

# NEWS RELEASE

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## U.P. Media Honored for Good News

The 2013 Good News Awards set a record for the greatest number of awards presented in its 16-year history, 33. In addition, eight Certificates of Merit were presented to media outlets from throughout the Upper Peninsula at the annual luncheon and awards ceremony held on June 6 at First Presbyterian Church in Marquette.

The Good News Awards honor local works of excellence in broadcasting, print and on the web that affirm the dignity of people, recognize and uphold universally-recognized human values, and uplift and nourish the human spirit. They are sponsored by the religious leaders of the Presbyterian, United Methodist, Catholic, Episcopal and Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the Upper Peninsula region.

This year 17 newspapers, online publications, radio stations and TV stations entered a total of 58 entries in the Good News Awards, which began in 1998. Forty-three media professionals were recognized for the positive stories they wrote and programs they produced during 2012.

Here are the 2013 Good News Awards by division and category:

### Daily Written News

#### Straight News Story

**Certificate of Merit:** The Daily Globe, Ironwood for “An Expected Journey: E-TC Students Watch ‘The Hobbit’ after Reading the Book” (a field trip for these middle-schoolers proved to be a fruitful outing) by Michelle Thomasini

#### Feature Story

**Good News Award:** The Daily News, Iron Mountain for “Kingsford Woman Helps Clothe Needy Children around the Globe” (Sally Karttunen and some fellow women in the area have been making pillowcase dresses to send to children in Third World countries) by Linda Lobeck

**Good News Award:** The Daily Globe, Ironwood for “Kody Nation: Watersmeet Junior Brings Excitement, Tears to Nimrod Action” (a strong feature about a young athlete with cerebral palsy and his community around him) by Jason Juno

**Certificate of Merit:** The Daily Press, Escanaba for “The Post-it Principal” (students fill principal’s office with Post-it note messages) by Dorothy McKnight

**Certificate of Merit:** The Mining Journal, Marquette for “Coping with Tragedy” (a family is struck by horrific and unexpected tragedy) by Renee Prusi

### Editorial

**Good News Award:** The Mining Journal, Marquette for “Pet for Christmas Gift is a Lifetime Commitment” (editorial reminds readers that pets must always be loved, cared for after holidays; UPAWS is also promoted) by Renee Prusi

### Regular Column

**Good News Award:** The Mining Journal, Marquette for “Local Wonders” (a local seminarian balances Scripture, her experiences to find her way) by Ann Gonyea

### Photograph

**Good News Award:** The Daily Press, Escanaba for “Brave Steps Forward” (feature photo at Gladstone High School graduation) by Holly Richer

**Good News Award:** The Daily Globe, Ironwood for “Mural, Mural on the Wall” (the realization of the Miners Mural project in June was a big event in the community. Cortney caught a moment of workers today honoring workers of the past) by Cortney Ofstad

**Good News Award:** The Mining Journal, Marquette for “National Hospice and Palliative Care Month” (care and affection are apparent between caregiver and hospice patient) by Abbey Hauswirth

### Series

**Good News Award:** The Daily Press, Escanaba for “Picking up the Pieces” (three-part series dealing with autism) by Jason Raiche, Dorothy McKnight and Ilsa Matthes

**Good News Award:** The Mining Journal, Marquette for “St. Vincent de Paul Series” (the many good works of St. Vincent de Paul are profiled) by Abbey Hauswirth

## **Non-daily Written News**

### Straight News Story

**Good News Award:** Bay Mills News, Brimley for “Locals Travel to Rome for Kateri Canonization” (members of Blessed Kateri Church traveled to witness canonization of Native American) by Shannon Jones

**Good News Award:** The Munising News, Munising for “Kori Baij Achieves Academic Honors” (Munising High School senior is National Merit Scholar finalist) by Marilyn Wood

**Good News Award:** Marquette Monthly, Marquette for “Local WWII Veterans Honored with Visit to National Memorial” (the article focuses on the honor flight program that enables veterans to visit Washington, D.C.) by Nicole Gearhart

### Feature Story

**Good News Award:** The Munising News, Munising for “Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative Assists those Returning to Society” (what the MPRI does in the Central U.P., how it helps those in the program, the challenges and successes faced by both the participant and the program itself) by Amanda Ingraham

**Good News Award:** Marquette Monthly, Marquette: “Marquette Youth Set Bike-a-thon Records back in Summer of '68” (this historic feature connects past

and present childhoods and brings back warm memories) by George Sedlacek and John French (illustrations)

**Good News Award:** Win Awenen Nisitotung, Sault Ste. Marie for “Seeing Eye-to-eye across Generation Gaps” (teens and elders help each other through school program) by Rick Smith

**Good News Award:** Bay Mills News, Brimley for “Eagle Staff Donated to Brimley Schools” (Ceremonial tribal Eagle staff donated to local school district) by Sharlene Myers

**Good News Award:** Upper Peninsula Second Wave, Gwinn for “Small-town Pickford Swaps Recession for Reinvention” (profiles how a small eastern U.P. town works together to rebuild a community-focused economy) by Neil Moran

#### Editorial

**Good News Award:** Upper Peninsula Second Wave, Gwinn for “Upside of Life: Sometimes Rules are Meant to be Changed” (the editor advocates for a state high school sports rule to be changed for students with disabilities) by Sam Eggleston

**Certificate of Merit:** The North Wind, Marquette for “Support Marquette Businesses” (the editorial encourages students and the community to support local businesses) by Lee McClelland

#### Regular Column

**Good News Award:** Marquette Monthly, Marquette for “When the Dream Becomes a Nightmare” (although it may seem dark, the column explores what it is to grieve and come out the other side) by Don Curto

**Good News Award:** Upper Peninsula Second Wave, Gwinn for “Redefining the Identity of ‘Grandma’” (columnist writes about how the prospect of becoming a grandmother means a new identity) by Deb Pascoe

#### Photograph

**Good News Award:** Upper Peninsula Second Wave, Gwinn for “The Northern Lights: A Slideshow by Shawn Malone” (the lead photo for a presentation of Northern Lights photos) by Shawn Malone

**Certificate of Merit:** Bay Mills News, Brimley for “Mush!” (dogs work across snowy trails as part of the annual Kinross Sled Dog Race) by Shannon Jones

**Certificate of Merit:** The Munising News, Munising for “Ferris Wheel 4th” (playful summer fun on a Michigan ferris wheel in July) by Bill Savage

### **Television**

#### Straight News Story

**Good News Award:** WBUP-TV/WBKP-TV, Ishpeming for “Moving Vietnam Wall” (As the city of Gladstone celebrates its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday, the occasion includes a visit from the country’s largest traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial) by Mike Hoey

**Good News Award:** WLUC-TV, Negaunee for “Heritage Manor Move” (after a fire burned an elderly apartment complex, college students help residents retrieve their belongings) by Gabrielle Mays

Feature Story

**Certificate of Merit:** WBUP-TV/WBKP-TV, Ishpeming for “Urinal Cakes” (anti-drunk driving message goes into the toilet, literally, as talking urinal cakes remind men about safe driving practices) by Mike Hoey

Editorial

**Good News Award:** WLUC-TV, Negaunee for “The UPside – Dompierre” (about Eric and Dean Dompierre, who petitioned the Michigan High School Athletic Association for a waiver and to change a rule) by Rob Jamros and Larry Deloria

Public Service Announcement

**Good News Award:** WLUC-TV, Negaunee for “Camp Star” (about a kids’ grief camp) by Kim Parker

Program

**Good News Award:** WLUC-TV, Negaunee for “Be the Change Program” (culmination of a year-long “Be the Change” initiative, which highlighted the remarkable service of U.P. residents) by Regena Robinson (host and producer) and the TV6 news team

Series

**Good News Award:** WBUP-TV/WBKP-TV, Ishpeming for “What is Hospice?” (five-part series looks at hospice in the U.P. during National Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness Month) by Mike Hoey and Cynthia Thompson

**Radio**

Straight News Story

**Good News Award:** WMQT-FM/8-18 Media, Marquette for “Love Out Loud” (Marquette Alternative High School students hold a rally and march to draw attention to the issue of bullying) by Maggie Guter (14), Will Guter (11) and Rachel Hahn (10)

Editorial

**Good News Award:** WMQT-FM/8-18 Media, Marquette for “Food for Thought” (a young man is forced to examine which of his parents’ values he will keep as his own) by Ben Harris (16)

Public Service Announcement

**Good News Award:** WYKX-FM, Escanaba for “‘Duck Lake Fire’ Thank You!” (stations collected various essential supplies for firefighters at Seney) by Mike Flavor

Program

**Good News Award:** WNMU-FM, Marquette for “Veterans’ Reflections” (In this Veterans’ Day special, local veterans share stories and poems of what life is like as members of the U.S. armed forces overseas. Their words tell the stories you don’t see on TV or read in the newspaper, the stories of regular folk put in

extraordinary situations far from home) by Hans Ahlstrom (host) and Alex Gubbins

Series

**Good News Award:** WDBC-AM, Escanaba for “Shop this Town” (educating listeners on the impact of shopping locally) by Kim Rabitoy

**Good News Award:** WYKX-FM, Escanaba for “Honor Flight” (series of spots featuring veterans’ experience on Honor Flight) by Mike Flavor

**Certificate of Merit:** WNMU-FM, Marquette for “Learning through the Seasons” (promoting the educational benefits for young children of doing easy, fun-filled activities using materials found around their home and community) by Stan Wright, Iris Katers and Grandparents Teach Too.org

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