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## North Shore Grads of 2021 Get Community Parades

By Kitty Mayo

As the school year winds to an end, and a full year during a pandemic wraps up for students, the traditional graduation ceremony with a packed gym of cheering relatives, friends, and community members will not happen again this year.

Instead, north shore schools are finding ways to cheer for their graduates, offering real encouragement and appreciation for their accomplishments under such unusual, and often stressful circumstances. Each of the three high schools along the shore are making adaptations to how the actual ceremonies occur, following safety protocols while still honoring the work, grit and hope of the graduates. They all are planning a show of community support through car parades following the formal ceremonies.

### Two Harbors High School, Lake Superior School District 381

The THHS 2021 graduation will take place on June 4th at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Attendance is limited to 2 tickets per graduating senior. Masking and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

The ceremony will be live streamed for extended family and the community to view. Look for the link to live-stream the graduation ceremony on the district's main page of their website ([www.isd381.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd381.k12.mn.us)).

A parent group is working on banners of the graduates that will be displayed throughout the downtown similar to last year. Following the graduation ceremony, at about 8:50 pm, there will be a car parade to show support from all the family, friends and community members who could not attend. The tentative route will start at Burlington Bay,

go past the Minnehaha Elementary, through downtown and ending at the Breakwall. Check social media for details, and everyone is invited to come out along the route and wave as the new graduates pass by.

### William Kelly High School, Silver Bay, Lake Superior School District 381

The 2021 class of graduates from WKHS boasts just 15 students, and their graduation ceremony will be held on June 4th at 5:00 pm. Each student will be able to invite 15 guests, using tickets with their names on them. There will be no band or choir, but according to Principal Joe Nicklay every attempt will be made to make the graduation experience feel as normal as possible. With a smaller class, he says that it will be relatively easy to maintain Covid-19 precautions with spacing in seating.

Also organized by a parent group, a short graduation parade will be held immediately following graduation. The parade will allow friends and community to come out to cheer the kids on. Organizers expect the parade to start around 5:45 pm. They will leave from the school parking lot and follow the "standard Silver Bay parade route" to Horn Blvd., Edison Blvd., Banks Blvd, Shopping Center Drive, to Outer Drive and ending back at the school parking lot.

### Cook County High School, Grand Marais, Cook County School District 166

The Cook County High School graduating class of 2021 will be following a "walk through" graduation ceremony on May 29th at 1:00 pm. Following the ceremony will be a car parade starting at approximately 2:45 pm.

wtip.org. Because there are still unknowns related to big crowds and Covid-19, the festival this fall will be shared on the air at 90.7 FM North Shore, 90.1 FM Grand Portage and 89.1 FM Gunflint Trail. Selected video performances will be available via WTIP on Facebook, Vimeo and on the web. This much anticipated community music event can also be heard in its entirety online at [www.wtip.org](http://www.wtip.org).

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## Local Attempts 200+ Superior Hiking Trail Run

By Kitty Mayo

Hoping to run over 200 miles in 70 hours is a pretty intense goal. Make that a run on the Superior Hiking Trail, and you are talking ultra-intense.

Local Silver Bay Resident Jeff Miller will be attempting just such a run, seeking a Fastest Known Time (FKT) for running the SHT from Gooseberry Falls to Caribou Highlands in Lutsen, about 103 miles, and then turning around and heading back to Gooseberry.

Miller has a great crew supporting his endeavor, with his wife and son as his co-crew chiefs, and other friends helping to pace him throughout the race which he will begin at 6:00 am on Friday, and continue throughout the weekend.

"No one has ever attempted this before, and it's a big deal in the ultra running community," said Miller's wife, Amy Wasson.

At 56 years old Miller is a regular first-finisher for his age group in running events throughout Minnesota.

The support crew will meet him along the trail to bring aid, food, fluids and to cheer him on during the journey that will never take him more than a 45 minute drive from Silver Bay.

A certified running coach with clients across the country, Miller says moving to Silver Bay about two years ago became a dream after visiting the SHT for the first time.

"I still get chills when I remember the first time I was on the trail, my wife and I fell in love with it," said Miller, adding that ever since he felt a recurring urge to plan this run.



**Jeff Miller to make 200 mile run attempt on Superior Hiking Trail.**  
(photo: northwoodsrunning.com)

While great distance runs are a familiar experience for Miller, running for more than 30 hours will be a new experience. Contending with the challenges of constantly changing elevation is another variable specific to this trail run.

If you want to find out more about Miller, and to follow what is happening live throughout his weekend run, go to: <https://www.northwoodsrunning.com/>, <https://www.instagram.com/northwoodsrunning/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/NorthwoodsRunning/>. There will be a link to Miller's GPS to be able to see exactly where he is and how he is doing.

Raising awareness and funding for the Superior Hiking Trail, and Bigger Than the Trail organizations are also goals of Miller's run. Bigger Than the Trail is an organization that provides mental health assistance for people, a topic that Miller says he feels passionate about supporting. Find links to ways to make donations through the Northwoods Running social media sites

## WTIP North Shore Radio 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Radio Waves Music Festival, returns as an on-air festival, Friday and Saturday, September 10 & 11, 2021

Grand Marais, Minn., May 20, 2021 - WTIP Community Radio is pleased to announce that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Radio Waves Music Festival will take place as a virtual, on-air event featuring eighteen musical acts. The music begins on Friday, September 10 from 3 to 10 p.m. and continues on Saturday, September 11 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. This one-of-a-kind, community festival will be an on air, live music event, including selected video performances via Facebook live and

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annual festival, and a wide variety of Minnesota acts will play full sets to be broadcast live on WTIP Radio throughout the day. The 2021 lineup will include performances by: Caitlin Thomas and Al Oikari, Michael Monroe, Joe Paulik, Adam Moe, Clearwater Hot Club and Briand Morrison, Cryote, Splints, Bump and Jim Elverhoy, Cherry Dirt, Briand Morrison and Roxann Berglund, Sapsuckers, Red Lips, Jim and Michele Miller, Timmy Haus, Rich Mattson & the Northstars,

Cook County's Most Wanted, DJ Beavstar and Wunderdogs. This is an amazing array of local and regional musical talent on the North Shore!

Follow the event online at [www.wtip.org](http://www.wtip.org) - just look for "Radio Waves Music Festival" under the EVENTS drop-down menu.

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