

Chamber Chatter

Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce



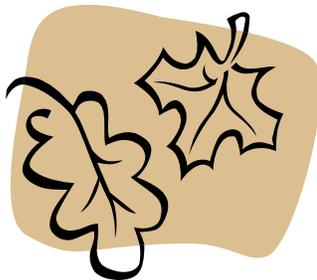
Hilltop RV hosted a Business After Hours July 24th. What a fun evening!



Chamber Board Members Dane Nelson, Katie Brady, Kori Tossava, Sandee Sundquist, and Charlie Anderson with Senator Debbie Stabenow at **Iron Ore Heritage Trail Dedication** on August 13th.



The Suicide Hill Mud Plunge successfully completed its third year on August 23rd and August 24th.



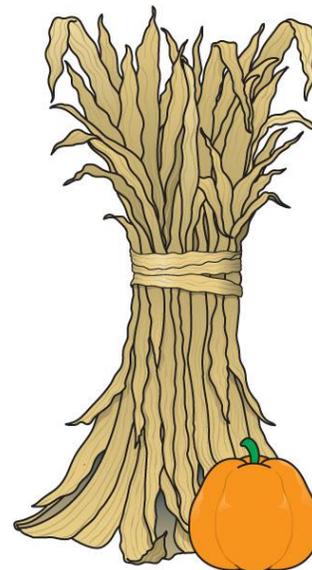
The guys at **Yoopers Shirts** held their grand opening on September 6th. Their new retail shop is located at:

308 Cleveland Ave., Suite 104
Ishpeming, MI 49849

Stop in and check out the new space!



Active Physical Therapy of Ishpeming held an Open House on September 17th. They are located in the former Unique Treasures building in the Country Village at: 820 Carp River Lane #2, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Welcome, Active Physical Therapy!



Open House on Iron Street was held September 23rd in downtown Negaunee. Grand Effex Salon, Hanna's Tea Times, and Midtown Bakery and Café all served different appetizers and desserts. Tickled Pink Antiques, Lowenstein's Antiques, and Old Bank Building Antiques all extended their hours for the event. It was a great turnout and will hopefully be something to be continued!



Hanna's Tea Times

Business Feature of the Month

When you hear the phrase “tea time”, you might picture English socialites sipping from fine china cups while munching on crumpets – but you would think of Negaunee, Michigan?

Recently celebrating its first year of business on Iron Street in downtown Negaunee, Hanna's Tea Times serves to bring tea time to the Upper Peninsula.

For owner Maryhanna Ockerman, tea has always been a staple in her life, so much that she even drank tea as a baby. The tradition of tea time began for her when Ockerman's grandfather was alive, and her family gathered every evening to have tea together.

Ockerman ran a tea room in her native state of Florida for eight years before moving to the Upper Peninsula, where she began her tea business out of her home. Then, a year later, she was presented with the opportunity to have a storefront shop.

“It just kind of fell into my lap, really,” Ockerman said, and credits Marybeth Kurtz, the owner of Midtown Bakery and Café, also on Iron Street, as a crucial part of her business startup.

“I was already a faithful customer of Midtown and Marybeth happened to have a storefront building for rent,” Ockerman said.

Since owning her own shop was a lifelong dream, Ockerman seized the chance to make her dreams come true and Hanna's Tea Times moved to Iron Street.

“To me, it was a risk, but I felt like it was something I needed to do,” Ockerman said. “It was a slow and steady process at first. I partnered with Midtown to do tea parties and other special events to start, which has now accumulated to a huge success.”

Currently, tea parties are booking two months in advance. In addition to special events with Midtown, Hanna's Tea Times also does catering, in-home tea parties, and hosts afternoon tea right in the store, by reservation.



As a specialty tea shop, Hanna's Tea Times imports teas from all over the world and brings them straight to local cups. The tea shop, which is quaintly decorated with wall-art, seasonal décor, antique furniture, and of course tea accessories and tea assortments, serves to provide customers with high-quality tea that they would otherwise be unable to find. And if you can't find what you're looking for, no worries – it can be ordered for you.

“If I don't have a particular tea, I can order it and that little niche has been great for clients who are looking for things they usually can't buy in the store,” Ockerman said.

Another niche in the market is the growing quest for a healthier lifestyle. With many people looking to find food and drinks that are nutritious and beneficial for health, Ockerman says tea definitely fulfills that need.

“One great thing about tea is that it's gluten free, carb free, and pretty much everything good for your body is in tea. Every ingredient has a meaningful purpose.”

And as for Ockerman's purpose?

“When I have a customer walk in the door, I want them to feel like they're comfortable shopping and I want them to leave knowing they have a quality product that I can stand behind 100%.”

If you would like to check out more of Hanna's Tea Times, visit her website at:

www.hannatea.com

or check out her Facebook page.

Her tea shop is located at:

327 Iron Street

Negaunee, Michigan 49866

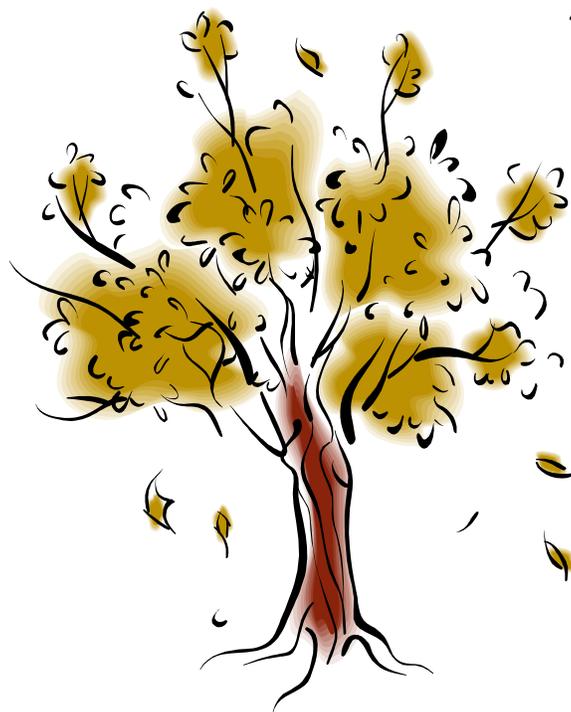
Congratulations on being our Featured Business of the Month!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS:

- Active Physical Therapy of Ishpeming
- Signs Now

THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWALS:

- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties
- Bottom Line Marketing
- Clancey Electric
- Ishpeming Ski Club
- Laitala Excavating
- Mama Mia's Inc.
- Negaunee Housing Commission
- Northern Veterinary Associates
- Office Planning Group
- Q107-WMQT and ESPN
- Trawick Investments
- UPPCO
- YMCA of Marquette County, West End Facility



GINCC MEMBER EVENTS

OCTOBER

1st – **Early Ishpeming in 3-D presented by photographer Jack Deo – Ishpeming Area Historical Society Annual meeting**

- Trinity Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, 6:30PM; free to public.

5th – **Harvest Half Marathon and Family Festival**

- Lake Bancroft Park, Ishpeming, MI

8th – **Community Flu Shot Clinic**

- Bell Hospital, Ishpeming, in the Maple Birch room across from cafeteria, 8AM-8PM

9th – **NMU Job Fair**

- Northern Michigan University

10th – **Community Flu Shot Clinic**

- Bell Hospital, Ishpeming, in the Maple Birch room, across from cafeteria, 2PM-8PM

12th – **Cliffs Autumn Classic Cross Country Race**

- Negaunee, MI, Suicide Ski Hill Bowl

14th – **Economic Club of Marquette hosts Bart Stupak**

- The Ramada, Marquette, sponsored by Northern Michigan University

16th – **Superior Design Business After Hours**

- 5-7PM, Ely Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849

23rd – **Annual Harvest Festival Auction**

- 6PM, Ishpeming Salvation Army

25th – **NMU Family Weekend**

- Northern Michigan University, Marquette

26th – **GINCC's Annual Dinner**

- 5-10PM, Wawonowin Country Club, Champion, MI

28th – **"Spooktacular" Pioneer Square Business After Hours**

- 5-7 PM, Pioneer Square/Old Gossard building

NOVEMBER

19th – **Ladies Night Out**

Downtown Ishpeming, 2PM-8PM

WE STAND STRONGER WHEN WE
STAND TOGETHER

For more information on our upcoming events,
check out our calendar at www.gincc.org.