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SECOND STABBING REPORTED IN CITY OF ESCANABA

By Escanaba Daily Press ESCANABA — A second stabbing has been reported in Escanaba in less than a week. The latest incident early Saturday morning has left a man with

serious injuries, according to the Escanaba Department of Public Safety. Another man was stabbed in the forearm Thursday in Escanaba. The two stabbings are not thought to be related.

The latest stabbing occurred at 12:24 a.m. Saturday in the back lounge area of The Granada bar, located at 330 S. 10th St. in Escanaba.

Escanaba Public Safety officers

were called to the bar after a report of a man being stabbed. When they arrived at the bar, officers found that a man had been stabbed in the abdomen.

He suffered serious injuries and

was taken to OSF St. Francis Hospital for treatment.

A male subject and female subject were later arrested in connection with the stabbings.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Lower Harbor cleanup successful



Above, volunteers bring in tires collected from Mattson Lower Park on Saturday during the fifth annual Underwater Cleanup. The Great Lakes Scuba Diving and Lake Preservation group, a local nonprofit, was in charge of the event. Below is Don Fassbender, who spearheaded the event. (Journal photos by Christie Mastic)

By CHRISTIE MASTRIC Journal Staff Writer MARQUETTE — Not as much trash was collected during the fifth annual Underwater Cleanup at Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Marquette on Saturday as in previous years, but maybe that's a good thing.

Don "Diver Don" Fassbender, who is president of the local nonprofit Great Lakes Scuba Diving and Lake Preservation, wore his scuba gear on Saturday to help spearhead the event.

"Today we got a couple dozen tires, an old washtub, an industrial exhaust fan, an epoxy settling tank, some barrels," Fassbender said. "If you look in that red dumpster, there's all kinds of crap."

Most of the items, he noted, will go to the Marquette County Landfill while the Superior Watershed Partnership will take the tires for recycling.

Fassbender said the GLSDLP has accomplished a lot at Mattson Lower Harbor Park over the years.

"Last year, we recorded 12 tons of tires," he said. "This year, we may have a ton, maybe a half a ton. It's hard to say until they weigh it, but I have a strong, sneaking suspicion that we're done with this harbor."

That doesn't mean future lake cleanups are over.

"It'll be Munising," Fassbender said. "It'll be L'Anse. We already worked with L'Anse one time, and I know where a bunch more tires are up there, so we're going to have an organized cleanup there as well."

David Ward of Marquette was one

of the volunteers who helped out on Saturday.

"I think just a nice thing to do for the lake," Ward said.

He acknowledged the efforts that went into Saturday's cleanup.

"A lot of people put a lot of work into getting this together, and it's fun, so why not?" Ward said.

Ward and a few other divers on Saturday also went to another part of the Lake Superior shoreline in the Marquette city limits — commonly known as "Bum's Beach" — and

found many cans, plastic bottles and decaying garbage.

Erica Hattis of Marquette was another volunteer who took time out to help clean up the Lower Harbor.

"I'm in this just to help the lake," Hattis said. "I feel like Lake Superior's been such an important part of life, and it's so important for everyone here, so (I'm) just trying to give back to her what we can, help clean her up a little bit."

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CITY OF NEGAUNEE



The facade of the Historic Vista Theater in the city of Negaunee is seen. (Journal file photo)

Vista Theater ownership shifts to city

By DREYMA BERONJA Journal Staff Writer NEGAUNEE — The Historic Vista Theater will soon receive a new roof.

Through the State Land Bank Authority, the city of Negaunee was awarded a \$435,424 competitive grant to stabilize the theater building by "constructing a roof on the building and removing negative environmental factors from inside."

"We are very fortunate to have great partners such as the Marquette County Land Bank Authority," Negaunee City Manager Nate Heffron said in a city

press release. "Together with our city staff, we will now be able to save this historic building in downtown Negaunee."

On Aug. 26, 2020, the Vista Theater's roof over the auditorium collapsed due to a rainwater buildup caused by a drainage failure. Since then, the building has been condemned.

During a special city council meeting in May, the council approved the transfer of ownership of the Vista Theater from the Peninsula Arts Appreciation Council to the city for

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CHARITABLE GIVING

Family foundation marks milestone

By CAROLINE RAY Journal Staff Writer MARQUETTE — The Community Foundation of Marquette County is celebrating 25 years of donations from the Nelson Family Foundation.

Over the past 25 years,

the Nelson Foundation has distributed \$125,000 in scholarships to local graduating seniors. The founders, Jeff and Paula Nelson, created the fund with the Community Foundation of

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Paula and Jeff Nelson celebrate a quarter century of giving with the Nelson Family Foundation. Money has been distributed to students from Westwood, Ishpeming and Negaunee high schools. (Photo courtesy of the Nelsons)

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