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Business leaders urge action on housing and workforce gaps

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The lack of workforce housing and staffing shortages are the biggest obstacles to business growth in Northern Michigan, according to a community announcement from the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

The findings were shared in the latest Economic Pulse Report, released

during the Regional Business Outlook event on Thursday, Nov. 6. The event, hosted by the NLEA and the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, brought together business and community leaders to discuss economic trends and strategies for sustainable growth.

The panel featured leaders from manufacturing, construction, finance, landscaping and agriculture. They cited housing shortages and

state policy as major challenges, while also sharing outlooks for their industries.

Panelists included Scott Philp, president and CEO of Landscape Logic; Juliette King-McAvoy, vice president of sales and marketing at King Orchards; Jake Manthei, president of Aster Brands; Bill Marshall, commercial relationships manager at Huntington

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Ornament tree art by Dan Clark is seen at the Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2025 Holiday Bazaar in Petoskey.
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Looking for unique holiday gifts?

Check out these local craft shows

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If you just can't seem to find that perfect gift this holiday season, you should try shopping at a local arts and crafts show.

These seasonal markets feature products made by Northern Michigan artisans, from jewelry to baked goods to quilts.

Here are some craft shows happening this year around the region:

Pickford Christmas Craft Show

The Pickford Christmas Craft Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pickford Town Hall on Main Street.

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Christmas cards are available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center's 2025 Holiday Bazaar in Petoskey.

ICELAND

Concern over Atlantic Ocean current's possible collapse

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REUTERS

COPENHAGEN – Iceland has designated the potential collapse of a major Atlantic Ocean current system a national security concern and an existential threat, enabling its government to strategize for worst-case scenarios, the country's climate minister told Reuters.

The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation current brings warm water from the tropics northward toward the Arctic, and the flow of warm water helps keep Europe's winters mild.

But as warming temperatures speed the thaw of Arctic ice and cause meltwater from Greenland's ice sheet to pour into the ocean, scientists warn the cold freshwater could disrupt the current's flow. A potential collapse of AMOC could trigger a modern-day ice age, with winter temperatures across Northern Europe plummeting to new cold extremes, bringing far more snow and ice.

The AMOC has collapsed in the past – notably before the last Ice Age that ended about 12,000 years ago.

"It is a direct threat to our national resilience and security," Iceland Climate Minister Johann Pall Johannsson said by email. "[This] is the first time a specific climate-related phenomenon has been formally brought before the National Security Council as a potential existential threat."

Elevation of the issue means Iceland's ministries will be on alert and

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