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Let's Talk About It! Kids Aren't the Only Ones Who are Bullies - Adults Can Also Be Bullies

Adapted from article posted on BetterHelp.com -- Published by the Ottawa Shopper because adult bullies are everywhere, including adult leaders in our community, and it needs to stop.

Bullying is an abusive behavior that can impact anyone of any age. Many researchers and specialists have studied bullying, its adverse impacts, and steps that can be taken to overcome the adverse impacts of being targeted by this behavior. Although bullying is often considered only an issue for children in elementary through high school, adults can also be bullied. Bullying is sometimes associated with mental health conditions like anxiety, depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). To overcome these impacts, it can be helpful to understand the psychology of bullying in more detail.

An overview of bullying: The American Psychological Association (APA) defines bullying as "a form of aggressive behavior in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes another person injury or discomfort." Bullying is regarded as a behavior that is learned and not inherited. It may be prompted by peer pressure, a lack of caregiver support, or a desire not to be the target of bullying oneself. Research into bullying has shown that many people who bully are antisocial, unaware of, or indifferent toward the emotions and feelings of others. While some people who bully may experience low self-esteem, others may feel sure of themselves, even if they have tense relationships with the people in their lives, including parents, siblings, children, teachers, or coworkers. Additionally, the rise of modern technology offers new channels for bullying behavior. People may act unkindly to each other online, make fake accounts, or send countless messages and comments on social media, often as a group of people against one individual. Although you can block people online, people who bully may make "call-out" posts about individuals, encouraging others to bully them as well, which can lead to offline bullying.

Why do adults bully? People who bully may target those who seem sensitive, easy to manipulate, or trusting. It might be someone new to a particular social environment who lacks confidence or doesn't give into bullying messages being spread. Via technology, people who bully are often encouraged to target people who disagree. They may tie in one's identity with false rumors and cause them to be widely harmed, sometimes globally.

How do adults bully? Adults may disguise bullying by trying to make it seem that their efforts to harm someone else's life are justified. However, understanding that bullying has severe impacts can be essential to not participating in campaigns of harm against someone else, regardless of your age. Many people have taken their own lives due to being "canceled" or bullied by mass social groups who have targeted their jobs, friendships, relationships, income, and safety. Regardless of what someone has done or has been rumored to have done, all humans require safe shelter, food, relationships, belonging, and water as core needs. Attempting to cause someone to lose any of these core needs is not your responsibility and can lead to severe harm and traumatic events for this individual. If you believe someone has made a mistake, harmed you, or harmed a group of people through their actions, let them know their impact, but try not to advocate for removing that person from their personal community or resources. You can choose to end a relationship with someone personally and let others make the same choice for themselves without pressuring them or spreading rumors that may or may not be accurate. In addition, avoid bullying those who choose to stay in an individual's life. Studies show that receiving resources and social support after trauma is essential for change. People who are cut off from resources and the community may be more likely to experience further trauma or cause further harm to others.

The effects of bullying: Bullying directly harms the survivor, and can also impact witnesses and the bullying people themselves. In adults, people who have once spread rumors about or bullied someone else may become the target of bullying in the future. In circles where people constantly seek to bully or target others, friendships may not be safe enough to trust. To combat bullying, looking at all individuals in the cycle, including the witnesses, bullies, and survivors, is essential.

The effects of being a bystander: Witnesses of bullying can experience severe mental health concerns. Although they are not being bullied, they could become perpetrators or eventually be bullied as well. For example, if they are friends with the person bullying others, they might eventually "slip up" or say something that person doesn't like, becoming the target of bullying themselves. This "walking on eggshells" dynamic can cause anxiety and distrust. Bystanders may also feel afraid to speak out or report bullying due to the possibility of them becoming the target.

The effects of being a person who bul**lies:** Individuals who bully others may also experience adverse impacts. Survivors of bullying often grow from their experiences, learning that what occurred to them was wrong. However, bullying people may stay stuck in a bitter mindset, thinking of who they can try to harm next and trying to "catch" people who they want to control and put down. This hypervigilance of the behavior of others can cause a person who bullies to struggle to look inward at their low selfesteem. Due to low self-esteem, they may use substances, abuse others, or struggle to keep a safe lifestyle. People who bullied others in grade school are five times more likely to have a criminal record as an adult. However, it can also be beneficial to note that not all bullying people are criminals, and many people who bully are people who can appear charming or as leaders in a community. To avoid the impacts of bullying others, it can be essential to notice when you are acting abusively toward others, even if you think you are doing so to benefit your "community." Take a step back from the situation and ask yourself why you feel the actions of others are your duty to control. In addition, consider speaking to a licensed mental health professional.



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Excerpt from : Hospital Consolidation Kills - by Thom Hartmann (hartmannreport.com)



SUMMER LEE (SILK) BAILEY, 46 years old, passed away on February 26, 2024, at her home in Bruce Crossing. Summer was born in L'Anse, Michigan, to Michael and Dora (Hokkanen) Silk on February 15, 1978. She attended and graduated from Ewen-Trout Creek School. She was married to Shawn Bailey on August 18, 2001, at Marion Lake in Watersmeet.

Summer spent her entire life in a wheelchair because of a birth defect, but that did not stop her. She was a normal child getting into mischief, being a rebellious teenager, and being a wonderful mother to her son. She loved camping, bird watching, and her many pets. She endured a lot in her young life, but never complained. She was most definitely an inspiration to her family and friends.

Summer is survived by her husband and best friend for over 27 years, Shawn, a son Christian, a brother Michael Joel, and her parents Michael and Dora. She is also survived by some wonderful aunts, uncles,

She was preceded in death by her sister, Sonya Michelle; grandparents, Glenn and Sylvia (Maki) Martz, Donald and Gladys (Bonin) Budd, Michael I. Silk, and George Hokkanen; a special uncle, Ronald Maki; and a special cousin, Tracy Lynn Pete.

A memorial service was held at the Cane Funeral Home-Bruce Crossing Chapel on March 2, 2024, and was followed by a luncheon at the American Legion Hall in Trout Creek, Michigan. Burial will be at the Agate Cemetery at a later date. Cane Funeral Home-Bruce Crossing Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

GLENDA HANSEN GILMAN, 65 years old, of Eagan, Minnesota (formerly of Bruce Crossing, Ewen, Ironwood) passed away March 1, 2024, at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was a beloved daughter, sister, and grandmother and will be remembered by her family and friends as a tender-hearted and loving woman. Glenda's mother, Anita, fondly remembers a time when Glenda, just a wee little girl, found a deceased baby mouse and insisted on carefully lining a matchbox with cotton batten and burying it in the family's backyard. She is survived by her children, Joshua, Tegan, and Dane Gilman; mother, Anita (Kauppinen) Hansen; brothers, Clay and Joseph; sister, Holly Fiedler; Nephews and nieces, Ryan Hansen, Logan, Luke and Leah Fiedler, Josh, Abby and Sam Hansen; and grandchildren, Max and Ashley. Glenda was preceded in death by her father, Victor Hansen. We are all lost and saddened, but she is safe in the arms of her Savior Jesus, never to suffer again. A memorial service will be held later at Presbyterian Homes in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

LINDA L. LANNET, 77, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Bruce Crossing, on February 23, 2024. Linda was born to Olga and Ernest Cummings of Sidnaw on December 2, 1946, in Marquette, Michigan. Linda graduated from L'Anse High School in 1964. Over the years she was employed at Mitzi's Restaurant, Tulppo's Restaurant, Toomey Nursery, Wood Development and Settler's Co-Op.

Linda married Edward Lannet on November 5, 1966, in Covington. Linda and Ed went on to have two children, Mary and Amanda. Linda enjoyed her hobbies of canning vegetables, bowling, playing bingo, dancing, volunteering at the VFW Post 9345, and spending time with her family. She always knew how to play the best pranks and put a smile on people's faces.

Linda is survived by her husband of 57 years, Edward; her daughters, Mary Cummings and Amanda (Samuel) Brady; two granddaughters, who were her pride and joy, Alexis (Jacob) Brady and Kaitlyn Brady; her brothers-in-law, Niles Eilertsen, Ernest (Lisa) Lannet and John (Gail) Lannet; her sisters-in-law, Judith Lannet, Doris Dallas and Kay (Dennis) Mayotte; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Linda is preceded in death by her parents, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, her brothers Walfred and Ernest, her sister Mary Ann Eilertsen, her twin sister Linnea Bishoff, her brothers-in-law Kenneth and Robert Lannet, her sister-in-law Clara Lannet, and son-in-law Dennis Cummings.

A graveside memorial service will be held on April 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the VFW Post 9345, Bruce Crossing, MI. Interment will be at the Paynesville Cemetery, in Paynesville, Michigan. Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Thank You FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Together, we made a difference! A heartfelt thank you to Johnson family, Jake Witt, Donnie and Sandy Budd, Norma Virta, Guck, Tara and Austyn Johnson, Debora Swartz, PJ and Jack Fish, the Wakefield-Marenisco girls basketball team, and Mike and Bobbi Hautamaki for their outstanding donations. To Bergland Gas Station, UP Chucks, Char's Cafe, Image MD, thank you for reaching out to help sell chances. A special mention to Mikki for her help and Mr. Basanese for providing us with a home base. Last but not least, a big thanks to Tracy Niemi and Patsy Walls for donating the rolls of chances. And, thank you to everyone else who helped in any way!

Your kindness, love and generosity made all the difference at this sad time for the family of Madison Garcia. Our community always comes through when needed. THANK YOU ALL!!

~Skye Johnson

Thank You

Our family would like to thank all who attended Bob's funeral and visitation, sent cards, made food and shared their wonderful hugs and stories with all of us.

We were so honored and touched by the attendance at Bob's funeral and visitation. Thank you all again for all you have done for our family.

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On the day of her wedding Leelinaw ventured, out as she had done before. and stopped at the point to explore the grove of pine trees. She never returned and by nightfall the point was searched using torches but she was never found.



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KAYE & BRUCE GIBSON

I wish to thank all the relatives and friends for the cards and visits when I was in the Duluth Hospital and since I have been home. Thanks for all those that have helped in any way. God bless you all.

ARNE FRANTI

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Thank you to everyone who sent cards while I was a patient in the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital.

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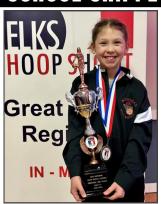
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EWEN: Congratulations to the very young Ewen-Trout Creek Panthers Robotics Team "PantherBots 9188". They had a great weekend earlier this month, finishing 13th of 38 teams, and made it to the playoff rounds, and were the captain of Alliance 8.

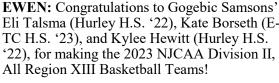
EWEN: Sophie Ruotsala of Ewen-Trout Creek School recently earned the title of 2024 Elks Hoop Shoot Michigan State Champion in her age group and advanced to the next

level of competition (representing Copper Country #404 Elks Lodge) in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Regional Finals in Indiana in March. Well done!

ONTONAGON: Congratulations to the Ontonagon Gladiator Robotics Team 6569 on finishing 3rd place Alliance at the 2024 FIM District -

> Escanaba Event this month. The team also won the Quality Award for their robot's high quality and robustness in concept and fabrication.

EWEN: Congratulations to Gogebic Samsons', Eli Talsma (Hurley H.S. '22), Kate Borseth (E-TC H.S. '23), and Kylee Hewitt (Hurley H.S. '22), for making the 2023 NJCAA Division II,







WATERSMEET: Students in Watersmeet School's 2nd and 3rd grade classes have learned the art of being pen pals with others. They been corresponding with the students in the Bessemer School's 3rd grade classes over the past couple of months. The students even had the opportunity to meet their pen pals in-person when the Bessemer students visited the Watersmeet school. While the Bessemer students were visiting, they learned a bit about Native American history and culture. It was a fun day for all!



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CONTACTS

Lynn (fawns) 906-370-1043

Jen (mammals) 906-369-2027

Beth (birds) 906-370-3825



TAME RACCOON FOUND ON SIDE OF M-64 RESCUED

On March 3, 2024, U.P. Wildlife Rehabilitation reported the following on their public Facebook page:

This girl was found on the side of M64 near Floodwood River in Ontonagon County this weekend. She exhibits unusual behavior for a wild raccoon. She is far too comfortable around humans, an indication that she was likely raised illegally as a pet. This type of behavior is detrimental to the long term survival of any raccoon in the wild. Raccoons do not make good pets! They may be cute as babies, but they can become aggressive and mean as adults, AND they can carry a myriad of diseases. Please, if you find a baby raccoon, contact a wildlife rehabber as soon as possible. That is the best outcome for them to be raised correctly and to be able to be released back to the

The raccoon is now safe with U.P Wildlife Rehab where they are hoping she will learn skills to survive in the wild so that she can be released. If you have any information about this specific raccoon please contact the U.P. Wildlife Rehabilitation team.

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. - Maya Angelou

March 25, 2024 OTTAWA SHOPPER

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

BERGLAND TOWNSHIP Now Accepting Proposals

Bergland Township is accepting proposals to complete an **Assessor's Plat** for the Finntown area located within Bergland Township. Although the Request for Proposal (RFP) is broken into North and South, the Township anticipates completing both parts as one project. If interested, see the detailed RFPs located under the *Announcements* tab at https://berglandmi.org.

Submission deadline is 12pm (noon) on Thursday, April 4, 2024. For more information please email the Township Assessor at BerglandAssessor@gmail.com, or call 906-575-3522.

Bergland Township PO Box 325 (101 Pine Street) Bergland, MI 49910

MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD - NOTICE OF VACANCY

Matchwood Township is accepting applications to fill the vacancy of **Treasurer**, which will be vacant on April 2024. If you are interested in applying, please send your notice of interest and your qualifications to: Matchwood Township, PO Box 235, Ewen, MI 49925. If you have any questions regarding this position, call Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk at 906-575-3236 or 906-236-5096.

INTERIOR TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD-NOTICE OF VACANCY

Interior Township has a vacancy on the Township Board for the **Clerk** position. Duties include (but are not limited to):

- Maintaining custody of all township records
- Maintaining general ledger (QuickBooks knowledge is a plus, but not necessary)
- Recording and maintaining township meeting minutes
- Keeping the township book of oaths
- Keeping voter registration file and conducting elections

If you are interested in applying for this position or if you have any questions, contact Joseph O'Sullivan at 906-852-3374 for further information. You can submit a letter of interest to the township board at:

Interior Township PO Box 8 Trout Creek, MI 49967

Or, you can apply in person at the next board meeting to be held on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Interior Township Hall. You need to be a resident of Interior Township.

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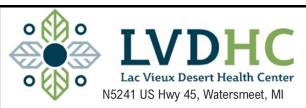
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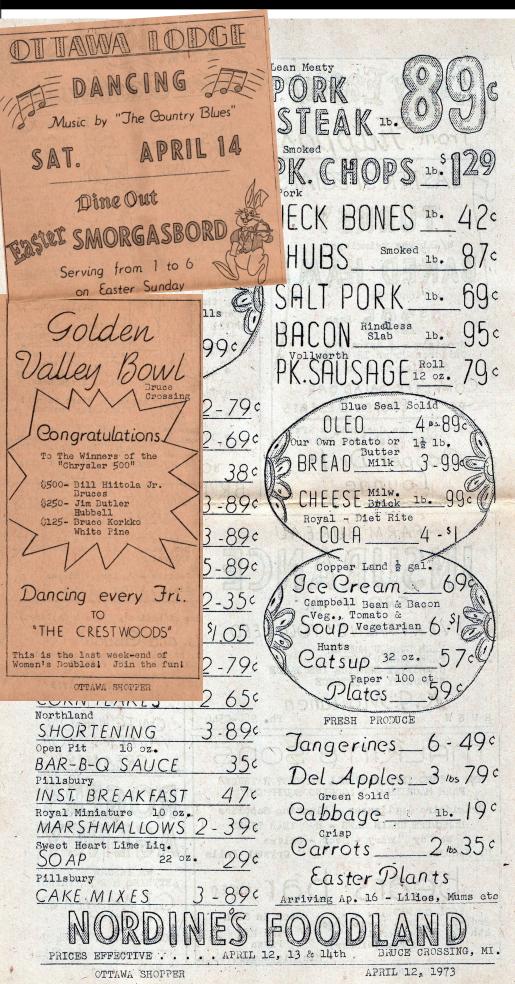
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THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF MADISON GARCIA

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has called, messaged, been here for us and helped by selflessly donating towards the burden of expenses with my tragic loss of Maddie. We wish we could send a personal thank you to each and everyone, but it is almost impossible with the amount of amazing people who have reached out and or helped. No words can express our appreciation for how you all have been there for myself (Beth), Zach and our Family. We'd like to give a special thank you to Cane Funeral Home for being genuinely caring people through this unimaginable loss, and to Rena Maki for everything that she went above and beyond to help with immediately following the accident that we could not begin to bring ourselves to do with help of the funeral, obituary, to still currently reaching out to help with anything and everything, the list goes on and on. Thank you to Brittany Pole for setting up the Go-Fund me page and all you did daily and still do, and to Skye Johnson for the quilt raffle that turned into so much more, and to Tommy LeGault for always being here before and after the accident for us to help...and some days just sit and have a beer. Thank you also to Jamie Peltola for being here daily for us without hesitation as moral support, and thank you to everyone who brought a dish to take the burden of cooking away from us or stopped by whether it was to give a quick hug, kind word or just sit without a word to know you were here, to those who prayed from home for us, etc. Also, our deepest gratitude to Pastor Michael Laakko, Pastor Kay Richter, Pastor Ted Trudgeon, and Pastor Chris Daily - thank you all for your loving support and the beautiful funeral service, and thank you to the Peace family for the heart touching song during the service. Many thanks to the Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church and Trout Creek VFW for their support and luncheon. And, thank you to the E-TC school for generously accommodating Maddie's visitation and funeral. There are soooooooo many more that we could list here and it would be an endless message. So, please know from the bottom of our hearts how important each and everyone of you are and how much your acts of kindness at any level have meant to us. - Beth, Zach and the Family of Maddie Garcia

FROM THE OTTAWA SHOPPER ARCHIVES - APRIL 1976





Mr. and Mrs. Leland Tschury request the pleasure of their friends and relatives company at the wedding reception of their children KATHLEEN MARIE and

DAVID GLEN the tenth day of April nineteen hundred seventy-six at the American Legion Hall Kenton, Michigan beginning at 6:30 p.m.

(No other invitations will be sent)

APPLICATIONS

For Boarding of Animals in Ontonagon County Under Animal Control Program -Must Meet State Specifications-

Respond in writing to: Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners, County Clerk, 601 Trap St., Ontonagon, MI 49953, for receipt by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1976 for Board consideration that evening.

IRENE M. WOLFE Ontonagon County Clerk

REQUESTED

NEW 1976 POLICE CAR

Specifications available from Ontonagon County Sheriff Department.

Mark envelope "Police Car Bid" for recaipt by County Clerk, 601 Trap St., Ontonagon, MI 49953, no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 1976, for Board consideration that evening.

By Order of Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners, Daniel Piper, Chairman.

> IRENE M. WOLFE Ontonagon County Clerk

My sincere thanks for cards, your prayers, gifts and acts of love, kindness and concern while I was hospitalized and while I'm recuperating at home.

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GIVE AWAY: Four part Collie puppies. See Bob Wolfe, Ewen.

OBITUARIES



MARIE ELIZABETH FENCIL, 74, of Bruce Crossing. Heaven gained an angel on March 1, 2024, when Marie was called home by her Heavenly Father after a battle with cancer. She fought very hard exhibiting the Finnish Sisu like no other! While it may seem a young age to pass at 74, Marie lived a very full, vibrant, and complete life. God gave her a kind and loving soul and she used it to the fullest, always putting others before herself. She was born August 8, 1949, in Bruce Crossing. She attended Ewen High School, having to take some time out to have her first child, but went back and completed her GED with her dear sister-in-law, Alice Linna. On October 29, 1966, she and Joseph Charles Fencil, of Ewen, were married in Bergland with Mike and Darlene Juhola as best man and maid of honor.

Joe and Marie traveled their way around Lake Michigan looking for work, first moving to Detroit, Michigan for a short period, then Grand Rapids, Michigan, Racine, Wisconsin, and finally settling back home to Ewen in the Summer of 1971, where Joe began working at White Pine Copper Mine and Marie tackled the job of raising three kids. We (her kids) can attest to the fact she was an excellent mom, providing us with all the love we needed and setting an example with how she treated others and her tremendous work ethic. She and Joe moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming for a short period, then back to Bruce Crossing where they purchased the former Mitzi's restaurant which became Joe's. They worked hard for 12 years, building up a well known and popular business that was open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, a rarity for a restaurant in this area. One of the most popular features on the menu were the homemade pasties on Thursday. Marie was famous for her pasties!

Needing a change, they sold the business and briefly moved to Sebastian, Florida, then back to Bruce Crossing to operate the restaurant again, then on to Las Vegas where they operated a lawn care service. But, Michigan called them back one last time and they purchased Kilroy's bar and restaurant in Ironwood, again creating a successful business with well-renowned fish fries on Fridays. They eventually sold that business with Joe taking a job at the White Pine Power Plant and Marie working at the Lac Vieux Desert Northern Waters Casino & Resort in many

capacities. After that, she worked at the deli at Settlers Co-op in Bruce Crossing, from which she finally retired.

She and Joe spent their time gardening and traveling with the occasional trip to the casino to pull those one-armed bandits. Her pride and joy were her grand-children, Tommy, Anna, Mason, and Addisyn. Addisyn remarked that "Grandma never missed a day telling me good night and I love you". Not one single day. She'll also be remembered for her love of animals, shopping (at one time her CB handle was "K-Mart") and going "bumming".

She was an incredibly loving wife, mom, and grandma who will be dearly missed, and fondly remembered. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Aili (Tulppo) Linna, and brothers Marvin (Julie) and Clarence (Alice). Carrying on her legacy are her husband of 57 years, Joseph, sons Todd (Kathy) and Brian (Brian), and daughter Amy, grandkids Thomas (Erica), Anna (Brandon) Fencil, Mason and Addisyn Avedisian, along with many dear friends and relatives.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Hildebrand Funeral home of Rhinelander is serving the family. Online condolences can be made at hildebrandrussfh.com. Marie's family would like to thank all the dear friends, family, and Pastor Kay, who stopped by or reached out during Marie's final weeks at home to help out, show us all love, and to pray with us. A special thank you to Cindy Cronkright, who unselfishly and lovingly spent many days and nights personally taking care of our dear mom. You kept your promise.

AREA CHURCH SERVICES



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Bethany Lutheran (WELS), Bruce Crossing: 5 PM Sun. Worship. Wednesdays, 5PM, Lenten Worship; 6:30 PM Children's Bible Study & Confirmation Class, Pr. Tim

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Good Friday: 3:30PM; Easter: 7:00AM followed by breakfast

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church:

12PM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1st Sun., *HOLY WEEK SERVICES*: Good Friday Worship March 29 at 1PM, Easter Potluck Brunch March 31 at 11:30AM, Easter Worship at 1PM with Sunday School song program. Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sunday School, 11AM Worship, Pastor Chris Daily. 15089 Maplewood Rd., *HOLY WEEK SERVICES*: Good Friday: 6PM, Easter Sunday Service: 11AM

Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Trout Creek: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ewen: 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, 4th Sun.,

200 N. Cedar St., *HOLY WEEK SERVICES:* March 28 Maundy Thursday 7PM Worship, March 29 Good Friday 7PM Worship

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

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA), Paynesville: 11AM Communion Worship 3rd and 5th Sun,, 13980 N. Paynesville Rd., March 31 – Easter Sunday 9:30AM Potluck Breakfast, 11AM Worship

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Mass City: 10:30AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion, Wed. 4-5PM Bible Adventures & Faith Formation for children 4 yrs +

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

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



I'd like to say thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards. It was wonderful! It felt like my birthday was a full week instead of one day with all of the cards I received. And, a special thank you to my family and friends for the perfect birthday party.

Alice Linna

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

WATERSMEET: Watersmeet Township will be introducing a emergency alert system for its residents and visitors. Instructions for enrolling and using the alert system will be shared in the April 8 edition of the Ottawa Shopper.

ALL AREAS: The Affordable Connectivity Program offered to Spectrum Internet customers will end in April 2024. The program provided enrolled customers with a \$30 credit toward monthly Internet service. Spectrum Internet plan customers do not need to take any action; however, be aware that your May internet bill will be \$30 higher if you were enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program with Spectrum. Call Spectrum with questions: 833-516-3606.

ALL AREAS: Local residents who are also Waste Management customers continue to express their displeasure with the company. Recent messages (posts) on Facebook from residents emphasize frustration with Waste Management's communications (or lack of) explaining its fluctuating trash service schedules/routes in the local area. According to the posts, Waste Management business operations representatives have explained to some residents that a combination of new (and heavier) garbage trucks plus seasonal winter road restrictions are preventing the trucks from traveling down some roads. Other residents have mentioned success in receiving a credit applied to their Waste Management bill for the disruption in service. If you are a Waste Management customer, contact the customer service number on your invoice to request a credit (but, no guarantees you will receive the credit though).

WAKEFIELD/ WHITE PINE: Highland Copper (the Canadian company aiming to reopen the old White Pine copper mine under the project name, "Copper North") is working to overcome a stall in receiving a \$50 million financing grant it requested from the state of Michigan's Strategic Fund Board. The requested grant is earmarked for use at the company's other mine project -the "Copperwood Mine" project, north of Wakefield. As grant approval gatekeepers, Strategic Fund Board members were quoted in a January 2024 article in *The Detroit News* as being concerned with the Copperwood Mine project's forecasted longevity (the company conservatively forecasted 11+ years of operations, but envisions Copperwood as a 15-29+ year mine), the company's ownership structure, along with questioning the need for state-level funding since the company is forecasting heavily optimistic numbers such as \$600 million in copper from the mine, with equally optimistic projected returns to investors. In other words, the Board is wanting more clarification from Highland Copper on why state money is being requested when it seems investors should be easy to secure based on the Copperwood Mine's future performance forecasts. If the grant money is approved, the funds would be used for supporting infrastructure investments at the Copperwood Project location, which are described as upgrades to County Road 519, enhanced cell phone and broadband services, and energy infrastructure improvements. The funds would be granted as reimbursements to Highland Copper after the company paid for the work.

ONTONAGON CO./ BARAGA CO.: Michigan State University Extension just announced a new FREE program offering Tai Chi for Diabetes/Keys of Embracing Aging to be held on Thursdays starting May 2, 2024 through June 27, 2024. Register by calling Anita Carter carte356@msu.edu/906-360-9732. Program will be held at the Ontonagon Housing Authority, 100 Cane Court, Ontonagon, MI. Time 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET. 100 Spots Available. The instructor will guide you, step-by-step, through each movement. Intent of program is to prevent and improve the control of diabetes, and helped with and without diabetes to gain better health, improve bal-

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Thank you all so much for the cards, phone calls, flowers, memorial gifts and especially your kind words after the loss of our mom, a woman whose strength will never be match<mark>ed. We will be bringing</mark> her home to rest next to dad in Maple Grove. A memorial service will be held at:

> First Lutheran Church in Ewen on May 24 at 3pm.

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