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Grow & Lead Member Newsletter

March 2026



Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand



In need of housing in Schoolcraft County?
401 Deer St., Manistique, MI

Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand is seeking an individual or family to partner on the construction of a new home planned for summer 2026.

Prospective homeowners must demonstrate a need for safe, affordable housing and be willing to partner with Habitat by completing “sweat equity” hours. This includes spending time helping build their home and possibly assisting with other Habitat projects.

Applicants must also be able to obtain and pay an affordable mortgage, with Habitat providing guidance and support throughout the process.

Individuals or families interested in learning more about the opportunity are encouraged to contact the Habitat for Humanity HiawathaLand office at (906)341-7437.

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Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice



Structured Grief Support Series
Every other Thursday | Four sessions | Thursday, April 2 - Thursday, May 14 | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | RSVP by Tuesday, March 31 | 914 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette

This structured series offers a safe, supportive space for individuals navigating loss. Each session builds upon the previous one, providing education, guided discussion and practical coping tools to help participants process their grief in healthy ways.

Because the sessions are progressive, participants are encouraged to attend all four and RSVP via phone **(906)225-7760** or email at **grief@lakesuperiorhospice.org** by Tuesday, March 31.

GriefShare Grief Support Group

Fourth Wednesday of every month | 4-5:30 p.m. | 914 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette

Our drop-in groups offer ongoing support in a welcoming and relaxed setting.

Individuals may attend as needed — whether they are newly grieving or years into their loss.

There is no commitment required.

These opportunities are offered free of charge and no hospice affiliation is required to attend.



Gwinn Location GriefShare Grief Support Group

Second Wednesday of every month | 2 p.m. | 165 N. Maple St., Gwinn

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Baraga County Chamber of Commerce



Mix & Mingle and Brown Bag Auction
Friday, April 17 | 5:30 p.m. | L'Anse Golf Club | 15774 Golf Course Rd., L'Anse

The Baraga County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Mix & Mingle and Brown Bag Auction on Friday, April 17, at the L'Anse Golf Club, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event supports the Chamber's scholarship fund and is open to the public.

Attendees will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a wine tasting featuring Michigan wines as well as alcohol-free selections. The evening will also include a brown bag auction with community members encouraged to donate auction items and participate as bidders to support local scholarships.

There is no fee to attend. For more information or to donate auction items, contact the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce at **(906)353-8808** or email **baragachamberoffice@gmail.com**.

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Life Outreach Center



Breastfeeding 101

Saturday, March 14 | 10 a.m. - Noon | 300 Quincy St., Suite B, Hancock

Life Outreach Center will host a free Breastfeeding 101 class on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Life Outreach Center, located at 300 Quincy St., Suite B, in Hancock.

The class will cover the physical and emotional benefits of breastfeeding and help prepare new and expecting parents for a positive start. Participants will also learn about common challenges and the importance of having support during the breastfeeding journey.

The class will be led by Melissa Naasko, a birth and postpartum doula and certified lactation counselor with Peaseblossom Birth.

To register for the free class, visit **lifeoutreachcenter.org/free-services** or email **peaseblossombirth@gmail.com**.

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Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter

UPAWS Announces 2026 Cause for Paws Gala

Saturday, April 18 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Ore Dock Brewing Company, Marquette

The Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS) will host its annual Cause for Paws Gala on Saturday, April 18, 6 to 9 p.m. at Ore Dock Brewing Company in Marquette. The event will feature music, auctions, raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres and an awards ceremony celebrating animals and individuals who have made an impact in the community.

UPAWS has served the region for more than 50 years, working to provide care, shelter and adoption services for animals in need. Proceeds from the gala will support the organization's ongoing efforts to care for animals and help them find permanent homes.

Limited tickets are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit **www.upaws.org**. Sponsorship and donor opportunities are also available by contacting **fundraising@upaws.org**.

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Camp New Day



Camp New Day U.P. seeking staff for summer youth camp

Camp New Day U.P. is seeking to fill several seasonal positions for its upcoming summer program. The organization is hiring multiple camp counselors, as well as one health officer and one cook.

Camp New Day U.P. provides a free, two-week camp for youth ages 9 to 14 who have been impacted by the incarceration of a family member. The program's mission is to offer a safe, caring and healthy environment that supports campers and helps nurture self-worth.

Individuals interested in applying for any of the available positions can request an application by contacting staff recruiter Rachel at rachel@campnewdayup.com.



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Zonta Club of the Marquette Area



5th Annual Honor a Woman
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | 5:30 p.m. | Northern Center | Marquette, MI

The Zonta Club of the Marquette Area is now accepting nominations for its 5th Annual Honor a Woman celebration, happening **Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m.** at the Northern Center at Northern Michigan University. This uplifting evening celebrates the strength, leadership and quiet perseverance of women who make a difference in our lives and our community. If there's a woman who inspires you, now is the time! **Nominations are limited and are due by March 31.**

Community members are invited to nominate a woman, purchase tickets or sponsor the event. A $100 donation allows you to recognize a woman of your choice, while tickets are $50 and include a light dinner, dessert and a fun basket raffle. **The evening will also feature guest speaker Stephanie Graef of the U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force.**

To sponsor the event or for any other questions, contact zontamarquette@gmail.com.

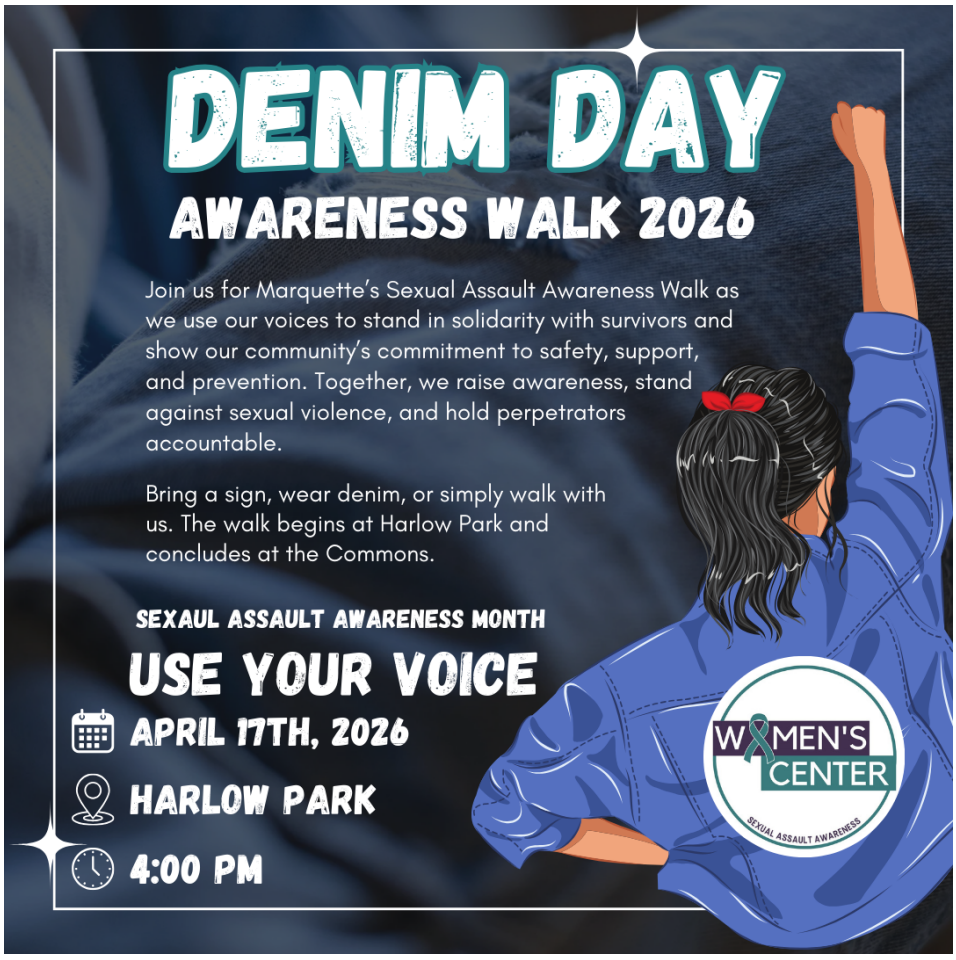
Nominate a Woman

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The Women's Center



Community organizations invited to participate in Denim Day

Community businesses and organizations are invited to participate in Denim Day on April 17, 2026 in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The campaign encourages individuals to wear denim as a visible way to raise awareness about sexual violence and stand in solidarity with survivors.

Denim Day is an international awareness initiative created to challenge victim-blaming and harmful myths surrounding sexual violence. Participating workplaces are encouraged to have employees wear denim, display informational posters, share photos on social media and tag the Women's Center to help spread awareness. Organizations may also choose to encourage donations to support survivor services if appropriate for their workplace.

Participating partners will receive materials including a Denim Day poster, swag items for staff, social media recognition and optional donation boxes. The initiative aims to demonstrate community support for survivors and promote a culture of safety, respect and accountability.

For more information about participating, contact **developmentdirector@wcmqt.org**.



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Caregiver Incentive Project

Free Safe Hands Advantage training offered for caregivers

Thursday, March 19, 2026 | 4:15-9:20 p.m. | UP Health System - Bell Hospital, 901 Lakeshore Dr., Ishpeming

Caregivers and direct care workers are invited to attend a free Safe Hands Advantage caregiver training on Thursday, March 19, from 4:15 to 9:20 p.m. at UP Health System–Bell Hospital, located at 901 Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming.

The training is open to individuals at all levels of caregiving, including family, private and agency caregivers. Guest speakers will cover topics such as safe transfers, CPR, caregiver professionalism and the importance of self-care, providing participants with tools to feel more confident in the caregiving field.

Dinner will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably in clothing that allows for movement. Space is limited to 36 participants. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Register below via the link or call Mary at (906)250-0478.

Register Here

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