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Early shopping is the key to success this season! The Escanaba DDA has planned an exciting schedule of events to give a reason for the season in our charming downtown!

Saturday, November 7th – William Bonifas Holiday Arts Fair

A kind and artful way to open your holiday season. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., twenty-five booths of selected arts and crafts offer delights in all price ranges. There is also a baked goods booth with toothsome delights to eat now or freeze. The Escanaba Downtown Development Authority is sponsoring a Holiday Art Walk the same day, so you can visit eight other spots with artists' wares. This sale smells good, looks good, and the parking is right out our accessible Studio entrance. Businesses that will be participating include: Earthly Creations, East Ludington Gallery, Leigh's Garden Winery, Morrison Shop, Nyman Jewelers, Sviland's, Wickert Floral, William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, and Woerpel Images. The DDA and Bonifas will publish a map of art locations in the Daily Press and U.P. Action. It will also be available as a "handout" or on our DDA Website. A charter bus will be available for transportation to each location. A special stop will be made for those who want to donate blood at the First Presbyterian Church. Their blood drive will be from 10-1:45 at 819 1st Ave. South.

Friday & Saturday, November 6th & 7th – Christmas Preview

Ribbon cutting to officially open the downtown for the holidays: Friday, November 6th at Center Court 8 a.m. Kickoff of Downtown Escanaba's Christmas Preview. The longest and largest downtown in Michigan's Upper Peninsula invites shoppers to do some heavy "light" shopping in Downtown Escanaba. Two miles of traditional evergreen boughs and thousands of sparkling Christmas lights will dress the downtown, providing the perfect backdrop to begin your holiday shopping. On Friday, November 6th, Santa, along with Mrs. Clause will host a ribbon cutting to officially kick off the holiday shopping season. Local merchants will be offering special deals through out the weekend, along with a variety of activities. Downtown businesses are hopeful that bargain hunters will head downtown to save some bucks before they head out the following weekend hunting for bucks. For more information, visit www.deltami.org or call or call 906-789-8696.

November 7th – Picture Your Pet with Santa

The Delta Area Animal Society is once again holding their fund-raiser "Picture Your Pet with Santa." Photos by Jack Willette. There are five packages to choose from, including Christmas cards. Walk-Ins are welcome. Proceeds will benefit our on-going spay/neuter programs, Delta Area Animal Society, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pet Place, Barb 906-474-9219.

November 19th-20th – "Girls Just Wanna have Fun Contest"

Drawing will be held Friday, November 20th at 9 a.m. on Eagle 107.3. The Winner can take 3 friends for an overnight stay, Limo, DDA Dollars, Day of Pampering and more! To register go to our website: www.UPCars.com or www.radioeagleescanaba.com and click on Girls Just Want to Have Fun Contest.

November 14th – 3rd Annual Eskymo Christmas Craft Sale

Over 70 crafters, artists, authors, etc. will be present. 100% of the money raised goes to the Escanaba High School Baseball team, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., \$1 donation, if interested in being a vendor, booths start at \$40. Escanaba High School Gym and Commons Area, Pamela Farrell, 906-428-9989, or email: redharleygirl@charter.net.

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November 20th & 21st – East Ludington Gallery Open House

Join us from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and enjoy 10% off everything and goodies while you shop. See art and gifts by Upper Peninsula artists including: baskets, jewelry, oil and water color paintings, pottery, wooden bowls, wine stoppers and pepper mills, photography, quilted wall hangings, purses, books by local authors, stained glass, wood hats and woven scarves, and much more.

Friday, November 20th – The William Bonifas Fine Arts Center presents, “50 Years of Motown Cabaret”

Join us for an evening of sweet, soul music as we celebrate 50 years of Motown inspired melodies. Local musicians including, Phil Lynch, the Jeff Nelson Trio, Theresa and Laura Klein, Lynn Chylek and more will take you back to a special place in time. Our emcee for the evening will be the Eagle 107.3 own morning man, Tommy K. As always, the cabaret will also include great food and door prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Arts Center, at Gust Asp or online www.secure-up.com/bonifasConcertReg/register.asp. Tickets \$12.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door. Don't delay, buy your tickets today, the last 3 cabarets were SOLD OUT! For more information call the Arts Center at 906-786-3833.

November 21st – Destination Delta: Chamber Christmas Shopping Excursion

Jump aboard the Delta County Chamber Excursion and tour some of Delta County's finest. From the unique downtown districts of Escanaba & Gladstone to the pleasant experiences that await you “Off the Beaten Path” the Delta County Chamber of Commerce is proud to share Delta County's treasures with you this holiday season. Participants include: Delta County Chamber Members. For more information call 906-786-2192.

Friday, November 27th – Black Friday

“Big Box” sales end early, come on downtown for breakfast and bargains in our relaxed, friendly atmosphere! Restaurants open at 6 a.m.; Stores open at 8 a.m. Downtown Escanaba “official” Christmas lighting (tree & garland) at 7 p.m.- Cookies & hot chocolate will be available; FREE sleigh rides downtown from 2-4:30 p.m. Visit by Santa & Mrs. Clause.

Twelve Days of Christmas Giveaway

You have 12 days between November 30th – December 15th to fill your 12 stamps on your card and when filled bring into the DDA office. The grand prize will be given away on Wednesday, December 16th. All of the names of those who registered will be put into the drawing for the grand prize. Basket items are both gift certificates and merchandise from downtown stores.

Any registrant who enters in the Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Promotion will be automatically entered. Registration slips will be available in the Daily Press & U.P. Action and at the DDA and participating businesses. Patrons are to collect twelve stamps (one at each participating business), fill out the slip, and enter into a registration box. An additional way to register will be to donate a present to the Senior Angel Tree at the DDA and receive a filled registration slip.

Christmas Parade – Friday, December 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas Parade will be held Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Parade begins at Ludington Street & 21st Street and runs to Ludington Street & 5th Street. The parade theme for this year is “The 12 Days of Christmas”. Parade line-up will begin by the Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. For additional details or to sign up for the parade call Bonnie Wenick-Kutz at 789-0900.

Wednesday, December 16th will be the drawing for the “Twelve Days of Christmas Giveaway” in Downtown Escanaba at the DDA Office.