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Cambensy elected to 109th district

By Von Lanier
news editor

Former Marquette City Commissioner Sara Cambensy will join house democrats at the State Capitol building after the results of Tuesday's special election for Marquette County's 109th House district. Cambensy now holds the seat of the late John Kivela, who committed suicide in early May.

Representative-elect Sara Cambensy surpassed Rep. candidate Rich Rossway in the Nov. 7 election by a slim margin, 56.48 to 42.17 percent as of 11 p.m., with all four precincts from the 109th district reporting.



Cambensy

"I'm humbled by the support from the people of the 109th district. By winning, I understand that I've been given their trust to take their voice to Lansing, and that I work to represent everyone—not just those who voted for me," Cambensy said in a statement on Wednesday.

"I'm also proud of the clean campaign my team ran," she continued. "We made a decision early on to stay focused on the issues and Lansing respected my wishes to not go negative."

The statement ended with, "I look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead of us and I have no doubt in my mind that Michigan can be the 21st century economic powerhouse in our nation moving forward. We have the vision, the people and determination to get us there. Thank you for believing in me and electing me as your leader in the 109th district to go to Lansing and get the job done."

The 109th district in the Upper Peninsula was not the only district in Michigan to hold a

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NMU community responds to Snyder invite

By Winter Keefe
editor-in-chief

In the wake of news that Gov. Rick Snyder was invited to speak at NMU's May commencement, a petition has been created by a student and is currently circulating campus. An opposition group was also formed to speak out against the nomination.

Nathan Frischkorn, a double major in sociology and environmental studies, spent the weekend creating a petition in opposition to the invitation with a goal of obtaining 1000 student signatures by Thanksgiving break. Nathan also plans to set up a meeting with Erickson to present the petition.

The petition will ultimately be mailed to Snyder to show how many students oppose him speaking, Frischkorn said.

"We're hoping, with enough

signatures, that Governor Snyder will not want to have to deal with the headache of coming—knowing that there might be protests, or walkouts or any of that sort of thing—that hopefully he will just decide not to accept the invitation."

The petition has been printed and spread around campus by multiple people, he said. All of the signatures will be collected on paper.

The main issues brought up by students in opposition of Snyder have revolved around the Flint water crisis, Frischkorn said. Following Snyder's appointment of emergency managers during the beginning of the situation, Flint switched its water source to the Flint River for cost cutting purposes and used corrosive chemicals that wore away at the pipes to treat the water. This switch



Winter Keefe/NW

Students Laura Long and Nathan Frischkorn collect student signatures in opposition of Gov. Rick Snyder speaking at May commencement.

lead to Flint drinking water being contaminated with lead and other toxins.

"My passion—what I'm trying to do for a career—is environmental justice in combating environmental racism," Frischkorn said, citing environmental racism as a situation where a social justice issue and an environmental issue interact.

"So with Flint, it's an environmental issue because you have poisoned water. But when that poisoned water is in a community that is mostly poor—60 percent people of color—that's a race and social justice issue."

Frischkorn encourages students to sign the petition and spread it around campus, saying he can be contacted by email at nfrischk@nmu.edu.

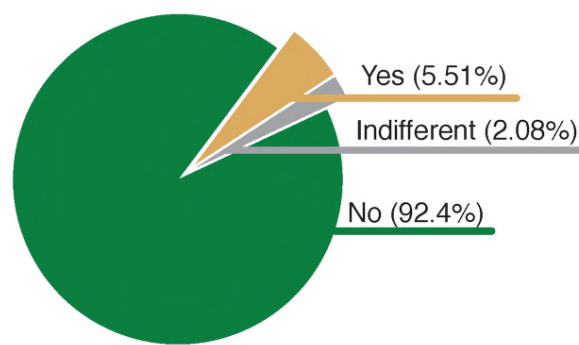
NMU Archivist Marcus Robyns held a discussion meeting on Friday Nov. 3, to address concerns over Erickson inviting Snyder to speak at the May commencement. Almost 30 people were in attendance, eight of whom were students.

"I sat and I thought, 'you know, this can't stand,'" Robyns said. "It's a provocation in my opinion."

Committees were formed at the meeting that delegated members to groups. Groups focused on the creation of educational events and forums, reaching out to the community through social media and creating a mission statement for the group.

The group will meet again at 5 p.m. on Monday Nov. 13 in room 311 of the LRC. Anyone is welcome, Robyns said.

Would you want Gov. Rick Snyder to speak at the May commencement?



Michael Wilson/NW

A total of 816 people voted in a 24-hour poll conducted through The North Wind website and shared through social media.

Superior water levels reach unusual heights

By Trinity Carey
managing editor

Water levels in Lake Superior recently reached historic highs, running just four to five inches below the highest recorded levels for the fall months, a factor which affected the magnitude of the Oct. 24 storm.

The water levels in Lake Superior have remained above average for the last couple years, said Matt Zika, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Marquette.

"[Four to five inches] may not sound that impressive, but if we go back to the years 2011 and

2012, we were talking about record low water levels on Lake Superior, and so since that time, we've accumulated almost 2 feet of water in Lake Superior over the last five years," Zika said.

The high water levels can be attributed to favorable weather patterns, he added, which has created a surplus in precipitation in the past five years.

"If you go back historically and look at how climate changes and how weather changes, it's not that unusual to go through cycles where you're either in a five or a ten-year period where things are a little drier and then they get wet for a while," Zika said.

Water levels typically reach their maximum in the latter of the summer months and well into the fall months, which is why we typically experience strong fall storms, he said.

"When you generate large waves, like the storm we saw at the end of October, on top of those high water levels, we see the impacts of tremendous beach erosion that has occurred in places along the lakeshore. So that's really the biggest impact that comes along with it."

While the high water levels will have no impact on the upcoming winter season, Marquette can expect more late fall storms in the

years to come.

"Climatologically we typically do see at least one intense storm in the Upper Great Lakes during the fall season," Zika said. "The one we saw this past October, you see a storm of that magnitude maybe every four or five years, so I wouldn't expect us to see necessarily one as intense as we just saw here, but it's not unheard of to see storms like that and we may very well see one next year."

The combination of high waves and water levels made the Oct. 24 storm the perfect storm for lake-front damage, said Jon Swenson,

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Book World closes doors in seven Midwest states

By *Benny Garbacz*
contributing writer

Book World, a major store in downtown Marquette for the last 27 years, will close its doors due to the shutting down of the company.

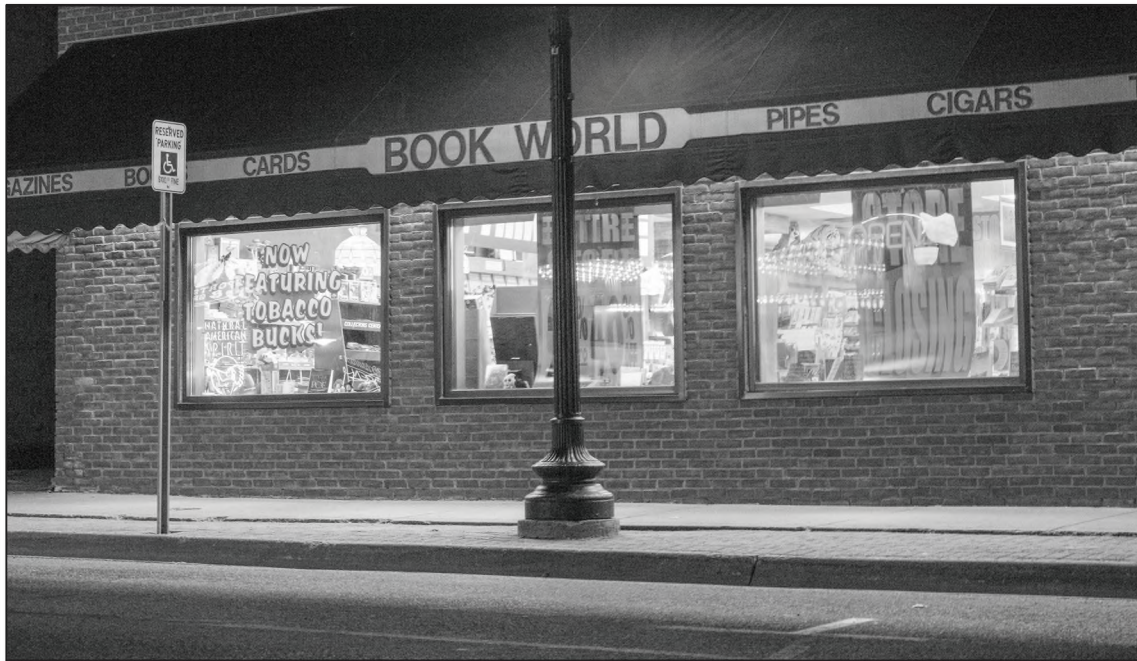
The Appleton, Wisconsin-based company Book World is shutting down all 45 of its stores, seven of which are based in the Upper Peninsula, across seven states, due to its inability to compete with retail markets associated with e-commerce.

Book World currently has a store in downtown Marquette that is forging a liquidation sale, offering anywhere from 20 to 40 percent off some of its original priced items. Other states with closing locations include Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and North Dakota.

Keith Greising, the manager of Book World, expressed concern for the business of downtown Marquette with the store's closing.

"For 27 years, we were sort of an anchor for business downtown," he said. "And now, downtown Marquette is losing a vital business."

Emily Smith, a Book World employee here in Marquette, said the store will be a loss to Marquette, because it was a store that



Bookworld, pictured above, is closed for the night and soon to be forever. This is one of seven locations in the Upper Peninsula where the store has had a fair amount of success over its years in the community.

Lindsey Eaton/NW

had something for everybody.

"The sentiment between every person I've been talking to is how much people here in Marquette are going to miss it," she said.

Although the store is getting traction from the liquidation sales, many residents around the Upper Peninsula have expressed a sense of remorse for its closing, Smith mentioned.

One of Book World's regular shoppers is owner of the Dia de los Tacos truck, Mike Walker. He said he liked to frequent the store due to its variety of periodicals and it being open on Sunday mornings.

Walker expressed a desire to see the bookstore soon purchased and turned into a localized community space in which he believes bookstores should be.

Several NMU students and professors would also frequent Book World, including James McCommons, an English professor who teaches journalism at NMU. He said he would take students in his EN407: Feature and Magazine Writing class to the store to expose them to the large number of magazines and opportunities to freelance their work.

"I don't know of another place in town that has that kind of selection of periodicals," McCommons said. "When you're teaching a magazine class, it's important to have the students get a chance to see that there are lots and lots hundreds of magazines."

McCommons said the international web-conference is Hanna Kassab, an assistant professor of political science at NMU. Kassab sees this event as a "real-life conversation" with people from different nationalities offering differing views on important issues. When universities come together, students feel more empowered to engage in discussions, he said.

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special election on Tuesday, however, as there was also a special election held downstate in Detroit's 1st District.

Downstate, the new representative-elect is Democrat Tenisha Yancey, an attorney who has worked as an assistant prosecutor in Wayne County. Yancey heftily prevailed over Republican Mark Cochran, 71 to 25 percent as of 11 p.m., with all precincts reporting.

The primaries for both seats in Tuesday's election were held back in August. The wins for the Democratic Party on Tuesday night will return the House to having 63 republicans and 47 democrats.

"Representative-Elect Sara Cambensy will bring the values of the Upper Peninsula to Lansing and continue a long-lasting legacy of bi-partisan leadership we are accustomed to," the Marquette County Democrats said in a statement on Wednesday. "We are extremely proud of the campaign [Cambensy] ran that was based on the issues that face us every day here in the U.P. This victory now sets up our path to 2018 where we must continue the style of grassroots campaigning that 'Team Cambensy' displayed."

NMU's International Ed. Week brings talk on American, Russian relations

By *Jackie Jahfjetson*
staff writer

From the city of Tomsk to Marquette, American and Russian students will gather around a virtual roundtable for the first-ever debate over the past presidential election with an international discussion.

The International Russian-American Web Conference is tentatively scheduled for 9 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 7 and will take place in Jamrich Hall, room 1315. In the discussion, six student speakers from both nations will present their research on Russia's interference with the 2016 U.S. general election, their mutual perception of the United States and Russia under Trump's presidency, and American-Russian relations. Questions and

comments will be accepted from participating audience members and there will be an evaluation along with some advice given from NMU and Tomsk State University professors.

One of the moderators of the event will be Alexey Viryasov, who is an international relations major and a Russian exchange student. Viryasov spent the past year organizing and anticipating for this shared discussion to take place. He said with media propaganda forming stereotypes and misperceptions in both countries, it makes it difficult to form relationships with opposing sides.

"It will be very thoughtful to look at this from a different perspective," Viryasov said. "At the end of the day, we are just normal people. We can see each other, talk and become friends."

This collaboration between NMU and Tomsk State University could be the start of something new, he added.

"I believe this can really make a difference and build bridges," Viryasov said. "I hope American students will want to come to Russia and see it with their own eyes."

Another contributor to the international web-conference is Hanna Kassab, an assistant professor of political science at NMU. Kassab sees this event as a "real-life conversation" with people from different nationalities offering differing views on important issues. When universities come together, students feel more empowered to engage in discussions, he said.

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— *Hanna Kassab*
assistant professor of political science

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Kassab said the international conference offers a first-hand

experience to help people better understand and connect with others from different worlds.

"It's real life, not just abstract," he said. "I'm hoping the exchange will bring forth a number of perspectives that maybe we've been ignoring."

The web conference discussion comes as a part of NMU's International Education Week.



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STATE NEWS

Gun owners with extensive training would be allowed to carry concealed guns in schools under legislation approved along mostly partisan lines in the Michigan Senate on Wednesday. Senate Bills 584 and 586 allow people with concealed weapons permits to get permission to carry concealed weapons in traditionally pistol-free zones like schools, day care centers, stadiums, churches and college dorms. To get the exemption and be allowed to carry in these areas, a CPL holder would have to have at least eight hours of additional training beyond the required CPL training, or be a certified firearms instructor. The bills were introduced on Sept. 20, and considered then approved by the Senate Government Operations Committee on Nov. 8. The bills passed the full Senate 25 to 12 on Nov. 8.

NATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. Justice Department has called on AT&T and Time Warner to sell Turner Broadcasting, the group of cable channels that includes CNN, as a potential requirement for approving the companies' pending \$85.4 billion deal, sources close to the deal said in a New York Times report. While critics of the merger have described it as a sign that there is too much consolidation in the media and telecommunications industries, analysts have said that there were few legal grounds on which to block the transaction. To block the deal, Justice Department lawyers would have to successfully show that these effects would hurt consumers in the form of higher prices or fewer choices, antitrust lawyers said.

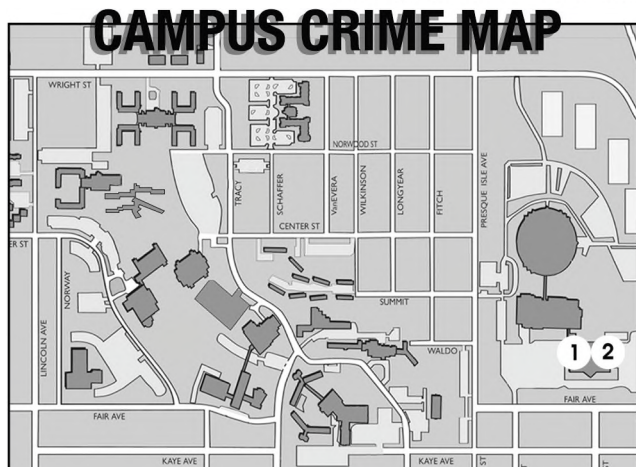
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Starting Thursday Nov. 9, U.S. tourists and companies will no longer be able to do business with a long list of entities that allegedly have ties to Cuban military, intelligence or security services. American tourists will also no longer be able to travel to Cuba on individual people-to-people exchange programs. They must travel now with a sponsoring organization or, if they're on educational travel, with an American group or university. While tourism to Cuba has never been allowed outright, the people-to-people exchanges permitted American travelers to see the island as part of a cultural exchange, and enforcement under the Obama administration became very lax. The Trump administration, however, said it wants to eliminate any American support for the Cuban government because of its human rights abuses.

WEIRD NEWS

Procter & Gamble's Charmin toilet paper brand is lending a hand to Colorado Springs, Colorado police, urging the notorious "Mad Pooper" to turn herself in. An unidentified female jogger has been bedeviling authorities this summer with multiple complaints of a woman in her 30s relieving herself outside and running away in the local Pine Creek neighborhood. The perpetrator has become an online sensation with images of the elusive runner spread on social media.

— Compiled from news sources



1. An MIP was reported at 7:40 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at the Berry Events Center.

2. An assault was reported at 7:34 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Berry Events Center.

Speaker plans to address gender roles and women in today's media

By *Leeza Long-Cash*
contributing writer

Platform Personalities will welcome popular filmmaker, CEO and advocate for women's rights Jennifer Newsom to NMU to talk about women in today's media and how America's narrow definition of masculinity is harmful for society.

Newsom's discussion, titled "Women and Girls in the Media: If You Can See It, You Can Be It" will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the Jamrich Hall auditorium.



Newsom

Newsom is known widely on campuses across the country for her successful industry documentary "The Hunting Ground," which was recently shown here at NMU during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For this particular event, Newsom will address the current climate of American media, it's harmful effects of our culture at large and the impact of media and culture on women's representation in leadership positions.

With America having a delusion of masculinity, others can be encouraged to obtain authentic relationships to where parents can raise not only healthier girls, but boys too.

— *Rachel Harris*
director, Center for Student Enrichment

Women are bombarded and objectified to where we need more female role models, said Rachel Harris, director of the Center for Student Enrichment and adviser of Platform Personalities.

"Women today are valued for their beauty, youth and for the sexuality, instead of for their minds and capacity as leaders," she added.

The upcoming discussion follows the dynamics and statistical results of Newsom's "Miss Representation" documentary, wherein she addresses how women are known to have few leadership roles but a man's success in society is tied to not only dominance, but to aggression and power as well.

Although there are both men and women who are in the entertainment industry, Newsom's film examines how women are less recognized than men.

"With America having a delusion of masculinity, others can be encouraged to obtain authentic relationships to where parents can raise not only healthier girls but

boys too," Harris said.

Co-president of Platform Personalities and junior economics major Sarah Head said, "We hope this experience will help to shed light on leadership roles and can empower younger women to reach their goals."

The event will conclude with Q&A session between audience members and Newsom. Following Newsom's visit to NMU, Platform Personalities will send out a brief survey list of the speakers the group is considering for the 2018 winter semester.

The event will be free to all NMU students with an ID and \$2 for the general public. Platform Personalities brings a variety of six to eight speakers an academic year that gives students a chance to hear from someone who is not only motivational, but also inspirational and can generate interest from students. Meetings for Platform Personalities are held at noon on Fridays in their office located on the first floor in the University Center.

A snowy owl before the snow falls



Emma Case/NW

A snowy owl, also known as the *Bubo sceandiacus*, perches on the rocks at McCarty's Cove. It's presence indicates that winter is rapidly approaching the Northern Michigan climate.

VAST returns with new fundraiser for men's health

By Jake Bekemeyer

staff writer

No Shave November is back this year for a group of men who are dedicated to growing their beards for a charity event to raise money and spread awareness about the importance of men's health.

Sixteen men from VAST, a Marquette-based insurance and risk-management company, are growing full beards in a fundraiser attempt for Marquette's Beacon House, a donation based hospitality. According to a 2017 CDC report, 12.4 percent of men in the United States ages 18 and over are in fair or poor health.

Scott Reddinger, an account manager and certified insurance service representative who has been with VAST for over five years said initially, he and a few other guys in the office started doing "Movember," where they would grow moustaches and donate money to men's health awareness.

When that ran its course, Reddinger said, his group decided to



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change it up and "Beards for Beacon" came about last year. In 2016 the group raised \$2,700 in charity.

"We wanted to stay local, and [Beacon House] was a good fit," Reddinger said.

Beacon House is a non-profit, donation-based charity that offers a home to families experiencing a medical crisis in which they have to travel to receive care and otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a room.

Someone bringing up the

scruffy facial hair is a good opportunity to mention the fundraiser, Reddinger said.

He added, VAST was thinking about choosing a different charity for this year's fundraiser but decided against it.

"The enthusiasm Beacon House had for the fundraiser is what really drew us to them," Reddinger said.

For this year's fundraiser, VAST has a record number of participants with 16 men growing beards and getting donations. After a strong monetary showing last year, they have set a goal to raise at least \$3,000 this time around.

"We're cautiously optimistic that we'll hit the goal," Reddinger said.

The partnership between VAST and Beacon House, along with celebrity support on social media, renders this goal all the more attainable.

You can search for the fundraiser on Facebook. Every cent donated goes to Beacon House's operating costs.

BSA expands program allowing entry for Girl Scouts to become Eagle Scouts

By Kara Toay

copy editor

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA), considered by many to be one of the nation's largest and most prominent value-based youth development organizations, announced last month in a press release that their Board of Directors approved the decision to allow girls to join the Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouting is part of the Scouting program of the BSA and was only available to boys from first to fifth grade, or from seven to 11-and-a-half years of age before the decision. The Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL) are disappointed with the national BSA's decision to allow girls into the Cub Scouts, said Lee Snodgrass, communications director for the GSNWGL council in Marquette, Michigan.

"[The decision] is in response to what is a membership decline on their part, and an easy way to cover come that is to open their program to girls."

Snodgrass also said the BSA are doing nothing different with their program and are not developing new programs for girls or making changes to meet the needs of girls despite saying they can join Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Although the decision has been made, Snodgrass doesn't believe it will change the experience for girls who merely wish to join Girl Scouts.

"...Girl Scouts has continued that tradition of being a boundary breaking organization for girls," Snodgrass said.

The Girl Scouts work on finding out where they can identify



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gaps in female leadership skills and make sure they develop programming that hone these skills so girls can be successful after they leave the program. Snodgrass added the Girl Scouts are the only girl-led, girl-only organization.

"We really stand by the impact of our program and we're really excited to keep focusing on what we do and what we do well to keep meeting and answering the needs for girls."

The decision to allow girls into the BSA came after years of receiving requests from families and girls wanting to join. Families will now be able to choose to sign up their sons or daughters for Cub Scouts.

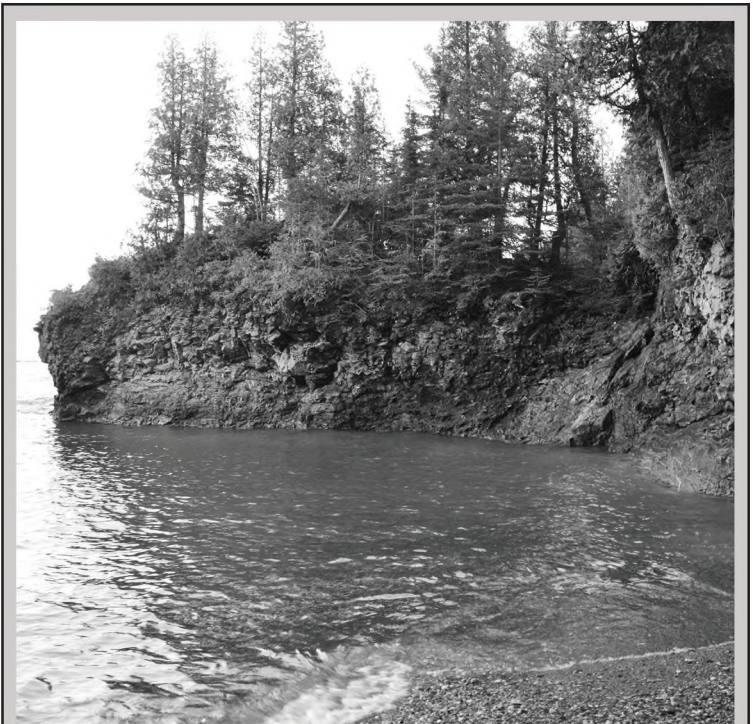
In addition, existing packs can choose to establish a new den, which would include girls or an entirely new pack that consist of both girls and boys dens, or they

can simply choose to remain an all-boy pack.

The BSA's national press release said the organization will also offer a program for older girls to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, which is projected to become available in 2019.

"The BSA's record of producing leaders with high character and integrity is amazing," said Randall Stephenson, BSA's national board chairman in a press release. "I've seen nothing that develops leadership skills and discipline like this organization. It is time to make these outstanding leadership development programs available to girls."

Although the decision has only recently expanded the program to both boys and girls, the BSA stated in the press release that the program has offered co-ed programs since 1971.



Emma Case/NW

Lake Superior is experiencing a rise in water levels mostly due to an increase in precipitation for this region over the last five years.

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director of Marquette's Community Services Department.

In certain places, Lakeshore Boulevard was covered in over a foot of sand and the Lakeview storm drain was completely covered in sand. Shiras Park and Picnic Rocks sustained substantial damage as well.

"The last two big storms we've had the same effect with Lakeshore Boulevard, where the rocks are kind of blasted up into the park and every time you scoop them back, you put the smaller rocks back on top and it kind of sets it up for more issues," Swenson said.

The most recent storm blew parking bollards as far inland as the playground and moved large chunks of asphalt in the Shiras Park parking lot, some of them in excess of 10 foot by 10 foot sections, he said.

At this time the city's goal is to keep the parking lot closed and start the public process to determine what the next steps

are while potentially looking for emergency funding. Potential solutions could be adding more rock armoring, raising the level of the asphalt or relocating the parking lot, Swenson added.

"Original estimates just to resurface that parking lot were about \$50,000 and then I think the cheapest thing we could do right now would be about \$150,000. If we went into reconstructing it could be considerably more than that," Swenson said. "We'd be looking at the earliest action on that sometime next spring. It could very well take longer than that."

With storms such as these come not only the potential for property damage, but also potential for injuries and loss of life, which is why everyone should exercise extreme caution, Swenson said.

"Anytime a park is closed that does mean it's closed and to make sure you stay out of that area. When we do close things down, they're closed for a reason and usually it's public safety."

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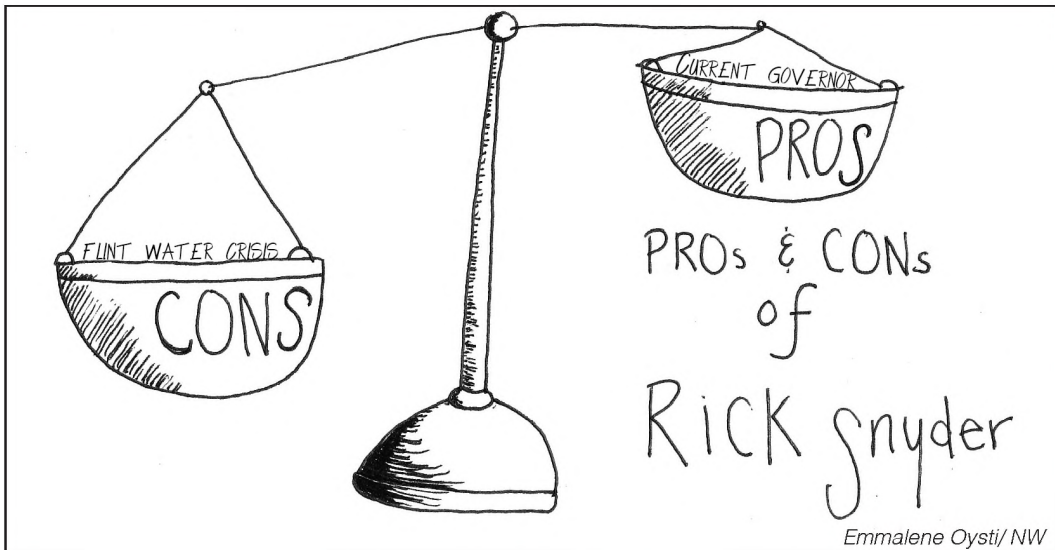
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EDITORIAL



If Snyder speaks, not all may listen

An invitation to speak at NMU’s May commencement was recently extended to Gov. Rick Snyder. This decision has sparked outrage amongst students and faculty. During Snyder’s term he appointed emergency city managers who switched Flint’s water source to the Flint River for cost cutting measures. This switch led to Flint drinking water being contaminated with lead and other toxins. Regardless of political beliefs, Snyder seems to defy the principles the administration and campus community prides itself on. Here’s why:

- Inviting Snyder may be mostly political. The NMU Board of Trustees have the final say on approving the commencement speaker. Each member of the board was appointed by Snyder.
- Just last week, one of Snyder’s top aides admitted that he warned the governor about Flint’s lead levels months before Snyder had addressed the danger.
- We are inviting a potential criminal to address students.
- A rise in Legionnaire’s disease took place from June 2014 to November 2015, with 87 cases reported in Genesee County, 12 of which resulted in death. It is speculated Flint’s water source led to this spike. Fetal death rates in 2014 also increased by 58 percent.
- NMU alum Ron Fonger was just awarded the Distinguished Alumni of the Year award for his active role in exposing the Flint Water Crisis.
- In 2016, a lawsuit filed against Snyder and other state education officials asserted that the state excluded Detroit schoolchildren from Michigan’s educational system. Snyder and the state responded to the lawsuit by claiming “literacy is not a right granted to individuals by the Constitution.”
- Once elected, Snyder appointed four emergency city managers who made decisions leading to lead poisoning in Flint.

As a university who preaches the representation of the campus community and transparency between students and administration as of the utmost importance, it is asinine to invite a man who threw away government transparency and who students and faculty are so actively opposing. We, here at the North Wind, are hopeful the administration will not follow suit with Indigenous Peoples’ Day on this issue and stay in touch with the student body’s voice that is screaming against Snyder.

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To prevent violence, break the cultural cycle



Staff Column
Noah Hausmann

Returning from church on Sunday, I set down my Bible and scrolled through social media. I saw the tragic headline: yet another mass shooting, this time in Sutherland Springs, Texas with 26 church-goers killed and others critically injured.

I knew there’d be more debates on gun control, along with reporters clamoring to answer the impossible question of why anyone would do something so horrible.

It’s even more horrible that atrocities like this seem ubiquitous now, this massacre just after the Las Vegas shooting on Oct. 1 that killed 58 and wounded 489 – and those are just the stories that get national coverage. In Chicago, 3,189 people have been shot this year, the Chicago Tribune reported Monday. Violence is committed somewhere every day.

In the Sutherland Springs shooting, officials said the apparent motive of the suspect, Devin Kelley, was a domestic dispute between him and his in-laws, who were church members. Many news reports say that Kelley’s aggressive mental health could be a factor. But regardless of his motive, it appears that Kelley decided to unleash his attack not only on his intended targets but to spray bullets at the whole congregation. The oldest victim was 77 years old; the youngest victim was only 18 months old.

If we’re serious about protecting lives, then reevaluating and reforming gun regulations is a worthy measure. However, as other attacks show, killers can use anything as an assault weapon. In New York City, eight were killed and a dozen were injured on Oct. 31 when a truck driver steered into a crowd of pedestrians. We talk about banning guns, but we’ll never ban our cars.

The cliché counter slogan that “Guns don’t kill people. People kill people” is true. Weapons make killing faster, but it is still a

person that chooses to threaten the life of another. While trying to regulate weapons, we can’t forget the bigger issue of regulating ourselves.

In human history, violence is nothing new. Evil does exist. Deep down, we know that, and when we see atrocities like this, it’s obvious.

These massacres are the systematic disregard for human life, and they are a symptom in society of a malignant cultural disease: self-centeredness, and we’re all guilty of it. Too often we see people not as individuals but as what they can do for us. It’s noticeable in everything from rude interactions toward waiters to pornography. Others service our wants, and in the process, we treat them as less than human, as tools and commodities, turning a blind eye to their intrinsic value. We forget that they are people with their own lives, loved ones and a right to exist.

We may campaign for world peace and equal rights, but when it comes to entertainment, we hypocritically enjoy the glorified violence and the objectified sexuality of movies and other media. It pollutes our thinking and desensitizes us to carnage. We weep more when a dog character dies than when a human does.

Aggression and exploitation run rampant in our culture, and when we support that culture, we perpetuate a system that teaches us to devalue and dehumanize others. The wave of sexual harassment accusations in Hollywood should not surprise us. Society is a reflection of culture, and culture reflects society in a vicious cycle.

Furthermore, we cannot legislate morality: No matter how many laws governments pass, our actions and attitudes are always a moral choice that we each must make. Change must start with us. If we want a society that protects life, then we must respect and nurture people and help to create a culture that reinforces these morals.

Jesus said in Luke 6:31 “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” I think most of us can agree that that’s the kind thing to do, so why haven’t we tried it? Until we do, expect more of the same carelessness.

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Invitation to Snyder contradicts core values



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Guest Column

President Erickson's invitation to Gov. Rick Snyder to be the May 2018 commencement speaker challenges NMU's publicly stated "core values" of community, opportunity, rigor, environment, inclusion, connections and innovation.

Commencement is a time to celebrate these values, and the commencement speaker should reflect NMU's support for social justice, democracy, civil society and human and environmental rights. Snyder does not.

Most folks are painfully aware of the Flint water crisis and the Snyder administration's culpability.

The tragedy was a direct result of the governor's atrocious Emergency Manager Law that imposed upon the city's democratically elected government an administrative autocrat, operating with

impunity outside the normal process of public accountability. The city's largely marginalized populations did not have the political clout to prevent the usurpation of their democratic rights.

Just last week, new evidence was introduced into the ongoing investigation of Snyder and his administration that indicates Snyder may have perjured himself before Congress to evade responsibility for the Flint water disaster.

NMU values environmental protection, yet the Snyder administration facilitates the continued corporate assault on the environment. He allows Enbridge, the company responsible for the Kalamazoo River oil spill, to pump oil beneath the Straits of Mackinac through aging pipelines.

Companies like Enbridge and Lundin Mining in Marquette County endanger our lands and waters and dishonor Native American treaty rights.

Snyder has also struck a deal between the State of Michigan and the Nestle Corporation to pump 130 million gallons of water each year for only \$200 annually. In response to the Flint water crisis, the Snyder administration discussed buying bottled water from Nestle to give to Flint residents.

NMU values democracy in the workplace as a counter to unrestrained corporate power, yet Snyder supported and signed into law Michigan's "Right-to-Work" (RTW) legislation.

Despite right-wing claims to the contrary, RTW has caused a power shift away from working people toward the hands of the corporate elite, further whittling away decades of progress made

Democracy demands openness and inclusion. Erickson has publicly supported greater transparency in NMU's governance, yet consideration of Snyder as commencement speaker occurred under a veil of secrecy.

The campus community learned of the fact only because of Dr. Brent Graves' email announcement to the faculty last week.

The Commencement Speaker

best and disingenuous at worst.

It is fair to assume that Brad Canale, director of the NMU Foundation, nominated Snyder with the hope of garnering a hefty donation, and he almost certainly did so at the behest of the Board of Trustees, whose members are all Snyder political appointees.

These individuals received their appointments because of their major financial support of Snyder's election campaigns. They have little to no experience in higher education and approach their responsibilities from the narrow perspective of managers of for-profit corporations.

We live in a dispiriting time when a boastful misogynist, racist and narcissistic bully occupies the White House and neo-fascism is on the rise.

The Snyder invitation is a symptom of this larger disease that we must confront with strong and united determination.

Faculty members, staff and students have formed a group in opposition to Snyder's invitation as the May commencement speaker.

We are working on a series of educational activities designed to raise awareness of the issues revealed by the invitation. Our next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13 in LRC 311.

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in securing labor rights through collective bargaining.

Michigan's RTW legislation was part of a larger national campaign orchestrated by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a secretive lobbying front for the one-percenters and multi-national corporations. ALEC crafted the legislation for sycophantic republican legislators, and Snyder touted the legislation by parroting ALEC's talking points verbatim.

and Honorary Degree Committee did not solicit nominations, considered only one nomination (Snyder's) and took no formal vote. It conducted its email deliberations during the summer break, when much of the campus was away.

The surreptitious nature of the commencement speaker selection process suggests a darker agenda. The provost's assertion that the invitation was "not meant to be politically motivated" is naïve at

SOUND OFF

Should Gov. Snyder speak at May commencement?



Alex Camarillo, senior
criminal justice

"Regardless of who speaks, I'll still graduate, but it would be nice to have someone more relevant to students and to NMU."



Jared Viazanko, junior
cyber defense

"He's a stranger to most students. I'd rather have a speaker that's more familiar to me."



Jenn Bell, senior
secondary education

"Commencement is the final act of college. I don't want someone up there that doesn't reflect me nor NMU."



Mitchell Frye, junior
history

"It'd be a good thing to have him speak because it would show that NMU is credible and that the Lower Peninsula validates us."

Compiled by Kat Torreano

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

The Board of Directors of MooseWood Nature Center would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's 18th Annual Haunted Bog Walk Fundraiser held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14.

The event was a huge success. All proceeds will be used to operate your year-round nature center, updating exhibits, keeping the resident educational animals well cared for and fed and providing public programming and school field trips to the greater Marquette and

surrounding areas.

The weather is not always in our favor, but this year it was spectacular for both nights and our participants were able to view the Northern Lights on Friday night.

Your outstanding support confirms that the people of Marquette County are supportive of their local nature center and our mission, to celebrate nature through education and action in the Upper Peninsula.

We especially want to thank our sponsors for their overwhelming sup-

port. They included: mBank, Essential Chiropractic, Econo Foods, Third Street Bagel, Marquette Food Co-op, Togo's, Main Street Pizza, Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill, Down Wind Sports, Jilbert Dairy, Mares-Z-Doats and Marquette Baking Co.

This event would not be possible without the time and energy of our spectacular volunteers who made this event truly a success. Northern Michigan University's Honor Society, Weightlifting OTC, ROTC, Mu Beta Psi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Cold Logic, Van Antwerp Hall;

TV6; Ian Bek; MooseWood board members and their spouses; along with Jamie Whiting, this year's volunteer coordinator, were all able to come together and support this community organization. Thank you again to everyone who did not get named in this list.

Thank you for supporting your local nature center and adding the Haunted Bog Walk to your community Halloween activities.

—Board of Directors and Staff
MooseWood Nature Center

Emma Case/NW

Senior Taylor Ehle and freshman Max Stevens star in the drama "Constellations" by contemporary British playwright Nick Payne.



SHOWTIMES

The FRT play "Constellations" will perform at the Black Box Theatre in the McClintock building during these times:

- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9
- 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10
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ROMANCE WITH A SCI-FI TWIST

By *Benny Garbacz*

contributing writer

What in the universe? Dimensions, comedy, drama and romance will collide into a unique, sci-fi theater experience in the latest play at NMU.

The Forest Roberts Theatre team will perform the play "Constellations" in the Panowski Black Box Theatre for the next two November weekends.

The play is a two-character romantic drama with scientific influences written by British playwright Nick Payne. It delves into the concepts of choice and destiny while thriving off of the themes of time and space.

In this tale upon the stage, timelines vary, which sends the relationship of the characters Marianne and Roland on new

trajectories that continue to change. The play depicts their relationship via parallel universes and nonlinear realities. These can intersect one another and divide depending on how the characters behave and what decisions they make. Different dimensions show

The characters and connections are bound to neither time nor space.

— *Shelley Russell*
director of "Constellations"

the various causes and effects of their multitude of choices.

The decisions Marianne and Roland make happen during situations such as a marriage proposal or trip to the bar.

All possible decisions that could

be made in these situations are portrayed, exploring outcomes from comedy to tragedy. Ultimately, these variations in timeline string together, and the multiple stories combine into one overarching dramatic narrative between Marianne and Roland.

"The play is about connections," said Director Shelley Russell, an NMU communications and performance studies professor. "The characters and connections are bound to neither time nor space."

Despite the sci-fi twists, the play is also relatable to real life, she said.

"It's funny. It has elements of terror, engagement, fear and ridiculousness," Russell added.

The drama stars senior environmental studies and sustainability major Taylor Ehle as the quantum physicist Marianne and her beekeeper love interest Roland, played by freshman multimedia production major Max Stevens.

Both actors expressed an enjoyment for the play as well as for the experience of the work they each put into rising to the challenge of their roles.

"It's been really fun but challenging though," Ehle said. "The drama of the show and the pace that it changes from one universe to another challenges me

to not only be on my toes, but to portray each emotion and scene as if it were a different time and place than the one before it."

Stevens agreed, appreciating the complexities of the drama.

"They say life can be like an emotional rollercoaster sometimes and this show puts it to shame; it's like a 90-minute rollercoaster," Stevens said.

He too has felt the effort required of their performances.

"This role has been my toughest challenge yet as far as theater is concerned," he added. "It's been very gratifying and rewarding to figure out what I'm capable of and what I need to work on as an actor going forward."

Tickets for "Constellations" are \$5 for NMU students, \$10 for other students and \$15 for the general public.

Event to grow knowledge of sustainable foods

By *Isabela Ney*

contributing writer

The seasons are changing and sustainability is the name of the game. The Student Leader Fellowship Program is teaming up for a community service project with Partridge Creek Farm in Ishpeming.

"Sustainability Sunday" will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 12. Students and community members of all ages will meet in the Salvation Army, 222 E. Division St. in Ishpeming for some hands-on learning and snacks.

Participants can drop in at any time and stay as long as they'd like. Knowledgeable staff from Partridge Creek Farms will be there to educate volunteers about seed-saving and teach them about sustainable food systems.

The project started as a class

assignment from UN250, a requirement for SLFP members. Gwyneth Harrick and Marissa Lindstrom are the project leaders for Sustainability Sunday. They decided to work with Partridge Creek Farm, which is known for providing nutrition information and fresh produce to Western Marquette County.

"We found this to be a great cause because they work to eradicate food deserts and promote nutrition education in the Ishpeming area," Harrick said.

Their vision is a community in which everyone can find affordable, delicious and nutritious food choices grown and distributed locally.

Recently, they have collaborated with NMU's public administration program to survey and obtain statistical information on the impact of their latest project, a community garden in Ishpeming. The garden was planted this past spring

on the property of Grace Episcopal Church. NMU public administration students will be evaluating changes in community sentiment, improvements in social capital and, generally, the impact a community garden will have on the local residents.

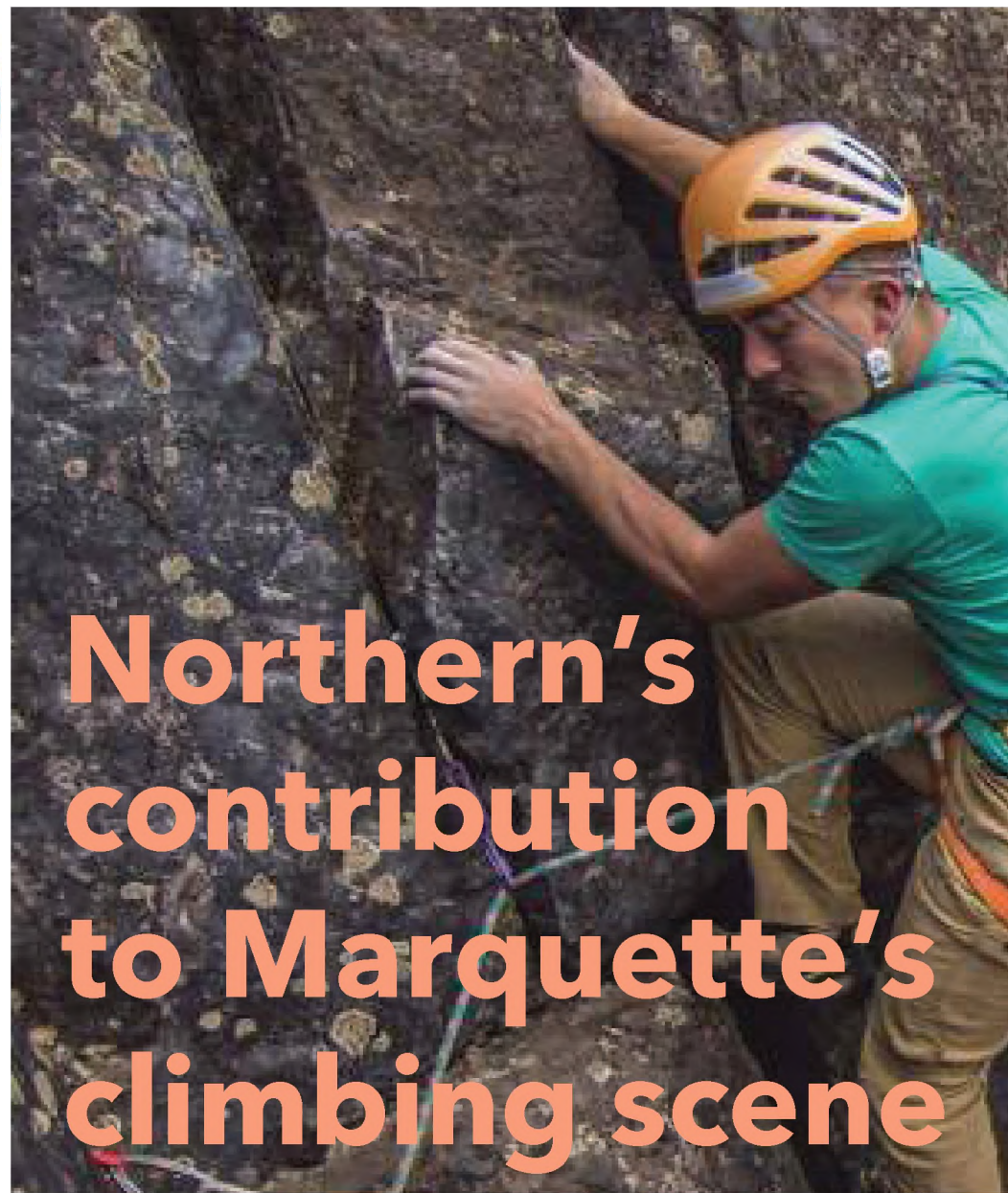
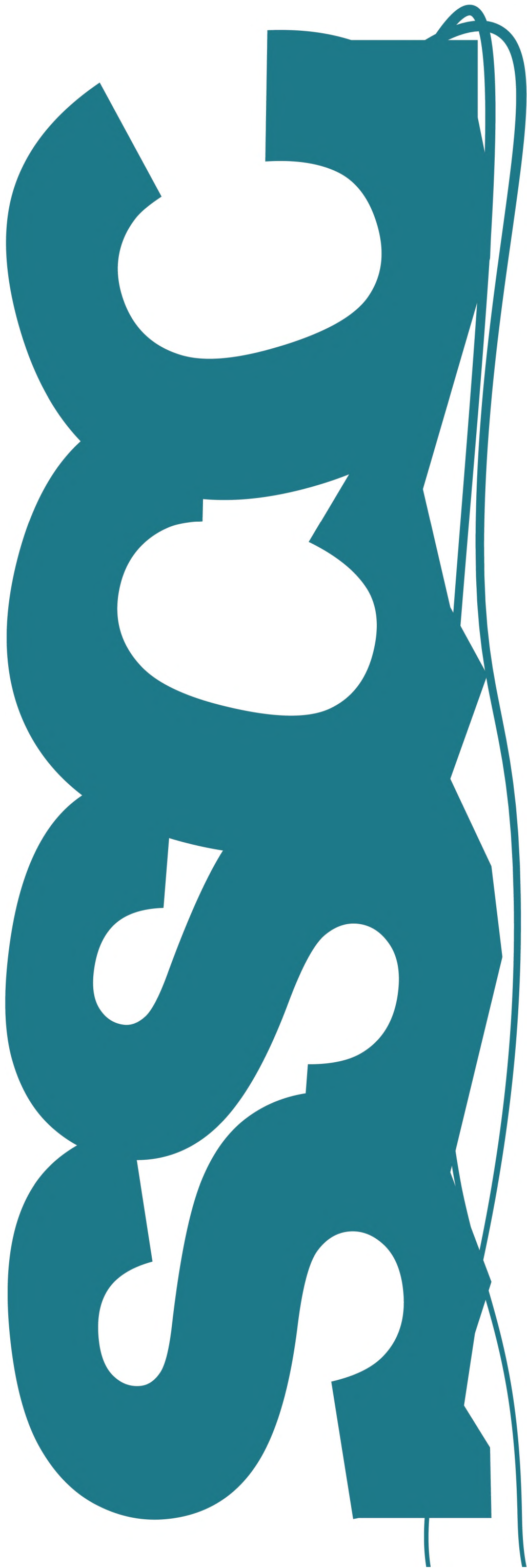
Focusing on sustainable food systems is not only a great way to learn about the science behind growing and caretaking, it's also a huge contribution to the harmony of a community, Harrick added. Gardens and events like "Sustainability Sunday" allow people to participate in and benefit from getting their hands dirty by making new connections and supporting their neighbors in an environmentally-friendly way.

SLFP and Partridge Creek Farm will also be working in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Marquette

Alger Technical College and students from Ishpeming and Negaunee public schools because it's never too early to learn about reliable and eco-friendly ways to feed oneself, Harrick said. Sustainability Sunday caters to all ages and crafts will be available for a fun learning experience.

Harrick hopes to attract volunteer NMU students and provide an engaging environment for greater involvement with local residents who care about being environmentally and economically conscious.

This is an opportunity for some students as a resume builder but regardless of the incentive, the impact of this day will contribute to the spread of important ecological knowledge, she said. Participants can also log volunteer hours for civic engagement in the Superior Edge logging system.



Northern's contribution to Marquette's climbing scene

By Jake Bekemeyer / contributing writer

Whether you're a beginner who can only make your way up the easy route at your gym's rock wall, you're a seasoned veteran who can scale any rock that you step in front of or you're somewhere in-between, the South Superior Climbing Club has a place for you.

Eric Krause, president of the NMU student organization, wants people to get excited to climb and to spend more time outdoors helping their local climbing community.

The group goes on various social climbs throughout the year. These climbs tend to take place at closer climbing locations, like Cliffs Ridge and Marquette Mountain Krause explained.

"The people with a lot of equipment will show up a couple hours early and set up," Krause said.

Set-up includes putting the top ropes and anchors on the rock they're going to climb. Once other members show up, the climbing begins. Krause said that once

people start climbing, everything is a little more fun. More experienced group members are willing and open to help, and as these events are geared more toward people who don't have the equipment or training to climb outside so it's an easy way to get involved.

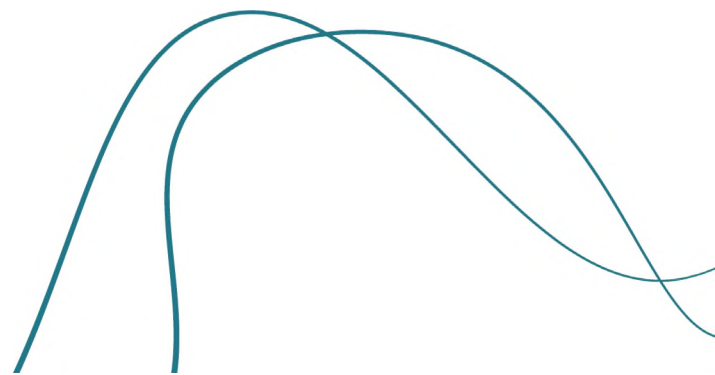
The South Superior Climbing Club takes a yearly trip to Arkansas, a pristine state for climbing due to its uneven and rocky terrain. There, the group visits Horseshoe Canyon, which has over 300 different routes for climbers of all levels of experience.

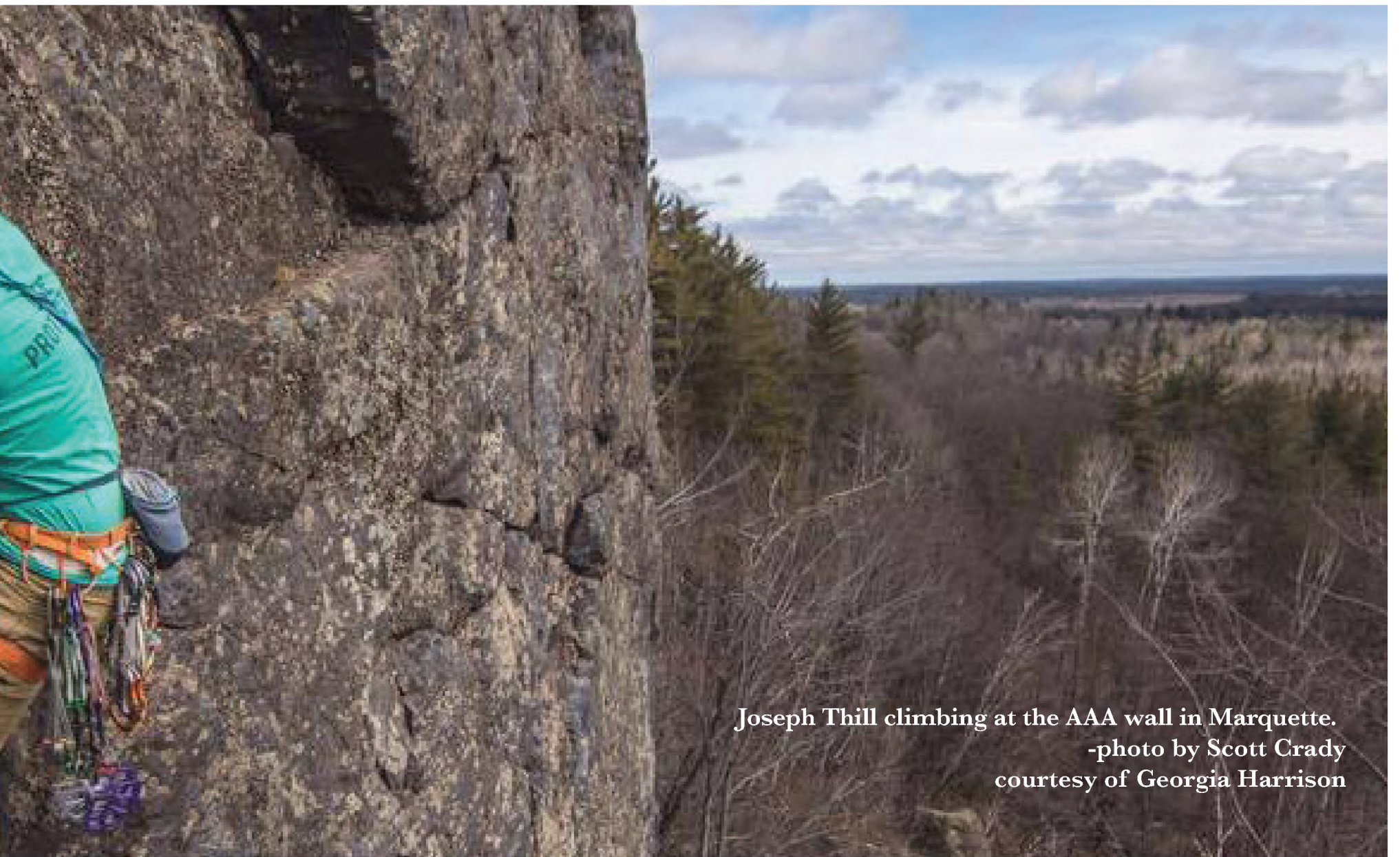
The trip is a big draw for the club, and it's a good opportunity to get new members interested and active, said Krause.

"The main goal [of the club] is to get people to climb outside," he said.

Another goal of the club is to educate members on exactly how much work goes into a simple rock climbing event.

All the proceeds from the optional membership fee go to paying for insurance for the AAA wall another spot frequented by the club provided





Joseph Thill climbing at the AAA wall in Marquette.
-photo by Scott Crady
courtesy of Georgia Harrison

by the Upper Peninsula Climbers Coalition.

Georgia Harrison, vice president of the SSCC said that workdays are important for the club's success.

"We go out and clean trails and make the area look nice... It costs money to maintain these areas, it doesn't just happen," she said.

So, they pay insurance and do all this upkeep, but why not just climb on a rock wall inside?

Harrison said that rock walls are a great way for beginners to start climbing and for experienced climbers to hone specific skills, but outdoor climbs are where it all comes together.

"I always feel a stronger connection to the area after I climb there," she said.

Most indoor rock walls have little duct-tape-marked paths that indicate skill level, and you are supposed to stay on those pre-marked paths. The freedom of the outdoors is what makes outdoor climbing different.

"There's no duct tape to tell me where

to put my hands," Harrison said.

The 12th annual Reel Rock is coming to Marquette 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 in Jamrich room 1100.

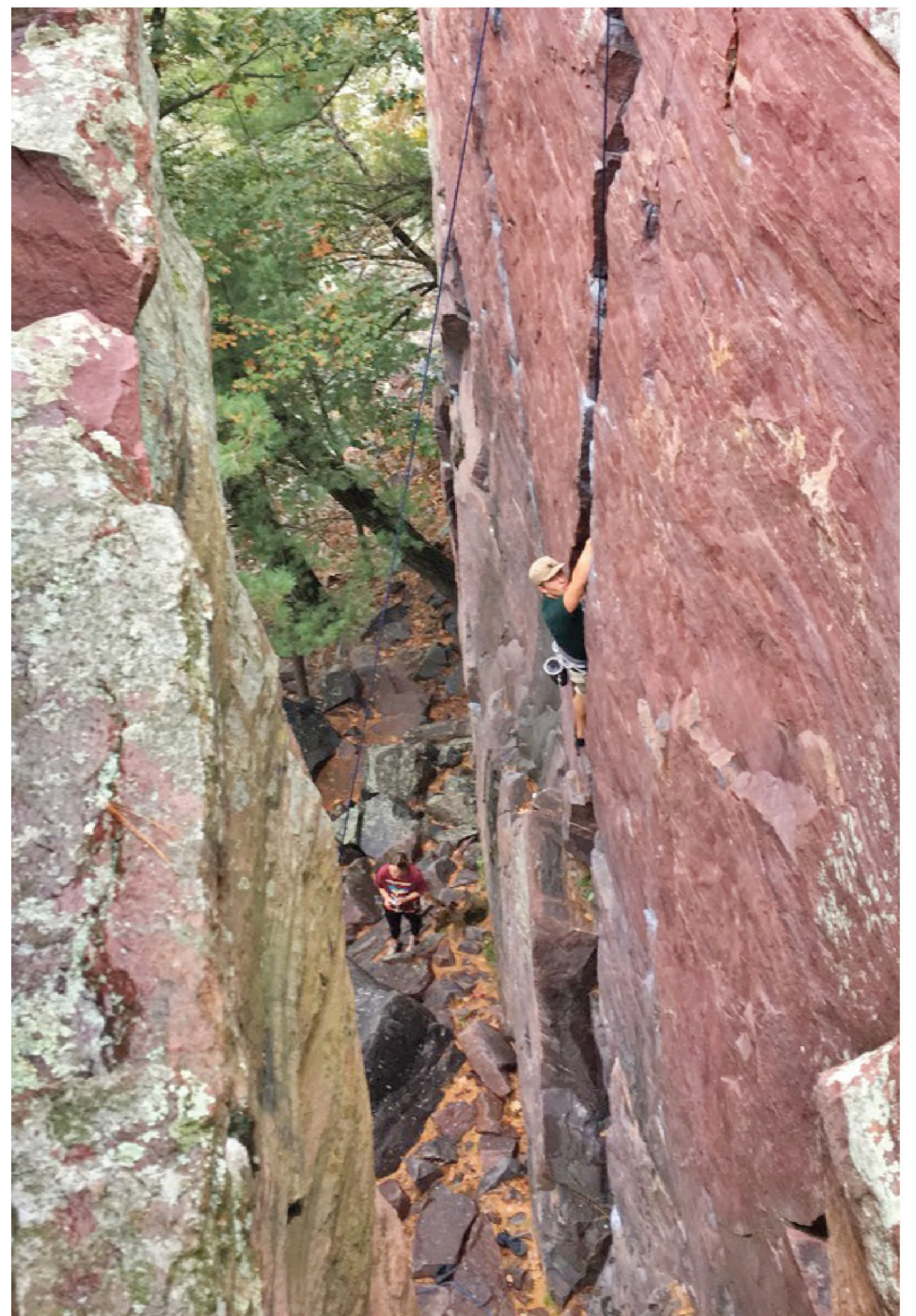
Reel Rock is a collection of high-adrenaline, high-adventure short films about climbing. One film features the former best climber in the world doing a deep water solo climb, which means he's climbing without harnesses over very deep water, just in case, while another film features a disabled climber.

Krause mentioned that this event gets the whole group together one last time before the close of climbing season.

"It's a great way to get people excited for climbing," he said.

The SSCC is hosting a Midnight Madness event right after Reel Rock 12 at the PEIF. It will begin at 10 p.m., featuring rock wall climbing under only the safety lights.

"Doing this gives us the opportunity to go climb right after we watch the films," said Harrison.



Madi Larson is shown climbing while Georgia Harrison belays below.

-Photo by Joe Reynolds courtesy of Georgia Harrison



Lights, camera, Wildcats

4Reels club gets students into film making

By Trevor Drew
sports editor

From infomercials advertising imaginary products to short horror films revolving around Cheetos, any idea can be made into a challenge aimed to create innovative, thought-provoking films in a cooperative manner at Northern Michigan University's 4Reels movie making club.

Ranging from absurd comedy to more emotional and deep themes, 4Reels gives students with little or no filmmaking background the opportunity to learn how to make short films in a professional but somewhat casual environment, Club President and senior fisheries and wildlife management major Jack Cole explained.

"If you've had an idea for the past couple of years burning a hole in the back of your brain we definitely will try to help you make that happen," Cole said.

Each week, members of the club brainstorm a prompt and get to work trying to produce a film while abiding by a challenge implemented by the group, Cole explained. While the themes and

subjects are often pulled out of the air, the focus is developing technical aspects of filmmaking such as shot framing, script writing and set designing.

Inspired by Halloween, the club is currently working on short, comedic horror films with a twist. The members must incorporate making a film in their plot, making it a "film within a film."

According to the 4Reels Facebook page, the club is actively seeking storyboarders, script writers, actors, camera operators, light and sound technicians, video editors and crew for props, costumes and makeup.

The club's casual nature makes it easy for students to learn and gain experience in filmmaking without committing to a class, said the club's vice president and junior digital cinema major Alexa Range.

"The club is a lot more relaxed than class, and I figured it would be a fun way to do something you like," Range added.

Cole added that not only is it a lot of fun, but filmmaking helps develop communicative skills that he feels are valuable and



Kat Torreano/NW

NMU students in the 4Reels club work on editing movies that they have filmed during their weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in room 75 in the Art and Design Building. On the right is club president Jack Cole.

applicable to professional life.

"Nowadays, everything is presented to us in a much faster pace, and video is an extremely easy, consumable form of media that can be used to display anything you want," Cole said. "Things that I learn and use in this club, I'm also

able to transform and use in a research presentation."

Aside from making weekly videos, there is an annual event that 4Reels holds and looks forward to year-round, Cole said. It's their 24-hour movie contest, when movie-making teams must create a film within 24 hours of

getting a prompt from a panel of judges made up of faculty from the art department.

"It's a lot of fun to see what everyone can come up with, how much effort and how excited everyone gets about that project," Cole said. "It's probably the highlight of every year."

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Food Taster to bring Indigenous eats to NMU

By Mason Wallace
contributing writer

Envision how your life would be different if you had to survive solely on the food found in the Upper Great Lakes Region.

Things you may be making for yourself would include

The event is now in its 17th year and aims to provide people with a wide array of choices from traditional and contemporary Native American recipes.

It also raises money for the annual “Learning to Walk Together” Pow Wow held later in the winter semester, said

and are \$7 for NMU students with their ID, elders, veterans and children ages 5-10, and general admission is \$15.

The group is also looking for volunteers to prep the food and work at the event. Anyone who signs up for a shift will be able to get into the taster for free.

“When we are preparing the food everyone is happy, singing and laughing,” Reinhardt added. “That energy is all infused into the food, and it will definitely come out at the event as well.”

The majority of menu items are selected out of the Decolonizing Diet Project cookbook, which members at the Center for Native American Studies put together a few years ago. It was a year-long study consisting of 25 people using and eating precolonial foods indigenous to the Great Lakes region daily.

There are more benefits to the event than just trying new food. The foods and recipes provided offer multiple health benefits. These foods are also a great and popular choice because many of the recipes offered are gluten free as well as vegan and vegetarian, said Reinhardt.

NASA is always encouraging people who have never tried this sort of cuisine to come and enjoy



North Wind file photo

Right, NMU alumna Kayla Argeropoulos volunteers with a smile at the annual “First Nations Food Taster” event last year.

It’s a way to bring diversity to the community. People can try Indigenous foods to this area and learn about the culture at the same time.

— *Biidaaban Reinhardt*
co-president of Native American Student Assoc.
senior physics, Native American studies major

roast turkey, bison and venison stew, minty wild rice salad and three sisters casserole, which is comprised of corn, beans and squash. Other recipes could be white pine or wintergreen tea, pumpkin cornbread, maple roasted pecans and much more.

This is the goal of the “First Nations Food Taster” put on by the Native American Student Association (NASA) of Northern Michigan University.

NASA co-president Biidaaban Reinhardt, a senior physics and Native American studies double major.

“It’s a way to bring diversity to the community,” Reinhardt said. “People can try Indigenous foods to this area and learn about the culture all at the same time.”

The food taster will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Jacobetti Complex. Tickets are available at the door

it, said NASA member Marlee Gunsell.

“I was really surprised that there were so many things from this area that you could make,” Gunsell said. “I never knew that you could make tea from the pine needles right outside.”

It is a “dish-bag” event. The goal is to cut down on paper and plastic waste by offering incentives. Attendees who bring a reusable cup, bowl, plate and silverware will then be eligible

for a raffle prize.

There will be hand drumming and flute playing during the meal. There will also be a silent auction comprised of an array of donations from local artists, including a moose antler in the shape of an eagle, Reinhardt added.

“We are all related and are the whole environment, and we can bring awareness to Indigenous communities that are local in this region,” she said.

On Tap: Science and American Indian Education

By Jamie Glenn
staff writer

Ideas of science and American Indian education will merge together to educate and perhaps calibrate people’s perspectives on the issues.

Marquette’s bar scene will play host to another “Science on Tap,” a monthly event that allows university and community members to come together and learn something new over a cold brew. This month will feature the theme “The Spirit of Science in American Indian Education” from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 9, at the Ore Dock Brewing Co.

Native American Studies professor Martin Reinhardt will be speaking at this month’s event, looking to integrate science and American Indian philosophy.

“Often when people think of American Indian education and Native American studies, I think they often think of the social or cultural ideas, and I don’t think people really think about the relationship of science and American Indian education. I’m kind of excited about the discussion that’s going to [happen] as a result of a focus on this.”

Reinhardt looks to interweave



Lindsey Eaton/NW

Members of the NMU Native American Student Association and community gather to show support of Native culture during Indigenous People’s Day on campus Oct. 9. Professor Martin Reinhardt holds the eagle staff.

American Indian practices with that of scientific methods.

“Just thinking about the relationship between quantum physics and how American Indians think about spirituality, there’s a lot of similarities. People don’t often think about religion or spirituality and science as being similar. I think you have to consider the core

value of a speciality from an American Indian perspective, and by doing so, we can see how the American Indian thought process incorporates scientific method and the pursuit of knowledge.”

Andrea Pernsteiner is the co-founder and owner at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. She enjoys having university and community

members come together each month to learn from local experts on the scientific topic at hand.

“Science on Tap is something that we have been doing for awhile, and I have to say, it’s one of my favorite events we do here at the Ore Dock because it’s such a great chance for us to collaborate with the university and provide something

educational for the public. We try to mix it up and provide a variety of talks,” Pernsteiner said.

The event brings together a core group of participants but also welcomes new faces.

“What I think is neat about this series is that we’ve had it going for several years now, so every time a new semester starts it means that we might have many new students that might be participating in the program and coming to see the program. It’s just sort of seeing how the groups that come in enjoy the program, but also we tend to see the same people every month, the one’s who really enjoy the program and come here every month for it,” Pernsteiner said.

This event offers an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom setting.

“One or two beers often allows people to feel more comfortable and confident in having a conversation. It just gives you that little bit of courage maybe to bring up a question or start up that conversation with someone that you might not normally if you’re in a more sterile or academic environment,” Pernsteiner added.

“I think that’s one reason why this program works so well.”

Buck is back

By Trevor Drew, sports editor

Photo courtesy of NMU archives

A younger Buck Nystrom glares out onto the field during the 1975 Wildcat football season. That year's team defeated the now Division I teams Central Michigan and Boise State.

From new uniforms that sport the updated athletics logo to the several incoming freshmen that fill the roster and the unveiling of brand new Wildcat Willy, Northern Michigan fans may have noticed many changes to this year's football program.

There is one element of the past that still helps guide the Wildcats. Carl "Buck" Nystrom, who was offensive coordinator in 1975 for the only NMU squad to ever be crowned NCAA Division II champions, returned to the sidelines this season as a volunteer coach.

Father of current Wildcat head coach Kyle Nystrom, the 84-year-

old Marquette native was captain and MVP of the 1955 Michigan State University Big Ten and Rose Bowl championship team. Following his time as a player, he accumulated 42 years of college coaching experience at programs such as Michigan State University, the University of Colorado, and three separate spans totaling 11 years with the Northern Michigan University Wildcats.

During his time as a coach, Nystrom developed a "demand and confront" coaching style that he feels is essential to success.

"I don't care whether it's you in your life, in my life, out on the football field, you have to have an

ability to demand yourself to perform with productivity and confront yourself when you're right or you're wrong," Nystrom said.

In his 42 years of experience, Nystrom said he has only had three losing seasons while achieving six national championships, 16 conference championships and has won 16 of his 18 bowl game appearances.

"So I think I know what the hell I'm talking about," Nystrom added.

Before Nystrom's arrival in the spring of 1975, the Wildcats went winless in the '74 season and their 10 losses still hold the school record for most lost games

So I think I know what the hell I'm talking about.

— Carl "Buck" Nystrom
volunteer coach

in a season.

After claiming the 1975 national title and going nearly undefeated in their season, NMU remained a prominent force in the league for many years and was even considered by some analysts as the best Division II team in the country, Nystrom said.

Northern has always been a good football school, Nystrom said. While NMU wasn't the most skilled, the team still found success by being able to outwork their opponent on the football field.

Although this year's team has struggled and are currently ninth in the GLIAC with a 1-7 conference record, he said he felt confident that if anybody can help the program, it's his son.

"We've struggled without question for the last 15 years, and that shouldn't be," Nystrom said. "We should be a damn good football team, but we will get it back. That's why my son is here."

While he feels his coaching style differs from his father's, Kyle Nystrom said that they both enjoy working with student athletes and molding them into not only good athletes, but good people. Kyle added that although the job isn't easy, the reward is more

valuable than money.

"The importance of relationships and growing people up, I saw that in him [Buck] and I like doing that," Kyle said. "My belief in fundamentals and techniques and the simple mechanisms of football that have to be taught that no one wants to teach anymore, that I learned from him."

Buck's core contribution to this year's squad was establishing the team's offseason workout schedule and working with the offensive line, he said.

In the spring, players developed endurance, strength and speed using "the fourth quarter program," a routine created by Nystrom while working with the 1975 team.

Nystrom said the program is meant to instill toughness, discipline and other intangible qualities, ultimately molding players to "bust their tails for all four quarters."

Although Nystrom was able to help the staff this season, he said he will sit out in future seasons due to his age but will be sure to support the Wildcats as a fan.

"I'm a young guy at heart, but I'm not a young guy in age," Nystrom said.



Photo courtesy of NMU archives

Back in the 70s, Nystrom goes over plays and schemes with the Wildcat offensive line. As a child, current head coach Kyle Nystrom watched his father coach Northern Michigan.

SPORTS BRIEFS



FOOTBALL

NMU's Football team came up short in their last minute drive and fell to Wayne State 26-23 on Saturday, Nov. 4. Freshman quarterback Ryan Johnson hit freshman wide receiver Marcus Kidd for eight yards. Junior running back Jake Mayon then ran to the 32 yard-line, followed by hitting freshman wide receiver Dallas Dixon for a gain of 17 yards and nine yards to move the 'Cats to the 42 yard line. Johnson's next pass was intercepted, ending Northern's opportunity of the afternoon. Wayne State took an early lead, scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter, bringing the score to 14-0. The Warriors then added two field goals to take a 20-0 advantage with 7:07 remaining in the first half. NMU responded on their next drive when Johnson hit senior wide receiver Jaranta Lewis for a 36-yard gain. In the third quarter, the Warriors extended their lead to 23-10. They then clamped down on the NMU offense with an interception to close out the game at 26-24. Johnson finished the game with 272 yards, his second game over 250 yards. The Wildcats will finish their season on Saturday, Nov. 11 when they take on Northwood University.

WRESTLING

The NMU Olympic Training Site Greco-Roman Wrestling team took four medals at the Malar Cup in Vasteras, Sweden on Nov. 5. The team also placed eight others in the top 10 at the event. Randon Miranda won four straight matches and secured his gold medal in the 59kg bracket. Benji Peak also won gold in the 63kg cadet division. Peak defeated eight athletes, only giving up five points during the tournament, and seven of his matches ending by technical fall. Taking home silver in the 80kg division was Carter Nielson. Nielson would score three pins and one technical fall. He was defeated in the gold medal match by Rajbek Bisultanov of Denmark 11-2. Spencer Wilson faced Elias Kenneyrd of Sweden in the bronze medal match, winning the match by a pin. The team was part of a 27-member U.S. team that participated in the event.

Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Freshman Lena Soulas was honored as the GLIAC Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week this week. Soulas had four individual victories over the weekend. She captured the 50-yard freestyle in 24.52 on Saturday. She then clocked a time of 52.34 in the 100-yard freestyle, one of the nation's top times in the event. On Sunday she took the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:52.79 and repeated her victory in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.54.



Hockey gears up for Tech

Neil Flavin/NW

Junior forward Troy Loggins takes the puck and tries to maneuver around some Minnesota State players on his way to goal. Along with senior forward Robbie Payne, Loggins is ranked among the top scorers in the WCHA.

By Ryan Spitzza
staff writer

The NMU Hockey team is nationally ranked for the first time in almost three years after splitting with then-No. 9 Minnesota State-Mankato at the Berry Events Center last weekend.

After dropping Friday's contest 3-0 and rebounding on Saturday to win 4-1 in convincing fashion, the Wildcats snuck into the USCHO.com Division I Men's Poll at No. 20, the first time the team has been nationally ranked since Dec. 1, 2014.

NMU head coach Grant Potulny said while the ranking is nice to see from a respect standpoint, it doesn't mean too much this early in the season.

"They were aware of it," he said. "I'm happy for them to be rewarded and acknowledged for their hard work but it's a long season. I am happy for the guys because they have put a lot of work in up to this point, but at this point it doesn't mean much."

The focus now shifts to this weekend for a home-and-home conference tilt with rival Michigan Tech. The Huskies are coming off of a loss and a tie at home against Bowling Green, dropping MTU out of the national rankings for the first time this season.

Despite the national rankings, the WCHA matchup between the two foes is much more intriguing. The Huskies and Wildcats are currently tied for third place in the WCHA standings with nine points apiece, just three back of co-leaders Mankato and BGSU. The advantage for the Wildcats is that while they're tied for third with MTU, they've only played four conference games to the Huskies' eight, giving them a games-in-hand situation for later in the season.

The last time the schools met in February, each team stole a win in each other's building. The Huskies fended off a fierce Wildcats attack in the final seconds of Friday's game at the BEC to hold

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on for a 3-2 victory before NMU returned the favor with a 5-3 victory at the MacInnes Student Ice Arena in Houghton the following night.

This will be the 145th and 146th meetings all-time between the two schools. The Wildcats hold the all-time series lead at 70-60-14.

The Huskies have had the Wildcats number as of late, though. Since NMU rejoined the WCHA, the Huskies hold the series lead 11-4-1. The Wildcats haven't defeated the Huskies at the Berry Events Center since Oct. 23, 2015.

The series may look a little different from the benches this weekend, with both programs under new head coaches. Former LSSU, NMU and most recently MTU assistant coach Joe Shawhan took lead for the Huskies this season after Mel Pearson accepted the head coaching spot at the University of Michigan.

Potulny said he's looking forward to experiencing the rivalry first hand.

"It's hard to know because you don't have any background for it," he said. "You've heard about it, but until you're living it you wouldn't know. It's very similar to my old job, there's a couple of border schools that were big time rivals for us and this week is no different. I know our guys are laser-focused this weekend because of the opponent, and I'm sure we have their full attention also."

Don't let MTU's record fool you. While 4-5-2 isn't ideal, the Huskies took quality wins over Union and then-No. 6 Minnesota-Duluth to win the annual Ice Breaker Tournament at the start of the season.

Potulny said he won't underestimate the Huskies this weekend as they've ran into four difficult conference games with Mankato and BGSU.

"They got a lot of guys on that team that have had a lot of success," he said. "They've played four tough games. Had they won those four games or lost those four games that doesn't change my feeling about their program or their team."

NMU has its quality wins as well, defeating then-No. 6 Wisconsin at the Resch Center in Green Bay and then-No. 9 Mankato this past weekend.

Other news and notes: Junior goaltender Mathias Israelsen made 23 saves in Saturday's 4-1 win against the Mavericks, enough to give him WCHA Goal-tender of the Week honors. Payne has scored a goal in every series this season, putting him in a tie for third in the NCAA for goals scored with seven.

This weekend's series begins Friday in Houghton before the teams return to Marquette on Saturday with both games slated for a 7:07 ET p.m. puck drop. If you can't make it out, the games will be televised on FOX UP.

Men's basketball ready for season

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

The Northern Michigan Men's Basketball team wrapped up their regular season preparations as they hosted the Alma College Scots in a scrimmage game last Saturday, which they won 85-73. They also won their two prior exhibition games over St. Norbert College and Bay College.

Wildcat head coach Bill Sall said that the team rebounded well despite being unhappy with the first half of play in the Alma game.

"We started off a little slow, particularly through the last 10 minutes of the first half, but we got into more of a rhythm in the second half," Sall said.

"The nice thing about scrimmages is we have the ability to correct anything on the court right there and get that energy

level back where it needs to be."

Sophomore forward/center Myles Howard said that the team played solid against the Scots.

"Alma was a great team and we played well against their zone, which was one of our weaknesses last year," Howard said.

The Wildcats are led by all-GLIAC junior guard Naba Echols. Echols returns to the team after leading the team with 17.6 points per game. He also comes back as the fourth-best shooter from the free-throw line (88 percent) in the conference.

"Naba wants to be the best player in the conference without a doubt," Howard said about his teammate. "Naba said, during the summer, that he was working hard on his game everyday, and I believe that he has the ability to do that."

Along with Echols, key returning players include sophomore guards Kenton Mack and Sam

Taylor, forwards Howard and Will Carius, junior guard/forward Isaiah Johnson and senior guard Jordan Perez. Transferring to NMU is junior center Max Prendergast and senior guard Eddie Torres.

Six incoming freshmen joining the squad are guards Marcus Krachinski and Alec Fruin, forwards Anthony Bethea and Dolapo Oliyanka and forward/center Troy Summers.

Both Sall and Howard noted that depth will be the focal point of the team this year.

"The one thing I'm super encouraged about is the team getting deeper," Sall said. "If we get 10 or 11 quality players on the roster, I think we'll be set."

Howard also said that with Perez and Torres being the only seniors playing for the Wildcats, he wants to see them get a proper sendoff being leaders for them.

"Jordan has been through a

lot of rough years here and is expecting to win a lot of games this year. He's working really hard and he wants to be sent out on a good note," Howard said. "Eddie is one of those guys that brings 100 percent in defensive presence, so there will be big things coming from him too."

The Wildcats will face off for the first time in the regular season starting this Saturday against the Lewis University Flyers, and against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers on Sunday at Michigan Technological University in Houghton as part of the GLIAC/GVC Challenge.

"Out of the six teams we play coming up, five of them made the NCAA tournament last year. It'll be a challenge for us to start off with," Sall said on the tournament this weekend. "However, in the same breath, it does prepare us well for conference play."

'Cats set to finish conference play

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

The Wildcat Volleyball team forced five sets against the Michigan Tech Huskies but were unable to overcome their rival in a thrilling match over the weekend.

"It's heartbreaking to lose but I think that's just how it goes sometimes when two of the better teams in the conference compete one of them has to lose," head coach Mike Lozier said.

"It wasn't a case of we played poorly and they played well or the other way around, it was just two good teams competing."

The two teams that were tied for second in the GLIAC going into the contest fought close sets,

with the largest margin of the match being 25-19.

After the loss, Northern Michigan now drops to 18-7, 10-4 in GLIAC play. On the other hand, Michigan Tech improved to 17-8, 11-3 in the conference and captured second place in the league.

There's no doubt that each and every one of us gave it all we got," said senior setter Jami Hogeboom. "We obviously wish we came out on top but it was an exciting game and we really did the best that we could."

Despite losing, the Wildcats saw four players hit double-figure kills, led by senior right side hitter Madison Whitehead's 15. Whitehead is now alone with the fourth most kills in her career, totaling 1,271. Senior middle

blocker Kayla Chosa posted 12, while redshirt sophomore middle blocker Sarah Kuehn added 11 and junior outside hitter Autumn Monsma chipped in with 10.

Hogeboom added 54 assists to the evening, and two aces. Freshman outside hitter Leticia Antunes led the team with three aces along with sophomore defensive specialist Gabriela Martinez, who contributed two aces.

Defensively, Antunes posted a team-best of 22 digs. Monsma and junior defensive specialist Rachel Braunschweig both notched 18 digs.

With the loss behind them, the Lady Wildcats prepare for their last games of the regular season against the conference leading Ferris State University and

Northwood University.

The Wildcats are currently guaranteed a spot in this year's GLIAC tournament and are seeded third. If the team wins at least one of their games over the season, they will host their quarter final game at the Vandament Arena.

Earlier in the season, the 'Cats were on the bad end of a 3-0 loss against the Ferris Bulldogs. According to Lozier and his players, they aren't shook by their upcoming opponent as they prepare for their last regular season home games.

"Getting them at home is huge. Historically we've played well [at home] and think we have as good a shot as any to get the win."

NMU cross country head to championships

By Mason Wallace

contributing writer

The NMU Women's Cross Country team ran their way right to the National Championships after placing fourth in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championship Saturday afternoon in Cedarville, Ohio.

Despite having problems with sickness and injury throughout the season, head coach Jenny Ryan was happy with how things have been and how her team will finish the season.

"It's so exciting to watch my team run stronger at every race," Ryan added. "We were

strong at the beginning and we have only gotten stronger throughout."

NMU was just short of automatically running at the national meet, as the top three placing programs go straight to the championship in two weeks.

Three of NMU's runners received all-region accolades for their performances at the meet.

Senior Kameron Burmeister finished for the fourth-consecutive year with an all-region performance. Burmeister finished in fifth place with her season best time of 21:38.90.

Two more runners receiving all-region honors were senior Vivian Hett and sophomore Katelyn Smith.

Hett posted her season best performance crossing the finish line in 15th at 21:59, and Smith crossed in 19th at 22:02.6.

A member of both the Cross Country and Ski Team, as well as being a busy sports science major, Hett finds time to be successful in all three areas. Hett said one of her favorite parts about cross country has just been being on the team.

"Always having the team with me allows us to bond and share experiences," Hett added. "Even though we run by ourselves, we made it to nationals together as a team."

Other runners for the Wildcats were junior Abby Fifarek who finished 40th with a time

of 21:19.4 and junior Sophie McDonald who finished 48th with 22:58.

Rounding out the runners for the Wildcats, senior Kieren Becker finished in 51st at 23:04, while sophomore Hanna Torvi came in at 55th with 23:08.1.

Sara Berger, of Walsh University took the top individual spot running at 21:19.40. Grand Valley State University took the top team spot followed by Hillsdale in second and Walsh in third.

The National Championship is set for Nov. 18 in Evansville, Indiana. The Wildcats placed 14th at this event last year and ninth in 2015, while in 2002 they crossed the finish line in fourth.

Swim team finds success

By Benny Garbacz

contributing writer

The NMU Women's Swim team won both of their meets last weekend while the men's team lost their first meet but reclaimed victory the next day against Saginaw Valley State.

The women's team won their match on Nov. 4 with 12 first place victories and a score of 181-116. Sophomore Rachel Helm claimed three individual victories of the 100-yard butterfly and 100 and 200-yard backstroke. She also won with junior Becca Arakelian, sophomore Madelyn Irelan and freshman Lena Soulas in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:47.27. On Nov. 5 the women's team defeated Saginaw Valley State University with a score of 152-87. This tenth straight victory put the women's team eighth on the latest collegeswimming.com poll and Soulas won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.79, qualifying for an NCAA B-Cut qualification time.

Head coach Heidi Voigt attributed the women's team's consecutive successes to two things. "We have a combination of excellent upperclassmen leadership and strong talented freshmen," she said. The men's team lost to Grand Valley State with a score of 171-129 on Nov. 4. The team did not leave unaccomplished, however, as junior Renars Bundzis won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:47.52, which is a pool record and the second-best time in of all NCAA Division II.

"Grand Valley has a strong men's team," Voigt said. "Our team swam well but Grand Valley's team was really deep and dominated that day."

The next day the Wildcats claimed victory over Saginaw Valley State with nine wins. Junior Ryan Knox-Leonard won the 200-yard freestyle race with a time of 1:44.17 and the 400 freestyle relay with sophomore Lajos Budai, junior Joshua Cosgrove and sophomore Jonas Reinhold in a time of 3:05.06.

The dive team visits University of Wisconsin-Green Bay this Friday and the swim teams return to the PEIF pool to face University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday.

Men's soccer falls to Saginaw

The first-ever playoff run in the program's history comes to an end in semifinals

By Levi Erkkila

contributing writer

Riding the momentum of the huge upset in the GLIAC quarterfinals against Tiffin, the Wildcats traveled to Midland, Michigan for a semifinal tilt vs. Saginaw Valley State University on Nov. 3. Heading into the match, Northern was once again a big underdog facing a stellar Cardinal team with a record of 13-3-1, 9-2-1 in the GLIAC. The 'Cats couldn't pull off another David vs. Goliath upset, falling 1-0.

There was no lack of offensive chances in the first half. A total of 11 shots were attempted, eight for SVSU and three for NMU. However, only one of those found its way to the keeper. Seven corner kicks were taken none finding the back of the net. The second half started off slow. 10 minutes in some pressure was put on Saginaw, directing three Wildcat shots wide of the net in a matter of minutes.

Saginaw Valley found their offensive stride in the middle of the frame taking three shots in quick succession before the fourth

from Cardinal forward Michael Hamilton rattled to crossbar. Following up his shot, Hamilton beat the Wildcat defender to the rebound and tallied the first goal of the game. One would prove to be enough and the 'Cats season came to an end in the 1-0 defeat.

Saginaw Valley outshot NMU 17-8 with the shots on target 3-1 in favor of the Cardinals.

"At the end of the season we started to come together and believe in each other. We were focused on the result more than our particular selves and that's what got us to the point of getting into the tournament," head coach David Poggi said. Despite the loss, Northern Michigan showed they will be a real contender in GLIAC men's soccer. With all players returning next season, the future looks bright for the young group. In the all-GLIAC teams, junior defender Kevin Hoof was named as an honorable mention.

The final regular season stats are as follows.

Schedule Summary: Overall 5-10-2, conference 2-9-1, home record 3-5, away record 0-5-1 and neutral site record 2-0-1.



Lindsey Eaton /NW

Freshman forward Brady Kronenburg passes back to an NMU defender to reset the play. In high school, Kronenburg was all-conference and offensive player of the year for the De Pere High School team.

Team stats: games played, 17, total shots 178, goals scored 19, shots on goal 78, shot percentage .107, shots-per game 10.5, SOG percentage .438, assists 18, corner kicks 54, penalty kicks 1-1, yellow cards 29, four red cards and four

shutouts.

Team leaders: games played (eight tied with 17), games started Nick Metcalfe (17), goals Sam Popp (5), assists Popp and Nic Harendra (3), points Popp (13).

Goalkeepers: games played Filippo Torelli (16), games started Torelli (16), minutes played Torelli (1419:22), goals against Torelli (22) goals against average Torelli (1.39), saves Torelli (50), shutouts Torelli (4).

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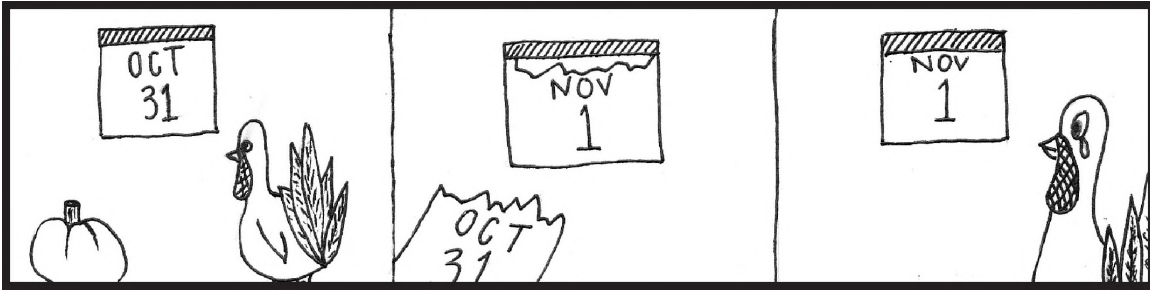
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