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May 27

MEMORIAL DAY

June 8

Annual Arts & Craft Fair, 10am - 2pm CT, Marenisco (Details inside)

June 8

Community Picnic to Thank Hospital Staff, 1pm, Ontonagon Township Park

June 8-9

MICHIGAN 3-FREE WEEKEND, June 8 & 9, 2024. All fishing license fees waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. Also free are off-road trails/boating sites, and state parks.

June 13

Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am-2pm, E-TC School in Ewen. Appointments appreciated, walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment go to www.redcross.org.

June 15

5th Annual Health Fair at Lac Vieux Desert Health Clinic in Watersmeet

June 15

Settlers Federal Credit Union 12th Annual Cancer Walk, 10:30am, Bruce Crossing (Details inside)

June 15-16

Car & Tractor Show, (Sat. 5pm-8pm CT, Sun. 12pm-3pm CT) Downtown Iron River, MI

June 16

FATHER'S DAY

June 22

JUHANNUS DAY (Finnish midsummer celebration day)

June 30

Log Cabin Day Heritage Celebration, 11am-5pm, Rockland (Old Victoria location) Tour Old Victoria's log cabins. Cinnamon rolls, old-fashioned kids games, and more!

July 4

4th of July Lawnmower Parade, Trout Creek

July 6

Bruce Crossing Area Independence Day Celebration "Made in America", Bruce Crossing

July 17

47th Annual Senior Fest, 10am-2pm, at Ewen-Trout Creek School in Ewen. Sponsored by Ontonagon Co. Commission on Aging.

July 26-27

CopperFest, Ontonagon

July 27

Ontonagon County Fair, Ontonagon County Fairgrounds in Greenland



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10AM Speaker Deborah Niemi & Bagpipe Service at Lakeview Cemetery (corner M-28)

EWEN AMERICAN LEGION

8AM Veterans-only report to McMillan Township Hall
9AM Service at Paynesville Cemetery
9:30AM Service at Maple Grove Cemetery
10AM Service at Bruce Crossing Cemetery
10:30AM Service at Ewen Cemetery

TROUT CREEK AMERICAN LEGION

9AM Veterans-only report to Post
10AM Service at Agate Cemetery
10:45AM Service at Trout Creek Cemetery
11:30AM Service at Kenton Cemetery

WHITE PINE LEGION

10:00 AM at GREEN CEMETERY
11:00 AM at WHITE PINE LEGION
IF INCLEMENT WEATHER A CEREMONY WILL BE at 11:00 AM INSIDE THE POST HOME
* LUNCH TO FOLLOW THE WHITE PINE CEREMONY *
3:00 PM TAPS ACROSS AMERICA AT HELAKOSKI MEMORIAL

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8AM - 11AM March 17, 2024



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\$9.00 - Adults

\$3.00 - Children under 12

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after the U.S. Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

However, prior to 1868, local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well. Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

(Sponsored by the Kenton-Sidnaw
Historical Society)

LOCATION: KENTON TOWNSHIP
HALL

DATE/TIME:
Monday, May 27th at Noon

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A blast from the past...the 1989 E-TC Freshmen Boys Basketball team is pictured here with their coach Dan Staff, Sr. *Back row:* Jason Maki, John Berglund, Dennis Jilek, Neil Codd. *Front row:* Tom Cousineau, Kevin Abramson, Brian King, and Louis Wolfe

McMillan Township Library Announcement

The McMillan Township Library serves all of South Ontonagon County, plus the area around Kenton. If you are someone who values the library and serving our community, the Library could use your help. The Library needs more people to serve on the Library Board. In order to be a Board member, you must be a registered voter in McMillan Township. This is an elected Board, so you'll need to be on the November ballot. A Nominating Petition and Affidavit can be picked up from the Township Clerk, Kay Richter. Contact her at 906-988-2240 or McMillanTwp@jamadots.com or stop by the Township Office on any Tuesday. The deadline for returning these documents is July 15. Thank you for your support of our local Library!

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SMOKEY SKIES IN OUR AREA

Extensive winter snowfall deficits across much of Canada have set up the forested areas to our north for another record-breaking wildfire season. Raging Canadian wildfires means we will experience periodic poor air quality across the western U.P.

WHY IT MATTERS: Smokey air from the wildfires contains particle pollution, also known as soot. The more soot in the air, the worse the air quality. Many of the soot particles are no larger than one third the diameter of a hair - so small that they enter and lodge deep in the lungs. Wildfire smoke can irritate your eyes, nose, throat and lungs. It can make you cough and wheeze, and can make it hard to breathe. If you have asthma or another lung disease, or heart disease, inhaling wildfire smoke can be especially harmful.

PROTECT YOUR LUNGS: Staying indoors and reducing physical activity are the best ways to protect your lungs from wildfire smoke. Wearing a special mask (e.g., "N95") called a "particulate respirator" can also help protect your lungs from wildfire smoke.

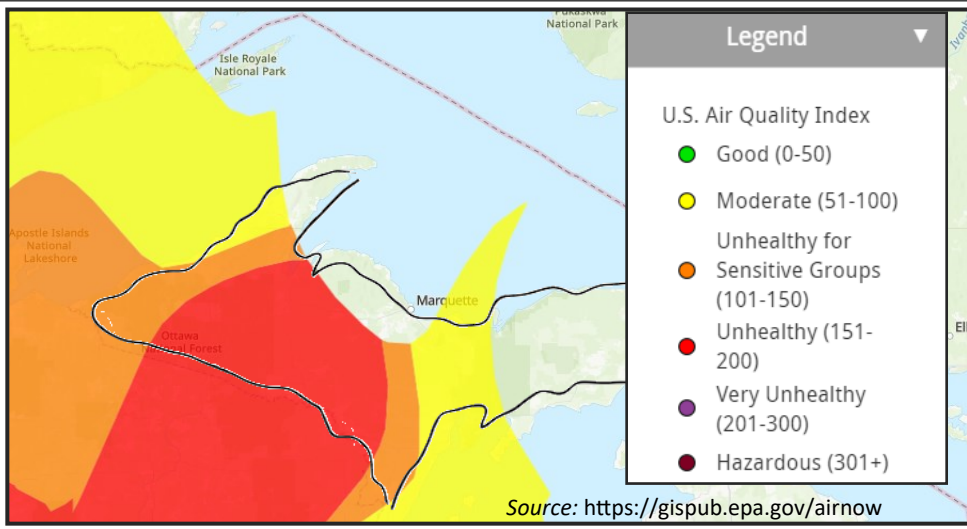


Image on right: A U.S. Air Quality Index snapshot from May 13, 2024, 10:00am ET showed the air quality in Ontonagon County and surrounding areas as a mix of mostly Orange (Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101-150) and Red (Unhealthy 151-200).
Source: <https://gispub.epa.gov/airnow>



Smokey Bear turns 80 years old this year!

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

McMillan Township Library in Ewen, MI

Friday June 7th
Noon - 6pm Eastern

ALSO HOSTING USED HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM SALE

Psst....when's the last time you read a book?
Reading can help you reduce stress, improve sleep, expand your vocabulary, combat depression, improve your memory, and become a better communicator.



THANK YOU - MIIGWECH

I would like to extend a very warm, heartfelt Thank You/*Miigwech* to all my current and past athletes who I have had the great opportunity and privilege to coach over the last 42 years of my coaching career at Watersmeet Township School District. When everyone celebrated the last home basketball game of my coaching career, I was deeply touched and overcome with gratitude when I saw all my family members in attendance together with many, many of my current and former athletes and, of course, our many fans from Watersmeet and our neighboring communities. It was a night and celebration that I will always cherish and never forget.

My decision to complete my coaching career was a very difficult one for me, but as with all great things, it also eventually came to an end. It is time for a new chapter to begin in Nimrod Boys Basketball, but I want everyone to know that my heart and my support will always be with them...because my heart will always pump Royal Blue and Gold in honor of the teams that I will always remember fondly and in support of the exciting teams to follow!! GO NIMRODS!!

- GRP III "Coach"

THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO -- Host Jay Leno interviewed Coach George Peterson, III and his Watersmeet Nimrods high school boys basketball team on March 15, 2004.





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ABOUT THE LVD HEALTH CENTER

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Recap of Ontonagon County Conservation District May Meeting

Submitted by V. Talsma

ROCKLAND TWP: The May meeting of the Ontonagon Conservation District, Friday, May 10 at Rockland Township Hall was well attended with all five board members present, representatives from three of our partner organizations and even a guest. The main focus was a review of the recent tree/plant sale and looking forward to the summer plans. Summer meetings have been set: Friday June 14, 2:00, then the summer schedule, second Mondays at 7:00 pm (July 8, Aug 12, Sept 16) at Rockland Township Hall.

District manager, Anne Kretschmann, reported the tree sale to be a success. While the size of the individual orders was smaller than last year with fewer of the premium fruit trees, the difference was more than compensated with more Ontonagon residents placing orders. Once all the bills have been paid, it is estimated that the Conservation District will net about \$3700 from the annual fundraiser.

Anne Collins, our partner from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encouraged the district to build direct relationships with the nurseries and also emphasize native species that attract wild-life in the Sale. The NRCS has grant monies to support landowners in planting native species and improving forestlands for wildlife. Three county residents were successful in being approved for these grants this Spring and another county landowner won a grant to construct a high-tower (hoop house). [Names are withheld per privacy requirements.]

Mark Menigoz, Ottawa USFS liaison, explained the plans to study the survivorship of the plantings funded as part of the USFS Ash Grant project. There was some discussion of finding workers to assist in this year's planting, a challenge because of the "on-call" and short-term contract nature of the work. There is money in the grant to pay for workers if workers can be found. Interested residents or volunteers can apply on the district's website: (<https://www.ontonagonconservationdistrict.com/>)

To support the Conservation District's Mission: "Promote stewardship of natural resources through education, outreach, community partnerships, and management." Board President Talsma has committed to set up information booths at county events this summer. Do look for us and find out more about the Ontonagon Co. Conservation District at Old Victoria Days, Senior Fest, CopperFest and other events. In other business, board member Charle Burger presented his research on creating an HR instrument to more closely align employee evaluations with their contracts. He also requested support for travel expenses to the June 3-4 Legislation day in Lansing, which the board approved. The board also approved the Proposed Funding Resolution prepared by Talsma. She will present the resolution to the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners at their May Meeting on May 21.

All county residents interested in conservation issues are invited to follow the Ontonagon Co. Conservation District on Facebook.



KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT **JUNE 8, 2024** **PAULDING GENERAL STORE**

Tournament open to kids up to 14 years of age.
Participants must preregister at the Paulding General Store up until 1pm EST Saturday, June 8.
All registered kids receive one free container of bait the morning of the tournament. Bait available starting at 6am.
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OASF Holds Annual Meeting

ONTONAGON, MI: The Ontonagon Area Scholarship Fund (OASF) board held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at the Ontonagon Area School Library. The board's officers were re-elected for another term and are as follows: President - Meredith Strong, Vice-President - Tammy Lacioni-Perrin, Secretary - Betsy Guilbault, Co-Treasurers, Willie DuPont and Sue Preiss.

The OASF was established in 1984 by three civic minded individuals from the Ontonagon area who wanted to provide an opportunity for Ontonagon Area School District graduates to continue their education after high school. They decided the best way to achieve this goal was to establish an endowment fund to grant annual scholarships in both good and bad financial times. The dream they started is now shared by hundreds of others and continues to grow today in the form of the "OASF Promise - Scholarships for All!" In this, the 40th year since it was founded, the foundation has provided more than \$457,250 to help graduates further their education.

Strong, the daughter of the late Lou Gregory, a former OASD Superintendent of Schools who was one of the founders of the foundation, says some of the students who have benefitted in the past have earned college degrees while others have obtained technical certifications. The foundation has grown to over a million dollars and is moving toward offering multi-year awards. The scholarships have grown from \$500 in the first year to over \$45,000 that will be awarded this year. With the rising costs of post-high school education, Strong says, "Now the challenge is to keep growing, because today's students need OASF assistance more than ever."

The OASF Board is composed of volunteers from the local communities served by the Ontonagon Area School District. Board members are interested in assisting local, qualifying graduates achieve their own goal of furthering their education. Many members from across the community have volunteered their time to serve on the OASF Board including current members Marilyn Anderson, Sally Berman, Sheri Hirvela, Linda Karttunen, Ken Raisanen, Jim Jessup, Stacie Nelson, Jan Tucker, Megan Hagen, Dean Juntunen, Kristie Ollila and Holly Urbis.

Located in the lobby of the OASD Gymnasium, the Donor Tree is a visible reminder of the community minded people who have donated to the cause. More information about the OASF and how to donate can be found at <http://www.oasfpromise.org>.

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MEETINGS

Ontonagon Democratic Party: The next meeting of the Ontonagon Democratic Party will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at the Rockland Township Hall. Doors open at 6:45 with the meeting beginning at 7 pm.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Bruce Crossing: 7PM every Wed., Stannard Township Hall

Watersmeet: 7PM every Tues/Thurs/Sat, Spiritual Center

McMillan Township Regular Monthly Board Meetings time is 3rd Wed. of the month at 5PM ET.

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Friday, June 7 at 7 pm - Charlie Parr

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Friday, June 21 at 7:30 pm - Upstarts! Concert

(Presented by Pine Mountain Music Festival)

Friday, July 12 at 7 pm OUTDOOR SHOW- Levi Ballenger Trio

This Event is sponsored by Poreupine Mountains Ontonagon Area CVB

Friday, July 19 at 7 pm OUTDOOR SHOW- Seth James Duo

This Event is sponsored by Poreupine Mountains Ontonagon Area CVB

Friday, August 8 at 7 pm OUTDOOR SHOW- Mark Croft Trio

This Event is sponsored by Poreupine Mountains Ontonagon Area CVB

Friday, August 16 at 7 pm - Steve McCormick & Friends

This Event is sponsored by Poreupine Mountains Ontonagon Area CVB

Friday, September 13 at 7 pm - John Lund

Saturday, October 5 at 6 pm - Between Belleau Wood and Inchon: Music of the 20's, 30's, and 40's

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Summer Art & Craft Fair in Marenisco - June 8th

The friends of the Marenisco Public Library, Marenisco, MI are sponsoring their annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. CT.

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MICHIGAN DNR FISHING REPORT - MAY 15, 2024

- **Ontonagon River:** Activity on the river was extremely low. Fishing efforts are expected to see a great increase over the next few weeks. Reports suggest that few fish were being caught.
- **Ontonagon/Silver City/Union Bay:** These ports saw a significant increase in anglers over the past week. Reports show that some coho salmon and brown trout were caught in low numbers in addition to increasing numbers of lake trout. Anglers had the best luck when trolling shallow waters. The fish cleaning station at the Ontonagon marina is now open for the season.
- **Black River Harbor:** Fishing out of the harbor was reported to be decent. Anglers reported catching coho salmon, brown trout, lake trout and Chinook salmon in small numbers. Reports show fish were caught by those trolling shallow waters. Anglers described the bite as sporadic.
- **Keweenaw Bay/Huron Bay:** Fishing was reported to be steady. Anglers had luck fishing both from shore and from boats. Shore anglers were able to catch splake and rainbow trout. Boat anglers were successful during trolling and jigging trips, with jigging trips producing more fish in the form of lake trout and the trolling trips producing more salmon. Salmon were also found in some of the bays; however, the anglers had to work hard to find them. Jigging trips were successful with both cut bait and plain hooks, while trolling was entirely done with plain hooks and artificial baits. Try getting on the water early and trolling near shore for those morning trout and salmon!
- **Traverse Bay/South Portage Entry Canal:** Anglers had successful fishing trips while both trolling and jigging, with the focus being on salmon. These fishing events produced many more lake trout than salmon; however, a few coho and Chinook salmon were caught. Salmon were caught mostly during the morning in near-shore waters of varying depths. Lake trout were found primarily in 100 feet of water, biting on both natural and artificial baits, and were full of smelt at the surface. Follow bait in the water column and fish just off where you find them for the best lake trout fishing!




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SONCO Ambulance honors staff during National EMS Week

The greatest asset of any EMS agency is its people – the EMS practitioners and other personnel who are there for members of the community during their worst or most challenging moments, and who ensure their patients receive high-quality, compassionate, and life-saving care.

This year, we celebrate EMS Week by honoring our past—by taking a pause to recognize the contributions of each generation, the people who dreamed that we could save more lives and have less suffering, and then found ways to make it happen. EMS Week is never just about the past, however. It’s also about inspiring the EMS professionals just starting out and the young people who haven’t even discovered EMS yet. It’s about learning from the challenges and building on the successes of the last five decades. It’s about forging our future—a future in which the next generation has the tools they need to deliver compassionate care and alleviate suffering in communities everywhere.

SONCO Ambulance employs 19 EMS providers who make it possible to serve the Ontonagon County & Duncan Twp (Houghton County) areas 24-hours-a-day, 365 days-a-year. In 2023, SONCO was responsible for 581 ambulance responses, this includes both transporting and non-transporting runs within their service area.

Please join us in recognizing and thanking the current, active SONCO Team, their years of service (YoS) with SONCO as a county-wide service is included:

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| Roger Haapala Jr., RN / AEMT – 14 YoS | Renee Nyberg, EMT – 4 YoS |
| Vallerie Seid, Paramedic – 14 YoS | Tyler Hasenberg, EMT – 3 YoS |
| Roxann Kahn, Paramedic – 12 YoS | Don Miles, EMT – 14 YoS |
| Erin Linder, AEMT – 11 YoS | Gina Kasten, EMT – 14 YoS |
| Kathryn Banister, AEMT – 6 YoS | Lori Picotte, EMT – 14 YoS |
| Troy Kasten, AEMT – 12 YoS | Carlo Pantti, EMT – 14 YoS |
| Brittney Kasten, AEMT – 10 YoS | Tim Nelson, EMT – 4 YoS |
| Jim Hicks, EMT – 14 YoS | Bethany Manos, EMT – 2 months |
| Ben Dembraski, EMT – 8 YoS | |

Board of Directors: Bill Witt, Barb Urbis, Christine Raisanen, Jim Hicks, Roger Haapala, Jr., Lee Anne Jessup, Jim Miles, John Strasser

Business Manager: Pam Malnar **Operations Manager:** Gina Kasten

Are you interested in EMS and becoming a part of our SONCO Team? There’s an EMT course starting this fall. Contact our Operations Manager: soncoopsmgr@gmail.com or (906) 365-0740



Above: Camp 911 - Ontonagon and Ewen 5th grade students

Below: Annual E-TC School Family Fun Day



Above: Attending training to maintain and advance our skills



Above: On Standby at the Ontonagon/E-TC Gladiators Football Games



Above: Fall Fly-In at Ontonagon County Airport

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EWEN

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

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

PAYNESVILLE

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

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MASS CITY

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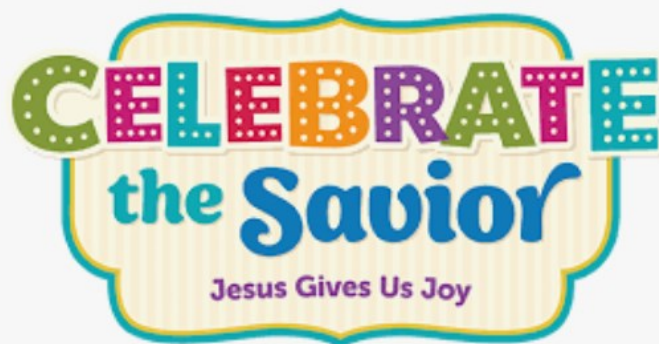
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The Ottawa National Forest RAC is Reforming

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed 15 people to serve on the new Ottawa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) on February 12, 2024. The RAC consists of committee members representing varied interests and areas of expertise, who work collaboratively to improve working relationships among community members and National Forest personnel. The Ottawa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be inviting public proposals to invest approximately \$780,000 of accumulated funds authorized by the Secure Rural Schools Act. Project proposals must benefit National Forest lands in Gogebic, Ontonagon, Iron, Baraga, Houghton and Marquette Counties that meet criteria for activities that improve natural resources. At least 50% of all project funds are to be used for projects that are primarily dedicated to road maintenance, decommissioning, or obliteration; or the restoration of streams and watersheds.

This year the Forest Service delivered \$736,302.73 of Title 1 funds to Gogebic, Ontonagon, Baraga, and Marquette Counties. Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties have selected Title II payments from the Secure Rural Schools Act Funds; these funds are to be used for RAC-recommended projects that benefit National Forest lands.

The Ottawa NF RAC highly encourages consulting with Ottawa NF staff to develop projects and ensure you have accurate information for the RAC to consider. Examples of eligible projects include: Watershed restoration activities, Maintenance of roads or trails, Hazardous fuels reduction, Improvements in forest ecosystem health, Improvement of wildlife and fish habitat, Control of invasive plants and/or re-establishment of native species, Enhancement of National Forest recreation sites.

Proposals are welcome from any source. Individuals, tribes, businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies are eligible for funding consideration through grants, cooperative agreements, and traditional contracting procedures with the Ottawa National Forest.

More information on how to propose a RAC project will come after the first meeting of the RAC, which is expected this spring. Contact Paul Holeva at Paul.Holeva@usda.gov if you are interested in applying. Below are past project examples recommended for funding by Ottawa NF Resource Advisory Committees.

OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PAST APPROVED PROJECTS

- Agonikak National Recreation Trail in Gogebic County, applicant Wilderness Lakes Trails
- Rehabilitation and Prevention Maintenance Black River Road in Gogebic County, applicant Gogebic County Road Commission
- Lac Vieux Desert Invasive Species Projects in Gogebic County, applicant Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW)
- Invasive Plants in Sylvania in Gogebic County, applicant Friends of Sylvania
- Federal FH 16 Road Maintenance in Ontonagon County, applicant Ontonagon County Road Commission
- Norwich Mine Historical Interpretation/ Resource Protection in Ontonagon County, applicant Ontonagon County Historical Society
- Assessment & Management of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Lake Gogebic in Ontonagon County, applicant Lake Gogebic Improvement Association
- Courtney Equestrian Trail Maintenance and Improvement in Ontonagon County, applicant MI-TRALE



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