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We hew to the line; let the chips fall where they may.

Northern Michigan Unites in Support of Ukraine

Kyle Hoffman Assistant Editor Blue and yellow Ukrainian flags billow in the breeze above farmhouses and businesses throughout the Grand Traverse region. Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian people in the area have come together on multiple occasions to raise support for Ukraine since Russia invaded the country on Feb. 24. Events like demonstrations at the Open Space, church fundraisers with Ukrainian food, and online fundraisers have raised substantial awareness, support, and money.

For weeks, more than 10 million Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes as they flee from the Russian invasion. Many Ukrainians have been, and still are, in desperate need of food, clothes, shelter, and money, among other things. The local community has mobilized in great volume to provide any support that they can for Ukraine.

“At the church, what we do is send money to [other] churches helping displaced people,” Vitale Pavlishin, the pastor of the Ukrainian Slavic Evangelical Church in Grawn said. “It’s millions of people, so it’s very hard to accommodate. There’s no power or money or places for the government to do this, so it’s mostly churches.”

Sending money to provide Ukrainian churches with the means to provide specific support has been particularly effective.

“Even small churches, they buy flour and make bread themselves, or buy whole cows or whole pigs and either feed people who come to them or send it to Eastern Ukraine,” Pavlishin said.

Support can be hard to provide, though. Some Ukrainian cities are surrounded by Russian forces and it can be particularly difficult to get supplies in. The Ukrainian Slavic Evangelical Church in Grawn sends supplies to a church in Cleveland that used to send supplies directly to Ukraine, but they are now forced to send support to Poland, which attempts to get supplies in from there.

Pavlishin estimates that at least 400-500 Ukrainian people live in the Grand Traverse region, but support has come from everywhere in the community. Events initiated by Ukrainian residents have been met with large participation from the non-Ukrainian community.

“I think there has been mostly non-Ukrainians helping,” Pavlishin said. “At a fundraising event we held, probably around 2,000 people showed up from our local community, and it was mostly non-Ukrainian people.”

Grand Traverse County has a population of around 96,000 people, but the turnout for some of the events has exceeded expectations.

“There has been tremendous support, much more than we expected,” Pavlishin said. “When we announced the fundraiser, we expected maybe 400-500 people would show up, and when 2,000 people showed up we were just overwhelmed.”

At the March 5 event, Ukrainian church members made about 2,500 servings of traditional Ukrainian food for the event, including cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, and red beet soup (borscht). The event raised about \$50,000.

“People were making stuff, we had to go to the store to get more supplies and make more food and more food,” Pavlishin



Anastasiya Zubaryeva (left) and Maddy Killen (right) at a protest against the Russian Invasion, at the Open Space in TC on March 19.

said. “It was a great turnout, great community response, and we appreciate everyone who did it.”

Beyond the church, many Ukrainians in the area are finding other ways to provide as much support as they can. Anastasiya Zubaryeva is just one example. She is a former NMC student, and is currently a full-time student working towards her master’s degree in physician assistant studies at Le Moyne University in New York, but she has devoted her full attention towards raising funds and awareness.

She and her mother live in the United States, but the rest of her family lives in Ukraine. Many of her cousins and childhood best friends are still in her hometown of Mykolaiv, a Black Sea port city targeted by Russian forces.

“The biggest need that my family and friends require is financial support to buy groceries. The prices of food have tripled,” Zubaryeva said. “The local supermarket was bombed on April 3, now people will have to travel farther to find groceries.”

Zubaryeva’s friends and family need money—and she is providing. She set up a spotfund, where donations are sent to friends, families, and soldiers in need of support in Mykolaiv. As of April 7, the fundraiser had raised \$7,585, including four donations of \$500, and 30 donations of at least \$100. In addition, Zubaryeva has spread awareness of her fundraiser, church fundraisers, and the situation in Mykolaiv through an interview with *Up North Live!7&4 News*, a column featured in the March 3 issue of the *White Pine Press*, protesting the war in the Open Space in Traverse City, and constant social media posts.

“I never expected this amount of support from the community,” Zubaryeva said. “We could all do more donating, praying, and verbally supporting the Ukrainian population in

our community.”

Zubaryeva’s fundraiser can be found on her social media accounts across most platforms, by searching “SupportForMykolaivUkraine” on spotfund.com, or at <http://spot.fund/I2Cwx>.

As many of the world’s goals of peace look less and less attainable, the love and support hasn’t stopped.

“I have a lot of passion for people,” Pavlishin said. “To me, it doesn’t matter if it is Ukrainian people, Russian people, Americans, or Libyans, whoever. I don’t have any anger against Russia. I understand that people are brainwashed, and they don’t know their actual picture.”

While those in Traverse City have the privilege of helping from the outside, many Ukrainians in the warzone have been displaced or killed along the way. *The Washington Post* estimates an exodus of 4.5 million Ukrainian refugees. Accurate death tolls are unavailable, but Ukraine has opened 5,600 war crime cases.

“On social media, my posts have been removed several times due to the content being graphic,” Zubaryeva said. “Unfortunately, there are so many people dying and that’s the reality of this situation, there is so much brutality, inhumanity, and death that is not being talked about.”

As the tragic, brutal war continues, love and support for Ukraine continues to unite the local area.

“Thank you to everybody for their tremendous support, help, donations, and their warm hearts towards the Ukrainian people,” Pavlishin said. “From the depth of my heart, thank you to everyone who donated, it is a great community we are living in.”



NMC IN HISTORY A student mugs for the camera during NMC's 1982 graduation ceremony.

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CLASS OF 2022
 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY INFORMATION

NMC students who graduated in the fall 2021 semester or plan on graduating in the spring or summer semester of 2022 are able to participate in the May 7 Commencement Ceremony.

- The RSVP deadline is Monday, April 25.
- RSVP online on the Records & Registration page.
- The ceremony will be held
 Date: Saturday May 7, 2022
 Place: Dennon Museum and Milliken Auditorium
 Time: 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (or 6:30 p.m. — read below)
 At this time, graduates will be able to invite six guests, and masks are not mandatory.
 *The number of guests and masking requirements could change depending on the CDC and NMC's safety protocols.
- Caps and gowns are available to purchase for \$40.25 at the NMC Bookstore.

There will be four or five one-hour ceremonies by academic area. The first ceremony will take place from 11 a.m.–Noon; the second from 1–2 p.m.; the third from 2:30–3:30 p.m., and the fourth from 4–5 p.m. If a fifth ceremony is needed, it will be from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Each ceremony will honor about 45 graduates. Students will be notified about their time slot as the date approaches.

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Upcoming Events

There is a free self-defense course scheduled on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Rajkovich Physical Education Center (Gym). The class will be taught by a local martial arts instructor. This event is open to all NMC students.

The seventh annual Big Little Hero Race returns Saturday, April 23 to NMC’s main campus. This year the race theme is mentorship matters. This year’s race will honor Chris Girrback, Great Lakes Potato Chip owner, who is three races into a mission to complete a triathlon in every state to raise awareness for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Great Lakes will also produce special edition packages of potato chips for the race. There will be a one mile fun run/walk, 5k, and 10k. Races will begin and finish near West Hall.

The application deadline for admission into the nursing programs at NMC has changed! Students are invited to submit an application between April 1 and June 1 for fall enrollment. Students must complete the HESI A2 Admissions exam to be eligible.

Stop by the NMC Bookstore to sell your old textbooks for cash! The bookstore is open Monday–Thursday from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m and buyback is available until 30 minutes before the store closes.

NMC Jazz Band is hosting a Spring Jazz Ensemble Showcase! They will be directed by Laurie Sears with guest artist Josh Lawrence, trumpet and new Director of Jazz Studies at Interlochen Center for the Arts. The concert is Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Milliken Auditorium. Tickets are available at simpletix.com and are free for NMC students with ID.

Light Up The Night Tuesday, April 19 from 7:30–8:15 p.m. Come for an evening of support and solidarity for survivors of sexual assault on campus. There will be free food, poetry reading, personal testimonies, a vigil and more! Meet outside of the West Hall Innovation Center and East Hall.

Have pizza with the president! Join NMC President Nick Nissley for Pizza with the President at noon Wednesday, April 27 in the Innovation Center near the Hawk Owl Café.

Take Back the Night at West Hall 106/107 Thursday, April 28 from 8–9 p.m. Join for a global event with an hour of sexual assault survivor stories, poetry, healing, vision casting and community building.

CIT Industry Night Out at 20Fathoms Thursday, April 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet regional tech professionals, learn about career paths and opportunities, hear how startup incubators are fueling the future, and enjoy food and refreshments as you grow your network at 20Fathoms, 10850 E. Traverse Hwy, Ste. 4400, Traverse City, MI.

Celebrate Earth Day April 22-29 with a week of activities!

A free outdoor Earth Day concert and celebration from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, will kick off a week of events on campus. NMC Water Studies, the NMC Green Team, FLOW (For Love of Water) non-profit, Title Track, and more will host informational tables.

Concert Schedule

- 11:45 a.m. - Tribal Ceremony with drums, dedication
- 12:00 p.m - SkyeLea and Friends
- 1:00 p.m. - Waterbed (Jimmy Olson and Matt McCalpin)
- 2:00 p.m. - Avid Kain
- 3:00 p.m. - Stonefolk
- 4:00 p.m. - Lofteez
- 5:00 p.m. - Silver Creek Revival
- Headliners - The Ragbirds

Production support and planning is being furnished by NMC Audio Tech students, along with NMC Student Life and NMC Student Government.

E-waste recycling bins will be available on main campus for the following items: computers, laptops, cell phones, modems, card readers, iPods, inkjet printer cartridges and network equipment.

Campus cleanup will be happening all week! Campus teams can choose a time and space to clean up at their convenience between April 22 and 29. Trash bags and gloves will be available at the Earth Day Fair Student Success table and in the Student Success Center (Osterlin Building).

Learn how to grow your own produce Monday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get a jump start on gardening and learn how to be self-sufficient. Seeds and informational handouts will be available in the NMC Innovation Center.

Try hands-on natural mapping Tuesday April 26, 5:30 p.m. Author and teacher Stephanie Mills will help you chart the outlines of habitats and blaze a trail to learn more.

Native flower planting day Thursday, April 28, 12 - 3 p.m. Learn the importance of native vegetation. Meet in the NMC Innovation Center. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Restorative outdoor yoga on Friday, April 29, 12 p.m. Nature is important for mental health. Practice being mindful and respectful to the land. Meet in the NMC Innovation Center, practice will be outdoors.

NMC Community COVID Update

As COVID-19 continues to impact our community, it has become increasingly important to create easy access to important information. The *White Pine Press* is committed to publishing on-campus exposures every issue this semester in addition to COVID protocols, resources, and events in an effort to help disperse this important information. We will also share some general community information and resources.

Masking: NMC currently recommends masking, but no longer requires them while inside NMC buildings. N95 and surgical masks will still be provided in all campus buildings.

As an exception, the College’s Health Occupation programs and Health Services office will continue required masking based on MDHHS recommendations.

Vaccinations: Vaccines remain the best protection against COVID-19, especially against severe illness. Vaccines are widely available for ages 5 and up. Grand Traverse Health Department and local pharmacies are administering vaccinations and boosters. Visit vaccines.gov to find a location.

Reporting: NMC will continue its quarantine protocols, contract tracing efforts, enhanced cleaning/sanitization

efforts, and rapid testing services through Health Services. Case reporting procedures are still in effect and will continue to be reported on NMC’s COVID-19 Dashboard. If you are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home and seek campus or community testing resources to help mitigate on-campus spread.

Testing: Call NMC Health Services at (231)995-1255 to schedule a COVID test if you are having symptoms or were exposed. The Grand Traverse Health Department and local pharmacies are also testing. To order free COVID tests for your home, visit covidtests.gov. If students, staff, or visitors test positive, please contact NMC Health Services and isolate.

Resources: Visit NMC’s COVID hub for more information and resources at nmc.edu/covid19.

*Timeframe is post-spring break, April 4-12.

NMC Exposures By Campus/Building			
	Cases Since April 4		Cases Since April 4
Main Campus		Aeropark Campus	
Beckett	0	Aero Park Labs	0
Biederman	0	Auto Service Tech	0
Facilities	0	Aviation Hangars	0
Fine Arts	0	Parsons-Stulen	0
Health & Science	0		
West Hall	0	GLMA Campus	
Osterlin	1	Culinary Institute	0
Phys. Ed.	0	Maritime Academy	0
Scholars Hall	0		
		University Center	0

COVID-19 Cases for Northern Michigan	
Cumulative COVID-19 Cases	112,777
Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths	1,935

Positive COVID Cases		
Week	NMC Campus	Grand Traverse County
4/4-4/12	1	77

Bottle Drive Raises Funds For GLMA Graduate

Aidan Pool Staff Writer Richard Gray passed away on January 17, 2022, following a tragic accident off the coast of Gary, Indiana. The loss rocked the maritime industry. Gray is mourned by many, including his wife and three kids.

Gray, a 2014 Great Lakes Maritime Academy (GLMA) graduate, was described by admissions specialist, Judy Druskovich, as “always happy and willing to volunteer to assist the academy, other cadets, and the staff in various activities.” Gray continued to make a positive impact on other cadets, even after his graduation. “He eventually worked as an adjunct instructor and was very well liked by cadets.”

“Richard was a cadet when I arrived,” said the Admiral of Great Lakes Maritime Academy, Jerry Achenbach. “He not only earned our bachelor’s degree, but he also earned an additional bachelor’s degree from Ferris State University via the College’s University Center.” He added that Richard was involved in the community. He was active in many maritime related groups such as GLMA Alumni Association, the Knights of Columbus, and the International Ship Masters’ Association.

Beginning in late February and ending on March 25, a bottle drive was held to raise money and awareness for Gray and his family. President of the student group Women on the Water, Brittni Moore, explained how the drive came to be. “We were initially running a bottle drive for Women on the Water through the fall semester last year, primarily to raise money to attend the Women’s International Shipping and Trading Association Conference in Chicago this spring.”

With everything in place, it was just a matter of changing what the drive was for. “We put up signs, put notices in the Plan of the Week for the academy, reached out to the NMC PR (Public Relations) department to help spread the word on Main campus, and Ms. Druskovich reached out to the GLMA alumni.” Moore praised first-year deck cadet, Maddi

Miller, for handling, organizing, and volunteering to run the drive and later praised all the volunteers who helped along the way.

The drive reached those further out than expected, according to Druskovich, “We had one alum drive from Cadillac to donate.” Moore even received emails from supporters of the academy near the Soo Locks asking how they could help.

First year deck cadet Jon Brausch was a strong supporter of the bottle drive. He pushed other students to be a part of the drive and spread its cause. “I have always wanted to work on the lakes my whole life, and I have known that the job can get a little dangerous, but I never could’ve thought a freak accident could happen like that,” he said. “I know I would want some support for my loved ones if they were just left without me.”

Moore shared a similar sentiment, “He should never have been taken, and I think his loss will be felt on the lakes and at our academy forever.”

The original GoFundMe, started by GLMA alumnus Ryan Miller, has since been shut down. The final tally ended at \$96,900. The bottle drive at NMC raised \$400 in a month and a half. The proceeds of the bottle drive will be sent to a fund set up by American Steamship Company, Gray’s employer, to provide for his family. Anyone who wants to can donate to the fund by sending them a check payable to the Richard Gray Children’s Trust and mailing donations to:

Honor Bank
Attn: Jess Ashmore
430 S. Union Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

The community coming together for someone that some did not know is something that has brought a small amount of positivity to a very tragic situation.



Photos courtesy of Meg Young

Richard ringing off watch from GLMA in 2014.



Richard shaking Jerry Achenbach’s hand at his graduation in 2014.

NMC Pride Holds Social Mixer



Photos courtesy of Gabbi Chavarria

Gabbi Chavarria Staff Writer NMC Pride, the college’s LGBTQ+ Pride group, held a social mixer Thursday, April 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The get-together included board games, coloring sheets, and dinner and snacks, all provided by the group.

Faculty Advisor Denny Nguyen greeted visitors upon entry, and provided some information on NMC Pride’s role in the community. “The group is open to anyone who wishes to join, and we work with LGBTQ+ members of the student body and faculty to ensure our campus is inclusive and supportive,” Nguyen said.

The mixer was open to all NMC students as an effort to get

the word out about NMC Pride, welcome new members, and to provide a safe space for all people to meet and mingle over dinner, tea, and games. The night started out with Animal Crossing Monopoly, Go Fish, and a few rousing rounds of Banana-Grams. Other students colored, or chatted on the couches while munching on the provided pizza and drinking hot chocolate.

Ellie Young, a first-year student who was joining the group for the first time, said she had been interested in joining the group for a while. She played and won a game of Monopoly before moving on to chat with some new friends. She said she was “having a lot of fun” at the mixer.

NMC President Nick Nissley stopped by for a hand of Go Fish and a few rounds of Banana-Grams. He seemed to enjoy the games but clinched the win in neither.

Some attendees played a few intense rounds of Jenga, while others colored Pride and Black Lives Matter themed coloring sheets. Everyone was chatting, laughing, and having fun.

NMC Pride currently meets Fridays at 4 p.m., but for those who can’t make it there is a weekly email bulletin sent out with events happening around campus, ideas for future meetings, proposals for future events, and general pertinent information and news. You can get on the email list by contacting Denny Nguyen at dnguyen@nmc.edu.

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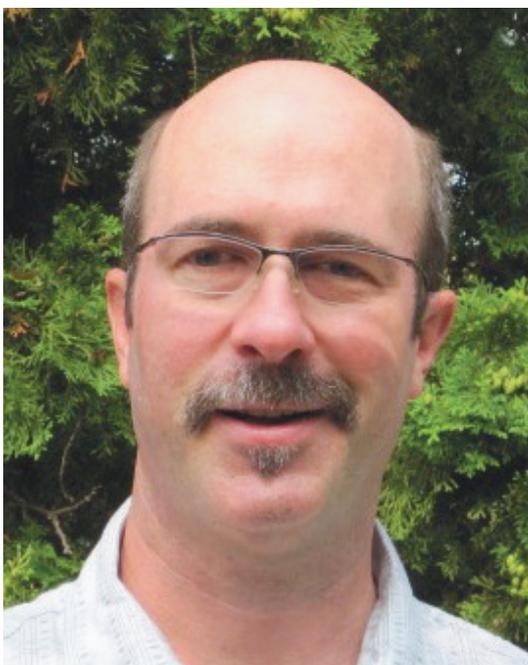
Honoring NMC's 2021-2022 Retirees



Shayrri McCready (second from right), Smart Recruit Team



Shayrri McCready—Staff, Business Office (1997-2022)



Samuel Foster—Staff, Systems & LAN Management (2011-2021)



Maureen Carlson—Staff, Extended Educational Services (1992-2021)



Laura Carmickle (third from bottom)—Staff, Information Technology Services (1988 - 2021)

Not Pictured

- Barbara Assendelft
Adjunct, Criminal Justice (2002-2020)
- David Bajema
Automotive Instructor (2006-2022)
- Mindy Morton
Adjunct, Humanities (2002-2022)
- Daniel Murphy
Maintenance Mechanic (1982-2022)
- Taoufik Nadji
Adjunct, Physics (1995-2022)
- Jeff Send
Maintenance Mechanic (1986-2022)

Adian Pool Staff Writer

Educators are among the key pillars of our lives. Without them, we would not be able to impact the world in the way that we have and will continue to do in the future. Dedicated educators are something that we can sometimes take for granted. Another thing that can be taken for granted is the staff that assist these educators. The following have not only displayed a passion for their work but a care for future generations. As they retire from NMC and move forward onto their next chapter, we wish them all the best and thank them for their years of service.

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Renew Your Wardrobe With Spring Inspired Contrasts

Gabbi Chavarria “Short Skirt/Long Jacket” by Cake has Staff Writer had me in a chokehold since it first graced my ears way back in the spring of 2007. It’s both a great song and an infallible formula for a freaking cute outfit. I always hear it playing in my head as soon as the sun starts to come out of hiding. Spring is rainy and wet, sunny and bright and, in my humble opinion, the cutest time of the year. With that in mind, I knew I wanted to style a trench coat/short skirt combo for the season. Cherryland Humane Society Thrift had everything I needed to create a perfect springtime outfit.

It started with the trench coat. I firmly believe that everyone should have a functional and fashionable raincoat, and thrift stores are the perfect place to find really nice ones for not a lot of cash. A trench coat is the perfect wardrobe staple and I was able to find one in an incredibly versatile shade of army green that can be worn in rain, sleet, sun, or snow.

With the long jacket portion of my mission sorted, I went to find a short skirt. Micro skirts are having a moment this runway season! They’ve appeared in Fashion Week shows from London to New York by designers like Off-White, Roberto Cavalli, Balmain, Miu Miu, and Chanel. While I am a thrifty gal at heart, I draw a lot of inspiration from high fashion, and I knew I wanted a skirt that would make the pages of Vogue proud. I lucked out when I found a 100% silk wrap skirt. It’s short, bold in color, and it just so happened to have a little floral pattern. I don’t care what anyone says...florals are perfect for spring.



Now that I had the two main parts of my outfit worked out, I moved onto the top. I was able to find a top with the most perfect shade of green that both contrasted with the

skirt and matched the coat. The best part about the shirt? It’s backless, meaning it can follow you, bright green and gleaming, to any summer party. Layered under the trench, it’s the perfect pop of color with a hidden playful side.

Accessories are my favorite part of outfit building. The Cherryland Humane Society Thrift did not disappoint with their selection. I immediately was drawn to the pet carrying backpacks they had, and found one with straps that were the perfect shade of red to match the skirt. The backpacks are made to carry your cat or small dog with you around town. They’re equipped with breathing holes, and a big plastic screen so your furry friend can see out. Of course, they can be used as regular backpacks too, and the clear shell gives off an early 2000’s vibe. Shoes were next, and it wasn’t long before I spotted the perfect pair of green rubber rain boots. Boots and a skirt are another classic combination that automatically elevates any outfit, and the rubber of the boots made them playful enough to be paired with the backpack.

All told, the outfit with the backpack included cost \$45. A full price trench coat of the same style and proportions from Forever 21 costs \$64.99 according to their website. For just a little over half the cost of one coat at a fast fashion retailer, a whole outfit is available at the thrift store in town.

All proceeds from the Cherryland Humane Society Thrift go to benefit the Cherryland Humane Society and their furry friends looking for their forever homes. Cherryland Thrift takes donations Thursday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NMC Bright Side

As the snow melts, you might see these small saplings around main campus pines. These White Pines were planted in August 2020 by local community members to commemorate and celebrate the late former Michigan Governor William G. Milliken and his connection to NMC.

Dennos Spotlight: Congrats, Hawk Owl Graduates!

On behalf of all of us at the Dennos Museum Center, congratulations to everyone who persevered through yet another academic year full of ups and downs, surprises and curveballs. And in particular, we wish the class of 2022 the very best in the months and years ahead. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished during your time at NMC.

Please know that you are always welcome at the Dennos Museum Center. We hope you will stop by and see some of our terrific exhibitions before summer hits and the tourist season arrives. Wherever your path may take you, we wish you the very best for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Craig Hadley
Executive Director and Chief Curator

Christopher Titus and Rachel Bradley Bring Big Laughs on April Fools Day



Christopher Titus and Rachel Bradley performed at the Traverse City Comedy Club at the Grand Traverse Event Center on April 1, 2022.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Bobcat Goldthwait

April 22 (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.), April 23 (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.)

Michael Palascak

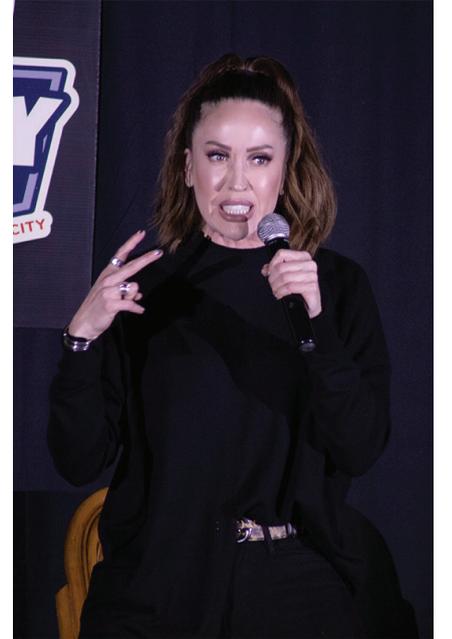
May 6 (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.), May 7 (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.)

John Heffron

May 20 (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.), May 21 (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.)

Jimmie Walker

July 22 (7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.), July 23 (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.)



Photos by Chris Fulton