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# **Greater Munising Bay Quarterly**







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#### Cover Photo



Wagner Falls is a beautiful and easily accessible waterfall with a height of 20 feet. Located just south of Munising on M-94, just past the junction of M-94 and M-28.

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#### The Munising Advisor

The Munising Advisor is a weekly print ad newspaper in the Munising area featuring weekly happenings, deals, events and specials. The paper began delivery to everyone in the Munising area FOR FREE this past spring. 311 Oak St, Manistique, MI 49854 (906) 341-2424 munisingadvisor.com



#### **Munising Cannabis**

Munising Cannabis Company is the first micro business in the UP. As a seed to sale operation all products are grown and processed in the facility using a hydroponic growing system and chemical free processing. Munising Cannabis Company is hometown proud! 408 Mill St, Munising, MI 49862 (906) 387-0420 munisingcannabiscompany.com

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#### Bear's Den

Bear's Den offers a full menu for breakfast, lunch & dinner. From appetizers, soups & salads, breakfast items, burgers, fish and chips, pasties, baskets, sandwiches & paninis, chicken, ribs, steak and fish dinners. You name it—it's probably on the menu! Direct access to the ATV and snowmobile trail. Gasoline available. Rooms for rent. *E12534 M28, Shingleton, MI 49884* (906) 452-6222 https://www.facebook.com/people/Bears-Den-Shingleton-Michigan/100088232300856/





#### **Munising Flower Shop**

Munising Flower Shop in downtown Munising is available to help with all life's occasions. Providing floral arrangements, plants, funeral arrangements, gifts and more with delivery available. Need a gift idea? Visit Munising Flower Shop and let them help you find just the right item. 109 Cherry St, Munising, MI 49862 (906) 387-3499 https://www.facebook.com/munisingflowershop

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#### **Pictured Rocks Gift Station**

Pictured Rocks Gift Station is now open offering a wide variety of gifts. Whether you are in town and wanting a souvenir or candy, or are shopping for that perfect gift for someone, stop by and check out Munising's newest gift shop.

400 Cedar St, Munising, MI 49862

### **Trudgeon Landscaping**

### 906-370-8194

Serving The Munising Area

#### **Trudgeon Landscaping**

Trudgeon Landscaping is a small business located right here in Munising offering customers affordable lawncare & landscaping. They have years of experience and knowledge of local soil types, flowers and shrubs adapted to our area. They never use herbicides or pesticides to protect the environmental impact on our lakes and rivers. Always only a phone call away, licensed and insured to guarantee the best possible service. 312 W. Onota St, Munising , MI 49862 (906) 370-8194 trudgeonlandscaping@outlook.com

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#### Paddler's Inn

Paddlers Inn is located just 5 miles west of Munising in the small town of Christmas. Choose from single rooms, suites and yurts in a relaxing atmosphere on 4 acres of wooded property. Close to restaurants, Kewadin Casino, gas & convenience store. Continental breakfast, volleyball court, outdoor firepits, free parking, in-room refrigerators, propane grills, picnic tables, pet friendly (small dogs only). Discounts from other Paddling Michigan companies - Paddling Michigan kayaking tours, Grand Island Cruise, The Duck Pond Restaurant & Beer Garden. E7621 W. State Hwy M28, Christmas, MI 49862 (906) 387-1695

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#### Denman's Hardware

Denman's Hardware, family owned and operated, is your friendly neighborhood Do It Best Center. From tools, electrical and plumbing supplies, housewares, paint, lawn and garden equipment, Denman's has everything you need to keep your home and yard in tip-top shape. They also offer a great selection of sporting goods, including hunting, fishing supplies and deer bait. Blue Rhino propane exchanges. 320 E. Superior St, Munising, MI 49862 (906) 387-2391 denmanshardware.com/

### **CHAMBER DINNER**

Alger County Chamber of Commerce

This year the Chamber Dinner was held on May 2 at the Bear Trap Restaurant in Van Meer. About 80 people were present despite the late winter storm the day before that brought snow and thick slush causing issues for some and not allowing them to attend. The MichiganWorks! Business of The Year was awarded to Timber Products. With a 50/50, door prizes and bucket raffles, fun was had by all.

Thank you to our event sponsors!

Munising Visitors Bureau UP Engineers & Architects Fishbeck U.P. MichiganWorks!/Upward Talent Council Hiawatha Communications Cross General Contracting Hall Contracting Embers Credit Union Munising DDA MMH/Bay Care Medical Paddling Michigan Putvin Drug Store Peoples State Bank Re/Max Superiorland Invest UP





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# **2022 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

#### Alger County Chamber of Commerce



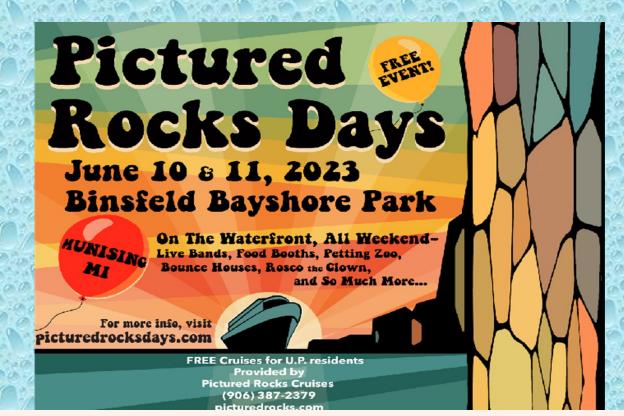
Kathy Reynolds, CEO with 2022 Business of the Year Timber Products CEO, Jon Johnson and staff.

Timber Products is one of the largest employers in our local area. It employs over 150 employees at the Munising operations and over 1,200 employees nationwide, all of whose significant contributions are integral to the overall success of the operations.

Timber Products is a family-owned business founded over a century ago, in 1918, with four generations of family having proudly held the helm. It is among the largest material suppliers to the nation's kitchen cabinet, furniture, flooring and architectural millwork industries.

The headquarters is based in Springfield, Oregon and manufacturing operations include eight state-of-the-art facilities located across California, Michigan, Oregon and Mississippi which produce hardwood plywood, hardwood lumber, hardwood veneer, softwood plywood, softwood veneer, particleboard and other valueadded specialty wood products.

The Munising operation was established in 1962 by Cliffs Forest Products with the installation of a hardwood lumber mill. The operations were expanded in 1976 with the construction of a hardwood veneer mill. Timber Products purchased the Munising operations from Cliffs Forest Products in 1988 and continues to invest in one of the most diversified wood products facilities in the Great Lakes region, as well as providing steady financial contributions and community outreach into the local community.



Although we ran into some wind and rain, the 9th annual Pictured Rocks Days that was held on June 10-11 in downtown Munising was a success. Around 1,000 U.P. residents took advantage of the free Pictured Rocks Cruises boat rides over the weekend, as well. A big thank you goes out to our staff, volunteers, vendors, bands, entertainers, and Pictured Rocks Cruises for being a part of the festival. We'd also like to thank our sponsors for their support – this event would not be possible without you all!

> Munising Visitors Bureau Upper Peninsula Power Company WJMN TV3 Hiawatha Communications Putvin Drug Store Paddling Michigan Upper Peninsula Engineers & Architects Munising Memorial Hospital/Bay Care Medical Munising DDA Accident Fund Ins Hall Contracting Medilodge

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The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is a *"Small Circus with a Large Impact".* They bring the Circus to towns with populations of 1500-4000 that would normally have to travel to have this experience. Their 75' tent seats up to 600 people. Horses, Dogs, Acrobats, and the Big Cats!

Fun for all ages!

Photos: Bill Savage

### **Munising DDA Beautification Grant**

16 businesses participated in Munising's DDA's Flower & Beautification Grant this year! For the last two years, the DDA has offered 50% matching grants with a maximum award of \$250 to be used for flowers, plants, and supplies for outdoor beautification of businesses in the DDA district. A total of \$2,438.98 was awarded. Thank you for sprucing up our town with your beautiful displays!



### Art In The Alley Expansion



Munising's Art in the Alley is still on display!

This year there were over 100 creative pieces in the alley between Whisky Dick's and Harvest Market. For the first time since 2018, we opened submissions for new art ... but don't worry, some of your favorite pieces from previous years are up, as well (though, we had them reprinted because they were looking pretty weathered).

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

#### Kathy Reynolds, Ph.D.



"I know we say this every year, but "where did summer go"? Fortunately for our small town businesses, we remain very busy in the summer season and with the wonderful weather that has been happening so far this fall, visitors are still coming and spending time and supporting our businesses. Though sometimes it is "hard to turn left", our businesses take advantage of the increased traffic to make their business flourish. With the increased traffic there are less empty storefronts, more jobs, property values have increased and opportunities have opened up. We do realize though that the labor, housing and daycare crunch are real here and we continue to work with our regional and state partners to work on solutions.

This month, Pat Sanderson, our office manager, will have a section here in the newsletter giving some tips on how we can better serve you and answer questions we get from visitors, the community and people inquiring about the area. It has been and still is our biggest priority, to help our businesses not only in Munising, but in Alger County, thrive. Remember to stop by and say "hi" and remember, we are here for you year-round.

So in closing, enjoy this beautiful fall. What a privilege it is for us just to be able to look out our window and enjoy what people from around the country and the world come to enjoy."

# **Q&A FROM PAT'S DESK**

#### Pat Sanderson, Office Manager

"As we wrap up another busy summer season and ease into fall and winter, we want to remind you that we are always just an email or phone call away. Please reach out at any time and share any new information regarding your business. Whether it's a change in hours, new products or services, or lodging openings or cancellations on busy weekends, holidays, etc., we are eager to help guide customers to you with current information.

We also want to remind you to make sure you are updating your social media accounts and websites on a regular basis. Something might get a post but doesn't always get updated on a site. As we all know, most people will look at your Facebook page for the most up to date information, our employees included.

We are also beginning to work on Rekindle the Spirit and the Grand Giveaway. We will be reaching out soon for both monetary donations and donated items. If you are a seasonal business, you might want to donate an item or two before closing down for the year.

Happy Fall!"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



### This year Rekindle The Spirit will be held Thursday, November 30, 2023



We will also be holding our annual **Rekindle Grand Giveaway**. Register to win great prizes donated by our local businesses.

#### **DDA Holiday Decorating Façade Grants**

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The Munising DDA is once again offering matching grants, up to \$250, toward the purchase of holiday decorations for businesses located in the DDA district. The application deadline is noon on November 3, 2023.