

LSCP Major Events



April 8, 2002 Business Showcase – U.P. Children's Museum

Join the staff of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum and the Lake Superior Community Partnership along with area business people at the U.P. Children's Museum for a night of food, fun, tours, networking and prizes! There will be a 50/50 drawing as well as business card drawings for chances to win great prizes! No registration or entry fee required. Please call 486-4841 or 226-6591 for more information.

April 23, 2002 U.P. Waste Reduction & Energy Efficiency Workshop

The Lake Superior Community Partnership is co-sponsoring an Upper Peninsula Waste Reduction and Energy Efficiency Workshop at the Holiday Inn of Marquette from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. EST. For more information please contact Barbara Spitzley at (517) 373-9283 or via email at spitzleb@state.mi.us.

April 27, 2002 Prime Time Exposition

This health and leisure exposition is geared towards U.P. residents 50 years of age and older. Includes informational seminars and demonstrations, Bingo and door prizes. Lead sponsors include Marquette General Health System and Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network both offering low or no cost health screenings. For vendors and general information please call 486-4841.

Women's Issues

The **Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce** and its Ambassador's Club are sponsoring a "Women's Issues" one hour seminar on *Stress Management*. This event is planned for April 3, 2002 at 12:00 noon, and will be located at the Harbor View Towers Community Room in Manistique. The cost is \$7.50 per person which includes a catered lunch with dessert, and door prizes. For more information, call your Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce at (906) 341-5126.

Industrial Accident Prevention and Machine Guarding

The **River Cities Regional Chamber Of Commerce** will be hosting a one day MIOCHA seminar titled "Industrial Accident Prevention and Machine Guarding". Registration for this seminar will begin at 8:30 am, with the seminar beginning at 9 and lasting until 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Cost to attend the seminar is \$30 for Chamber Members and \$35 for non-members. Registration is limited, so RSVP early. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please call the River Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce) at 906-863-2679.



Delta Chamber of Commerce It's Tee Time!

The First Thursday of June is traditionally the start of the golfing benefit season, and this year is no exception. The Chamber's Annual Golf Classic will take place Thursday, June 6th at the Terrace Bluff. The Delta County Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors of Delta County are sponsoring this event.

Launched in 1995, the event was designed to raise funds to meet the need for training of the local workforce. A portion of the proceeds provides scholarships for those studying in Delta County for a trade or occupation that is needed in Delta County.

A review of past scholarship recipients indicates that the award has done just that- most of them have completed studies and found employment right here in Delta County.

If you would like more information about this event, please watch your Chamber of Commerce publications, visit the Chamber's website at www.deltami.org, or call the Delta County Chamber of Commerce at 906-786-2192.

Chamber Has New Name

The Menominee Area Chamber of Commerce recently changed its name to reflect the new mission of serving all area business, not just those in Menominee County. The new name, **River Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce**, was chosen from 50 entries in a "Name Your Chamber" contest. The winner of this contest, Mark Spiegelhoff, will receive a collection of products and services from chamber members as the prize.

To go along with the new name, and new mission, the chamber has a new logo. The logo, designed by Mary Hofer of Superior Type & Design, features a stylized version of a river.

The chamber's board of directors also has changed, with a new chairwoman, Anita Doepke. Doepke plans to help direct the process of change and expansion within the chamber. She also makes note of the fact that the River Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce plans to fill the vacant director's position soon. The directors position has currently been vacant for over 13 months, and was last held by Nancy Douglas.

Smithsonian Taps Cumberlidge's Expertise



The Natural History Museum at the Smithsonian in our nation's capitol is much like an iceberg: what is visible to the eye via public exhibit comprises only a small fraction of what is actually housed there.

Most people do not realize there are some eight miles of shelving devoted to the museum's crustacean collection. Neil Cumberlidge, head of the biology department at Northern Michigan University, makes two trips there each year for the purpose of identifying freshwater crabs from Africa and Madagascar. Recognizing his expertise, the Smithsonian recently appointed him research associate in the Department of Systematic Biology-Invertebrates.

"My role encompasses naming and classifying species – known as taxonomy – and exploring the systematics and evolution of each group," Cumberlidge said. "It is not a paid position. I receive security passes, staff discounts, an official affiliation with the Smithsonian, and 24-hour access to

the collections."

Taxonomists catalog biodiversity on the planet, but they are becoming a dying breed. There are only two full-time curators in the crustacean section of the Smithsonian. Cumberlidge doubts they will be replaced when they retire, which creates an even greater dependence on outside specialists.

He said there are no African freshwater crab taxonomists in Europe and he is the only one working in the United States. As a result, he receives e-mail requests for help from all over the world. Cumberlidge has also identified specimens pro bono for museums in Chicago, New York, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Munich, Vienna and other major cities.

Freshwater crabs do not exist naturally in the U.S. They are primarily a tropical group and are well represented in Africa, where Cumberlidge was hired to teach and do research on river crabs

shortly after earning a doctorate in marine biology. They are also found in tropical Asia and in Central and South America. "Nearly 1,000 species have been identified to date, compared with only 600 species a decade ago," he added. "We need to do a lot more basic research on crab biology in general because these crabs are an important source of food to many people, and because these crabs are linked to human lungworm disease and river blindness."

Cumberlidge is the author of the monograph *The Freshwater Crabs of West Africa*. He even named a genus "Louisea" in honor of his wife, NMU communications professor Louise Bourgault. One of his graduate students, Sadie Reed, is doing research on freshwater crab evolution as part of a project supported by a National Science Foundation grant.

Bay Offering New Class on Stress

Stress is a fact of life. Recognition and utilization of our strengths can provide a balance to the ways we spend our energy. The Lifelong Learning Division at Bay College is offering a workshop entitled *Stress Management* where participants should be prepared to have stress-free fun.



This workshop offers an informative and entering exploration of the dimensions of being human and vehicles for change. Presenters for the workshop include Daniel Doyle, a Michigan certified Social Worker who holds a M.Ed. in counseling Psychology from Boston University. For the past 15 years Dan has provided and coordinated emergency mental health services in Delta County. He also serves as a Mental Health liaison for Delta County's Witness and Victim Advocacy volunteer program.

The other presenter, Michael F. Dupont, is employed as an Outpatient Therapist for Pathways Community Mental Health Center. He holds a M. Ed in Guidance and Counseling from NMU and is licensed as a certified Social Worker, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Addictions Counselor by the State of Michigan. He has 27 years of experience as a Therapist including 16 years as a Counselor, Clinical Supervisor and Program Director in the field of substance abuse.

The date of the event is Thursday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the fee is just \$10. Have your credit card ready to register by phone at 786-5802, ext. 1227. A Registration form is also available at our website located at www.baycollege.edu click on Lifelong Learning. **Registration deadline is Monday, April 15.**

M-TECsm Expands into Automotive and Truck Lifting Industry

M-TEC at Bay College is now offering Certified MiOSHA Safety Inspections for Lifts and Wreckers as an extension of it's current Certified Crane Safety Inspection program. All inspections are performed in accordance with Michigan State regulations R 408.17251 for automotive lifts, auxiliary support device inspections and R 408.17233 for wrecker inspections.



M-TEC will be offering professional inspection services to dealerships, service stations and other repair facilities throughout the U.P. The automotive and truck repair industry has grown substantially over the years and there is an increasing need for this service. "This inspection program is the perfect blend with the current Federal OSHA and State MiOSHA crane and hoist inspection program", according to M-TEC Certified Inspector/ Trainer Ed Sherwood. "Our expertise in the lifting and material handling industry is second to none," said M-TEC Safety Director, Jayne Bernard.



For more information contact Jayne Bernard at 1-800-221-2001 or 906 - 786-5802 X 1510

Chamber President is Presented Pathways Recognition Award.

As with any job, Michigan Works! Workforce Development Consultants often wear many hats, and become involved in many projects, outside of, yet related to work. Angela LeVeque of Michigan Works! recently accepted an award that she earned while wearing one of her various hats.

Michigan Works! The Job Force Board encourages its contractors and staff to participate as active members in the continual development of our community. Angela has endorsed the Job Force Board's philosophy of "Business and community development through continuous improvement", by serving as President of the Alger County Chamber of Commerce.

Angela was acting as the President of the Alger County Chamber of Commerce when she was recently recognized for helping provide employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The award was presented to LeVeque and the Alger County Chamber of Commerce by the Alger office of Pathways to Healthy Living.

Angela played an integral role in re-locating the local Chamber of Commerce to a new facility on M-28 in Munising. The move has resulted in a more efficient, visible and accessible site for the Chamber to provide its services. Angela worked with local Pathways Supported Employment Coordinator Rod DesJardins, by contracting the demolition work through Pathways.

The work was part of the Community Service Employment Opportunity Project partially funded by a grant from Michigan Rehabilitative Services. The project provides transitional employment opportunities for mentally ill and developmentally disabled adults to help prepare them for entry into the workforce. Working alongside local contractors in an integrated setting, workers demolished old plumbing and heating systems, as well as walls and floors. They also performed some exterior remodeling and painting.

The project not only saved the Chamber of Commerce thousands of dollars; three

of the Pathways consumers were hired by local businesses following their work on the Chamber remodeling project. The success of the project was a direct result of the cooperative relationship between Michigan Works!, Alger County Chamber of Commerce, Pathways and Michigan Rehabilitative Services.



Angela is pictured here receiving the award with City of Munising Mayor and Pathways Supported Employment Coordinator Rod DesJardins.



Michigan Works! The Job Force Board's Career Connections Group

The CCG is comprised of local professionals from business and education who are tasked with advising and directing the development of our workforce.

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