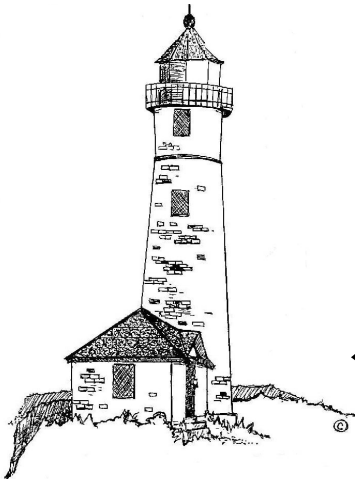




"I Like My Beacon Crisp"

THE CRISPY BEACON

Crisp Point Light Historical Society

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CPLHS Facebook group page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/crisppointlighthouse/>

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: GINA MOORE



Shining Bright
in
2026

By: Gina Moore

Photo Courtesy of
Linda McKinney

Another fantastic season at Crisp Point is just around the corner! This past winter was no exception, as the lighthouse and its surroundings experienced considerable snowfall. It's important to note that the last seven miles of CR-412 are a seasonal road and are NOT maintained by the Luce County Road Commission from November to April.

The lighthouse is slated to open on May 16, 2026. Please refer to our Facebook page for further

updates regarding road conditions.

Additionally, we're thrilled to offer an exclusive 10% off coupon (pg 5) valid only opening weekend.

We have plenty more to look forward to this year, including several Adopt-a-Highway events and our annual conference.

Last year, we greeted 20,631 visitors from across the globe, and we hope to welcome even more this year! See you soon!

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FINAL WATCH AT CRISP POINT

BY: GINA MOORE

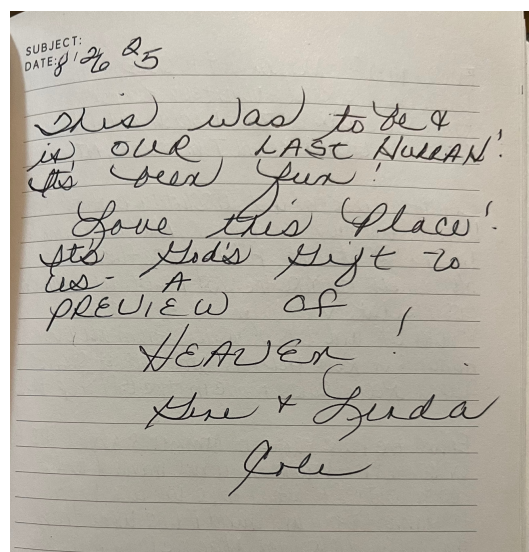
Like many travelers, Gene, 90, and Linda Cole, 74, from Adrian, MI, stumbled upon a sign along M-123 during their fall vacation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in 2009. Intrigued, they decided to follow the sign, just as countless others had done before and after them. Although the lighthouse keepers had closed for the day, they were enamored by the breathtaking beauty of Crisp Point. From that day forward, Crisp Point became a beloved stop on their Upper Peninsula adventures.

On a subsequent visit to Crisp Point, the on-duty keepers shared information about the keeper program, sparking their interest. Eventually, a cancellation opened up a spot, and former CPLHS President, Rick Brockway, encouraged them to step in. Gene and Linda eagerly signed up for their first term as keepers in May 2013 during the member work week. Linda remembers the fluctuating weather that week, with temperatures ranging from a chilly 36 degrees to a warm 80 degrees. At that time, the lighthouse attracted far fewer visitors than it does now; she counted just 88 guests and 7 dogs throughout the entire week.

Since that inaugural year in 2013, Gene and Linda have had the pleasure of serving as keepers nearly every year, with only a few exceptions. Throughout their tenure, they encountered many unforgettable moments, including witnessing a couple's engagement at the lighthouse and, the following year, the same couple's wedding on the grounds. Alongside these significant events, they had the honor of meeting people from across the nation and even around the world.

After several fulfilling years of service, Gene and Linda completed their final watch at Crisp Point on August 25th and 26th, 2025. Their last year was filled with a whirlwind of emotions—sadness over closing such a cherished chapter, yet feeling blessed for having participated in something truly so special.

Thank you, Gene and Linda, for your years of dedication and service to Crisp Point! Your contributions are profoundly appreciated!



Linda & Gene's final entry in the CPLHS Keeper Journal



Changes to Federal Tax Law for 2026

By: Cameron Lovett

In July 2025, federal tax law changed to allow many taxpayers who take the standard deduction to also claim an “above-the-line” deduction for certain charitable giving beginning January 1, 2026. Eligible donations must be cash contributions—such as by check, credit card, online payment, or payroll deduction—made directly to qualified 501(c)(3) charities.

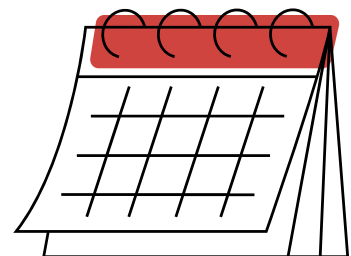
Because this is an above-the-line deduction, it reduces your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) before the standard deduction is applied. It does not apply to non-cash gifts or donations made to Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs).

This is especially good news because most U.S. taxpayers now take the standard deduction (about 91% in 2022). Under the new rule, the deduction is available up to \$1,000 for individual filers and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly, with inflation adjustments over time. For guidance specific to your situation, please consult a tax professional.

To make a donation to the Crisp Point Light Historical Society (CPLHS), please visit: <https://crisppointlighthouse.org/how.html>.

Upcoming EVENTS

Member Work Week:	May 9-17
Spring Adopt-a-Highway:	May 9
Visitor Center Opens (Approx):	May 16
CPLHS Annual Conference:	July 18
Summer Adopt-a-Highway:	July 19
Fall Adopt-a-Highway:	September 19
Visitor Center Closes (Approx):	October 17



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



Find out more ways at:
<https://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/how.html>

Protecting Our Shoreline

New Erosion Control Signs Installed

By: Gina Moore



Photos Courtesy of:
Cameron Lovett

In October 2024, Jim Mort and his wife visited Crisp Point Lighthouse. While strolling along the boardwalk, they observed that a few of the erosion signs were beginning to show their age. Jim felt inspired to do something special for Crisp Point.

Using his small CNC machine for various projects, Jim crafted sixteen signs to place along different sections of the boardwalk. Constructed from PVC material, these signs are resistant to rotting, unlike typical wooden signs. Initially white, he painted them blue, then programmed the CNC machine to carve out the lettering. To enhance readability and to protect the paint, he applied a clear coating.

Jim expressed his happiness in contributing to a meaningful cause, finding it deeply rewarding to help preserve a historical landmark for future generations to appreciate. Some of the signs were installed this past year and we can't thank Jim enough for all of the hard work he put into this project!

DID YOU KNOW?

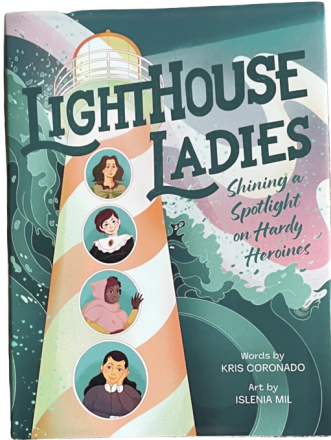
Did you know that a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) can be a great way to reduce required minimum distributions (RMDs) and optimize the tax benefits of giving? QCDs allow individuals age 70½ and older to make tax-free donations directly from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as Crisp Point. This could potentially satisfy all or part of their annual RMDs from their IRA accounts. As always, please consult a tax professional and/or financial advisor for more details.

<https://www.schwab.com/learn/story/reducing-rmds-with-qcds>

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 2026 season. Your commitment and dedication are vital to our mission of preserving, restoring, and maintaining Crisp Point.



Lighting the Way for Young Readers

By: Gina Moore

For many decades, men predominantly held the position of lighthouse keepers throughout the 1800s and into the 1900s. However, this doesn't imply that women were absent from this role; rather, their numbers were quite limited. In her debut children's book, author Kris Coronado highlights the inspiring

stories of four women lighthouse keepers who displayed remarkable guts, courage, and bravery in their work.

The target age range for this book is 4 to 8 years old. It is available for purchase on our website at <https://crisppointlight.square.site> or in the visitors center from May to October.

Free Educational Guide: <https://www.kriscoronado.com/educational-guides.html>

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, playing cards, shirts, hats, books, and much more!

You can explore all Crisp Point merchandise online at:
<https://crisppointlight.square.site>

****All sales are final!****



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

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- NOT VALID FOR MEMBERSHIPS
- NOT VALID ONLINE
- VALID 5/16/26-5/17/26 ONLY

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

EXPIRES
5/17/26 AT
6:00 PM

AUTHORIZED BY: *Cameron Forest*

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ENDOWMENT FUND

An endowment fund is a pool of financial assets established by a nonprofit organization, such as a charity or educational institution, to provide long-term financial support. The principal amount is kept intact while the investment income is used for specific purposes, such as funding programs or initiatives. Donations to endowment funds are typically tax-deductible.

The Crisp Point Endowment Fund has been created at the Paradise Area Community Foundation, which is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula. The purpose of the Crisp Point Fund is to provide funds for the restoration, operation, and maintenance of the Luce County owned or Crisp Point Light Historical Society owned or leased buildings and grounds at Crisp Point, such as but not limited to boardwalks, parking lots, stairways, lighthouse and service building, Visitor Center, and erosion control measures (such as but not limited to large rocks and vegetation); to provide funds for educational or historical programs, such as but not limited to interpretive signs and exhibits; to provide funds for future buildings, such as but not limited to rebuilding of the former Life-Saving Station Building and the Lighthouse Keepers Living Quarters.

If you would like to donate to the Crisp Point Endowment Fund at the Paradise Area Community Foundation, it's easy!

You have two options:

Option 1) Donate online at the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula's website here:

<https://www.cfup.org/donate-now>.

Make sure where it says "Write a note (Optional)" to type in "Crisp Point Fund".

Option 2) Mail in a check or money order to:

Paradise Area Community Foundation

PO Box 362

Paradise, MI 49768.

Make sure to write "Crisp Point Fund" on the check or money order in the memo field and make it payable to Paradise Area Community Foundation.

Welcome New Members

Doug Adams-Tecumseh, MI
 Stacy Amlotte-Alpena, MI
 Jennifer Barnett-Dowling, MI
 Debra Batts-West Olive, MI
 Lynn Bradley & Rick Schuch-Hale, MI
 Terilyn Byle-Grandville, MI
 Laurie Clark-Howell, MI
 Computers With Care-Newport, MI
 Scott, Jan & Erin Goss Grand Rapids, MI
 Jodi Hemenway-Minot, ND
 Cynthia Jarvis-Fowlerville, MI
 Brandy Kozlowski-Alpena, MI
 Debbie Kraftchick-Temperance, MI
 Theresa Lemmer-Atlanta, MI
 Michael & Cheryl Pallo-Kearny, MO
 Cheryl Patton-Bellaire, MI
 Charla Pollok-Williamston, MI
 William Ray, Jr.-Rochester Hills, MI
 Bridget Smeaton & John Lyon-Muskego, WI
 Kimberly Smith-Dewitt, MI
 Kimberly Healy & Jake Trelfa-Alpena, MI

Welcome New Lifetime Members

Brian & Wendy Adhearne-Hudsonville, MI
 Amy, Daniel & Olivia Buckhannon-Kalamazoo, MI
 Jane Smeaton-Waukesha, WI

Want to share your favorite Crisp Point stories or memories?

Email: newsletter@crisppointlighthouse.org

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:
 JULY 25, 2026

The Next Generation of Keepers

At Crisp Point, we passionately encourage our keepers to involve their children in lighthouse-keeping activities. This engagement not only ignites their enthusiasm but also cultivates a sense of belonging, as they represent the future of Crisp Point's preservation and restoration efforts.

This past season, Amy and Daniel Buckhannon brought their daughter, Olivia, to assist with keeper duties. Olivia went above and beyond by creating and distributing keychains to anyone who made a donation to Crisp Point.

We are immensely grateful to Olivia for all of her hard work!

Photo Courtesy of:
 Linda McKinney



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:	☐ New	☐ 1 Year Individual \$25	☐ 2 Year Individual \$40
	☐ Renewal	☐ 1 Year Family \$35	☐ 2 Year Family \$55
	☐ 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.



CRISP POINT LIFE SAVING STATION Est. 1876

**Commemorating the 150th
Anniversary of the Crisp Point
Life-Saving Station**

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Crisp Point Life-Saving Station, CPLHS is thrilled to host Ken Czapski and Bruce Lynn for an informative and engaging presentation on the history of Life-Saving stations along the shores of Lake Superior.

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 AM: Doors Open
- 9:30 AM: Light Breakfast
- 10:00 AM: CPLHS Announcements
- 10:30 AM: Life-Saving Station Presentation
- 11:30 AM: Lunch
- Silent Auction and Raffles to follow

CPLHS Annual Summer Conference

July 18, 2026 9:00 AM

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

Scan QR code to
register or fill out
form below!



RAFFLE – SILENT AUCTION – DOOR PRIZES

CPLHS SUMMER CONFERENCE RSVP FORM

Name(s): _____

(Please include all names for attendees and family memberships above.)

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 18, 2026 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, 2026. ADDITIONAL \$5 COVER CHARGE WILL APPLY FOR THOSE AGE 5 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