

"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

THE CRISPY BEACON

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Shining Bright
in 2025
by Gina Moore

A new operating season at Crisp Point is just around the corner! This past winter, we've experienced substantial snowfall at the lighthouse and the surrounding area. Keep in mind that CR-412 is a seasonal road and is not maintained by the Luce County Road Commission from November through April.

The lighthouse is expected to open for the season on May 17th, 2025. Please refer to our Facebook page for further updates and information. In addition,

an exclusive 10% coupon (pg 2) is available to use at our visitors center during opening weekend!

Last year, we had 17,345 visitors sign in on our guest books. This year, we aim to surpass that number by inviting guests from both near and far.

We have several exciting events planned, including our Adopt-a-Highway cleanups and our annual conference in July. There's much to anticipate, and we are optimistic about having a successful 2025 season!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Cameron Lovett



We finally had a winter with good snow, and the local businesses that rely on snowmobile tourism were certainly thankful. We are now looking forward to spring again and hopefully great weather. It's also that time of year when we need to remind everyone that our Visitor Center is not open until approximately May 17th, which means the restrooms will not be open. Also, there is still a lot of snow on the ground, especially along the lake where it always drifts really high. Please wait until we open before you venture out to Crisp Point. If you do go before we open and are able to make it to the lighthouse, please remember to Leave No Trace. This means to take everything that you brought in with you back out with you.

We are hoping to get the interior of the tower restored this season. This work would include removing the latex paint on the interior walls that can potentially trap moisture, repairing the walls, refastening any loose railings, and recoating the walls with a new, more breathable coating, likely a limewash.

We also hope to get some windows repaired or replaced. So please be sure to watch our Facebook pages for any potential closures of Crisp Point.

The water level for Lake Superior is still below average, and the Army Corps of Engineers is forecasting it to be below average through August 2025. We are glad to be getting a break again this year from high water levels. We are hoping for more beach again this year!

Four years ago, we adopted a three-mile stretch of M-123 between Luce County Road 500 and Newberry through MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program. We will be continuing this program this year. If you can help out with any of our litter clean-up events, please see our website Calendar of Events or our Facebook Events listings for more details. The litter pick-ups will be on the following dates, weather permitting: May 10, July 20, and September 20. Please contact Duke Guy at dukeguy55@gmail.com if you are interested in signing up or if you would like further information.

Please thank our volunteers if you travel out to Crisp Point this season. They are not getting paid for any of the work that they do, and we could not do what we do without them. Thank you, volunteers, donors, and everyone who makes Crisp Point the special place it is! Hope to see you at the Point!



AUTHORIZED BY: *Cameron Lovett*

10% OFF ONE TRANSACTION AT CRISP POINT GIFT SHOP OVER \$50

- NOT VALID FOR ADMISSIONS
- NOT VALID FOR MEMBERSHIPS
- NOT VALID ONLINE

KEEPER INSTRUCTIONS: GO TO DISCOUNTS AT START OF TRANSACTION AND SELECT THIS DISCOUNT



Meet the Keepers

Written by: Jim Yagow

My two granddaughters (Charlotte & Elise Yagow), my wife (Jan Yagow), and I were first-time keepers during August 3-8, 2024. We're from Appleton, Wisconsin.

We first became aware of the Crisp Point Lighthouse during a mid-September 2021 visit with friends. I immediately became interested in becoming a volunteer keeper and started asking questions of the lighthouse keepers who were on duty during our visit. We go camping with all of our 10 grandchildren every summer (2 at a time), and I thought this would be a great service-learning camping experience for my two oldest granddaughters.

So, I became a member of the Crisp Point Lighthouse Historical Society, and two years later (when I thought my granddaughters were old enough), I applied for us to become volunteer lighthouse keepers, and we were accepted!

Providing a volunteer service-learning experience for my granddaughters was my primary motive for signing up. Camping alone on the southern shore of Lake Superior was a huge bonus! We worked—managing and keeping the store, lighthouse, and boardwalks clean and tidy—and enjoyed visiting with people (from all over). It was great! Every evening after our chores were done, we ran for the lake and played in the waves—lots of joyful screaming and laughter! It was our most memorable granddaughter camping experience ever!

On the day that we were to depart and pass the keeper baton to others, my vehicle wouldn't start. I tried everything, but nothing worked. Eventually, I had to call a tow truck to transport the vehicle to Newberry Motors—about 1 hour and 20 minutes driving time away! The kindness of Newberry people was extraordinary. A special shout-out to Cathy Chenard (Lead Volunteer Keeper for Crisp Point Lighthouse) and especially to John Jeszke, sales associate at Newberry Motors, for lending me his truck to retrieve my camper while my vehicle was being serviced and repaired. His kindness was extraordinary!

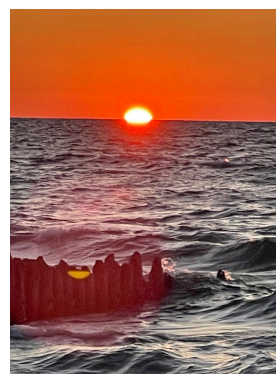
Volunteering as lighthouse keepers at Crisp Point Lighthouse has become a lifetime memory for my granddaughters. I recommend this experience to grandparents everywhere. Teach your grandchildren to be benevolent and kind. Buy your grandchildren an “experience” as a Christmas or birthday present and forego buying them material things!

Photos Courtesy of Jim Yagow

Left Photo: Elise looking out at the sunset

Middle Photo: Crisp Point sunset

Right Photo: Jim and Jan with Charlotte and Elise



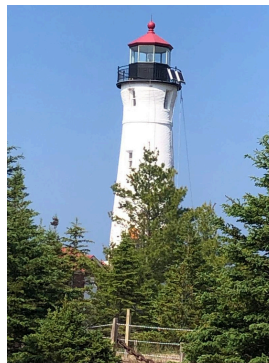
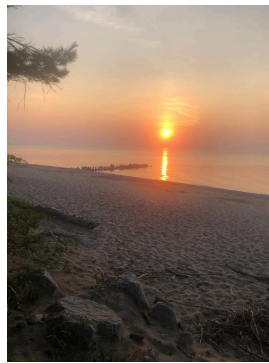
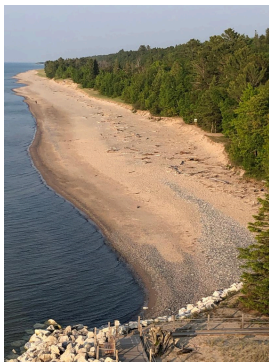
Meet the Keepers, continued

Written by: Karen Rauschenberger

I heard about Crisp Point Lighthouse from my friend and co-teacher, Joyce Bailey. Joyce, who has been visiting Crisp since she was a youngster, knew that I loved lighthouses and told me about the historical society volunteer program. We signed up, and a few weeks later did our first stint. Eighteen years later, we are still loving what I call “my favorite week of the summer.” My sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Larry Barre, joined us shortly after our few initial times.

Among our favorite moments is the wedding we had on our beach. The girls dressed in our pop-up, and I helped the guys with their boutonnieres! A tour bus filled with European lighthouse lovers showed up one afternoon. That was amazing! The beauty of Crisp, the wonderment of sharing it with others, and time spent with friends and family, old and new, are fabulous reasons to join our society!

Photos courtesy of: Don and Karen Rauschenberger from Auburn, MI



Want to share your favorite Crisp Point stories or memories?

Email: newsletter@crisppointlighthouse.org

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
JULY 25, 2025

Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported Crisp Point. Whether you made a donation, became a member, made a purchase, shared positive reviews, or simply visited, your contributions are deeply appreciated. We are truly thankful.

A special thank you goes to our volunteer keepers for the 2025 season. Your commitment and dedication are vital to our mission of preserving, restoring, and maintaining Crisp Point.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The opening weekend of Crisp Point is just around the corner, and we could use your help! Following the Adopt a Highway event on May 10th, we are in need of volunteers to help with cleanup and preparation for opening week. Tasks may include: removing sand from the boardwalk, starting up electrical systems, and making potential repairs to the boardwalk. Please note that space for overnight stays is limited. For more information or to make reservations, reach out to Bill Beasley at 989-859-1407 or via email at cplhsrecsec@crisppointlighthouse.org.

LOVE SHINES BRIGHT: A WEDDING AT CRISP POINT

Written by: Brittany Nyquist

My husband, Chris, has been visiting Crisp Point since he was little. In 2018 he took me to the UP for the first time, it was a last minute trip and we booked a random camp ground while driving over the bridge. That week was my first visit Crisp Point, and since then it has become "Our spot".

On July 17th, 2020 we got married on the shore just below the lighthouse. We live in Southeast Michigan and had about 15 close friends and family with us. On the previous trips to the lighthouse I was always freezing, so I made sure to get a dress with sleeves & of course the day we got married was the warmest day I've ever experienced on Lake Superior! All the kids got down to their undies and went swimming. We stayed at the same Newberry campground as our first trip up together and had the best wedding week adventures.

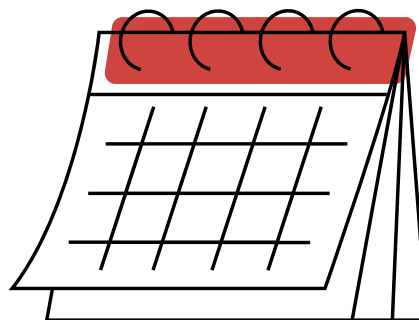
This past summer we took our daughter up to the lighthouse for the first time.



Photos courtesy of: Brittany Nyquist

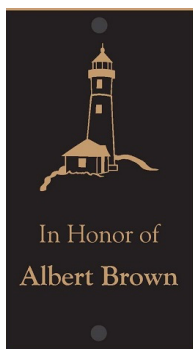
Upcoming EVENTS

Adopt a Highway Clean Up:	May 10
Member Work Week:	May 10-18
Lighthouse Open for Season:	May 17
CPLHS Annual Conference:	July 19
Adopt a Highway Clean Up:	July 20
Adopt a Highway Clean Up:	September 20
Lighthouse Closed for Season:	October 18



For more details, please visit our website at:
<https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/calendar.html>

Crisp Point Memorial and Honorary Plaque Program



Memorialize or honor your loved one with a special plaque at Crisp Point while helping to raise funds for the preservation and restoration of Crisp Point Lighthouse! For a donation of \$450, an image of Crisp Point Lighthouse shines atop of the name of your loved one. The precision tooled bronze plaques are 1/4" thick, 3.5" wide, and 6" tall with an exterior grade clear coat. You can pick from two wording options preceding the person's name: 1) "In Memory of" or 2) "In Honor of". Plaques are mounted on existing posts along the walkways at Crisp Point. Plaques are only installed from May to October each year; please allow at least six months for installation to occur.

****CPLHS is not responsible for theft, vandalism, acts of nature, natural deterioration, or any other issues beyond our control to the plaques once installed at Crisp Point. CPLHS reserves the right to remove plaques for any reason.****

There are two ways to donate:

1.) Fill out the following form completely and enclose payment.

Make check or money order payable to: Crisp Point Light Historical Society Mail to: 1337 Highland Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1.) Please specify one of the following (list first and last name only as space is limited on the plaque

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

2.) Pay online at PayPal using a credit card, debit card, or your PayPal account.

Go online and visit <https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/memorial.html> or scan the QR Code.

Once at the PayPal site, you can pay by using a credit card, debit card, or your PayPal account. You do not need a PayPal account to use this service. Where it says "(Optional) Use this donation for", make sure to choose "In Memory of Plaque" or "In Honor of Plaque" from the pull-down menu. You will also have the option to add more to the donation to help offset the processing fees. On the next page, also tell us the name you want on the plaque where it says "Write a note (Optional)".

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Your donations may be tax deductible, please consult your tax advisor for deductibility. All donors will receive a donation thank you letter from the Crisp Point Light Historical Society. Thank you very much for participating in this very special fundraiser!

Show Your
SUPPORT

Find out more ways at:

<https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/how.html>



Welcome New Members

Marijane Miller - Milaca, MN
 Ed & Judy Duda - Goodrich, MI
 Wayne Blackwell - Indianapolis, IN
 Quinton & Patricia Kuebler - Petoskey, MI
 Charlotte Rovenko - Wolverine, MI
 Janet Crawford - Dayton, OH
 Lydia Nicol & Drake Bland - Hillard, OH
 Susan Rook - Holt, MI
 Allen Salyer - Troy, MI

Welcome New Lifetime Members

Raya Olson - Williamsburg, MI

A Must for Any Lighthouse Fan

"This place is beautiful. Been coming here for many years, long before the road was much more than a track for ATVs. It's great to see the restoration that has been done. For a while it seemed the lighthouse would be lost forever, but the historical society has done wonders to preserve it. The trip to the top of the tower is worth the climb. Amazing views and you can begin to see traces of what it used to be "back in the day."

-Steven F

**EXCLUSIVE
MERCHANDISE**

Don't miss your chance to grab exclusive Crisp Point merchandise!

There's a wide selection available, including but not limited to: stoneware, joggers, shirts, hats, socks, puzzles, stickers, and much more!

You can explore all Crisp Point merchandise online at:

<https://crisppointlight.square.site>



REMINDER: All sales are final!

Crisp Point Light Historical Society Membership / Donation Form

Name(s): _____

(Please include all names for family memberships above. Family members are defined in our policy as an adult or adult couple and any of their dependents living in the same household.)

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Make check or money order payable to Crisp Point Light Historical Society & mail this completed form to: Crisp Point Light Historical Society, 1337 Highland St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

By sending in this form, you are giving consent to CPLHS for the handling, collecting, and storing of your information.

Membership Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$40
	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$55
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Family \$500		
Please circle your newsletter delivery preference: US Mail • E-Mail • Both			
Donation:	I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____		

If you would prefer to pay online, please visit <https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/member.html> instead of using this form.



CREW CON

CPLHS will welcome crew members from Great Lakes ships, tour boats and the U.S. Coast Guard to share their stories of life on the water, search & rescue missions and how lighthouses played a vital role in maritime history.

9 AM: Light Breakfast
10 AM: CPLHS Updates & News
11:30 AM: Lunch
1 PM: Crew Con Begins

July 19, 2025 9:00 AM

**Whitefish Township Community Center
7052 M-123 Paradise MI 49768**

CPLHS Crew Con RSVP Form

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

By sending in this form, you are giving consent to CPLHS for the handling, collecting, and storing of your information.

RSVP for the Summer Conference (Saturday - July 19, 2025 at 9am) by filling out the info below:

Number of non-members (age 10 and up):		x \$25	= \$
Number of CPLHS members (age 10 and up):		x \$20	= \$
Number of children (age 5-9):		x \$5	= \$
Number of children (age 4 and under):		Free	N/A
Number of Cover Charges for Payments After July 9		x \$5	= \$
PLEASE RSVP FOR THE SUMMER CONFERENCE BY JULY 9, 2025. ADDITIONAL \$5 COVER CHARGE WILL APPLY FOR THOSE AGE 10 AND UP PAYING AFTER JULY 9TH AND AT THE DOOR.		TOTAL	= \$

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CRISP POINT LIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mail to: CPLHS, 1337 Highland St, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858