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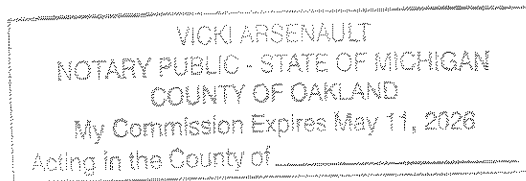
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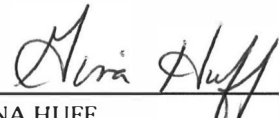
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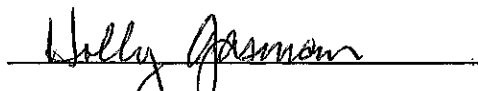
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Among major projects scheduled for Fort Wilkins State Historical Park this summer is replacing the roofs of the three officers' barracks. (Daily Mining Gazette photo)

Visitors are welcome: Fort Wilkins State Park is open this summer

By GRAHAM JAEHNIG
Houghton Daily Mining Gazette
COPPER HARBOR — Despite rumors that the Fort Wilkins State Park will be closed this summer, the park, including the fort complex and the lighthouse, will be open as usual throughout the summer. However, from August 2024 through the spring of 2025, the park's west loop of the of the campground will be closed for the construction of a new toilet and shower building.

"The building will get a complete tear down/rebuild of the west campground shower facility," Barry James, administrator at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee, and historical exhibits and interpretation at Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor, said. "That was built in 1964, so it's had a good run, but with these funds, we're not only able to build new, but it will be a better experience for our visitors and more

ADA-compliant and that sort of thing."

Funding for the \$1,000,000 project is part of proposed \$2.23 million in relief funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

While the west campground will close in August, the east loop, sanitation station and camper cabin will remain open.

The new shower and toilet facility is not the only major project scheduled for this year. Other projects include replacement of stockade fence and glazing on all windows, construct new roofs on officer quarters, replacement of siding as needed on officer quarters, at \$870,000.

James said the stockade, which spans two sides of the fort, is in dire need of repair. Repairs include replacing more than 900 cedar posts that are nine to 12 inches in diameter.

"Those were put in by the WPA in 1941," James said, "so they've had a good run,

but we're starting to see more and more decay and parts falling down."

While the stockade is being repaired, the original east gate, between the married enlisted men's quarters and the bakery will also be reconstructed.

"With that, we're going to build, based on a historic photograph from the 1860s, the original finials that sort of led people into the fort, as well as the gate that was attached to the east part of the stockade."

The roofs all the three officers' barracks, known as Officers' Row will be replaced.

"The last time those were done was back in 1994," James said. "The ARPA funds will also fund some painting on larger portions of buildings and also some foundation work."

James said, in 2014, 14 sets of chimneys throughout the fort were repaired, and there are some remaining, along with the bakery, that need repairs.

Spring is prime time for seasonal allergies

By R.R. BRANSTROM
Escanaba Daily Prss

ESCANABA — With the onset of spring, many people experience seasonal allergies — also called hay fever or allergic rhinitis — caused by the presence of pollen, mold, and other small particles in the air. The most common symptoms, according to a local healthcare provider, include runny nose or congestion; red, itchy, watery eyes; postnasal drip, which can lead to a sore throat, hoarseness and cough; and occasionally plugged ears from the sinus pressure. Usually these symptoms can be managed.

While each person has a different level of allergy sensitivity and immunity, the general reaction to an allergen is for the body to create an immune response by releasing histamines with the intent of protecting the body from the foreign substance. This can result in inflammation and excessive mucus.

"Most people should be able to safely take over-the-counter medications, specifically things that are not typically poorly tolerated," said Family Medicine Physician Assistant

(PA-C) Ashley Beaudry at Doctor's Park in Escanaba. "Most people do well with nasal sprays. There's a variety of those, whether it's a nasal antihistamine or a nasal steroid spray. Those are usually a safe first place to go."

For the most part, said Beaudry, antihistamines are safe to take, and some people take them long-term. There are oral antihistamines that come in pill form, like Claritin (loratadine), Allegra (fexofenadine) and Zyrtec (cetirizine), which are also over-the-counter, but the recommendation is to consult a doctor, especially if someone has other conditions or is on other drugs.

"From one standpoint, they're mostly safe, but... because they can cause some dryness and other side effects that might interfere with either other medicines or chronic conditions, it's probably safe to take, but always good to run by your provider just to make sure that there's no overlapping interactions," Beaudry said.

If there is any doubt as to whether symptoms are due

to something besides allergies, a person should see a doctor. Beaudry pointed out that since it's the upper respiratory system that's usually affected by allergies, it can be "tricky" to know whether the root of one's symptoms might be something that presents similarly, like the common cold or a respiratory infection.

While antihistamines — allergy-specific — are safe to take long-term, other treatments are not. The nasal spray Afrin (oxymetazoline), for example, and other decongestants like Sudafed (pseudoephedrine) can cause rebound congestion if used for longer than the recommended period (three days for Afrin, five to seven for Sudafed). The resulting affliction, which often feels like an extra-stuffy nose, can be even more unpleasant than the original issue.

For severe allergic reactions, a doctor may recommend care from a specialist. Allergists perform tests to determine causes and in some cases perform allergen immunotherapy to reduce a person's sensitivity.

Delta County Administrator Young gets board review

By ILSA MINOR
Escanaba Daily Prss

ESCANABA — As one of the Delta County Board of Commissioner's last actions before the polls closed Tuesday and the makeup of the board was radically shifted by voters, the board held a review of County Administrator Ashleigh Young. The review served as the first — and potentially last — time Young was reviewed by the board members responsible for her hire.

The review was a late addition to the commissioner's agenda. Commissioners Steve Viau and John Malnar argued the review should be tabled to a later meeting, as they had not turned in their evaluation sheets. However, commissioners Bob Petersen, Dave Moyle and Bob Barron all voted to move forward with the review.

"I would like to continue with it. Just because we haven't turned in our evaluation doesn't mean we can't meet with Miss. Young and discuss it with her. Whoever hasn't turn in their evaluation yet can get that in to her tomorrow," said Petersen.

Petersen, Moyle and Barron were voted out

of office as a result of Tuesday's recall election, which was spurred by the firing of Young's predecessor, Former Delta County Administrator Emily DeSalvo. Had the review been postponed, the commissioners may not have been able to review Young at all. Whether or not they will be able to review her in the future depends on the outcomes of the commissioners' re-election bids during the August primary and the November general election.

The closed session was held after the final public comment period — a courtesy employed by many municipalities to prevent members of the public from waiting around to speak — and lasted just over a half hour.

"Certainly, she has come in under a very atypical situation. These last 16 months have been not very easy, and so I'm hoping that she will have smoother sailing, as will the county," Moyle said upon the board's return to open session.

In a report of the board's review, Moyle stressed Young's financial background as a benefit to

the county and said the board had praised her actions when the airport was temporarily without an administrator. He also highlighted her work and relationships with the county's various department heads.

"We also agreed that communication could be improved in some areas, these would be areas of need and of timelines," said Moyle.

Young was asked by the commissioners to speak on her accomplishments since her hire. She also highlighted her work at the airport, but went on to include her work on updating county policies and to create a new department to be responsible for the county's parks.

"The parks are back in Delta County's hands. And since they are a destination now, let's keep them that way," she said.

As she closed her statements, Young thanked the commission and described the last 16 months with the commissioners as "an adventure."

There was no discussion by the commission about modifying Young's compensation in any way following the review.

Iron Mountain city election workers to get pay increase

By JIM ANDERSON
Iron Mountain Daily News
IRON MOUNTAIN — Election workers in Iron Mountain will see a pay increase, their first since 2019, under a new scale approved by the city council.

The highest new wage will be \$18 per hour for chairpersons, up from the current \$15. E-poll book operators will receive \$17 per hour while election inspectors will receive \$16 per hour, both up from \$13.50.

Each election has three chairs, three E-poll operators and about 10 inspectors, City Manager Jordan Stanchina said.

"The goal of the increased compensation is retain staff and compensate for the complexity of running an election," said Isaac Mi-

cheau, clerk-treasurer.

The council's approval came Monday in a 4-1 vote, with council member Mark Wickman voting no. Council members Pam Maule and Cathy Tomassoni were absent.

Wickman said he's not against a fair wage but suggested waiting until there's a problem recruiting staff before offering higher pay. Some civic-minded people are willing to do the important work regardless of the compensation, he said.

Micheau provided the rates paid by neighboring municipalities, ranging from a high of \$24.24 to \$18.88 per hour for positions in Breitung Township to a low of \$16 to \$14 in Norway, where food is provided.

Stanchina said the approved increase may add

about \$750 to a typical election cost.

In the Aug. 6 primary election, city voters will be asked to approve a pay increase for council members. They now receive the same as in 1985. The council learned Monday that ballot language for the proposal was approved by the state.

If the change in the city charter is approved, council member pay will rise to \$30 per meeting — up from the current \$10 — but capped at \$1,500 per year. The current cap is \$500.

The council, in other business, scheduled a public hearing for 6 p.m. Monday, May 20, on the proposed 2024-25 fiscal year budget. A final copy will be available a week before the hearing.

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