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 Email: copperfest@up.net

FRIDAY, JULY 22: Along Lake Superior Beach

- **Ontonagon Lighthouse Tours**
Call the Historical Museum at (906) 884-6165 for details
- **9PM - Beach Bonfires & Boat Parade**
Parade travels from Ontonagon Marina to Township Park along the Lake Superior Beach where community bonfires will be available.
- Sponsored by Ontonagon Co. Chamber of Commerce
- **Fireworks at Dusk over Lake Superior** - Sponsored by Citizens State Bank, SEMCO Energy, Upper Peninsula Power Company

SATURDAY, JULY 23: Downtown Ontonagon

- **Ontonagon Lighthouse Tours**
Call the Historical Museum at (906) 884-6165 for details
- **10AM - ORV Historic Trail Ride**
Ride to area mines for tour and presentation. Riders meet behind Ontonagon Railroad Depot. - Sponsored by MI-TRALE
- **10AM - Crafts, Food, & Merchandise Vendors**
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- Sponsored by the Ontonagon All-Class Reunion

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- July 22-23** CopperFest, Ontonagon (Details inside)
- July 23** Annual Steakout hosted by the E-TC School Sports Booster Club, Ewen
- July 29** White Pine Community-Wide Picnic, 4pm-7pm: Food, Games, Raffles, Live Music
- July 30** White Pine Community-Wide Fireworks, dusk near White Pine Mall
- July 30** Day in Clay Music Jam, 11am-2pm, 14312 Airport Rd., Ewen
- Aug 2** VOTE - Michigan Statewide Primary, 7am-8pm, at Your Local Township Office
- Aug 7** Holy Hootenanny Concert & Brat Dinner, 2pm-5pm Trout Creek (Details inside)
- Aug 14** 31st Annual Lake Gogebic Firemen's Picnic, 12pm-5pm CT, West Shore Fire Station on M-64
- Sep 3-5** 66th Annual Ontonagon Labor Day Festival, Ontonagon
- Sep 9-10** 44th Annual Lake Gogebic Walleye Tournament, Bergland

WORSHIP SERVICES

- Apostolic Lutheran Church, Watton:** 11AM Sunday Worship. Holy Communion 1st Sundays. 11756 Salli Rd
- Bethany Lutheran WELS, Bruce Crossing:** Sunday Worship 5PM.
- Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMC), Covington:** 10:30AM Sunday Worship. Communion 1st, 3rd Sundays, Hwy 141
- Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church:** Sunday School 12PM, Worship 1PM. Communion 1st Sundays, Pastor Ed Hulkonen, 906-827-3241. 15121 M-28W
- Bruce Crossing Bible Church, Bruce Crossing:** Sunday Worship 10AM, 15089 Maplewood Road

NUTRITION MEALS—Cloverland SENIOR CENTER, Ewen: (AGE 60+ & SPOUSE) DONATION, \$4.00, GUEST FEE, \$6.50 Every Tuesday and Thursday 11AM - 1PM

South Ontonagon County Food Pantry: Ewen, 1st Tues ea. month, 2-4PM. 20142 State Hwy. M-28 (West side The Masons building)

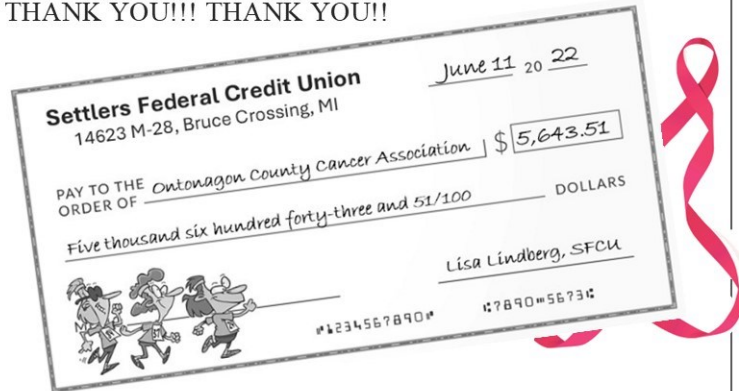
Watersmeet Food Pantry: 1st and 3rd Tues ea. month, 10-11AM

WORSHIP SERVICES

- Calvary Baptist Church, Bergland:** 11AM Sunday Worship, 201 Pine St
- Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Trout Creek:** 9AM Sunday School, 10AM Sunday Worship. 187 Division St.
- ELY Memorial Church (UCC), Land O'Lakes, WI:** Service 10AM (CT) Sundays, 4302 Co. Rd. B
- First Apostolic Lutheran Church, Paynesville:** Worship 1st Sundays at 10:30AM, 3rd Sundays at 2:30PM.
- First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ewen:** Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays at 10AM. 200 N. Cedar St
- Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watersmeet:** Mass 4PM (CT) Saturdays and 9:30AM (CT) Sundays, E23933 D Ave
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA), Paynesville:** Communion Worship 3rd and 5th Sundays at 10AM. 13980 N. Paynesville Road
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen:** 4PM Sat, 201 S Birch St.
- St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bergland:** 11AM Sunday, 480 Forest Ave.
- Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church:** Worship 11AM 3rd Sundays
- United Methodist Church, Ewen:** Worship 1st Sundays at 9AM. Open Communion. Reverend Ted Trudgeon.
- United Methodist Church, Sidnaw:** Worship 3PM Sundays. Communion 1st Sundays. Pastor Mark Miller.
- White Pine Community United Methodist Church:** Service on Sundays at 11:00AM. Pastor Pete LeMoine. 9 Tamarack St.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Settlers Federal Credit Union (FCU), CEO Lisa Lindberg and Staff presented a check to the Ontonagon County Cancer Association (OCCA) for \$5,643.51. Settlers FCU and 64 local businesses joined forces to sponsor our 10th Annual "Knock Out Cancer" walk on June 11th. One hundred eighteen people registered for the walk to help support OCCA and 55 participated in the walk. T-shirts were given to everyone who pre-registered. Participants also received refreshments and a lunch. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated in anyway. It was a huge success!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!



See you at these upcoming OCCA events!
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- Instruction provided by trained NRA and NASP instructors

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**Trinity Lutheran
Community
Church
in Trout Creek**

Sunday, August 21st
at 11AM

To the angel(s) who fixed
the fence in the Kenton
cemetery, we can't thank
you enough.

God bless you!



KINDNESS MATTERS



This message comes to you almost a year later, so I'm thankful the *Ottawa Shopper* is back in circulation so I can properly thank so many people.

If you know me, you knew my loving husband, Richard Hitzeman. Losing a loved one is life's greatest challenge. I truly believe the journey of grief should never be a lonely road, and mine has been full of my wonderful family, friends, and community members.

Life, including loss, is enriched when you're surrounded by caring, loving people. Kindness always matters. I so appreciate your kindness and continued loving support of me! I never feel alone.

God bless,

Colleen McGinty Hitzeman

Duncan Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

A Public Accuracy Test of the voting equipment for Duncan Township Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 will be held on
Monday, July 25, 2022, at 11:00 am,
at the Duncan Township Hall in Kenton, Michigan.

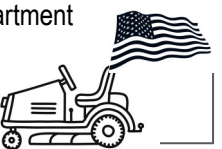
Kathy Allen, Clerk
Duncan Township

BIG THANKS!

Big thanks to all who attended our 4th of July Lawnmower Parade. It gets better every year!

Thanks to the Color Guard, thanks to our awesome sign maker, and thanks again to all of you!

- Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Department
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McMillan Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified voters of McMillan Township, Ontonagon County, State of Michigan:
Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for electronic equipment that will be used for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election is scheduled for
Monday, July 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Township Office
at 107 S. Cedar St., Ewen, Michigan
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets requirements of the Michigan election law.
Kay S. Richter, Clerk

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Save the Date
the next Annual
Shareholder's Meeting
May 6, 2023

Congratulations to
Les Wilkenson
(Settlers' Picnic Pak winner)
and Toby & Trulee
(Settlers' Father's Day
contest winners)

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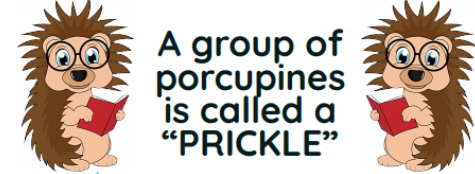
GAS/DIESEL - CONVENIENCE STORE 6AM-MIDNIGHT
(24 HOURS FRIDAY - SATURDAY)
GROCERY STORE 8AM-8PM

Fun Facts.

NOW YOU KNOW! The scientific term for "BRAIN FREEZE" is "sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia"

speaking of "BRAIN FREEZE" →

"Q" is the only letter not used in a US State name.



A group of porcupines is called a "PRICKLE"

POP! Bubble wrap was originally invented as wallpaper **POP!**

Celebrate Summer!
July 25th

"National Hot Fudge Sundae Day"

Settlers' has an entire bank of Ice Cream freezers! With Rounds, Scrounds, Blocks, and Pails from Blue Bunny, Dean's, Cedar Crest, Kemp's, Prairie Farms, and others!

Individual treats available too!

#NationalHotFudgeSundaeDay

Old Fashioned Hot Fudge Sauce

2 c Sugar	1 - 12 oz can evaporated milk
4 T Cocoa Powder	1 T unsalted butter
4 T Flour	1 T vanilla extract
1/2 t Salt	

INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium saucepan whisk the sugar, cocoa, flour, and salt. Pour in the evaporated milk and mix until combined. Place the pot over medium to medium low heat. Bring the mixture to a boil and boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. The mixture will thicken slightly, but be careful not to boil too long. The longer you boil, the thicker it gets. Remove from heat and add the butter and the vanilla extract. Whisk vigorously until smooth. Store, covered, in the refrigerator for 3-4 weeks.

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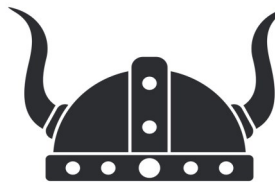
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much,
Whatever the part.

Thank you,
The Family of Sheila and Ches Johnson

BERGLAND VIKINGS ALL-COMMUNITY REUNION



Come and enjoy some good food, beverages, and most importantly, a chance to reminisce about the good old days in Bergland! We will be serving BBQs, hotdogs, bean bake, and cake. Raffles, 50/50, etc. Bring a dish if you would like.

At 12PM on Saturday, July 23, 2022
at the Bergland Centennial Park pavilion

If you are interested in golfing on Friday, July 22, please contact Jeff Borseth at jdborseth@gmail.com.

NOTICE FROM THE KENTON-SIDNAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By unanimous vote of the members present at the July 11, 2022 meeting, the following motion was approved. Due to the limited number of active members, the Kenton-Sidnaw Historical Society will be placed on hiatus indefinitely.

Should a need arise for a meeting, members will be notified.

The non-profit status will be kept up-to-date with timely submissions of required filings to both the State of Michigan and the IRS.



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ONTONAGON COUNTY MILLAGE PROPOSAL on the August 2, 2022, Primary Ballot

Proposal for County Millage to Fund MERS Pension Obligation

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed on real and tangible property for all purposes in any one year under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Ontonagon by 2 mills (2.00 per 1,000.00 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 6 years. 2003 through 2028 inclusive, for the purpose of funding the Village of Ontonagon's MERS pension obligation stemming from the sale of the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital in 2007.

Shall the County of Ontonagon be authorized to levy such millage for said purpose?

The amount of revenue the County of Ontonagon will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the County of Ontonagon in the first year is estimated to be \$573,782.40. If approved, this would authorize a new millage, the revenue from which will be disbursed to the Village of Ontonagon to pay the above referenced MERS pension obligation.

-Source August 2, 2022, Primary Ballot

KNOW THE **F A C T S** ABOUT THE COUNTY MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO FUND THE VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON'S MERS PENSION OBLIGATION

- Ontonagon Memorial Hospital was owned by the Village of Ontonagon until it sold to Aspirus Health in 2007. As part of the sale, Aspirus Health did not take on the retirement fund. In 2007, the Ontonagon Village Council voted to assume the retirement liability for approximately 134 former employees. **At the same time the Ontonagon Village Council voted to DROP the millage rate being paid by its Village residents.** *
- The Ontonagon Village Council reasons that the MERS funding shortfall is the responsibility of the *ENTIRE* county because most of the employees at the hospital live outside of the Village of Ontonagon. Their other reasoning is that everyone in Ontonagon County benefits from Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital. Therefore, all County residents should be willing to help pay the Village of Ontonagon's pension debt.
- Currently, the **Ontonagon Village Council** owes the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) approximately **\$8.6 million**.
- Michigan Senator Ed McBroom and Michigan Representative Gregory Markkanen have secured **\$4.7 million** in the State of Michigan budget plus an Enhancement Grant of **\$3.1 million** for a total of **\$7.8 million to be paid by the state toward the MERS debt** owed by the Ontonagon Village Council. (Source Representative Gregory Markkanen)
- While it isn't possible to remove the issue from the ballot, the **\$7.8 million from the State of Michigan should make the Village of Ontonagon Municipal Employee Retirement (MERS) fund approximately 90% whole**. This amount should allow the Village to pay down the debt and budget to make their payments on the outstanding balance without asking to raise taxes across the County.
- **The hospital will not close, nor will the building project at the hospital be halted if this millage does not pass.** The Ontonagon Village Council or the Village of Ontonagon do not own the Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital.
- The County Board of Commissioners has the authority to place a County-wide ballot initiative on the ballot, as they do for OCAP, SONCO and Commission on Aging. Those entities and services benefit the entire County.

Please exercise your right to **VOTE** on August 2, 2022

Paid For By Concerned Citizens of Ontonagon County

ON AUGUST 2nd --- VOTE NO

ON 2-MIL COUNTY-WIDE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE



- ! There has been no explanation, by the Village of Ontonagon, about what happened to \$8,000,000 of MERS pension funds.
- ! MERS has an annual obligation to advise pension-holders that their pension was unfunded or under-funded by the Village of Ontonagon for years.
- ! MERS has an obligation to advise the Village of Ontonagon if they were not receiving pension funds for years.
- ! Why didn't the required annual financial audits of the Village show any missing pension funds for all these years?
- ! Ontonagon County Property owners should not be obligated to pay for potential mis-management of pension funds by the Village of Ontonagon.
- ! If the Village of Ontonagon receives over \$3,000,000 from a property tax increase over the next six years, where is the rest of the missing \$8,000,000 going to come from? More eventual property tax increases?
- ! \$8,000,000 is supposedly missing from the MERS pension fund. When is the criminal investigation going to take place????

The above-referenced property tax increase proposal is titled "Proposal for County Millage to Fund MERS Pension Obligation" on the August 2, 2022, Primary Ballot.

ATTENTION MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Matchwood Township Board is requesting the approval of 2 mills to be approved by the electorate by voting **YES** on the August 2, 2022 election.

Currently the Township is attempting to run on the guaranteed 1 mil on roughly 50% of the property in Matchwood Township. This is not enough revenue for the Township to remain solvent and will be at risk of losing our local authority. Without the 2 mills, Matchwood Township will no longer be able to meet its financial obligations for hiring an assessor and all assessment costs, state-required AMAR audits, election costs, tax collecting and disbursements, maintaining an office and polling place, paying salary for a Board, nor maintaining one of the few remaining 100 year old schools.

We appeal to your sense of community pride and civic duty to vote **YES** and approve the 2 mills.

- Paid for by Sig and Mary Hokens,
Audrey Wagner, and Neil Wagner

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test for the primary election on August 2, 2022, has been scheduled for July 23, 2022, at 12:00PM noon, with alternate dates of July 24, 2022 at noon, and July 26, 2022, at 6:00 PM. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

- Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP

The following General Fund millage proposal will be on the election ballot for the 2022 primary election on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, for Matchwood Township.

General Fund

Shall Matchwood Township impose 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for two (2) years, 2022 through 2023 inclusive, for the General Fund, which 2.0 mills will raise an estimated \$17,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

- Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk



Unexpected bump or bruise, fever or the flu? We've got you covered.

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On August 2, 2022, the **ONTONAGON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING** seeks your continued support for renewal of its existing one half (1/2) mill.

Since 1994, millage funds have supported and enhanced in-home services and programs for seniors of Ontonagon County such as homemaker aide, home care assistance and respite care.

Thank you for your support. - Paid for by the *Lake Gogebic Recreation Club*

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*Dear Friends,
 I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has sent money, gift cards, cards, and especially thoughts and prayers to me and Steve since my recent cancer diagnosis. The prayers in particular have been doing their job. I've had some positive things happening lately. I am truly humbled by all the love I've been receiving. Even E-TC sent buses of elementary students to cheer me on! Amazing! May God bless all of you!*

*With deep thanks,
 Annette Westrich*

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ALL OF ONTONAGON COUNTY IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

The August 2, 2022, Primary Election includes a *NEW* millage proposal for *ALL* of Ontonagon County. **Please**, get out and vote so that your voice is counted with regard to the proposed millage!

From the Ballot: **Proposal for County Millage to Fund MERS Pension Obligation**

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed on real and tangible property for all purposes in any one year under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Ontonagon by 2 mills (2.00 per 1,000.00 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 6 years. 2003 through 2028 inclusive, for the purpose of funding the Village of Ontonagon's MERS pension obligation stemming from the sale of the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital in 2007. Shall the County of Ontonagon be authorized to levy such millage for said purpose?

The amount of revenue the County of Ontonagon will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the County of Ontonagon in the first year is estimated to be \$573,782.40. If approved, this would authorize a new millage, the revenue from which will be disbursed to the Village of Ontonagon to pay the above referenced MERS pension obligation. Vote YES or NO

Explanation: When the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital was sold by the Village of Ontonagon to the Aspirus Medical Organization, there was an outstanding debt to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan. This *NEW* millage, if passed, will allow Ontonagon County to levy a tax upon *ALL* residents of the County in order to pay the MERS debt owed by the Village of Ontonagon. This does not provide any new services to residents of the County. **It is designated entirely for paying the MERS obligation that is owed by the Village.**

There is a secondary millage proposal for 20 mills (\$20.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value). This secondary millage proposal would *ONLY* affect residents in the Village of Ontonagon. **The rest of the residents of Ontonagon County would *NOT* be subject to this tax.**

HELP WANTED

Wandels' WaterCare is seeking a Plumber/Installer/Service Technician. We are offering a full time stable employment position and are willing to train the right person. This position involves installing, diagnosing and repairing water treatment equipment. General plumbing knowledge and ability to learn quickly are required. We are a family owned business, market excellent products Made in the USA, and presently serve the Western and Central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We are seeking a self motivated, dependable, individual in good physical condition - job requires routine lifting of 50 lbs. Clean driving record, drug screening, and background check required. Paid vacation and holidays. Employer matched retirement plan offered. A listing of our services and products can be seen at wandelswatercare.com. If interested please email resume/work history to info@wandelswatercare.com



Winning Number from the Wakefield 50/50 Raffle is:
36598

The Bruce Crossing Independence Day Celebration Committee and Wakefield Fireworks Committee thank everyone for their support in making our communities a fun place to celebrate the 4th of July!

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