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# MNA files charges against MGH

By Kelsii Kytö  
copy editor

The Michigan Nurses Association (MNA) has filed eight unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against Duke LifePoint and Marquette General Hospital.

The charges, which were filed on Oct. 18, include Coercive Statements (Threats, Promises of Benefits, etc.), Repudiation/Modification of Contract, Lockout, Coercive Rules, Changes in Terms and Conditions of Employment, Concerted Activities (Retaliation, Discharge, Discipline), Coercive Actions (Surveillance, etc.), and Refusal to Bargain/Bad Faith Bargaining (including surface bargaining/direct dealing).

These charges came after the result of the 48-hour strike that the MNA hosted because of alleged issues of understaffing and concerns of patient safety within the hospital.

There are three more bargaining sessions to be held in November, according to the MNA.

Victor Harrington, regional director of marketing and business development at UP Health Systems (UPHS), stated that Marquette has not been notified of any charge filed with the NLRB and therefore cannot comment on any specific allegations or details.

"Pending receipt of a charge, we would of course gladly work with the NLRB on appropriate resolution. It is not unexpected that the MNA would take this action, as it is a common pressure tactic unions use in conjunction with a strike," Harrington said in a statement.

Previously in September, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) paid an unexpected visit to Marquette General, and looked into the nurses' complaints of understaffing.

Nurses and other staff members were interviewed during the process and hospital records were also examined. According to the MNA, nurses who filed the complaints were not interviewed or contacted during the process.

"Common sense suggests that a proper investigation prompted by the [Assignment Despite Objections] reports submitted to the state should include attempts to interview the nurses who filed the complaints," said Stephanie DePetro, operating room nurse at UPHS Marquette and chief grievance officer of the MNA in a statement.

The Department concluded that no deficiencies were found in the investigations, and the hospital was in compliance with Medicare certification requirements.

"Receiving zero deficiencies from this team of highly experienced nurse surveyors is

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# 109th candidates debate at NMU

By Von Lanier  
news editor

Two candidates vying for the 109th Michigan House District Seat went head-to-head in a panel debate produced by WNMU-Public TV 13 Tuesday night in NMU's Jamrich Hall Auditorium.

The seat became vacant on May 9 after former State Rep. John Kivela committed suicide following his second drunk driving arrest.

Kivela, who also formerly served as the mayor of Marquette, could be replaced by Republican candidate Rich Rossway, or by Democratic candidate Sara Cambensy after the Michigan House of Representatives District 1 General Election that takes place on Nov. 7. Third-party candidate Wade Roberts of the Green Party, will appear on the ballot, but did not get the 10 percent of an online voter's poll by WLUC-TV6 required to participate in the debate.

Moderated by WLUC-TV6, with additional questions coming from The Mining Journal and Public Radio 90, the debate focused on Michigan unemployment rates and job

improvement in the Upper Peninsula, job development in the Upper Peninsula through continued use of natural resources, lack of funding for public schools; healthcare, higher education in Michigan, dark stores tax legislation, the opioid epidemic and marijuana legalization.

After winning a coin toss, Rossway spoke first to the attendees, which numbered more than 80, highlighting the importance of building county roads, like County Road 595, to generate more jobs, training youth with skilled trades instead of committing them to college, and the importance of bipartisanship and "working on both sides of the aisle" to get things done in Congress.

Cambensy's major talking points revolved around more EPA involvement in the U.P., restoring iron ore mining and timber industry with EPA regulation, the BLP conversion to natural gas, the prioritization of publicly funded schools over charter and private schools, affordable healthcare and making the U.P. into a microgrid of self-sustaining energy.

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# Police continue search for two swept away in gale windstorm

By Von Lanier  
news editor

Marquette City Police are currently searching for two people who were swept away into Lake Superior during high winds at Black Rocks around 1:35 p.m. in Marquette yesterday.

The Marquette County Sheriff's Department, and the Marquette Fire Department are assisting the The Marquette City Police Department in the search for the two people who were identified Wednesday by the city police as 53-year-old Robert Anderson and 37-year-old Sarah Hall, both from Iron River.

As of now, neither of the missing people have been located at this time but the incident remains under investigation and the search efforts will continue, the Marquette City Police Department said in a press release.

The Coast Guard reported that

a helicopter from Traverse City searched the water around Black Rocks for three hours after the incident yesterday. The helicopter was called in because strong winds and waves made it too dangerous for boats and divers to search the water. The search was called off due to the dangerous conditions that lasted all day and night at the lake.

Marquette and Alger county residents experienced hurricane-like winds yesterday due to a severe storm along Lake Superior that downed trees around the county and left some without power for hours.

Brett Borchardt, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service for Marquette, said on Tuesday that in some areas the wind was in excess of 60 miles per hour and there were very large waves along Lake Superior in excess of 20 feet.

"It is fairly normal to get these strong storm systems late in the

year," Borchardt said. "Sometimes they're called the 'gales of November.' It's just that we get a change in seasons from basically summer to winter.

The entire Marquette Board of Light and Power (BLP) service area suffered from power outages yesterday and there are some areas that continue to have some outages, said Ben Collins, manager of distribution and engineering services for BLP. Their service area encompasses the city of Marquette, Skandia, Negaunee, as well as Sands and Chocolay Townships.

"The mass outages are pretty much taken care of," Collins said on Wednesday. "It's just there's small pockets of 8 to 10 customers or even 1 to 2 customers here and there that still need to be addressed."

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Neil Flavin/NW

A stormwatcher at Black Rocks escapes the pull of Lake Superior's waves which, were caused by Tuesday's gale windstorm.

# NMU has enough parking, Public Safety says

By Noah Hausmann  
features editor

Finding that little yellow Public Safety envelope on the windshield, opening it and seeing the parking ticket can put a damper on anyone's day.

Road construction has made driving routes more complicated this semester, but enough parking spaces are available and the number of parking tickets issued remains average, according to NMU Public Safety.

From academic years 2010 to 2017, the average annual total of parking tickets issued was 11,767, with an average number of 8,585 tickets that were actually billed to parking violators, according to data from Public Safety. The rest of the citations were excused, reduced to a warning, or were for vehicles not registered with the university and were therefore unbillable. The highest year for citations was the academic year of 2010-11 with 15,234 total tickets issued.

"At one point, we were writing a lot more tickets than we are today," Parking Services Coordinator Patù Rizzio said. "That number has been reduced greatly over the years."

Total tickets issued for the current academic year, beginning July 1, are 4,676 as of Tuesday, with 3,144 billed to violators, 750 ex-

cused or reduced to a warning, and 285 citations that cannot be billed.

This total is not unusual, Rizzio explained, since most tickets tend to be issued in the early weeks of fall semesters, as drivers during this time may be unfamiliar with the parking system. Of all tickets issued, 20 to 25 percent tend to be excused or reduced to a warning, she added. Most tickets are \$25, and citations can be appealed to the Parking Bureau and to the Appeals Board.

In the last five years, fall 2015 had the highest total number of tickets issued for the semester, with 8,109, and the winter semester of 2013 had the lowest total with 3,646 tickets. Whereas, winter 2017 had the highest number of tickets for a winter semester, with 5,672.

The university puts money gained from parking tickets toward the construction and maintenance of parking lots, as well as all expenses of Public Safety Parking Services, including for salaries of full-time and student employees.

Commuter, faculty and staff Lot 11 by the LRC and general university parking Lot 21 on Center Street have never been full to capacity, Rizzio said. Lot 21 is less than a 10-minute walk to the farthest dormitory, she added.

"NMU does not have a parking problem," Rizzio stated. "Although these parking lots may not be locat-



Lindsey Eaton/NW

A student parked outside of their assigned parking lot has been given multiple tickets for the violation. These are several of 4,676 tickets that have been issued this academic year.

ed exactly where [drivers] would like them to be, there is available parking. No university campus is going to have parking directly outside the building for every student throughout the day. It just isn't going to happen."

Construction costs vary by project, but an individual parking space can cost about \$3,000. That high cost is why the university tries to use parking as efficiently as possible, Rizzio explained.

After the former Lot 46 on Wright Street was sold and transferred to the city to build its Mar-

quette Municipal Service Center in May 2016, underutilized parking spaces were redesignated from commuter, faculty and staff parking to become resident parking. Lot 46 included 272 parking spaces, and 265 spaces were reassigned from Lots 22, 36 and 47 to compensate for that loss.

This year, 5,280 parking permits were sold, and there are 6,609 total parking spaces on campus, including at the PEIF and the Superior Dome. The spaces are available, but roundabout construction has made driving routes to get to them

more complicated, said Mike Bath, director of Public Safety and Police Services.

"It's easy to say that we don't have enough parking," Bath commented. "But we do have enough parking, and we have enough close parking. The construction just really messed with us this year because the normal entry points [to campus and the parking lots] weren't there."

"The Parking and Traffic Committee is looking at changes for winter semester and significant changes for next fall," he added.

## Provost updates campus on recruitment efforts, SRA

By Von Lanier  
news editor

The Provost of Academic Affairs released a campus update last week detailing the ongoing Strategic Resource Allocation (SRA) process among other ongoing university efforts.

Kerri Schuiling addressed the NMU community via Campus Connect with a newsletter that included information on recent recruitment efforts in China, a faculty resignation, current retention efforts and the possibility of NMU becoming an "autism-friendly" campus in the near future.

"I had the opportunity to accompany Steve VandenAvond [vice president of extended learning and community engagement] and Yan Ciupak [assistant professor of sociology and anthropology] on a recruitment trip to China," Schuiling said on Campus Connect. "This was my first trip to Asia and because we are focusing on recruitment of students and faculty scholars from China, in addition to recently welcoming five Chinese scholars to our campus, it was suggested I go and learn about the country, its people and culture."

The message continued later with, "I also noted that we are focusing on schools that enroll students who are from families similar to our students..."

Kim Barron has resigned as the director of accreditation and assessment, effective as of Oct. 6, 2017, Schuiling said in the update.

"We plan to move ahead with a search in the near future. Currently Dale Kapla (who is the ALO academic liaison) is overseeing related aspects of Kim's job. I will keep you updated as we move forward."



Schuiling

Schuiling encouraged the NMU community to learn more about the SRA process by visiting the website at [www.nmu.edu/sra](http://www.nmu.edu/sra).

"We held an SRA forum in late September," she said. "The turnout was good, was taped and is now available on media site live. The feedback evaluations indicated that people in attendance were satisfied with the content of the forum and the transparency of the project."

She also highlighted Starfish, a newly implemented retention tool software.

"We have established a

committee that is focusing on retention led by Dean of Students Chris Greer," Schuiling said, adding, "While our retention is above the national average, it is our sentiment that we can do even better. Starfish is a great aid to this goal."

Lastly, the Provost discussed future plans to make NMU more supportive of students with autism-related disorders in order to make the university more prepared for students rather than students having to prepare mentally for the university.

"In that light, our associate provost, Dale Kapla, has pulled together a group of key individuals to work on NMU becoming designated as an autism-friendly campus," Schuiling said.

She continued, "The initial group had its first brainstorming session two weeks ago with plans to meet again this month. The idea for this came about as we learned about more and more children diagnosed as on the autism spectrum."

What are we at NMU doing to be ready for students who are on the autism spectrum and how can we best support them to be successful? Look for more updates from Dale in the future. It is a very exciting project."

## Raveyard returns with hype, new sounds for Halloween

By Jamie Glenn  
staff writer

Various artists from around the Midwest will collaborate with Double Trouble Entertainment to deliver the fourth Raveyard event to Marquette on Friday at the Masonic building.

At Raveyard, 13 artists will perform in both the Green and Red rooms for the Marquette community. This year, Double Trouble is boasting two stages instead of the usual one, as well as an updated sound and a new lighting system.

Jacob Stipe is a senior theatre major who has been affiliated with Double Trouble for the past four years. He said he is most excited for everyone to come together and show off their skills.

"Everything from Pop music all the way to super futuristic experimental music, it's a large variety," Stipe said. "This is the largest Electronica show in the U.P."

Stipe added, "A lot of community members come together to make sure this event happens so we just try to make it as unique and as fun as possible."

Most of the musical ex-

perience will take place in the Red Room starting at 9 p.m. The Green Room is reserved for contests and special announcements about opportunities and contests to join, and will open at an earlier time of 8 p.m.

"Raveyard" is a Halloween event that has taken place for the past four years in the Marquette community.

"I'm most excited just for everyone to experience it. There's been a lot of hype and excitement about this work this whole new set up that we've got going on," Stipe said.

A costume contest will be held during the event. Double Trouble will present the winner with a three-night and two-day trip, not including airfare, to one of 20 locations.

"I think for this event, everybody coming together with the music just creates a really fun dynamic. There's nothing like this in the U.P.," Stipe said.

Tickets for Raveyard cost \$10 at the door with a valid picture I.D. Guests must be 18 or older to enter the event, which will be held on back-to-back dates from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. starting on Oct. 27.

# WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
42°F 36°F	41°F 34°F	42°F 33°F
Showers	Showers	AM Showers

data from www.weather.com

## STATE NEWS

People in 12 Oakland County communities were advised to boil tap water used for drinking, preparing food and bathing after a pipeline break potentially contaminated systems. The transmission main break occurred around 5:45 p.m. Monday, causing a loss of water pressure in the water distribution system, officials said. A loss of pressure can lead to bacterial contamination in the water system. Boiling water before using it will kill bacteria and other organisms that may be in it. Healthcare facilities, residents and businesses were told to bring water to a rolling boil for one minute, allowing it 15 minutes to cool before drinking, according to the Oakland County government website.

## NATIONAL NEWS

Last week, a small Montana company called Whitefish Energy Holdings announced that it had been given a \$300 million contract by Puerto Rico's electricity authority to help restore the power grid on the island, where some 75 percent of customers remain without power. The decision to award such a big contract to a tiny company founded just two years ago has surprised many. Whitefish Energy is tasked with rebuilding three to four transmission lines, or more than 100 miles of Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's 2,500 miles of lines.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

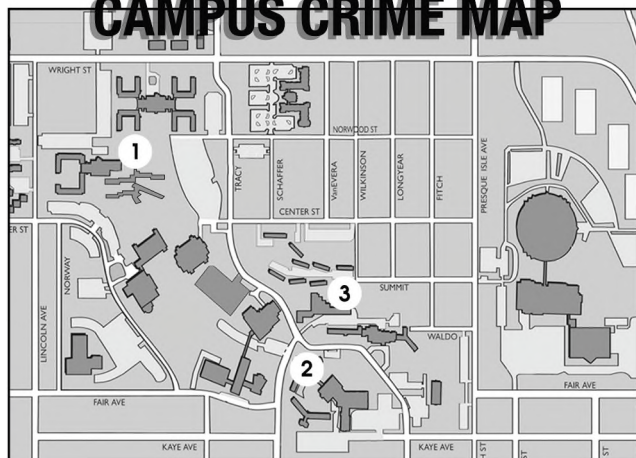
Saudi Arabia has unveiled plans to build a new city and business zone with a project that will be backed up by more than \$500 billion in investment. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman says the 26,500 square kilometer zone will be developed in the Northwest, extending to Egypt and Jordan. It will focus on nine sectors including food, technology, energy and water. Salman has been leading a drive to move Saudi Arabia away from its dependence on oil revenues.

## WEIRD NEWS

Officials at a San Antonio school district have voted to rename a high school because of its ties to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, while some say it doesn't change much. North East Independent School District trustees voted Monday that Lee High School will be renamed Legacy of Educational Excellence High School. So, the acronym is LEE High School. Board President Shannon Grona says the name is a compromise that retains the school's history and lessens the expensive process of renaming and rebranding the school with a completely different name. Trustee Edd White said the acronym defeats the renaming purpose and amounts to "trying to put lipstick on a pig."

— Compiled from news sources

## CAMPUS CRIME MAP



1. Malicious destruction of property was reported at 1:58 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 on the construction site.

2. A controlled substance violation was reported at 10:12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 in West Hall.

3. Malicious destruction of a motor vehicle was reported at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 in Lot 7.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month, part three of a three-part series

# Title IX applies for state police grant

By Winter Keefe  
editor-in-chief

NMU applied for two grants this month that are aimed at combating sexual misconduct on college campuses, one specifically for NMU and the other in collaboration with Michigan Technological University.

The grants are both through the Michigan State Police Department who have a pool of \$600,000 that will be distributed to colleges and universities across Michigan.

One of the grants was headed by Associate Dean of Students and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Mary Brundage. This grant asks for about \$20,000 and is oriented specifically toward providing education and resources to the friends, roommates and fellow students who receive disclosure from peers about a case of sexual misconduct.

"We're talking to people who are supporting survivors," Brundage said. "We're asking both parties: 'How are you doing?' and making sure resources are known."

Research shows that reports of sexual misconduct are most likely brought to friends first, Brundage said.

The first phase of action to be implemented through this grant would be an anonymous survey to determine how many students have been a recipient of sexual misconduct disclosure, Brundage said. The survey will also request insight into what information students wished they would have had to better support their friend and better care for themselves. The survey will happen regardless of if the university receives this grant money, she added.

"Students feel more comfortable talking to their peers," she said.

In the grant it is stated that: "How these friends respond can help or further complicate the



Winter Keefe/NW

Student volunteers assist in collecting pledges to combat sexual assault on campus for the "It's On Us" Campaign's Week of Action.

recovery of the survivor."

If the grant is awarded, the results from the survey will be used to create student-oriented informational videos that tackle what students "wish they would have known" when a sexual misconduct disclosure was made to them. Over time, this could become a standard component of orientation and UN100 courses as well, going beyond the grant.

A campus-wide program would also be delivered during Fall 2018, where students would role play 3 to 5 scenarios generated from the survey. These scenarios would be followed by information provided by on and off-campus outlets for students to go to about sexual misconduct. The outlets include Housing and Residence Life, the Dean of Students Office, NMU's Title IX Coordinator, the Women's Center, Counseling Services, the Health Center and Public Safety and Police Services.

An expert in healthy relationships would also be brought to campus in Fall 2018 for a campus-wide presentation about

healthy relationships between both partners and friends. This presentation is meant to help students identify healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Director of Equal Opportunity and Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX Coordinator Janet Koski has headed a second grant in collaboration with Michigan Tech. This grant focuses on providing information and support to men in the case of sexual assault or misconduct and is asking for just under \$14,000.

This grant will also focus on feedback based on what students feel is important to know in different scenarios of sexual misconduct, while also informing them of what resources are already available, Koski said.

There are two goals that will come with this grant, if received. One is to provide educational programming that addresses concerns of our male populations, and the second is to teach students how to disrupt sexist behavior at its earliest stages so that it does not grow into verbal or physical expression.

## MNA

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outstanding and a strong endorsement of the quality care being delivered daily at UPHS-Marquette. We know these results would not be possible without the hard work, dedication and tireless compassion of our employees, physicians and volunteers," Harrington said. "It is

our privilege to serve the healthcare needs of our community, and we will continue working to deliver the very best care to those we serve."

The nurses, however, were not satisfied with the results of the investigation, and responded to UPHS' statement.

"Marquette nurses will continue to advocate for the highest quality of patient care, because hospital safety is not a simple

pass/fail endeavor. We have documented hundreds of patient safety concerns, and at this time, we are not convinced that the state has adequately looked into those issues," DePetro said in a statement on the MNA website.

The MNA refused to provide a comment on the situation. More information about the MNA charges filed with NLRB can be found at [nrlb.gov/case/18-CA-208284](http://nrlb.gov/case/18-CA-208284).

## STORMS

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Collins said BLP is currently working alongside mutual aid crews from outside of the area as well with tree a service to help restore power and remove some of

the fallen trees from areas affected.

It'll be a long process to restore power to isolated incidents, Collins said, adding, "A lot of these are just single customers with a tree on a [power] line or their service was taken off of their house by the wind."

BLP reported a number of power outages in the Marquette County area due to things like downed trees hitting power lines. Business like Walmart and Target were forced close their doors due to the effects of the storm knocking out power along U.S. Highway 41.

# Local counties plan homeless awareness activities

By Trinity Carey  
managing editor

Three counties in the Upper Peninsula are planning special events for Homeless Awareness Month throughout November to raise awareness about issues that lead to homelessness.

The Alger Marquette Schoolcraft Continuum of Care (AM-SCoC) will host a number of events beginning with the Upper Peninsula Homeless Summit an open panel discussion with formerly homeless guest speakers at NMU from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2.

This year's panel will allow individuals who have used the counties homeless services to discuss their experiences and perspectives, said Douglas Russell, Room At The Inn director.

"These campaigns, in the past, have been mostly focused on 'here are the current numbers, here's the data for homelessness.' Beyond the data, here are the stories of the people and the agencies who are involved with helping them and how much of a difference that makes and what impact we've been having," Russell said.

Another event on the list for Homeless Awareness Month is the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the former Holy Family Orphanage, now the Marquette Grandview, at 1

p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10.

"It's a pretty big deal, new, affordable housing here in Marquette. We're hoping that is going to have a very positive impact on people's lives," Russell said. "It's income based, so we're hoping some of our guests may in fact qualify to live there."

A series of Public Awareness programs will be held at public libraries throughout the counties to further inform the community of homelessness in the U.P. and the services provided within the area.

The month of events will conclude with a Candlelight Walk from the Janzen House to The Room At The Inn Warming Center at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Upon arrival at the Warming Center, the Helen McCormick Homeless Volunteer of the Year Award will be awarded to one nominee from the community solicited by the AMSCoC.

Russell is hopeful this month of events will debunk some of the myths of homelessness and homeless individuals within the community.

"It's an important month to help people understand mostly, to help them understand because we love nothing if not to stereotype. I recognize that is a part of the human condition, but the reality is that there are an awful lot of negative

## Schedule of events for the AMSCoC Homeless Awareness Month:

**Nov. 2** The Upper Peninsula Homeless Summit will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at Northern Michigan University. Register online at [www.roomattheinn.org](http://www.roomattheinn.org). Registration is \$49 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and break snacks.

**Nov. 10** The Grandview Marquette Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. at 600 Altamont St. Attendees are encouraged to take the bus or carpool as there will be no on-site parking.

**Nov. 16** A Public Awareness Program will take place at the Ishpeming Carnegie Library at 5:30 p.m. CoC members will present a program that details homeless data and highlight the work of the CoC in our communities. The event is open to the public at no charge.

**Nov. 20** A Public Awareness Program will take place at the Munising Public Library at 6 p.m. CoC members will present a program that details homeless data and highlight the work of the CoC in our communities. The event is open to the public at no charge.

**Nov. 28** A Candlelight Walk from the Janzen House to the Warming Center will begin at 5:15 p.m. The event is open to the public at no charge. Candles will be provided. At the Warming Center, the annual Helen McCormick Homeless Volunteer of the Year Award will be presented.

**Nov. 29** A Public Awareness Program will take place at Forsyth Public Library at 5:30 p.m. CoC members will present a program that details homeless data and highlight the work of the CoC in our communities. The event is open to the public at no charge.

stereotypes about the homeless that are incredibly inaccurate and would probably lead many people to think poorly of them

and leave it at that," Russell said. "So part of my job every day is to be an advocate and help people understand."

# Public Safety officers prep for Halloween

By Benny Garbacz  
contributing writer

NMU Public Safety and Police Services is preparing for the upcoming Halloween weekend by increasing a more visual and on-foot patrol presence on campus, and is encouraging students to stay safe while enjoying the festivities.

The increased patrols in regards to property checks and monitoring pedestrian and vehicular traffic are to assure Public Safety's efficiency.

"We are completely staffed and ready to ensure students and trick-or-treaters alike are kept safe," said Detective Guy LaPlante of NMU Public Safety and Police Services.

Last year on campus there were only a handful of minor alcohol infractions and traffic violations with no major incidents, LaPlante said. But with an increased presence, these were the only notable violations and Public Safety had considered this to be a successful night with no major infractions. This was also due to the fact that Halloween last year fell on a Monday, and parties and festivities were fewer than on a weekend when people are off of work or school.

"Parties with alcohol are inevitable," LaPlante said. "However, with Halloween falling on a Tuesday, it is to be expected that this year will most likely be another tame year."

Compared to previous years, the partying for Halloween on campus has become better controlled, LaPlante said.

"People are a little bit more accountable for their actions than they were in the '90s," he said. "People look after their friends and take care of them and that helps with the policing, which is always appreciated."

Public Safety encourages students to look after one another more than anything during Halloween celebrations. They encourage students to travel in pairs around campus and elsewhere in Marquette and recommend to always stay in contact with people that can get them to and from their destinations safely. These measures include having a trusted and designated driver during the parties.

## DEBATE

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Sara Cambensy is a lifelong resident of Marquette who formerly served as a Zoning Code Enforcement Official and on the City of Marquette Planning Commission from 2009 to 2012. She was also elected to the City Charter Commission in 2011 and has served as an elected Marquette City Commissioner since 2012.

Rich Rossway is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam Era. He is also the current Vice Chairman of the City of Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and a marketing executive at ABC10 & CW5 U.P.

While candidates did differ in some of their viewpoints, there were also issues that both Cambensy and Rossway felt similar



Kat Torreano/NW

Rich Rossway stands opposite Sara Cambensy in Tuesday's public debate held in the Jamrich Hall auditorium.

about, including more control by local government and less federal regulation on taxed spending, as well as developing the U.P. into a self-sustainable energy source, among others.

The debate was produced

by WNMU-Public TV 13 with technical support provided by other local media outlets such as TV6, The Mining Journal and Public Radio 90. The moderator was Steve Asplund, an anchor at TV6. Questions were raised by

Mary Wardell, a reporter from the Mining Journal, Don Ryan, a host and producer at WLUC-TV6, and Nicole Walton, a news director at Public Radio 90. The debate was recorded at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24.



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EDITORIAL



Diversity goes beyond declaration

NMU is getting a facelift. We've gotten new programs, new buildings, new logos and recently new mission and vision statements. Both of which include "diversity" and "inclusion" as two of the main principles. To make these principles more of a reality, it will take not only the administration, but the campus and community's support to foster this change.

A few years ago, it was obvious that NMU lacked diversity, perhaps due to our rather remote location. Recently, university administration has been taking steps to change this. We are the first Michigan university to house a four-year Native studies degree, have gained a diversity officer on campus, are bringing diverse individuals to speak to students and are recruiting more students from outside the rural Upper Peninsula.

With the current political climate, we commend the efforts of the administration to make our campus more inclusive overall. We are hopeful the principles of NMU spread to the minds of individuals throughout the campus and community. After all, a more accepting world doesn't happen with one

initiative, but one initiative can be the impetus for a larger movement.

Incorporating diversity in mission and vision statements does not necessarily reflect the actions of the campus community. The recent push for diversity can help the principles of our university seep into interactions between students, faculty and into our personal lives, pushing others to set aside internal prejudices.

As students and people we must be willing and eager to spread diversity in a community that, quite frankly, lacks it. Whether it be racial, religious, physical, cultural or ideological diversity, we must work toward becoming inclusive of all groups despite politics that may state otherwise.

As a whole, we cannot stand complacent to the changes that have been made, believing they are good enough. Instead we must continue to move toward a more diverse and accepting population. It may sometimes seem that here in the Upper Peninsula we're living in our own cold, secluded little bubble, but even the small initiatives of our university can create momentum that can snowball into real change.

Recycled security policy evades reform



Staff Column

Andy Slaven

The NSA: The only part of the government that actually listens (along with the CIA and FBI). While a potentially over-used joke, it does have a scary truth to it. Today marks the 16th anniversary of the Patriot Act and if it pleases the crown, I would enjoy some privacy.

For those who don't know, the Patriot Act covered many aspects of law enforcement including immigration, funding for counter-terrorist operations and surveillance.

Specifically, the act gave authority to indefinitely detain immigrants, search private property without the owner's consent or knowledge, and expand the use of FBI searches of telephone, email and financial records without a court order. Several of the provisions were set to expire under a "sunset." However, the reauthorization of the Patriot Act in 2006 made 14 of the 16 provisions permanent.

Following Edward Snowden's leaks of NSA documents, Congress did not approve another reauthorization in 2015. Instead, the USA Freedom Act was passed, which included three of the most controversial aspects of the Patriot Act until 2019.

Additionally, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), passed in 1978 (amended in 2008 and later pertained to leaks by Snowden), was broadened under the Patriot Act to allow targets of surveillance to be American (Section 702) and allows for warrantless collection of data that can be used to imprison people. This section of FISA is set to expire at the end of the year and reauthorization discussions are occurring now.

Terrifyingly enough, these are only a small fraction of techniques being used in a national crisis of police surveillance. For example, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) identified 72 federal agencies in 24 states and the District of Colum-

bia that have mimicking cell towers, called StingRays, that allow law enforcement to track phones and collect information on the whereabouts of citizens.

The last sixteen years beg the question: where is the Fourth Amendment?

The FBI can obtain personal information without a judge's approval, the NSA collected mass information with unchecked power even after it was ruled that it violated the Fourth Amendment (twice) and law enforcement agencies around the country are using facial recognition software. That explains why George Orwell's 1984 sales have skyrocketed since Snowden's leaks.

You may ask yourself, "So what exactly is the issue? I have nothing to hide."

Historically, look at who has been on the receiving end of law enforcement surveillance: "Communists, civil rights leaders, feminists, Quakers, folk singers, [and] war protesters," as the CATO Institute words it. In other terms, people who don't fit the status quo the government desires.

There are countless stories of innocent people being targeted by government agencies for "suspected terrorism" when in reality they are simply being abused by mass surveillance.

It's an extremely unchecked system that will have immeasurable repercussions. We are still unsure how many citizens are affected under Section 702 in FISA because current and former administrations will not release the information to legislatures.

The next reasoning is probably, "I'm willing to risk some privacy for less terrorist attacks."

However, only looking at the use of the Patriot Act between 2003 and 2005, the FBI made fifty-three criminal referrals to prosecutors as a result of 143,074 National Security Letters (what the FBI uses to obtain personal information without a judge's approval), according to the ACLU. Seventeen of these were for money laundering, seventeen relating to immigration and nineteen involved fraud. Zero were for terrorism.

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# Hassle-free hammocking requires change to code



## Guest Column

Abbey Helppi

For many students, enjoying nature is an essential part of why they choose to attend NMU. Their love of nature is so prominent that I would estimate more students possess a hammock than a vehicle on campus. Rather than being cooped up inside, students can be found outside, and on sunny days, even more students can be found stretched out in hammocks overlooking Presque Isle.

On February 23 of this year, however, Marquette community members and NMU students were shocked by a citywide “hammock ban” enacted by City of Marquette Code of Ordinances. For many students, myself included, this ban felt like a loss of identity, like a part of my culture was uprooted.

Even though the specific ordinance has been in place since 1985, many community members were unaware of its existence and significance because Marquette officials had not previously enforced it. Following a crackdown on the city ordinances, however, students and community members alike can no longer hammock in the city of Marquette.

Chapter 22, Environment, Article V, Trees Sec. 22-135 states that a person cannot “Attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising posters or other contrivances to any tree” nor “intentionally damage” trees. Violation of this code results in a \$25 fine and a civil infraction that can be escalated with each successive offense.

I was outraged by the hammock ban, mostly because I didn’t know what I could do to change it. When looking at any “unjust” situation from an individual perspective, the solution can seem impossible. I’ve often found myself asking, “Well, what can I do? I’m only one person.”

I’m sure many others have felt and continue to feel the same way. If every person who wanted to speak, did, then there would be a real possibility for change.

Unfortunately, this was not the case when the hammock ban was introduced. People were initially shocked by the sudden crackdown, but slowly became accustomed to the new way of life. As

## For many students, myself included, this ban felt like a loss of identity, like a part of my culture was uprooted.

Dylan Thomas stated, “Do not go gentle into that good night.” Complacency is a dangerous attitude to have.

Comfort does not cause change, only discomfort can do that, and large changes often follow times of hardship. As Americans, and as members of the Marquette

community, we have been given an incredible privilege to speak freely. It’s time we started using that privilege to our advantage.

Due to potentially negative impacts of hammocks, environmentalists are concerned about the prosperity of the trees. Along with an overwhelming percentage of students at NMU, I also consider myself a nature-lover. We would

mocks, only the use of any rope or “other contrivance.”

Certain tree etiquette should be followed, but a complete ban is unnecessary.

Instead, the code should be changed to accommodate today’s modern society. Many companies offer “leave no trace” hammocks with built-in padding and protection for trees.

Therefore, I suggest the addition of the line, “except for the use of tree-friendly straps” to the ordinance code. If used properly, these types of straps wouldn’t harm trees. More so, they could be allowed on Marquette city property within the parameters of the code.

Through education and support, the complete conservation of our much loved trees can be spread throughout the community. However, only by amending the language of the ordinance code can we revive the spirit of NMU, and bring hammocking back for everyone in Marquette now, and in the future.

# Natural storms are the new norm



## Opinion Editor

Tim Eggert

The tumultuous winds and torrential rains that racked the shores and communities of our neck of the woods Tuesday were heightened, if not irregular, weather patterns for this time of year. To most people, 40 mph winds and 24 consecutive hours of rain probably seemed like natural disaster level conditions.

I hadn’t experienced an environment like that before, at least not in this state, and my unfamiliarity with it did conjure a feeling of world-ending anxiety, but it didn’t cause natural disaster level damages.

Meteorologically, the gale force storm qualifies as a natural process, but less so as a natural disaster. It’s tragic that citizens were swept off Black Rocks and peninsula-wide power outages are unfortunate, but, relatively speaking, the harm done wasn’t that bad flooding was minimal and downed trees were manageable.

Neither peninsula of our Midwestern state is known for experiencing natural disasters. Sure, an anomalous tornado may touch down, or abnormal flooding might occur, but this isn’t a hotspot in Tornado Alley nor a home for hurricanes.

When an event does affect Michigan, its impacts are hurtful, but not always heavy. Some areas

of the U.P. were hit harder than others, and the effects were legitimate for closing schools, roads and businesses.

However, considering the recently extinguished wildfires in California, which killed more than 20 people and destroyed over 5,000 homes and structures, life could be worse, much worse. Fortunately, for those in the U.P., it isn’t.

California’s fires were the most destructive in the state’s history, and Tuesday’s storm may have been “worse than the one that sunk the Edmund Fitzgerald.” Although the two disasters differ in objective intensity, they’re similar in one way: people.

When a community is centralized in an area prone to natural processes hurricanes, earthquakes, avalanches and the like their effects become more serious

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due to population distribution and infrastructure planning.

Simply, building in a floodplain or at the base of a mountain will result in exponential destruction. Interminable rain and inevitable avalanches become natural disasters when people live in the path of the natural process.

Yet, there’s a certain ignorance toward positional planning and

the amplified impact on a population from a natural process. Why would a city be centered on a fault line? Perhaps specialized technology and disaster theory didn’t exist in the time of certain communities’ origins.

Despite this, the continuous development of a population at risk of a patterned natural disaster seems foolish. An earthquake isn’t preventable and a whole island can’t be moved to avoid a hurricane, but their fated forces can be prepared for.

As weather and climate become increasingly uncharacteristic, being able to adapt to more frequent natural processes and atypical patterns is essential for established populations to be sustained.

While we wait for technology to catch up to the unforeseeability of storms, we should be aware

of their potential for devastation and be empathetic of those affected.

The real estate cliché “location, location, location” appropriately applies here: don’t unknowingly live in a location primed for natural disaster. If you do, then don’t be surprised by the destruction, or at least, be conscious of its possibility.

## SOUND OFF

What are you dressing up as this Halloween?



**Brooke Tharp, sophomore social work**

“I might dress up as one of my coworkers.”



**Seth Shuster, senior economics**

“I’m dressing up as The Dude from ‘The Big Lebowski.’”



**Max Psaros, senior accounting**

“I’m dressed up as, and I’m dressing up as Mario from Super Mario Bros.”



**Jenni Ihrke, senior photography**

“I’m going to be part of a group costume as a ringmaster.”



**Veniece Gretzinger, junior microbiology**

“I might dress up as an alien, or a galactic girl.”



**Dathon Skelton, freshman environmental science**

“I’m dressing up as a lumberjack.”

compiled by Kat Torreano

Hikers appear minuscule atop the mountainous heights of the Appalachian Trail, a path that spans 2,181 miles from Maine to Georgia and through 14 different states. Ben Schimpf, an NMU senior outdoor recreation and leadership management major, hiked 556 miles of the trail this summer.

Photo courtesy of Ben Schimpf

# Life on the Appalachian Trail

*The story of an NMU student that braved the famous path*

By **Zoe Maki**  
contributing writer



**Sleeping on the trail and ascending mountains every day for months at a time: this is the life of a “thru-hiker,” a long-distance backpacker. For a portion of the summer and 556 miles, this was the life of Ben Schimpf, an NMU senior outdoor recreation and leadership management major.**

Only a few days after school ended in May, Schimpf set out alone for the Appalachian Trail (AT), which spans 2,181 miles from Maine to Georgia and through 14 different states.

The thought of living in nature and having to meet only basic needs is appealing to many, though it comes with a great deal of worries especially when hiking alone. In Schimpf’s experience, hiking alone is not nearly as terrifying as everyone believes. For one thing, the AT is densely populated, and not a day went by that Schimpf did not see at least 10 other hikers. The solitude allowed him to approach the trail at his own pace and decide his own experiences.

“I think I gained a perspective of how easily and simply I could live. I was able to experience the bare minimum needed

to survive and... focus on the environment around [me] and the hike itself,” Schimpf said.

Putting miles under his feet felt empowering and gave him a new perspective on minimalism.

Though he enjoyed living simply, he admits that he grew tired of the monotony. Originally, Schimpf had planned to hike about 119 days longer than he did. He cut his trip short after 31 days because it grew too repetitive, and he said he does not have the grit or patience to hike for 150 days straight.

“I... got to the point where if I continued, I wasn’t going to gain anything more from that time on the trail, but I think I would enjoy setting another 30 days aside and knowing that I could hike another few hundred miles,” Schimpf said.

Although his trip was shorter

than expected, he still had to do a great deal of planning and preparation. For one thing, cost was a big factor, and he spent around \$1,000 for gear, though many individuals easily spend triple that.

Schimpf spent a lot of time finding deals and knock-off brands, this included a water purifier, shelter, sleeping mat and even a stove. There are many considerations to take into account when choosing gear, such as durability and weight. For long-distance, many hikers travel as light as possible. For Schimpf, this means having a single change of clothes

and carrying three days worth of food.

On top of gear expenses, resupplying costs the average hiker about \$1,000 per month. The AT has roads that go into town every two to three days; in town, hikers can go to the supermarket to pick up supplies. Often times, you can hitch a ride into town, since it’s easy to tell if an individual is a long-distance hiker, Schimpf said.

He also had to build his physical endurance. To train himself, he began walking to school instead of biking. He averaged 3 to 6 miles daily; on top of this, he mountain-biked and ran, his

usual exercise.

“I was actually surprised in how good of shape I was when I hit the trail. The second day, I hiked 20 miles, and that was my average for the whole time I was out there,” Schimpf said.

Despite being physically fit, Schimpf faced struggles once he realized how mountainous the trail was going to be. Within the first mile of the trail, elevation rises 3,780 feet above sea level, making for an unexpectedly challenging hike.

“You’re just climbing up and down mountains all day long,” Schimpf said.

Though it was intense, he claims it was liberating to look back and see all of the mountains that he hiked that day.

Overall, Schimpf would encourage others to not be intimidated when wanting to tackle something big such as living in the wilderness for 31 days. He claims it’s all about starting small and slowly building up to your goals.

“[Make] progress everyday, [save] a little more money every day, [and] take little baby steps building up to that huge goal. If someone else [is] interested in doing something like that, start now. Start today. Don’t put it off. It’s pretty easy when you do it that way,” Schimpf added.

**I think I gained a perspective of how easily and simply I could live. I was able to experience the bare minimum needed to survive and... focus on the environment around [me] and the hike itself.**

— Ben Schimpf  
senior outdoor recreation and leadership management major

# Halloween Camp

## The Haunted Theatre

Noah Hausmann / features editor

Returning this weekend to scare the bejeebers out of the NMU community, the ninth annual “Haunted Theatre” will transform the Forest Roberts Theatre into a house of frights.

The show runs from 7 to 11 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 26 to 27 and from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Forest Roberts Theatre.

Customers in search of a scare will wander through a dark labyrinth of claustrophobic corridors and rooms of spooky scenes featuring tormented souls, like actors impaled on pikes and tortured in an electric chair.

“We have a lot of new and exciting things,” said Bill Digneit, director of theatre communication and performance studies. “Tons of zombies and clowns and things to scare you.”

Some of the new aspects include warming tents outside the FRT to keep the long lines of people waiting comfortably and a limited number of fast passes for customers willing to pay extra money to hop to the front of the line. The show is accessible to everyone

and accommodations can be made for allergies or other possible concerns, Digneit explained.

“We’re here to have Halloween fun, not hurt anyone’s semester,” Digneit added.

The show is a fundraiser for the First Nighter’s Club, which funds scholarships and FRT improvements. About 60 students are participating in the performance as actors and technical crew.

For Caitlyn Beyer, a senior theater major, this is her second year as an actor in the Haunted Theatre. This year she plays a living doll in a dollhouse scene, in which dolls play with people.

“It’s a blast,” Beyer said. “It’s fun to scare people.”

Beyer has done a lot of backstage work at FRT productions and also some on stage. She pointed out the difference between acting in plays and acting in the house of horrors.

“It’s very personal,” she said. “When you’re on stage, they’re off in the audience. But in [Haunted Theatre] we’re right in their face.”

Martyn Martello is the director of the Haunted Theatre and has been since its start. He’s been active in the local theater community, directing and producing shows, including some at the FRT’s Panowski Black Box Theatre.

Customers can always say the code word “macaroni” if they get too scared and want out of the maze, Martello explained. The actors stop, and someone in plain clothes ushers the scared person out.

“That’s a badge of honor too. We like it when we macaroni people out,” Martello said with a cackle. “One of the fun things is when you have this 5-foot-2-inch girl and this 6-foot-5-

inch guy who’s 2 percent body fat, all muscle, and he’s using her as a human shield because he’s terrified and he’s hiding behind his little girlfriend. It’s awesome.”

Tickets are only available at the door and are \$5 for children and NMU students, \$10 for all other adults. All performances are rated PG-13. Parental supervision is required for kids 7 and under.

“This is the best adult-themed Halloween scare in town. Period,” Martello added.

*Photo courtesy of the FRT*





# News 2017

## The Halloween Spectacle

Kara Toay / copy editor

Performers from dancers, to drummers along with community members dressed in costumes ranging from mimes to ghosts will parade once again down Washington Street to Harlow Park for the sixth annual “Halloween Spectacle” on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Though the date is set, the event may be rescheduled for either Sunday Oct. 29 or the next weekend depending on weather conditions.

The free event will kick off with a sidewalk procession from West Washington to Harlow Park that will take place from 6 to 6:30 p.m. after trick or treating downtown. From there, an hour-long performance of dancers, drummers and other bands will grace the stage on Bluff Street, said City of Marquette Arts and Culture Manager Tiina Harris. Spectators can bring tarps or blankets and place them along the hillside on Bluff Street. An hour long performance will proceed the procession followed by dancing on the stage.

This year, the U.P. Poet Laureate Marty Achatz will recite a poem he has written based on the theme of this year’s Spectacle, the elements earth, fire, air and water. The queen of each element will have a throne on the stage.

“There’s kind of this interesting theme of the environment, the world, unity and working together, which is really nice,” Harris said.

There are performers of all ages in the spectacle, Harris said. Most of the performers have graced the stage before, but a lot of the event surrounded by fantastic costuming, and added some people have called it “Yooper Mardi Gras.”

“I would say [it’s] more than scary, it’s more kind of fantastic and magical. [There’s] a lot of really involved makeup, a lot of involved beautiful costumes,” Harris explained.

The Spectacle also features a lot dancing as well, Harris said. There will

also be a lot drumming by the band Log Jam, which has participated in the Spectacle all six years. Other performers will also take the stage, with fire dancers heating things up at the end of the night.

Large puppets will also be in attendance. The dragon, one of the main puppets, will be red this year after receiving a makeover from students at NMU. The dragon has also been green and blue in years past.

There has also been a lot of student involvement, from students participating individually in groups, Yooper Hoopers, a group dedicated to hooping and dancing, to dance clubs, such as the NMU Dance Club that participated last year, and cheerleaders.

“The event is about community. It’s about a community having an art experience together, bringing people together. It’s a chance for everyone to get together and have a collective experience,” Harris added.

The event is funded by the city, Marquette Downtown Development Authority and Rotary Club. For more information about the event visit marquette365.com or the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center’s Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of MACC

Spectacle goers can expect extravagant costumes like the ones above and are encouraged to dress up themselves.



Photo courtesy of MACC

Amber Rachel Neely performs in costume at last year’s spectacle.

## The Halloween Hootenanny

Zoe Maki / contributing writer

Are you looking for an excuse to break out your dancing shoes? To socialize and snack on scrumptious foods? Then put on your best costume and drop on by, because the Halloween Hootenanny just might be the place for you.

The Halloween Hootenanny will be a costume-themed dance party from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Water’s Edge Church on Presque Isle Avenue.

This event is hosted by students from Northern, Michigan Tech and Finlandia University who are members of the Campus Crusade for Christ (Cru)—a student-led campus ministry.

“I went last year, and it was a lot of fun. I’m looking forward to dancing and having a good time. It’ll be nice to just goof off and dance,” said junior and biochemistry major Shelby Roesner, member of NMU Cru, “There will be no alcohol. It will be just a good time to bring your friends.”

As stated in the description on NMU

Cru’s Facebook page, “There will be square dancing, swing dancing, line dancing and probably a good deal of uncoordinated, awkward dancing!”

As far as food is concerned, many students from the organization are bringing dishes to pass including plenty of cookies, chips and other delicious snacks.

Though the Hootenanny is led by a campus ministry, anyone who has an interest in dancing, costumes or food is welcome to attend.

NMU Cru is open to all students. All events are planned by students and the group’s weekly 8 p.m. Thursday meetings usually feature student speakers. Bigger events include the Hootenanny and the Snowball, a similar dance and smorgasbord, held in December. Along with dances, there are fall and spring retreats for students. For more information on the Hootenanny or Cru, visit NMU Cru’s Facebook page.

# World famous painter holds campus events

By Noah Hausmann

features editor

Alexis Rockman, one of the most famous painters in contemporary American art, visited NMU from Oct. 18 to 20 for many campus and community events, combining art and science.

This New York City artist is known for his environmental advocacy, using a realistic and sardonic painting style. His massive murals, exhibited at the Smithsonian and other galleries, depict climate change, extinction, pollution and invasive species.

The centerpiece of Rockman's visit was "The Great Lakes Cycle," murals from which are on display at the DeVos Art Museum until Oct. 30. The work examines the past, present and

possible future of the Great Lakes under human influence, based on Rockman's extensive research with environmental experts.

"I wanted to dig into the dark ecological history of the Great Lakes," Rockman explained.

The exhibit also includes his "field drawings" of wildlife, made using glue mixed with sand and coal taken directly from the Great Lakes nature around him.

"You can do this anywhere," Rockman said on why he does the drawings. "It gets me out of the studio. I'm like a heroin addict: I sit in my studio and make art unless there's some excuse to get out."

Rockman taught both biology and art and design students to make their own field drawings during an art workshop. He told



Lindsey Eaton/NW

World famous artist Alexis Rockman shows NMU biology and art students how to make "field drawings," a method similar to watercolor painting that he invented that mixes natural elements, like soil, with glue to be used as the drawing material, during an Art Scramble workshop at Presque Isle Pavilion on Thursday, Oct. 19.

**I'm like a heroin addict: I sit in my studio and make art unless there's some excuse to get out.**

— Alexis Rockman  
American contemporary artist

the students to "have a sense of humor and have fun." The students' drawings, sun prints and fish prints are on display in the Olson Library until Oct. 31.

"It was amazing how well art and science blended together to make the workshop unique," junior

microbiology major Heather Swinney said. "[Rockman] was really funny, totally what I was expecting based on his art, kind of salty, but interesting to talk to and passionate about his work."

Rockman spoke at a public screening of the movie "Life of

Pi," explaining his contributions to the film's development, as well as at an Artist Talk forum about his career and artwork and at the Northern Climate Network Panel Discussion to discuss environmental impact, in addition to other events.



Photo courtesy of Meredith Heuer

Best-selling writer Daniel Handler a.k.a. Lemony Snicket, author of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" spoke on campus Wednesday, Oct. 25.

## Lemony Snicket speaks

By Winter Keefer

editor-in-chief

"The world is bewildering and literature is one of our strategies to blunder our way through," author Daniel Handler said.

Handler, who is better known by his pen name Lemony Snicket, spoke yesterday on NMU's campus, delving into what garnered his love for the horrible, woeful and absurd. Through his pen name Snicket, Handler is best known for his children's series following the life of three orphans, titled "A Series of Unfortunate Events."

"When I was 10, I wanted to hear about horrible things happening over and over again," Handler said.

While describing his childhood, Handler explained that

the first books he read in school were about the Holocaust. His father had fled Germany as a Jewish refugee during the Holocaust and one day, after hearing this story, Handler's teacher asked, "Don't you think your father was very brave?"

"And, I went home and asked that question to my father who's a certified public accountant, so I felt like he didn't get asked much if he was brave and my father upheld an upstanding Jewish tradition of answering a question with a question. I asked him, 'Don't you think you were brave?' and he asked me 'Do you think I was braver than one's who didn't make it?'"

Handler said this was one of his greatest childhood lessons.

Veering away from youth and young adult books, Handler

recently published a novel called "All the Dirty Parts," which paved the way for the tour that brought him to NMU's campus. The book was inspired by a dinner party conversation, Handler said.

"One of my friends is a man married to a man and he told me he was going to visit his small hometown, and I said I, an urban snob from the coast I said, 'What do you do over there in your small hometown?' and he said, 'I like to check up on my old ex-boyfriends and their wives.'"

Handler paused, letting the crowd laugh. "I know," he said.


He explained that "All the Dirty Parts" is meant to explore the fluid nature of sexuality that is often missed through narrow societal views.

"It was young male sexuality, in particular, that I kept thinking about, which is so often presented as one of two models. There's the neurotic bumbler who's very shy around girls and might knock over the condom display, and then there's the predatory monster," Handler said. "But in greater abundance there's the rest of it the fierce desire and unknowable mystery of romanticism, and sexism, and heart emojis and pornography."

Handler visited the Upper Peninsula for the first time to deliver this speech. He said that he expected to be bewildered when he came here.

"I missed the storm, I missed a chance to be swept out into the lake, and since I've arrived here, nothing but charming and harmless things have happened to me," he said.

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Participants crawl through mud and sand while navigating underneath a tangled web of ropes on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the "Muck it U.P." mud run 5K obstacle course on Marquette Mountain.

# Time to get mucked up

*A North Winder faces the mud run for the first time*

By Lindsey Eaton  
photo editor

A cool, fall breeze rustled the leaves, while the dazzling blue sky was speckled with clouds as round and soft as cotton balls. It was the perfect day to get muddy and to conquer an obstacle course for bragging rights.

The YMCA's "Muck It U.P." mud run 5K ran from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, with over 300 participants traversing from the top of Marquette Mountain to the

bottom through 500 feet of challenges. People traveled from all over the Upper Peninsula to participate, and some spectators even traveled from the Lower Peninsula to cheer on their loved ones.

I had never done a 5K before, let alone a 5K obstacle course... but I was up for the challenge. I decided to sign up for the mud run back in August, and knew that it would be an exciting milestone to accomplish. I am not the most athletic person... I mean, I used to

swim competitively, but running is not my forte. Despite that, I had always wanted to do a 5K and check that item off of my bucket list. "Go big or go home" became my motto for the race.

Considering there were hundreds participating in the mud run, checking in was a breeze. The greeters smiled and wished me luck as I quickly signed my life away on a waiver, they handed me a lift ticket and a muted green T-shirt.

"The second heat starts at 10:40 [a.m.]," they told me and

sent me on my way.

I placed the lift ticket on my thigh and headed toward the chair lift. The lift slowly glided up the mountain, squeaking and moaning along the way. The obstacles began popping up over the horizon and along the landscape: mounds of dirt and sand piled high, wide pools of murky water speckled across the path, along with ropes, tubes and nets.

Once at the top of the mountain, I made my way over to the start of the race. Participants of ages 12 and older lined up at the start.

The countdown began "Five... Four... Three... Two; Good luck... ONE," and the racers took off.

Ethan Knake, a junior civil engineering major and Cameron Gregg, a junior finance major from Michigan Technological University, shot forward and led the group down the hill to the first obstacle: a four-foot deep pool filled with mud and ice-cold water. They plunged in without any hesitation, and disappeared up the hill on the way to the next obstacle.

"We finished midway through the first heat," Knake said. "It was a fun course."

For me, it was a fun course too, but it was also difficult. The second obstacle was conquering a steep hill directly after plunging into the ice-cold water. Then came crawling through the sand and dirt under a canopy covered in leaves.

There were many challenging

obstacles, but the hardest for me was one toward the end. The obstacle was three hurdles, with deep puddles on either side of the hurdle. The water was freezing cold and had deep, gooey mud at the bottom which engulfed my shoe. I have a bruise both the size and color of a large avocado on my inner thigh from executing the hurdles rather poorly. I whipped my leg up onto one of hurdles, only to realize that was a bad idea. The rough edges of the wooden hurdle dug into my thigh and have left a mark for me to remember them by.

After the hurdles, there was a slip-n-slide and a rope course, which thoroughly coated me in mud right before crossing the finish line. It seemed as though I had been running for hours, although in reality, it was only about 40 minutes. Nevertheless, I was thankful to be done.

After finishing, participants exchanged high-fives and exhausted embraces. Although I was tired, muddy and sore, my heart felt full from the amount of support I received up to and on the day of the race.

Fellow participant Sophie Slamp, an NMU senior photography major, was caught off-guard by rigors of the course, but enjoyed her experience as well.

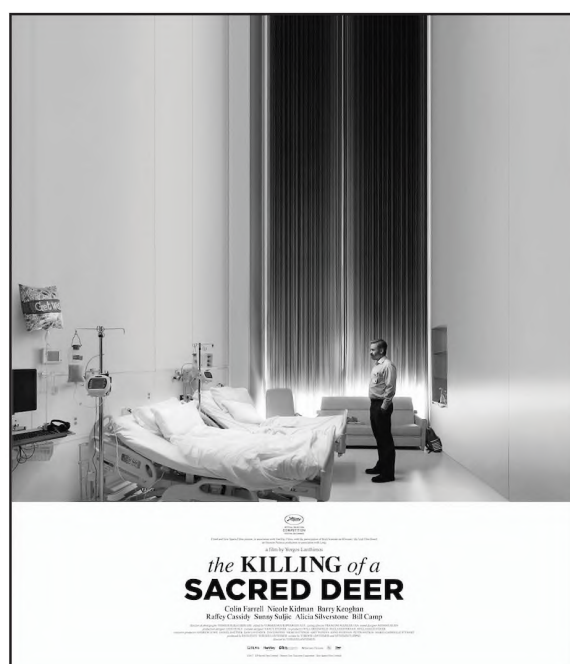
"It was more challenging than I expected. I didn't look at what type of obstacles were on the track before the race," Slamp explained, adding that she would try another race like this in the future. "I love fun runs."

# Oh, deer: upcoming, strange, disturbing film to flatline in theaters

By Michael Brzezinski  
contributing writer

Yorgos Lanthimos is one of the most intriguing filmmakers in the film industry today. He has quickly and surely carved out his own niche of deadpan sadistic satire. Lanthimos has been a thrilling solution to Hollywood's drought of original and creative ideas, especially after his critical and box office smash hit, "The Lobster." For the past seven years, it has appeared that he can do no wrong creatively. But he can do wrong, and that wrong is "The Killing of a Sacred Deer."

"The Killing of a Sacred Deer" stars Colin Farrell, Nicole Kidman and Barry Keoghan, and it tells a dark and twisted tale of regret and revenge in the framework of a modern day Greek tragedy. Farrell plays Steven, a heart surgeon who begins to mentor a troubled teenager named Martin (a creepily stellar performance from Keoghan). However, things take a turn for the demented when Steven's two children mysteriously become paralyzed



waist-down, and it all might be because of a dark history that Martin holds against the unbeknownst Steven.

The tone is set right from the opening extreme close-up shot of an exposed beating heart with an intense and operatic score blasting over top of it. That shot is a perfect representation of the film as a whole; it's powerful and disturbing, but ultimately meaningless. Lanthimos has

made a career out of cruel films but the cruelty always has a purpose.

In "Dogtooth" it was to show the dangers of familial censorship, "Alps" used it to portray the extremes of bereavement, and "The Lobster" used it to examine the macabre, tribal nature of modern romance. In "Sacred Deer" it appears to be cruelty simply for cruelty's sake.

**Film:** "The Killing of a Sacred Deer"

**Director:** Yorgos Lanthimos

**Writer:** Yorgos Lanthimos, Efthymis Filippou

**Starring:** Colin Farrell, Nicole Kidman, Barry Keoghan

**Runtime:** 2 hours, 1 minute

**Rating:**



shots and close-ups. The score, while overbearing in parts, is also a nice dramatic touch. The comedy, while not as prevalent as it was in previous films, works more than it doesn't. One scene in particular has Martin explaining a metaphor to Steven in a graphically violent yet humorous manner. It's a brief but brilliant moment that displays Lanthimos' natural sensibility for extreme black humor that is unfortunately used sparingly.

"The Killing of a Sacred Deer" will certainly go down as one of the most disappointing cinematic experiences I've endured this year. It's a frustrating example of style over substance filmmaking that lays waste to some brilliant ideas. This film is simply a chink in the armor for Lanthimos so far and I still look forward to what sick trick he has up his sleeve next. I just hope his next trip has more meaning other than to torture its audience.

"The Killing of a Sacred Deer" opens in select theaters Oct. 20 with a nationwide expansion on Nov. 3.



## Wildcats split weekend against Badgers

Lindsey Eaton/NW

In a game earlier in the season, the Wildcats bring it in for a huddle to congratulate one of their forwards after a goal. The 'Cats take this week off as they prepare for Minnesota State.

By Trevor Drew  
sports editor

In a non-conference series over the weekend, the Northern Michigan Wildcat Hockey team had day-and-night results against the Big Ten's University of Wisconsin Badgers, grabbing a 5-4 overtime victory Friday night and getting blanked 4-0 the next night.

The Wildcats led the Badgers 4-2 going into the final period of Friday night's game. Their four goals consisted of senior forward Robbie Payne's sixth goal of the season, two power-play goals from sophomore forward Darien Craighead and sophomore defender Philip Beaulieu, and one short-handed goal from junior forward Denver Pierce.

On top of taking advantage of power-play situations, head coach Grant Potulny commended the team's penalty-kill, referencing two minutes where the Wildcats fended off a 5-on-3 mismatch against the Badgers.

"I think for two-and-a-half periods, there's no doubt that we were the better team on Friday," Potulny said. "But we've got to find a way to close out the game.

While the 'Cats seemed comfortable with their lead, Wisconsin got it together for their last 20 regulation minutes on the ice and cranked out two goals to force overtime.

The sudden-death five-minute period came to an end with just 17 seconds remaining when Pierce found the net for his second time that evening. His third goal of the

season was assisted by junior forward Troy Loggins who increased his season total to six, tied for second most in the country.

Despite pulling off the win, Potulny said it was the team playing conservative defense and not thinking of producing goals that allowed Wisconsin to catch up in the third period.

On Saturday, the team was unable to come close to the previous night's results and were swept 4-0 to the NCAA's fifth-ranked Wisconsin Badgers.

Despite a 13-3 shot advantage for the Badgers, NMU was able to hold Wisconsin scoreless for most of the first period. A goal by Wisconsin's Ryan Wagner nearly 17 minutes into the period put NMU down, 1-0.

After a pair of UW goals put

NMU in a 3-0 deficit, sophomore goaltender Mathias Israelsson entered the game, taking out junior goaltender Atte Tolvanen. Israelsson recorded 21 saves the rest of the way, a season-high for Israelsson.

"I think that [Israelsson] was outstanding on Saturday," Potulny said. "He gained a lot of confidence, my confidence and the team's confidence."

Potulny said that Tolvanen has had his strongest performances of the season when their opponent was able to pull off a lot of shots on net. But when he isn't challenged by as many attempts, his performance suffers.

"As a goalie, when you start feeling the puck, you get into the game," Potulny said. "When you don't feel it, you still have to be

ready for times when there is an opportunity. That's been a challenge for [Tolvanen.]"

The Wildcats get nearly two weeks of rest in preparation for Minnesota State University, Mankato. NMU will play host to the Mavericks Nov. 3 and 4, with both contests in the Berry Events Center scheduled for a 7 p.m. start.

The Mavericks stand with an overall record of 3-2 including two victories over Division I's sixth ranked Boston University Terriers.

"Minnesota State is as good as anybody in the country, and that's not coach speak," Potulny said. "They are deep in every position they're well coached and they're the veteran team."

## Cross Country takes second at GLIAC

*Five Wildcats earn all-conference records*

By Mason Wallace  
contributing writer

Northern Michigan University's Cross-Country team took second at the GLIAC Conference Championship Saturday in Marquette with five runners earning all All-GLIAC Conference honors.

Senior Kameron Burmeister of Menominee, Michigan led the Wildcat pack at the Gentz Homestead Golf Course, finishing in fifth place with a time of 21:54. This marked her fourth consecutive season that she has received All-GLIAC First Team honors running for NMU.

"This journey has been so exciting and a little scary, but I feel so blessed," Burmeister said. "I will never forget the mem-

ories that I have made over these past four years."

NMU garnered 62 points as a team, trailing Grand Valley State University's powerful performance taking the team crown, with 17 points and seven runners in the top ten including first through fourth.

Head coach Jenny Ryan was pleased with the overall strength of the team this season despite setbacks from injuries and illness.

"We were finally at full strength for these last couple meets," Ryan said. "It has been fun to see how we compete with everyone running."

Ryan also noted the absence of Burmeister will create a hole in the team for next fall's season.

"She has been such a great leader and

has shown others anything can be done with hard work," Ryan said. "But it gives others the chance to take the lead and take over her spot."

Sophomore Katelyn Smith of Gaylord, Michigan placed sixth with a time of 21:56.2 seconds. Smith's performance earned her first team honors as well, after running with her career best time.

"I am really proud to see where I am this year to this same time last year," said Smith. "I have been working extremely hard to get faster."

Senior Vivian Hett of Burnsville, Minnesota placed 16th with a time of 22:56.80 and is a three-time second team member. Junior Sophie McDonald of Park City, Utah also made second team for the third

time with her 18th place finish of 22:58.20.

Junior Abby Fifarek of Buckley, Michigan came in 22nd and received All-GLIAC honors for the second time, finishing at 23:30.20.

Junior Kieren Becker of Fowler, Michigan and sophomore Hanna Torvi of St. Paul, Minnesota finished at 24th and 25th with times of 23:42 and 23:43. Junior Maddy Walters of Madison, Wisconsin, junior Kalina Pfannenstiel of Traverse City, Michigan and freshman Ellise Longley of Bloomington, Minnesota finished 36th, 49th and 59th.

The Wildcats compete next on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the NCAA II Midwest Region Championships at Cedarville University in Ohio.

# SPORTS BRIEFS



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Head coach Troy Mattson said in a press conference held Oct. 24 that expectations are high after the first week of practice and 13 out of the 14 players are returning. He also added that they brought on three freshman he believes can make a difference. Among the freshman are Lexi Smith and Amber Huebner. Huebner was named 2016 Great Northern Conference (Mich.) Defensive Player of the Year. Mattson also said practices have been tough, but he is happy with the depth of the team. One thing that is an issue for the team is injuries, said Mattson, adding that junior point guard Chloe Tompkins might not play this season. Junior Taylor Hodell and sophomore Erin Honkala are also amongst the injured. Mattson's biggest concern is not going into the season fully loaded with a strong team. Although Mattson is disappointed with what is going on with injuries, the team still looks good in practice and better than they have in a while. The team will start their season off on Oct. 28 against Finlandia.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Northern's Men's Basketball head coach Bill Sall said he is excited for the season to get underway at a press conference on Oct. 23. Although the team is young, Sall said the team has a ton of experience, with a few returning players. Among the returning players is junior Naba Echols, who was named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Preseason All-GLIAC Team as the Northern Michigan University Men's Basketball team opens the 2017-18 season this weekend with two games. Echols returns to the Wildcats after leading NMU with 17.6 points a game, shooting 48 percent from the field, and 42 percent from the three-point line. He also finished fourth in the GLIAC from the free-throw line, shooting 88 percent during the season. One thing that Sall said the team has this year is great depth, something they have been lacking in years past. For the start of the season, Northern Michigan hosts St. Norbert College Saturday at 1 p.m. in an exhibition game to kick off this year. They then will host Bay College in a scrimmage at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

### Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Freshman Gabriella Spajic was named GLIAC Women's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week after competing at St. Cloud State University on Oct. 20 and 21. Spajic finished the two meets with four first-place finishes. Her time of 2:07.98 is currently the second best time in NCAA Division II. She finished out her time with 5:09.82 in the 500-yard freestyle and 58.40 in the 100-yard butterfly.



## Volleyball sweeps foes

Lindsey Eaton/NW

In an earlier game against Ashland, senior setter and co-captain Jami Hogeboom sets the ball for an attack. The team is tied with Michigan Tech for second in the GLIAC.

By Ryan Spitzza  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan Volleyball team continued with its winning ways last week after returning home to defeat GLIAC foes Purdue Northwest and Davenport by set scores of 3-0.

The Wildcats now have four straight wins as the regular season nears its end, with an overall record of 16-6 and 8-3 in the GLIAC.

NMU head coach Mike Lozier said despite the two opponents having not-so-good records, they still had to bring their A-game because no team is overlooked.

"It's always good to defend your home court," he said. "Purdue has been struggling all year, so I don't want to say that win was expected, but if we took care of the ball we were going to be okay. Davenport just knocked off Grand Valley and they've played well, especially early on in the season so we really had to be on our game and it was nice to see the team play a complete match from beginning to end."

In Friday's match against Purdue Northwest, the Wildcats pulled out set one with ease, winning 25-14 on a kill from junior outside

hitter Autumn Monsma. Sets two and three were much closer, with the Wildcats edging out PNW with 25-21 set victories. Despite PNW pulling within one in the third set, the Pride never saw a lead in the match. NMU sophomore defensive specialist Cheyanna Pyka had five aces in the contest.

"On Friday the momentum of our game was really uphill," Pyka said. "Then we stooped down a little bit, but we came back up and the momentum of the team felt on the court was very strong. It was a really fun match to play, probably one of the better ones this year. We were playing as a team and it was a good flow."

On Saturday, the Wildcats jumped out to a 5-0 lead in set one before the run was ended by DU's Ashley VanderHorst. The Wildcats took set one in dominating fashion by a score of 25-11. Set two wasn't much different, with NMU taking it 25-14. Davenport pulled closer in set three, but eventually fell 25-21.

Monsma said the season has been successful due to each player showing strong communication in practice.

"We're working hard in practice and I think the overall feel in

practice is that everyone is on the same page," she said. "We want to win and we want to be on top so we're doing everything we can to get there."

The Wildcats are still deadlocked in a three-way tie for second place in the GLIAC standings with Michigan Tech and Wayne State as the team approaches the final road trip of the season this weekend with matches against Lake Superior State and Saginaw Valley State. League leader Ferris State is one game ahead of the three second place teams.

LSSU and SVSU have a combined eight wins the season, a total the Wildcats have doubled.

Lozier said despite their records, he believes those teams are on the upswing.

"Their records aren't great but they have been on the verge of winning a lot of sets and a lot of matches," he said. "They're going to get wins and they're going to steal a win from somebody good, so we're just going to work really hard to make sure we're not that team that they get that win from."

The Wildcats take on LSSU on Friday night before traveling down to Saginaw for a 1 p.m. match Saturday.

## Swim and Dive team makes splash

By Benny Garbacz

contributing writer

The NMU Men's and Women's swimming and diving teams emerged victorious last weekend at St. Cloud State University before their two week break leading up to their meets at Grand Valley State University.

The men's team won on Friday Oct. 20 with a score of 163.5-79.5. Sophomore Lajos Budai, junior Grantas Dapkus and junior Janne Roovers combined to win each freestyle swim. Dapkus took the 200-yard freestyle in 1:43.83 and the 500-yard freestyle in 4:48.80. In the 50-yard freestyle, Budai won with a time of 21.31 and won the 100-yard freestyle in 46.74. NMU even took 200-yard races with Junior Ryan Knox-Leonard winning the 200-yard individual medley with the time of 1:55.83.

"This was the men's first road

trip and they did very well," head coach Heidi Voigt said.

"I look forward to seeing what they can do if we can keep them healthy."

On Saturday, the men's team claimed victory with a score of 147.5-95.5. Budai gave NMU two first place finishes; winning the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 1:44.69 and the 100-yard backstroke in 51.64. Roovers won the 500-yard free in 4:48.44 and junior Arnoldo Herrera took the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 57.93.

The women's team took on three colleges last weekend, and won each day. On Friday the women's team won against St. Cloud State with a score of 153.5-89.5, Northern State University with a score of 199.0-38.0, and Minnesota State University-Moorhead with a score of 174.0-69.0. Sophomore Ra-

chel Helm and freshman Gabriella Spajic led NMU as both won two events. Helm won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:07.41 and the 200-yard backstroke in 2:01.69. Spajic claimed the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:07.98 and the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.82.

On Saturday the women's team claimed victory again against the three colleges, this time with a score of 155.5-87.50 against St. Cloud, 193-42 against Northern State and 184-58 against Minnesota State-Moorhead. That day the team swept the relays. Junior Regan Kilburn, junior Dana Stroven, Spajic, and freshman Lena Soulas won the 400-yard medley relay. Freshman Margaret Vaitkus, sophomore Victoria Reese, sophomore Madelyn Irelan and Helm won the 400-yard freestyle relay to win with a time of 3:37.83.

# Men's soccer looks for playoff spot

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

With one game left in the regular season, the Northern Michigan Men's Soccer team's hope for a playoff spot hangs in the balance after settling for a 3-3 draw to the Ashland Eagles and lost 2-0 to the Tiffin Dragons over the weekend.

"At this time of the season, we're scrambling to try to get in the playoffs and we played like it in these two games very well," Wildcats head coach David Poggi said. "We got a point which keeps us alive, but we could've got one more point we needed in the second game."

Sophomore midfielder Edgar

Astorga said the team performed well against both Ashland and Tiffin, but didn't get the points they needed.

"We played really well, but our defense was a little bit shaky which was unfortunate," Astorga said. "We just got to look back at the film and we can do better and bounce back."

On Friday's game in Ashland, both the Eagles and Wildcats were neck-and-neck exchanging goals in the net. Ashland's Thomas Ardon scored the game's first goal through the arms of NMU sophomore goalkeeper Fillippo Torelli. However, the Wildcats responded with a goal from sophomore midfielder Callum Olpin, assisted

from freshman forward Birkir Baldursson, as the game went to half-time tied at one goal a piece.

The teams' up tempo offenses continued in the second half. At the 61-minute mark, junior defender Kevin Hoof broke the tie with a header goal to make it 2-1 Wildcats. In the 65-minute mark, the Eagles' Yusuke Yasumus and NMU junior forward Sam Popp swapped goals in a minute span.

Ashland player John Duldner's goal tied the game at 3-3, which was the score at the end of regulation. However, both teams failed to find the net in both overtime periods to settle into a draw. NMU outshot Ashland 5-3 in both overtime periods, 18-10 overall.

Torelli finished with seven saves, and sophomore midfielder Nick Metcalfe had two assists on the game. Torelli now has 44 saves in the season overall, which is fourth-best in the conference.

Olpin felt that the Ashland game was winnable, despite the draw.

"It was disappointing for us because we felt that we should've won against Ashland, sending us into the playoffs," Olpin said.

At Tiffin, the Dragons started out controlling the ball effectively. Tiffin was able to find the net at 29:33, as Matthew Tait scored off a deep pass to beat the Wildcat defense to make it a 1-0 game. The Wildcats were out-

shot 6-5 at halftime.

The offensive pressure picked up for the Wildcats as they poured on 14 shots to four through the rest of the game. Neither shot was able to find the goal. Tiffin would add an insurance goal by Marc Albert Feliu to decide the game at 2-0.

"We did everything that we could in that game, it just didn't work out," Poggi said on the Tiffin game. "It's a funny game. If you can't score, you can't win."

The Wildcats will close out the regular season against the Notre Dame College (Ohio) Falcons in Grand Rapids in hope to get to a spot in the tournament.



## GLIAC seed clinched

*The Women's Soccer team is bound for playoffs*

Lindsey Eaton/NW

Junior defender Raven Mitchell steps up and makes a tackle on a Grand Valley Forward. Last season, Mitchell appeared in 17 games and started in 14. Mitchell had one shot on goal in the season.

By Tyler Young

contributing writer

The NMU Women's Soccer team split their two home games this weekend, defeating the Ferris State University Bulldogs 2-1 on Friday before falling 3-1 to the Grand Valley State University Lakers on Sunday. As a result, the Wildcats have clinched the 7th seed in the GLIAC playoffs.

On Friday, the match started with both teams focused on offense, and NMU put an early tally on the board when junior defender Sophia Sachs headed a corner kick into the back of the net in the 17th minute. The Wildcats didn't just look to protect their lead, however, and in the 35th minute senior defender Allyssa Milam doubled the team's lead on a corner kick from outside the box.

The Bulldogs came out in the second half with a renewed offensive energy, putting nine shots on goal after the halftime break. NMU freshman goalkeeper Brianna Frontuto was able to keep the ball out of the net until the 81st minute, when

FSU's Bri Rogers was awarded a penalty kick for a Wildcat foul inside the 18-yard box. Rogers slotted the penalty home nicely, but the Bulldogs were unable to find the net again and NMU came out the 2-1 victors.

"I think it was one of the best games we've played defensively," Milam said. "Offensively, we capitalized on the chances we had. I don't think we had crazy numbers as far as shots on goal, but we took care of business when we had the opportunity."

Sunday the Wildcats took on an offensive powerhouse in the Grand Valley State University Lakers. The Lakers, heading into the match, had not allowed a single goal in their eight GLIAC matches, while scoring 41 over that same span. That goal scoring prowess was displayed in the 36th minute, when GVSU's Makenna Schoolman beat Frontuto and put the Lakers up 1-0. Seven minutes later, Grand Valley doubled their lead thanks to a goal by Cecilia Steinwascher.

In the 70th minute, the Lakers gave up their first conference goal when junior forward Aimee Colla scored her second goal of

the season. Freshman defender Kaitlynn Benson and Milam both recorded assists on the play. The Lakers went back up by two in the 77th minute on the strength of a goal by Mia Gale, and that score stood for the remainder of the match.

Milam was honored by the GLIAC as the Offensive Player of the Week after recording a goal and an assist over the weekend's matches.

"I'm very honored to have received the award, that's a really cool thing for our team," Milam said of the honor. "We have Bri (Frontuto) and Jenna (Halonen) who've received it this year as well, and I believe only one player received it last year, so to have a few more numbers as far as GLIAC recognition this season compared to last is a big boost for the team."

The Wildcats' next match will be on Friday, when they travel to Houghton to face the Michigan Tech Huskies in a non-conference matchup. NMU will then head to Ashland on Tuesday for their GLIAC Tournament quarterfinal game.

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# Saginaw Valley overcomes Wildcats 20-12

By Von Lanier  
news editor

With only three games left in the season, the NMU Wildcats look to earn their second win after this weekend's loss to the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals.

The Cardinals halted the Wildcat's last minute haste to bring themselves within an eight point deficit in the late fourth quarter and finished the game with a victory of 20-12.

Saturday's loss was the first in three games that junior Jake Mayon held an average below 200-rushing yards, and also the first in four games that the Wildcats were unable to score a touchdown on their opening drive.

Freshman quarterback Ryan Johnson finished the game with a career-high of 363 passing yards and a 20-30 pass completion rate. Defensively, senior Darryl Williams led the Wildcats with 13 total tackles, two of which included a loss of yards.

Head coach Kyle Nystrom commended the SVSU defense on stopping the Wildcat rushing game and forcing the team to commit to a pass-first offense on Saturday.

"If you're playing Northern right now and your scheming

defensively, well what are you going to stop? The guy we got back there from Plainfield Illinois, you gotta stop him right? That's No. 1," Nystrom said in a press conference on Tuesday. "So you gear up for the run game, and then you have to have another plan if that's what they do."

Both teams had a scoreless first quarter with the first score of the game coming from a 20-yard field goal by Saginaw Valley, just 42 seconds into the second quarter to move the Cardinals ahead 3-0.

The Wildcats retaliated with a field goal of their own on their second drive of the quarter after freshman Dalton Ray found the uprights from 49-yards out and tied the game at 3-3. Saginaw Valley would later score a touchdown, however, with 48 seconds remaining in the half to take a 10-3 lead entering halftime.

A field goal by NMU proved to be the lone score in the third quarter after Ray hit his second field goal of the game from 19-yards out, bringing the score to 10-6 before the start of the fourth.

Nystrom said despite his last minute addition to the team, Ray has three more years to play for the Wildcats and he's happy with his performance on special teams.



Neil Flavin/NW

Freshman defensive back Deantae Young tackles an SVSU receiver as sophomore defensive back Troy Mayon prepares to back him up. The Wildcats netted zero rushing yards against the Cardinals.

"I like where Dalton's at right now for a guy we brought in a week before camp," he said.

The Cardinals responded with their second touchdown of the game early in the fourth quarter to put the score at 17-6. NMU answered quickly as Johnson found sophomore wide receiver Ryan Knight for a touchdown pass on their second play of the drive, later failing a two-point conversion attempt but narrow-

ing the SVSU lead to 17-12. On their next drive, Saginaw Valley extended the lead with a 32-yard field goal and pushed the score to 20-12.

In the final moments of the game, the Wildcats were allowed one last-minute drive attempt after forcing SVSU to punt, but they came up short, after Johnson was intercepted at the one-line on the final play of the game.

On Saturday, the 'Cats will face

off against Grand Valley State University (GVSU) who's ranked at third in the GLIAC conference.

"I want to see them play physical, tough and hard. That's what I want," Nystrom said of his team in the upcoming game against GVSU. "Whatever happens in that game, I want people to say 'Those dudes are tough, physical, and they play relentless.' I don't think you can ask anymore of anybody than that."

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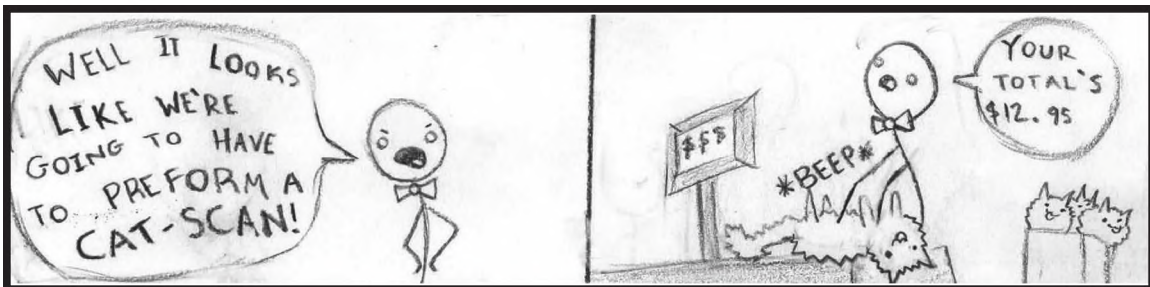
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A downed tree lies in the Academic Mall at NMU, one of many that was knocked down by high wind speeds around Marquette and throughout Alger county on Tuesday as a result of Gale force winds. In other areas, downed trees resulted in power outages for local residents. In some areas winds reached 60 mph and Lake Superior's waves reached an excess of 20 feet. Lakeshore Boulevard is still closed due to debris and sand left ashore from the storm. Cleanup efforts are continuing throughout the county.

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