



August 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.

8/18 Delta County Meet at the beach! 3:30pm-6:30pm at Gladstone Beach. Please RSVP at 419-320-5542 with the # of adults and ages of kids attending to help us plan for snacks.

Schoolcraft Monthly Meetings will resume in the fall

Story Times

Manistique Senior Center

8/20 Great Start Storytime at 10:00am

Delta Animal Shelter

8/2 at 10:30am

Escanaba Public Library

8/16 Great Start Storytime 10:30am

Great Start Play & Learn

(Registration required. Info on pg 4)

8/12 Besse Park 10am

8/13 Manistique Lakeshore Campground 10am

DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT FAMILY COALITION HIGHLIGHTS



Kids learn about physics and rhyming at Play & Learns



Families enjoyed Play & Learns, a pizza party at Pocket Park and a storytime about moving this month in Delta County.

Both Coalitions are now gearing up for their summer picnics, and YOU are invited. They are a great way to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. Be sure to RSVP to help us plan for food and materials. Regular meetings will resume in September in Schoolcraft and in October for Delta. We hope you can join us as we plan our projects for next year.



Pocket Park fun fishing!



Little Summer Explorers had fun with bubbles in July

In July, Schoolcraft had their monthly Little Summer Explorers. They participated in activities all about bubbles, including having someone come in to show how giant bubbles are made. The last Little Summer Explorers will be on August 6th and will be fun with watermelon! Story time will resume at the Senior Center on August 20th and will be all about Ice cream! We will be making ice cream in a bag and eating our creation after.



Families play house at our People Move Storytime



Contact Us:

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Liaisons
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Monica Powell, 574-274-1949, mpowell@dsisd.net

AUGUST 2025 Community Events



Delta County Events

Schoolcraft Events begin on Page 6



8/1 through 8/29/25 **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.

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

8/1 through 9/4/25 **YMCA Flag Football** open registration Open to kids ages 4 years to 6th grade. Assessment day on 9/6/25. Practice begins twice a week in September with games 9/20 through October 18th. \$55 for members/\$110 non-members. (Pee Wee Football ages 4-K games p/18 to 10/16. \$50 members/\$90 non-members) Call to register at 906-786-0005. Visit nlymca.com for more details.

8/2 through 8/30/25 **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.

8/2/25 **Waterfront Festival** 10am-4pm at Karas Band shell in Ludington Park. Features more than 60 artists, vendors food, & music. City Band performs at 11am. Check out the Young Artist Market for kids 18 and under. Visit www.bonifasarts.org for the day's schedule.

8/2/25 **Color Our World - Musical Show and Tell with Jim's Music** 10:30am at the Escanaba Library. Free for ages 7-15 years. No registration is required.

8/2/25 **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

8/2 through 9/1/25 **Thomas Theatre Free Summer Movie Series** 2pm & 4pm Saturday, Sunday, and Mondays at Willow Creek Theater.

- 8/2-8/4 Hotel Transylvania 3
- 8/9-11 The Angry Birds Movie
- 8/16-18 The Angry Birds Movie 2
- 8/23-8/25 Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs
- 8/30-9/1 Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2

8/2/25 **Armageddon on Wheels** 5pm at the UP State Fairgrounds. Racers from all over compete in events including a figure eight bus race, gauntlet race, bump n' run, dueling tough trucks and many more exciting events. \$25 in advance/\$30 at the gate. Kids 7yrs and under are free. Gates open at 3pm. www.armageddononwheels.com

8/4/25 **FREE Entrance Day in the National Parks** Visit one of the state's beautiful national parks for free! The entrance fee waiver does not cover amenities or user fees for activities such as camping, boating, transportation, or special tours.

8/4 through 8/25/25 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays 3pm-6pm at The Market Square, 907 Delta Avenue.

8/4 through 8/27/25 **Rapid River Farmers Market** Mondays & Thursdays 3pm-6pm until 10/16 at the Masonville Township Recreation Area, Cole St, Rapid River.

8/4/25 **Growing Families Group Connection** 6pm-7:30pm at the Karas bandshell for free books, games, temporary tattoos and a chance to socialize with other families with young kids. Stay for the music. Blankets will be available for families to use or bring your own lawn chair. Contact Tiffany at 906-241-9020 with any questions.

8/4/25 **Music Mondays** at Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. 7pm-9pm. Music by Sit Down Francis. Food trucks Brisket Barn & Wildman Munchie

8/5 through 8/26/25 **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

8/5/25 **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.

8/5/25 **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.

8/6/25 **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 with Goodfella

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

8/6 & 8/13/25 **Escanaba City Band Concerts** 7:30-8:30pm Wednesdays through 8/13 at the Ludington Park band shell. Rain dates will be on Thursdays. Visit Facebook for more info.

8/7/25 through 8/28/25 **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 Nietling at 906-420-4572 for more info.

8/7/25 **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 by The Suns of Memphis and grab a bite at Wildman's Food Truck & The Boho Blender. (Inclement weather moves the event inside or to the Marketplace on Ludington Street.) escanabalibrary.org

8/17/25 **Kidz Boppin at the Dew** 3pm at the Dewdrop Family Restaurant, 916 Delta Ave, Gladstone. Collaboration between The Dewdrop Family Restaurant and Reflections Band will provide an opportunity for kids to showcase their talents! Free to the public!

8/7 & 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! 8/7 The Maynards, Band- 60s, 70s, 80s soft rock, 8/14 Angels & Outlaws-classic rock/country

8/8 to 8/10/25 49th Annual **Bark River Off Road Rumble** Bark River International Speedway Races run 10am-7pm (Sun until 6pm) \$35 day pass, \$50 weekend, kids 9 and under free. Onsite camping, food, and racing. www.barkriveroffrod.com

8/9/25 **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 'Fair Fun'.

8/9/25 **Movie Night in Ludington Park: Minecraft Movie** 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.

8/11 through 8/17/25 **UP State Fair**, UP State Fairgrounds, Escanaba \$10 general, \$5 6-12 yrs., 5 and under free. Weekly passes are available online for \$30 for youth (6-12yrs) and \$45 per adult (13yrs and up). Details and schedules can be found at upstatefair.net

8/12/25 **Great Start Play & Learn: Bug Out!** 10am at Besse Park. 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 are led by Clear Lake Education Center. Register at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

8/12/25 **Strings On The Bay: Nordic Dreams** 7pm-8:30pm in Bay College's Besse Theater. Summer chamber music series. Tickets \$7-\$15 at baycollege.edu

8/13/25 **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.

8/16/25 **Great Start Storytime: Travel by Boat** 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.

8/16/25 **Sit Down Francis Quarter Century Shindig** 3pm-10pm at the Karas Bandshell, Ludington Park. Sit Down Francis started writing songs in 2000, 25 years ago and invite you to celebrate their 25th anniversary with a free concert with them and a few friends' bands to be announced.

8/18/25 **Great Start Family Coalition Summer Meet at the Beach** 3:30pm-6:30pm Enjoy some sun time fun time at the beautiful Gladstone Beach. A FREE, fun time for families with kids 0-8 years old to meet up and enjoy time together. RSVP by call/text to Laurie at 419-320-5542 with the number of adults and ages of children attending. Snacks will be provided. Raindate will be 8/19/25.

8/20/25 **Feed America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba.

8/21/25 **Growing Families Home Visiting Group Connection** 9am-11am. Free Play sponsored by Growing Families Home Visiting at We Rock The Spectrum, 1401 North 26th St, Escanaba. RSVP required to Tiffany: 906-241-9020. You will receive a text confirmation. An all-abilities play session for kids 5 and under. A welcoming space for everyone!

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

8/23/25 **Coffee & Chat with Author J. L. Hyde** 12pm-2pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Local author book signing and new book signing.

8/23/25 **Escanaba Motor Speedway** Sat 7pm start time/Sun 5pm start at the UP State Fairgrounds.

8/26/25 **Lunchtime LIVE!** 11:30am-1pm at Bay College Enjoy live music from Wingin' It and delicious food on site from the Taco Kitchen, Grateful Cheese, and Main Squeeze. (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.

8/27/25 **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.

8/28/25 **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.

8/29 through 9/1/25 **50th Annual UP Gas & Steam Engine Show** Fri through Sun 9am-5pm, Mon 9am-4pm at the UP fairgrounds. See the Antique Village and Agricultural Museum, pancake breakfast, flea market, village vendors, barn dance (Saturday & Sunday) and much more! \$7 entry \$12 weekend pass, children under 14 free. Visit www.upsteamandgasengine.org for details.

8/29 through 8/30/25 **Boogie Fest Too** 2pm 14069 County Line G Road, Rock, MI. Music starts at 8pm Friday and features 11 bands, on-site camping, pig roast, parade, and more! \$60 camping for the weekend starts 8/29. \$55 day admission/\$100 weekend pass at the gate. Kids 14 and under free. Call 906-356-6191 or visit boogiefesttoo.rocksforsdetails

9/1/25 Labor Day! See page 7 for a list of Labor Day celebrations.

9/6/25 **Great Start Annual Family Picnic** 11am-1pm at Besse Park. Join us for FREE family fun, food, and prizes. Open to Schoolcraft and Delta families with children 0-8 years old. Please RSVP to <https://bit.ly/GSPICNIC25> or lmold@dsisd.net with the number attending by 9/2/25. All are welcome!

If you don't know, just call Help Me Grow

Whether you have questions or concerns about your child's development, have needs or are looking to connect with what is happening for young kids in our community, Help Me Grow is here for you.



Call/text **844-464-0005**
or scan the QR code to connect with our
Care Coordinator to find what you need.

 **Help Me Grow**
Delta-Schoolcraft



8/4/2025
6-7:30pm

Join us for Music Monday at the Escanaba Bandshell featuring live music by "Sit Down Francis"!

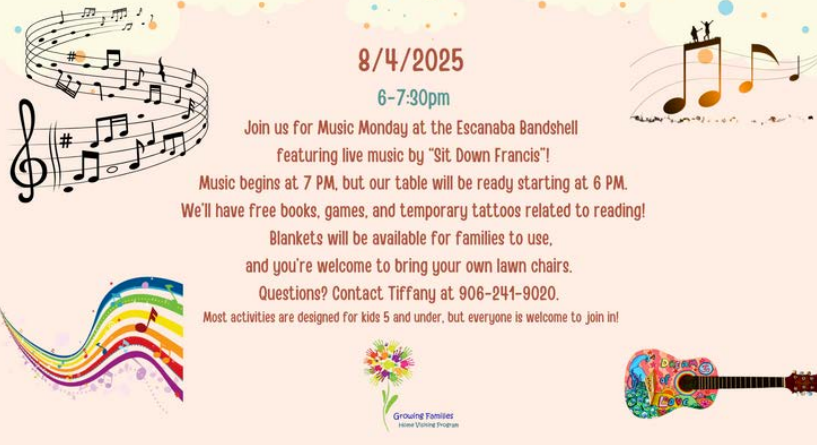
Music begins at 7 PM, but our table will be ready starting at 6 PM.

We'll have free books, games, and temporary tattoos related to reading!

Blankets will be available for families to use, and you're welcome to bring your own lawn chairs.

Questions? Contact Tiffany at 906-241-9020.

Most activities are designed for kids 5 and under, but everyone is welcome to join in!



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 8:35am-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*

For More Information: www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/

Great Start PLAY & LEARN

Great Start's Play & Learns 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

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

Schoolcraft Locations

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.




Great Start Storytime

Travel by Boat

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025
10:30 am
at the Escanaba Public Library

Join the Great Start Family Coalition for stories and activities geared toward kids 0-6 years old - but all are welcome 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>



GREAT START FAMILY PICNIC

Free and open to ALL families with young children. Enjoy fun activities and munchies kids 0-8 years old will love!! Bring the whole family. Meet new friends and make delightful memories with the Great Start Family Coalition!

FAMILY FUN | FOOD | CRAFTS | PRIZES | FREE BOOKS

September 6th, 2025 | 11am to 1pm
Besse Park, Escanaba

RSVP to <https://bit.ly/GSPICNIC25> or text/call Laurie at 419-320-5542 with the number of adults and ages of children attending by 9/2/25

Contact Laurie with questions at 419-320-5542/lmold@dsisd.net

great-start.org





Schoolcraft County Events



8/1 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 are welcomed. Applications can be found at www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com or 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net.

8/1 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.

8/1 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 lunch for 7 days are 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.

8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 & 8/29 **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

8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 & 8/9 **Friday Fish Fry** 5pm - 8pm Public Welcome! Take out or inside Dining. Manistique Moose Lodge, M-149, Manistique.

8/1/25 **Summer Music Series at Flat Iron Brewing** 5pm-8pm Join us all summer long for live music! 375 Traders Point Dr Stop 4

- August 1st Drednot
- August 8th Make Believe Spurs
- August 15th Fyrbird
- August 22nd Kaotica
- August 29th Pink Violin Band

8/1/25 **Summer Street Party** 6:30pm-9:30pm S Cedar St Manistique MI. Live music, yard games, and family-friendly fun! Bring your own lawn chair if you are able.

8/2/25 **8th Annual 906 Festival** 11am-7pm a fun family-friendly event that includes live music, art and retail vendors, kids zone games, magic balloon art, and face painting. Erickson Center for the Arts 9738 Saw-Wa-Quato St Curtis MI.

8/4/25 through 8/8/25 **Vacation Bible School First Baptist Church** 9am-12pm Bible Stories, crafts, food, music and games. Everyone is invited for ages 4 through 6th grade. 319 Walnut St, Manistique, MI

8/4, 8/11, 8/18, & 8/25 **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.

8/6/2025 **Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am-11:30am or until food is gone at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 7870 West US-2.

8/6/25 through 8/8/25 **Community Build Day Habitat for Humanity**, 401 Deer St, Manistique, MI. Come join us for our Community Build Day. Registration is required. Please call the Habitat Office at 906-341-7437 to register.

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, first served. Call 906-644-2080 for more information. 6367 State Street P.O 81 Garden MI

8/6 through 8/27 **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

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.

8/6/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Little Summer Explorers: Fun with Watermelon!** 10am-11:30am at the Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavilion 375 Traders Point Drive Stop #4. Come anytime between 10am and 11:30am for free summer outdoor activities! We will have different fun watermelon activities. A snack and a 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

8/6 & 8/13 **Music in Manistique Concert Series** 6:30pm Free concert every Wednesday at the Manistique Bandshell 180 N Maple St Manistique.

- August 6th Angels and Outlaws: Country
- August 13th Second Edition Band: Rock and Classics

8/7/25 **Tree ID Walking Workshop** 1pm-2pm Environmental Education Lab Join us for this walking workshop where we will be identifying common Michigan tree species using bark, leaves, fruit, and other clues. Everyone of all skill levels is welcome. To reach the lab trailhead from Manistique go east on US-2 for about 3 miles, turn left onto river road, and left on Krummich Road. The Road ends at the Environmental Lab Parking Lot.

8/7 & 8/21 **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.

8/10/25 **Manistique Chamber Concert Series** 7pm Nordic Dreams Featuring the True North Quartet performing tunes from Sweden, Denmark, and Norway at the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, 314 Main St, Manistique, MI.

8/13/25 **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>

- August 13 - Bug Out (Understand Helpful Insects) with Clear Lake Education Center: Manistique Lakeshore Campground

8/16/25 **An Introduction to Zentangle** 12pm-2:30pm \$25/person limit of 20 students. for ages 8 and older (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). This class includes all materials and instructions, including many techniques unique to Zentangle. The class is designed "one stroke at a time.e" if you can draw a stick figure, you will be surprised at how you can come to enjoy this hobby! Sign up at LakeEffectArts.org 244 S. Cedar St Manistique.

8/17/25 **53rd Annual Cooks Corn Roast & Raffle** noon until 11pm
Come join us for a Family Day full of fun for an end of summer blast! There will be bounce houses, live music, and face painting. All the corn you can eat for \$5 (children 5 and under are free)! Plus a Chicken Barbeque but come early because we sell out! Inwood Township Fire Hall, Cooks, MI.

8/20/25 **Schoolcraft County Resource Fair** 4pm -7pm Manistique Middle/High School Gymnasium, 100 N Cedar Street, Manistique, MI. Receive valuable community resources and information from organizations to help you and your family. Household Item Giveaways, Toiletries, Diapers & Over 25 Community Resource Vendors! Free Transportation is available; you must call 906-341-2111 to book a ride in advance. If you would like to become a vendor, please call Jessica Baker for more information at (906) 341-3750. (This will be held in conjunction with the Manistique Area Schools Back-to-School Gala and the First Baptist Church's I Heart Manistique back-to-school backpack drive.)

8/20/25 **Gear Up Gala- Back to School Event** 4pm-7pm 100 N Cedar St. Manistique. Haircuts by the Cutting Crew, new shoes, hygiene items, and clothing support. At the First Baptist Church kids can get a new backpack, school supplies and families can get a hot dog dinner. (you must attend to receive the school supplies)

8/20/2025 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Ice Cream Story Time** 10am-11am Join us at the Manistique Senior Center for a sweet story time all about ice cream! We will be learning how to make ice cream in a bag and also eating our ice cream creation! Everyone is welcome, come join the fun! 101 Main Street, Manistique.

8/20/25 **Big Bay De Noc Open House** 4pm-6pm There will be ice cold slushies and fresh popcorn. Community agencies will be present with giveaways and important information for families. Students may bring in supplies, meet their teachers, and explore their classrooms.

8/23/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft County Great Start Family Picnic** 11am-1pm at Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavilion. Join us for FREE family fun, food, and prizes. We will be having a fire truck tour, face painting, and giant bubbles! Open to Schoolcraft and Delta families with children 0-8 years old. Please RSVP to with the number attending to Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net by 8/16/25. All are welcome!

8/23/25 **Seney Lumberjack Festival** 10am at Seney Township Baseball Fields. Parade vehicles will be located at the ball fields for people to view, and candy will also be passed out. There will be a kids korner, raffles, food trucks, craft vendors, horse pulls, chicken dinners, and a dance party.

8/24/25 **Community Picnic** 11am-2pm Fayette State Park Pavilion, 4600 ii Lane, Garden, MI. Everyone is welcome for free lunch, giveaways, and games and activities.

8/29 & 8/30 **Manistique Car and Motorcycle Show** 7pm Friday Night Cruise with street party to follow. Saturday car show is open to the public starting at 10am. Beats by Pete, Elks chicken bbq, raffles, and more. Downtown Manistique, free to the public.

8/29/25 **Summer Street Party** 6:30pm-9:30pm The summer street party will be in the social district of Manistique. This event is open to the entire community. More details coming soon.

8/29/25 **Manistique Fireworks** 9pm-10pm Fireworks at Dusk over the Manistique Marina. Rain date will be on Sunday.

8/29/25 **Makers Market** 10am-3pm in downtown's Triangle Park 244 S. Cedar Street, Manistique. 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

8/30/25 **Labor Day BBQ Party** 11am-2pm Celebrate Labor Day at Hoholik's Ace Hardware. There will be a complimentary BBQ, food, drinks, and a bounce house. 147 River St, Manistique.

8/30/25 **Highway 2 Drive-In Twister & Twisters Free Movie Event** 9pm Free event! Gates open at 7pm. The screening will start around 9pm at dusk with Twister from 1996, followed by Twister from 2024. Concessions include pizza, hot dogs, candy, and refreshments. Highway 2 Community Drive In Theater 5885W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI



DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY GREAT START

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Join us for free family fun, pizza, refreshments, and door prizes! There will be a fire truck to tour, face painting, and giant bubbles! Open to families with children 0-8 years old. Each child will receive a free book.

FIRE TRUCK TOUR | FACE PAINTING | BUBBLES

Saturday, August 23 | 11am- 1pm | Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavilion

Registration is appreciated so we can plan for food and other activities. Please register by scanning the qr code or at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b6_FXoWE0ldVzaQf-WQ_i1FS-w2uUdDqj7azqXyTNA/edit
For questions please contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net

The poster features a QR code, a picnic basket, a fire truck, and a child playing with bubbles.



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8/30/25 **Rock Lions Labor Day Celebration** 11am parade through Rock. Ends at the Lions Club grounds with activities for all ages. Music, food, bounce house, games and more. Located on M-35 in Rock, MI

8/31/25 **Nahma Labor Day Celebration** 11am parade, car show, bounce house, log sawing contest, face painting, bounce houses, games and live music from 11:30 until 8pm.

- 11:30-3:30pm Grand Design
- 4pm-8pm Stonewall

www.facebook.com/NahmaLaborDay

9/1/25 **Escanaba Labor Day Celebration**

Noon Parade down from the Marketplace down Ludington Street to Municipal Dock. Followed by a bounce house, obstacle course (2pm-6pm), beer tent & Bloody Mary bar, food and music. Ends with golf ball drop at 6pm

- 1pm-2:30pm Grand Design
- 3pm-4:30pm Delta Players
- 5pm-6:30pm House band with Pete Ammel



ICE CREAM Storytime

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
MANISTIQUE SENIOR CENTER
101 MAIN ST MANISTIQUE MI

Come and join us for a sweet storytime all about ice cream! We will be learning how to make ice cream in a bag and also eating our ice cream creation! Everyone is welcome, come join the fun!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MONICA POWELL AT MPowell@dsisd.net OR 574-274-1949



Little Summer Explorers

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

JUNE 11- NATURE
JULY 9- BUBBLES
AUGUST 6- WATERMELON

Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavillion
 375 Traders Point Drive stop #4

FREE!

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.

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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
VDECLAIRE@GLRC.ORG OR
 906-464-4046.. #4





Tips with Tosha

Back to School



School is right around the corner! This makes for a perfect time to sit down and talk to your kids about all kinds of things!

- Preparing them to take directions from teacher and staff
- Talking to them about how some kids learn differently! Some students will go to different rooms with different teachers so they can learn in a manner that best suits them!
- Being kind to all, even when it's difficult.
- Talking to an adult if you see someone being bullied or are being bullied yourself.

It's also a great time to remember that your kids do not need all new school stuff.

- A backpack from last year is perfectly fine!
- Water bottles from last year are great if they don't leak!
- There's no need to buy an entirely new wardrobe for school if your child's clothing is weather-appropriate and fits well. But if you want to go for it!
- It's great to shop second-hand at Goodwill, St. Vinnies, and The Hope Store!

If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to talk with your teacher or contact Great Start or Help Me Grow. They can help answer questions or direct you to someone who can help. We want all kids (and parents) to have a great school year!

~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.



Apple Oatmeal Muffins



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup milk, non-fat
 - 1/3 cup applesauce, unsweetened
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup quick-cooking oats, uncooked
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 tablespoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 tart apple, cored & chopped
1. Wash hands with soap and water.
 2. Preheat oven to 400 °F.
 3. Place 6 cupcake holders in baking tin.
 4. In a mixing bowl, add milk and applesauce. Stir until blended.
 5. Stir in flour, oats, sugar, baking powder, and cinnamon. Mix until moistened (do not over mix).
 6. Gently stir in the chopped apples.
 7. Spoon into cupcake holders.
 8. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.
 9. Cool in pan 5 minutes before serving. Store unused portions in an airtight container.



FREE Special Education Webinars for Families

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

- 8/6 Return to School Webinar- Start Strong- Be IEP Ready for Back to School! 12:00pm -1:00pm.
- 8/7 ¡Empieza con todo!: ¡y prepárate con el IEP y arranca el regreso a clases con fuerza! (en Español). 12:00pm-1:00pm.
- 8/13 Return to School Webinar- Living Your Life with SPIN! 12:00pm -1:00pm.
- 8/20 Return to School Webinar- Setting Up Your Household for Success. 12:00pm -1:00pm.
- 8/21 IEP: A Closer Look 4:30pm-6:00pm.
- 8/27 Food Allergies at School 12:00pm -1:00pm.



Free Online Parenting Classes

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Visit <https://bit.ly/msuext-parentedu> to register

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.

- 8/5 Together We Can: Co-Parenting
- 8/12 Mindfulness for Children
- 8/19 What Children Need to Know to Start School
- 8/26 Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers

Kinship Caregivers

8/13 Thriving Together: Parenting and family relationships when a family member has a disability. 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Class Series

(Certificates of attendance are available)

7/16 through 8/13/25 **Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting** Explore routines, emotional control, rules, relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Wednesdays: 11:30am-1:00pm.

7/10 through 8/14/25 **Online Parent Talk System** Improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Thursdays, 7:30pm-9:00pm.