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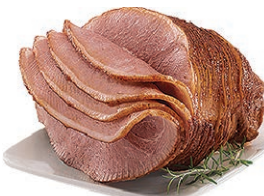
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# Ozark Mountain Daredevils return to Crystal Theatre for final tour

CRYSTAL FALLS – Crystal Theatre is pleased to reveal that the annual Legend Concert will welcome back The Ozark Mountain Daredevils Saturday, July 11 at 7 p.m. for “When it Shines - the Final Tour.”

“When the Daredevils announced their final tour, they approached Crystal Theatre about being a part of music history,” says managing director Kristin Underhill. “The band enjoyed experiencing Crystal Falls’ hospitality in 2023 and couldn’t wait to come back! This is a big honor not only for Crystal Theatre but for our community. You’re invited to “Chicken Train” with the legendary band one last time!”

The popular band of the ‘70s and ‘80s is widely known for their singles “If You Wanna Get to Heaven” and “Jackie Blue.” Two of the founding members, John Dillon and Michael Supe Granda, are still touring with the band.

The Daredevils organized as a band in Springfield, Missouri in 1971. In the beginning, they called themselves the Family Tree, then Burlap Socks, and then the Emergency Band. They finally settled on the catchy moniker of Cosmic Corncob & His Amazing Ozark Mountain Daredevils—The Ozark Mountain Daredevils, for short.

Aptly described as “a ragtag collection of hippies, bohemians and musicians of no fixed ambition,” the Daredevils have defied musical genre labels. They produce

sounds of country-rock and electric bluegrass on the same record, write lyrics both whimsical and poetic, and sing harmonies that can send shivers up the spine.

In 2022, the group celebrated their 50th year anniversary, making their Grand Ole Opry debut in Nashville as part of their Time Warp Tour. A documentary, Ozark Mountain Daredevils Backstage, was broadcast on PBS Television.

The Daredevils have released a number of major label and independent record label recordings, and have traveled millions of miles performing throughout North America and Europe. They still attract and maintain a loyal and dedicated fan base throughout the world.

Their current lineup of talented musicians allows the band to perform songs from every corner of their vast catalogue, and they continue to delight Dareheads with their live performances. With two of the original co-founders still on board, their signature sound and style remain intact and vibrant. Their most recent albums; Off The Beaten Path and Heaven 20/20 are their first studio recordings since 1997. The new albums contain all new songs, proving their nonstop evolution as songwriters and musicians.

A sold-out audience is expected for this legendary performance. All seats are reserved. Tickets will go on sale soon.

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# Girl Scout Week

# March 9-15



**Crystal Falls Troop #5464**  
Co-Leaders are Vanessa Warren and Krystal Kudwa. Troop Helper is Alicia Boussum

### Girl Scouts gear up for 2025 Cookie Season

Watch for cookie booths popping up throughout the community from March 7 through 30. **The following is a list of local Girl Scout troops having cookie booths in Iron County area:**

- ✓ Troop #5464 from Crystal Falls will be having a cookie booth Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crystal Fresh Market in Crystal Falls.
- ✓ Troops #5222, #5344 and #5370 from Iron River will be having a cookie booth Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ace Hardware.
- ✓ Troop #5311 from Iron River will be having cookie booths on three different dates; Sunday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Ace Hardware, Friday, March 14 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Family Foods, Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SuperOne Foods and Sunday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SuperOne Foods.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program runs January 22 through March 31. Visit [gsnwg.org/cookies](http://gsnwg.org/cookies) to learn more.

### Did you know...all about girls scouts

- ✓ The first Girl Scout cookies appeared in 1917 and they were not Thin Mints. They were sugar cookies that families baked at home and sold in their communities.
- ✓ In 1922, the first official recipe was released nationally and cookie sales as a way of raising funds for the Girl Scouts began to catch fire. (See recipe)
- ✓ In 1934, the Girl Scouts contracted their first commercial baker. By 1936, they had their first licensed industrial bakery selling these tasty treats through 125 local chapters.



- ✓ Girl Scout cookies disappeared in the 1940s because of World War II. Sugar, flour and butter were rationed, forcing the Girl Scouts to sell calendars instead. But they weren't anywhere near as popular -- or tasty.
- ✓ By the 1950s, Girl Scouts had 30 bakeries across the country, which were downsized to 14 in the 1960s and by the 1990s, it was reduced down to just two bakeries: ABC Bakers and Little Brownie.
- ✓ In 1951, the first standard cookies were created: Sandwich, which became Do-Si-Dos; Shortbread, which went on to be Trefoils; and Chocolate Mint, or what we call Thin Mints today.
- ✓ Did you know that Jan Davis, a former Girl Scout and the first female space shuttle commander, brought Girl Scout cookies into space on the Space Shuttle Endeavour in 1992.



**Iron River Troop #5222**  
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Human Body Design

Dear Reader,

When we stop to think about the design of the human body, we might find ourselves wondering if it could have been crafted more efficiently. Consider the everyday processes of hydration and nutrition: why must we spend so much of our lives urinating or expelling waste from our bodies? Couldn't we have been designed to hydrate through the skin, or metabolize food directly into energy without the need for waste?

It's a curious thought experiment—imagining a body that functions without the need to “offload” its excesses, freeing us from the sometimes inconvenient realities of biological maintenance. Wouldn't it be wonderful to live unencumbered by these daily rituals, focusing solely on the higher pursuits of life?

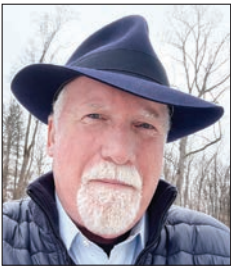
Yet, when we reflect more deeply, we realize that the human body as it is designed is nothing short of miraculous. It's a complex, harmonious system where countless processes—digestion, circulation, respiration—work in synchrony to sustain us. These so-called inefficiencies might actually be part of the greater design, teaching us humility and grounding us in the rhythms of life. They remind us of our interconnectedness with nature and the delicate balance we inhabit.

Could there have been a “better” design? Perhaps. But then, would we be the same creatures we are now—resilient, adaptable, and marvelously imperfect? Perhaps the true genius of the human design lies not in its flawlessness, but in its resilience and ability to grow through imperfection.

PATRICK J. WOOD

Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



Texas Hold'em Tournament

CASPIAN - The Caspian Gaastra Fire Department will be hosting a Fundraising Texas Hold'em Tournament Friday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. with registration to open at 6 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Caspian.

There will be an entry fee and chip bonus for early sign up. Prize money will be based on numbers of entries. To pre-sign up contact 906-284-0036 or email CGFD at caspiangaastra@yahoo.com.

NMU accepts applicants for scholarship

Northern Michigan University invites incoming fall 2025 first-year students to apply for The Schultz Family Foundation 'First-Generation Empowerment Scholarship'. The award, worth up to \$15,000 per year for up to four years, is geared toward students whose parents or legal guardians have not completed a bachelor's degree. Howard Schultz, Starbucks chairman emeritus and former CEO, was a first-generation NMU student who graduated with a degree in communications in 1975. He and his wife, Sheri Kersch-Schultz, established the scholarship as part of a \$1 million gift to NMU through their foundation.

“The empowerment scholarship is crafted on the notion that, while talent is everywhere, opportunity is not,” said Jeff Korpi, associate vice president of the Northern Student Experience. “In addition to the funding support it provides, recipients will also be included in the first cohort of the Schultz Family Foundation Fellows program. They will learn what it means to be a servant leader—a quality Howard has emphasized—and forge a path forward with opportunities for mentorship, faculty/staff support and a strong community ready to encourage them every step of the way.”

The Schultz Family Foundation First-Generation Empowerment Scholarship is a “last dollar” scholarship, which means students can use up to \$15,000 per year to pay for educational expenses after all other financial aid has been applied. Educational expenses may include books, housing and meals, student activity fee, recreation pass, parking pass, transportation expenses and others.

In addition to being a first-generation student, each applicant must be a first-year, bachelor's degree-seeking student from the U.S. who is able to move into on-campus housing two weeks prior to the start of the semester. The award is not available to Global Campus or international students.

Eligible students should apply and be admitted to NMU ([nmu.edu/apply](http://nmu.edu/apply)), submit a FAFSA form to demonstrate financial need ([fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)), and submit a Schultz Family Foundation First-Generation Empowerment Scholarship application and additional materials. The deadline for submissions is March 30, with decisions released on April 15.

Learn more at [nmu.edu/admissions/schultz-family-foundation-scholarship](http://nmu.edu/admissions/schultz-family-foundation-scholarship).

Glacial Gardeners seeking new members

FLORENCE, Wis. - Do you enjoy gardening or want to learn more about gardening? Then consider joining the Glacial Gardeners. This regional group was formed in 1997. Meetings are at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Florence Natural Resource Center lower level conference room. You are welcome to attend a meeting to learn more about what you can learn as a member and how you can help with a community and/or school project.

The Glacial Gardeners have hosted an Annual Plant Sale on the last Saturday of May at the Florence Fairgrounds for over 15 years. This event raises money to offer several \$1,000 scholarships for Dickinson and Iron

county students in Michigan and Florence and northern Marinette county students in Wisconsin enrolled in a variety of two or four-year College programs directly or indirectly related to horticulture. Over \$32,000 has been awarded to date. Applications are at area high school counselor offices and at Bay College and NWTC financial aid offices. Completed applications must be submitted by June 16.

Members volunteer their time to update and maintain several community flower gardens in the area including at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center, in front of the Florence Community Center and in Aurora. Members also share knowledge with each other and with local elementary students on a variety of plant related topics.

Other member benefits include learning at informational programs, touring local private gardens, potluck events, sharing plants/seeds and making plant related craft projects. Members learn how they could participate in the University of Wisconsin Master Gardeners program, but are not required to be Master Gardeners. New members interested in gardening at home as well as within the community are always welcome. More information can be attained by email to [glacial.gardeners@gmail.com](mailto:glacial.gardeners@gmail.com).



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Lara Ryan from Crystal Falls sharing her enthusiasm about attending DREAM 2025.

# Bay College Nursing Students Staff to attend conference

ESCANABA & IRON MOUNTAIN - Bay College is proud to announce two nursing students, Skyler Newman and Lara Ryan, will be attending the Achieving the Dream (ATD) DREAM 2025 Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania along with a group of seven Bay College employees. This prestigious event brings together leaders in higher education to discuss student success, institutional transformation and the power of community colleges in shaping the future.

As a Leader College of Distinction, Bay College has been actively engaged with ATD since 2007. The college is currently part of the Diversifying Nursing Pathways grant through ATD, which supports nursing students through dedicated

advising and resources. As part of this initiative, Bay College representatives will present a poster on the nursing program and participate in a panel discussion on grant-supported advancements in nursing education.

Newman and Ryan, nominated by nursing faculty for this honor, will join staff in representing Bay College at the conference. They will take part in various activities, including a student-focused closing session aimed at enhancing student engagement and success strategies.

Ryan, from Crystal Falls, is to graduate in 2026. She shared her enthusiasm about attending DREAM 2025, saying, "I feel privileged and thankful for this opportunity. I hope to gain

knowledge from other schools that can help nursing students at Bay College. I am excited to meet other students, hear their stories and learn how different schools support nursing students through their challenges."

Newman, who resides in Kingsford and will graduate with his Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) in May 2025.

Both students are eager to network with fellow attendees, gain insights into best practices in nursing education, and explore new strategies for student success. They also look forward to immersing themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Philadelphia.

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# Northern Waters Casino Resort gives back

WATERSMEET – Northern Waters Casino Resort continues its commitment to supporting local communities by distributing funds to key organizations and leaders working to enhance the region. Through its 2% grant funding program, the casino allocates a portion of its net revenue each year to fund local projects that strengthen and improve community resources.

Recently, the casino provided financial contributions to several recipients, including George Peterson III, Superintendent of Watersmeet School District, who expressed gratitude for the funding, which will be used to upgrade the district's computer systems in Watersmeet as well as Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District, improving technology and learning opportunities for students.

Additionally, funding was provided

to support emergency response efforts, including a contribution toward a new "snowbulance" for the fire department, which will enhance emergency services in remote and difficult-to-access areas during winter months.

Gogebic County Administrator, along with Donna Kenney from Marenisco Township and Yvonne Clark, Supervisor for Watersmeet Township, also received funds and shared their appreciation for the casino's ongoing commitment to community investment.

"The generosity and dedication of Chairman Williams Jr., the Tribal Council, and Northern Waters Casino Resort make a real difference in our community," said Peterson. "This funding allows us to enhance our schools, improve resources, and support our residents in meaningful ways."

Each year, Northern Waters Casino Resort's 2% net revenue contributions play a vital role in strengthening local programs, public services and infrastructure improvements. The casino

remains dedicated to investing in its surrounding communities and ensuring that organizations have the necessary support to thrive.

## BULLETIN BOARD...

- 4-H meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the West Iron District Library at 6 p.m.
- Al-Anon meetings for family and friends of alcoholics are held as follows: Monday-closed meeting, non-smoking, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at the St. Agnes school building, north entrance, in Iron River. Call 906-285-2678 for more information.
- AA Meeting every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 W. Adams St., Iron River. Book study. Enter side door.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Closed A.A. meeting on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. and on Fridays at 10 a.m. at the St. Agnes School Building, north entrance, first room on the right. Handicap accessible.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held in Crystal Falls on Mondays at 7 p.m. at United Lutheran Church on Superior Avenue. Call 906-875-3081.
- Alpha Rifle and Pistol Club monthly meeting at 10 a.m. second Saturday of the month at the Crystal Falls Trading Company.
- AMVETS Post 436 (Beechwood) meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Beechwood Hall. Veterans always welcome. Contact number 906-265-3645.
- Beechwood Historical Society meets the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Beechwood Hall, 178 Beechwood Store Road, Iron River.
- Caring House can be contacted via the 24-hour crisis line in Iron Mountain. The toll-free number is 1-800-392-7839.
- Carrie Jacobs Bond Quilters monthly meeting is every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Center Room 208.
- Chippewa Snokats ATV and Snowmobile Club meet monthly at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Crystal Falls VFW.
- Classic Farm Machinery of Iron County meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the back room of the Iron River VFW. For more information call Fred Hauser at 1-262-914-2316.
- Crystal Falls American Legion Post 87 meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the V.F.W. during the winter months and at Camp Christine during the summer months with the Camp Christine Veterans Park Committee meeting immediately following the regular meeting.
- Crystal Falls District Library Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The public is invited.
- Crystal Falls Senior/Community Center meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. 601 Marquette Ave.
- Crystal Falls V.F.W. Post 2891 meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at their post at 6:30 p.m.
- Iron Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Caspian Ice Arena. Open skate is on Friday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Iron County Cancer Unit is now assisting cancer patients. For information, call 906-265-4420. www.ironcountycancerunit.com or find us on Facebook at Iron County Cancer Unit.
- Iron County (MI) Genealogical Society meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m., at the West Iron District Library in the J. Patrick White Conference Room. For more information please visit the Facebook group: Genealogy Iron County MI or contact Pat at 906-265-2175.
- Iron County GoldenKClub meets Wednesday at 8 a.m. at the Iron River Senior Center for coffee, donuts and conversation. Our primary goal is to make Iron County a better place to live. We welcome newcomers who wish to join our efforts.
- Iron County Historical and Museum Society meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Iron County Museum, 100 Brady Ave., Caspian.
- Iron County Medical Care Facility Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at 11:30. Contact the facility at 906-874-1130 for time and place.
- Iron County Right to Life Meeting 2nd Saturday of the month 10 a.m. St. Agnes School Building 702 N. 4th Ave Iron River
- Iron County Rubber Stampers/Paper Artists meet at the West Iron District Library in the J. Patrick White Conference Room on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
- Iron Range Amateur Radio Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Iron County Museum.
- Iron River V.F.W. Post No. 3134 meets the third Monday of the month. House meeting 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 7 p.m. Located at 94 East Genesee St.
- Masonic Lodge has open Bingo every fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. through October. Located at 815 Crystal Avenue, Crystal Falls.
- Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Windsor Center Hall, and Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Windsor Center Hall from Labor Day to Memorial Day, and at Nanaimo Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Iron River.
- North County Cruisers Car Club meets the second Monday of the month from May to October at 7 p.m. at the Crystal Falls VFW Post 2891.
- Northwoods Animal Shelter meets the third Monday of every month except for November and no meeting in December at 930 Selden Road.
- Ojibway Archery Bow nights every Wednesday starting in Dec. goes through April 13 at Camp Gibbs Recreational Area from 4-7 p.m., 129 West Camp Gibbs Road. For more information campgibbsarcheryrange@gmail.com
- Serenity Seekers AA group meeting is held at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls; meetings held on Sunday at 6 p.m., use side door off of US-2.
- Stambaugh Legion Auxiliary Reino Unit 21 meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Post. Any military who are being deployed or coming home please contact Linda Nasser 906-367-7003.
- The Mom Co a faith based motherhood group, meets at the Windsor Center - Room 207, on the fourth Monday of each month, unless it lands on a holiday. For those months contact Rebecca at 507-383-6050 or go to www.themomco.com/groups/irmotherhoodredefined for more information.
- TOPS Club M11072 meets every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Crystal Falls City Hall council room. New members welcome. For more information call Rose at 906-875-6478.
- Widow and Widower Gathering of Iron County A social group (not dating) for the remaining spouse meets the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in Room 311 at the Windsor Center, Iron River unless outing is scheduled. This group does not provide grief counseling. Contact Sue at 906-265-4771 for more information.

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