

September 2025



Great Start Family Coalition

The Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) brings local parents and caregivers together to make things better in our community for kids from prenatal through 3rd grade. The GSFC supports the Great Start Collaborative by sharing the importance of a child's early years and ways to help kids thrive. All kids deserve a great start in school and life. Get involved at our monthly meetings where we learn, support, and have fun together.

9/6 Delta County Family Picnic 11am-1pm at Besse Park. Please RSVP at 419-320-5542 with the # of adults and ages of kids attending to help us plan for food and materials. (see flyer on page 4.

9/10 Schoolcraft Meeting 5:30pm-7pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center

Story Times

Manistique School & Public Library
9/5 Great Start Music & Movement at 10am
9/19 Storytime at 10am

Manistique Senior Center
9/17 Great Start Storytime at 10:00am

Delta Animal Shelter
9/6 at 10:30am

Escanaba Public Library
9/20 Great Start Storytime 10:30am
9/27 S.T.E.A.M. Storytime 1pm

FAMILY COALITION HIGHLIGHTS

Schoolcraft's Coalition was up to lots of summer fun in August. They held the last Little Summer Explorers this month, but will be continuing Little Explorers in the fall. (Stay tuned for the exact dates and time!) Music and Movement also resumes every first Friday of the month at the Manistique School & Public Library. Make sure to come and get your wiggles out! Kids cooled off with ice cream at the Senior-Tot storytime this month. The next one will be on September 19th at 10am where a fun drum aerobic activity will follow stories. Family Liaison, Monica Powell, was invited to speak at the Rural Community Health Network in Mt. Pleasant about these intergenerational storytimes and was also featured in the Michigan Center for Rural Health's newsletter about innovative ways for hospitals to work with Great Start! August ended with the Annual Family Picnic, which had an amazing turnout. Nearly 70 people enjoyed giant bubbles, face painting, a fire truck tour, pizza, crafts, tot-sized activities, and door prizes. Family Coalition Meetings are returning in September. They are always looking for parent voices. Come check them out, they would love to have you on the team!

Delta held its August Meet-up at Gladstone Beach, which was rescheduled due to rain. Even though radars showed no rain, it was still overcast and sprinkling. This did not deter the group, who enthusiastically planned picnic activities, next year's projects, and parent-led strategies while the kids had fun splashing and making sandcastles. Regular meetings resume in October on the 2nd Monday of the month (10/13) from 6pm-7:30pm at New Life Church. These are open to all families in the community. The annual picnic is on September 6th at Picnic at Besse Park from 11 am-1pm. Please RSVP to Laurie via text/call at 419-320-5542 with the # of adults and ages of children attending to help plan for food and materials. Great Start's parent-led Storytimes will continue on the 3rd Saturday through March 2026. August's theme was Travel by Boat (21 adults/23 kids). Kids learned about boats and explored the concepts of sink or float. The next storytime is on September 20th at 10:30am. The theme will be Fun with Puppets. Hope to see you there!



Monica presents to the Rural Community Health Network about Great Start's intergenerational literacy efforts.



Delta members gathered at the beach to play and make plans for the upcoming year.



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September 2025 Community Events



Delta County Events

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8/29/25 **School's Out Fun Days** 7:30am-5:30pm at the Wells Childcare Center in Wells, MI. \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. Registration is required. The fun-filled day will include group activities, arts & crafts, and games. Please bring lunch, outdoor wear, and snacks. 906-789-0202.

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.rocks for details.

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.

8/30 to 9/1/25 **Thomas Theatre Free Summer Movie Series: Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2** at 2pm & 4pm Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at Willow Creek Theater.

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 a golf ball drop at 6pm

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

9/1 through 9/4/25 YMCA Youth & Pee-Wee Flag Football

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

9/1 through 9/30/25 **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.

9/1 through 9/29/25 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays 3pm-6pm at The Market Square, 907 Delta Avenue.

9/1 through 9/29/25 **Rapid River Farmers Market** Mondays & Thursdays 3pm-6pm until 10/16 at the Masonville Township Recreation Area, Cole St, Rapid River.

9/2 through 12/19/25 **NLYMCA Before/After School Program** Monday-Friday 7am-9am and 2:30pm-6:30pm at the Northern Lights YMCA and Cameron Center in Gladstone. It provides a reliable, safe, fun environment for your child (Ages 5-12) to prepare for their school day and unwind afterward. \$50 per week. Contact 906-789-0202 for more information.

9/2 through 9/30/25 **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

9/2 through the end of the school year. **We Rock the Spectrum UP North After School program** An inclusive, sensory-friendly environment that fosters learning, creativity, and personal growth M-F. Homework assistance, rotating academic enrichment themes, gross motor & life skills. Call 906-553-7186 to reserve your child's spot.

9/2 through 9/30/25 **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.

9/2/25 **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.

9/3/25 through 9/24/25 **Bark River Farmers/Makers Market** 3pm-6pm Wednesdays at the Bark River Intersection on 41.

9/4/25 through 9/25/25 **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.

9/6/25 **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.deltainimal.org

9/6/25 **Great Start Annual Family Picnic** 11am-1pm at Besse Park. Celebrate 906 Day with us!! FREE family fun, activities, free books, games, prizes, bounce house, pizza, facepainting, and more!! 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 to help us plan for food and materials. All are welcome!

9/6/25 **Back to School Open House** 11am-1pm at the Escanaba Public Library Drop into the library and complete 6 stations for a chance to win a gift card. Snacks, swag, fun activities, and meet author Sue Harrison. escanabalibrary.org

9/9/25 **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.

9/10/25 **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.

9/13 through 10/31/25 **Hayes Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch** opens weekends 10:30pm-6:30pm Family Fun Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, & Hay Rides. \$13 per person, kids 2 and under free. 3474 St. Nicholas Rd, Rock. 906-241-6924 for details.

9/13/25 **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 'Back to School'.

9/13/25 **Movie Night in Ludington Park: Minecraft Movie** 9:30pm-11:30pmat Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. Free! Just bring your jammies, a blanket or a chair, and a snack. Weather permitting.

9/17/25 **Feed America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba.

9/17/25 **Raise the Roof Block Party** 5pm to 10pm at the Bonifas Art Center. A fundraiser to help the Players de Noc rebuild the theater which was damaged by lightning this spring. Food, games, raffles, and prizes will make this event fun for the whole family. Enjoy headline entertainment by Stonewall from 6 to 10 p.m. as well as some familiar faces to the Bonifas Stage. Together we can "Raise the Roof!"

9/18/25 **Hot Rods and Harleys Cruise Night** 4pm-8pm at American Legion Post 71, Gladstone All makes, models, years welcome. Rain or shine.

9/18/25 **Family Academy: Supporting School Readiness at Home** 5pm-7pm at Bay College. Join United Way for a FREE evening of fun activities families can do to build literacy skills and promote school readiness. Free food at 5pm, free books, goodies and prizes too!! Register by contacting Julie Mallard at julie@uwdelta.org or 906-786-3736 or scan the QR code on page 7.

9/19 through 9/21/25 **4th Annual U.P Ice Fishing & Hunting Expo and Craft It UP 906 Craft Show** at the State Fairgrounds. Fri 3pm-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm, and Sun 9am-3pm Free and open to the public. A canned good donation gets you into the event. Hard and open water fishing gear, tackle, and accessories. Hunting gear, guns, knives, and more! Music by Stonewall on Friday 5pm-8pm, Saturday 4pm-6pm. Kids games and prizes!

9/19 to 9/21/25 **North American Hill Sheep Show** at the UP State Fairgrounds 10am-9pm daily. A 3 Day UK-style hill sheep herding show. Enjoy charming cultural activities, farm-to-table dining experiences, sheep show, stock dog trial, presentations, children's area, vendors and more. Capture all of the romanticism and charm of sheep herding. \$15 per person/weekend pass \$35, Children 8 and under FREE. Veterans & Active Military 1/2 price. nahillsheepshow.com

9/20/25 **Great Start Storytime: Fun with Puppets** 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.

9/24/25 **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. On-site registration available with I.D. Call 906-789-7323 for more info.

9/25/25 **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.

9/26/25 **Food Truck Rally** 11am to 7pm at the UP State Fairgrounds Check out a variety of mouthwatering delights perfect for lunch, dinner or satisfying that munchie craving from many of your favorite local food trucks. Free entry.

9/26, 27, 28 (matinee) and Oct 2, 3, 4; 2025 **Dont Mention My Name** 7:30pm in Bay College's Besse Theater. Players de Noc brings you a delightful comedy from award-winning playwright Fred Carmichael, a man suffering from temporary amnesia, who stumbles into a remote bed and breakfast off-season, only to find he was expected for the weekend \$20 (9/28 is a 1:30pm matinee) playersdenoc.org

9/27/25 **Gladstone Downtown Day** 12pm-4pm on Delta Ave. This lively celebration features local vendors, live music, family-friendly activities, and delicious food, showcasing everything Gladstone's vibrant downtown has to offer. Support local businesses, connect with the community, and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all ages. Visit our Great Start table for a craft and free books for the kids!

9/27/25 **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 includes a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) craft. No registration is required for this free event.

9/27/25 **4th Annual Harvest Fest** 4pm 2792 F Rd, Bark River Planting with a Purpose grows produce to donate to local food pantries. They will have food made from the garden as well as a fireworks show in the evening. Learn more about what they do to combat food insecurity. plantingwithapurpose.com

9/27/25 **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 camping, boating, transportation, or special tours.

9/29/25 **United Way School Readiness Summit** 5:30pm- 8pm at the Bay College Heirman Center. Parents/caregivers, teachers, and early childhood professionals are invited to join United Way in finding ways to strengthen the social/emotional development of young children and school readiness. Be a part of this important work! Includes dinner. Contact Julie Mallard to RSVP at julie@uwdelta.org or 906-786-3736.

10/3/25 **Fayette Annual Fall Fest** 11am-2pm at the Fayette Historic State Park in Garden, MI. Join in for hay rides, Halloween style fun, campsite decorating, and kids activities that adults will enjoy too! Saturday night 8-10pm will have a haunted trail that is open to all hearty souls! uptravel.com



GREAT START FAMILY PICNIC



Free and open to ALL families with young children in Delta County.
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 | GAMES | FREE BOOKS
BOUNCE HOUSE | FACEPAINTING | PRIZES | AND MORE!!**

**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



Great Start Storytime

FUN WITH Puppets

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025
10:30 am**

at the Escanaba Public Library

Free stories and activities with the
Great Start Family Coalition.
Geared toward kids 0-6 years, but all are welcome!
No registration required.



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



MICHIGAN STATE
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Free Online Parenting
Classes

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**.

- 9/2/25 **Working Together to Develop Early Literacy Skills** (Infant/Toddler)
- 9/9/25 **Back to the Basics: Skills in Infant and Toddler Care**
- 9/16/25 **Talking with Kids About Differences**
- 9/23/25 **Young at Art**
- 9/30/25 **RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers**

Kinship Caregivers

9/10/2025 **Introduction to the HOPE Framework**
7pm to 8:30pm

9/19/2025 **Lunch and Learn: Introduction to Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences**
11:30am to 1pm

Class Series

(Certificates of attendance are available)

Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting: Explore routines, emotional control, rules, relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Thursdays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9 from 7:30pm-9pm

Online Parent Talk System: Improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14 from 11:30am-1pm

Building Strong Adolescents

How to navigate the teen years for parents and caregivers with children between 9-16. Learn to set boundaries, promote independence, and encourage positive relationships? Mondays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13 from 7pm to 9pm



Schoolcraft County Events



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

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 **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

9/1/25 through 9/29 **Tai Chi-Senior Center** 5pm-5:30pm Every Monday \$10 a month. It is open to all ages. Those who have tried it out really enjoy it. It is a different form of Tai Chi, but still wonderful for strength building, flexibility, balance, and coordination. Manistique Senior Center, 101 Main St, Manistique.

9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29 **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.

9/1/25 **Manistique Labor Day Bridge Walk and Duck Race** Bridge Walk starts at 2pm at Manistique Marina. The Duck Race Starts at 2:15 at the US2 Bridge in Manistique River with the Finish Line at Flatiron Brewing.

9/1/25 **3 Bridge Walk** 8am-12pm The Curtis Chamber of Commerce Annual Bridge Walk. The sign-up table will be outside the Shipwreck. T-shirts will be available. Water stations will be at every bridge.

9/3/25 **Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am-11:30am or until food is gone at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 7870 West US-2.

9/3 through 9/24 **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

9/3/25 **SMH 75th Anniversary Community Celebration** 5pm-9pm Live music, free snow cones, food trucks, bounce house, face painting, crafts, sidewalk sales, and more. Downtown Cedar St. Manistique.

9/4 & 9/18 **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.

9/5/25 **EBAs Rummage Sale** 9am-5pm at the VFW Hall in Manistique 344 N Maple St. Any questions please call 906-341-0338.

9/5/25 **Community Garden Event** 5:30pm Come out to the Community Garden in Manistique for an end-of-year event. There will be a potluck. More details to come.

9/5/25 **Great Start Music and Movement** 10am-11am We will have a morning of music, movement, and fun as we wiggle, shimmy, and shake to children's music! We will have a parachute and fun musical instruments that we will incorporate into the morning. A free book and light snack are provided. This event is aimed for children 0-5 with adult supervision, but all are welcome!

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, & 9/26 **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

9/5, 9/12, 9/19, & 9/26 **Friday Fish Fry** 5pm - 8pm Public Welcome! Take out or inside Dining. Manistique Moose Lodge, M-149, Manistique.

9/10/25 **Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 5:30pm-7pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center. We will be discussing school readiness, come and join us for your voice to be heard. Free Dinner and Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net with the ages and number of children attending.

9/11/25 **Open House Picnic-Senior Center** 11:30am-3pm. Manistique Senior Center, 101 Main St, Manistique, MI. Picnic lunch will be served. Must RSVP by September 9th by calling 906-3411-5085. Karaoke with Mary Larson & Crew, Music with Tim Derwin & Friends and The Senior Swingers Band. Photo Booth. Suggested donation for lunch \$4.50 for 60 and over, \$7 for those under 60.

9/12/25 **The Pine Performance Center presents SHOUT! A Fantastic Tribute to the Fab Four** 7pm-9pm Erickson Center for the Arts, Curtis MI Doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$42 at MyNorthTickets.com or \$48 at the door.

9/13/25 **Schoolcraft County Health Fair** 9am-2pm Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, 7870 US-2, Manistique, MI. Join us for a free community health event with health screenings, wellness demos, and fun for all ages. Kids can visit the Teddy Bear Clinic, while families explore interactive booths, enjoy giveaways and take part in hands-on activities.

9/17/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Move and Groove Story Time** 10am-11am Join us at the Manistique Senior Center for our move and groove story time. We will be reading stories about exercise, and afterwards Miss Heather will be leading us in a fun drum aerobics activity for the kids. A snack and free book will be provided. Everyone is welcome, come join the fun! 101 Main Street, Manistique.

9/19/25 **Manistique School & Public Library Storytime** 10am-11am Children 5 and under, with adult supervision, are invited for story time fun! We will share a story, activities and a snack. 100 N Cedar St.

9/20/25 **2nd Annual Veteran U.P. SXS or Vehicle Poker Run** open to all Michigan Residents. \$10 per person, kids under 10 are free. End the run with dinner at the VFW Hall in Manistique. There will be music, cornhole, and horseshoes. Must call to register: Schoolcraft County Veteran Service Office (906) 341-3669.

9/20/25 **Oktober Fest at Flatiron** 12pm-9pm 375 Traders Point Dr Stop 4 Manistique MI. There will be Live Music by Drednot from 5-8pm, as well as Bavarian Pizza and Pretzels!

9/25/25 **Third Thursday at Kewadin Casino** 5pm-7pm Kewadin Casinos, 5630 US-2, Manistique, MI Join us for a fantastic networking opportunity. Connect with fellow locals who are passionate about our community. Enjoy engaging conversations, delicious food, and drinks. Tickets can be purchased online at www.discovermanistique.com or at the door.

9/27/25 **Flannel Fest** 11am-6pm West Side of Manistique. Flannel Fest is back for 2025! Mark your calendars and look for more information as the date gets closer!

9/27/25 **RRN Giant Garage Sale** 9am-3pm at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds in Manistique. From timeless treasures to daily essentials, you'll find something for everyone. Admission is \$2 per person; kids get in for free! There will be food vendors on site.



SAVE THE DATE

THE DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY GREAT START FAMILY COALITION MEETINGS WILL RESUME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
5:30PM-7PM
AT LAKE EFFECT COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

FREE
DINNER AND CHILCARE PROVIDED!



GREAT START COLLABORATIVE Delta-Schoolcraft Counties

STORIES & CRAFTS WITH SENIORS & TOTS PRESENTS

MOVE AND GROOVE STORYTIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 20205
10 AM - 11 AM
MANISTIQUE SENIOR CENTER
101 MAIN ST
MANISTIQUE MI

Come and join us for our Move and Groove Story time. We will be reading stories about exercise, and afterwards Miss Heather will be leading us in a fun drum aerobics activity for the kids. A snack and free book will be provided. Everyone is welcome, come join the fun!

FOR QUESTIONS
CONTACT MONICA POWELL
AT 574-274-1949
OR MPowell@DSISD.NET



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

10:00AM-11:00AM
SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

MANISTIQUE SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY
101 MAIN ST MANISTIQUE

Join us the first Friday of every month for Music and Movement! We will have a morning of music, movement, and fun as we Wiggle, shimmy, and shake to children's music! We will have a parachute and fun musical instruments that we incorporate into the morning. A free book and a light snack are provided. This event is aimed for Children 0-5 with adult supervision, but all are welcome!

Songs & Stories For 5 & Under

Manistique School of Public Library



LET'S TALK SPORTS

WHAT DOES AN ATHLETE DO?
JUMP!
HOW CAN WE MOVE OUR BODIES?
HOPI! DANCE!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPORT?
GO TEAM!
HOW MANY BASKETS CAN YOU MAKE?
1 2 3
WHICH BALL IS THE BIGGEST? SMALLEST?

TALKING IS TEACHING. **TALK READ SING**

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FAMILY ACADEMY
Supporting School Readiness at Home

5:00 PM
Food

5:30-7:00 PM
FUN!

Thursday, September 18th at Bay College, Heirman Center

A **FREE** evening of fun activities you can do with your child to build literacy skills and promote school readiness!

- Rhythm & Rhyme
- Storytelling
- Words & Wiggles
- Pretend & Perform
- Family Strategy Toolbox

PLUS Free books, goodies and prizes!

Registration is requested:



Or contact the United Way office:
906-786-3736
julie@uwdelta.org





FREE Special Education Webinars for Families
Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org for registration & more special education information

- 9/10 Know Your Rights: Procedural Safeguards 12pm-1:30
- 9/11 IEP: A Closer Look 9:30am-11:00am
- 9/17 Serving on Special Education Committees 12pm-1:30pm
- 9/24 Special Education Evaluation and Eligibility 12pm-1:30pm
- 9/26 Sensory Processing (Part 1) 1pm-2:30pm
- 10/3 Sensory Processing (Part 2) 1pm-2:30pm
- 10/3 Building Parent Leadership Skills in Early Childhood Four Fridays 9:30am-10:30am

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:
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Openings at FACE for families with Native American Heritage!!

The Hannahville FACE Program (Family and Child Education) is designed to support Indigenous families through parent involvement, early learning opportunities, and family engagement. The goal is to strengthen the home-school connection and help children build a strong foundation for lifelong success. Parents/Guardians of children prenatal to 3rd who have Native American Heritage are eligible for these cost-free services including the Family Enrichment Program for Families who are prenatal through children age 3 and the Pre-K Program for children ages 4-5 and their families. The FACE program serves families in Escanaba, Bark River, Gladstone, Wilson, and Powers, offering services individualized to each family's needs. Contact Cara Koster, Director of Early Intervention Programs & FACE Coordinator, at 906-723-2719 cara.koster@hannahvilleschool.net for more information!

Tips with Tosha

Beautiful fall crafts

Fall brings opportunities for fun seasonal crafts! One easy one toddlers love is a sticky leaf collage!

Supplies:

- Leaf's, flower petals, and grass
- Contact paper

Directions:

Cut two equal-sized shapes out of clear contact paper. Peel one sheet. Place gathered leaves, flower petals, and grass onto the sticky side of the contact paper into desired design. Peel the other piece of the contact paper and place over design. You can cut the piece into any shape (hearts, circle, letter) Now you have a beautiful piece of nature artwork!

These are super fun to display in windows with the sun shining!

Another beautiful craft is leaf mobiles. There are many easy variations.

Supplies:

- Pretty freshly fallen leaves
- Yarn or string
- Thread (black or white is best)
- Stick(s) or wooden wreath ring

Directions:

Cross 2 -3 sticks and tie in the middle with yarn. Tie the leave stems to the thread, then tie the thread to the end of each stick. Add more leaves until balanced or simply tie them to a single stick or the craft ring. Hang indoors or out. It's best where it can catch a breeze. Throw away when the leaves have withered and make a new one next 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 wonderful children.



Baked Carrot Fries

With Yogurt-Sunflower Seed Butter Dip

Give your baby carrots a makeover as a healthy snack or sidedish with a tasty dip.



Ingredients

- ¾ cup + 1 Tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 3 Tbsp sunflower seed butter (or regular butter)
- 4 cups (1 lb 1 oz) baby carrots
- ½ tsp salt
- 1½ tsp canola oil

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
2. Preheat oven to 400 °F.
3. In a small bowl, combine yogurt and sunflower seed butter. Use a fork or rubber spatula to mix until smooth. Set aside. Keep cold at 40 °F or lower.
4. In a small bowl, combine carrots, salt, and oil. Toss.
5. Place carrots on a baking sheet in a single layer. Bake for 20 minutes or until lightly brown on the bottom. Heat to 140 °F or higher for at least 15 seconds.
6. Serve ½ cup carrot fries (about 6-10) and 2 Tbsp dip. Serve immediately, or keep dip cold at 40 °F or lower and keep carrot fries warm at 140 °F or higher.