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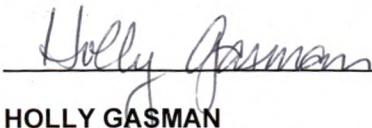
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Local briefing

Tai chi workshop Saturday

MARQUETTE — An introductory workshop to the practice of tai chi will take place from 10 a.m.- noon Saturday in the Morgan Chapel of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Marquette.

Tai chi is a mind/body exercise that focuses on balance, breathing and gentle movements. Its origins are found the traditional Chinese culture.

It is now integrated in major medical centers as a part of treatment for both physical and emotional disorders.

The workshop is sponsored by the Cedar Tree Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides services and initiates projects in the areas of mental health, interfaith collaboration, and the environment.

Cost of the workshop is \$25 and includes a light brunch. Proceeds will be used to help support the planting of 500 northern white cedar trees in the Yellow Dog Community Forest in the coming spring and early summer.

Jon Magnuson will serve as the workshop instructor. No prior experience is needed.

For more information or to register call or text 906-228-5072.

Learn food preservation

NEGAUNEE — The Marquette Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 270 E. U.S. 41, Negaunee, will host “Preserving Your Garden’s Harvest” with Ivy Netzel at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2.

Learn the basics of food preservation at this free event which includes a plant-based dinner. Please RSVP at 906-475-4488 or mqtstdachurch@gmail.com.

New hotel opens in city

MARQUETTE — The Lake Superior Community Partnership assisted Best Western Plus, a new hospitality destination in the heart of Marquette, in celebrating its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting.

Offering guests a unique experience with its Lake Superior-inspired local decor and a focus on creating a positive community presence, the hotel promises to be more than just a place to stay. It is designed to be a welcoming and vibrant part of the Marquette area.

Located centrally, Best Western Plus provides guests with unparalleled access to Lake Superior’s beautiful surroundings while offering various modern amenities that make it the perfect destination for both leisure and business travelers.

Features include complimentary full breakfast, free Wi-Fi, a 24-hour fitness center, an indoor heated pool and EV charging stations

“We’re excited to be part of the Marquette community and to offer our guests a place that goes beyond just a place to sleep,” said Aimee Raffaelli, Best Western Plus sales and marketing manager. “We’ve designed our hotel to embody the beauty and spirit of Lake Superior, and our commitment to customer service and local involvement ensures that we will be an integral part of the area’s growth.”

July 4th parade planned

MARQUETTE — The Marquette Kiwanis Club has announced its 30th year of sponsoring the Marquette July 4th Parade with the city of Marquette, starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 4 at McClelland Avenue and West Washington Street.

- To participate in the parade, click the following link and fill out the online application form at <https://bit.ly/2024float>
- To open the link, press the “control” button and click. The deadline is June 6.
- To be one of the 8 Firecracker Sponsors, apply at <https://bit.ly/2024ParadeSponsor> Press “control” and click to open. That deadline is May 8.
- To nominate a special person as the parade marshal, go to <https://bit.ly/ParadeMarshal>. The deadline May 1.
- To encourage youth participation, 8 grants of \$150 to defray float costs along with fee waivers will be given to youth sports, dance, theater, and scouts.

Certain agencies, such as fire departments, are exempt from paying a fee, and we will send you an exempt code to use to fill out the online application. Contact us by phone or email (see below).

Also, there will be an accessible viewing space and parking on West Washington Street for people with limited mobility.

For parade details, check out our website at <https://marquettefourth.com/parade/>

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The St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette was illuminated by a full moon at 4:30 a.m. Feb. 12. Photographer Ron Mattson of Marquette was in the right place at the right time to get the shot. The Mining Journal is accepting original local photo submissions from area residents who would like to share their notable interesting or humorous pictures with our readers. Readers who want to submit photos for publication in the The Mining Journal should send them as large format .jpgs to newsroom@miningjournal.net. Readers should include who took the photo, their hometown and where and when the photo was taken. Photos should be at least 1MB. Submission does not guarantee publication.

Company announces fiber optic expansion in U.P.

ESCANABA — Highline, a provider of high-speed internet and telecommunications services, has announced the continuation of its investment in expanding fiber internet access in the Upper Peninsula, according to a company press release.

2025 is year four of Highline’s initiative to bring ultra-fast, reliable internet access to thousands of homes and businesses in Marquette, Iron, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac and Chippewa counties.

Key highlights:

- **Extensive coverage:** The project will encompass 1,400 miles of new fiber optic cable, reaching 14,000 homes and businesses with both Internet and Voice services.
- **Ultra-fast speeds:** Residents and businesses can expect internet speeds up to 2Gbps, enabling seamless streaming, video conferencing, online gaming, and more.
- **Enhanced reliability:** Fiber optic technology offers superior reliability compared to traditional DSL, satellite or cable service minimizing downtime and ensuring consistent connectivity.
- **Enhanced services:** Each customer will have access to a command app which gives visibility and actionable management of the devices in the home or business, protection of the network against malicious threats and viruses, and exceptional controls

at the person and device level.

- **Economic impact:** The expansion is expected to create hundreds of jobs during construction and support local businesses by providing access to high-speed internet.
- **Future-Proof Infrastructure:** Fiber optic networks are designed to accommodate future bandwidth demands, ensuring that customers have access to cutting-edge technology for years to come.

Construction timeline: Construction for 2025 is scheduled to begin in June and is expected to be completed by the end of November. Residents and businesses in the affected areas will be notified of construction activities in advance.

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NPS layoffs are shortsighted

The Department of the Interior is terminating 1,000 full-time National Park Service employees, according to an advocacy group that calls the job cuts “reckless,” as reported by Travel Weekly.

The National Parks Conservation Association, a nonprofit based in Washington D.C., said the staffing cuts will “leave parks understaffed, facing tough decisions about operating hours, public safety and resource protection.” The NPCA noted that the Interior Department exempted 5,000 seasonal positions from the current federal government hiring freeze, but that the loss of 1,000 full-time workers will “wreak havoc on the National Park System.”

“Allowing parks to hire seasonal staff is essential, but staffing cuts of this magnitude will have devastating consequences for parks and communities,” said NPCA president and CEO Theresa Pierno in an interview with Travel Weekly. “We are concerned about smaller parks closing visitor center doors and larger parks losing key staff.”

The nonprofit fears that the park service will struggle to meet visitor demand with fewer full-time employees.

The cuts were announced on Feb. 14 as part of the Trump administration’s plan to slash federal spending. The Washington Post reported that the 1,000 fired workers were “probationary employees who have

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worked at the agency less than one year.” A person familiar with the matter said the National Park Service is retaining 300 probationary workers whose jobs are critical to public safety, including law enforcement officers and wildland firefighters.

Twenty-two senators on Feb. 7 wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum urging him to reissue seasonal employment offers after the Trump administration announced a hiring freeze. While the Trump administration ended up exempting 5,000 part-time positions, it eliminated 1,000 full-time positions, which the NPCA called “reckless with the peak season just weeks away.”

“Years of budget cuts are already weakening the agency’s ability to protect and preserve these incredible places,” the association said.

Some 325 million people visited sites managed by the NPS in 2023. Those visitors spent an estimated \$26.4 billion in local communities and supported an estimated 415,000 jobs, according to the senators’ letter to Burgum. This is all the information we need to agree with the NPCA.

When our parks thrive, so do the local economies they are based in. As a result, it would be wise to do all we can to help our parks thrive, not work against them.

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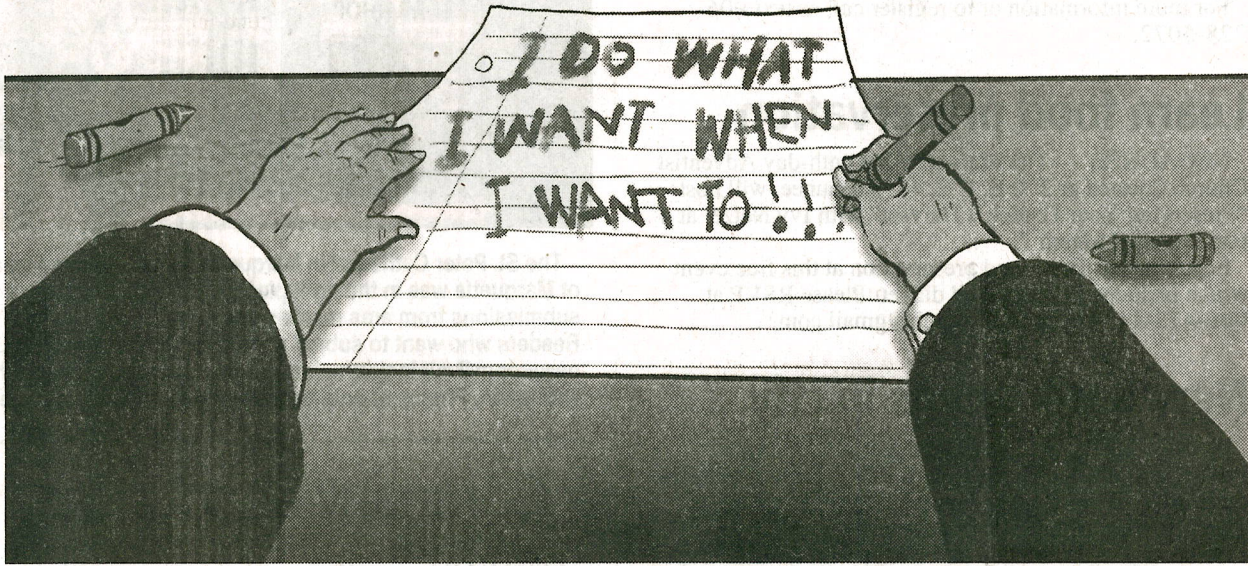
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Keep circuses out

To the Journal editor:

I am a proud, born and raised Yooper. I get to swim in the biggest lake in the world every summer, experience the spectacular views on top of Sugarloaf, and have hiking trails right in my own backyard.

From listening to owl calls from my bedroom in the middle of the night, to counting salamanders in Presque Isle Park, to watching baby foxes on my college campus, growing up in the Upper Peninsula has taught me to value and protect the natural world and the animals that live within it.

This is why I am shocked that traveling wild animal acts are still allowed to perform in Marquette, most often through the Carden Circus. Wild animals like elephants and tigers suffer immensely in circuses. The training methods often involve

whipping, and jabbing and prodding with bullhooks to force compliance. In the wild, these animals roam for miles, but in circuses, they are confined to cramped, filthy cages that cause severe stress and make them suffer in their own waste. To make matters worse, many suffer from neglect and inadequate veterinary care.

Beyond animal cruelty, circuses pose serious public safety risks. There have been multiple incidents of animals escaping and causing injuries across the country, including an elephant in Montana in 2024. When these incidents occur, it's often left to local law enforcement to handle the situation, putting both officers and the public at risk.

Wild animals can also carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans. This includes tuberculosis, a disease commonly carried by captive elephants and one for which elephants exhibited by Carden have repeatedly

tested positive or reactive.

I am writing about this issue because I see a disconnect between the values I was raised with and the wild animal acts that are still permitted to come to Marquette. The truth is, circuses don't even need wild animal acts to be successful.

Some circuses, like Ringling Bros., have already eliminated them, in part due to shifting public opinion. A circus featuring human talent — acrobats, gymnasts, and aerialists — would be just as thrilling, if not more so. Given how popular the Olympic gymnastics team was this summer, imagine seeing that level of skill live!

The city of Marquette has an opportunity to embrace modern, humane performances by passing an ordinance to prohibit wild animal acts in the city, as nearly 200 other localities in the U.S. have already done.

OLIVIA LUBIG
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National columnist

What's on your plate?

I tried meat grown in a lab. It tastes like ... well ... meat.

I guess it is meat, but it's not grown the normal way. Scientists extract meat cells from an animal and then grow them in a bioreactor, much like ones you see in a brewery. There, the cells divide again and again until you get ... meat.

If you want to try some, you'll soon be able to. But not in Florida or Alabama.

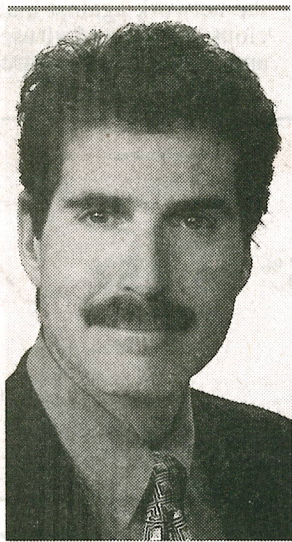
There, politicians banned it. Other states now may ban it, too.

“We appreciate that ban,” says Bill Bullard. He lobbies for cattlemen. In my video, he argues, “If not for Alabama and Florida (banning) it, then the meat packers would have the ability to pass it off to unsuspecting consumers as if it were indeed a meat product, which it is not!”

I push back. “But they don't conceal it! They say (on the label), this is ‘cultivated’ meat.”

“It's not produced in the same manner!” He replies. So, what?

But cattle lobbyists won over narrow-minded politicians.



JOHN STOSSEL

Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen says, “Fake-meat, petri-dish-meat folks, they're not going to have a place in Nebraska.”

Why should politicians get to decide for everyone? If I want to try something, it should be my choice.

An artificial chicken company sauteed some chicken for me. After I tried some, I took the rest outside and offered it to people. It was my unscientific blind taste test: lab-grown versus “farm-raised” chicken from Whole Foods.

Everyone liked both. A few preferred the lab-

grown. They said it was “juicier.”

So why can't consumers in Florida and Alabama (and, if short-sighted politicians get their way, Nebraska, Arizona, Michigan and Tennessee) try it?

Florida's Agriculture Commissioner wrote me, “If other states want to allow their citizens to be used as guinea pigs for lab meat, they have the freedom to do so. Our consumers will be protected until there is more evidence that this ‘frankenmeat’ is safe.”

Why does he get to decide? Artificial meat is safe enough that the USDA and FDA both approved it. Don't we own our own bodies? It should be my choice!

I ask lobbyist Bullard, “Why bribe politicians to ban it?”

“It will threaten the viability of our food production,” he responds. “Government has a legitimate role ensuring that we have an abundant, affordable and safe food supply.”

Wow, another silly argument.

Lab-grown beef would make our food supply more secure because there'd be more sources of meat!

By his logic, cars should have been banned to protect the horse and carriage industry. Computers ... to protect typewriter makers. And so on.

Melissa Musiker of Upside Foods, which makes lab-grown chicken, points out that they can “make the equivalent of millions of chickens.” With less waste: “No beaks, no feet, no feathers.”

And no animals are killed.

“A lot of people (have an) issue eating animal protein,” Musiker continues, “This is a way for them to literally vote with their plate.”

Exactly. We should be able to use our money to “vote with our plate.” We should get to decide for ourselves if lab-grown meat (or anything) is something we want.

Maybe we won't like it. Then we won't buy it.

But it's wrong for politicians to forbid us to try things.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Every Tuesday at JohnStossel.com, Stossel posts a new video about the battle between government and freedom. He is the author of “Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media.”

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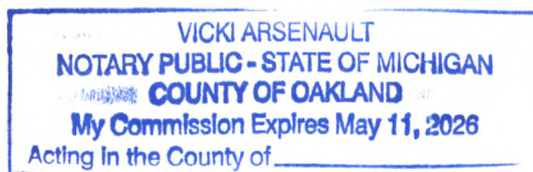
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**Department of Environment, Great Lakes,
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Administrative Rules for:
Part 10. Intermittent Testing and Sampling

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, March 20, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In Person: Constitution Hall, William Ford Conference Room, 2nd Floor,
South Tower, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
Virtual: <https://bit.ly/40h9GKM> To join by phone: 636-651-3142
Conference code 374288

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE),
Air Quality Division (AQD), will hold a public hearing to receive public
comments on proposed changes to the rule set
Part 10. Intermittent Testing and Sampling

The general purpose of the proposed rules is to outline applicable
intermittent testing and sampling procedures referenced throughout the
Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules.

The proposed changes to Part 10 will:

1. Update reference guidelines and publications to align with current versions used.
2. Remove adoption by reference information that has been transferred into R 336.1902.
3. Modify R 336.2001 to provide clarity and create a unified rule to house the authority of the department surrounding performance testing.
4. Add language to R 336.2001 and R 336.2003 to clarify the timing surrounding notifications to the department of a performance test and to define the start of a stack test by when a probe from the first sample enters the stack.
5. Add references to applicable tables and rules in R 336.2041(13) regarding the automobile protocol reference.

If approved, the rules will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as an amendment to the Michigan State Implementation Plan (SIP). Revisions being submitted to the SIP, having received public comment and hearing, will fulfill requirements contained in the state administrative public participation rules and the federal Clean Air Act.

By authority conferred on the director of the EGLE by sections 5503 and 5512 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.5503 and 324.5512, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1995-16, 2009-31, 2011-1, and 2019-1, MCL 324.99903, 324.99919, 324.99921, and 324.99923.

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at www.michigan.gov/ARD and in the March 1, 2025, issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be requested by mail or electronic mail to the following addresses:

EGLE – AQD
Attention: Marissa Vaerten
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Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, or by mail/email until March 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Kaitlyn DeVries at 517-599-1938 by March 6, 2025, to request language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation, and/or other assistance.

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