

Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation Announces Officers



The Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation recently announced its inaugural officers elected to lead the foundation into its initial phase of operations.

A 501C3, the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation's purpose is to promote and advance education, economic and workforce development along with cultural and recreational activities in the area. The emphasis is on each of these areas and how they relate to economic development. The foundation's work is structured to complement, not compete with, existing founda-

tions within the County.

Foundation officers include:

- Gary Erickson, UPPCO- President
- Mike Skytta, Wells Fargo- Vice President
- Mary Tavernini, M. Tavernini and Assoc.- Secretary
- Brian Syrjala, Wells Fargo- Treasurer
- Karl Numinen, Federlein & Keranen PC- Trustee



For more information regarding the LSCPF or to make a contribution, please call 226-9658.

Pictured from left to right are Erickson, Syrjala and Skytta. Not shown are Tavernini and Numinen.

Lake Antoine Fishing Derby Is Back

Iron Mountain - Two days, two derby's and thousands of dollars of prizes!

The 14th Annual Lake Antoine Fishing Derby, once sponsored by the Daily News, is slated for January 19th and 20th. The Family Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday from 7:00am until 3:00pm and on Sunday from 7:00am until 12:00pm. There will be 12 tagged perch worth thousands of dollars and the grand prize is worth a Lund 1675 Explorer Boat, Honda 40 Horse outboard 4-stroke motor and a custom matched Trailmaster Trailer with a Lowrance Graph, Minnkota Auto-pilot trolling motor and many more accessories. The winner will also receive \$1,000 worth of boat accessories of his/her choice. This great prize is valued at \$20,000 and is provided by Lake Antoine Lawn and Sport. Guaranteed cash prizes of \$1,300 will be given to adult and children categories and all legal registered fish will be eligible for the drawing of guaranteed prizes, including a Suzuki 4X4 (provided by UP Cycle and Sport) and many more great prizes. 50 derby participants

will be randomly selected to receive a prize pack on Saturday and another 50 will be selected on Sunday.

In addition, Derby officials have added a Super Derby to the weekend. This event, which is limited to the first 200 people to register, will take place in a roped-off area with pre-drilled holes on Saturday from 12:00p.m. until 3:00p.m. The Super Derby will have \$5,000 worth of guaranteed prizes awarded to the 20 largest fish caught. Prizes include a canoe valued at \$1,000, kayak with paddles, electronics, gift certificates and much more. No prize is less than \$100. Registration is \$35 per person and includes the fee for the Family Derby.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters will also be hosting another Fish Fry Friday from 4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. at the KC Hall in Kingsford (located on Breitung Avenue). This will also be the last oppor-



That's Amore! That's Love Affair!

Building on the best of last year's Love Affair, 2002 promises to offer even more than last year. The theme, *That's Amore*, is most appropriate for Love Affair. It combines an Italian décor and menu with a Grand Prize of a romantic five night Roman holiday for two, including airfare from Escnaba and lodging at a 4-star hotel in the heart of Rome.

Love Affair 2002 will be held Saturday, February 9th at Danforth Place. It will begin with a social hour starting at 5pm which gives guests a chance to bid on silent auction items and to view the many auction item and door prizes. The social hour will be followed by a scrumptious sit-down dinner at 7pm. All this for the same price as last year, \$75 per person.

The prizes are already starting to roll in, including golf packages, furniture, tires, and get-away trips. Packer fans will be thrilled with home game tickets and Brett Favre autographed fan-o-billia. The auctioneer this year is Dick "Frenchy" LaChapelle who comes highly recommended by those who have seen him in action.

Last year's popular Diamond Necklace give-away will be topped by something even more enticing for the ladies. In addition, there will be a new twist, a separate drawing for the men as well.

Watch for Dean Martin in the crowd. He'll be entertaining with some of his, and your, favorite songs. This year's Love Affair brings back live music, with "Passion" for your dancing enjoyment from 8pm to midnight. Reserve your tickets now by calling the Chamber at 789-2192

Derby sponsors are Wisconsin Electric, WJNR and WOBE Radio Stations and the Dickinson Area Partnership. For more information or to register please contact the Partnership at 774-2002 or check out our website at dickinson-chamber.com.

NMU Ready to Assist Students Impacted by Layoffs

Northern Michigan University is ready to help students affected by the Empire Mine layoffs.



“As a member of this community, Northern is committed to finding ways to assist the families, especially those of our students, who are impacted by these latest developments,” said NMU President Judy Bailey. “The people of the Upper Peninsula are survivors; they find ways to turn tough times into con-do situations. Northern wants to assist in that process.”

Mark Delorey, the Financial Aide Director, said financial aid eligibility for the 2001-02 academic year was based on a family’s 200 income. “While their eligibility for this year has already been determined, we encourage students and parents concerned about their financial situation for the upcoming winter semester to contact our office to set up an appointment and explore some options,” he said. “The real impact will be on aid eligibility for 2002-03. In an extended layoff situation like this, eligibility can be based on projected 2002 income rather than actual 2001 earning. That will make a big difference for some students.”

The NMU JOBSearch Center is also prepared to assist individuals directly impacted by the layoffs who are affiliated with Northern as current or former students. The JOBSearch Center works very closely with Michigan Works! to help individuals find work in the local area.

The financial aid office is located in room 308 of the Cohodas Administrative Center. For more information, call 227-2327. For more information on the services provided by Michigan Works! please call your local Michigan Works! Service Center. Phone numbers and locations are on the back cover

	<p>Blood borne Infectious Disease and Medical Waste Seminar <i>January 30, 2002</i> 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. EST Cost \$35 per person</p>
	<p>UP Safety Conference <i>January 31, 2002</i> 8:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>Serve Safe <i>February 21, 2002</i> 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.</p>
	<p>Industrial Ergonomics Seminar <i>January 8, 2002</i> 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Cost \$35 per person</p>
<p>For more information visit www.baydenoc.cc.mi.us Or call: 906-786-5802 Ext. 1510</p>	

New Computer Courses Offered at Bay de Noc Community College

ESCANABA - The Business Division at Bay College will be offering two new technology courses which will be available for the first time this Winter Semester.



The first course, Os-217 Advanced Microsoft Word, was developed to meet the needs of those Word users who wish to learn to use the software more efficiently and become proficient with some of its advanced features. Statistics indicate that 80 percent of software users take advantage of only 20 percent of the features that the software has to offer. This course is designed to help close that gap.

Since Word is the word processing software most frequently used in business offices, this course would have broad application to a variety of settings. The textbook is geared toward the MOUS Certification, and students completing the class would have the appropriate background to take the Word certification test.

Topics to be covered in the course include: using section breaks and styles, working with graphs and charts, using mail merge, formatting complex documents including desktop publishing, using collaboration features, working with forms and macros, and integrating Office applications.

The second course, Ca-125 Business Technology Tools, will deal with computer and technology applications typical of management-level employees. The course will introduce students to the use of personal digital assistants such as Palm Pilots for scheduling and calendar activities.

The class will also cover the use of Microsoft Outlook and will include activities designed to help them use the Internet more effectively in a business environment.

Persons interested in learning more about either of these new courses should contact Shirley Gollach at 786-5802, Ext. 1113 or Joyce King at Ext. 1202. Registration for Winter Semester will be held on January 10.

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Comments on the Economy

State Representative Doug Bovin, 108th House District



The economic slow-down our country is now experiencing means Michigan must also tighten its belt. We have had to make cuts to the budget. A small group of elected officials -- members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee -- approved cuts after the Governor issued his executive order on

Tuesday, November

6, 2001. The committee immediately approved many cost-saving measures and we hope that this action will allow us to get back on our feet.

I'm happy to report that for most of us in the UP, the cuts won't have much of an impact on our present quality of life. Most people will not even notice the effect of these budget cuts. For our neighbors who will be effected, my feeling is that these cuts won't be too difficult to handle. My greater fear is if things don't change in the next few months, by January we might be facing more severe cuts.

Following are some of the programs that will be affected by budget cuts:
(Unless otherwise stated the listed agencies and departments will have cuts in funding)

- Department of Agriculture
Local Conservation Districts
Removed forestry funding and a portion of discretionary funding.
- Department of Career Development
Michigan Tech Centers Work Project
- Department of Community Colleges
PASS (Merit Award Trust Fund)
- Department of Community Health
Healthy Michigan Fund & Other Public Health Initiatives
Long Term Care Media Campaign
Nursing Home Rates to FY2000-01 Levels
Senior Citizen Centers Staffing and Equipment
***Freeze Ambulance Rates at FY2000-01 level**
***Funding will be eliminated for the following:**
Rural Hospital Outpatient Adjustor
Mental Health Prevention Pilots
Pilot Projects in Prevention for Adults and Children
Michigan Parkinson's Foundation
- Department of Consumer and Industry Services
Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grants

- Department of Corrections
Fire Safety Program
Fee Increase to Support County Jail Reimbursement Program

- Department of Education
School Readiness per-pupil funding

- Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Cleanup and Redevelopment Program Work Projects
Eliminate all General Fund support for 'Volunteer River, Stream, and Creek Cleanup Program'

- Department of Family Independence Agency
Funding for Community Action Agencies
Child Support Incentives

- Department of History, Arts, and Libraries
Arts and Cultural supplemental Grants
State Aid to Libraries will be reduced

- Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
VSO Grants (reduction cuts across the board including the following)
American Legion
Disabled American Veterans
Marine Corps League
American Veterans of World
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Michigan Paralyzed Veterans
Purple Heart

- **National Guard Education Assistance Program**
Military & Veterans Affairs Operations and Maintenance Funding

- Department of Natural Resources
***Eliminate remaining funding in Forest Resource Management Unit**
Funding budgeted for tree-planting initiative in urban and suburban areas was removed
***Cancel Conservation Officer School**
***Eliminate GF Supplement to Game & Fish Fund for Senior Licenses**
***Eliminate Funding for Capping Abandoned Mines that constitute a threat to public safety**

- Department of State
Branch Operations for State of Michigan
The Executive Order includes language authorizing the Department of State to bill the Department of Transportation up to \$94,814,100.

- Department of State Police
\$15-Fee Increase for Fingerprint Applications
\$5 Fee Increase for Criminal History Background Checks

- Strategic Fund

Job Creation Services

Will experience a 5% reduction in funding. No layoffs will result.

Economic Development Job Training Grants

Will reduce the amount of funding available to educational institutions including Community Colleges.

Health and Aging Research and Development Strategies

Will reduce amount available for grants to Universities and VanAndel Institute.

- Department of Transportation
Grants to Departments for Services to Transportation

Shift Comprehensive Transportation Fund Sales Tax Revenue into General Fund

Shift Driver License Fee revenue from Transport. Econ. Dev. Fund to General Fund

Shift Secretary of State General Fund Costs to Michigan Transportation Fund

Shift Treasury Gas Tax Collection General Fund Costs to Michigan Transportation Fund

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- Department of Treasury - Revenue Sharing
Revenue Sharing Payments to Local Units of Government

Executive Order lowers revenue sharing payments for FY 2001-02 by 2% below the FY 2000-01 level.

Again, no cuts are easy and no one likes to make these cuts, they were difficult decisions for all parties involved to make. The cuts that I am especially concerned about are in health and transportation, but for the most part, the budget cuts listed above will not have a major affect on the quality of life in our area. There will probably be some noticeable changes in certain services available to local residents. For instance, the elimination of forestry funding for local conservation districts will likely reduce the number of staff available to help citizens with local forestry issues, such as pest control, infestations and other questions homeowners and property owners may have about forestry-related concerns.

Most experts are predicting that consumer confidence will grow and our economy will rebound in the next few months. In the meantime, we must all remain vigilant about our security and do our part to help those who have been most affected by the economic downturn. Our spirit is strong and we are a very resilient nation. I am confident that the people of Michigan will pull together and do what it takes to make our state safer, stronger and more prosperous than ever before.

As always, please feel free to give me a call with any concerns or questions you might have. I can be reached toll-free at 877-368-4108 or by e-mail at dbovin@house.state.mi.us (don't forget to include your phone number so we can get back to you).



**Are you a jobseeker looking for an employment opportunity?
Or a business owner looking for help with all of your human resources needs?**



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Employer Services

- ❖ Posting job openings on the Michigan Talent Bank
- ❖ Applicant screening to ensure a proper “fit” and to reduce costly turnover
- ❖ Writing of job descriptions and job analyses
- ❖ Profiling services through ACT’s Work Keys assessment program to ensure that new employees are the best possible match
- ❖ Current labor market information
- ❖ Information on labor relations, compensation and benefit issues, and employment law administration
- ❖ Interview rooms and meeting facilities

Job Seeker Services

- ❖ Initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes and abilities
- ❖ Job search, placement assistance, job referrals, and career information/exploration
- ❖ Consumer resource information on training institutions
- ❖ Information relating to the availability of services, including child care and transportation, available in the local area
- ❖ Information regarding unemployment compensation
- ❖ “How to” group sessions (Writing a Resume, Dress for Success, Meeting Business Expectations)
- ❖ Access to internet, copier, phone, and fax

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