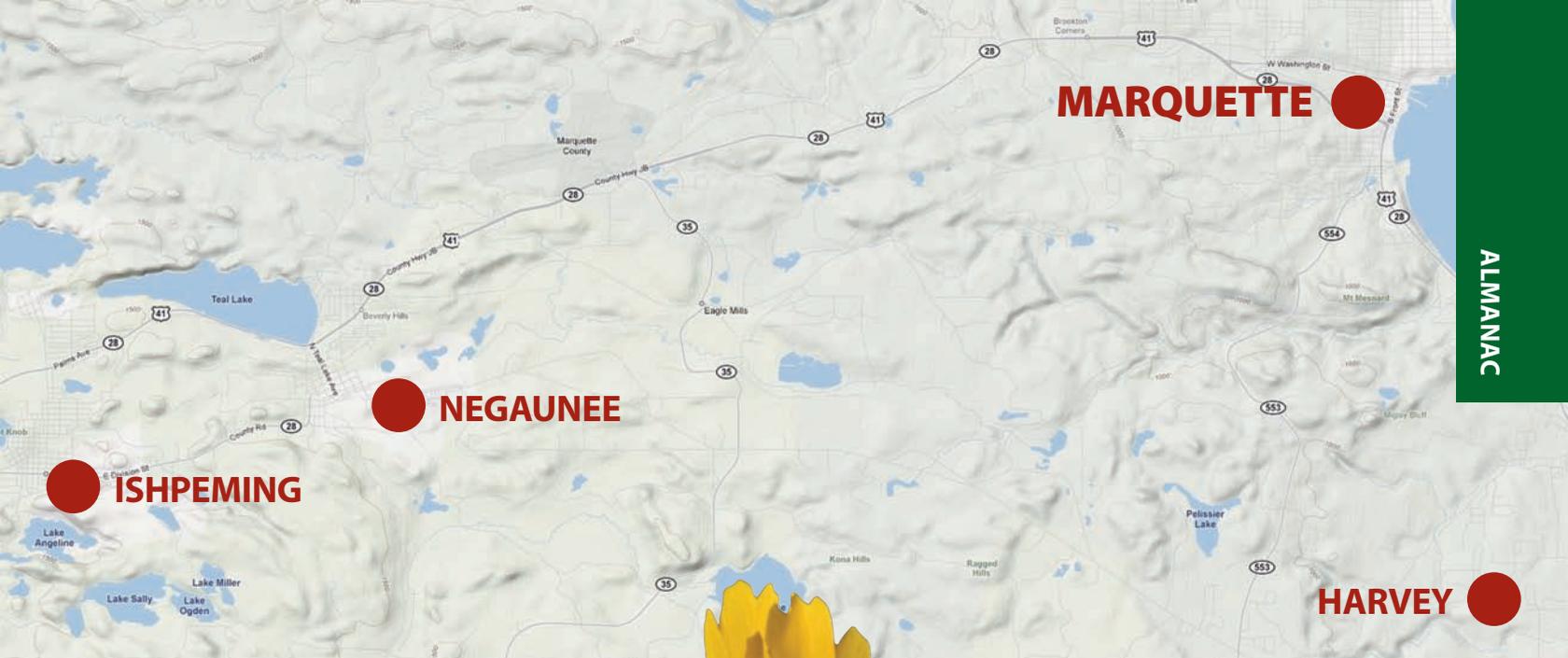
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Head on over to the Dead River with your fishing pole and net in September and you might catch salmon during their spawning run.

Marquette County has numerous picturesque waterfalls. Maps are available at the Lake Superior Community Partnership offices to get you on your journey!



Awarding Marquette County

Progressive Farmer

Progressive Farmer named Marquette County number seven in the Midwest for Best Places to live in rural America.

Sherman's Travel

Marquette was deemed one of the top 10 summer vacation destinations by Sherman's Travel.

Weather Channel

The Weather Channel named Marquette County in the Top 10 Winter Family Getaways in the United States.

Forbes Magazine

Marquette was Route 1 of the Best Fall Drives by Forbes Magazine.



Get in the spirit of the Holidays with the lighting of the Marquette, Negaunee, Gwinn and Ishpeming Christmas trees.

Take a drive to Michigamme or to the other end of the County in Big Bay and enjoy a bite to eat, browse through gift shops, enjoy the beautiful surroundings or stay the night.

There's no time like Fall Time in Marquette County ... Explore Old Town Negaunee on foot or wheels, hike the Iron Ore Heritage Trail from Negaunee to Ishpeming or take a jog along the Marquette Fit Strip for a invigorating dose of woodlands and enjoy the fall color season!

A DISTINGUISHED DESTINATION

Rich in history ...

By Eric C. Hammerstrom

A reporter from the Philadelphia Inquirer called Marquette's Mona Lang this winter with questions.

How on Earth did Marquette win a historic preservation competition, beating out cities like Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia and Provincetown on Cape Cod — towns where America's founding fathers lived and led revolutions and where the Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact? And how did a town of just under 20,000 inhabitants out-vote Philadelphia and St. Louis, with populations in the millions, to become the "Fan Favorite?"

"You just have to visit Marquette to understand," she answered. Lang, executive director of Marquette's Downtown Development Authority, summarized the magic of Marquette in three words, "Quality of Life," and explained that while cities like Philadelphia preserve buildings, Marquette preserves much more.

To be sure, efforts to preserve the city's downtown and its historic buildings earned Marquette a spot on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of a "Dozen Distinctive Destinations" alongside towns with greater national acclaim. But when one reads the selection criteria for the honor — a dynamic downtown, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and commitment to historic preservation, sustainability and revitalization —



Photo courtesy of Superior View
A picture of Washington Street taken in 1900.

Marquette seems to have an unfair advantage over bigger, arguably more famous, cities.

As an historian, Marquette city commissioner Fred Stonehouse has visited many past and present Distinctive Destinations. "Having been to many of them, you understand why they were selected," he said. "Key West was on the list in 2005, Old San Juan in 2004 ... my gosh, it's a tremendous honor to be on this list with cities like that."

The Distinctive Destination label is another accolade in a long streak of honors for the city. In 2008, Marquette placed near the top of lists of best places to live for hunters and anglers by Outdoor Magazine and best places to retire for "winter sports nuts" by U.S. News and World Report. In 2004,

Marquette was named one of America's top 30 Most Liveable Communities and one of the 100 Best Small Art Towns in America. In 2001, Bike Magazine named Marquette the third best place to live and bike in the U.S.

Stonehouse was not surprised at Marquette's victory in the "Fan Favorite" competition. "Once the community got on board, it was all over but the shouting for us to come out on top. Making the fan favorite was almost a foregone conclusion."

"Marquette is an extremely wired city in terms of the Internet. Once we began to use the power of the Net, with the University and tech-savvy people in our community, there was no way we weren't going to win it. The power of the Net and social media in this town is awe inspiring."

This year's Distinctive Destinations included Bastrop, Texas; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania; The Crooked Road, Virginia; Fort Collins, Colorado; Huntsville, Alabama; Provincetown, Massachusetts; Rockland, Maine; Simsbury, Connecticut; Sitka, Alaska; St. Louis, Missouri and Marquette.

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Photo courtesy of Superior View
Washington Street looking east in 1940.



Photo by The Mining Journal

A passenger plane sits in a hangar at the Sawyer International Airport. The number of flights have increased by 30 percent from the previous airport location.

All the unique aspects of the Marquette area, from business to recreation, contributed to the city being named to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations, and winning the "Fan Favorite" award in the contest.

"Marquette is a must-see for travelers looking to get off the beaten path," said Richard Moe, president of the NTHP, when the list of cities was announced in January. "Marquette offers visitors a chance to enjoy history, art, outdoor activities and spectacular natural resources."

Marquette Mayor John Kivela said among the many strong points of the city is its vibrant downtown area, especially important in these challenging economic times. He also cited the well-attended events held in the city, including the annual sled dog races, bicycle races and various festivals the city hosts.

The Lake Superior Community Partnership nominated Marquette for the award, which is being viewed as an award for the entire county.

"For Marquette County as a whole, this is fabulous because this is national advertising that we just can't afford to buy," said LSCP Chief Executive Amy Clickner. "So when our area gets recognized, the benefits that we see from the marketing aspect and the credibility it lends to our own marketing is incredible."

Contributing to the "distinctive" nature of the Marquette County community is its diverse mix of businesses and culture that makes Marquette the place to shop, live and work.

Fourteen years ago, Sawyer Air Force Base closed, causing a major loss of jobs and economic activity for Marquette County. Ten years ago, Sawyer International Airport was opened to the public. In September, the success of the airport and the economic rebirth of the area were celebrated with a ceremony attended by county and airport officials.

The airport has experienced an increase of 30 percent in the number of flights from the previous air-

port location, and its surrounding commercial/industrial area represents more than 1,000 jobs at 65 businesses. The work done at Sawyer represents a total \$73 million investment.

Among the new developments at Sawyer is the renewaFUEL biofuel cube project. A subsidiary of Cliffs Natural Resources, the renewaFUEL biofuel cubes are made from a composite of collected wood and agricultural feedstocks, generating the same amount of energy as coal pound-for-pound, but produce 90 percent less sulfur dioxide, 35 percent less particulate matter and 30 percent less acid gases, according to Cliffs officials.

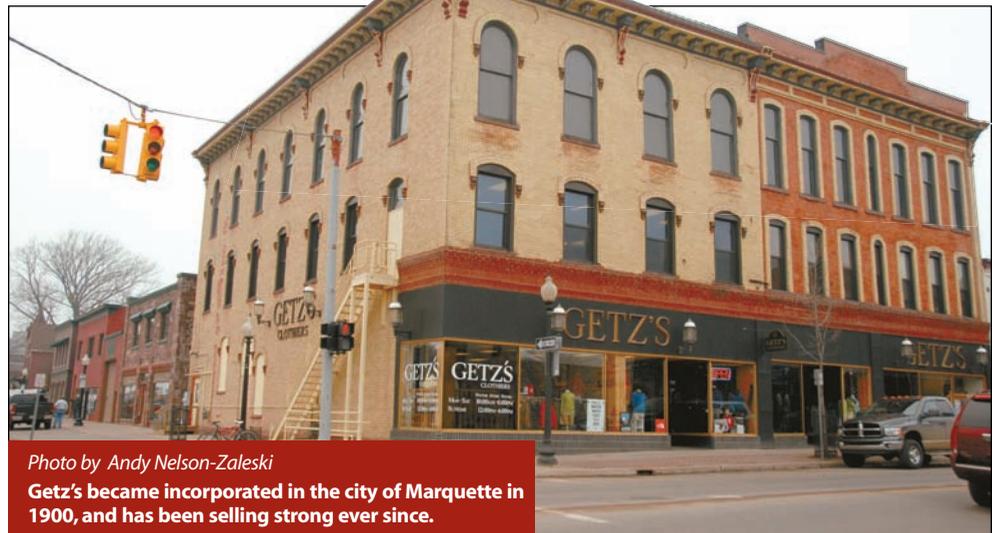


Photo by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

Getz's became incorporated in the city of Marquette in 1900, and has been selling strong ever since.

RenewaFUEL will be leasing two large aircraft hangers at Sawyer, and is expected to begin operations in September, employing 25 people and producing 150,000 tons of high-energy, low-emission biofuel cubes per year.



Photo by Johanna Boyle
renewaFUEL biofuel cubes

Joining renewaFUEL at Sawyer is polyurethane producer Argonics, Inc., which moved into a new 72,000-square-foot facility on the base. Formerly located within the city of Marquette, the move places the company's operations in one building rather than spread across five.

Company officials said the move improves the business' efficiency, combining manufacturing, logistics, shipping, receiving and research and development under one roof. The move is also expected to allow for the addition of 15 jobs once economic conditions improve.

Adding to the economic boost provided by those expanding businesses is the consistency of some of the county's most historic merchants. This year Getz's Clothiers on Front Street in Marquette is celebrating its 110th anniversary in business. Over the years, Getz's has managed to stay successful through tough economic times, transforming from a formal clothier to an outdoors and activewear supplier as well. It has also embraced the technological revolution, and the Getz's website now accounts for 60 percent of store's income.

Helping future entrepreneurs establish this kind of long-term niche in the U.P. is Northern Michigan University's Center of Resources for Enterprise (CORE-NMU), a consortium representing the interests of academic groups and local and regional business development service providers. The consortium — which includes NMU, Northern Initiatives and the LSCP — helps new businesses start or existing businesses grow with business plan review, product development, competitive analysis, market research, business strategy and e-commerce solutions. CORE can also help with locating and placing student interns.

Also growing at NMU is its 4G wireless Internet WiMAX network, which has now been expanded to cover not just the university, but also the cities of Marquette and Negaunee. Expanding the networks through partnerships with the city allows NMU students and faculty to access the network on their university-issued laptop computers even when away from campus. In addition, the agreements with the municipalities have allowed NMU to place transmission equipment on city buildings in exchange for use of the network by the cities' staffs. The university has plans to further expand the network to other areas in the future.

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Marquette is also seeing physical growth with the redevelopment of what once was a railroad and storage for most of the 20th century. Founders Landing, which is under development by The Landing Development Group II, is a stretch of waterfront property that will eventually be condos, a hotel and other commercial property. In 2009, the development group bought a 4-acre parcel south of the ore dock from the city for \$1.5 million, with plans to construct three major buildings, including an indoor marketplace, office space, residential units, a restaurant and a hotel. A series of townhomes on a separate parcel of land have already begun construction.

A little further up the lakeshore from Founders Landing is Marquette's new Coast Guard station, dedicated in 2009. The 6,000-square-foot, \$5 million station is designed to house a crew of 20. It is among the first Department of Homeland Security facilities to earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for green buildings. Coast Guard officials said the station is a state-of-the-art facility which will give Coast Guard personnel a faster response time in emergencies. The facility also features a fitness center and intrusion detection system. It replaces the old station, started in 1890 and finished in 1891, located on an eight-acre peninsula that juts out into Lake Superior which includes the historic Marquette light-house.



Photo by Julia Woehrer
Shown is the exterior of Walgreens last summer, prior to opening. The business, located at the corner of West Washington Street and McClellan Avenue, offers, among many other things, a drive-through pharmacy and photo developing.

Off the lake, near the beginning of the U.S. 41 business corridor, stands another of Marquette's newest businesses — Walgreens. Positioned at the corner of McClellan Avenue and Washington Street, the national retail pharmacy offers a variety of services in-store and online. The photo department allows people to upload photographs online or in the store and the in-store pharmacy allows people to fill prescriptions through their website or on the phone to be picked up or mailed to them. The store also offers a drive-thru window for prescription pick-up, which is helpful for many, especially in the winter. The store employs 25-30 people.

Part move, part expansion, the well-known locally owned and operated restaurant Border Grill can now be found in a new location on Third Street. It has relocated from its original home on the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets. Now with two locations in Marquette and one in Negaunee, the new Border Grill is closer to customers at the university, Marquette General Hospital and the east side. The new location has more than doubled the size and seating capacity of the old restaurant. The interior of the new location on Third Street replicates that of the flagship Border Grill near the corner of Washington and McClellan. In addition to lunch and dinner, the new Third Street Border Grill also serves breakfast, featuring breakfast burritos, que-



Photo by Andy Nelson-Zaleski
Construction crews work on framing the middle parcel of Founders Landing in Marquette. Developers are constructing a five-building, 36-unit row of townhomes on the property.

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Co-op employee Natasha Gill fills a bag with black-eyed peas, just one of the many items you can find in the Marquette Food Co-op bulk section.



sadillas, tacos (all served with seasonal fresh fruit) and Alterra coffee from Milwaukee.

For those looking for fresh, organic, healthy ingredients to do their own cooking, the stop to make is the Marquette Food Co-op. The Co-op supports local farms and growers, encouraging people to shop locally. Shoppers can buy bulk ingredients like lentils, couscous or flour, even locally-produced honey. Also available are dairy products, frozen goods, even snacks like chocolate and chips. The Co-op also sponsors regular workshops on cooking, growing your own food and ways to be more environmentally friendly.



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Border Grill owner Dan Torres takes a seat at the local chain's newest location on 3rd street.

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Ben Johnson's interest in designing websites started at practically the other end of the spectrum of hobbies — snowboarding.

"I'm really into snowboarding and that's what got me into graphic design," Johnson said.

What started out as making snowboarding videos with his friends has evolved into Elegant Seagulls, Johnson's Marquette-based Web and print design business.

"I grew up here in Marquette and I love the area," he said.

After leaving to go to school on the East Coast, Johnson began looking for jobs, mostly in California.

"I was looking all over. The search was going OK, but not great," he said.

That's when he began doing freelance design work for friends and acquaintances, eventually returning to Marquette.

"I was getting along and doing fine," Johnson said. "I think I can make a go of it. I dove in head first for making it my full-time career."

Johnson has now gone from just freelancing to owning his own rapidly-growing business, working with three contract employees and handling 18-20 design projects at a time from customers across the United States.

"It's almost five years now, and it's really grown rapidly in the last couple years," Johnson said.

Things have been going so well that he is considering bringing on some employees at a full-time basis and moving to an office space, to allow his team to work together in a single space.

"I really feel good about the team I'm putting together," he said. With a bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design, the real challenge for Johnson in creating Elegant Seagulls was the business end of things.

"I learned a lot of it the hard way," he said, with owning his own business being his first introduction to things like bookkeeping. "Just being honest and common sense were some of the things that helped me along the way."

Currently, Elegant Seagulls offers website design and redesign, logo design, business cards, print ads, posters and marketing plans, focusing on customer service as much as the design aspects.

The success Johnson and his team have seen so far comes down to their passion for creating and designing.

"I think the one reason I have been successful is I really do love it," he said. "It's because I love it and I'm passionate about it."

Elegant Seagulls can be found on the Web at www.elegantseagulls.com or by emailing ben@elegantseagulls.com.

The website also contains a portfolio of design projects the business has put together.



Artwork by Ben Johnson

L'ATTITUDE CAFE & BISTRO

Great views, wonderful atmosphere

L'Attitude Cafe and Bistro on the corner of Washington Street and Lakeshore Boulevard is a mix of old and new.

Situated in a former railroad company building, the restaurant includes tables made from wood taken from the renovated structure and the original mosaic tile floor.

Opened in 2007, the restaurant has expanded to feature a wine room and a unique menu item — sushi.

“We pretty much have a little bit of everything,” said Assistant Manager Kyle Darcy.

The menu has expanded to include a range of steaks, seafood options, hamburgers, salads, sandwiches and pizza. And, of course, drinks.

“We have a 10-page wine list,” Darcy said. “We have probably the best happy hour in town.”

Featuring live jazz music on Thursdays and meet-the-artist events every month, a big draw for the restaurant is the atmosphere.

“Our ambience is the biggest part of our establishment,” Darcy said. “People come in because of the atmosphere.”

That appeal includes great views of the Mattson Lower Harbor Park and Lake Superior. For those looking to enjoy the sunshine and the food at once, L'Attitude features an outdoor dining patio that is packed most days during the summer.

Now employing around 30 people, from cooks to servers, L'Attitude features a wine room, which can be used for private functions, events and meetings, and holds 1,300 bottles of wine. The room is called “46 Degrees,” which is Marquette’s latitude. One of the walls is half-subterranean, so it stays a constant, cool temperature.

L'Attitude can be found online at www.lattitudecafe.com or can be contacted at 906-225-8888.

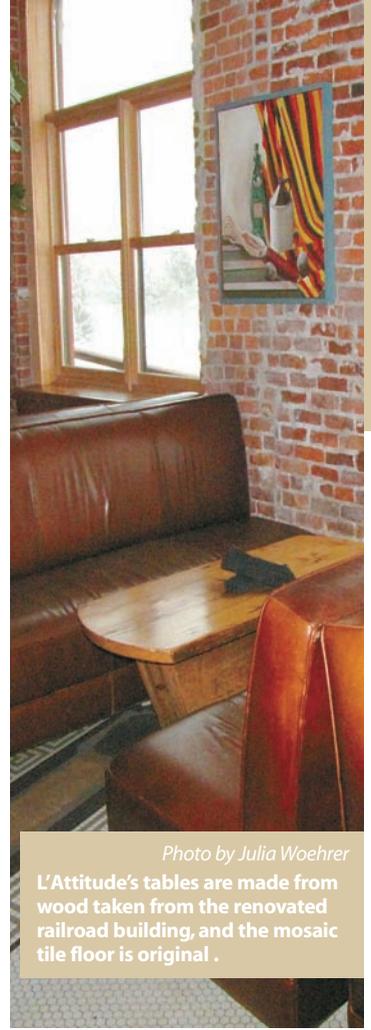


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L'Attitude's tables are made from wood taken from the renovated railroad building, and the mosaic tile floor is original.

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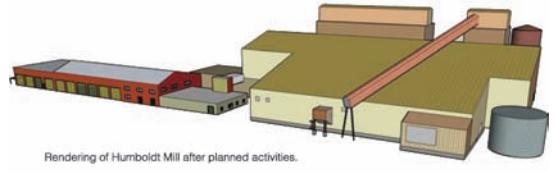
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Warner Creek Residential Facility provides seniors a home when living alone is not an option

Seniors looking for a quiet place to continue living their lives can find it in Palmer at the Warner Creek Residential Care Facility.

“It’s a quiet setting,” said owner and administrator Sara Miller. “We have a nice community feel.”

Warner Creek, which opened in 2005, is a licensed home for the aged, providing a home for 30 residents, aged 60 and older.

The 17 direct care staff at the facility “provide assistance with activities for daily living,” including housekeeping, help with medication or grooming, as the residents require, Miller said.

“It allows our residents to age in place. They don’t necessarily need to go to a nursing home as their needs change,” Miller said.

The empty building was purchased and refurbished by Miller.

“We’ve done a lot of work on the building,” Miller said. Residents live in their own rooms and have a community living and eating area where they can socialize or enjoy some of the group activities.

“We recently purchased a

Wii in memory of one of our residents,” Miller said. Another of the residents teaches a regular Tai Chi class.

The facility draws people from around Marquette County, creating its own neighborhood in the community.

“We have a small community feel and most of my staff have been with me for a long time,” Miller said.

Several times each month, residents have the option to go on group outings throughout the county.

“We do a picnic in the park and then listen to the Negaunee (City) band concert,” Miller said. Other popular activities include going out for ice cream and bus rides around Presque Isle Park in Marquette.

One of the most important aspects of life at the facility is that the residents can continue with their own lives as much as possible.

“It’s a laid-back atmosphere,” Miller said. “We try to let people go through their own daily routine.”

“We try to provide a home-like environment for them. Change is hard enough without having to give up everything.”

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GARDEN BOUQUET AND DESIGN



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An orchid is a common flower used to adorn homes during the Spring season.



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Yellow, pink, purple and white tulips wait to be gathered into bouquets at Garden Bouquet and Design. Tulips are a popular springtime flower that can be given as gifts at Easter.

Several new businesses have sprung up along Baraga street in the past year. One of them is Garden Bouquet and Design — a flower shop that moved from a former Harvey location to 130 West Baraga in September.

One of the ways owner Kim Smith-Potts is making her business stand out is to embrace “green” guidelines in her work.

“It’s always been my personal ethic to include a proponent of social and environmental justice (in my work),” she said. “We have an ethic behind our business and the ethic is to utilize and offer products that are either eco-friendly, fair trade or regional art.”

As a result, Smith-Potts is constantly looking to be more environmentally conscious. For instance, all paper products in the store are 100 percent recycled. Packaging either gets a new function or is sent back to the wholesaler to be reused.

“We try to compost as much of the green as we can,” she said.

Smith-Potts tries to buy cut flowers from growers who meet organic standards, are socially responsible and give their workers a fair wage.

“That’s what we want to support,” she said.

Water is saved in buckets to feed plants at the store. Glassware, such as vases, is made from recycled glass. Customers can also bring in their old clean vases to be reused or to get store credit.

About 10,000 stems of flowers as well as evergreen branches come from Smith-Potts’ farm in Skandia, where she has practiced organic gardening for the past 15 years.

Besides store products, Garden Bouquet and Design is housed in a “recycled” building. The building was supposed to be torn down, but Smith-Potts’ husband Mike remodeled it instead, making it energy-efficient and using lots of recycled materials on the inside and outside of the structure.

In addition, Smith-Potts offers ribbons that are made out of recycled plant fibers instead of plastic.

The flower shop offers flower arrangements for special occasions such as weddings, as well as a variety of gifts from local artists and companies that believe in “green” standards. For more information, go to www.gardenbouquetanddesign.com.



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Stephanie Riopelle and Beverly Zorza work out with personal trainer Fess Beier at the new Anytime Fitness in Harvey.

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NEW 24-HOUR GYM OPENS IN HARVEY

Workout fans residing in Harvey and Chocolay Township no longer have to drive to Marquette to get their fitness fix. With the opening of the Anytime Fitness facility in December 2009, residents now have a 24-hour, state-of-the-art gym available to them in town.

The gym is located in the new Gateway Plaza at the corner of M-28 and U.S. 41.

Putting gyms in neighborhood areas as opposed to downtown developments has been a trademark of the Anytime Fitness franchise.

“There wasn’t a whole lot out this way, and there’s actually a large number of people that could benefit from it,” said manager Dan Petrocik. He said bringing the workout facility to the people who need it is usually better than hoping they will make the trip themselves. “If you’re not within five or 10 minutes of the gym, lots of times people won’t go,” he added.

Harvey and Chocolay residents have embraced the new facility, said Nancy Caldwell, marketing and public relations representative for Anytime Fitness.

“The community has been wonderful,” she said. Since opening in December, the club is at nearly 300 members. “Being in Chocolay, they are starving for services out there. They have the population, they just don’t have the services. It’s convenient, and it’s a beautiful gym.”

Among Anytime’s offerings are a full complement of top-of-the-line workout equipment, tanning rooms and shower facilities.

“We are going to have massage available shortly,” said Petrocik, adding that one of the gym’s most significant offerings is its 24-hour availability for members. “That’s probably the biggest thing.”

Another fitness tool that Anytime offers is Anytime Health online companion, available to all club members.



Photo by Julia Woehrer

Open 24 hours a day, Anytime Fitness offers top-of-the-line equipment like the tanning beds shown here.

“It offers you a lot of workout tips (and) you can track your meals on there and your workouts on there day by day,” Petrocik said. There is also social networking service on it for asking questions and communicating with trainers. “Kind of like a Facebook,” Petrocik added.

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The walls of Congress Pizza on Main Street in Ishpeming do more than just provide the structure of the building. They are covered in pieces of Ishpeming's history — photos of the old mining days, ski jumping tournaments, even a whole section on the filming of "Anatomy of a Murder."

The restaurant itself has become part of the history of the town, celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2009.

"It's fun. It's a responsibility," said third-generation owner Paul Bonetti. "One of the standard stops people make when they come back into town."

The Congress began as a bar in 1934, and received its name in celebration of the repeal of Prohibition by the U.S. Congress. The bar was opened by A. Louis Bonetti, who immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1915 and began working in the mines near Gwinn.

Louis' sons Guido and Geno took over the business in 1951, and went into the pizza business in 1958, specializing in thin crust pizza.

Over the years, the Congress has seen more and more teenagers and young families become customers.

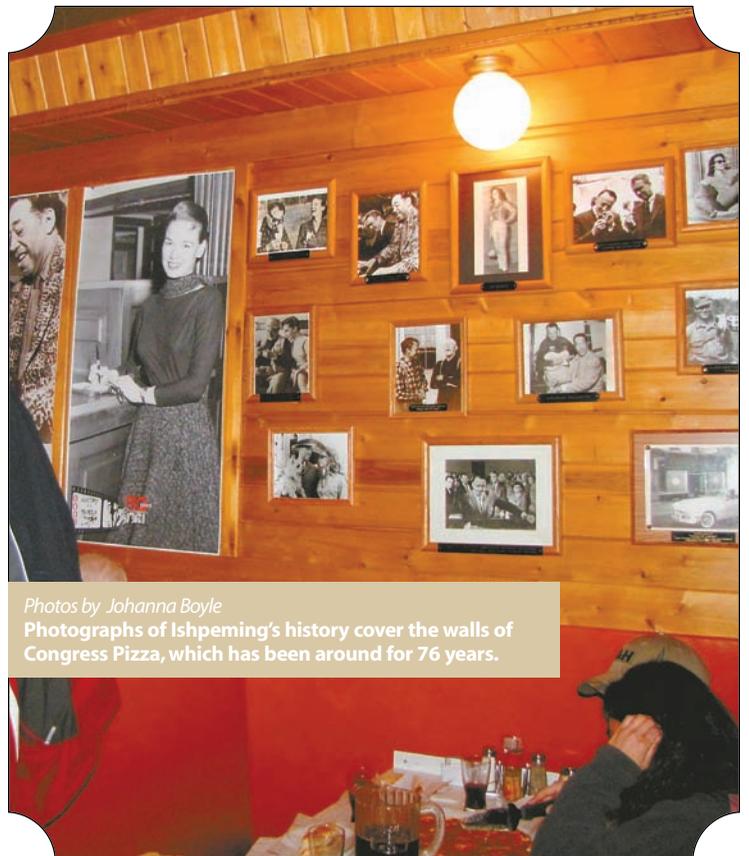
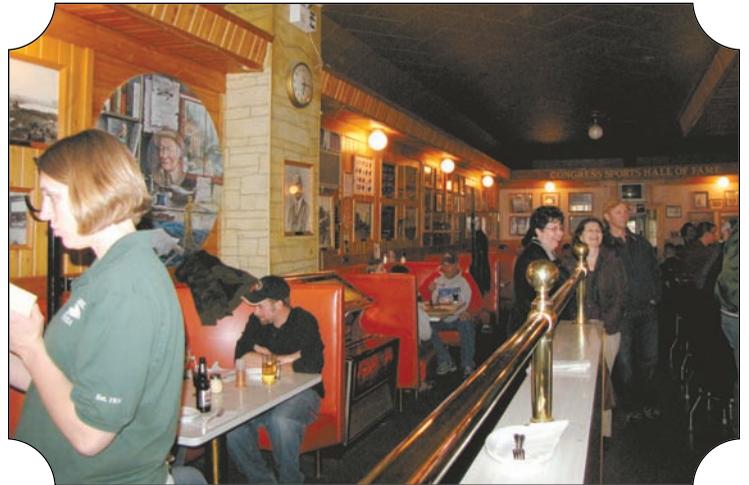
"The biggest change is more and more people are going out to dinner," Bonetti said. "We change with the times and cater a

lot to families and young kids."

Although he worked at the Congress on weekends and waiting tables after high school, Bonetti started full time at the family business in 1979 and things have been going strong ever since.

Today's Congress pizzas still feature that same thin crust, special sauce and toppings like homemade cudighi and pepperoni. For those looking for something a bit different, there's the pesto pizza with a basil pesto sauce and the cudighi sandwich.

The Congress is located at 106 N. Main St. and opens at 4 p.m. every day of the week.



Photos by Johanna Boyle

Photographs of Ishpeming's history cover the walls of Congress Pizza, which has been around for 76 years.



Two masts, billowing sails and brightly painted woodwork cutting silently across the surface of Lake Superior, the Coaster II is a unique sight in Marquette's Lower Harbor.

The wooden, 20-ton 1930s-era schooner is an example of ships that used to work in and around Marquette in the early 1900s. Captain Niko Economides is offering the chance to sail back in time on the national historic schooner on with regular sailing tours throughout the summer and early fall.

"Those guys (the ship designers) were really interested in how the boat responds to the water," Niko Economides said.

His wife Jill agreed.

"When those sails are trimmed, there's no diesel fumes, it's just silent," she said.

Although shorter sailing trips have been available last year, this year the couple, along with son Thanos, is offering the usual two-hour sails up to half-day, whole-day and overnight trips that can take up to six passengers around the Marquette Harbor or up and down the shoreline either north or south.

"Last year we wanted to just offer some basic sailing," Niko Economides said. "We found out people did want overnight trips."

Beginning the first week of May and running through October, the Coaster II can be reserved for almost any type of trip passengers could want.

During the winter, the family works on the interior and the body of the ship, making its electrical and other systems modern, but preserving the original feel and body of the vessel.

"We're trying to get it back to the way it was in 1933," Niko Economides said.

Half-day (four hour) or full-day (eight hour) trips take passengers past Presque Isle or Partridge Island. Overnight sails can take passengers past Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore or west to the Huron Islands.

"Eight hours is absolutely beautiful. North of Marquette is really beautiful," Niko Economides said.

Two couples can sleep comfortably on board, and the Coaster II does feature separate quarters for the crew. Although the Economides do not typically provide meals on the trips, passengers can bring their own food and beverages onboard, or can arrange for catering during the trip.

"What to expect is very luxurious camping," Niko Economides said. "We can

Photo by Andy Nelson-Zaleski

The Coaster II has quite a history, spanning more than 75 years on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, both sides of the equator and now on the Great Lakes.

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Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery represents U.P. artists

Paintings of all different sizes, styles and colors hang from the walls. Bowls and vases made from wood, ceramic or colored glass line the windowsills. Books and CDs by area writers and musicians line the entryway.

Although a small U.P. town might not be the place you expect to find something like this, that's exactly where you'll find the Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery.



Photo by Johanna Boyle
Gallery owner Friederike Roach shows off a piece of glass art.

"You see the living room here, this is where it started," said Friederike Roach, owner of the gallery, walking through the front room of the gallery, a portion of which also serves as her home.

In 2003, Roach began remodeling several rooms of her home to accommodate her growing gallery of more than 50 artists.

"We renovated pretty much everything," she said.

The gallery didn't start out big though. When the gallery first opened in one room, Roach was showing under 10 pieces — five painted pebbles, two painted saw blades and a couple of sketches.

By networking with visiting artists at the annual Art on the Rocks in Marquette, Roach has been able to grow her gallery to three rooms, which she regularly redecorates and changes, putting on shows for the different artists — all somehow connected to the U.P.

"Some artists do really well. We try to get their name out constantly," Roach said.

Coming to the United States from Germany 24 years ago, Roach's first inclination was to set up a studio for herself. That changed to a desire to display the work of other artists. She organizes art shows not just in her own gallery, but around the area and often downstate.

"It shifted from myself doing the art to organizing the shows," she said.

Proceeds from the gallery help to support scholarships and foundations at Eastern Michigan University, Northern Michigan University and the

Marquette-Japan Sister Cities artists.

"One by one I got more artists. I tried to look for individual work and really good work," Roach said.

Located around 45 minutes driving from Marquette, the Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery is open to the public, for those who want to purchase art or those who simply want a closer look at what artists connected to the U.P. do.

In the future Roach said she hopes to create a small workshop area in the basement of the gallery for artists to come and learn from visiting lecturers.

"The ideas are most important. How do you come up with a whole body of work?" she said.

Also in the future, Roach said she hoped to continue developing the outdoor area of the gallery, which includes a small pond, to put in more outdoor art.

The Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery is located at 136 E. Main St., Michigamme and can be reached at 906-323-6546.



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The gallery started off by showing just under 10 artworks.

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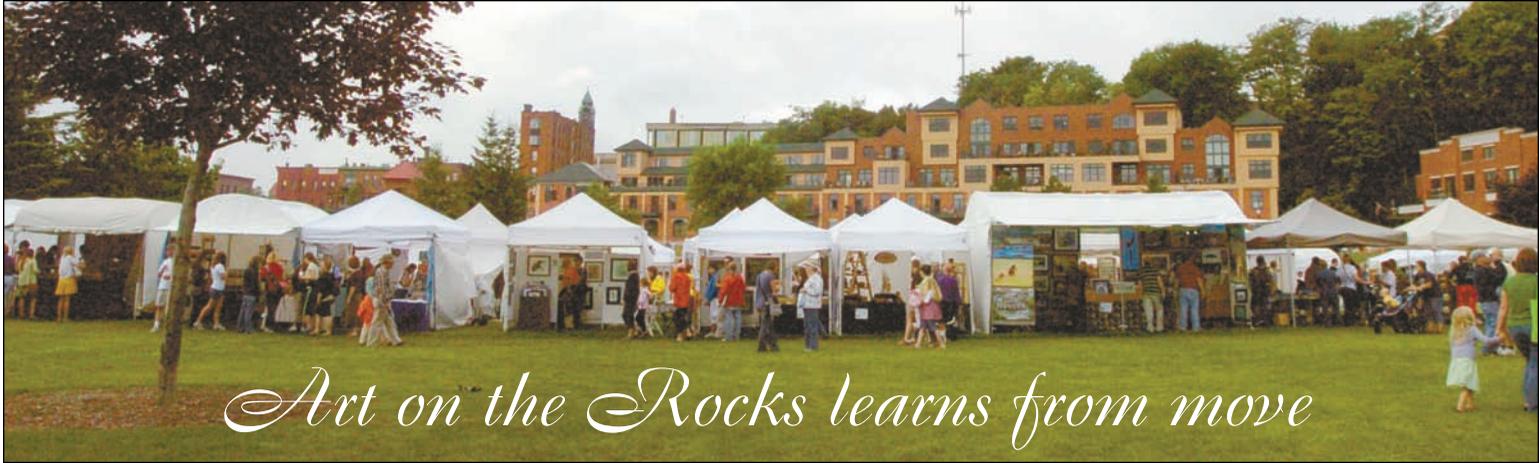
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Art on the Rocks learns from move

The Lake Superior Art Association took care of one big problem with its annual Art on the Rocks summertime show last year.

Organizers moved the location of the show, which will celebrate its 52nd year at the end of July and beginning of August, away from Presque Isle Park last year.

The move to the Lower Harbor Park was based on financial considerations, but could also be blamed — or credited — on the event's popularity, which draws both exhibitors and attendees not only from the Upper Peninsula, but Lower Michigan and all over the Midwest.

Though Presque Isle Park is well within the city limits, it is rather isolated for purposes of parking, necessitating shuttle service that ate up about \$5,000 from the LSAA budget each year.

"For us it means a break in the cost of busing," Deo said. "It's something we thought about for a long time."

"You're talking about a tradition and the artists really love the island, but the harbor is beautiful too."

With the lower harbor's proximity to downtown, nearby parking is much more abundant, even with the show still overlooking Lake Superior.

Now they're just working on solving a few little ones that went with that change.

"We're learning a different way to set up the venue," said LSAA President Jack Deo about the aftermath of its first year at the new location.

What looks like a large expanse of flat land at the park in the vicinity of downtown Marquette turned into a maze of low and high spots, highlighted by periodic rain during the show that left standing or running water in some areas.

With a year under the belts, however, Deo said a new layout strategy has been developed.

Artists can also find it nicer along the Lower Harbor, because they don't have to deal with the dust that accumulates on a windy, dry day at Presque Isle.

"The dust and dirt gets everywhere out there," Deo said, adding that artists were questioned in 2008 about whether they would welcome the change. The decision to move was made that autumn.

Last year's show featured 160 artists — both locally based and from out of town — offering jewelry, furniture, photographs, paintings and more. Deo said 5,000 and 8,000 visitors usually attend each year.

"People keep coming back because Art on the Rocks is a success," Deo said.

Another little wrinkle organizers had to deal with this year was the timing of the event. Deo said it is usually held the last full weekend of July.

But because of another large downstate event, organizers

decided to go a week later and hold it on Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1.

"The Ann Arbor Art Show is going on the weekend we would've normally held Art on the Rocks, and we have a lot of our best exhibitors involved in that show," Deo said. "So we're going a week later this year."

Deo said that it will separate Art on the Rocks from the 17th annual Outback Art Fair for the first time, with Outback staying with the more traditional dates of July 24-25.

The Outback began as an outlet for artists who weren't able to exhibit at Art on the Rocks, and is held at Shiras Park near the Picnic Rocks, on the Superior shore about halfway between the Presque Isle and Lower Harbor parks.

Unlike the permanent move in location, however, Deo expects the date change to be a one-time occurrence.

For more information on Art on the Rocks, visit the LSAA website at www.artontherocks.org.

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NMU professors publish books

Whether fiction or nonfiction, about trains or presidential assassination, Northern Michigan University professors have been hard at work not only teaching students, but producing written material for the general public,

Two professors — Jim McCommons, also a veteran journalist, and John Smolens — recently saw the publication of two of their own books.

McCommons published his first full length book titled “Waiting on a Train: The Embattled Future of Passenger Rail Service,” which tells the story of the year he spent riding trains across America, experiencing the system. The idea for the book was spurred by a train

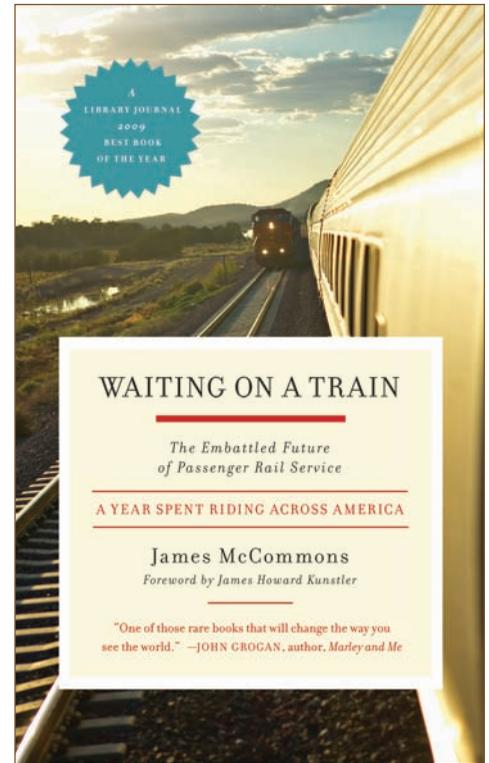
trip out west that McCommons took with his son in 2007.

“Half of the trip went really well, half of it did not. We were 12 hours late coming into California” he said. “And as a long time Amtrak rider I asked myself, why hasn’t this experience gotten any better?”

McCommons used a year-long sabbatical from NMU to ride trains across the country and research the book. What emerged was a part-narrative, part-investigative look at the passenger railroad system. In the book, he details his conversations with the people who work on the trains, as well as the other people riding them. It also features interviews with “serious transportation planners” about the current situation and the future outlook of railroads in the U.S.

The book was published in November 2009 by Chelsea Green and in December the Library Journal voted it one of their top books of the year. McCommons has previously published articles in the New York Times, Better Homes and Gardens, Organic Gardening and the Los Angeles Times. He joined the faculty of NMU in 2001. For more information about McCommons, “Waiting on a Train,” recent interviews and upcoming book events visit www.jamesmccommons.com.

Already the author of six novels, Smolens released his latest work of fiction in 2009. “The Anarchist” recalls the story of fervent anarchist Leon Czolgosz, the young man responsible for assassination President William McKinley in 1901. Smolens has been working on the book for over five years, and put in hours of research, visiting museums and



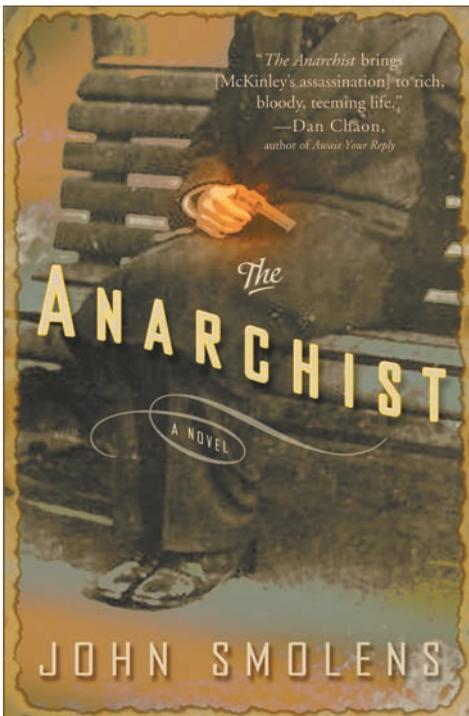
libraries across the country.

But the novel revolves not only around the assassination of President McKinley, but the weeks before and after. It details the life of Czolgosz, who traveled to the World’s Fair in Buffalo, New York to kill the president, and then tells the tale of his trial and execution.

The impact of the anarchist movement in the early 1900s is somewhat similar to the modern day notion of terrorism, said Smolens.

“I suppose to some degree my interest in that period is a result of what is going on in American today,” he said.

The book is now in its second printing. Smolens has been a member of the NMU English department faculty since 1996. For more information about him or “The Anarchist,” visit his author’s page on www.amazon.com or www.johnsmolens.com



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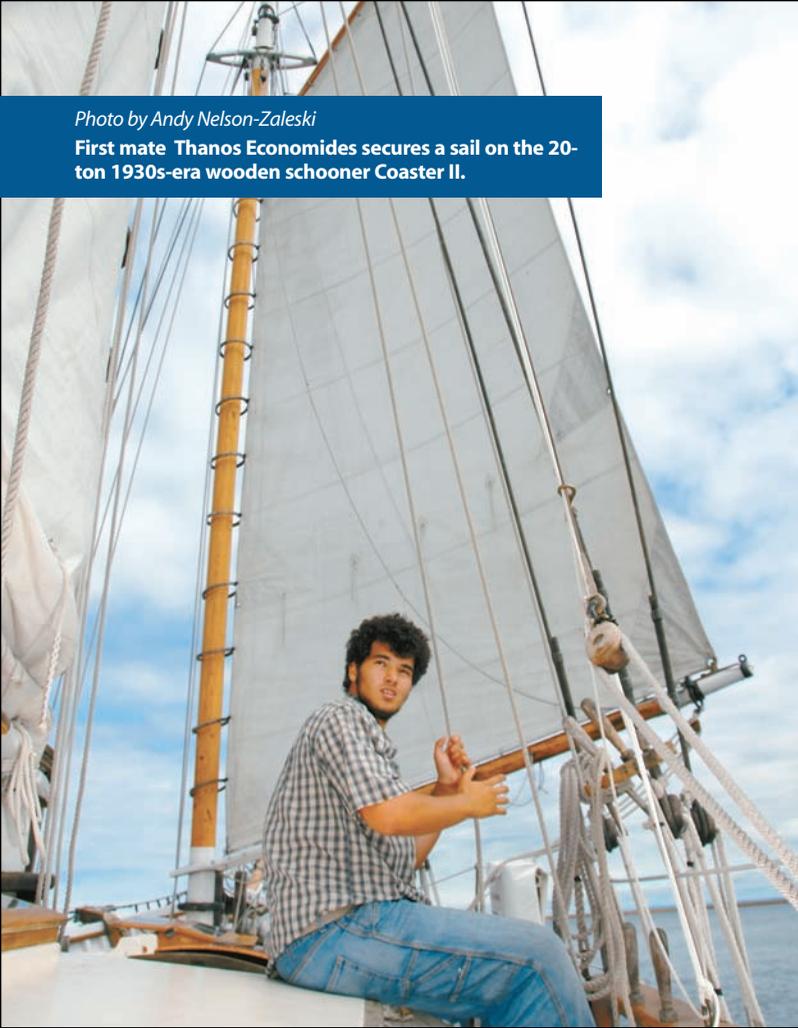
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First mate Thanos Economides secures a sail on the 20-ton 1930s-era wooden schooner Coaster II.



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cater to whatever they want.”

The commercial sails helps the Economides pursue another area of their passions — teaching young people to sail.

This summer, they are planning a therapeutic sailing program for at-risk youth, teaching them how to sail and how to work as a team.

“There’s a lot of potential for those,” Niko Economides said. “What they’re finding is these programs are extremely effective, more so than even ropes courses.”

The Coaster II was originally built in Maine and has sailed as far away as Hawaii. The Economides said they hoped to serve as a type of ambassador for the Marquette area, sailing around the Great Lakes and introducing people to the area’s culture.

“Very few people have been up sailing. Lake Superior is a mystery to them,” Niko Economides said.

Those interested in finding out more about the Coaster II or about reserving time for a sail can check out www.superi-odyssey.com or by calling 906-361-3668.



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Anywhere you go in Marquette County, it's hard to get away from water. There's Lake Superior, of course — the largest body of fresh water in the world — with its 80 miles of shoreline making up the northern border of the county.

But there are also countless inland lakes, rivers and streams that combined with Lake Superior, offer just about any type of water-related activity you could think of.

"I think with all the water we have in the U.P., it helps us to bring tourism to the area," said Denise Gurnack, Web marketing manager for the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "It offers a lot of opportunities for fishing, kayaking."

From swimming to SCUBA diving to sailing to fishing, Lake Superior offers a pristine location for countless activities.

Harbors in Marquette and Big Bay give both residents and visitors the chance to see working and pleasure boats up close and every day.

"One of the biggest things is the ore boats," Gurnack said of the large freighters that transport iron ore pellets from the Cliffs Natural Resources mines to ports around the Great Lakes and then to the rest of the world. "They're a very big draw."

During the regular shipping season (spring to late fall), boats can be seen almost daily coming to and from the ore dock in Marquette's Upper Harbor near Presque Isle. Watching the boats come in and load or unload their cargo is a popular activity for visitors and residents alike.

Those harbors are also popular spots for fishing and sail boats, with marinas located in both the Upper and Lower Harbors, as well as a public launch dock in Big Bay, located off of County Road 550.

Guarding those harbors, has they have for years, are several lighthouses. The Big Bay Pointe Lighthouse served as a beacon for ships passing between Granite Island and the Huron Islands, roughly 30 miles from Marquette. It now operates as a bed and breakfast.

The Marquette Harbor Lighthouse, built in 1866, sits on a rocky outcropping between the Marquette Lower Harbor and the McCarty Cove beach. Now part of the Marquette Maritime Museum, visitors can tour both the lighthouse and the museum, learning about the history of Marquette and the lake. Tours can be set up through the museum, which is open from May to October.

For those with their own watercraft, the two Marquette mari-



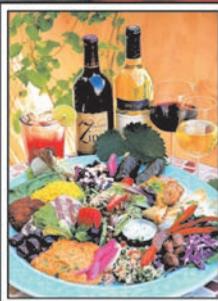
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The Marquette Yacht Club offers an outlet for area sailing enthusiasts, offering regular Ensign-class regattas every Wednesday evening during the summer, running a 5-mile course through the Lower Harbor.

Those interested in getting out of the harbors can find adventure on the Hiawatha Water Trail, which runs 120 miles from Big Bay to Grand Marais along the south shore of Lake Superior. Kayakers, sailors and other water travelers can experience the history of the area from a different perspective, following the same shoreline traveled by Native Americans and early European explorers.

Anglers can find fishing opportunities whether on the big lake, on smaller inland lakes or on the streams and rivers.

From salmon to lake trout to bass to northern pike, charter fishing tours can introduce those new to the area to some of the prime fishing spots.

One of the more popular inland water destinations are the county's numerous waterfalls. Marquette County has one of the highest concentrations of waterfalls in the Upper Peninsula and can be accessed by hiking, biking or four-wheel-drive vehicle, depending on how much effort you want to put into getting to them.

The Yellow Dog Falls, for example, are located off of County Road 510, near Big Bay. A hiking trail on the south side of the river takes you a half mile downstream to the falls.

Information on "silent" sports like hiking, kayaking or camping can be obtained from the Marquette County Convention and Visitors Bureau at www.marquettecountry.org or by calling 906-228-7749.

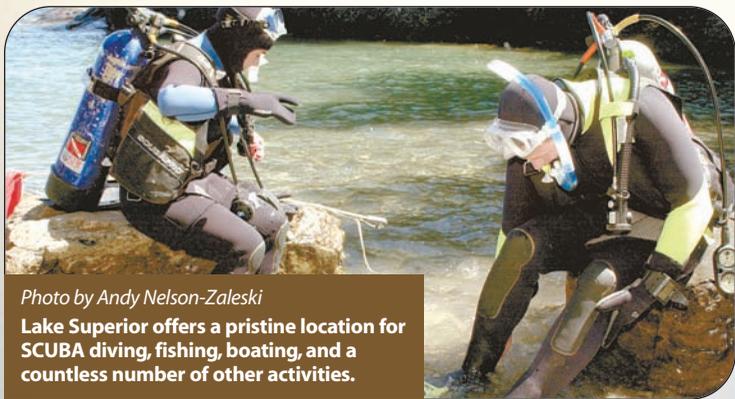


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Lake Superior offers a pristine location for SCUBA diving, fishing, boating, and a countless number of other activities.





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Negaunee adds new auditorium and gym

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The new Negaunee High School Auditorium doubled its seating capacity from 275 to 500.

Although they aren't classrooms, school auditoriums and gyms provide plenty of learning experiences for children. In 2009, thanks to the community, the Negaunee School District is now able to provide improved experiences for students.

At the end of the year, the district completed two large-scale renovation projects at two buildings — the Negaunee High School Auditorium and the Negaunee Middle School gym.

A bond approved by voters in 2005 funded both of the projects. They were part of a three-part project, with the third phase being adding special education classrooms to Lakeview Elementary. These were completed in an earlier renovation. The cost of the project totaled \$4.6 million.

"Without the support of the community, we wouldn't have these," Superintendent Jim Derocher said.

Construction began in early April 2009 and exterior work was completed during the summer. Interior work continued into the beginning of the school year, although classes were not disrupted. The public got the first chance to look at the new facility during an open house in mid-December.

The auditorium doubled its seating capacity from 275 to 500,

and cost \$1.6 million of the \$4.6 million total bond. The orientation of the performance space changed, originally running east-west and now changed to north-south. The stage size increased to hold 100 performers, enough to hold the high school's symphonic band, which was not possible with the old facility.

"We're proud of it. It's met all my expectations," Derocher said in December. "Once the community has a chance to come and sit in here, they will be proud of what they built for us."

The school has already been using the auditorium for concerts and events since it opened.

In that same mid-December open house, the public also got its first look at the new gym at Negaunee Middle School.

The school needed a new gym because with changes in boys and girls basketball seasons, the district needed another facility for practices and the old gym did not have enough space. The gym includes a full-size basketball court, new locker rooms and seating for 600 people. It will also serve as the facility for physical education classes for the middle school students.

The district is looking at reuse options for the old gym.



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A line of North Star Academy students, one from each of the 13 grades, wait with their gold shovels to break ground on the new elementary addition.

In the fall of 2009, North Star Academy opened its doors to elementary students for the first time.

Previously, the Northern Michigan University-sponsored charter school had only been educating middle and high school students, but demand was high for a Marquette Township K-5 school, North Star's superintendent and CEO, Karen Anderson, said.

Conversations about a North Star elementary school began last spring, and the school was given the go-ahead by NMU in May. Over the summer, resources were gathered as student registrations flowed in.

"We went from community discussions to a full-fledged elementary school in less than a year," said Anderson.

Since the fall, the school has been using a pair of modular classrooms to house the elementary students.

"It has given us a year to think about what we want," said Anderson. "And when the teachers get to the real classrooms, they are really going to appreciate it."

In a December board meeting, North Star contracted architectural firm Plank to design the plans and Associated

Constructors of Negaunee to build the school. According to the plans, the building will be around 12,000 square feet, which will approximately double the size of the current space the school has. Along with classroom and administrative spaces, the new building will also contain some shared spaces, including a half size gym, a media room and teacher workroom. Plans also include space for a playground between the two buildings, as well as an increased number of parking spots, a drop off area for students, and a reconfigure parking lot for better traffic flow.

North Star is still waiting on the final funding sources to come through, although Anderson has no doubts that they will make it happen. Construction is set to begin April 1 and will hopefully be completed early in the summer as possible, she said.

"It won't be a beige school, it's going to have life," she said.

The elementary program has been very successful during its first year, according to Anderson.

"It's not all about the building," Anderson said. "We owe it to the experience of our principal and the greatness of the staff."

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Bell Hospital & Marquette General team up for the greater good of the community

In order to recapture funds spent on health care currently leaving the Upper Peninsula in favor of downstate or Wisconsin hospitals, two Marquette County hospitals are joining together to create jobs and improve patient access to physicians.

Announced at the annual Operation Action U.P. meeting at Northern Michigan University in January, Bell Hospital and Marquette General Hospital are forming a cooperative partnership intended that will also help recruit more physicians to the U.P.

“We have two strong hospitals today,” said MGH CEO Gary Muller. “When you add two strong hospitals together, you come up stronger.”

The partnership is not a case of the hospitals merging or one hospital purchasing the other, and each will retain its independence.

The boards of directors of each hospital have signed a letter of intent to form a separate non-for-profit corporation to be called Superior Health Partners.

The partnership will use the combined resources of the two institutions to recruit physicians to fill the need for health care providers in the U.P. and to encourage patients to seek care locally instead of traveling out of the area.

Currently, about \$100 million a year leaves the U.P. in favor of other hospitals. If only \$20 million of that could be retained by U.P. hospitals, “hundreds” of jobs would be created, according to officials from the two hospitals.

“The money is there. It’s just being spent somewhere else,” said Bell CEO Rick Ament.

A target number of physicians to recruit has not yet been decided.

“There is a huge number of providers needed across the U.P.,” Ament said. “We recruit in tandem instead of at cross purposes.”

Doctors hired by the corporation would work at the hospitals or could set up clinics in other U.P. cities, depending on where the specific need is. Those doctors would, in turn, require office and support staff.

Superior Health Partners would be controlled by a separate board of directors and have its own CEO. Making up the board would be two members from each of the hospital’s boards of directors and two representatives from the Marquette County community. Board members include Robert DellAngelo MD, John Jilbert; Ron Katers, Tim Larson, Mary Anne Shannon PhD RN, and Les Wong PhD. The CEO will be Gary Muller FACHE, who will also continue as President and CEO of Marquette General Hospital. News of the cooperative partnership was met with positive reactions when announced.

“The largest employer sector taking a step like this is huge to me. I hope it’s contagious,” said Amy Clickner, CEO of the Lake Superior

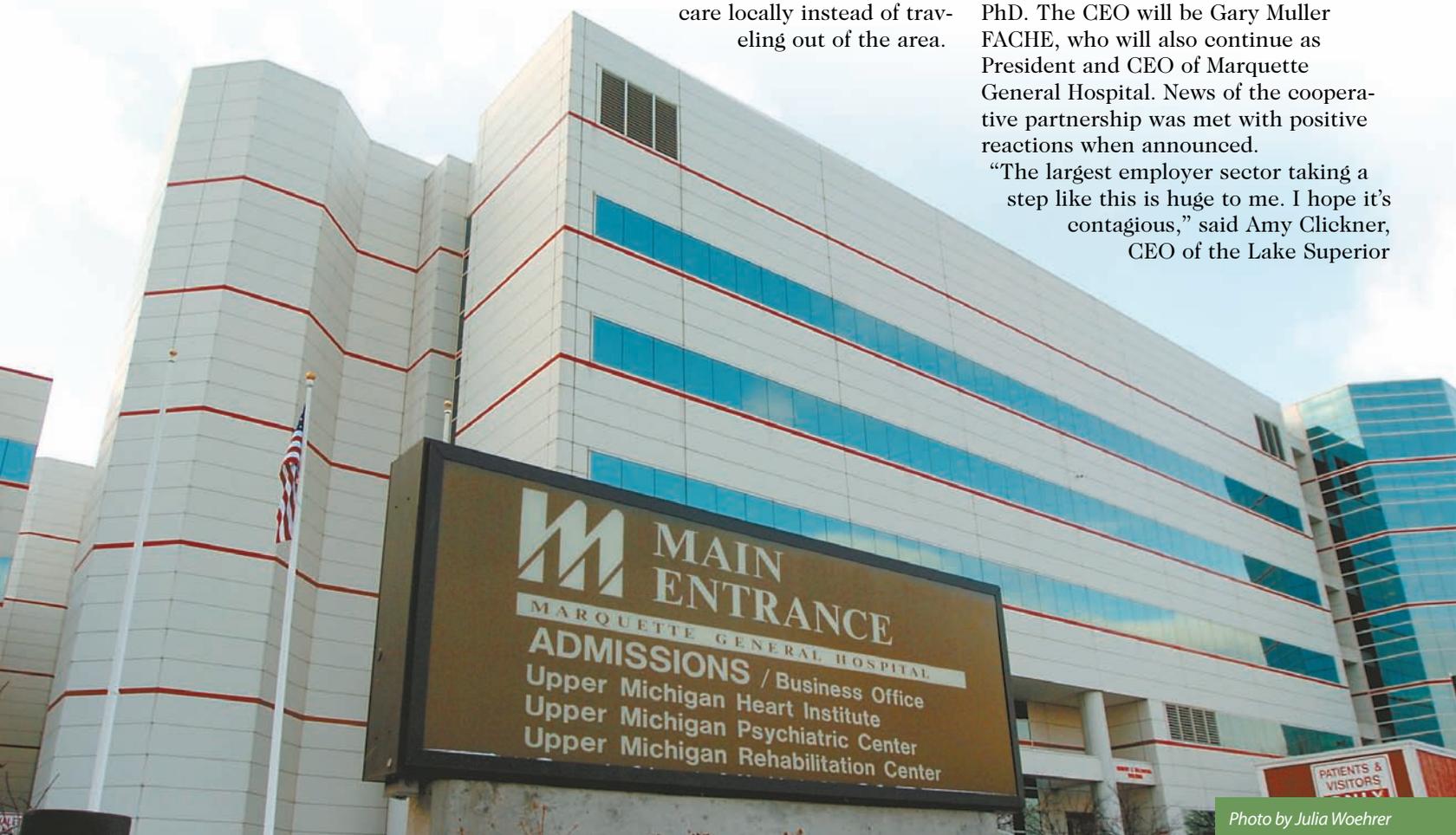


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An exterior view of the new Bell Hospital

Community Partnership. “The collaboration and the regionalism is very important.”

Although only the boards of Bell and MGH have signed letters of intent to form the new corporation, the two hospitals have begun to reach out to other Upper Peninsula hospitals.

“Our relationship over the years has been very strong with Marquette General,” said Jim Bogan, CEO of Portage Health Systems in Hancock.

“Health care is a challenge today. It will only get more difficult in the future.

“If we cannot gather more physicians to live and work in the U.P., we’re going to continue to have an out-migration, which none of us want to have.”

Although the boards of MGHS and Bell have been meeting about the cooperative effort since September 2009, it was Bell’s board that took the initial steps to begin talks and both boards voted unanimously to enter into the agreement.

“I think we can give better care to our community,” said Ron Katers, chairman of the Bell board. “It’s great for employment. We have to retain more of our business within the county.”

MGH board Chairman Tim Larson agreed.

“I think it’s the right time ... to really form a strategic partnership,” he said. “We’re better off working together and using our resources as best we can.”

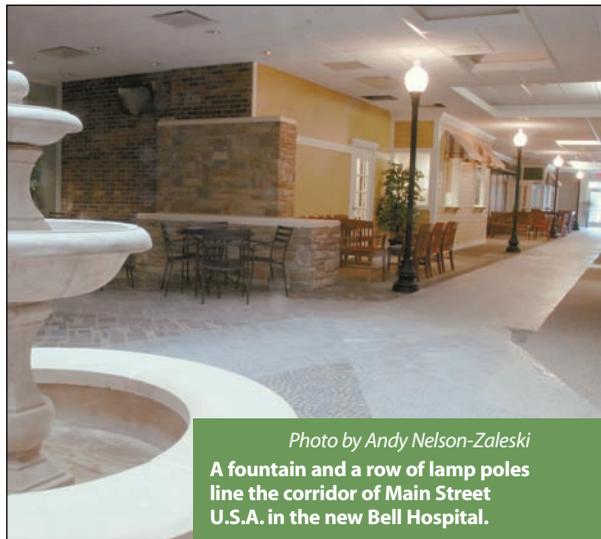


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A fountain and a row of lamp poles line the corridor of Main Street U.S.A. in the new Bell Hospital.

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The Lake Superior Community Partnership Strategic Plan



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Our vision of Marquette County is one of vibrant and unique communities, inspired by the natural beauty, joining together to support the critical building blocks of a livable community for all our residents and guests.

For any business, having a plan to grow is important for future success. And when you're an economic development organization representing an entire county, full of both small and large businesses, having a strategic plan is essential.

The Lake Superior Community Partnership recently put the finishing touches on a new three-year strategic plan that will take the organization through the end of 2012.

"As a staff we need a plan. We need to understand our board's and our community's expectations," said LSCP Chief Executive Officer Amy Clickner. "Everything we do is for the community. What we want to see with this plan is job and wealth creation."

The yearlong plan development process is a "step up" from previous strategic plans, Clickner said.

From focusing on business growth to advocating for Marquette County at the state and national government levels to fostering regional cooperation, the three-year strategic plan will help ensure those involved in the county's business community are on the same page moving forward. Here are some high points:

Business Growth

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is focused on the retention and growth of business in our community. It is the role of the LSCP to provide the necessary resources and connections in order for new and existing businesses to be successful.

- Pursue a partnership with higher education institutions and Michigan Works! to track number of college graduates securing jobs in Marquette County. Work toward retention of

these graduates.

- Support an entrepreneurial culture by supporting entrepreneurs and networking, including home-based business, in Marquette County.
- Support local businesses in their capital growth needs.
- Document local business to business investment levels, sources, opportunities and needs in Marquette County.

Advocacy

The Lake Superior Community Partnership serves as the "eyes and ears" for the business community and local government. Lending a voice to its constituents locally, in Lansing and Washington, D.C., is a priority that is ever increasing in importance for the organization.

- Annually produce a legislative agenda that will be incorporated into the Ambassadors' White Papers.
- Take the lead role as an advocate for rural policy development.
- Be a strong advocate for public/private solutions.
- Seek broad input from members on advocacy issues.

Membership

As a private/public partnership, our members play a critical role in the success of the organization.

- Implement plan for structured growth for membership dues/time investments and track as an index of how well the LSCP meets the needs of these groups.
- Evaluate and create a recommendation of technology as revenue generation opportunities.

LSCP Core Values

- *Integrity*
- *Innovation*
- *Collaboration*
- *Sustainability*



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- Ensure broad representation of membership on boards, committees, and task forces.
- Annually analyze membership composition.

Major Industry

Education, health care, timber, tourism, and mineral extraction are expected to comprise the major industry category in Marquette County into 2015. The sustainability of these industries and the businesses that support and supply them is critical.

- Determine opportunities in the “green economy” for Marquette County.
- Assist small and mid-sized suppliers to major industry with market diversification.
- Survey stage 3 and 4 businesses to identify their top 5 needs over the next 3 years.
- Identify supplier gaps for local industry.
- Support workforce recruitment and retention.



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Communication

Communications, both internally and externally, need to be consistent, professional, and effective. Technological advances in communication should be considered and adopted as needed.

- Evaluate and employ web technology to further member communications.
- Monitor web statistics to ensure information has value.
- Share a bulleted list of weekly highlights with members.
- Research utilizing new media and social networking web sites to more effectively communicate information.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive communication plan that will showcase Lake Superior Community Partnership activities, build awareness for local industry, illustrate the importance of economic development in the area and identify the LSCP as a leader in helping our communities prosper.

Regional Cooperation

The Lake Superior Community Partnership serves as a convener and leader of entities for the purpose of regional sustainable development.

- Collaborate with other U.P. institutions to develop a collaborative process to work toward a regional, sustainable development agenda. Topics should include health care, education, land use, transportation, energy, and units of government.
- Add a session that discusses regional challenges and opportunities in the leadership program.
- Investigate opportunities for a U.P. wide leadership academy.



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Fireworks over Lake Superior

RESOURCES & SERVICES:



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Billed as the gateway to Lake Superior's splendor, historic downtown Marquette is a treasure trove of clothing and gift shops, a waterfront park, galleries, historic lodging and museums.

More than 500 miles of groomed trails beckon snowmobilers to Marquette County every winter. Ishpeming is the home of the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum (906-485-6323).

The rich culinary history of the region can be tasted at the area's fine restaurants with menus featuring fresh whitefish and trout, steaks and pasta.

UTILITIES:

Marquette County area code is (906)

Telephone:

AT&T: (800) 244-4444
Superior Spectrum: 227-7770
Charter: (888) 438-2427

Cable:

Charter Communications: (800) 545-0994
City of Negaunee: 475-7400

Gas (Natural):

SEMCO Energy Gas: (800) 624-2019

Gas (Propane):

Amerigas: (800) 475-6670
Ferrell Gas: (800) 530-0013
Harvey Oil: 226-0866
Quality Propane Service: 346-4922
Superior Propane: (800) 794-7981

Electric:

Marquette Board of Light and Power: 228-0300
Upper Peninsula Power Co: .. 228-0311
We Energies: (800) 558-3303

Water/Sewer:

City of Ishpeming: 486-9371
City of Marquette: 228-0444
City of Negaunee: 475-9991
Chocoday Township: 249-1448
Ely Township: 486-6802
Forsyth Township: 346-9217
Ishpeming Township: 485-5411
Marquette Township: 228-6220
Michigamme Township: 323-6608
Negaunee Township: 475-7869
Powell Township: 345-9345
Republic Township: 376-8827
Richmond Township: 475-4180
Skandia Township: 942-7404
Tilden Township: 486-6580
West Branch Township: 942-7400

ARTS & CULTURE:

City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center: 228-0472
Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery: 323-6546
Marquette Symphony Orchestra: 228-0472
Peninsula Arts Appreciation Council: 475-7188
Pine Mountain Music Festival: (888) 309-7861
Lake Superior Theatre: 227-7625
DeVos Art Museum: 227-2082

MEDICAL:

Marquette County area code is (906)

- Marquette General Health System:** (800) 562-9753
- Bell Hospital:** 486-4431
- Upper Peninsula Medical Center:** 225-3905

EDUCATION:

- Father Marquette Catholic Central School System:** 225-1129
- Father Marquette Middle School:** 226-7912
- Gwinn Area Community Schools:** 346-9283
- Ishpeming Public Schools:** 485-5501
- Ishpeming/Negaunee/NICE Community Schools:** 475-4173
- Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency:** ... 226-5100
- Marquette Area Public Schools:** 225-5320
- Midwest Skills Development Center:** 226-9658
- Negaunee Public Schools:** 475-4157
- NICE Community Schools:** 485-1021
- Northern Michigan University:** (800) 682-9797
- Northstar Public School Academy:** 226-0156
- Powell Township School District:** 345-9355
- Republic-Michigamme Schools:** 376-2277
- Wells Township School District:** 238-4200

TRANSPORTATION:

- Sawyer International Airport:** 346-3308
- American Eagle (American Airlines):** 800-433-7300
Service to Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Chicago O'hare
- Mesaba Airlink (Delta Airlines):** 800-221-1212
Service to Detroit Metro and Minnesota St. Paul
- Escanaba Moving Systems:** 786-8205 or 800-433-1537
- Guindon Moving & Storage:** 475-4139 or 800-628-0927
- Avis Rental Car Service:** 346-6398 or 800-331-1212
- Budget Truck Rental:** 249-2159
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