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John and Pauline Kiltinen of Marquette make a presentation on Finland during the 2013 Little Christmas program at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Marquette. The Kiltinens will be honored later this month by the country of Finland for all their Finnish-related activities. (Journal file photo)

Finnish government to honor Kiltinens

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MARQUETTE — Whether it is FinnFest USA, the Pine Mountain Music Festival or commissioning the first ever Finnish-American opera, Marquette residents Pauline and John Kiltinen have made it a lifetime goal to recognize and celebrate their Finnish heritage.

On Jan. 30 in the Finnish American Heritage Center at Finlandia University in Hancock, it will be the couple's turn to be recognized — by the Finnish government.

Finnish Consul General Jukka Pietikainen will bestow the honor of First Class of the Order of the Lion to John, and the Cross of Merit of the Order of the White Rose to Pauline at the Heikinpatya Finnish Festival. According to a letter received from Finlandia University, these awards are some of the highest honors that the Finnish government bestows on non-Finnish citizens.

Then the League of Finnish-American Societies UP Chapter Finlandia Foundation Affiliate will present a program at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Masonic Center in downtown Marquette to celebrate the Kiltinens' honors, and to feature Pietikainen and Honorary Consul James Kurtti as speakers. There will also be special music by a select chorus led by Erin Colwitz of the Northern Michigan University Department of Music at that event.

In addition to the awards from the Finnish government, the Kiltinens were selected last month by the Hancock Finnish Theme Committee to preside over the annual Heikinpatya Festival as Hankooki Heikki and Hankooki Hilma. They will be riding in the Heikinpatya parade on Jan. 30 as well.

The Kiltinens are members of Finlandia University's Finnish Council in America and are active in numerous Finnish-American organizations that have Upper Peninsula connections.

They led an effort to commission the international opera that has played to sell out audiences in the Copper Country and in Finland. "Rockland" is about striking Finnish miners in the town of Rockland who are confronted by sheriff's deputies.

In addition, the couple has been actively involved in three FinnFest USA celebrations in the last three decades, two that were held in Marquette and one in the Copper Country; they are active in a variety of Finnish American organizations; and have been recently hailed as the driving force behind the renovation of Finlandia University's Wiljamen Community Hall.

The Kiltinens have no signs of stopping their efforts to promote Finnish culture in the United States, either. They are involved in the organization of a FinnFest USA in Buffalo, N.Y., and are also working with the Marquette City Band on a trip to Finland in the next few years.

They are also involved with several projects related to celebrating the centennial of Finland's declaration of independence from the Russian Republic in 2017.

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Show caters to future brides, grooms

The Masonic Building was packed with brides-to-be Saturday at The Ultimate Bridal Event presented by A Bride's Choice. The event featured local vendors to help the future brides secure wedding entertainment, photography, food, clothing and more. Pictured here is the fashion show in the Masonic Building's auditorium, featuring gowns and dresses and men's suits by various designers and music by Double Trouble DJ. For more information on weddings, see The Mining Journal wedding planner in the Feb. 17 edition. (Journal photo by Keisie Thompson)



Police Log

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information is collected from Marquette City Police Department dispatch log books recorded at the time the calls were received. The incidents reported may have proven to be unfounded once police investigated. Some log entries may be edited or omitted due to space constraints.

Friday

- 6:55 p.m., walk through at arena, 400 block East Fair Avenue
- 7:34 p.m., 911 hang up, all OK. Phone problem. 3100 block Island Beach Road
- 10:12 p.m., harassment complaint, 2000 block Wright Street
- 11:45 p.m., disorderly subject, sent on way, 100 block West Fair Avenue

Saturday

- 12:10 a.m., loud noise complaint, unfounded, 300 block Pine Street
- 1:15 a.m., disabled vehicle, assistance given, 400 block Kaye Avenue
- 1:29 a.m., driving while impaired arrest, McClellan Avenue and Sherman Street
- 2:30 a.m., disorderly subject, located and sent on way, 100 block West Washington Street
- 2:50 a.m., malicious destruction of property, glass window, Bluff Street elevator
- 4:31 a.m., possible operating while impaired, be on lookout issued. Located and arrest made. Commerce Drive and Cedarville
- 7:13 a.m., well-being check, OK, 2000 block West Ridge Street
- 7:53 a.m., parking complaint, no violation, 300 block West Michigan Street
- 8:15 a.m., injured deer in middle of road, 2100 block Wright Street
- 12:18 p.m., caller advised family member had stolen \$50, 500 block Wright Street
- 1:13 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle, 500 block

Norwood Avenue

- 1:37 p.m., parking complaint, 500 block Oak Street
- 2:48 p.m., arrest for unregistered motor vehicle, 500 block Norwood Avenue

- 2:56 p.m., 911 hang up, was accidental call, 1600 block Mill Creek Court
- 3:55 p.m., 911 hang up, was accidental call, 700 block Hennepin Road



Lincoln Avenue

- 4 p.m., 911 hang up, was accidental call, 1800 block Lincoln Avenue
- 6:29 p.m., private property hit-and-run property damage accident, 300 block West Washington Street
- 7:11 p.m., found dog, 400 block Center Street
- 8:07 p.m., trespass complaint, removed and issued trespass letter, subject returned, became disorderly. Arrested for trespass. 600 block North Third Street
- 8:42 p.m., driving with license suspended arrest, Fisher Street near Allamont Street
- 8:57 p.m., disabled vehicle in traffic, McClellan Avenue near U.S. 41
- 11:10 p.m., report of subjects knocking on doors then running off, unable to locate, 2900 block Parkview Drive
- 11:25 p.m., driving with license suspended arrest, 2000 block U.S. 41 West

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- 1:37 p.m., hit-and-run accident, Ridge and Bluff streets
- 1:59 p.m., neighbor's garage door open, neighbor was home, 800 block West Magnetic Street
- 3:18 p.m., property damage accident, Bypass and McClellan Avenue
- 3:31 p.m., larceny of a bicycle, 2100 block Fitch Avenue
- 4:12 p.m., hit-and-run accident, 1000 block West Washington Street
- 6:37 p.m., breaking and entering of shed, 700 block Pioneer Road

Sunday

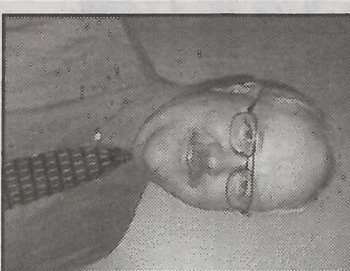
- 1:39 a.m., door found open at building. OK. Event in progress there, 100 block West Baraga avenue
- 3:33 a.m., loud noise complaint, turned into possible violation of restraining order. 900 block Jefferson Street
- 3:48 a.m., alarm, building secure and checked with owner present. 1000 block North Third Street
- 4:24 a.m., disturbance at business, 2000 block U.S. 41 West
- 8:17 a.m., assisted driver with getting to hospital, Bluff Street and Lincoln Avenue
- 11:01 a.m., abandoned vehicle at rental property, 2200 block Longyear Avenue
- 11:41 a.m., vehicle needs to be ticketed for private parking violation, 200 block West Hewitt Avenue
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Today

- 12:50 a.m., unwanted intoxicated male, officer located and spoke to subject, 100 block Dobson Place
- 1 a.m., caller reports his daughter and her friend as overdue motorists, females eventually returned home. Misunderstanding. 1200 block North Second Street
- 5:54 a.m., report of a car alarm going off for 30 minutes, owner of car located and problem corrected, 100 block East Ohio Street

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Superiorland Yesterdays

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NEGAUNEE — Negauge officials hope to send more information re-

searching for a site to house a planned reserve unit in Negaunee. Reserve officials met with Negaunee City Manager Tom McNabb and Sean O'Donnell, a district aide for U.S. Rep. Bob Davis, on Thursday and again on Friday.

atend the annual dinner-meeting of the Marquette Builders Exchange to be held at 6:30 this evening at the Marquette Golf and Country Club.

Principal speaker will be Herman D. Ellis OF St. Ignace, public information executive for the Mackinac



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