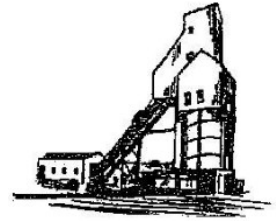


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LWVCC Calendar

March 26 Monday, 7:00pm	Jail and Courthouse Educational Meeting, Laird Township Hall	May 1 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton
April 2 Monday, 7:00pm	Board Meeting Country Inn & Suites, Houghton	June 28 – July 1	League of Women Voters' 53 rd National Convention 2018 Creating a more perfect democracy Chicago, IL
April 3 Tuesday, 7:00pm	Jail and Courthouse Educational Meeting, Hancock High School	August 14 Tuesday, 4:00pm	Potluck Summer Board Meeting Marchaterre, 1216 E Lakeshore Dr, Houghton
April 5 Thursday, 7:00pm	Jail and Courthouse Educational Meeting, Calumet High School	September 8 Saturday, 5pm	LWVCC Featured Organization at Keweenaw Roller Girls Solar System Smackdown Mixer Calumet Colosseum, Calumet
April 10 Tuesday, 11:30-12:30	Equal Pay Day event by MTU Husky Wear red to show support		
April 14 Saturday, 11:15am	Annual Meeting Guest Speaker Sarah Green Ramada Inn		

League Seeks Public Input on County Jail/Courthouse

Three public meetings have just been held and a public survey is still open at the League website www.lwvccmi.org to gather community comments and gauge interest in asking the Houghton County Board of Commissioners to delay placing millage language on the November ballot. A new jail facility is definitely needed, as the LWVCC position has stated since 2007. The problem right now is that the County Board has commissioned the preparation of a plan for an addition on the back of the historic courthouse without allowing any public input.

There are a number of concerns in the complex, including safety in the courthouse itself, and the Sheriff's department is also too cramped. The League feels a full examination of this as well as other options is needed. We are sharing the results of this effort with the commissioners. At the time of this printing, there are over 130 responses on the survey and the three meetings across the county have drawn over 100 people, generating thoughtful comments. The

committee will be working on summarizing the results and categorizing the comments.

Among the options is one never considered in the past. The City of Houghton owns land behind WalMart and Aspirus that is the last large undeveloped land in the city limits. The City Council has asked the County Board to open discussions with them about that land for building a new County courthouse, jail and sheriff department. That would take the whole complex out of the residential core of town and make the historic courthouse available for some new purpose. The County Board chose to ignore that outreach from the city. LWVCC is seeking to draw public attention to these issues.

The survey at our website is being extended because we understand the county board will not vote on millage language at least until their May meeting. Please help us spread the word and direct others to the site and be sure to fill out the survey yourself!

**A tremendous thank you to our friends and members.
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Women's History Month Exhibit

LWVCC and the Carnegie Museum are exploring a possible exhibit for Women's History Month next year that would illuminate important but little-known women from the Copper Country--our own Hidden Figures! Names mentioned so far are Verna Mize, Nancy Harkness Love, Annie Clemenc, Mary Chase Perry Stratton, and no doubt more who could be profiled. If you haven't heard of them or can't connect them to their place in history, all the more reason to bring their accomplishments to light and inspire future generations! The exhibit might also include the history of the local League and investigate if there were women's suffrage activities here. Anyone interested in helping to research and put such an exhibit together, please contact Kristine Bradof (kbradof@mtu.edu or 482-0446) or Elise Nelson (elisen@cityofhoughton.com or 482-7140)

A Friendly Reminder

Our League membership year runs from April to March. If you haven't yet renewed, now is the time. Please consider adding an additional donation when paying your dues. Tax-deductible donations to the Education Fund still benefit LWVCC. If you are interested in volunteering, call Mary Marchaterre 483-2291.

Don't Forget

Equal Pay Day is April 10th

This year we will again be on the campus of MTU at the Husky statue Tuesday, April 10th from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm to distribute information on Pay Equity. We will also hand out cookies with 80% in red frosting. Last year, we were very visible and had great media coverage.

LWVCC Annual Meeting is April 14

The LWVCC Annual meeting is Saturday, April 14th at 11:15 am at the Portage Room, Ramada, Hancock. Members sign-in by 11:15 am and lunch may be ordered from the Ramada Inn. We will hear from our speaker, Prof. Sarah A. Green talk on *Our Shared Future: Sustainable Development Goals in a Changing Climate* at 11:30 am and following lunch, the business meeting will begin.

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