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April 17	<i>Quarters Auction Fundraiser</i> , Bruce Crossing Area 4 th of July at Twilly's (<i>Details inside</i>)
April 22	Community Party, FREE Ewen Centennial Hall
	7pm-9pm (Details inside)
April 23	Pancake Breakfast, American Legion 494,
	Trout Creek (Details inside)
May 5	Born in the Barn Film Series Watch Party, E-TC
	Booster Club, E-TC School, 5pm - 8:30pm
May 9	Together With Veterans, Rockland, 1pm-6pm
2	(Details inside)
May 14	MOTHER'S DAY
May 19-21	Lake Trout Classic, Ontonagon (Details inside)
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY
Jun 10	MI-TRALE Sport Ride
Jun 10	SFCU 11th Annual Cancer Walk, Bruce Crossing
Jun 10-11	Mich. 3-Free Weekend, FREE for all! Fishing,
	off-road trail access and visits to state parks/
	boating access sites.
Jun 17	Kids' Day at Rockland Pond, FREE
	9am-2pm - Fishing poles and bait provided
Jun 18	FATHER'S DAY
Jun 25	Adventure Mntn Horse Club Summer 2023
	Speed Show Series begins, Greenland
Jul 1	Bruce Crossing Area 4 th of July Celebration
July 6-9	Hodag Country Music Festival, Rhinelander
July 19	Senior Fest, Onto. County Residents 60 yrs +,
	E-TC School, 10am-2pm. Vendors, music & lunch.
	Call 906-575-3461 for info.
July 20-21	Copperfest, Ontonagon Co. Chamber of Commerce
Jul 28-29	White Pine 4 th of July Celebration & Picnic
Aug 12	2023 Booster Bonanza, Onto Gladiators Booster Club

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- Area Church Worship Schedules & Events
- Community Meals, Meetings & Services
- Township Notices & Messages
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- PLUS Tidbits of info from public Facebook pages and heard while eating zoodles at The Squeeze on Main

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2023 ASPIRUS ONTONAGON HOSPITAL LAKE TROUT CLASSIC BEV MEAGHER MEMORIAL - MAY 19, 20, 21	All proceeds benefit the Ontonagon County Cancer Association
LAKE TROUT CLASSIC TOURNEY Saturday, May 20: 5:30am-3pm & Sunday, May 21: 5:30am-2pm Awards Presentation Sunday, May 21: 3pm TOP PRIZE - \$1,200 2 ND PLACE - \$600 3 RD PLACE - \$400 PRIZES PAID THRU 8 TH PLACE	LADIES POWDER PUFF TOURNEY Friday, May 19 6am-2pm 1 st PLACE PRIZE - \$200 Sponsored by Moonshine Lures
LARGEST FISH - \$200 PRIZES2ND PLACE - \$50 PRIZESLake Trout - Ontonagon Co. Telephone Co.for each Largest Fish categoryLake Trout Ladies - JJ's Tackle Shack <i>Brown Trout - Coca Cola of Hancock</i> Brown Trout - U.P. Sports Fishermen Assoc.Chinook Salmon - Pat's Auto & Sports CenterSteelhead - Ontonagon Valley Sportsmen'sLARGEST 3 LAKE TROUT - \$300 PRIZE	 POWDER PUFF TOURNEY CONTEST RULES: 1. Entry fee is \$40.00 per team. 2. No refund of registration fee. 3. Mandatory Captains' Meeting at 5:30am Fri., May 19, 2023, at Marina Pavilion. 4. Must have a valid Michigan Fishing License. 5. All participants must obey
 LAKE TROUT CLASSIC TOURNEY CONTEST RULES: Entry fee is \$25.00 per person. No refund of registration fee. Mandatory Captains' Meeting at 7:30pm Fri., May 19, 2023, at Ontonagon VFW. Must have a valid Michigan Fishing License. All participants must obey Michigan Fishing Laws. Must have life jackets. Three-person team ~ one team per boat ~ up to 6 people per boat. 9-rod max. All fish must be caught with rod and reel. No meat hooks. No skis with meat lines. Planer boards allowed. Each boat will enter their 3 largest Lake Trout each day to be documented as a total weight per day. The weights of the entered Lake Trout will be documented and totaled each day. First Place Prize awarded to team with the heaviest combined 2-day weight. If foul weather occurs for one day of the tournament, the tournament will be decided on 1-day total weight for the 3 largest Lake Trout per boat. One prize award per boat (excluding largest fish). Launch site in Ontonagon. You must come off the water from where you launched. 	 Michigan Fishing Laws. Must have life jackets. One three-lady team per boat ~ up to 6 people per boat. 9-rod max. All fish must be caught with rod and reel. No meat hooks. No skis with meat lines. Planer boards allowed. Each boat will enter their 3 largest Lake Trout for total weight. One first-place prize awarded to the winning team. Launch site in Ontonagon. You must come off the water from where you launched.
REGISTRATION FORM Completed form and entry fees must be received by May 17, 2023. Make checks payable to: Ontonagon Lake Trout Classic Captain's Name:	PRE-TOURNAMENT INFO: Pre-tournament on Fri., May 19. at 6:00am. Registration at the pavilion in Ontonagon Harbor. Sponsored by Keweenaw Chevrolet. \$25.00 per boat. \$200.00 prize for largest Lake Trout. Powderpuff entrants may enter pre- tournament with additional \$25.00 per boat entry fee.
Name of Boat:	QUESTIONS? Call: 906-884-2770 or 906-250-4639 Email: dgreig@charter.net Website: greigstackleshop.com

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD..

EWEN: According to its Facebook page, the E-TC Booster Club is hosting a spaghetti dinner and a watch party to view Kristin Ojaniemi's "Born in the Barn" documentary film series. The party will be at the E-TC school on May 5, beginning with dinner at 5pm followed by a showing of Parts 1-4 of the film series. Part 1 will be shown at 6:30pm, Part 2

at 7pm, Part 3 at 7:30pm, and the premiere showing of Part 4 will be at 8pm. Parts 1-3 are also already available for viewing on YouTube.

EWEN: Ms. Wardynski's CTE Food Systems and Natural Resources (Agriculture) class at E-TC had a busy week with their newest classroom additions - baby goats and chicks!

EWEN: A new large donation of books has been received by the McMillan Township Library. Stop by T W Th 11am-5pm.

ROCKLAND: Bingo is every Wednesday at the Rockland Legion Post 92 Hall. Doors open at 6pm. First ball drawn at 6:50pm.

WATERSMEET: Watersmeet, Phelps, Conover and Land O' Lakes firefighters and first responders participated in an ice rescue training class on March 26, hosted by Midwest Fire Tactics and Training. The message on their Facebook page states: "What an AWESOME group of students today in Land 'O Lakes Wisc.! We had multiple departments represented from Wisc. and Mich., and they rocked it. Thank you to everyone who came out on a Sunday to put in work! Everyone crushed it and kept getting back in the water for reps today with a large class. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!"

WATERSMEET: On May 2, Watersmeet Township will be seeking renewal of an operating millage. Be sure to vote!

WATERSMEET: Watersmeet township school is hiring a 2nd grade teacher and a Girls Volleyball coach. Contact the school for application instructions.

ONTONAGON: The Ontonagon Co. Chamber of Commerce is busy planning Copperfest 2023 for July 20-21. Details are forthcoming.

ONTONAGON: The Gladiator girls' Varsity Track 1 mile relay team came in first place at the first track meet of the season. Nice work ladies!

MASS CITY: Tige's Bar and their patrons recently raised \$325 for the U.P. Superior Snowmobile Club. Well done!

EWEN - ONTONAGON: Congratulations to *The Ironwood Globe Design an Ad* contest winners! E-TC: Caden Besonen 10th grade,

Cheyenne Peace 12th grade, Jesse Pletzke 11th grade. Ontonagon: Jaasiel Garcia 10th grade, Abi Pestka 10th grade, Paige Weisinger 12th grade

ONTONAGON: GOISD welding students placed in the top 3 and earned certifications at the U.P. Welding Competition at Bay College in March. Students competed and were tested on the American Welding Society (AWS) SENSE written test and AWS D1.1 Structural Welder Performance Qualification. Students that placed are: Adam Immonen 2nd Place in (FCAW) flux core process and certified 3G (1st year student). Dylan Westie 3rd Place in (FCAW) flux core process and certified in 3G (2nd year student). Emmett Kolpack certified in (SMAW) stick process (2nd year student).



E-TC student, Maddie Garcia of Trout Creek feeds a baby goat during Agriculture class.



Makennah, Lilly, Alli and Violet - members of the Gladiator girls' Varsity Track team.





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UPDATED!! SUBMISSION DEADLINES Submit by April 22 for April 28 Submit by May 6 for May 12 Submit by May 20 for May 26 Submit by June 3 for June 9 Submit by June 17 for June 23 Submit by **July 1** for *July 7* Submit by July 15 for July 21 Submit by **July 29** for Aug 4 Submit by Aug 12 for Aug 18 Submit by Aug 26 for Sep 1 Submit by Sep 9 for Sep 15 Submit by Sep 23 for Sep 29 Submit by Oct 7 for Oct 13 Submit by Oct 21 for Oct 27 Submit by Nov 4 for Nov 10 Submit by Nov 16 for Nov 24 Submit by Dec 2 for Dec 8 (LAST EDITION OF 2023)

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Hearing Loss and the Dementia Connection

The newest research shows that hearing loss is linked to a range of health problems, including dementia. The research not only shows the two are connected, it's also leading scientists to believe that hearing loss may be a cause of dementia. Here's a summary of findings from different studies focused on the connection between hearing loss and dementia:

Hearing loss and the brain: If you have hearing loss, you have a greater chance of developing dementia, according to a 2020 Lancet commission report1 that lists hearing loss as one of the top risk factors for dementia.

Brain strain and social isolation: Hearing loss makes your brain work harder, forcing it to strain to hear and fill in the gaps. That comes at the expense of other thinking and memory systems. Hearing loss may also cause the aging brain to shrink more quickly. If you can't hear very well, you may not go out as much and be less socially engaged which means your brain may be less engaged and active.

Reducing the risk of dementia: By the end of 2023, the results of a large National Institute on Aging study (conducted by Johns Hopkins) will provide conclusive results on how treating loss of hearing may reduce the risk of cognitive decline. In essence, we'll know for certain whether the use of hearing aids can potentially reduce brain aging and the risk of dementia.

Other effects on health: Hearing loss has long-term effects on health. It's believed to increase the risk for falls and depression. It also leads to higher health care costs: People with hearing loss have, over 10 years, a 47% increased rate of hospitalization.²

1 – SOURCE: https://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736(20)30367-6/fulltext 2 – SOURCE: https://www.thelancet.com/infographics/dementia-risk

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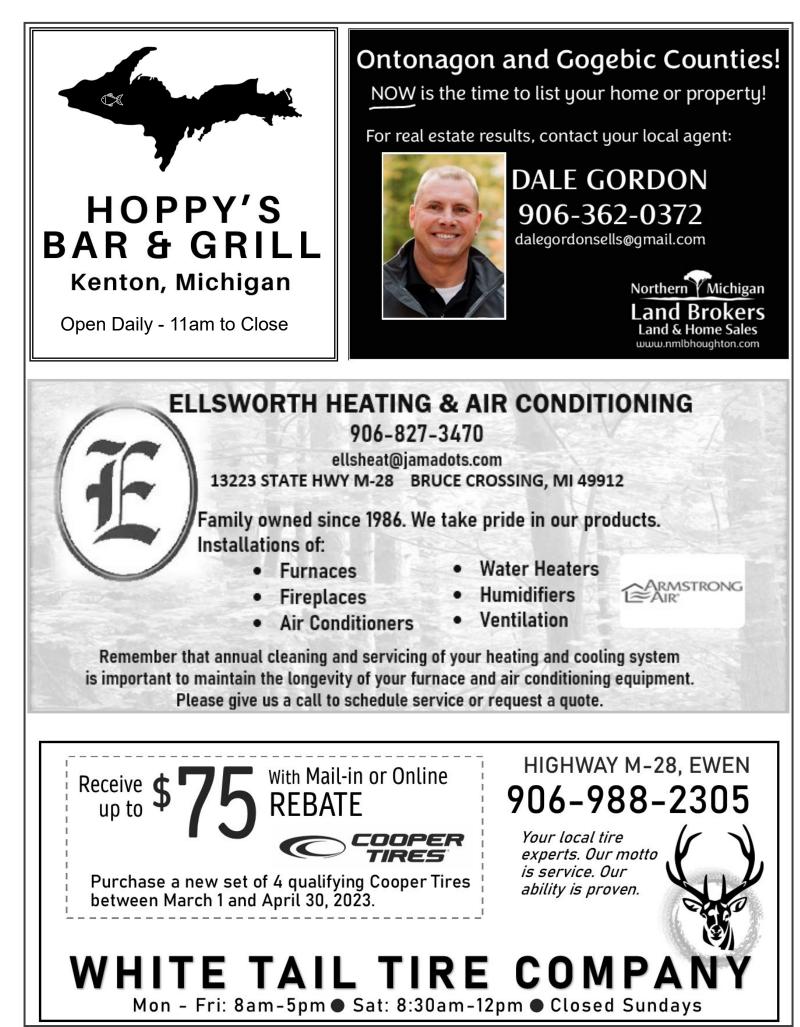
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Bethany Lutheran WELS, Bruce Crossing: 5PM Sun. Worship. **Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMC)**, Covington: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st and 3rd Sun. Hwy 141.

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: Sun. School 12PM, Worship 1PM. Communion 1st Sun., Pr. Ed Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sun. Worship, 15089 Maplewood Rd.

Calvary Baptist Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 201 Pine St. Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Trout Creek: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

ELY Memorial Church (UCC), Land O'Lakes, WI: 10AM (CT) Sun. Worship, 4302 Co. Rd. B.

First Apostolic Lutheran Church, Paynesville: Worship 1st Sun. at 10:30AM, 3rd Sun. at 2:30PM.

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ewen: 10AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sun. 200 N. Cedar St.

Greenland SDA Church: Worship 10AM Sat., 31369 N Firesteel Rd. **Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)**, Watersmeet: Worship 9:30AM Sun. Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun., Pr. Gary Albert. N1764 Hwy 45.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watersmeet: Mass 4PM (CT) Sat. and 9:30AM (CT) Sun., E23933 D Ave.

NORTHIRON Church, Ontonagon: 10:45AM Sun. Worship, 104 N. Steel St.

Ontonagon Baptist Church, Ontonagon: Sun. Worship 9:45AM, 11AM, 6PM; Wed. Worship 7PM. Pr. Virgil Ruchti. 615 Greenland Rd.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA), Paynesville: Communion Worship 3rd and 5th Sun. at 10AM, 13980 N. Paynesville Rd.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen: 4PM Sat. Worship, 201 S. Birch St.

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 480 Forest Ave.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Mass City: Sun. Worship at 10:30AM w/ Holy Communion, Wed. 4-5PM Bible Adventures & Faith Formation for children 4 years +, Community Meal 2nd Mon. ea. month 3-6PM.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10AM Wed. Bible Study, 3:30-5PM Wed. Church School. Phone Message Tree: 906-884-4788 follow prompts. 107 E. River St.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Covington: 9AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Corey Harman. M-28.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Bergland: 9AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion, 6PM Tues. Bible Study. Pr. Timothy Steckling. 404 Birch St.

Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church: 11AM on 3rd Sun. Worship.

United Methodist Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Jerry Bennett. 108 Birch St.

United Methodist Church, Ewen: 9AM Worship 1st Sun. Open Communion. Rev. Ted Trudgeon.

United Methodist Church, Sidnaw: 3PM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st Sun. Pr. Mark Miller.

Watersmeet Bible Church: Sun. Bible Study 9-10AM, Worship 10:30AM Communion 1st Sun. Dinner & Bible Study Wed. 5:30PM-7:30PM. Pr. Robert Yerks. Northwoods Quilters Tues. 9AM-3PM. E23640 Hwy 2.

White Pine Community United Methodist Church: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Pete LeMoine. 9 Tamarack St.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Ontonagon County Historical Society Dinner and Program, 3rd Thurs. each month. Details on Facebook or call 906-884-6165.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7PM each Wed. at Stannard Township Hall, Bruce Crossing

MI-TRALE Monthly Meeting, 7PM on 1st Mon. each month at Stannard Township Hall, Bruce Crossing ("MI-TRALE" - Mich. Trails & Recreation Alliance of Land & the Environment) - New members welcome - \$25/individual.

COMMUNITY MEALS

NUTRITION MEALS—CLOVERLAND SR CENTER, EWEN: (AGE 60+ & SPOUSE) DONATION, \$4.00, GUEST FEE, \$6.50 Every Tues. & Thurs. 11AM - 1PM MASS CITY: Community Meal 2nd Mon. ea. month 3-6PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

FOOD RESOURCES

S. ONTONAGON CO. FOOD PANTRY, EWEN: 1st Tues ea. month, 2PM-4PM. 20142 State Hwy. M-28 **WATERSMEET FOOD PANTRY:** 1st & 3rd Tues., 10-11AM

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OTHER SERVICES

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To share your church services, community meeting, meals, and food information here, call 404-433-7983 (leave a detailed message) or send an email to ottawashopper@outlook.com.

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NOTICE OF PROJECT PLANNING - PUBLIC MEETING

The **Township of McMillan**, Ontonagon County will hold a public meeting on the proposed sewer improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on April 19, 2023 at the Township Office.

The purpose of the proposed project is to perform repairs and adjustments to the sewer system to improve operations and maintain the system to meet the NPDES permit and EGLE requirements for operating.

Project construction will involve, but may not be limited to:

repairs to existing sewer lines, relocation of sewer structures from ditch lines, repairs to manholes and lift stations, replacement of lift station equipment, replacement of the existing force main from the main lift station to the lagoons, adding SCADA controls to the lift stations, lagoon sludge removal, improving the access roads at the lagoons, correcting pipe connections at the lagoons and constructing a storage facility for equipment.

Impacts of the proposed project include improving operational efficiencies by repairing broken or aging infrastructure and adding SCADA controls for lift stations, reducing I&I in the system to mitigate non-permitted discharges from the lagoons, and improving lagoon treatment by performing sludge removal.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be \$2,000,000.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following locations: McMillan Township Office. Written comments received before the meeting record is closed on April 19 at 7 p.m. will receive responses in the final project planning document. Written comments should be sent to zane.hyrkas@ohm-advisors.com.



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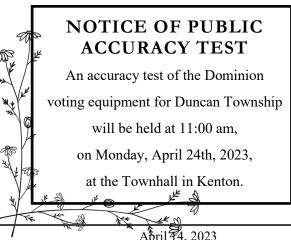
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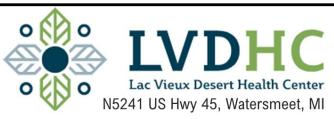
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