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Save
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Date

- April 13** 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, at the E-TC School in Ewen
- April 15** Quarters-for-a-Cause Benefiting Adventure Mountain Horse Club, Doors Open 4pm, Auction Starts 6pm - at Twilly's Sports Bar and Grill in Bruce Crossing (Donations of new items to for the auction are greatly appreciated)
- April 18** Pops Concert featuring the E-TC Band & Choir, 7pm (Ticket sales at the door) at the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts, 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon
- April 19-21** Men's Elite 8 & Women's Final 4 Basketball 5-on-5 Tournament - Sign up 906-231-0668, E-TC School in Ewen - Spectators welcome to watch a day of great basketball!
- April 20** Benefit for Hallie Bobula at The Eagles Club, 4pm-6pm Dinner w/ Raffles and live music to follow. 314 Quartz St., Ontonagon. Help offset the cost of Hallie's ongoing cancer treatment.
- April 27** Ontonagon Conservation District Tree & Plant Sale - Order Pickup at the Centennial Hall in Ewen
- May 4-5** Men's & Women's Alumni Basketball Tournament - All Area Schools' Alumni Basketball! Sign up 906-231-0668, E-TC School in Ewen
- May 6** Settlers Cooperative Annual Members Meeting, 6:00pm, (TIP: If you have a MIP- Members Incentive Program discount card, you are a member) VFW Hall, Bruce Crossing
- May 9** Northwoods Singers Spring Concert, 7:00pm CDT, followed by refreshments. Ely Memorial Church, Land O' Lakes, WI
- May 12** MOTHER'S DAY
- May 13** Auditions for The Secret Garden - Missoula Children's Theatre production, 3:30pm at the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts, 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon. Interested participants must be available for rehearsals May 13 -17 from 3:30pm -8pm each day. Contact Eric with questions: 906-675-1516
- May 13** Spring Concert, 6pm CT, Watersmeet School - all are welcome to attend
- May 18** The Secret Garden - A Missoula Children's Theatre production, 3pm, at the Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts, 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon
- May 17-19** Annual Lake Trout Classic, Ontonagon
- May 24** E-TC H.S. Graduation in Ewen, Ontonagon H.S. Graduation in Ontonagon, Watersmeet H.S. Graduation in Watersmeet
- May 27** MEMORIAL DAY
- June 15-16** Car & Tractor Show, (Sat. 5pm-8pm, Sun. 12pm-3pm) Downtown (Genessee St.), Iron River, MI
- June 16** FATHER'S DAY



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APRIL 22, 2024
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**The Bruce Crossing Area Independence Day Celebration Committee's
2nd Annual RED, WHITE & BOWL**

9-Pin Tournament at Logger's Alley was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's fundraiser!
Thank you to the bowlers, the spectators, all who entered the raffles, the raffle basket donors, the lane sponsors, the volunteers, the banner donor (KappyInk), and Heather and Justin for hosting our event. All proceeds from the day of bowling fun will be put to good use for the Independence Day Celebration in Bruce Crossing on July 6, 2024



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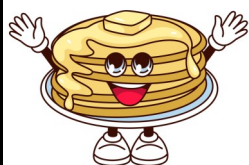
The Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce - CopperFest 2024 Committee is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help make this CopperFest 2024 in Ontonagon a success! Join us on July 26 and 27 for a fun-filled weekend celebrating our community. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or looking to lend a helping hand for the first time, we welcome you to be part of our CopperFest team. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved, meet new people, and support your community. We will provide CopperFest volunteer t-shirts for everyone who joins us! Call Rachael Butterbach at (262) 527-2616 to help with:

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April 14, 2024



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Pictured above: I'm the happy Finn on the right sailing in the Baltic Sea archipelago with Reijo Ylismaki. When the Ylismaki family graciously invited me to live with them in Turku, Finland, for the entire summer of 1992, I accepted without hesitation! I first met the Ylismaki family in Finland in 1990, as a member of the Ontonagon County Basketball Ambassadors team. Our team of nearly two dozen local teen guys and gals had the good fortune to travel and play basketball in not only Finland, but also in Sweden and Russia during that 1990 trip. The trip was carefully orchestrated by then-Ewen resident (and community leader/volunteer extraordinaire), Dan Ojala, and Ontonagon's very Finnish and very travel-savvy, Karen Lahti. I cannot imagine how they organized such a grand and complex trip without the internet (*truly, I cannot*). More than 30 years later, Riitta Ylismaki (Reijo's daughter) remains one of my very best friends. I have a boatload of gratitude for Dan, Karen, my parents, and everyone in our community that helped make that 1990 trip possible. *Kiittos paljon* to you all! ~ Rena Maki

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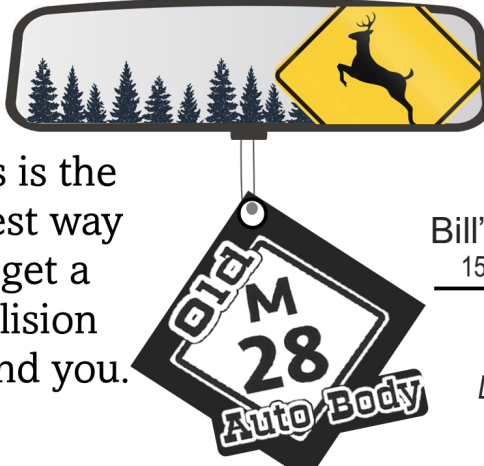
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1. Add a handful of microgreens or shoots to your salad (lettuce, spinach, etc.).
2. Use as a replacement for lettuce in a sandwich, wrap, burger, burrito, or taco. Depending on your taste, you might like pea shoots or sunflower shoots on sandwiches, mild microgreens in wraps, spicy mix microgreens on tacos, or arugula microgreens on burgers.
3. Add them to smoothies. It's better to stick with milder flavors like pea shoots and mild mix microgreens so the desired smoothie flavor isn't overwhelmed.
4. Use them alone as a side salad and dress them how you would like.
5. Add a handful to your soup or a bowl of steamed veggies right before you eat. Microgreens and shoots don't like to be cooked but they are great added to warm dishes right before you dig in.
6. Snack on them anytime. Pea shoots and sunflower shoots are the most durable and longest lasting, and they're easy to take with you for an on-the-go snack. EXTRA TIP: Pea shoots are a kid-favorite snack.
7. Make pesto with your microgreens and shoots. Any green thing can turn into pesto! If you have a bag or 2 of micro greens or shoots that need to be used, don't compost them, make pesto instead! Use a standard basil pesto recipe, just substitute whatever micro greens you have for the basil in the recipe. You can then freeze the pesto in ice cube trays and add the frozen cubes to soup or thaw them for future sauce. No waste!
8. Eat them for breakfast on top of scrambled eggs, or on top of your omelet right before you dig in, or mix them into your breakfast potatoes.
9. Use them as garnishes on anything you eat... steak, pork chops, mushroom risotto, grilled vegetables, rice, pasta...anything!

MONTHLY COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency reminds recipients of the dates of the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program distribution to income-eligible residents ages 60 years and older. The sites and schedule are as follows:

- **Wednesday, April 17**
Marenisco Town Hall from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.,
Watersmeet Food Pantry 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Ballpark 12:30 to 1 p.m.
- **Thursday, April 18**
Bergland Lake Gogebic Senior Center 9:25 to 9:40 a.m.
White Pine Township Hall 10 to 10:15 a.m.
Ontonagon Holy Family Catholic Church 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Mass City Resource Center 12:30 to 1 p.m.

A monthly food package contains cheese, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals. Recipients MUST show ID and are reminded to return their boxes. Those receiving food do not need to show proof of income, but must meet the income guidelines to receive food assistance. Times are subject to change. For information about registering for the program, call 884-2106. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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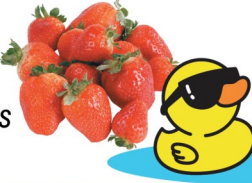
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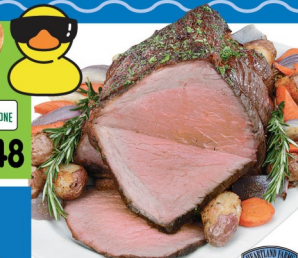
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Bruce Crossing, MI



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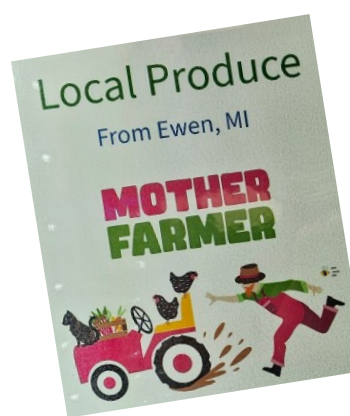
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Another newer offering on the store's shelves is **locally-grown produce** from Ewen-based, MOTHER FARMER. The produce varies based on availability. Recent items have included nutrient-packed, fresh microgreens - pea shoots, sunflower shoots, fire-cracker mix shoots, and basil shoots.



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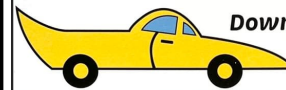
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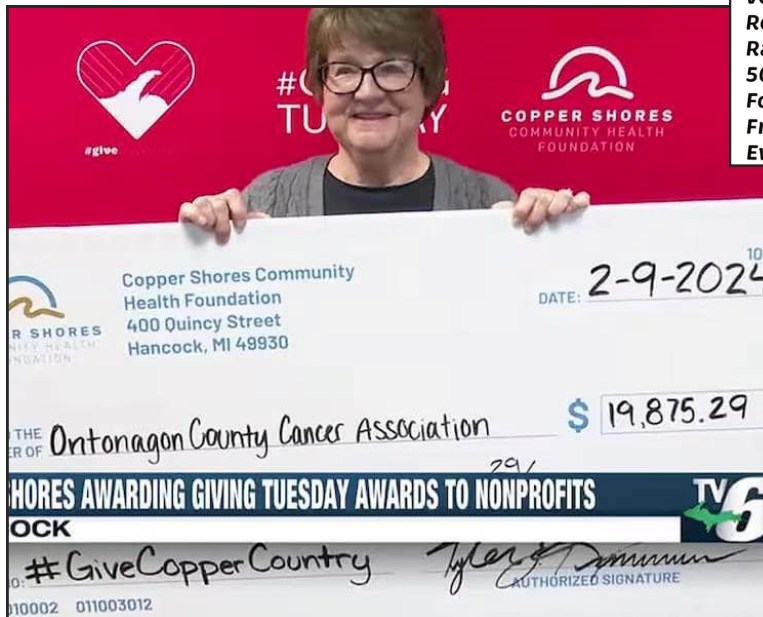
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On February 17, 2024, the Ontonagon County Cancer Association posted the following on their public Facebook page:

We would like to express our gratitude to Copper Shores Community Health and all of the people and organizations that sent their donations in on Giving Tuesday! We received a check from Copper Shores for \$20,125.29 (the amount on the check in the photo is an error)

Absolutely amazing! Thank you to Copper Shores for all of the community support each year and allowing the Ontonagon County Cancer Association to be a part of your wonderful fundraiser-Giving Tuesday. Thank you to everyone for your continued contributions! With all of your support we have been able to up our patient allocation amount It is a tough road for our cancer fighters! We are blessed to be able to help support such a wonderful county/community.

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Lou Conter - the last survivor of USS Arizona dies at 102

The sole survivor serving aboard the USS Arizona during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor has died.

SOURCE: April 4, 2024 - <https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-navy/2024/04/01/last-survivor-of-uss-arizona-dies-at-102>, Author Claire Barrett

Lou Conter, one of the last living ties to that date of infamy, passed away on April 1, 2024, at his home in Grass, Valley, California. He was 102. Born in Ojibwa, Wisconsin, Conter enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939 at the age of 18. Two years later, he would bear witness to the attack that finally drew the United States into the Second World War. Starting his shift as quartermaster at 7:45 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, Conter had barely rubbed the sleep from his eyes when the Japanese assault began a mere three minutes later. At exactly 8:09 a.m., the hull of the USS Arizona was struck by a 1,760-pound Japanese armor-piercing bomb.

Japanese horizontal bombers swirling overhead continued to cause damage, striking the Arizona's midship areas. The massive explosion that soon followed has never been explained, according to the Naval History and Heritage Command, since the bomb did not pierce Arizona's armored deck. It is believed, however, that the bomb that penetrated her forward turrets struck nearly one million pounds of gunpowder, causing the turrets, conning tower and much of the superstructure to be obliterated. The ship continued to burn for more than 48 hours after the attack.

"Minute it happened, we sounded general quarters and they were in there and we blew up in about eight minutes, nine minutes," Conter told CBS13 in 2022. Knocked over from the blast, Conter landed on the deck which was rapidly filling with water.

Despite the conflagration spreading throughout the badly listing ship, Conter remained composed, spending nearly 35 minutes attempting to secure the quarterdeck and saving nearly 20 sailors. Of the 2,403 American sailors, soldiers and civilians killed that day, 1,177 came from Arizona's crew. Conter was just one of 335 aboard the battleship to survive. But his duty to Arizona's crew did not cease on December 7. Conter joined numerous rescue operations to recover the bodies of his shipmates in the chaotic days that followed the attack. However, after five days of "diligently searching, it was apparent that no one remained alive, and the risk of the operation became too high to continue," according to a Veterans Affairs release. "Although most of the fuel aboard the ship fed the explosion, 500,000 gallons slowly seeped from the wreckage," the release said. "Nearly 80 years after the attack, the USS Arizona continues to spill up to 9 quarts of oil per day into the harbor. This is often referred to as the 'tears of the Arizona.'"

Nearly 900 sailors still lie entombed in the USS Arizona. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Conter entered flight school, serving as a pilot with the Navy Squadron dubbed the Black Cats due to black paint adorning the night-flying PBY Catalinas, according to VA News.

Conter survived the war, despite being shot down twice over the Pacific, and went on to serve in Korea as an air intelligence officer. Upon returning home, he worked to establish the Navy's first SERE — Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape — program and served as a military adviser to Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. Conter retired from the Navy as a lieutenant commander after 28 years of military service. Today, fewer than two dozen survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor attack remain alive.



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Char Gustafson/Tommy LeGault
2nd: Russ-t Johnson & Tom LeGault Sr



400,000+ veterans enrolled in VA health care over past 365 days, 30% increase over last year

On Friday (3/29/24), the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it has enrolled 401,006 veterans in VA health care over the past 365 days — 30% more than the 307,831 it enrolled the previous year. This is the most yearly enrollees in at least the past five years at VA, and nearly a 50% increase over pandemic-level enrollment in 2020. The number of new enrollees increased in all 50 states year-over-year. Amongst the states with the most new enrollees is Michigan with 9,294. This historic enrollment has been made possible by the bipartisan PACT Act — signed into law by President Biden as a part of his Unity Agenda for the nation — which allowed VA to expand VA health care and benefits to millions of veterans.

DID YOU KNOW? Lake trout in Lake Superior routinely reach 36 to over 40 inches in length, meaning these fish can easily be more than 50 years of age! The world record lake trout was caught on Lake Athabaska in Saskatchewan and weighed 102 pounds! The Mich. state record lake trout was caught in Lake Superior and was 61.5 pounds.



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Ontonagon Conservation District Board Meetings: Held at 2PM at Rockland Township Hall on the following dates: March 8, April 12, May 10

Alcoholics Anonymous:
Bruce Crossing: 7PM every Wed., Stannard Township Hall
Watersmeet: 7PM every Tues/Thurs/Sat, Spiritual Center

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

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.



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Watersmeet Township Has a New Emergency Community Alert System: You Must Register to Receive Alerts

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Registration is required in order to receive the alerts. Enrollment can be completed in just a few minutes using an internet-connected computer or mobile device. To enroll by computer, open the web browser and go to <https://accountportal.onsolve.net/watersmeet>. Or, to enroll using an internet-connected mobile device, text the word "NIMROD" to the number 24639, then click the web address link provided in the text to complete the enrollment steps. TIP: If you enroll for mobile phone call alerts or text (SMS) message alerts, be sure to add "CodeRED" as new Contact in your mobile device with the number as 206-536-3695 so that you can easily recognize incoming CodeRED calls or texts.

Any message regarding a threat of life or property to our residents and community will be disseminated using CodeRED. Only Township officials have the authority to send alerts. Examples of situations where a CodeRED alert may be sent to registered individuals include boil water notices, gas leaks, evacuation notices, police activity, fire emergencies, and missing persons. General announcements, lost pets, meeting notices, etc., will continue to be sent via email through the Watersmeet news subscription service. For additional information go to www.watersmeet.us. **Information collected during the enrollment process will only be used for emergency notification purposes.*



Let's get your information so you may start receiving notifications from Watersmeet Township Emergency Alerts

REGISTER

If you have questions about CodeRED or need enrollment assistance, call the Watersmeet Township CodeRED Helpline at 906-366-0112.

----- **A CodeRED test alert will be sent on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. CST** -----

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Ontonagon Co. Commission on Aging

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For more information call 906-575-3461.

To apply by mail, send resume' to: Lake Gogebic Senior Center, Attn: Joan Harris
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Or, to apply by email, send resume' to: elder@lakegogebicseniorcenter.com

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GOGEBIC-ONTONAGON
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POSITION VACANCY Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

The Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD is seeking applicants for the position of **Executive Assistant to the Superintendent**. The Executive Assistant is responsible for supporting high-level leadership in the organization's management. This position provides administrative support and performs

numerous duties, including scheduling, writing correspondence, emailing, handling visitors, routing callers, answering questions and requests, and coordinating special projects. The Executive Assistant supports the Board of Education in areas such as preparing board packets, taking meeting minutes, ensuring meetings are posted, scheduling meetings, arranging travel, and processing expenses. This position must portray a positive image of the organization at all times. The full posting can be found at

<https://www.goisd.org/employment/employment-opportunities.cfm>

Interested individuals should submit materials consisting of, at minimum, a letter of application, resume, three letters of recommendation, and transcripts to:

Alan Tulppo, Superintendent
Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District
200 South Elm Street; PO Box 20
Ewen, MI 49925

Electronic submissions can be emailed to: atulppo@goisd.org

This position is open until filled. The candidate for this position must pass a criminal background check before being recommended to the Board of Education.

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ROBERT "BOB" "OGIE" OGREN, 79, of Ewen, passed away on Friday, March 22, 2024, at Bayside Village in L'Anse. Bob was born on Feb. 11, 1945, in Torrance, California, the son of Hjalmer and Lempi (Niemi) Ogren. He attended Ewen High School and graduated in 1963. On Aug. 30, 1963, Bob was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Shirley A. Hautamaki, at the Ewen United Methodist Church. They celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage and were blessed with four children.

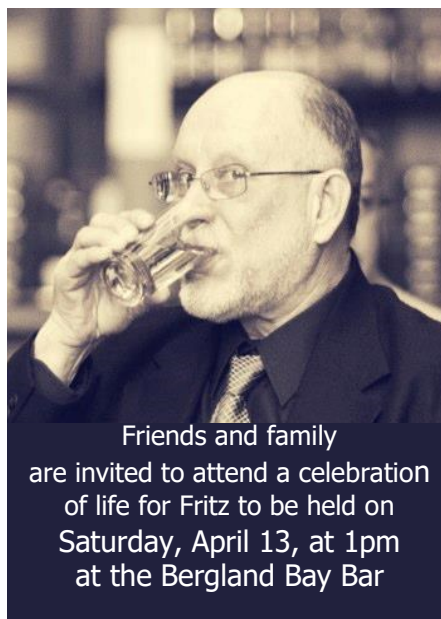
He was a faithful member of the Ewen Methodist Church and was employed as a welder at the White Pine Copper Mine. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, and later in life taught himself woodworking. Bob loved watching the Detroit Pistons, Tigers and especially the Lions. Ogie enjoyed visiting friends and had a knack for telling stories.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; a son, Mark (Jill); a daughter, Lisa; two grandchildren, Jesse Ogren and Matthew Polkky; a great-grandson, Parker Polkky; two sisters-in-law, Verna and Nancy; a niece, Bonnie; and two nephews, Bruce and John. He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant twin daughters, Christina Marie and Deanna May; a sister, Betty Lindsey; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vernon and Tyyne Hautamaki.

A celebration of Ogie's life will be held at a later date. Jerald Rocco, owner and manager of Lakeside Memorial Chapel Inc., in Wakefield, is helping the family with arrangements. To send online condolences or to share a memory please go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.



Alfred "Fritz" Applekamp
1951 - 2024



Friends and family
are invited to attend a celebration
of life for Fritz to be held on
Saturday, April 13, at 1pm
at the Bergland Bay Bar



ALFRED WALTER "FRITZ" APPLEKAMP, 72, of Bergland, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Fritz was born in Ontonagon, on April 22, 1951, to William and Anita Applekamp. Fritz attended Bergland High School and graduated in 1969, before beginning his career at White Pine Copper Mine. During Fritz's time at the mine he worked as a general laborer, then moved underground, and completed his 43 years of employment as an operator in the power plant.

Like his fellow Yoopers, Fritz treasured his time out at camp, which was the perfect excuse to invest in more ATVs and snowmobiles! Fritz was always up for a Vodka Dew and an opportunity to talk your ear off about cars, trucks, guns, and memories of the good ol' days.

Fritz is survived by his son, Bryan Applekamp; grandson, Bryce Applekamp; brother, David (Luanne) Applekamp; and sister, Karla (Tim) Linna.

In true Fritz-fashion, we are welcoming those that knew, and loved, him to join the family in celebrating his memory at the Bergland Bay Bar on Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. EDT.



BARBARA ELIZABETH FLEMING, went to heaven on February 23, 2024, surrounded by family in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born in Ewen, Michigan on October 17, 1933, to Alex "Tanglefoot" and Martha Tyyska. She was the daughter of Finnish immigrants and stayed true to her heritage. She possessed incredible Sisu, the Finnish art of inner strength. She didn't speak English until she started school, where she was forbidden to speak Finnish. Her dream was to become a nurse, but she was in a car accident right before she was to enter nursing school and her injuries prevented that from happening. She married her high school sweetheart, Jim Fleming, and they were blessed with five daughters, Jody, (Pease) Jennifer (Hromadka), Jamie (Berge), Jonnie (Ackiss) and Janelle (Sweeney).

At the age of 35, Jim was tragically killed in a multiple-fatality car crash while carpooling home from the White Pine Copper mine, leaving her with the five of us, ages 11 months to 15 years old, to raise on her own. She never remarried. Two years later, her father died, and she took in her mother, Grandma T, to live with us in "the house that Jim built". We were blessed to grow up in Ewen where the power of community support played a critical part in our upbringing. It truly did take a village. She and her sister-in-law and dear friend, Dorothy Miesbauer (Aunty D), were publishers of *The Ottawa Shopper*, an area-wide shoppers guide that kept Ewen and surrounding communities up-to-date on grocery and retail sales, community events, local For Sale items, wedding announcements, and more. When Dorothy retired, she continued on her own until she retired at the age of 67. She lived a life of service and was a faithful member of First Lutheran church in Ewen. She served in roles as organist, choir director, council member, Sunday School teacher, and

anything else that was needed for her church family. She also served many years on the board of the Ewen Civic Association, from the Load of Logs to the fundraising for the Centennial Hall and centennial celebration, and of course, the annual Log Jamboree. She was the biggest fan at all our sporting events, both home and away. When Grandma T's health required more critical care, she drove to visit her in Wakefield (70 mi round-trip) daily, for over two years. Four of us girls settled in Alaska, so after retiring, she moved to Fairbanks to be closer to us and her grandkids. In Fairbanks, she was an active member of Fairbanks Lutheran Church and her bridge club. While there, she joined the PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Sisterhood which provides educational opportunities for female students worldwide. She loved being a PEO sister. She lived with Jennifer & Gypsy for 12 years, until they retired and moved south. Jamie, Janelle and their families built a 3-generation home in Anchorage for her to move into with them. She was a well-loved member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and her PEO Chapter in Anchorage. She enjoyed playing the piano, especially for family singalongs, of which there were many, any and all card games and board games, puzzling, reading, and watching her grandchildren grow. She lived a life filled with grace, kindness, caring and love. She was so proud to reach the 90-year-old milestone last year. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her siblings Norma, Jim and Diane, and son-in-law Michael Pease. Those left to cherish her memories are her five daughters, sons-in-law Gypsy, Berge, Bill and Mike, special "daughters" Debbie, Tara, and Sue, grandchildren Shawn Earl, Maxwell Pease, Emily Organ and Quinn Sweeney, great-grandchildren Charlotte Earl and Mikah Pease, some very special cousins, and many nieces and nephews who loved their Aunty Barb.

We are grateful for so many of you who touched her life and ours on her journey - the Ewen-Trout Creek community, Fairbanks family and friends, especially her dear friend, Flora, Anchorage family and friends, her amazing PEO sisters, and all of those who helped us through her health struggles in the last two years, especially her church family, PEO sisters, Bruce, Cindy and Janet, Pastor Dan & Jan, and Sandra & Harry. It means the world to be uplifted in prayer and surrounded by all your love. Contributions in mom's memory may be made to P.E.O., 12830 Tara Ln, Anchorage AK 99516. Mom wanted services at her beloved First Lutheran Church in Ewen, which is now planned for May 24 at 3pm. As she always signed her cards, "God Bless".

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

BERGLAND:

Michigan Congressman Jack Bergman visited the Lake Gogebic Senior Center last week. The Center was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant to renovate and repair the building that is home to the offices of the Lake Gogebic Senior Citizens Club, Inc. (LGSCC) and the Ontonagon County Commission on Aging (OCCOA). The Congressman spent his time at the Center meeting some of the staff, senior representatives and board members, and about the renovation plans. Grant funding is supported through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, which has the goal to build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.



WAKEFIELD/ WHITE PINE: Highland Copper (the Canadian company aiming to reopen the old White Pine copper mine under the project name, "Copper North") was recently approved to receive 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. The funds will 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. There is a catch to the approval though. Highland Copper has until December 31, 2025, to show the state that it has at least \$150 million in capital toward the project before the state will disburse money,

EWEN: Congratulations to E-TC girls varsity basketball player, Emma Besonen for being named All-State Honorable Mention by the Associated Press!

UPDATED on 3/25/2024

EWEN-TROUT CREEK BASEBALL 2024

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	GAME TIME
TUES.	4/16	GOGEBIC	EWEN	4 PM
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TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR HOME TO SELL

Taking the time to properly “stage” your home before you list it for sale can have a big payoff. The National Association of Realtors Research Group reports that 23% of buyers are more willing to overlook property faults if viewing a staged home. Additionally, 81% of buyers’ agents reported that staging a home made it easier for a buyer to visualize a property as a future home. **So what is STAGING?** Professional stagers often have their own collection of furniture and accessories that they think will draw buyers in and, for a fee, will swap them with your own possessions; they take the items back after the house is sold. They also advise you on what to declutter, fix, or update before your property goes on the market. Alas, given our geographical location, finding a professional stager to assist could be a challenge. But, there are a few things you can likely handle yourself that will improve the chances of a prospective buyers having a positive impression of your home when they see it.

Do things like declutter (box up those spoon collections and chaotic stacks of “stuff” in the corners and closets), depersonalize (e.g., remove family photos and items with favorite sports team logos), and make cosmetic improvements if possible (paint the walls, remove broken or overly worn furniture), clear the countertops, close cabinets and dresser drawers, make the beds, open the window coverings to let in light...

Fortunately, a new coat of neutral paint is an inexpensive way to simultaneously freshen things up while appealing to the masses (not everyone likes blue walls). The best neutral paint colors for staging a home are light grays, beiges, and whites. Not only do these light neutrals stand the test of time, but they reflect light well and can make rooms feel larger.

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