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Summer Fun Guide

IRON COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND SURROUNDING AREAS



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Are you ready for a summer filled with sights and sound? Well Iron County has it for you and the Summer Fun Guide is filled with everything you need to know from events, shopping and nature.

Iron County has 314 swimming pools- clear fresh water lakes, 900 miles of rivers for fishing, kayaking, tubing and a natural playground of 993,110 acres of Ottawa National forest in Upper Michigan, for hiking, biking and camping. Listen to the summer peepers or the loons calling, maybe it's the campfires

crackling. Night skies for star gazing.

If you like a little more excitement check out some of the best events around like the U.P. Championship Rodeo, Bass Fest, U.P. Fireman's Tournament, Fungus Fest, parades the list goes on and on.

As you page through this year's Summer Fun Guide, reacquaint yourself with the many natural wonders, historic places and outdoor events along with the most magnificent little shops to find treasures.

















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Iron County Parks and Lakes

Bachman Park

A city park at the corner of Franklin Street and Third Ave. with a playground, softball diamond and tennis and basketball courts.

Bates Township Park - Sunset Lake

In Bates Township with a beach, playground, boat launch, baseball diamonds, picnic area and campground with 13 units.

Bewabic State Park

Located on the north and west shores of Fortune Lake, right off US 2. Activities include swimming, boating, fishing and tennis. There is a daily/seasonal fee.

Dawson Lake Park

On the far eastern end of Iron County, operated by Mansfield Township. Just south of M-69, on Dawson Lake Road.

Gibson Lake Park

Two miles south of Amasa and just west of US 141. Camping, pavilion, change house, playground equipment, swimming.

Glidden Lake

South of M-69, just west of Lake Mary Road

Hagerman Lake

To get to Hagerman Lake from Iron River, take US 2 west, turn south onto



M-73, travel approximately 5 miles, turn right onto Hagerman Lake Road, travel approximately 3/4 mile, boat ramp will be on the right. Swimming is also allowed.

Holmes Lake Park

11 miles east of Crystal Falls then North on County Line Road. A small four unit campground with swimming and fishing.

Holmes Park

Stambaugh Township run, located on Little Smoky Lake in the far southwest corner of Iron County. Along

Forest Highway 16, about a mile north of the Wisconsin border. A small seven unit campground with no electricity or water but there is a boat landing, beach and change house. There is a daily fee.

Ice Lake Park

A city park on the west shore of Ice Lake, south of US 2 and just north of the hospital. It has a sandy beach, some playground equipment and a change house.

Nanaimo Park

An Iron River city park on Third

Avenue just north of the river, with picnic tables and a pavilion.

Nelson Field

On Evergreen Street just east of Washington Avenue with tennis courts, basketball court, picnic tables, playground and a walking track around the football field.

Ottawa Lake

About five miles southwest of Iron River off M-73. Campground with 32 sites, pavillion, swimming beach, changing room, playground and ballfield.

Pentoga Park

A county park on the south shore of Chicaugon Lake. The entrance is off County Road 424, about halfway between Gaastra and Alpha. A large grassy area, playground equipment, beach, campground and Indian burial grounds. There is a daily/seasonal fee.

Runkle Lake Park

A city park on the west shore, north of M-69 and a few blocks east of the Paint River. A Campground with 57 units, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, several buildings and sandy beach.

Stager Lake

About 1 1/2 miles west of US 2-141 on Stager Lake Road.



Calendar of Events

MAY

- 24
- Peter Beregin/Ragtime Pianist at the Crystal Theatre 7- 9 p.m.
- 25
- Open Mic Night at the Windsor Center 7 p.m.
- 25
- BHPS Bake Sale at Bigari Ace Hardware 8 a.m. to Noon
- 30-31
- 'Into the Woods' by the West End Players at the Windsor Center 6:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 1
- 'Into the Woods' by the West End Players at the Windsor Center 7 p.m.
- 1
- Farmer's Market in Iron River on Wednesdays 1 - 5 p.m., in Crystal Falls on Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 1
- Iron County Museum in Caspian - Summer Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 1-2
- Free Fishing Weekend in Wisconsin
- 2
- 'Into the Woods' by the West End Players at the Windsor Center 3 p.m.
- 2
- Young's Golf Course - Iron Area Health Foundations Golf Scramble
- 7
- Timothy James at the Crystal Theatre 7- 9 p.m.
- 8
- Artist Show sponsored by Beechwood Historical Society Noon - 4 p.m.
- 8-9
- Michigan Free Fishing and ORV Weekend
- 8-9
- Pictured Rock Days - Yoopers Ride Free
- 9
- Paddington Bear at the Harbour House 2 p.m.
- 14
- "The Pied Piper" at the Crystal Theatre 7- 9 p.m.
- 15
- "The Pied Piper" at the Crystal Theatre 2 - 4 p.m.
- 15
- Saturday Eve Cruise Fest on Genesee Street 5 - 8 p.m.
- 16
- Father's Day Car & Tractor Show on Genesee

- 21
- Street Noon - 5 p.m.
- 21
- History Happy Hour at the Iron County Museum 6 - 8 p.m.
- 29
- Harbour House Museum presents 1st Annual Rhubarb Festival 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 29
- Open Mic Night at the Windsor Center 7 p.m.
- 29
- Keillor & Company at the Crystal Theatre 7 - 9 p.m.

JULY

- 2
- Lincoln is Crying-Documentary at the Crystal Theatre 7 - 9 p.m.
- 4
- 10th Alpha Independence Day Celebration
- 4
- Iron River Independence Day Celebration
- 5-6
- BHPS - Rummage Sale at the Bates Hall 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- 5-7
- Bass Festival - Runkle Lake
- 7
- Run Your Bass Off - Runkle Lake Park in Crystal Falls
- 7
- Barbie Collection at the Harbour House 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 12
- Dead Letter Office (R.E.M. Tribute) at the Crystal Theatre 7 - 9 p.m.
- 12
- Rodeo Market Days on Genesee Street 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 12-13
- U.P. Championship Rodeo at the Fairgrounds in Iron River
- 19
- History Happy Hour at the Iron County Museum 6 - 8 p.m.
- 26
- The sounds of Simon & Garfunkel at the Crystal Theatre 7 - 9 p.m.
- 26-28
- U.P. Firefighters Tournament in Iron River
- 27
- Flea Market & Beechwood Hall Society Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 27
- Open Mic Night at the Windsor Center 7 p.m.

AUGUST

- 2
- 'The Aristocats Kids' by the West End Players

- 3
- at the Windsor Center 6 p.m.
- 3
- Vintage Snowmobile Show & Fundraiser - Iron Range Trail Club 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3
- The Aristocats Kids' by the West End Players at the Windsor Center 3 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- 6
- Classic Car Cruise Night on Genesee Street 4 - 7 p.m.
- 7
- Paddle the Ottawa sponsored by Iron County Watershed Coalition 5 p.m.
- 8-11
- Iron County Fair at the Fairgrounds in Iron River
- 12-18
- U.P. State Fair in Escanaba
- 13
- Classic Car Cruise Night on Genesee Street 4 - 7 p.m.
- 16
- History Happy Hour at the Iron County Museum 6 - 8 p.m.
- 16
- The Tamburitzans at the Crystal Theatre at 6 p.m.
- 17-18
- Michigan Free ORV Weekend
- 20
- Classic Car Cruise Night on Genesee Street 4 - 7 p.m.
- 23-24
- Humongous Fungus Festival in Crystal Falls
- 24
- Fungus Fest, Burgers & Hot dogs at the Harbour House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 24
- Tastings, Tapas & Tours Fundraiser at the Iron County Museum 4-7 p.m.
- 24
- That 70's Music at the Crystal Theatre 7- 9 p.m.
- 25
- Beethoven & Banjos at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Chapel 2 - 4 p.m.
- 26
- The Tamburitzans at the Crystal Theatre 7 - 9 p.m.
- 27
- Classic Car Cruise Night on Genesee Street 4 - 7 p.m.
- 31
- Open Mic Night at the Windsor Center 7 p.m.



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IRON COUNTY - Visitors looking for an unforgettable summer adventure, stop by the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance (ICECA) for everything you need to know to truly experience all Iron County has to offer!

The ICECA is located in the A-frame building on Genesee Street in Iron River, one block off U.S. 2 behind the AmericInn. It is also the gateway to the Klint Safford Memorial RV Park.

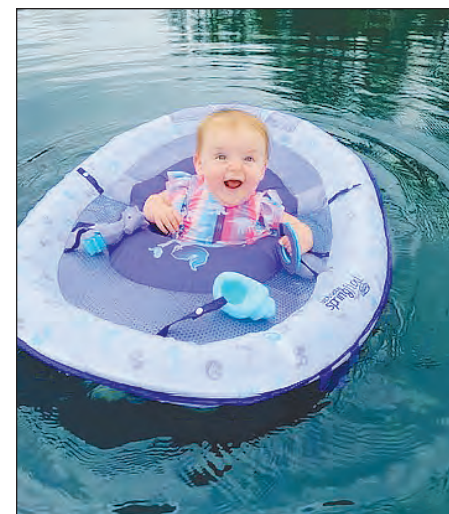
Whether visiting, planning a move to the area or someone already living

in Iron County, the ICECA is an excellent information hub.

This summer, take a few minutes to visit the ICECA office or go to www.iron.org and explore what Iron County has to offer.

Whether fishing for outdoor information, hungry for local restaurants, shopping for treasures, digging into history or seeking a spot to rest for the next exciting event, the ICECA is an excellent resource.

For more information call 906-265-3822 or visit iron.org.



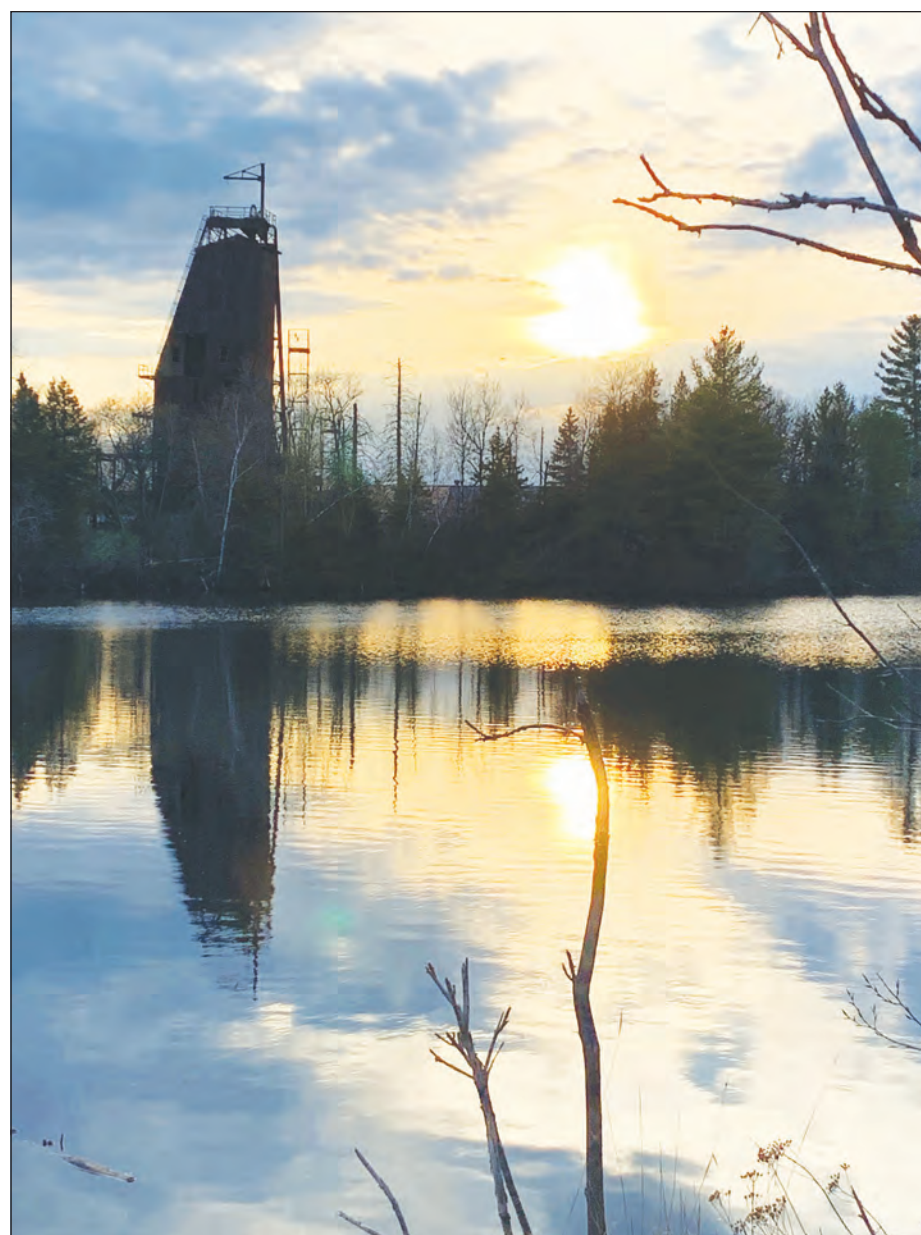
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Schedule of Events
Summer 2024

Off Season
Weather Permitting

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Jun 21st, 6-8pm | History Happy Hour (FREE ADMISSION) | Bill Jamerson: THE U.P.'s LOVE OF SKI JUMPING

Jul 19th, 6-8pm | History Happy Hour (FREE ADMISSION) | Nick Baumgartner: GOLD FROM IRON

Aug 16th, 6-8pm | History Happy Hour (FREE ADMISSION) | TBD

Aug 24th, 4-7pm | Tastings, Tapas & Tours | \$50 per person | \$90 per couple
Fundraiser & Silent Auction includes wine paired with brunch inspired appetizers
additional pours & beverages available for purchase

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IC Museum Prepares for a Busy Summer of Events and Projects

CASPIAN – The Iron County Historical & Museum Society is gearing up for a busy summer. This year we have three History Happy Hours featuring fascinating topics relative to life here in the U.P. We're bringing back the fundraiser called Tastings, Tapas & Tours to help us with some of the repairs we did last year as well as what we have planned for this year. Our new Timeline exhibit is open to the public and located in the Michigan Corridor. The Rock & Mineral Exhibit, started just before the pandemic hit, is finally finished - though we still have more to add to that particular area. We are also working on a whole new set of exhibits in Heritage Hall. All of this to keep us on point with our mission "to preserve the past, inspire life-long learning and encourage cultural engagement".

"Things are happening this Summer," said Kathlene (KL) Long, Museum Director. "We have a full season of events and some hefty goals to meet. We spent the winter working hard on several projects. Like everyone else in Iron County, this weird Yooper winter gave us a couple extra challenges, but our staff and volunteers stepped up and got us through." Long went on to explain what these events do for the museum, "These summer fundraisers help us with repairs, upgrades and exhibits. We raise funds separately for staff wages and utilities, so these funds go directly towards preserving our buildings, upgrading exhibits and generally keeping the museum going. Community support and summer visitors are the only way we are able to continue making this museum the gem that it is!"

"We are creating a temporary exhibit that we will add to each week through the Summer of 2025," Long explained. "September 2, 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII or VJ Day. This exhibit will honor those men from Iron County who perished in that war. Keep an eye on us as we continue to build out this exhibit. We



will have it completed by June of next Summer."

Tastings, Tapas & Tours is slated for Saturday, August 24 from 4 – 7 p.m. The evening will feature wine tasting, a variety of appetizers, a silent auction and live entertainment. Brenda from Main Street Café is curating a brunch inspired menu of fabulous tapas paired with specially curated wines for a culinary delight not to be missed. Attendees will be able to tour some of the Museum's most popular exhibits where knowledgeable volunteers will be stationed to give historical background and answer questions. Tours will include the Lee LeBlanc Gallery, a preview of the anticipated exhibits in Heritage Hall and a walk through the

McGonigal Miniatures. Tickets will be \$50 per person or \$90 per couple and will go on sale June 1. Your ticket includes five tastings, unlimited tapas, tours and access to the silent auction. You will get to keep your logo'd wine glass. If you like the featured wines, you will be able to purchase full pours. You will also be able to purchase a selection of two of Alpha Michigan Brewing Company's locally brewed beers and a selection of beers in cans and boxed wine in Toti's Tavern. "Last year it was a beautiful day, folks really enjoyed the picnic tables set up in the courtyard. It was such a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends while supporting a great cause," enthused Long. "We look forward to another

successful and fun event."

History Happy Hours are always on a Friday, from 6 – 8 p.m. Admission and popcorn is free with drinks for purchase, there'll be time for socializing in our vintage taproom, Toti's Tavern, before and after the presentations and the gift shop will be open throughout.

Our first History Happy Hour will be Friday, June 21 will feature Ironwood based singer/songwriter Bill Jamerson who will present a music and storytelling program on the history of ski jumping in the U.P. He'll also have pictures and tons of fun facts.

Friday, July 19 our very own Nick Baumgartner will share his new book 'Gold From Iron' Hailing from Iron River, Nick has been part of the U.S. Snowboard team for nearly 20 years as a four-time Olympian, with his first Olympic Games in 2010. A proud Yooper, Nick continues to be a dominant force in international competition and is currently training for the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics. Nick is also an X-Games gold and silver medalist.

Friday, August 16 we will feature Mushing in the U.P.! by Darlene Walch, President of UP200.

Of course, if you simply want to come explore the museum, we are open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June, July and August. Weather permitting, we are also open in May, September and sometimes even into October. Call ahead if the weather is iffy. Explore nine plus acres and more than 20 buildings. Picnic tables throughout the property can be enjoyed by guests. We have two full art galleries and hundreds of exhibits depicting the heritage, culture and history of Iron County for you to explore.

For more information about upcoming activities, to buy tickets, make donations or learn about volunteer opportunities, visit www.IronCountyMuseum.org or call 906-265-2617.



Fish MI for free, June 8-9

LANSGING—Take advantage of the free weekend events on June 8-9. Catch some fish. Visit a state park. Ride the state ORV trails.

Two days twice a year, winter and summer, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premiere outdoor activities, Michigan fishing, for free.

All fishing license fees are waived for two days. A Recreation Passport will not be required for entry into state parks and boating access sites during Free Fishing Weekend. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations will still apply.

The winter weekend is always the Saturday and Sunday of President's Day weekend and the summer weekend is always the Saturday and Sunday following the first full week of June.

Fishing is one of the top family fun activities in Iron County, and its lakes and streams provide excellent sport fishing. Whether you prefer fishing from shore, in a boat on a lake, or donning hip-boots or waders for stream-fishing, Iron County's got a place for you.

Michigan offers some of the finest freshwater fishing in the world, with more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 11,000 inland lakes and tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams.

Featured Iron County lakes for Upper Michigan Fishing are:

- Lake Michigamme: Crystal Falls – northern pike, crappie, bass and walleye.
- Chicaugon Lake: Iron River and Crystal Falls – bass, lake trout, muskie, northern pike and walleye.
- Cable Lake: Amasa – bluegill, crappie, northern pike, bass and walleye.
- Lake Emily: Crystal Falls – bass, muskie, walleye, crappie, pike and bluegill.
- Golden Lake: Beechwood – lake trout, pike, crappie and bluegill.
- Indian Lake: Crystal Falls – bass, pike and



bluegill.

- Ice Lake: Iron River – small mouth, large mouth, northern, perch and crappie
- Iron Lake: Iron River – bluegill, walleye, pike, bass and crappie
- Lake Ottawa: Iron River – pike, bluegill, walleye, crappie and trout
- Paint Lake: Kenton – crappie, pike, bass and muskie
- Peavy Reservoir: Crystal Falls – walleye, pike, bluegill, crappie and bass
- Porter Lake: Amasa – bluegill, bass, pike and walleye

A list of Iron County lakes with maps are available through the Michigan DNR website.

To view a table of Iron County lakes go to the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance webpage at www.iron.org.

There are five Blue Ribbon Trout Streams in Iron County – the Brule River, Cooks Run, Fence River, Iron River and Paint River. To be classified as a Blue Ribbon Trout Stream the waterway must:

- be able to support excellent stocks of wild resident trout
- have the physical characteristics to permit fly casting but shallow enough to wade
- produce diverse insect life and good fly hatches

- have earned a good reputation for excellent trout fishing experience

- have excellent water quality

Iron County is home of five of Michigan's best.

For information on Michigan fishing license visit the Michigan.gov DNR website. You can also pick up a license in most gas stations in the area.

In addition to Free Fishing Weekend, on June 8-9, residents and nonresidents legally can ride without buying an ORV license or trail permit during the Michigan Free ORV Weekend. All other ORV rules and laws still apply. Test out 4,000 miles of Michigan's off-road trails and the state's five scramble areas (or introduce friends to the trail system) during two weekends this summer. The second free ORV weekend will be Aug. 17-18. For more information about Michigan Free ORV Weekends, visit Michigan.gov/ORVInfo.





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The Night Sky in the U.P.

The first step to viewing the night sky like never before is turning your eyes to the sky. Get yourself to where they can really be seen and look up – in Michigan, beautiful dark skies are everywhere. Step away from the hustle and bustle of your daily routine and escape to the sky's natural brilliance. Just set up your blanket, grab a thermos full of hot chocolate and surround yourself with good company while you wait for Michigan's dark skies to light up in a sea of stars.

To allow the twinkling lights of the stars to really shine, you want to avoid creating any other light that will obstruct your view. Limit the use of all your devices and flashlights, and be sure to find a spot away from other artificial light sources like street lamps if you're not in a dark sky park. When you do need a light, use a red light. Red lights allow your eyes to stay adjusted to the darkness, while still helping you see things – such as where to walk on the trail or reading your star map. You can purchase a special red-light device, or simply tape a few layers of red cellophane over your flashlight!

The sky is home to more than just the moon and



stars. Check the orbit of the International Space Station to see if it will be visible, or learn the names of the satellites that will be gliding across the dark sky overhead. These man-made structures are visible at night when the sun reflects off their surfaces. You can also find out which planets will be visible depending on the time of year, or if a meteor shower will light up your night. It's best to research your viewing location beforehand so that you can know



what to expect, and it may give you something to hunt for as you focus your gaze among the stars.

A constellation is a grouping of stars that forms a distinctive shape, usually that of an animal or mythological being. As the year goes on, and the earth rotates around the sun and different constellations become visible, so research which constellations can be seen overhead from your dark sky destination. This summer in Michigan, look for Virgo, Sagittarius, and the Summer Triangle. Also, Ursa Major and Minor, known as the Big and Little Dippers are visible all year long in Michigan. Since they are simple and easy to identify, they can help direct you to other constellations as well.





Paddle the Ottawa

IRON COUNTY - The Iron County Watershed Coalition will be conducting “Paddle the Ottawa” at Lake Ottawa in Iron County on Wednesday, Aug. 7 beginning at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in getting out on a lake with other recreationalists is invited to bring a canoe or kayak and join in this community event. A picnic will be provided afterwards for those who participate.

This event will take the place of the annual “Float the Paint” held annually for the past seven years. With 250 lakes and 300 miles of rivers and streams in Iron County, opportunities abound for anyone yearning to be on the water. This type of event offers the experience of sharing the appreciation and enjoyment of our water-rich environment with others.

Visit ironcountywatershedcoalition.org for more information on this, as well as other work being done to restore and preserve our watersheds for future generations.





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Hiking and biking trails of Iron County

Take advantage of our beautiful weather and take in the beauty. There are plenty of hiking trails located within the Ottawa National Forest, George Young Recreation Complex,



Lake Mary Plains Pathway, the Apple Blossom Trails at the Welcome Center and many more.

- Apple Blossom Trail – The trail starts at Nanaimo Park in Iron River and proceeds 2 miles to the Iron County Historical Museum. It is adjacent to Tailings Disc Golf Course, too!

- Bewabic State Park – Bewabic is located on US 2 West of Crystal Falls on Fortune Lake. The trail starts in the campground and ends in the day-use area of the park. It takes about one hour to hike, and it's an easy trail to hike. Vehicle entrance fee.

- Ge-Che Trail – begins at Lake Ottawa Recreation Area boat landing and meanders for 9 miles between Lake Ottawa and Hagerman Lake. The Bennan Lake Loop (2 miles) and the Ge-Che Loop (2.5 miles).

- Lake Mary Hiking Trails – located in the Crystal Falls area, this system of hiking trails is a beautiful trek.

- Pentoga Park – Brule River Trail –

starts at the registration booth, crosses County Road 424 and continues to the Brule River. It's 2.5 miles from the park to the river. Indian Ceremonial Bowl – a one mile trail from the registration booth to the Bowl.

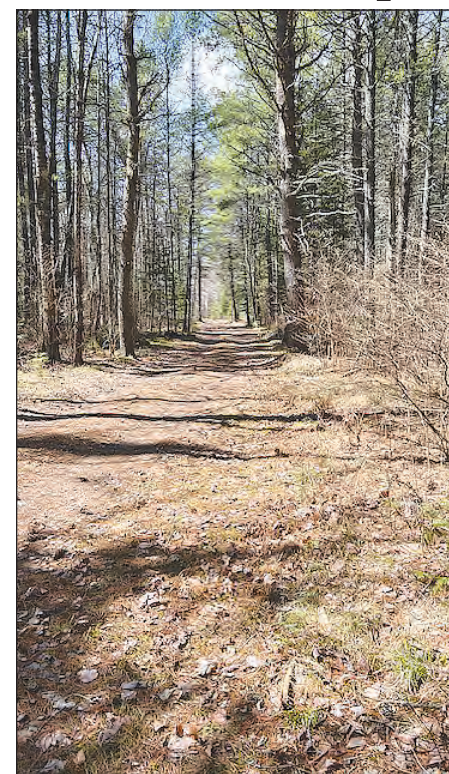
- Stateline Historic Site Trail – one half mile trail starts at the Brule Lake picnic grounds on the southwest end of Brule Lake. The trail leads to the Historical Treaty Tree and Wisconsin/Michigan overland border. It is also part of the Heritage Trail.

- Wolf Track Nature Trail – A unique self-guided interpretive nature walk is offered to the public by the George Young Recreational Complex. A 1.5 mile loop trail (with a 1/3 mile spur to MT. Margaret) winds leisurely through scenic woods, paced by well stationed signs interpreting nature in words and art.

Biking Trails

The Iron County Heritage Trail has several stretches of paved trail starting in downtown Crystal Falls stretching to Fortune Lake, and another section starting in Iron River and ending at Chicaugon Lake.

The Mirkwood Trail, finished in the fall of 2019, is a rustic bike and hik-



ing trail located next to the Iron River Airport behind the West Iron County High School. The trailhead is just off to the left from the road leading into the airport. The trail itself is a large loop you can walk/bike in either direction and is only about one mile in total distance.



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A Bit of Whimsy – whimsical find for fashion, gifting & living

IRON RIVER —A Bit of Whimsy has been a hub for the sale of handmade products by local artists from Iron County and its surrounding areas for over three years.

The shop features a wide selection of new and upcycled women's fashion, much of which is American made.

There are also many unique gift options available for purchase, perfect for loved ones young and old. Just to mention a few are specialty food items, jewelry, handmade clothing, purses, pottery, journals and books by local authors.

Owners Jeanine and Peter Garcia have put in extensive work to maintain and

preserve the original character of the historical location, which complements the eclectic, vintage-inspired style of much of the store's merchandise.

"The idea behind the art that we sell in here is that we have a desire to support Iron River families, because when we sell their art not only does it support our family, but it supports our local artisans and their families as well," said owner Jeanine Garcia.

A Bit of Whimsy is located at 302 W Genesee Street.

The shop's hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central Arts & Gifts – Custom Framing and more

IRON RIVER – Andy Busakowski takes pride in his business that he built with his wife, Lil. He has served his community for 50 years.

Andy is well-known for his custom framing. All kinds of mat board and glass are available, including clear picture glass and non-glare glass; UVF glass in clear and non-glare; museum glass and acrylic glazing. There are hundreds of choices available.

Also available at Central Arts & Gifts is a large selection of Polish stoneware and giftware.

Andy also carries children's books and historical books.

Stop by Central Arts & Gifts at 216 W. Genesee Street, Andy is open at 10 a.m. He can be reached at 906-265-2114.

Rose Quartz Cottage – the little treasure in the Northwoods

IRON RIVER – The Rose Quartz Cottage is a bright, energetic, and fun place to shop inside and out. Stop in and visit us while enjoying a complimentary cup of coffee.

This exclusive shop carries trendy clothing, soaps, tons of handbags, jewelry, gourmet coffee, teas, candles and so much more! The owners are always searching far and wide for amazing items to add to their inventory.

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Wink's Woods: The Gift Store with More!

CRYSTAL FALLS - No summer in Iron County is complete without a trip to Wink's Woods in Crystal Falls. Susie and Walt Winkowski began selling their handcrafted, wooden, home decor items in 1984. Today the store offers 1000's of items made by over 400 consigned artisans and crafters as well as manufactured pieces that have U.P. charm.

Roaming the display rooms at Wink's Woods is an adventure. Halloween and Easter share a side room. Everywhere browsers look there are quirky, sassy or heartwarming wooden signs. Chainsaw bears and eagles on the front porch guard the parking lot.

In recent years regionally-made jams, jellies, honeys, coffees, dip mixes and candy have been available. This summer, young visitors and the young-at-heart will be clamoring for freeze-dried candy and locally-made fudge. Be sure to follow the Wink's Woods FaceBook page to find out when they plan to offer samples for patrons to taste!

New items arrive daily and local artisans are always creating pieces that you didn't realize you couldn't live without until you saw them on a shelf at Wink's Woods.

From solar-powered garden ornaments to U.P.-themed trailer hitch covers, visitors will delight in the variety of items. There are frogs, gnomes, mushrooms, wind chimes, rain chains, yard stakes and beautiful laser-etched renderings of popular local lakes. Plan to take your time and be amazed by the treasures you'll see.

This year the Winkowskis are celebrating 40 years in business. Be sure to stop by on Saturday, June 8 to participate in the festivities. There will be live music, grilling, sampling, swag and prizes.

Wink's Woods is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. They are located at 1225 W US Hwy 2 in Crystal Falls, about half a mile east of Crystal Fresh Market.

Twisted Twig - just what you were looking for

CRYSTAL FALLS - On the hill in downtown Crystal Falls, a quaint town in the beautiful Upper Peninsula, is a one-hundred-year-old building that is home to The Twisted Twig Studio and Gifts.

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Custom silk arrangements and wreaths are our specialty – we would love to make one especially for you.

Our inventory is continuously refreshed with unique and seasonal items, including work from local artisans, ensuring there are always new treasures to find.

Twisted Twig is located at 336 Superior Avenue and open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please feel free to contact us at twistedtwig.gifts@gmail.com or give us a call at 906-284-1486.



Stanley Creek Crafts - a quaint log cabin

IRON RIVER — Step back in time with Anitha Thomas and her quaint log cabin store where she features many hand-made crafts, gifts and toys. Stanley Creek Crafts is located just outside of Iron River.

The store idea came from Anitha's own love for the Little House on the Prairie series, which she enjoys watching the movie versions.

Her ideas grew as she added related items to the list: hand-forged blacksmith items, natural soaps, beeswax items, her hand-woven things (that she makes) and of course, old-fashioned wooden toys. She has added newer-themed items like jewelry, postcards, books, U.P. souvenirs, T-shirts, journals and note pads to name a few.

Stanley Creek Crafts is located 1 mile south of U.S. 2 on Hwy. M-73 and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

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Cooking Class, Summer Reading, and Haunted Lighthouse Program Among Slate of Summer Events at WIDL



IRON RIVER — This summer is sure to be one full of fun, learning, and excitement at the West Iron District Library. The calendars are packed for June, July and August with programs for lovers of reading, art, music, movies, culture and crafts. Director/Early Literacy Coordinator, Stephanie Swenski and Program Coordinator, Erika Sauter shared details about the summer program staples and new events the community can look forward to, all of which are offered free of charge.

“The ever-popular Summer Reading Program for kids and teens will return in June,” said Swenski. “Children can register for the program and receive prizes for books they read each week and enjoy activities around the summer’s theme: Adventure Begins at Your Library!” Registration for summer reading will be on June 11 at 11 a.m.

Also returning this season is the ‘Live Music

Lunch’ series on Thursdays beginning June 16 at noon. Each Thursday will feature a different musician or band performing an hour of family-friendly music from all different genres including classical, show tunes, classic rock, folk and more.


Adults can sign up for a cooking demonstration with Chef Ming Louie on July 25 at 11 a.m. Chef Ming will teach attendees how to make their own sushi – not to be confused with sashimi (raw fish). Both sushi and sashimi are Japanese delicacies, but sushi does not always include raw fish, and in the case of this cooking class, the sushi will only include cooked meats and fresh vegetables. “This is your chance to expand your palate and learn a new skill,” encouraged Sauter. Registration is required.

Another exciting presentation will cover “Michigan’s Haunted Lighthouses” from historian, professional writer, broadcaster and public speaker,

Dianna Stampfler. This intriguing presentation will be offered on Tuesday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. and will include refreshments and a Q&A following the presentation.

Families can participate in tie-dye days, Friday art carts, story walks, song and dance, special themed programs, and a multitude of other activities. “We hope our community will come and enjoy all the free resources and programs the library has to offer,” said Swenski. “There are tons of opportunities to make great memories and have fun learning along the way.”

A full calendar of events can be found on westironlib.org, the West Iron District Library Facebook page, or picked up from the circulation desk. The WIDL is located at 116 W. Genesee Street. For more information, call 906-265-2831 or email sswenski@westironlib.org.




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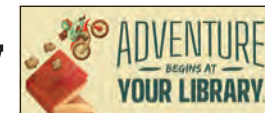
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Adventure Abounds at the Crystal Falls Library



"Our Summer Calendar is filled with exciting events and programs," states Library Director Gathu. "Everyone is welcome at our library, and even if you cannot participate in the full Summer Reading Program—even if you can just come to one or two events, we would love to have you."

Here is what the library has in store for the summer...

Summer Reading Programs for Babies, Toddlers, Preschoolers, Children 5-8, Children 9-12, Teens/Adults and Family Nights. The Crystal Falls Library has planned a six-week Summer Reading Program for all the ages listed above, and the overall theme this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library. Each of the six weeks is guided by a sub-theme, and here is our schedule: June 10-14 will be Stay Close! Adventures Close to Home Week, June 17-21 is Dim the Lights! Adventures in the Dark Week, Solve This! Puzzles, Scavenger Hunts and Mysteries Week is June 24-28. Then we will have a three-week break. Our program returns July 22-26 for Go Outside! Adventures in Nature Week, July 29-August 2 is Dream It Up! Adventures in Imagination Week, and our last week will be August 5-9 for And We're Off! Travel Adventures Week. Our program will wrap up August 12-13 when we have the Book Buck Bonanza where children can spend the Book Bucks they have



earned by reading, attending meetings and completing challenges on prizes.

Here is what you can expect for each age level during our Summer Reading Program:



Babies: Each meeting we will read two board books together, and then engage in an activity. This year babies will practice waving, peek-a-book, explore different textures, lift-the-flaps on some books, engage in parachute play and put stuffed animals to bed.

Toddlers: Toddlers will read three books during each session, have a snack and do an activity. Activities include driving cardboard box cars, making binoculars, playing with bubbles and puzzles, learning some sign language and building forts.

Preschoolers: Like the Toddlers, they will read three books each week, have a snack, and do an activity or craft, such as making shadow puppets, playing with bubbles and boxes, chalk drawing, making finger snakes and having a scavenger hunt.

Children 5-8: These kids will read each meeting from picture books and/or non-fiction titles, have a snack, and then participate in awesome activities such as making flashlight art, a bubblepalooza, completing a great book chase and making adventure packs. Birdwatcher Jim Jackson will teach them about the sport on Tuesday, July 23 and Forest Park Robotics Coach Will Toivonen will help them to make robots during Imagination Week!

Children 9-12: These kids will be doing some non-fiction readings each week to help them complete their cool crafts and explorations. They will be creating their own wonders of the world, opening and learning

about geodes, creating time capsules, competing in Library Olympic games, making constellation jars, and during Imagination week, they will learn about breakdancing, as it is a new event during this year's summer Olympics.

Teens/Adults: There is an amazing array of fun planned for our older participants this year. All events are at 6 p.m. central time. Tuesday, June 11 Zach Osborn will be here from Keweenaw Mushrooms to teach participants how to grow their own mushrooms in bags. Michelle Graves will lead a class on how to incorporate light into art Tuesday, June 18. There will be a Murder Mystery Party June 25—be sure to register to get your role and invite. July 23, Irina Tarbeeva will lead a Tai Chi class for Adventures in Nature week. Marquette Musician/Poet Troy Graham will host a poetry workshop July 30. Then on August 6 we will make memory boards and coasters that can showcase our summer adventures!

Family Nights: "Family Nights are so popular at our library," stated Gathu, "we have brought back some old favorites and added some new ones this year." All Family Nights are at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 13 we will have our 2nd Annual Cooking Contest. You must register ahead to get your cooking ingredient bag. Once



you get your bag, you'll have 24 hours to concoct a dish for our celebrity chef judges. Thursday, June 20 bring in some recyclables to create your family's very own glow-in-the-dark adventure-mobile. Prizes will be awarded for the best vehicle. Thursday, June 27 the Jigsaw Puzzle contest returns, grab some friends and see if you can put your puzzle together the fastest. For Nature week, there will be a Story Hike. Thursday, August 1 the Library will be hosting a film at the Crystal Theatre—Disney's Fantasia, which will be a perfect choice for Imagination week. Then to conclude, there will be a Let's Travel to Asia Night! Thursday, August 8. We will make Boba Tea, which is a Taiwan specialty, and then we will sit back and listen to Rotary Exchange Student, Sierra Scott, as she tells us about her year abroad in Japan.

Two Huge events remain! Luckily, our "house band" The Foucault Brothers will be back to entertain patrons! They will have an Independence Day Concert Wednesday, July 3 at 6 p.m., and the Friends of the Library will provide refreshments. During the Humongous Fungus Fest, Saturday, August 24 the Friends of the Library will host the Annual Book Sale.

The Crystal Falls District Community Library is located at 237 Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls. If you have any questions or would like to register for the Cooking Competition or Murder Mystery Party, please call Evelyn at 906-875-3344 or email egathu@crystalfallslibrary.org.



Step back in time at the Harbour House

CRYSTAL FALLS—Take a step back in time at the Harbour House Museum this summer. The Harbour House Museum, which is located at 17 N. Fourth Street, was originally built

as a home in 1904 for the Harbour family. The house was constructed by Fred Floodstrand, with the steamboat style of architecture in mind.

The first floor of the museum has

been restored as a replica of a Victorian home in the 1900s.

With a kitchen, parlor, library and dining room located on the first floor, the museum will take you back in time. The library houses extensive reference material, which is open for public viewing and researching. There

are also copies of the Diamond Drill newspaper.

For more information about the Harbour House Museum and a full calendar of events, visit www.harbourhousemuseum.org or call 906-875-6219.



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June 29th Rhubarb Fest

July-Theme Barbie

August Theme - Anne of Green Gables

August 24th Fungus Cookoff & Burgers

September Theme - Little House on the Prairie

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Catch some community fun at Bass Fest

CRYSTAL FALLS — The Crystal Falls Lions Club is once again sponsoring the 59th Annual Bass Festival. This long-standing event is set for July 5-7.

This is one community event that you won't want to miss, as it is filled with fun activities such as kid's games, delicious food and live music.

Friday, July 5 the Finn vs Pollack softball games will take place. The women's game will start at 6 p.m. with men's to follow, approximately at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 6 the Bass Festival parade makes its way down Superior Avenue at 10 a.m. Registration and line up is at 9 a.m. at the Forest Park Schools.

The canoe race down the Paint River will take place after the parade.

Registration is at 11 a.m. and will start at the CF Power Plant and end at the bridge at the bottom of Superior Avenue.

At noon starts the Chicken BBQ – first come first serve will be held at Runkle Lake Park. Raffle tickets will be available both Saturday and Sunday. There will also be concessions from noon to 6:30 p.m. available (food and refreshments). The volleyball tournament will begin at 1 p.m. with registration taking place at 12:30 p.m. at the Lion's Den. At 7:30 p.m. the Wop vs Swede softball game will begin.

Music will be provided from 1-6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday, July 7 the day starts off with the VFW Breakfast at 108 Superior Avenue from 8 a.m. to noon. A bounce house will be available for the



Team Pollacks and Team Finns

kids all day on Sunday. Run your Bass Off 10K/Half Bass/2 Mile Walk/Kids Run is scheduled for 9 a.m. The baby

contest and concessions will begin at noon, followed by volleyball and horseshoe tournaments at 1 p.m. and kid's games at 2 p.m.

Winners will be announced for the fishing contest at Runkle Lake Pavilion at 3 p.m. Raffle drawings will take place at 6 p.m. and the 59th annual Bass Festival will conclude at 7 p.m.

The annual fishing contest will be sponsored by Superior Sport and Feed. Registration will be available at the shop in Crystal Falls during business hours. Fish must be caught on an Iron County Lake.

For more information and times for each event, watch for press releases as the Bass Fest gets closer and check out the Crystal Falls Lions Club on Facebook.



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The categories are as follows: adult organizations, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, commercial/industrial, youth organizations, horses, non-motorized decorated bikes, farm tractors, comic, and classic and antique vehicles.

- Bike-Decorating: Take home kits will be available for pick-up at the Library Thursday, June 27 through Wednesday, July 3. Supplies provided are for children to decorate their bikes for entry into the parade. One kit per child.

- All veterans are invited to ride the West Side Veterans Council-sponsored trailer. Interested parties can contact Richard Weatherholt at



906-284-0078.

- Immediately following the Parade, the West Iron Co. Fire Dept. at 640 N 9th Ave. will have fun for the whole family: free ice cream, kids races and a watermelon eating contest.

Breakfast & Brats

- American Legion Reino Post 21 Breakfast will be hosted on Sunday, June 30 from 8 - 11 a.m. Hot dogs and brats will be served on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of the Washington Avenue Post.

VFW Post 3134 will be cooking on the deck.

Fireworks at Dusk (about 10 pm).

AMASA

9 a.m. Sing-along Mass at Christ Methodist Church.

10 a.m. Flag Raising at the Joe Mechon Park, followed by the Albenio Webber Scholarship Award



presentation.

11 a.m. Food-Brats & Hot dogs Supports Albenio Webber Scholarship. Kiddy Parade.

Kid's Games - Sack Race, Dash Race, Ping Pong. Age groups: Under 6, 7-10, 11-12.

Women's Hay Bale Race.

Crosscut Saw Contest.

Noon - Duck Race Supports the Amasa Historical Society.

12:30 p.m. Coin Toss at the Museum. Ice Cream to Follow.

1 p.m. Amasa Museum Raffle & Drawing.

2 p.m. Community Softball Game.

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9 a.m. at the Village Hall with a Flag Raising ceremony with the East Side Veterans and the Forest High School Band performing.

9:30 a.m. Parade to Follow - Kiddos to lead off the parade following a shortened route - the remainder of the parade to follow the regular route with line up beginning at 8:30 a.m. See <https://www.facebook.com/alpha4july/photos/> for details of parade route and registration form.

10 a.m. Mastodon Fire Department to hand out ice cream and Cracker Jacks on the Village lawn.

11 a.m. Relay races for kids in front of the Porter School.

All day Vendor Village with local artists and crafts.

Food and Beverages available all day.

Bounce House, Moon Walk, Dunk Tank and more.

Face painting & Balloon Sculpture specialists.

Raffle tickets and drawings, 50/50 raffles to take place.

Craft Beers on the Circle - at Alpha Mi Brewing Co.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appleton Axe Throwing mobile truck and games for all.

Volleyball Tournament for Middle & High School students.

Noon to 3 p.m. Melanie Rose to take the stage on tennis court.

3 - 6 p.m. Day Dreamers from Marquette to perform.

6 - 9:30 p.m. Fire on High Green Bay/ Appleton area performing.

• At Dark - The Big Bang - Fireworks sponsored by Mastodon Township & The Village of Alpha.

Check for Scheduled updates the week of July 4.



Alpha Historical Museum

The Alpha Museum, is easy to locate three miles South of Crystal Falls on US-2 and two miles West on County Road 424 and is part of Alpha's Historic District listed on the State & National Register of Historic Sites.

This three-room Museum may be small in size but is huge in heart. Visitors are offered a look into the past, often accompanied by community members who enjoy sharing their insights and memories of Alpha and the surrounding Mastodon Township area.

Items of interest include a room of large senior class pictures from the Alpha High School, operating 1915 through 1967, along with photos of their championship sports teams, trophies in basketball, track, tennis, baseball, as well as debate team awards.


Other exhibits include mining tools, photos and maps from Alpha's heyday as a mining community, farming tools, and memorabilia from the Alpha VFW, now disbanded. Everything is thoughtfully arranged, allowing visitors to easily imagine life as it used to be in this community.

A popular exhibit is compiled from movie excerpts spanning the years between Alpha's 50th Golden Jubilee in 1964 and Alpha's 75th Diamond Jubilee in 1989. 'Alpha Memories' is an eight minute video, set to an entertaining musical score. Highlights include footage from Alpha's more than century old 4th of July celebrations, as well as VFW and Rifle Club events, deer and rabbit hunts and ice fishing parties, all of which were a once traditional northwoods annual events, and are well represented in film which is available in USB or DVD format for a \$10 donation.

For those wishing a more detailed history of the area, the Museum has published a history book set, 'Alpha-Mastodon' and 'The First 100 Years'. The two 8-1/2" x 11" volumes contain 660 pages with over 800 photos, historical information, including charts and diagrams, along with stories and memories as told to the author, along with maps and documents. Compiled over a three year period by a local resident from over 180 local sources and interviews, these volumes represent a chronological story of living and working in the area from 1890 to 2014. Young and old alike are sure to enjoy it. The set is available for \$55.

All proceeds are used to support the Museum's mission to preserve Alpha and Mastodon Township area history and maintain Alpha's First National Bank building located on the historically recognized 1914 traffic circle. The Museum, a Michigan 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, depends upon proceeds from their fund raising efforts and annual memberships as well as contributions to achieve their mission.

The museum is open to the public with no charge for admission Saturdays, June through August, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., all day on the 4th of July, or by appointment by calling 906-367-6449.




The East Side Veterans is made of the VFW Post 2891, the VFW Auxiliary, the American Legion Post 87 and Camp Christine located in Crystal Falls, Michigan.


East Side Veterans

Meeting Schedule

- **VFW Regular Meetings** - Second Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.
- **VFW Auxiliary Meetings** - First Tuesday of month at 6 p.m.
- **VFW House Committee Meetings** - Second Tuesday of month at 6:00 p.m.
- **American Legion Meetings** - Third Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.
- Camp Christine Veterans Park Committee Meetings immediately following (Winter Months at VFW, Summer months at Camp Christine)



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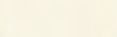
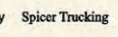
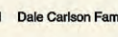
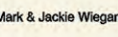
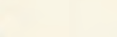
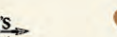
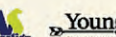
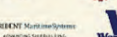
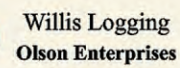
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Saddle up for the 56th Annual U.P. Championship Rodeo

IRON RIVER—It's rodeo time again in Iron River. Get out your cowboy and cowgirl hats for a weekend of western-themed fun, July 12-13.

The U.P. Championship Rodeo, which is the only Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned event in the State of Michigan, has been a staple of summer fun locally for more than five decades now and fans can expect another weekend of thrills and spills this year.

The rodeo brings fans from all over the region to Iron River with several events built around the actual rodeo performances, the two-day spectacle offers something for everyone as the U.P. Championship Rodeo continues to keep its tradition going.

This year, rodeo performances will be held on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 with crowd-pleasing events and entertainers. Spectators can cheer on professional cowboys and cowgirls for the bull riding, bare-back riding, saddle bronc, barrel racing, team roping, steer wrestling, tie-down and breakaway roping events.

Rodeo entertainment includes the Rodeo City Riders, Home Town Heroes Youth Drill Team and crowd participation events and fundraisers throughout the shows.



The first rodeo performance is slated for Friday at 7 p.m. with gates opening at 5 p.m.. The second is Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., gates open at noon. The finale will go off at 7 p.m. with gates open at 5.

The performances will go on rain or shine at the Iron County Fairgrounds.

From U.S. 2, turn north on Seventh Avenue – the fairgrounds and the main entrance are at the north end of the street.

The rodeo performances form the centerpiece of the weekend but are by no means the only festivities for folks to enjoy. There are the Wild West Parade, Market Days, Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen and Princess pageants.

This year's announcer will be Jody Carper and our barrelman is the Green Hat Clown, Singley. The stock contractor is Three Hills Rodeo of Bernard, Iowa.

Here is a further breakdown of the schedule: (note the list of scheduled events is tentative. See uprodeo.com for updates).

Friday, July 12:

Queen and princess horsemanship at the Rodeo Arena starts at 8 a.m. Organizers encourage the public to attend this portion of the queen/princess competition. The young ladies perform patterns and display their riding skills at this time.

The contestants will also model the latest in Western fashion and answer questions about the sport of rodeo

during that portion of their competition at 11 a.m. during Market Days, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Iron River. Genesee Street will be lined with vendors selling their wares. In previous years, vendors sold items such as maple syrup, chaga, homemade jewelry, wood carvings, leather crafts, western attire and custom cut-out fire rings.

Also during this time, the West Iron District Library will host the Friends of the Library's Book and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gates open two hours prior to the rodeo performance, allowing fans to check out the arena vendors, grab something to eat and visit with rodeo royalty. Also prior to the first rodeo performance, the Rodeo City Riders and Home Town Heroes return to entertain fans as they eagerly await the rodeo competition.

Friday night's performance will once again support the Man Up Crusade, a nonprofit organization designed to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence. Spectators are asked to wear purple to support the campaign.

Saturday, July 13:

Start the day with a pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m. at the Iron River Senior Center before finding a spot to watch the ever-popular Wild West Parade that will kick off at 10 a.m. in downtown Iron River.

At 11 a.m. attend the Classic Farm Machinery of Iron County Antique Tractor Show and Brat Feed at the VFW located at 94 East Genesee St. in Iron River.

At noon, rodeo gates open with pre-rodeo entertainment. The second rodeo performance of the weekend begins at 2 p.m. At this performance only, children 6-12 will be admitted for free with a paying adult.

The final performance begins at 7 p.m. with gates opening at 5 p.m.. Once again, the Rodeo City Riders and the Home Town Heroes Youth Drill Team begin the evening with

pre-rodeo entertainment.

Saturday night performance will once again feature the Tough Enough to Wear Pink event.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. the U.P. Rodeo Queen and U.P. Rodeo Princess will be crowned in the Rodeo Arena. The 2024 Miss U.P. Rodeo will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, award belt buckle, a traveling crown and chaps. The 2024 U.P. Rodeo Princess will receive an award buckle and traveling crown. Miss U.P. Rodeo Queen contestants will be given awards in horsemanship, rodeo knowledge, appearance, public relations and 1st runner-up. Miss U.P. Rodeo Princess contestants will be given awards in horsemanship, appearance, rodeo knowledge and 1st runner-up. Miss Congeniality will be awarded to the young lady voted on by her peers.



Ticket prices for the rodeo performances are \$20 for adults, \$8 for children 6-12. Kids 5 and under get in free. Tickets are available only at the gate.

Keep up to date with the rodeo at www.uprodeo.com and follow the Upper Peninsula Championship Rodeo - PRCA Rodeo on Facebook.

Funding goal continues for moving and restoring Historic 1907 Bates Hall

The Bates Hall Preservation Society (BHPS) continues their funding goal of moving and restoring the Bates Township Hall located on the corner of U.S. 2 and Bates Amasa Road.

At the end of 2023, the Society topped \$200K for the project, as shown in the picture of the Society adding to the thermometer designed and painted by volunteer Linda Hauser. Currently, they are at \$206K.

The Society has been working hard to get the Hall off its crumbling foundation and placed onto a new foundation as fast as possible. The Hall is centrally located and so worth saving!

The Society has many fundraisers and continues to do so.

The Society's biggest fundraiser is their annual rummage sale, to be held Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6 at the Bates Township Hall from 8:30 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. each day. If anyone has item(s) to donate, please contact Margee Brennan at 906-284-0988.

Their Annual Bake Sale at Bigari Ace Hardware will take place Saturday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Society are host/hostess at the Memorial Day Social held after the Bates Cemetery Program, where BHPS logo items will be available for purchase. The Society will also be at Rodeo Market Days, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Genesee Street, which will include a Day Raffle, which is always a success.

The response from locals, as well as visitors who love local history and know the importance of retaining our history has been overwhelming and the Society cannot begin to thank them enough.

It truly shows that together we can and will restore/renovate the 1907 Bates Township Hall.



Pentoga Park offers an 'open air' concert

Local groups One Voice and the Outer Edge will pair together for an "open air concert" at Pentoga Park on July 6. With a few indoor events this summer, the concert will provide music fans an opportunity to listen to local talent perform at a lakefront setting.



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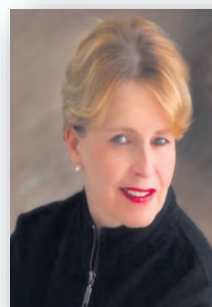
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Father's Day tradition continues

IRON RIVER — It's a blast from the past as engines rev for the 46th annual Father's Day Car Show that will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 15 and 16.

The event will start on Saturday with Saturday Eve Cruise Fest to be held downtown on Genesee Street from 5-8 p.m.

The evening will include a nostalgic car cruise on Genesee. Father Daniel from St. Agnes Catholic Church will preside over the blessing of the cars. The National Anthem will be sung by Jessica Holroyd, 50's and 60's music will be provided by "Voice of the North" Adam Stender. Prize for best 50's - 60's costume will be awarded. Also, a 50/50



raffle, food and family fun. Free admission and everyone is welcome.

The Father's Day Car and Tractor show will take place on Genesee Street from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 16.

Registration is \$10 and begins at 10 a.m. Register your car, tractor, truck or motorcycle and have a chance at great raffle prizes!

The day isn't only for car lovers. There will be balloons for the kids and Buttons the Clown will be there. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

The Back Porch Eatery will be sup-

plying food, with Two Dips and an Ice Cream Truck providing sweet treats. Also available for your eating pleasure will be Bump's Burgers and the VFW Post 3134 at the show on Genesee Street.

Some of the local merchants may also be open.

The car show has come full circle since its inception. It started out on Genesee Street, then moved to the Iron County Fairgrounds and is now back on Genesee Street.

The event is non-profit, with all of the proceeds going to help sponsor schol-



arships for Iron County High School seniors. If anyone would like to make a donation or for more information, contact Fred Hauser at 262-914-2316. The car show is hosted by the Classic Farm Machinery Club of Iron County.



Cruise on down to Genesee Street Tuesday nights in August

IRON RIVER — Fred Hauser found his love for classic cars after he retired from 43 years of working with commercial printing presses.

Hauser had a Model A pickup truck he used to drive around to sell hot dogs and brats for the Tractor Club during Rodeo weekend. He'd stop at Mr. T's Restaurant where it got a lot of attention. Then Paul Tomlinson, the owner of Mr. T's at the time, brought one of his own classic cars down to the restaurant and that's how the cruise nights began.

Hauser had never ran a car show before but he learned quickly.

The Cruise Nights ran for three years at Mr. T's. It started with only five cars, then it jumped to 25, then

30. There were 50-70 cars for the last show.

The attendance for the shows varied as well. There were some nights when only 100-200 people would pass through and other nights could be upwards of 1200-1500 people.

Hauser was reluctant to cut ties with Mr. T's, but in the end he decided it would be best for the Cruise Nights to move over to Genesee Street.

Downtown Iron River looks great according to Hauser. He said they had a cleanup committee last year but it wasn't necessary because there was nothing to clean up. People left it just the way they found it.

Hauser is also very appreciative of the outpouring of support he has received from the community.

That support will carry over to this year's Cruise Nights that will take place every Tuesday night in August from 4-7 p.m.



Cruisin' down Genesee Street

For the car lovers, there's no better way to wrap up summer than to enjoy a stroll down Genesee St. to see the various makes and models of unique vehicles. **Photo by Kevin Zini**



Classic Car Cruise Night

On Aug. 1, Jim Dellies of Iron River showed his Classic 1957 Cadillac, on Genesee Street for Cruise Night. Cruise Nights take place every Tuesday night in August from 5-7 p.m. **Submitted photo**



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U.P. Firefighters Tournament flares-up in Iron River

IRON RIVER — The 129th annual U.P. Firefighters Tournament is taking place in Iron River this year July 26-28. The Iron County Fire Department will be hosting the event.

Come watch as fire departments from across the U.P. and Northern Wisconsin compete against each other in various races, participate in multiple parades and celebrate each other's service at the Fireman's Ball.

Kids can participate in crafts and activities, learn about the fire service from current and retired firefighters, and check out the Static Parade of Antique Fire Trucks. Come and enjoy some time with your local heroes.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, July 26

- Dress Parade – 6 p.m. Line up starts at the intersection of North 8th Avenue and West Genesee Street.

- Street Dance - 7:30 p.m. Located in front of the VFW.

- Shirt Tail Parade – 9 p.m. Staging to take place at The Armory (9 W Franklin Street). Judges Station will be located on the south side of the intersection of W. Genesee Street and N. 2nd Avenue.

Saturday, July 27

- Breakfast provided by the Legion – Open from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. *will be announced closer to tournament.*

- Team Captain's Meeting – 9 a.m. Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall.

- Races – 10 a.m. Located on W. Genesee Street near the Iron River City Hall. Races will start near the hydrant located in front of City Hall and make their way back towards N. 2nd Avenue. Judges Station will be located on the side of W. Genesee Street.

- Fireman's Ball/Awards Ceremony 7 p.m. Located inside The Armory. Ball begins at 7 p.m. with the Awards Ceremony starting at 9 p.m. Open to the public.



Sunday July 28

- Commercial Parade – 9 a.m. Staging to take place at the West Iron High School parking lot. Judges Station will be located on the south side of the intersection of W. Genesee Street and N. 2nd Avenue.

- Overall Ceremony Winner – Immediately following the completion of the Commercial Parade. Located at the West Iron County Fire Hall.

PARADES:

Dress Parade

Friday, July 26 at 6 p.m.

Staging Area

- Intersection of W. Genesee Street and N. 8th Avenue

Route

- Start at the intersection of W. Genesee Street and N. 8th Avenue

- March east on W. Genesee Street

- Finish line will be located near the Klint Safford Memorial RV Park

Shirt Tail Parade

Friday, July 26 at 9 p.m.

Staging Area

- Staging will take place at The Armory (9 W. Franklin Street).

Route

- Start at The Armory and turn left out of the parking lot

- Proceed west on W. Franklin Street

- Turn left onto N. 4th Avenue and continue south to W. Genesee Street

- Turn left onto W. Genesee Street and continue east

- Finish line will be located on N. River Avenue

Commercial Parade

Sunday, July 28 at 9 a.m.

Staging Area

- Staging will take place at the West Iron High School (700 Washington Avenue)

Route

- Start at the West Iron High School and turn left out of the parking lot

- Proceed north on Washington Avenue

- Follow the road curving to the left then right and continuing north on Washington Avenue

- Continue north onto Lay Avenue

- Turn left onto E. Genesee Street and continue east

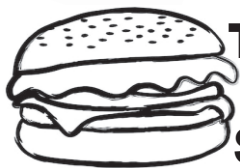
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The 132nd annual Iron County Fair will run Aug. 8-11 at the Iron County Fairgrounds located in Iron River. The ever-popular Demolition Derby will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10. Rides, displays, livestock and food are all a part of the fair experience. Be a part of a local tradition. For further information visit Iron County Michigan Fair on Facebook.



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Also, we will be bringing back the best painted vehicle. Take some pride in your ride and have a chance to win some \$\$\$ and a trophy!

We are going to try something that to the best of my knowledge does not exist anywhere across the country...introducing the very first "SU-MOW Derby"!! Mowers will line up in a circle surrounded by a chalked line. Once the green flag drops the driver must not only hope their mower stays up and running, but also must make sure they do not cross over the outside line. Hopefully it is a fun way to make the mower derby a bit more fun and entertaining for all.

Categories this year will include: Full size trucks/SUV/Van, Compact trucks/SUV, Compact-midsize cars, Full size cars.

For more information and rules go to Facebook 2024 Iron County Demo Derby.

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Peter Bergin **Friday, May 24 at 7 p.m.**

Michigan-based ragtime concert pianist Peter Bergin hails the unofficial start of summer. Appropriate for the Memorial Day weekend, Bergin presents a patriotic program focusing on American musical heritage.

Timothy James **Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m.**

Country singer/songwriter Timothy James is self-taught out of Ringgold, Georgia, with a Georgia story to tell and a 600-horsepower voice to deliver the message. James replaces Cameron Blake, whose performance was unfortunately cancelled.

"The Pied Piper" **Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. & Saturday, June 15 at 2 p.m.**

Leaders from Missoula Children's theatre conduct a five-day workshop for students having completed grades one through 12. Students audition Mon., June 10 and rehearse for weekend performances.

Garrison Keillor & Company **Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m.**

The legendary American radio personality, humorist, storyteller, singer and author is joined by vocalist Prudence Johnson and pianist Dan Chouinard. Keillor's radio broadcast A Prairie Home Companion ran for



Garrison Keillor & Company
Prairie Home Productions

40 years on NPR. Keillor wrote the comedy sketches, created silly commercial sponsors, and invented Lake Wobegon, "the little town that time forgot." Tickets for this Legend Event are sold out.

Lincoln is Crying: The Grifters, Grafters & Governors of Illinois **Tuesday, July 2 at 7 p.m.**

Squeezed between musical events is a documentary screening hosted by filmmaker Brian Kallies, son of Harry and Wilma Kallies. Lincoln is Crying is a scathing indictment of political corruption in Illinois. Director John Davies says, "we added a dash of humor and put it all into a fast-paced 86-minute film." Admission by donation.

Dead Letter Office Tribute to R.E.M. **Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m.**

This New York-based tribute band have dedicated themselves to faithfully reproducing the music and energy of a live R.E.M. show, filling a void

created in 2011, when the famed rock band called it quits.

The Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel **Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m.**

A.J. Swearigen and Jayne Kelli recreate the music and magic of the famous folk-rock duo of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. Swearigen's deep baritone blends perfectly with Kelli's angelic vocals, delivering a true tribute to the sounds of the '60s.

The Tamburitzans **Friday, August 16 at 6 p.m.**

America's longest running stage show has expanded its repertoire to include a wide variety of folk dance and music representing international cultures. The 27 talented performers are full-time students who have chosen

to continue the Tamburitzans' legacy. (The earlier curtain time will accommodate young families.)

That '70s Music '24 **Saturday, August 24 at 7 p.m.**

The Nashville Hitmen featuring Mia Brown and Mark Oliverius return to help celebrate Crystal Falls' annual Fungus Fest. Local musicians Larry Ketola and Paul Sundquist join Oliverius, remembering their high school days with hits from the '60s and '70s.

Season flex-passes or advanced tickets (except for Keillor & Company) can be purchased online at thecrystaltheatre.org, by phoning 906-875-3208, or in person Mon. - Fri., 9:00 a.m. - noon in Stage Left.

Save the Date

Summer 2024

JUNE

Timothy James - 6/7
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The Pied Piper - 6/10-15
Keillor & Company - 6/29

JULY

Lincoln is Crying Documentary - 7/2
Dead Letter Office/REM Tribute - 7/12
Swearigen & Kelli;
The Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel - 7/26

AUGUST

The Tamburitzans - 8/16 @ 6
That 70's Music '24 - 8/24
Beethoven & Banjos - 8/25

Details: www.thecrystaltheatre.org
304 Superior Ave, Crystal Falls 906.875.3208

Beethoven and Banjos Music Festival presents “The Space Between”

The 2024 Beethoven and Banjos festival will feature an original film and a live music interactive experience entitled “The Space Between”. Artist and healer Jan Sandman (www.jansandmanart.com) and videographer Andreas John (www.inthehandsofbeauty.com) will join composer/improviser Evan Premo (www.evanpremo.com) and multi-instrumentalist/improviser Laurel Premo (www.laurelpremo.com). They invite us to enter a deep experience of the creative journey as artists come together in movement, sound, image, trust, time and space.

Beethoven and Banjos music festival is celebrating its 10th year of bringing together folk and classical music and musicians from around the country and world. Artists gather for an intensive week-long experience of preparation, writing, rehearsing and performances. The freshness and intensity experienced during the residency is reflected in the per-

formances and interactions with the audience.

Beethoven and Banjos is sponsored by Northwoods Music Collaborative with generous donations from Michigan Arts and Culture Council and National Endowment for the Arts, as well as many generous individuals and businesses. Because of this, the events are offered to our communities as “come as you are, pay what you can”. In Iron County this concert will take place at the beautiful Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls on Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. Local visual artists from “Borderland Arts” (www.borderlandarts.net) have been invited to display their artwork that represents their conversation between their art medium and music. This exhibit will appear in the Crystal Theatre lobby before and after the show. For more information about this program and the artists involved visit www.beethovenandbanjos.org.



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Jan Sandman, painter/sound healer
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Evan Premo, composer/improviser
Laurel Premo, multi-instrumentalist improviser

For more information visit: www.beethovenandbanjos.org

2024 Concert Schedule

MARQUETTE	August 23 (Friday), 7:00 pm ET Forest Roberts Theatre, NMU Campus 1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855
HANCOCK	August 24 (Saturday), 7:00 pm ET Finnish American Heritage Center 435 Quincy St., Hancock, MI 49930
CRYSTAL FALLS	August 25 (Sunday), 2:00 PM CT The Crystal Theatre 304 Superior Ave, Crystal Falls, MI 49920

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CFCC Summer Offerings

Upcoming offerings at the Crystal Falls Contemporary Center



Open Studio Pottery:

Open Studio is offered Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. and Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. This is a self-paced offering with no instruction provided. Cost is \$17 for each studio session and \$5 per pound of clay. Your studio fee includes use of the facility, tools, glazes and the firing of your creations.

Beginners Yoga Meditation:

Beginners Yoga Meditation is offered Mondays 3:30-4:30 p.m. No experience necessary, cost is \$10 per session.

CFCC Book Club:

CFCC Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Book club is a casual time to unwind and connect with others who love to read! Reading material will be provided each month. This program is funded by the Iron Area Health Foundation.

Pottery Wheel Class 101:

Join us at the Contemporary Center on July 11, 18 and 25 from 4-6 p.m. for a three session class for beginning potters. We will teach you all the steps to create your own pottery using the wheel from wedging to glazing! Cost is \$145 per student.

Slab Building Class 101:

Join us at the Contemporary Center on July 11, 18 and 25 from 6-8 p.m. for

a three session class for beginning potters. We will teach you all the steps to create your own pottery from wedging to glazing! Cost is \$145 per student.

Acrylic Window Painting:

Join Sarah for these fun, bright window painting projects, July 13 or Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Contemporary Center. Windows will be provided along with all other materials needed. The cost for these classes is \$50 each.

All classes can be registered for utilizing our online reservation system: <https://contemporarycenter.eventcalendarapp.com>.

Thank you to the Dickinson Area Community Foundation who enables the CFCC to provide opportunities at low cost!

Thanks to the generosity of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Facility, if you are a veteran your class costs may be completely covered. Please annotate your veteran status upon class registration.

We will also be offering summer workshops geared towards members of the special needs community and art clubs for children ages 7-18.

Please subscribe to our event calendar to receive information on all the latest classes and workshops available.



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Canoeing the Paint River

Iron County, 45 miles; 3 days to 1 week

The Paint River rises in the west part of Iron County and flows easterly and southeasterly into the Brule River, finally joining the Michigamme River to form the Menominee River. Its bottom is gravel, sand and rock. Some of the feeder streams have trout and there are some trout in the Upper Paint, but the stream is generally known for Small Mouth Bass. The terrain is cutover poplar land, some swamp, plains, hardwoods and some pine.

There are two dangerous rapids, the Hemlock and the Horserace. The latter is a blinger. Don't run them unless you are a super canoeist. The portage at Hemlock is 1/2 mile, Horserace is 1-1/2 miles. At the power dam take your canoe out 200 feet above the dam on the east side.

For the entire trip, put in at the Forest Service canoe landing in the Paint River Forks campground on County Road 657/Gibb City Road at Gibb City or on the township road 1/4 mile north of Gibb City. 6-1/4 miles below the Gibb City bridge, the Net River flows into the Paint. From here



down, the fishing is best for Northern Pike and Small Mouth Bass. You come to the first portage, Hemlock Rapids, 12-1/2 miles below the Gibb City bridge. You come to your first takeout spot 3-1/2 miles below the Hemlock Rapids at County Road 643/Bates-Amasa Road. Many use this as

a starting point to avoid the Hemlock Rapids. You will find the Chicaugon Slough 4-1/2 miles below the 643 Road bridge. Seven and one-half miles below the 643 Road bridge is a public fishing site. This is where the bass fisherman put in. Two miles further on is the US-141 bridge, a good takeout

spot.

Three and one-half miles below the US-141 bridge is the Crystal Falls Power Dam. You'll have to line your canoe down the river for 1/2 mile here or make a portage. You can get a truck to pick you up at the dam and take you down to the M-69 bridge, 1-1/2 miles below the power plant. Below the M-69 bridge you enter the backwaters of the Little Bull Power Dam which extends for a distance of about 9 miles. You may portage on the east shore near the dam and continue down the Paint River or by putting in at the diversion canal, you may enter the backwaters of Peavy Pond on the Michigamme River. One mile below the Little Bull Rapids there is a takeout on the right side. One mile below this takeout is the Horserace portage. One and one-half miles below the rapids there is a cleared camp site and road access to US-2 and 141. Four miles below the rapids the Paint River enters the Brule River. The best place to take out is 3-1/2 miles below the mouth of the Paint River at the Wisconsin-Michigan Power Dam in Wisconsin.



Humongous Fungus Festival “Morel” in Crystal Falls

The Humongous Fungus Fest is mushrooming into a bigger event with added activities. This year’s festival will be held on Aug. 23-24.

City Wide Rummage sales run both dates, August 23 & 24! Just look for the signs!

Events taking place on Saturday, Aug. 24 are:

Humongous Fungus Fest Parade begins at 10 a.m.

Mushroom Forage Two Different Groups: Group 1 - Check in 8:30 a.m. tour at 9 a.m. to Noon, and Group 2 - Check in 12:30 p.m. tour 1 - 4 p.m. Forms available on www.crystal-fallsmi.com.

All day Vendor Village will be at 4th Street and the Grassy Knoll behind the Crystal Theatre and Harbour House.

Early afternoon Mushroom Pizza at Crystal Steel House. Cooking time depends on weather temperature. Pizza



will include pepperoni, sausage and mushrooms - not gluten free or vegan.

Harbour House will be serving Mushroom Burgers and Hot Dog from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Soap Box Derby begins at 11 a.m. - Sign up at Superior Sport and Feed

Mushroom Cook-Off contest at the Harbour House starts at 1 p.m. No theme for the dishes, they all must

contain mushrooms. Forms available at the Harbour House, City Hall and Charles Emporium

“That 70’s Music ‘24” at the Crystal Theatre kicks off at 7 p.m.

Chalk will be located on Superior Ave. for Chalk Art Drawing - Look for the buckets!

For more information on Humongous Fungus Fest go to: www.crystalfallsmi.com.

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Humongous Fungus Fest Vendor Village

The Crystal Falls annual Humongous Fungus Fest (HFF) Vendor Village Art and Craft Show is back again for another fantastic day! This festive, outdoor event is one of several events taking place during Humongous Fungus Fest and is a nice way to wrap up summer. The HFF Vendor Village Art and Craft Show is a crowd favorite and will take place on Saturday, August 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission fee.

The line up of exhibitors for the 2024 show is one that will please the pickiest shopper. The show features handmade arts and crafts from Michigan and Wisconsin such as pottery, metal works, wood working, textiles, jewelry, soaps, lotions, candles and some sweets just to name a few. You will be able to browse and shop unique, handmade items directly from the artist and crafter. There will also be a few direct-sales businesses selling their items.

The Vendor Village will be held just off of the Crystal Falls downtown area on the corner of Fourth Street and Crystal Avenue and throughout the Harbour House Museum grounds. After all that shopping, you're going to need something to eat! So, in addition to the fantastic exhibitors,

the Harbour House Museum is having a delicious mushroom burger fundraiser, AND back after several years of being absent, will be the Humongous Fungus Pizza which will be made on Third Street near the Ben Franklin Store. Plans are also in the works for a Soap Box Derby, mushroom foraging tours and a Mushroom Cook-Off.

The Crystal Falls Business Association website www.crystalfallsmi.com and Facebook page will be updated with information and announcements. Some city streets will be closed to traffic but open for an enjoyable weekend! If you would like to participate in the HFF Vendor Village or any other events, registration forms are available on the Crystal Falls Business Association website and on Facebook.

So make plans to visit Crystal Falls Saturday, August 24 for the annual Humongous Fungus Fest to visit with some creative people, have fun, and learn about the humongous fungus which is an individual Armillaria gallica fungus found in the 1980's in Iron County Michigan and is the second largest in the world!





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Vintage Snowmobile Show & Fundraiser

IRON RIVER - The Iron Range Trail Club will hold a Vintage Snowmobile show on Aug. 3. Take a walk down memory lane as you look at the old sleds and remember a ride from years ago. There will be food and refreshments available, 50/50 raffles, merchandise and more. Come out and enjoy the event. The funds help us pay for fuel, supplies and maintenance that we do on the groomers, and give the groomer operators something for all the time they spend making Iron County Trails so great throughout the season. We get a lot of comments from folks letting us know they are some of the best kept trails around.

We are always looking for new members, contact us on facebook or email: ironrangetrailclubinc@gmail.com.



Snowmobiles displayed by local collectors as well as people as far away as Ishpeming, Negaunee and Marquette.



Displays of clothing, helmets, and other memorabilia from the 1960-1970's era models since it was the 50th Anniversary of the club being started.

Photos by Kevin Zini



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Iron County Little League

Iron County Little League was the 2023 recipient of the Iron River branch CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaign. They successfully raised funds to build a new field at the "Swede" Anderson Park in Gaastra along with other much needed county-wide field improvements. The Little League has grown tremendously over the past few years and now charters 11 teams (7 baseball and 4 softball). The age range for baseball and softball is 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15. Our season is scheduled, weather permitting, to start the last week of April and goes on until the third week of June.

For more information, schedules, rules or how to register your child next year go to www.leagues.blue-sombrero.com/ironcountyll and follow us on Facebook.

Our league is always in need of umpires and banner sponsors. Anyone interested please email Alisa Porier at aporier738@gmail.com.



Iron County Soccer Club

Soccer in the Iron River area was established by a Community Schools program lead by Mark Rozine. His annual summer-time, soccer sessions taught area youngsters the fundamentals of soccer. As a result, interest in soccer grew.

In 2003, Greg Leib formed the Iron County Soccer Club under the auspices of SAY (Soccer Association for Youth). This new league organized the kids, boys and girls combined, into age categories starting at U4 up to U19. 'U' stands for under.

Greg Leib passed the league's torch over to Mark Rozine and Marian Novak in 2005 who ran the league through 2010. Due to growth in participation and the need to delegate responsibility, a Board of Directors was formed to oversee the progress and operations of the league.

To date the league is 300 plus kids strong and in order to improve the quality of soccer. We strive to create opportunities for all youth to play recreational soccer and we encourage the kids to have fun.

The league has partnered with Northern Wisconsin leagues including the Eagle River Fall League and Indoor Soccer League in which Iron River teams participate each fall and winter.

For more information go to <https://ironcountysoccerclub.com>.





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612 W. Adams (U.S. 2), Iron River, Michigan

Call Dawn Pisoni at 906-367-5218 or email at info@windsorcenter.org

Summer Programs

Kids & Adult Gardening Club

June 3-7 • Mon - Fri • Grades 3-6

Noon - 2 p.m. at IR Pocket Park with Martha Rypstra. The Pocket Park, with help from the Taproot Community Farm Group, will be prepared and planted with summer plants & vegetables for the community to enjoy. Iron River Pocket Park (located next to the Michigan Works building) with help from the City Beautification Committee is an ongoing program to educate/collaborate on natural gardening.

Tennis Camp

Nelson Field Courts

June 10 - 14 Mon - Fri

Ages 7-10 ~ 9 - 10 a.m.

Ages 11-16 ~ 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

\$50 payable to Jim Anderson on the first day of camp. Contact Jim Anderson to register at 906-284-9527.

T-shirts will be issued on the last day of camp. (Non-Windsor Program)

Volleyball Camp

Mon - Thur

June 17-20 • Noon - 2 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Charles Greenlund Gym.

C. Ekberg

Players will learn the basic skills of volleyball, such as serving, passing, receiving and FUN!

Flag Football

Mon - Thur

June 17-20 • Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Nelson Field

J. Pellizzer

Students will learn the basics of flag football. Teams will be formed and compete each day. This is for students completing

Grades 1-3

Lil Dribblers

July 8 - 10

Mon - Wed 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Grades K-1

Windsor Gym

J. Pellizzer

This entry level camp is for students completing kindergarten and 1st grade. Small basketballs and lower basketball hoops will be used to teach basic fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing and having fun.

Flag Football 2

July 22 - 25

Mon - Thur 10-11:30 a.m.

Grades 3-5

Bachman Park

J. Pellizzer

This camp will focus on the fundamentals of football. Players will learn basic footwork, starts, passing, catching, hand-offs and other important aspects of the game. This is for students completing Grades 3-5.

Milwaukee Brewer Baseball Trip

Thursday ~ July 11 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Departure and arrival at West Iron County School Parking Lot

Bus will leave the High School parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Students under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Students \$25.00 and Adults \$30.00 Price includes the bus and a ticket to the game. Must have 50 to fill the bus.

Deadline to Register is June 9

Tumbling Camp

Mon - Thur

June 24-27

Ages 5 and up

Noon - 1 p.m.

Students will learn various tumbling moves. Please wear socks. Windsor Center Gym

Phylliss Mangone

Baton Camp

Mon - Thur

June 24-27

Ages 5 and up

1 - 2 p.m.

Students will learn various routines with the baton and march in the 4th of July parade. Batons may be purchased from the instructor.

Windsor Center Gym

Phylliss Mangone

Art Club

Mon - Thur

June 10 - 13

Grades 3-6

12:30 - 2 p.m.

Room 305 Windsor Center

M. Baker

Students will learn basic art forms and make take-home Projects.



Chef's School for Kids

Mon - Thur

July 15-18

Grades 3-6

10 - Noon

Windsor Center Room 305

M. Sheffer (\$5 fee)

Students will prepare healthy, nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals/snacks so that students are able to cook at home.

Sewing Class

July 31

Wednesday Only

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Grades 4-6

Windsor Center

Room 208 Quilters Club. The Carrie Jacobs Bond Quilter Club will instruct students in sewing a project that can be entered into the Iron County Fair. This is a one day class. Sewing machines and all supplies are provided. Limit 9 students.

T-Ball

Boys and Girls T-Ball

Ages 6-9

Mon - Thur

8:30 - 10 a.m.

July 8 - 25

Bachman Park

J. Pellizzer

A Co-Ed Tee Ball League will run for boys and girls ages 6-9 at Bachman Field.

Players will learn the fundamentals of throwing, catching, batting and running bases. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursdays.

PeeWee T-Ball

Fridays

July 12, 19 & 26

Ages 3-5

Nelson Ball Field

9 - 10 a.m.

J. Pellizzer

All children ages 3-5 years are invited to participate in the instruction of fundamentals of Tee Ball. Coaches will be at the Nelson Field ball field to teach this activity on Friday mornings.

Girls and Boys/Family

Indoor Bocce

Mon - Thurs • June 24 - 27

Noon - 1 p.m. Ages 5 and Up

Windsor Bocce Courts Room 306

Students and/or families will learn the game of bocce instructed by veteran bocce players. The indoor bocce courts is located on the 3rd floor of the Windsor Center.

Outdoor Games

Annual Slip n Slide

Friday July 19 Ages 7-12 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Nelson Field J. Pellizzer

The super length waterslide travels down the North hill of Nelson Field. Students will enjoy a fun time in the sun. Hot dogs, watermelon, chips and a beverage will be served. Bring a towel.

Visit Camp

Batawagama

Tuesday ~ June 11

Grades 4-8, 11:45 - 2:30 p.m.

Field Trip to Iron County Youth Camp

This field trip is limited to 16 students.

Participants will be given a brief history of archery, instructions on parts of the bow and arrow, safety concepts, range set-up, taught by camp staff. A take-home arts/craft project will also be completed. A school bus/van will leave Stambaugh campus at 11:45 a.m., transport students to camp. Students will arrive back at the Stambaugh campus at 2:30 p.m.

The archery class will fulfill an archery badge for participating girl scouts.

Drone Club

Windsor Gym

D. Pisoni

July 1 & 2, Monday & Tuesday

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 4-6

Students will learn to operate a drone and be paired into teams to compete in a timed race by maneuvering their drones through an obstacle course.

Carrie Jacobs Bond Annual Rummage Sale

June 14 ~ 9-2 & June 15 ~ 9-Noon

Windsor Hall

Adult Summer Programs

Pickle Ball

Tuesdays/Thursdays: 9:00 - 11:00 am

Monday/Wednesdays: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Summer play will be at

Nelson Field Pickleball Courts.

If inclement weather, play will be moved to the Windsor Center

Exercise Program

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

Fit and Fabulous for the 50+, 8:30 - 9:30 am

Senior fit 9:45 - 10:45 am

(No charge to Iron River Twp, Stambaugh Twp, Bates Twp, Iron River City.

All others \$2.00 per day, \$10.00 per month)

Windsor Workout

Room 104

Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

No charge to Iron River Twp., Stambaugh Twp.,

Bates Twp. and Iron River City. All others:

\$2 per day, \$10 per month. Workout room has two treadmills, two ellipticals, spinning bike, recumbent bike, Curves equipment.

Windsor Community Closet

Wednesday and Saturdays 9 a.m. - Noon

New and gently used clothes,

shoes, jackets and more. All Free.

The Community Closet is located on the 3rd floor - Room 304

Windsor Free Library



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First Floor - West Wing

Open Mic Nights



6/29, 7/27, 8/31,

10/26, 12/21

7:00 p.m. • \$3 adults

'The Aristocats Kids' Performance

Ev'rybody wants to be a cat and this summer, kids aged between 7-14 will be bringing this swinging show to life! The West End Players will be producing Disney's 'The Aristocats Kids'



This show follows Dutchess and the Aristokittens as they make their way across the Parisian country side along with Thomas O'Malley, Scat Cat and his gang of Alley Cats, and so many other fun characters.

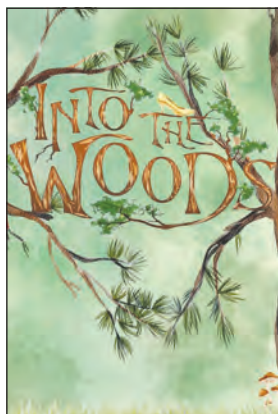
The performances for this show will be Aug. 2 at 6 p.m., and two performances on August 3 at 3 and 6 p.m. at the Windsor Center.

Follow The West End Players on Facebook for more information on this and upcoming productions!



'Into the Woods' Performance

Come with us as we discover what it takes to live happily ever after in Stephen Sondheim's classic musical based on classic fairytales. The West End Players will be performing 'Into the Woods' on the Windsor stage! Performance times will be May 30 & 31 at 6:30 p.m., June 1 at 7 p.m. and June 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office



or online and will be \$10 for kids ages 6-14 and senior citizens 65+. General admission (ages 15-64) tickets are \$15, and children 5 and under are free.

Check out their Facebook page for online ticket sales and more information.

Celebrate the Rhythm with Open Mic Nights

IRON RIVER — The 14th season of Open Mic Night at the Windsor Center kicked off in April. Open Mic Night is a showcase of local musicians playing nearly every genre of music on a variety of instruments. Past performers have ranged in age from children to octogenarians.

"You never know what you're going to hear at an Open Mic Night," said coordinator, Erika Sauter, "but you know for sure you're going to have a great time!"

On the last Saturday of the month, musicians gather in the Windsor Auditorium for a 7 p.m. performance. This summer's dates are as follows: May 25, June 29, July 27 and August 31.

"We have some amazing local talent here in Iron County and the surrounding area, and we're looking forward to a great season ahead," Sauter said. For more information to either sign up to perform or to sponsor a show, contact 906-284-0647, email egsauter@gmail.com or find Open Mic at the Windsor on Facebook.

The Windsor Center is located at 612 W. Adams Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a \$3 donation



per person is requested for attendees ages 13 and older.



Full-service jewelry shop found at **Lehner-Stephan Jewelers**

The array of colors, glittering objects and trinkets will catch the eye of anyone entering the storefront of Lehner-Stephan Jewelers on Wall Street in downtown Eagle River. Owned and operated by Mike Stephan, the shop offers jewelry, repairs, ear piercing, decorative items and more.

In 1943, Lehner Jewelers in Eagle River was founded by Stephan's uncle, Al Lehner. Inspired by his uncle, Stephan grew up admiring the intricate work and satisfying rewards that watchmaking has to offer, explaining that he always enjoyed art — especially the creative side of things.

Stephan, who had come to Eagle River every summer since the 1950s, always enjoyed fishing the area lakes and the lifestyle offered by the Northwoods. Driven by his admiration of his uncle, he went on to school to become a certified master jewelry designer and watchmaker. He attended college at UW-Oshkosh and then enrolled at Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1978.

In 1980, Stephan took over his uncle's business, re-naming it Lehner-Stephan Jewelers to honor Lehner's 37 years in the business. With 42 years of experience, Stephan crafts one-of-a-kind quality jewelry. He offers handcrafted watch and jewelry designs that showcase a simple elegance that anyone can appreciate.

"Trends are always changing, but simple elegance has

stood the test of time," Stephan said. "I try to show that elegance in my work."

The beauty of the Northwoods influences Stephan's work, providing inspiration in the form of pine cones, acorns, deer and the multitude of wildlife. Stephan also takes his inspiration from modern-day styles and designs. "The serene atmosphere of the Northwoods offers endless possibilities for jewelry designs," he explained.

Stephan's unique style is not the only extent of his craft. His vast portfolio ranges from natural shapes to elegant and modern designs. By combining his simple elegance with modernized style, Stephan said he is able to craft a rare composition for each of his customers.

While doing watch repairs, Stephan works with minuscule screws and gears. As visitors walk through the store, they can see him crafting jewelry or repairing watches.

"We pride ourselves in being a full-service jewelry store. We're here to service what we sell," he said. Stephan said that they can handle numerous repairs, including jewelry chains, pins, broaches, pendants, earrings, rings, eyeglasses, metal sculptures, teapots and more. Other work involves rebuilding prongs on rings, new posts on earrings, ring sizing, soldering cracked ring shanks, stone repairs, diamond setting and settings on colored gem stones and minerals.

Stephan does repairs on watches, including quartz, mechanical and pocket watches, providing availability of parts. "We do a lot of battery replacements while also checking the watch movement and back gasket, cleaning debris away," Stephan said. He said his career as a certified master watchmaker has given him a fine eye and patience to craft and repair intricate pieces of art.

In addition to the array of jewelry and watches, Lehner-Stephan Jewelers also sells clocks and other fine home décor items. "We have a large variety of decorative frogs, lizards and turtles throughout the store that are a huge hit," said Stephan.

They offer gifts for every occasion, according to Stephan. "We appreciate the patrons that contribute to the local businesses in the Northwoods. With our customers' support, we can provide help to their needs and requests."

"I want my current and future patrons to know that when I work on something, my full attention is on that project. No matter how long it takes. Each piece deserves and gets the attention it needs, no matter the monetary value. I approach each piece as if it were my own, and how would I want it to look," said Stephan.

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A scenic site awaits visitors at Agate Falls

TROUT CREEK – Considered one of Michigan's most picturesque waterfalls, Agate Falls is located along the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River. A half-mile trail provides access to an observation platform with views of the top of the falls. The trail passes through a tunnel under M-28 and you can also view overhead railroad trestles.

The falls are created as the river finds its way over an extended shelf of terraced Jacobsville Sandstone. The resulting waterfall is a broad band of interlacing cascades and the stunning main falls that are nearly 40 feet high and 80 feet wide. The Jacobsville Sandstone Formation at Agate Falls was deposited 990 million years ago, when North America was part of the supercontinent Rodinia (before Pangea) and has been studied by universities for ancient latitudes and magnetic directions.

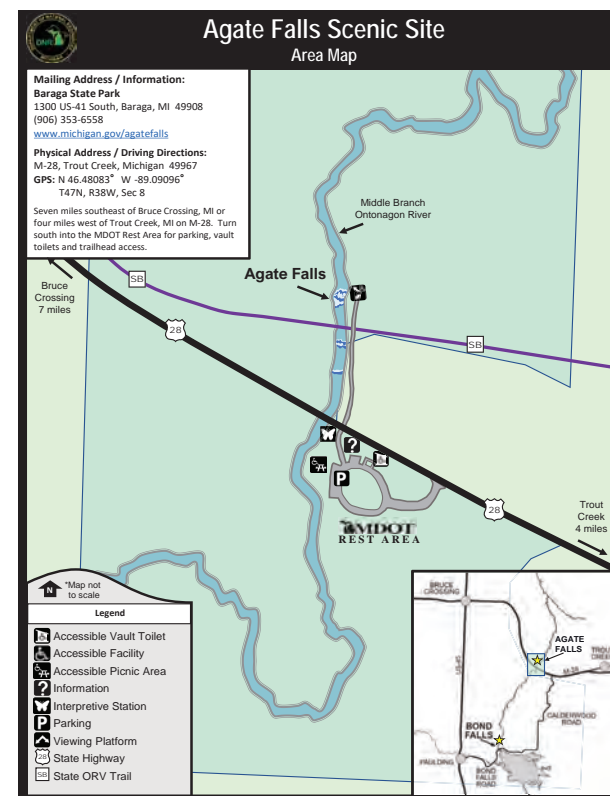
Depending on weather conditions, the site is typically open for vehicle access mid-May through mid-

October. Trail access is open year-round; however, trails and boardwalks are not monitored or groomed for snow and ice.

Parking, vault toilets, a paved trail and a picnic area are available at the adjacent Michigan Department of Transportation roadside park which is generally open early May through late October.

UC Berkeley has studied the Jacobsville Sandstone Formation at Agate Falls on several occasions to help advance the knowledge of the geological history of the Upper Peninsula and while Jacobsville Sandstone is common across several locations in the U.P. the Jacobsville Formation at Agate Falls contains red siltstone. For research purposes, this can help determine the Earth's magnetic field at the time it was deposited.

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A to Z Guide to Summer Fun

Summer! Just the word conjures up sun-kissed skin, juicy slices of watermelon, and bare feet on the warm sand. Make this your family's best summer yet with our A to Z guide of things to love about the sunshine season. There's so much for parents and kids to love about summer! Get excited about all the fun adventures you'll have by exploring our list of the summer's best.

A Is for Adventures

Summer is a time to visit new places, try new things, and connect with new friends, or reconnect with old ones. Your adventures can range from setting foot into one of the Great Lakes for the first time to creating an elaborate tree fort in the backyard. When the sun is shining and the outdoors beckons, can new discoveries and adventures be far behind?

B Is for Boats

Sailboats, canoes, rafts, fishing boats...or paper boats you launch in a lake or a kiddie pool in the backyard. Nothing says summer like the lovely floating feeling you get when you're on, or even looking at, a boat. Enjoy the excitement of being sandwiched between the blue sky and the lake, or river, and let yourself dream of new horizons and distant shores.

C Is for Camp

Whoever came up with the idea of summer camp was on to something. What better time to make new friends, explore the outdoors, and learn skills from swimming to crafting, to building a proper s'mores-worthy campfire? And the best part of camp...no homework!

D Is for Diving Board

The cool shock of splashing into a sparkling pool after performing an elegant swan dive (or noisy, splashy cannonball!) is the definition of summer fun.

E Is for Exercise

Summer is known for its long days, and, lucky us, we get to fill those days

with movement of all kinds. Whether you prefer a stroll in the woods or on the beach, a hopscotch session on the sidewalk, a neighborhood game of tag, a somersault contest in a lake, or a simple game of catch with the family, summer is a time to get moving!

F Is for Fireworks

It wouldn't be summer without the colorful, sparkly crackle of fireworks lighting up a balmy night's sky. The Fourth of July is the classic fireworks night. Wherever and whenever you see those happy bursts of color, you can be sure that summer is in full swing.

G Is for Grass

Take a long, deep breath on a summer afternoon. Do you smell that? It's the vibrant scent of freshly mowed grass, and it's a nose full of summer. After all, the grass is the bright green coat that softens the earth under our picnic blankets, feeds bunnies and birds, and gives our knees the happiest stains around.



H Is for Hikes

On the surface, a hike is simply a walk you take in the woods, but it's also so much more. A hike is an opportunity to climb to new heights, practice self-reflection, bond with fellow hikers, follow beautiful trails,

breathe crisp forest air, and journey deep into a living, breathing habitat. On hikes, we learn to respect the creatures of the woods and to recognize the importance of enjoying nature—and protecting it.

I Is for Ice-Cream Truck



Few things can get kids to break into a run as fast as the sweet musical jingle that says, "The ice cream truck is here!" Allowance clutched in hot hands, the neighborhood kids come together to choose among ice pops, Italian ice, and all kinds of colorful ice cream treats. Even the adults get in on the action. Why not, it's hot outside!

J Is for Jump Rope

Alone or with friends, jumping

or skipping, single-rope or Double Dutch, this game is all you need on a fresh summer day. Who among your friends can go the most times without missing a step? Get out there and find out!

K Is for Kicks

Summer is a time to kick back—literally! Kicking a ball, setting down your bike's kickstand, or making a splash in the water, use your feet to kick-start some fun!

L Is for Lightning

It seems like magic when a bolt of electric light flashes across the sky during a summer storm. Find a safe indoor spot and watch lightning put on its spectacular show, and marvel at the power of nature.

M Is for Movies

At the movie theater, summer is the blockbuster season. Maybe this will be the year your favorite book or cartoon character is brought to the big screen. Or perhaps your family will enjoy a movie so much, you'll see it twice! Grab some popcorn and settle in for summer-movie bliss.

N Is for Night Sky

Summer nights, warm and clear, are perfect for stargazing. Get a guidebook and hunt for constellations or lie on the grass, look up, and use your finger to create designs in the cosmos. Either way, gazing up at the night sky is a gorgeous way to be reminded that we are part of a mighty big universe.

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O Is for Obstacle Course

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P Is for Picnic

We all have to eat, but who wants to sit indoors when the sun is shining and the lake is calling? Pack up a delicious picnic lunch. Toss some Frisbees, a ball or two, and a deck of cards or board game into the basket, and head out for a fab afternoon of fresh air and good times. Don't forget your swimsuit!

Q Is for Quack

We aren't the only ones who take summer vacations—ducks fly north along with the warm summer weather. Spend some time at a local pond or lake and greet these pretty waterfowl, observing their colorful markings and cheerful chatter. Bring along some bread to scatter and watch the quackers peck themselves a snack!

R Is for Rock Art

Rocks can be painted with bright designs or to look like bugs, birds or turtles. Then make your own tic-tac-toe game.

S Is for Sand

Grab a pail and shovel and wiggle your toes, because it's the season of sand! Build an awesome castle out of these seemingly endless grains of stone and shell, bury a willing buddy up to their neck, stand at the shoreline, and watch the retreating waves pull the wet sand over your feet, or see how deep you can dig!



T Is for Tent

A tent is more than mere shelter; it's a special space. In the summertime, maybe you'll pitch a tent on a camping trip with your family. Or maybe you and your buddies will put one up in the backyard. Or perhaps you and your siblings will build one out of sofa cushions on a rainy summer day!



U Is for Underwater

Take a deep breath, fill up your lungs, and take the plunge! An underwater dunk is as refreshing as it is a blast on a hot summer day. If you have a snorkel mask or goggles, open your eyes and peer into a wondrous underwater world of creatures—or imagine one if you're in a swimming pool. Either way, you'll always find something delightful under the surface.

Other fun underwater activities include putting on swimming races or diving competitions or playing games like Marco Polo, Sharks and Minnows, or Red Light, Green Light. Just be sure to always keep an eye on children of all ages while they are in or near the water.

V Is for Vegetables

Yes, you read that right: vegetables, right from your own backyard! Summer is a perfect time to get your hands dirty in the garden. Plus, you get to eat the fruits of your labors. Tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, beans, and squash are all easy to grow, tasty to eat, and good for your body. Watch your plants grow from tiny seedlings to full-grown stalks, bushes, or vines. You'll never be so excited to eat your veggies as when you've grown them yourself!

W Is for Watermelon

Watermelon is certainly well-named. Did you know that 92% of this refreshing fruit is water? That's probably why you crave watermelon in the summertime; this vibrant pink snack quenches your thirst and tastes as sweet as candy all at once. Just watch out for those seeds!

X Is for eXplore

The outdoors are your playground in summertime, and that means you get to put on your explorer's hat and discover something new every day. Check out the shoreline and look for seashells, learn birdcalls, and walk in the woods in search of your favorites, or check out a new place on a family vacation.

Y Is for Yellow

Do you like butter? Can you find a blazing yellow buttercup in your front yard or neighborhood park? From the sparkle of the morning sun to the hum of a bumblebee to the bright sweetness of lemonade, yellow is definitely a summer color.



Z Is for Zone Out

So many summer activities, so little time. But don't forget to do some serious relaxing in between spurts of playing and traveling. Gaze at a passing cloud, curl up under a shady tree with a good book, or take a stroll and chat with your best buddies to savor the season. School will be back in session before you know it!

Explore

Summer fun in Phelps

PHELPS, WI - Situated on beautiful North Twin Lake in Vilas County, Wisconsin, the small town of Phelps brings big summer fun! The popular summer concert series 'Music on the Lake' is back with a fantastic line up of bands that will get you up and dancing. You can't beat summer nights with live music and gorgeous sunsets over the lake!

This years 'Music on the Lake' dates are Friday, June 21 with Night Shift, Wednesday, July 17 with Juke Dawgs, Friday, July 26 with Shirts & Skins, and Wednesday, August 7 with Jenna Jane and her full band. Friday, July 26 is the Summer Party with Chain Skimmers Water Ski Show Team performing on North Twin Lake followed by live music from Shirts & Skins. Food trucks and beer tent at all events, bring chairs!

The annual Phelps 4th of July cel-



bration will take place on Thursday, July 4 beginning at 3 p.m. with the street parade and live music from Bret & Frisk and Old Pine Band. Raffles, food trucks and beer tent all day. Top off the evening with an incredible fireworks display put on by the Phelps

Area Volunteer Fire Department over North Twin Lake at dusk. It is sure to finish off the evening with a bang!

Other summer events not to miss are Picnic in the Park benefitting Phelps EMS on June 26 in Wavering Park, Phelps Snowmobile Club Summer Ride Picnic with vendors, raffles, food trucks and beer tent, and live music



from Bogfoot on July 12, and of course the Fireman's Picnic and Pig Roast in Wavering Park on July 20. Can't wait to see you in Phelps this summer!

For more information visit the Phelps Wisconsin Facebook page or www.PhelpsWI.us. Or contact the Chamber at chamber-office@phelpswi.us or call 715-545-3800.



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The rich history of the lodge dates back to the fur trading and logging era when the property consisted of a trading post, bank and the first regional post office. The property also served as a resting spot for loggers as they sourced lumber down the Eagle River Chain of Lakes.

Today, Eagle Waters is a four-season resort offering an array of amenities to

go along with 60 lodging units.

“If the grand, arched ceiling beams and wooden walls could talk, they would speak of the many celebrations and joys experienced through the years,” said Eagle Waters Resort owner Laura Koranda.

The family-friendly restaurant is open to the public and includes two bars, dining rooms and wood-burning fireplaces; banquet and game room; and seating for large groups. The restaurant features a full menu including seafood, pasta, pizza, gluten-free items, vegetarian dishes, small plates and children’s meals.

“We have a mixed selection of fine foods in a casual Northwoods atmosphere,” said Koranda.

Currently, Eagle Waters Resort

Restaurant is open Thursday through Saturday from 5 - 9 p.m. Those looking to have a cocktail before dinner can do so starting at 4:30 p.m. Eagle Waters Resort is famous throughout Wisconsin for its offerings during the winter season, added Koranda.

Eagle Waters is located on Eagle Lake, which is part of the 10-lake Eagle River Chain of Lakes. The chain totals nearly 3,600 acres for boating, recreation and world-class fishing.

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Eagle Waters Resort includes Kee-Mi-Con Lodge, rental cabins, duplexes and condominiums. Kee-Mi-Con Lodge features professionally designed interiors that aim to offer the perfect balance of modern convenience with a true Northwoods-style “home away from home.”

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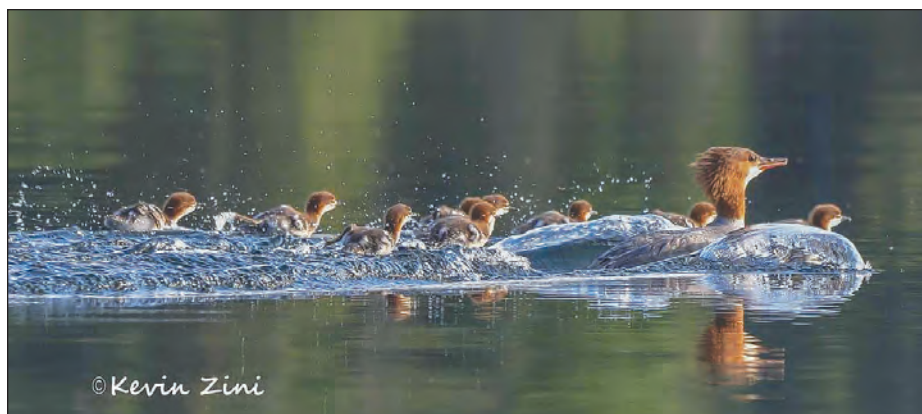
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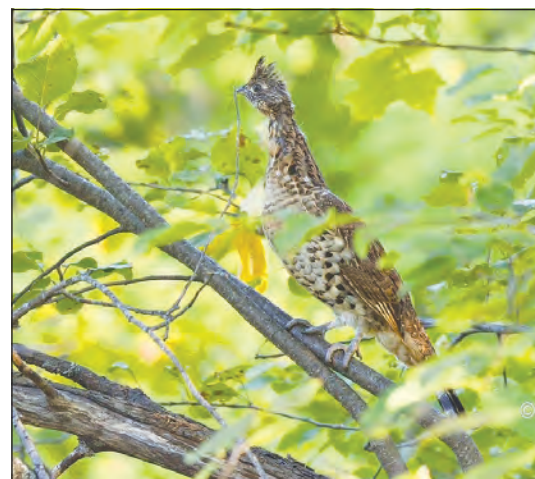
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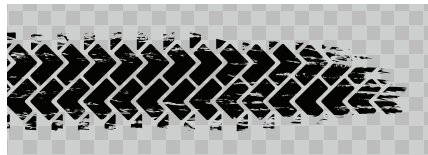
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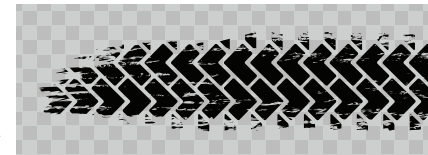
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MI-TRALE was founded in June of 2001 to band together both motorized and non-motorized trail enthusiasts who valued their environment and worked to carefully develop trail opportunities in the Western U.P. for everyone to enjoy. We started with less than 100 miles of trails in the entirety of the Western U.P., and due to dedicated club members diligently working in concert with the Ottawa National Forest (ONF), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Private Land Owners, elected State and Local officials, as well as many others, we are



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Club Meeting location and schedule: Stannard Township building located at 14927 State Highway M28 E., Bruce Crossing 49912 Behind the fire station. Our summer meetings are as follows: May 6, June 3, July 1 and August 5 at 7 p.m. (ET), everyone is welcome to attend, zoom is available if you can't make a meeting in person.

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Ten Famous Lake Superior Shipwrecks

With frigid temperatures and extreme depths of Lake Superior, this Great Lake holds many untouched shipwrecks on its Canadian and American Lake Bottom. It is estimated that there are over 550 shipwrecks in Lake Superior. Most of these shipwrecks are undisturbed. The extreme weather conditions of fog, wind, ice and winter storms of Lake Superior are mostly to blame, but there are other reasons why ships sink on this Great Lake. Here are some notable Lake Superior Shipwrecks.

The Edmund Fitzgerald

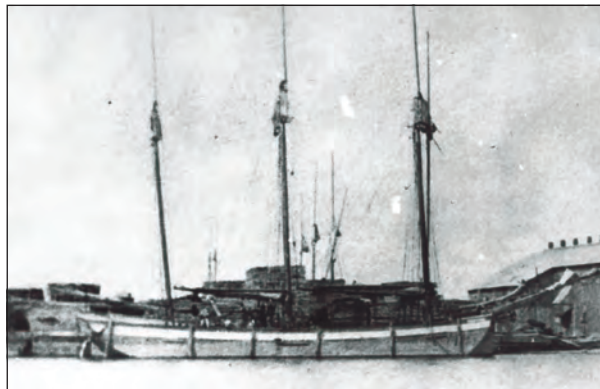


The most famous of the Lake Superior Shipwrecks because of its sheer size and power. It is the largest ship to ever sink in Lake Superior. It sank on November 10, 1975, during a raging storm. There were no survivors, 29 lives were lost. There have been many theories on how the ship sank, but there is no conclusive evidence to this day to determine the cause of the sinking. On July 4, 1995 the Great Lakes Historical Society conducted an exhibition along with the National Geographic Society, Canadian Navy, Sony Corporation and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa First Nations. This expedition resulted in the recovery of the Edmund Fitzgerald 200-pound Bronze Bell. A replica bell with the names of the 29 men engraved on it, replaced the original bell on the shipwreck. The original bell is permanently displayed in the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at the Whitefish Point Lighthouse. In January 2006, the Ontario Government put a 500-meter (1640 ft.) area around the shipwreck, protecting it as a "watery grave".

The May Flower

A photograph of the Dan Hayes, which had a similar size, and hull to the Mayflower.

The May Flower is the oldest known shipwreck in Lake Superior. It was a wooden hulled scow schoo-



ner built in 1887 in Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin. The ship sank on June 2, 1891. It was carrying sandstone blocks from Portage Michigan to Duluth Minnesota. The wooden ship capsized in poor weather conditions just a few miles away from the harbour entrance. The remains were discovered in 1991.

The S.S. Scotiadoc

The Str. Martin Mullen in Houghton, Michigan around 1906.



This is the deepest shipwreck found in Lake Superior. The Scotiadoc was a dry bulk freighter that carried iron ore, coal and grains. Originally named Martin Mullen and renamed Scotiadoc when it was purchased by Paterson Steamships in 1947. It sank on June 20, 1953 when it collided with the Burlington Ship by Trowbridge Island, near Thunder Bay Ontario. It was said to be a day of heavy fog and poor weather conditions. Shipwreck hunters (divers) discovered the wreck in 2013. It lays at a depth of 850 feet (260 meters).

The S.S. Bannockburn - AKA "The Flying Dutchman of Lake Superior"

via the Maritime History of the Great Lakes.



This was a steel-hulled freighter that disappeared on November 21, 1902. It is a mystery still; nothing has ever been found of the ship or its crew. It simply vanished! This shipwreck was lost in the middle of Lake Superior with 21 crew members on board. It left from Thunder Bay heading to Sault Ste. Marie. It was hauling grain. On November 20, 1902, one day before her final voyage, the ship ran aground shortly after leaving Thunder Bay. It turned back to port to check for damage. After no apparent damages were found, the Bannockburn ventured back out to Lake Superior. That very evening, in the middle of Lake Superior, the ship simply vanished forever. There have been many stories circling over the years about this ship. There have been sightings of the ship during winter storms, and crews have even mentioned seeing the dead on its ship deck. The legendary sightings of this ship and having ghosts and skeletons spotted upon it have earned it the nickname of "The Flying Dutchman of Lake Superior".

S.S. Chester A. Congdon

Wreck of the steamer Chester A. Congdon.



This was a steel-hulled American lake freighter. It was built in Chicago in 1907. It was originally named the 'Salt Lake City'. It was renamed 'Chester

A. Congdon, after the prominent lawyer and entrepreneur in Duluth. He is widely known for his home, the Historic Glensheen Mansion and Estate in Duluth, Minnesota (now owned and operated by the university of Minnesota-Duluth). Make no mistake, this famous millionaire entrepreneur knew a good business investment when he saw one. This freighter ship was a good move for him, but no one could predict that it would run aground on November 6, 1918 after leaving Thunder Bay Ontario with 380,000 bushels of wheat. The ship encountered thick fog and ran aground on the southern end of Canoe Rocks on the northeast point of Isle Royale. On November 8 the ship broke in two and officially sank. It was the largest financial loss on the Great lakes up to that point.

S.S. Kamloops

Diagram of the Kamloops wreckage. National Park Service, via Wikimedia Commons



This was a freighter ship. It sank on December 7, 1927, only 3 years after its launch. It was last seen moving toward the Isle Royale. There were no survivors. The ship lost the entire crew of 22 people. The shipwreck wasn't found until August 21, 1977. It is located northwest of Isle Royal. This shipwreck is notable because it is a mystery. No one knows just how exactly it sank. For 50 years it was a mystery as to where it sank and what happened. It was as though it had vanished like a ghost. Since it has been found it has become a popular diving site. Some divers have reported eerie feelings when diving around the shipwreck. Ghost stories remain a popular theme around the S.S. Kamloops.

The Gunilda

Gunilda sinking in Lake Superior 1911.

This was known as a luxury Yacht, built in 1897. It sank in Lake Superior on August 11, 1911, by McGarvey Shoal near Rossport Ontario. A series of poor choices brought this luxurious yacht to the bottom of Lake Superior. The Gunilda was owned by William L. Harkness of New York. He chose not to



hire a pilot (for a low fee) to guide his ship through the islands and shoals of the Rossport area on Lake Superior. The yacht hit rocks because of Harkness's own navigational error. All the prestigious passengers were safely brought to shore. Harkness then refused to pay the fee for an icebreaker tugboat to assist in stabilizing the yacht. When it was finally pulled off the rocks it filled with water and the Gunilda sank in 280 feet (85 meters) of water.

S.S. Emperor

The steamer Emperor downbound in the St. Marys River.



This was a Canadian freighter ship that carried grain, iron ore and coal. It was built in 1911. After leaving Thunder Bay Ontario with a load of iron ore, the S.S. Emperor headed for Ohio. The ship ran aground on Canoe Rocks on the northeast point of Isle Royale, June 4, 1947. There were 21 survivors. 12 crew members lost their lives.

S.S. Henry B. Smith

The launching of the freighter Henry B. Smith, 1906.

This was a steel-hulled freighter built in 1906 in Ohio U.S.A. The ship became lost near Marquette Michigan on the 9 or 10 of November, 1913. It was carrying a load of iron ore. There was a great storm that capsized the massive freighter. There were no



survivors, all 25 crew members were lost. The shipwreck was discovered in 2013, 100 hundred years after it disappeared.

The Niagara

Niagara underway – via greatlakeships.org.



This boat was a class of large tugboats developed for use in the Great Lakes logging industry. On June 4, 1904, the ship sank at Knife Island. It was coming from Duluth when it was caught in a storm. The ship's compass was malfunctioning which led it to crash into the rocks along Knife Island's shoreline. All 13 people aboard were rescued.

Approximately 200 shipwrecks took place in an area between Munising Michigan and Whitefish Point. There is shoreline that does not provide any safe harbor in this area, it is known as "Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast". Whitefish Point has a light house, the oldest operating lighthouse on Lake Superior, and a Shipwreck Museum. The museum honours and displays valuable historic information about Lake Superior Shipwrecks. If you are doing the Lake Superior Circle Tour it is worth the stop to visit the many museums as well as the lighthouses around Lake Superior. Although lighthouses cannot save all ships and lives, they have no doubt helped many in disastrous weather, preventing hundreds of ships and crews from perishing.

Getting snagged could land you in the People Catcher's Club

"The most common injuries we see in the ER from fishhook impalements are scalps, cheeks, eyes and fingers."

EAGLE RIVER AND WOODRUFF, Wis. – For over 30 years, the People Catcher's Club displays at Aspirus Eagle River Hospital (AERH) and Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) in Woodruff have been collecting lures impaled in anglers. It's one club you don't want to belong to.

The display cases are located in the emergency departments and have been inheriting large and small fishing lures since 1993. "We always tell them you are not the first one, you won't be the last one," said Wendy Lizak, RN, HYMC Emergency Department (ED), when asked if people are embarrassed when they arrive at the ED with a hook stuck on their body. "Our room for removal at HYMC for those fishhooks is right next to our people catcher's cabinet. They feel a lot better when they see how many lures we have in there and how many stories we have."

Unfortunately, getting hooked while fishing is no laughing matter as the emergency department has seen sharp objects get stuck all over the body. "The most common injuries we see in our ER from fishhook impalements are scalps, cheeks, eyes and fingers," added Lizak. "It's more when the little kids are fishing with mom and dad, and they go to cast for the first time and they usually catch mom or dad or brother or sister. Eyes are the worst. Through the scalp can be a bit of a conundrum depending on the size of the lure and the kind of hook that's on there."

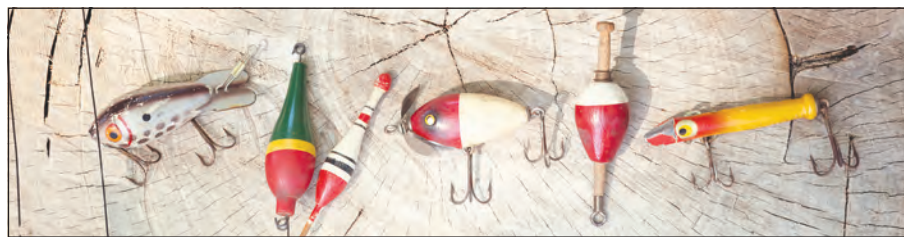
Before the displays were created, AERH providers would hang the lures from a ceiling tile which was mounted above a door. At the end of the year, they would take the hooks off the board and throw them in the "sharps" container. Aspirus MedEvac Paramedic Dan Halverson built the first People Catcher's Club cabinet in 1993 because he wanted to showcase the impressive baits. "I started collecting them, created the cabinet for the hooks, and even more people were willing to leave them for the display," he said. "We've had people who were hooked, or had a family member hooked, that have come back to look at the board or take pictures of it. I think the idea has really stuck."

The experienced staff in the Aspirus emergency departments in Eagle River and Woodruff have removed hundreds of fishhooks and lures from anglers and the removal technique varies depending on the severity of the injury. Generally, it involves clipping an end off the fishhook, pulling the straight edge of the barb out, providing wound care and cleaning. Making sure your tetanus is up to date, some antibiotics if needed and keeping the wound clean and dry are the final steps.

There's a story that comes with every hook removed and everyone at the Howard Young Medical Center ED has heard the legendary tale about the twice hooked angler. "The legend's been told, the gentleman was out musky fishing, got the musky lure caught in his finger. We always ask our patients, 'Do you want to donate it to our people catcher cabinet or would you like to take those lures home?' He opted to take the lure home, was upset about the whole thing, went out, tossed the lure on his seat and then ended up sitting on it and turned around and came right back in to have it removed again. Then he donated it."

Anglers who have had hooks removed are given an Aspirus stress ball shaped like a bobber and a People Catchers Club Official Member Card to showcase their induction into the exclusive club. It's a humbling and humorous reminder to anglers that they're not the only ones this unfortunate injury happens to.

For more health content, visit <https://www.aspirus.org/mediacenter>.



Fish for free in Wisconsin, June 1-2

LAND O' LAKES, Wis. - Free Fishing weekend in Wisconsin is a fantastic opportunity for anglers to enjoy fishing without the need for a fishing license, trout stamp or salmon stamp. Wisconsin's free fishing weekend is June 1-2. During this special weekend, both residents and non-residents can wet their lines and try their luck without any additional permits.

Wisconsin free fishing weekend is June 1-2.

No Tackle? No Problem! Check out The Tackle Box and other shops in Land O'Lakes. Wisconsin offers nearly 60 tackle loaner sites, many of which are located at state parks. Go to: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/anglereducation/loanerContacts>. While you can fish without a license, all other fishing regulations still apply. Be aware of seasons, bag limits and length limits.





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• **Iron River Country Club** is a nine-hole club located off M-189 (Selden Road) at 110 West Hiawatha Road, about a mile south of downtown Iron River.

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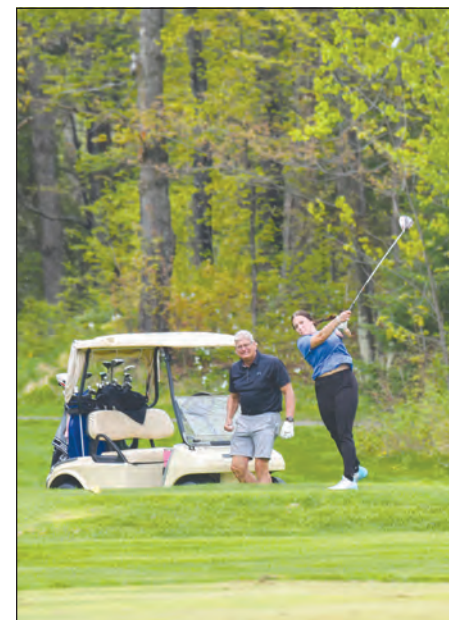
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