

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter



July 2025



Great Start Family Coalition

The Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) is a team of parents and caregivers working to improve early childhood outcomes in our area. The GSFC supports the Great Start Collaborative by educating the community about the importance of a child's early years and ways to help kids thrive. We want all kids to get a great start in school and life! We invite you to our monthly meetings where we learn, support, and have fun together. Contact Laurie Mold or Monica Powell to RSVP or for more information about how you can get involved.

7/9 Delta County Meet-Up 5:30PM Pizza Party at Pocket Park - Please register at 419-320-5542 with the # of adults and ages of kids attending.

Schoolcraft Monthly Meetings will resume in the fall

Story Times

Manistique School & Public Library
7/2 Patriotic Fun at 1pm

Manistique Senior Center
8/20 Great Start Storytime at 10:30am

Delta Animal Shelter
7/5 at 10:30am

Escanaba Public Library
7/19 Great Start Storytime 10:30am
7/26 STEAM Storytime 1pm

Great Start Play & Learn
(Registration required. Info on pg 4)
7/15 Besse Park 10am
7/16 Manistique Lakeshore Campground 10am
7/21 Manistique Lakeshore Campground 10am
7/22 Van Cleve Park, Gladstone 10am

DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT FAMILY COALITION HIGHLIGHTS

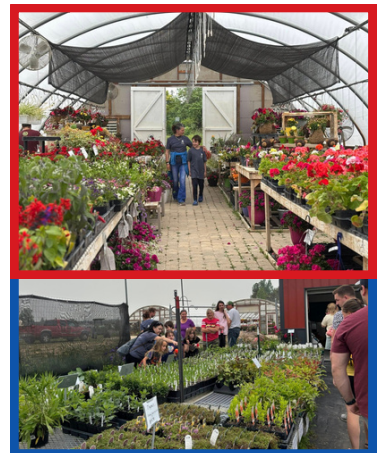
In June, Schoolcraft had their monthly story time at the Senior Center all about Canada! They had fun reading a Canadian ABC book, learned about Canadian currency, and also made a ribbon wand. The next story time at the Manistique Senior Center will be August 20th from 10am-11am. Little Summer Explorers also is under way in Schoolcraft County. In June they had their first outdoor playgroup all about nature. They participated in a nature scavenger hunt, painted rocks, played in a fish sensory bin, and other fun nature themed activities. The next Little Summer Explorers will be July 9th where they will be having fun with bubbles!

Great Start Play & Learn workshops and storytimes kicked off with Clear Lake Education Center and Teacher Consultant, Allison Rae. Kids learned how to explore nature and early literacy skills through hands-on play! The Delta Coalition met-up at Seven Acres Garden for a tour, and kids planted their own corn, then wrapped it up with a picnic at the Bark River Sports Complex. Thank you, Seven Acres for your hospitality. It was enjoyed greatly by all!



Clear Lake Education Centers storytime during "Nature Rocks" Play and Learn

Delta Coalition parents, continued storytimes with a cool summer reading theme that coincided with International Make Music Day. United Way brought fun Rhythm & Rhyme- Ride & Read activity bags developed by local teacher, Dr. Gina Pepin for the kids to enjoy on summer road trips. We also hosted a table at Gladstone's Farmers Market on 6/30 where kids painted rocks, made suns and received free books. July is action-packed. Check out the calendar for all the fun family happenings!



Families loved visiting Seven Acres Garden at our June 'meet-up'!



great-start.org

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July 2025 Community Events

Delta County Events

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6/30/25 **Family Day at the Gladstone Farmer's Market** 3pm-6pm at Market Square in Gladstone. An extra festive day with special guests and activities for kids. Visit the Great Start Family Coalition for a free craft and book!

7/1 through 7/29/25 **Toddler Tuesdays** 9am-11am at We Rock the Spectrum-UP North. A special playtime for kids 1-4 years old. \$12 per child. werockthespectrumupnorth.com

7/1 through 7/31/25 **Parent Tot Playtime** 9am to noon Monday through Friday at the Northern Lights YMCA. Playtime is open and FREE to ALL families with kids 5 and under looking to socialize and play! Call 906-789-0005 to reserve a time or for more info.

7/1/25 **Lunchtime LIVE!** 11:30am-1pm at Bay College Enjoy live music and delicious food on select Tuesdays. (Food trucks on site 10am-2pm) A free event open to the public in the courtyard located between the Catherine Bonifas Building (Building 200) and the Student Services Building (Building 500) at 2001 N. Lincoln Rd. Closest parking is available in Parking Lot E off of College Avenue. If inclement weather occurs, the performances will be moved inside the Bay Café, located in the Student Services Building.

- 7/1 Pickstop
 - Food Vendors: Taco Kitchen, The Curious Pig, and Main Squeeze
- 7/15 Singe
 - Food Vendors: Taco Kitchen, Wildman's Munchie Mobile, and Main Squeeze
- 7/29 George Sailor
 - Food Vendors: Taco Kitchen, The Curious Pig, and Main Squeeze

7/1/25 **Delta Co Foster/Adoptive/Kinship & Guardianship Support Group** 6pm-8pm on the first Tuesday of the month at New Life Church 2005 8th Ave S., Escanaba. Dinner and childcare provided. RSVP to Victoria Declaire at 906-464-4046 ext #4.

7/2 through 7/30/25 **Escanaba Farmer's Market** 1501 Ludington St. Open Wednesdays 3pm-6pm & Saturdays 8am-12pm with "pop-up" markets beginning June 13 at the marketplace on Fridays from 11am to 4pm through the summer.

7/2 through 8/13/25 **Escanaba City Band Concerts** 7:30-8:30pm Wednesdays through the summer at the Ludington Park band shell. Rain dates will be on Thursdays. Visit Facebook for more info.

7/2 through 7/30/25 **Lunch on Ludington** 11:30am-1:30pm at the Escanaba Marketplace 1500 Block of Ludington St. Free music, bring your lunch, and enjoy the music.

- 7/2 Roman Around
- 7/9 Seth Brown Duo
- 7/16 ToHuBoHu
- 7/23 The Flavor Deputies
- 7/30 The House Band w/Pete Ammel

7/2/25 through 8/20/25 **Bark River Farmers/Makers Market** 3pm--6pm Wednesdays at the Bark River Intersection on 41.

7/3/25 through 7/31/25 **Rapid River Area Playgroup** 9:30am on Thursdays. Location varies. Follow them on Facebook for details and to be aware of cancellations due to weather or sickness. You may also contact Amanda Nieting at 906-420-4572 for more info.

7/3, 7/17 & 7/31/25 **Live on the Lawn Summer Music Series** 11:45am to 1:15pm on the Escanaba Public Library's north lawn. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and spend some time outdoors. Enjoy music and grab a bite at Wildman's Food Truck on site! (Inclement weather moves the event inside or to the Marketplace on Ludington Street.) escanabalibrary.org

- 7/3 Cloverland Band (bluegrass) /Bobaloons's Food Truck & Main Squeeze Lemonade
- 7/17 Chris Charboneau & Luke Ogea /The Curious Pig Food Truck & Main Squeeze Lemonade
- 7/31 The Boston Imposters /The Curious Pig Food Truck & Main Squeeze Lemonade Truck

7/3 through 7/31/25 **Rapid River Farmers Market** Mondays & Thursdays 3pm-6pm until 10/16 at the Masonville Township Recreation Area, Cole St, Rapid River.

7/4/25 **Gladstone 4th of July Celebration** 8am Firecracker Run at the Big Pavilion, 11am parade, 12pm food, music, gameslog rolling competition and activities in the park. 12:30pm Music starts at the Band Stand in the Ballfield. Music line-up: 12:30pm Chad Borgen & the Collective, 4pm Tim Hirn & Co, 7pm Big Al and the Tomatas. Fireworks at dusk at the Gladstone Pier.

7/4/25 **Bark River Parade** at 11am (Ray's Feed Mill to the township park). Noon begins food, kids' games, & music in the park. Fireworks at dusk

7/5/25 **Happy Tails Storytime** 10:30 am-11:15 am on the 1st Saturday of the month for ages 3-6 years. Enjoy animal-related stories, crafts, and meet animal guests. It is free. They ask participants to bring an item from the shelter's wish list to help the animals. www.deltaanimal.org

7/5/25 **Escanaba Fireworks Celebration** at Ludington Park. 11am Car show, live music, petting zoo, food vendors, K9 Demonstration, Jaws of Life, Escanaba City Band at 8:30 pm. and fireworks at dusk. Rain date and more information City of Escanaba Recreation Department and Marina on Facebook.

7/5, 7/13, 7/19, 7/26/25 **Escanaba Motor Speedway** Sat 7pm start time/Sun 5pm start at the UP State Fairgrounds.

7/7 through 7/28/25 **Art @ The Marketplace** 10am-noon Mondays at the Escanaba Marketplace. FREE summer art projects kids ages K to 5th grade. Registration is required before each event. bonifasarts.org

7/7 through 9/29/25 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays 3pm-6pm at The Market Square, 907 Delta Avenue.

7/7 through 8/4/25 **Music Mondays** at Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. 7pm-9pm. Food trucks and bands vary weekly.

- 7/7 Stonewall/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds (food)
- 7/14 Three Wheel Drive/ Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds
- 7/21 Igor and the Red Elvies/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds
- 7/28 Chris Powell/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds
- 8/4 Sit Down Francis/ Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds

7/9 through 7/30 **Toddler Art** 9:30am-10:30am at the Bonifas Art Center. Join Lauren Hovland for creative play & art activities designed for toddlers walking through 4 years old. \$5 per session for \$20 for series. Register at bonifasarts.org

7/9/25 **Great Start Family Coalition Summer Meet-Up: Pizza Party at Pocket Park** 5:30pm-7:30pm we will meet at Pocket park for pizza, fishing, pellet shooting and archery 101. Parental supervision required. (weather permitting) A FREE, fun for families with kids 0-8 years old to meet up and enjoy Pocket Park together. Registration required by call/text Laurie at 419-320-5542 with the number of adults and ages of children attending.

7/9/25 **Muscle on Main** 5:30pm-8:30pm 1200 block of Ludington St. Free classic car show the 2nd Wednesday of the month through September. Food, 50/50, and lots of fun. All proceeds benefit local charities. Rain date will be held the following day.

7/10 & 7/21/25 **Parachutes in the Park** in the Park 9am-11am at Besse Park, Escanaba Young children and their caregivers are invited to join Growing Families Home Visiting for parachute games! Will also be at Masonville Township Park in Rapid River on 7/21 from 7pm-8:30pm. RSVP or text/call Tiffany with questions 906-241-9020.

7/10 through 8/14/25 **Gladstone Summer Concert Series** 7pm-9pm at Van Cleve Park, Gladstone. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, coolers, friends, dogs on a short leash, and your dance moves!

- 7/10 Derrel Syria Band- variety acoustic
- 7/17 Where's Gary-classic rock
- 7/24 2nd Edition-classic rock/blues
- 7/31 JD & CO- classic rock

7/11-7/13/25 **Gladstone City Wide Rummage Sale** Get ready to clean your garage, basement and attics for some cash! \$30 to enter. Ad will appear in City Wide Rummage Sale listings in the Daily Press & UP Action. List your child's lemonade or bakery stand to the map for \$5! Visit deltami.org for more details.

7/12/25 **Escanaba Library Lego Club** 1pm at Escanaba Public Library. Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance. Be entered into a prize drawing. The theme is 'Red, White & Blue'.

7/12/25 **Movie Night in Ludington Park: Moana 2** 9:30pm-11:30pm at Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. Free! Just bring your jammies, a blanket or a chair, and a snack. Weather permitting. Aug. 9 Minecraft Movie

7/15 and 7/22/25 **Great Start Play & Learn** 10am Meets monthly at parks in Delta County. Free, fun storytimes with engaging hands-on learning. Designed for kids ages 2-6 years old and their caregivers (siblings and older/younger kids are welcome too!) Sessions led by Allison Rae, Teacher Consultant or Clear Lake Education Center. See page 5 for more details. Register at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

- 15 **Make It Go!** (physics of motion for tots) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park
- 22 **Down By the Bay** with Allison Rae at Van Cleve Park in Kids Kingdom shelter, Gladstone

7/15/25 **Color Our World - Puppeteer, Kevin Kammeraad & Friends** 1pm at the Escanaba Library A free all ages show! No registration required.

7/15/25 **Baby Cafe** 4pm-6pm at Pregnancy Services of Delta Co. A free drop-in support and information group for all expecting and breastfeeding mothers and their babies. Contact 906-786-7474 or with any questions.

7/15/25 **Strings On The Bay: Rhymes & Seasons** 7pm-8:30pm in Bay College's Besse Theater. Summer chamber music series. Tickets \$7-\$15 at baycollege.edu

7/16/25 **Feed America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba.

7/18 & 8/22/25 **Hot Rods and Harleys Cruise** at American Legion Post 71, Gladstone 4pm-8pm All makes, models, years welcome. Rain or shine.

7/19/25 **Great Start Storytime: People Move** 10:30am at the Escanaba Public Library. The Great Start Family Coalition presents a free storytime for ages 0-8 years old. There will be stories, movement activities, and social time! FREE No registration is required. Contact lmold@dsisd.net for more info.

7/24/25 **Parents Like Me Support Group** 7pm-8:30pm at the Escanaba Early Childhood Center 1905 S. 21st St. For parents raising children with special needs. Snacks and beverages provided. No childcare. Contact Carrie at 906-786-7080 EXT 163 to RSVP.

7/25/25 **RRN Block Party** 5pm-10pm at RRN Media Plaza 1101 Ludington St. Features performances by Dueling Pianos, Wet Possum!, & The Glam Band. Food vendors & adult beverages on site. \$10 Tickets on sale at RRN Media Plaza and Sign Up!

7/26/25 **Marina Fest** 12pm-9:30pm at the Escanaba Marina. Food vendors start at noon, music at 2pm with TuHuBoHu, 4pm Union Suits, 6pm Karlee Metzger & Friends, and 8pm Polar Blues Band. Bring a chair and enjoy!

7/26/25 **S.T.E.A.M. Storytime** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library Join Robomos and Technomos for a fun storytime geared for children ages 5-12 and will include a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) craft. No registration is required for this free event

7/27/25 Mission of Hope 3pm-5pm at the Ruth Butler Building at the UP State Fairground. Free community event open to anyone in need. New school shoes, backpacks and supplies, fresh haircuts, family photos, food, music, and kids activities!

7/29/25 **Escanaba Book Mobile** in Rock 1pm-2pm at the Rock Senior Center on the last Wednesday of the month. Open to the public. A Library Card is required for checkout. Onsite registration available with I.D. Call 906-789-7323 for more info.

7/30/25 **Color Our World - Folksinger, Ben Traverse: Old Songs for New People** 4:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library. A free all ages show! No registration required.

8/1/25 **WIC Annual Resource Fair** 10am-1pm at Public Health 2920 College Ave., Escanaba. Raffles, giveaways, and snacks for pregnant and nursing mothers. Text Tosha with questions at 906-280-8239

8/2/25 **Waterfront Arts Festival** 10am-4pm in Ludington Park. Art, music and food. One gorgeous day in the park!

8/2/25 **Color Our World -Music Show & Tell** 10:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library, free for ages 7-15. No registration is required for this free event.

8/2/25 **Armageddon on Wheels** 5pm at the UP State Fairgrounds Tickets \$25 in advance/kids 7 & under free.



Great Start PLAY & LEARN



Great Start's Play & Learn are FREE fun, outdoor storytimes with engaging hands-on learning stations designed for kids 2-6 years old and their caregivers. (Siblings and older kids are welcome too)
All begin at 10 AM with Storytime!

Delta Locations

July
15 (Tuesday) Make It GO! (Discovering the physics of motion) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park

22 (Tuesday) Down by the Bay with Allison Rae at Van Cleve Park, Gladstone

August
12 (Tuesday) Bug Out! (Understanding helpful insects) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park

Schoolcraft Locations

July
16 (Wednesday) Make It GO! (Discovering the physics of motion) with Clear Lake Education Center at Manistique Lakeshore Campground

21 (Monday) Down by the Bay with Allison Rae at Manistique Lakeshore Campground

August
13 (Wednesday) Bug Out! (Understanding helpful insects) with Clear Lake Education Center at Manistique Lakeshore Campground



Registration required by scanning the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

Call/text Laurie Mold (Delta) 419-320-5542, or Monica Powell (Schoolcraft) at 574-274-1949 for additional information.

MEET UP and EAT UP

Meet Up and Eat Up, also known as the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is made possible by the Michigan Department of Education. It provides free nutritious meals in the summer to children in Michigan who rely on school food as a source of energy and nutrition.

LOCATIONS

-  **James T. Jones Elementary School**
400 S 10th St, Gladstone
M, T, W, R 8am-8:45am, 11:30am-12:45pm
*Will be serving week of July 4th. Ends 7/31/25
-  **Learning Center**
5219 18th Rd, Escanaba
T, W, R 11:30-12:00pm
ends 8/7/25
-  **Webster Kindergarten Center**
1209 N 19th St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:45am-9:15am, 11:10am-11:35am
ends 8/7/25
-  **Escanaba Upper Elementary**
1500 Ludington St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:30am-9am, 11:15am-11:45am
ends 8/7/25
-  **Lemmer Elementary**
700 S 20th St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:30am-9am, 11:15am-11:45am
ends 8/7/25
-  **Escanaba Junior/Senior High**
500 S Lincoln Rd, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:15am-8:45am, 11:15am-11:45pm
ends 8/7/25

Delta County Locations

-  **Camp Harstad**
E4655 Highway M-35, Ford River
M, T, W, R 12pm-12:30pm
ends 8/7/25
-  **Northern Lights YMCA**
2000 N 30th St, Escanaba
M, T, W, R 12pm-12:30pm
ends 8/7/25
-  **Hannahville Youth Services**
N15100 Eagle Rd., Wilson
M, T, W, R 8:30am-9am, 11am-12pm
(Dates NOT open: 12, 13, 20, 27, 30, & 8/14)
July is lunch & snack only. Snack 2-2:15 pm
(Call Youth Services for details) ends 8/22/25
-  **Mid Peninsula School**
5055 Saint Nicholas Rd, Rock
Take-out only, Non-congregate site.
3pm-6pm on Tuesdays for children 18 and under.* Ends 8/12/25



**FREE TO ALL KIDS 18
AND UNDER**

\$5 FOR 18 AND OLDER*

**NO MEALS SERVED THE WEEK
OF JULY 4TH***



GROWING FAMILIES HOME VISITING

JULY Group Connections

JULY 10TH 9-11
BESSE PARK
THEME:
PARACHUTE GAMES

JULY 21ST 7-8:30
MASONVILLE TOWNSHIP PARK
Cole street, Rapid River
THEME:
**OLD SCHOOL OUTDOOR
GAMES**

RSVP TO TIFFANY AT 906-241-9020



Great Start Storytime people move



SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025
10:30am
at the Escanaba Public Library

Join the Great Start Family Coalition
for stories and activities together.
Free and open to all.
No registration required.

Questions? Information? Contact:
Laurie Mold at
lmold@dsisd.net
text/call 419-320-5542
or visit <https://great-start.org>







Schoolcraft County Events

7/1 through 8/29 **Summer Day Camp** 7am-5pm Open Every Monday through Friday at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds. Open to all school-aged children 3 ½ to 18 years old. Attend anytime between 7am and 5pm for care, companionship, educational, recreational and enrichment activities. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are also provided. \$1/hour/child. Drop-ins and flexible schedules welcomed. Applications can be found at www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com or 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net.

7/1 through 8/29 **Free Congregate/Homestyle Meals** 7:30am-1:30pm Free meals served at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds. Drop in, no enrollment necessary. Open Monday- Friday to all children up to 18 years of age. Breakfast is served from 7:30am-9:30am. Lunch is served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Join for one meal or both breakfast and lunch.

7/1 through 8/29 **Free Home Delivered/Grab-n-Go Style Meals** 3pm-6pm Free food for kids delivered to your door! Open to all children up to 18 years of age. Breakfast and lunches for 7 days provided to each child every week. Meals will be delivered on Tuesdays and on Fridays between 3pm and 6pm. Household contact and consent form must be filled out and can be found at www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com or 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net.

7/2/2025 **Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am-11:30am or until food is gone at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 7870 West US-2. Manistique.

7/2/2025 **Manistique School & Public Library Children's Summer Reading Program Patriotic Fun** 1pm-2pm Kids going into 5th Grade and younger are welcome in the library this summer as we celebrate reading with COLOR! There will be stories, crafts, activities and a snack... all things red, white, and blue. Don't forget to stop by the library every week from June 16 to July 26 and pick up a Reading Log/Bookmark. Fill it in weekly and return it for a chance to win fun prizes! One entry per week per child. 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique MI

7/2 through 7/30 **Manistique Farmer and Artisan Market** 5pm-6:30pm Located at Triangle Park (Oak St and Arbutus Ave in Manistique) Every Wednesday fresh and local food, crafts, and other items. On Rainy days the market moves indoors to Lake Effect Arts at 244 S Cedar St

7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, & 7/30 **Music in Manistique Concert Series** 6:30pm Free concert every Wednesday at the Manistique Bandshell 180 N Maple St Manistique.

- July 2nd - Kids day! - Kids DJ Event
- July 9th - Miller Time- Classic Rock and Country
- July 16th - 3 Wheel Drive- Country Classics
- July 23rd - A Place to Land- Bluegrass & Country
- July 30th - The Maynards- Doo-wops & Classics

7/3 & 7/17 **Acoustic Jam Sessions** 6pm-9pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center the first and third Thursdays. All are welcome! For questions contact Tim at 906-236-2597. 244 S Cedar St. Manistique MI.

7/4, 7/11, 7/18, & 7/25 **Elks Fish Fry** 4:30pm-7:30 Every Friday night Fish Fry. Take Out, Curbside Pick Up or Indoor Dining Available. All entrees \$18.00. Call 906-341-2536 with any questions. 213 Walnut St. Manistique

7/4, 7/11, 7/18, & 7/25 **Friday Fish Fry** 5pm - 8pm Public Welcome! Take out or inside Dining. Manistique Moose Lodge, M-149, Manistique.

7/4, 7/11, 7/12, 7/18, & 7/25 **Summer Music Series at Flat Iron Brewing** 5pm-8pm Join us all summer long for live music! 375 Traders Point Dr Stop 4

- July 4th - Johnny and I
- July 11th - Anna P.S
- July 12th - Adam & Alex (from Adam Carpenter and the Upper Hand)
- July 18th - Fyrbird
- July 25th - Jim & Ray

7/4/25 **Manistique Kiddie Parade** Lineup at 5:30pm with the parade starting at 6pm at the post office. Come and join the fun downtown! Fun for all ages and all kids get a prize!

7/5/25 **Manistique Independence Day Celebration** Parade starts at 12:30pm (lineup starting at 11:30) Waves of Freedom Parade. Fireworks Display at dusk. Rain date for Fireworks will be July 12th.

7/5/25 **Annual Arts and Crafts Fair** 10am - 4pm Triangle Park, Corner of Oak and Cedar Streets, Manistique, MI. The Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in Triangle Park before, during and after the parade. For more information call Bonnie at 906-341-8181 or 906-450-0050.

7/5/ & 7/13 **Indian Lake Sailing** 2:30pm Bishop Baraga Shrine Indian Lake, Birch St, Hiawatha Township, MI. Come join us in some Sailing Regatta fun. Meet at the Bishop Baraga Shrine Boat Launch on Indian Lake. All sailboats welcome! Call 218-750-1894 or 608-289-2684 for more information.

7/6/25 **Curtis Independence Day Celebration** starting at 12:30pm. Parade forms on Sandtown Road at 11:30am with the parade going to Three Lakes Academy in Curtis MI. After the parade, there will be the Lions Famous Chicken BBQ, Art & Craft Vendors, Kids entertainment, and live music. Fireworks are shot from South Manistique Lake Campground at dusk.

7/7, 7/14, 7/21, & 7/28 **Food and Clothing Pantry** 11am-1pm at the Christ Fellowship Church in Germfask. Weekly on Mondays. Free food and clothing for families in need. Closed on holidays. Contact Pastor Diana at 906-286-0591 for more information.

7/9/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Little Summer Explorers: Fun With Bubbles!** 10am-11:30am at the Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavilion 375 Traders Point Drive Stop #4. Come anytime between 10am and 11:30am for summer outdoor activities! We will have different bubble activities as well as a special guest who will show us how to make giant bubbles! A snack and free book will be provided at each event. This event is geared toward 0-5 year olds, but everyone is welcome! No Reservation is required. For more information, contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net

7/9/25 **Manistique School & Public Library Summer Reading Program Cotton Candy Color!** 1pm-2pm During this children's program, we'll learn all about the science of making cotton candy in a fun interactive show. It's colorful and tastes good too! 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique MI

7/11 & 7/12 **Folk Fest** starting at 5:30pm on Friday and 10am on Saturday Join us at the Manistique Folk Fest celebration! Come on down to the most anticipated event of the year featuring 75+ vendors & crafters ,10+ food vendors, tasty treats, and live music all day & night! Downtown Manistique, S Cedar St, Manistique, MI

7/11/25 **Manistique Sault Tribe Housing Health & Safety Fair** starting at 11:30am come and get information on what the community has to offer. Food will be provided. For questions, contact Bethany at 906-341-5145 1176N Chitoma Manistique MI

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7/12/2025 **Manistique Emerald Chase 5k/10k/Run/Walk** Registration starts at 7:30am with the race starting at 9am at the Manistique Middle High School, 100 N Cedar St, Manistique, MI. The course will mostly remain on the boardwalk. Entry fee is \$50 Register online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Manistique/EmeraldChase>

7/13/2025 **Strawberry Festival** 12pm-4pm Everyone welcome for food, fun, and fellowship. Prices for food items are \$6.00 or less. Options include Pulled Pork Sandwich, Hot Dog, Chili Dog, Strawberry Shortcake or Strawberry Sundae. Inwood Twp. Hall, 1040 S County Road 442.

7/13/25 **Manistique Chamber Concert Series** 7pm *Rhymes and Seasons* with Harpist Brittany DeYoung at the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, 314 Main St, Manistique, MI.

7/15/25 **Manistique School & Public Library Summer Reading Program Presents Wimee Live!** 10am-11am From PBS, It's Wimee LIVE! With Kevin Kammeraad and Crew! This is a special day and time for this performance based off the TV show, Wimee's Words. A fun, interactive and musical show! 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

7/15 through 7/17 & 7/22 through 7/24 **Summer Art Camp** 9am-3pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center. \$50 per week per artist. Students will need to bring a water bottle and wear art clothes. Sign up at Lakeeffectarts.org.

- July 15-July 17 Below the Waves: 9am-11am for incoming 1st - 4th graders. Under the Surface: 1pm-3pm for incoming 5th - 8th graders.
- July 22-24 Daydream Factory: 9am-11am for incoming 1st - 4th graders. Cloudbound Curiosities: 1pm-3pm for incoming 5th - 8th graders.

7/16 & 7/21/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Play & Learn** 10am-11am Free fun story times with engaging hands-on learning stations designed for kids 2-6 years old and their caregivers. (Siblings and older kids are welcome too!) Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

- July 16 - Make it Go! Discovering the physics of motion with Clear Lake Education Center: Manistique Lakeshore Campground
- July 21-Down By the Bay: Manistique Lakeshore Campground

7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 & 8/20 **Fun With Art** 9:30am-11am pre-school (must be accompanied by an adult) through high school students are invited to the Garden Gallery for free art of your choosing. Supplies are provided; no registration is required. First come basis. Call 906-644-2080 for more information. 6367 State Street P.O 81 Garden MI

7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6 & 8/13 **Skill Builder's Camp** 9:30am-12pm at Emerald Elementary School. FREE Camp will be run by a skilled and trauma informed Speech Language Pathologist and Occupational Therapist from Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital who will be teaching interactive play, social skills, motor skills, language enhancement, and sensory processing. Register online at scmh.org Ages 5-7: 9:30am-10:30am Ages 8-11: 11am-12pm. 628 Oak St, Manistique.

7/18/2025 **"Hansel and Gretel"** 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Pine Performance Center in Curtis MI. Students in grades 1-12 are encouraged to register and audition. No prior experience needed! \$50/child \$30 for each additional child. Registration deadline is July 7th with auditions taking place on July 14th from 12pm- 2pm. Call 906-586-9974 or stop in the Erickson Center Office during business hours to register your child.

7/20/2025 **EAA AirVenture Cup Race Turn Point** 10:30am Schoolcraft County Airport will be the turning point for the EAA AirVenture Cup Race. Join in on the fun. Bring a chair and watch the race at the turning point. This event is free. For questions call: 906-341-5522 or 906-341-3662 If it rains this event will be rescheduled for July 21. 5910 US-2, Manistique, MI

7/23/2025 **Manistique School & Public Library Children's Summer Reading Program: Old Songs for Young People** 1pm-2pm Join us for this family friendly program. With traditional instruments, Ben Traverse will play songs that our parents' parents' parents sang growing up! Party game songs and singalongs, fun for the whole family! 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

7/25 & 7/26 **Vendor Fair & Exhibition** Friday 3pm-9pm and Saturday 12pm-9pm. Food Trucks, local vendors, and live music. Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds Fair Barn and yard. Call 906-202-5563 for more information

7/26/25 **Makers Market** 10am-3pm in downtown's Triangle Park 244 S. Cedar Street Manistique MI. There will be artisans, crafters and more! We will be featuring an array of handmade items and various crafts. If you are interested in being a vendor, please message the Facebook page

7/26/25 **"Avatar" Free Movie Event** 10pm Free event! At dusk, around 10 pm, we will be screening Avatar. Gates open at 8pm. Concessions include pizza, hot dogs, candy and refreshments. Highway 2 Community Drive In Theater 5885W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI

7/26/2025 **Backpacks 4 Kids** 9am Backpack giveaway event. Visit TeamWireless.com/locations to find a local Team Wireless Verizon near you. First come, first served- child must be present, 1 bag per child (while supplies last)

7/31/2025 **A Place to Land Concert** 6pm-7pm Join us for a fun night of music in the library! A Place to Land will be here to share their mix of Americana, Country, Folk and Bluegrass music. Bring your family and friends! Manistique School & Public Library 100 North Cedar St, Manistique.



The poster is titled "Little Summer Explorers" in large, colorful letters. Below the title, it says "10:00 AM-11:30 AM". To the right, a red circle with white text says "FREE!". The poster lists three events: "JUNE 11- NATURE", "JULY 9- BUBBLES", and "AUGUST 6- WATERMELON". It also provides the location: "Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavillion, 375 Traders Point Drive, stop #4". At the bottom, it says "Come and join us on June 11, July 9, and August 6 anytime between 10am-11:30am for summer outdoor activities! We will be having a nature scavenger hunt in June, fun with bubbles in July, and wrap up in August with having fun with watermelon. A snack and free book will be provided at each event. These events are geared toward 0-5 year olds, but anyone is welcomed. No Reservations are required." The poster is decorated with illustrations of a watermelon character, a sun, a beach ball, and photos of children playing.

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition

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Please contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net for more information

COLOR OUR WORLD

Summer Reading Program 2025 at Manistique School & Public Library

Kids going into 5th grade and younger are welcome in the library this summer as we celebrate summer reading with **COLOR!**

Wed., June 25th at 1 pm- **Animal Art** -See like a bee, make camo critters and more!
Wed., July 2nd at 1 pm- **Patriotic Fun** -Crafts and activities all about the red, white & blue!
Wed., July 9th at 1 pm- **Cotton Candy Colors** -There is a science that goes into making cotton candy in the colors of the rainbow. Watch it made and taste some, too!
Tues., July 15th at 10 am- **Wimee LIVE!** With Kevin Kammeraad, and Crew!
As seen on PBS, join master puppeteer, Kevin, along with Wimee and friends!
Wed., July 23th at 1 pm- **Old Songs for Young People** -Color Our World with music!
Folk songs with Ben Traverse



Stop in from June 16 to July 25,
pick up a Reading log/Book mark.
Fill it out and return it for a chance
to win fun prizes!
One entry per week per child



come one, come all to

The Greatest Show ON EARTH!

Friday | August 1st | 10:00-1:00

Cirque Du Milk Experience

Public Health 2920 College Ave Escanaba

A Resource Fair For Pregnant & Nursing Mothers

Giveaways and snacks

Questions? Text Tosha @ 906.280.8239

Greetings
ISLAND

Summer Reading programs at public libraries across Michigan encourage children, youth and families to read, and help kids maintain reading skills. Visit your public library to sign up and learn about special summer programs.

Gladstone Schools Public Library Summer Reading program runs June 2nd to July 30th. Visit or call 906-428-4224 for details!



CHILDREN & FAMILY SUMMER EVENTS AT THE ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY

Saturday, 7/12 Lego Club - Red, White & Blue @ 1PM

Tuesday, 7/15 Puppeteer Kevin Kammeraad (all ages) @ 1PM

Saturday, 7/19 Great Start Storytime - People Move (ages 0-8) @ 10:20 AM

Wednesday, 7/23 Printmaking for Teens and Tweens with Beth Peterson (gr 6-12) @ 1PM
*Sign up by July 21

Wednesday, 7/30 Folksinger Ben Traverse, Old Songs for New People (all ages) @ 4:30

Saturday, 7/26 STEAM Storytime with the Robomos and Technomos (ages 5-12) @ 1PM

AUGUST

8/4 Summer Reading Concludes - Hand in your Logs for Prizes!

Saturday, 8/2 Musical Show & Tell (ages 7 - 15) @ 10:30

Saturday, 8/9 Lego Club - Fair Fun @ 1PM

Saturday, 8/19 Great Start Storytime - Travel by Boat (ages 0-8) @ 10:20 AM



DELTA COUNTY FOSTER/ ADOPTIVE/ KINSHIP/ GUARDIANSHIP SUPPORT GROUP

Every first Tuesday of each month,
(July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2)
6pm - 8pm ET



New Life Church,
2005 8th Ave. S
Escanaba, MI 49829



PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND. DINNER AND CHILDCARE
WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP:
VICTORIA DECLAIRE
VDECLAI@GLRC.ORG OR
906-464-4046.. #4



Tips with Tosha

Homemade, Re-useable Water Balloons!

Summertime means lots of fun time outdoors! Water balloons are great but can be painful, messy, and pricey! Here's a chance for you to make your own! You can get cheap sponges at Walmart or the Dollar Tree! Some even come in a pack of 8 for a \$1.25!

Supplies!

- Sponges
- Scissors
- Strings

Gather 9 strips of sponge (use a mix of different colors) and tie them together in the middle with your string.

Once you're done tying the string in a tight knot, shift the sponge pieces around a little so they create a ball shape

Wet and toss!

~Tosha Mason is a Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties W.I.C. Employee, Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition member, and mother of five beautiful children.



FREE Special Education Webinars for Families

Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org for registration & more special education information

- July 7 **Youth Self-Determination Series** Four Mondays from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Registration open May 12-June 27. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/25YouthSeries>
- July 15 **IEP: A Closer Look** 12:00pm-1:30pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/53667pev>
- July 31 **School Options with an IEP** 12:00pm -1:00pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y4uw9r58>
- July 31 **School Options with an IEP** 7:00pm-8:00pm Register at <https://tinyurl.com/5ydz8h2t>



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour

A free online series of parenting workshops that guide parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, joys, and concerns of parenting. They run **Tuesdays from 8pm-9:30pm.**

- 7/1 **Making Food Fun for the Picky Eater**
- 7/8 **Parenting and Family Relationships When a Family Member has a Disability**
- 7/15 **Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science for Young Children**
- 7/22 **Learning to Talk: Development of Speech-Language Skills**
- 7/29 **Positive Discipline**

Kinship Caregivers

- 7/9 **Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children** 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Class Series

7/18 through 8/15/25 **Building Strong Adolescents** Fridays 11:00AM-1:00PM ET

7/16 through 8/13/25 **Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting** Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. Wednesdays 11:30am-1pm

7/15 through 8/14/25 **Online Parent Talk System.** The Parent Talk System is a course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered at no cost. Thursdays 7:30pm-p:00pm

Red, White, and Blue Froyo Pops

Cool off this 4th of July with these patriotic fro-yo pops from Tasty.com! Made with creamy vanilla yogurt and fresh strawberries and blueberries, these treats will have you feeling red, white, and oh so cool!

Ingredients for 1 tray

- yogurt, of choice
- strawberry, quartered
- blueberry
- popsicle sticks
- ice cube tray, popsicle mold or muffin tin

1. Fill popsicle mold or muffin tin with a thick layer of yogurt.
2. Add in strawberries and blueberries. You can either layer them or mix them around to distribute the fruit throughout.
3. Cover with top layer of Greek yogurt and use a spatula or a spoon to flatten the surface.
4. Place popsicle sticks in the center of the molds or muffin tin and place in the freezer for 3 hours or until frozen to your liking. If using a muffin tin, you might want to let the froyo freeze before placing in popsicle sticks so that they don't fall over.
5. Remove from popsicle molds or muffin tin.
6. Enjoy!

