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- June 22 **JUHANNUS DAY** (Finnish midsummer celebration day)
- June 22 **Rally in the Valley 2024**, 6pm-all night, live music, multiple bands, west of Ewen on M28
- June 29 **Watersmeet 4th of July Fireworks**, at dusk at Pavilion Park
- 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 3 **Independence Day Celebration - Town Picnic & Lightning Over the Lake**, Wakefield
- July 4 **4th of July Lawnmower Parade**, 10am, Trout Creek
- July 5 **4th of July Parade and Picnic**, 12:30pm Kiddie/Pet Parade, 1pm Parade, 1:30-4:30pm picnic, drinks, live music kids games at Pavilion Park, Watersmeet
- July 6 **Bruce Crossing Area Independence Day Celebration "Made in America"**, Bruce Crossing *(Details inside)*
- July 6 **Greenland 4th of July Celebration**, Greenland
- July 12-13 **Hodag Country Music Festival**, Rhineland, WI
- July 12-13 **U.P. Championship Rodeo**, Iron County Fairgrounds, 720 W. Franklin St., Iron River, MI
- July 17 **47th Annual Senior Fest**, 10am-2pm, at Ewen-Trout Creek School in Ewen. Sponsored by Ontonagon Co. Commission on Aging.
- July 20 **E-TC Sports Booster Club Annual Steakout**, 5:30pm-12am, Ewen *(Details inside)*
- July 26-27 **CopperFest**, Ontonagon
- July 27 **Ontonagon County Fair**, Ontonagon County Fairgrounds in Greenland
- Aug 23-24 **Porcupine Mountains Music Festival**, Volunteers get FREE pass: Call 612-384-7675 for volunteer info.



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NEXT EDITIONS OF THE  
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# SETTLERS DEPOT GALLERY

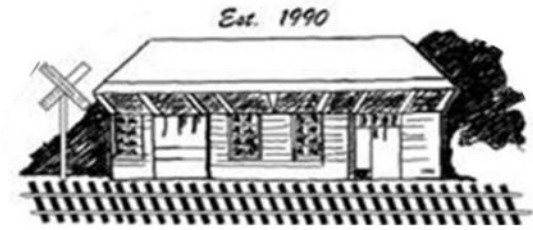
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This 1945 photo, likely captured by Lydia (Koski) Maki, shows her husband, Hans Maki and their children Marilyn (Hemming), Evelyn (Gerber), Eddie, and Myra (Malterud) enjoying the beauty of **Bond Falls**. As was common practice with early Finnish immigrants, Hans Maki's original and lengthier family last name of *Rajamaki* was shortened to *Maki* after Hans, along with his parents (Oskar and Hilda Rajamaki) and his older siblings, Hulda, John, and Nick eventually all made their ways from Karvia, Finland, to the Trout Creek - Calderwood - Agate - Paynesville areas of Ontonagon County from 1901 to 1910.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;  
wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

- Unknown



NOTE: This is the new, revised version of the event schedule as of June 6, 2024.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY in Bruce Crossing, Michigan

## SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

<p>10am to 6pm</p>	<p>★ <b>Street Market with Vendors &amp; Concessions</b>                  ★ <b>Kids' Games, Sawdust Coin Scramble, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, &amp; more!</b>                  ★ <b>Outhouse Runs</b> Outhouses provided!  <i>Bring your team of 5 people ages 14-100.</i>                  ★ <b>BINGO</b> All Ages - Cash prizes for players 18+  <i>Mystery prizes for players 17 and under</i></p>
<p>10am to 3pm</p>	<p><b>VFW Brat and Hotdog Sale</b></p>
<p>11am to 10:30pm</p>	<p><b>Party Pavilion</b> Adult Beverages &amp; Refreshments                  Live Music by <b>The Peace Family 2PM</b>                  and <b>Double Shot at 7PM</b></p>
<p>11am</p> <p><i>Parade lineup begins at 10am at the Steamboat Bill Ballpark. Parade participants must line up by 10:35am.</i></p>	<p><b>Made in America Parade with Kids-on-Wheels!</b></p> <p><i>Hey Kids! Decorate your wheels (if it rolls, it goes!) and ride at the front of the big parade.</i></p>
<p>12pm to 2pm</p>	<p><b>Lions Club Chicken Dinner</b></p>
<p>12:30pm to ~6pm</p>	<p><b>Maddie Garcia Memorial Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament</b> —Ages 12 and up  <i>Call/text 404-433-7983 for registration info. \$30/team</i></p>
<p>1:30pm to ~4:30pm</p>	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Battle in BC - Kickball Tournament</b>                  —Ages 10 to 100  <i>Call/text 404-433-7983 for registration info. \$50/team</i></p>
<p>5pm</p>	<p><b>Best Pie Contest</b>  <i>Register by 3pm. Drop off your pie any time during the day at the Party Pavilion refrigerator for cold storage if needed.</i></p>
<p>10:45pm <i>Dusk</i></p>	<p><b>Fireworks</b> The biggest fireworks display in Ontonagon County!</p>

**50/50 Raffle**  
Last Year's Prize \$5,000!

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\*All events held at the Stannard Township Park in Bruce Crossing, MI unless noted

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Area residents, be sure to check your mailboxes for the printed copy of this schedule in the June 17 and July 1 editions of the *Ottawa Shopper*.



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Buy a 50/50 Raffle Ticket for a chance to win up to \$10,000! The raffle proceeds support the grandest Independence Day fireworks display in all of Ontonagon County, at Stannard Township Park in Bruce Crossing. This year's celebration and fireworks will be on July 6. The winner will be drawn at 10pm. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available for purchase here:

- Char's Restaurant - Bruce Crossing
- Logger's Alley Bar & Grill - Bruce Crossing
- Settlers Federal CU - Bruce Crossing
- Twilly's Sports Bar - Bruce Crossing
- Trailside Bar and Grill - Bergland
- Hoppy's Bar - Kenton
- Gogebic Range Bank - Ewen
- South Branch Saloon - Ewen
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# MEETINGS

**Ontonagon County Conversation District:** Next meeting is Monday, July 8, 8PM at Rockland Twp Hall. Future meetings are on Aug 12 and Sept 16 at 7PM.

**Ontonagon Republican Party:** Next meeting is July 2, 6PM at Rockland Twp Hall.

**Ontonagon Democratic Party:** The next meeting of the Ontonagon Democratic Party will be Tuesday, June 25 at the Rockland Township Hall. Doors open at 6:45 with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. Special Guest, Callie Barr, Candidate for 1st Congressional District will join by phone.

## Trout Creek History Museum Fundraiser Continues on July 4!

The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser supporting the Trout Creek History Museum was held in Trout Creek on June 15 and was very well-attended (and delicious)! There were 3 Raffle Boards that were introduced at the dinner. It's not too late to buy a space on a board though! Spaces are \$5 or \$10 depending on which prizes you would like to try to win. Any squares remaining by July 4 can be purchased at the Trout Creek History Museum during the 10am annual Tractor Parade in Trout Creek. Patsy Walls hopes to see you there!



Don't miss it! Buy a raffle board space on July 4 in Trout Creek and help preserve a part of our county's rich history. Raffle boards feature beautiful, locally-crafted wood tables, rag rugs, a handmade quilt, a large Vera Bradley travel bag with coordinating beach towels, gift baskets, and more!

## HOW NICE OF YOU TO HELP!



**ABOVE:** Thank you to Jeff Trowbridge for volunteering your time to assist the Bruce Crossing 4th of July Committee with constructing 2024 event signage.

The Bruce Crossing 4th of July Celebration Committee thanks the Ewen Masons for the generous donation of children's toys. The toys will be awarded as game prizes during the Independence Day Celebration on July 6 in Bruce Crossing.

**BELOW:** Jesse Stites, Treasurer for Whitetails Unlimited (WU) Ontonagon Chapter, presented Dale Rantala a check to assist with transportation and food costs of Camp Nesbit and Camp 911. Jesse stated, "WU is happy to help with two great causes for the kids of Ontonagon County."



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### In case you missed it!

**RIGHT:** Dr. Hanson presents a beautiful Pendleton blanket drawing prize to winner Mrs. LaBonte.



**LOWER RIGHT:** John Berglund, Sadie Valliere, and special guest Jake Witt award another prize to one of many winners.



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In case you didn't make it to this year's LVDHC Health Fair in Watersmeet on June 15, here's a mini re-cap of what you missed: Informative service booths and friendly, knowledgeable health care providers, plus community service representatives - combined with beautiful storytelling and dancing by local and Woodland Sky Native American dancers, delicious concession treats, a multitude remarkable free drawing prizes, kids' games, and much more.







# E-TC Panthers Booster Club ANNUAL STEAK OUT

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM - 12AM  
Ewen Centennial Hall



Tickets donated by  
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Saturdays | 9am-1pm (EST)

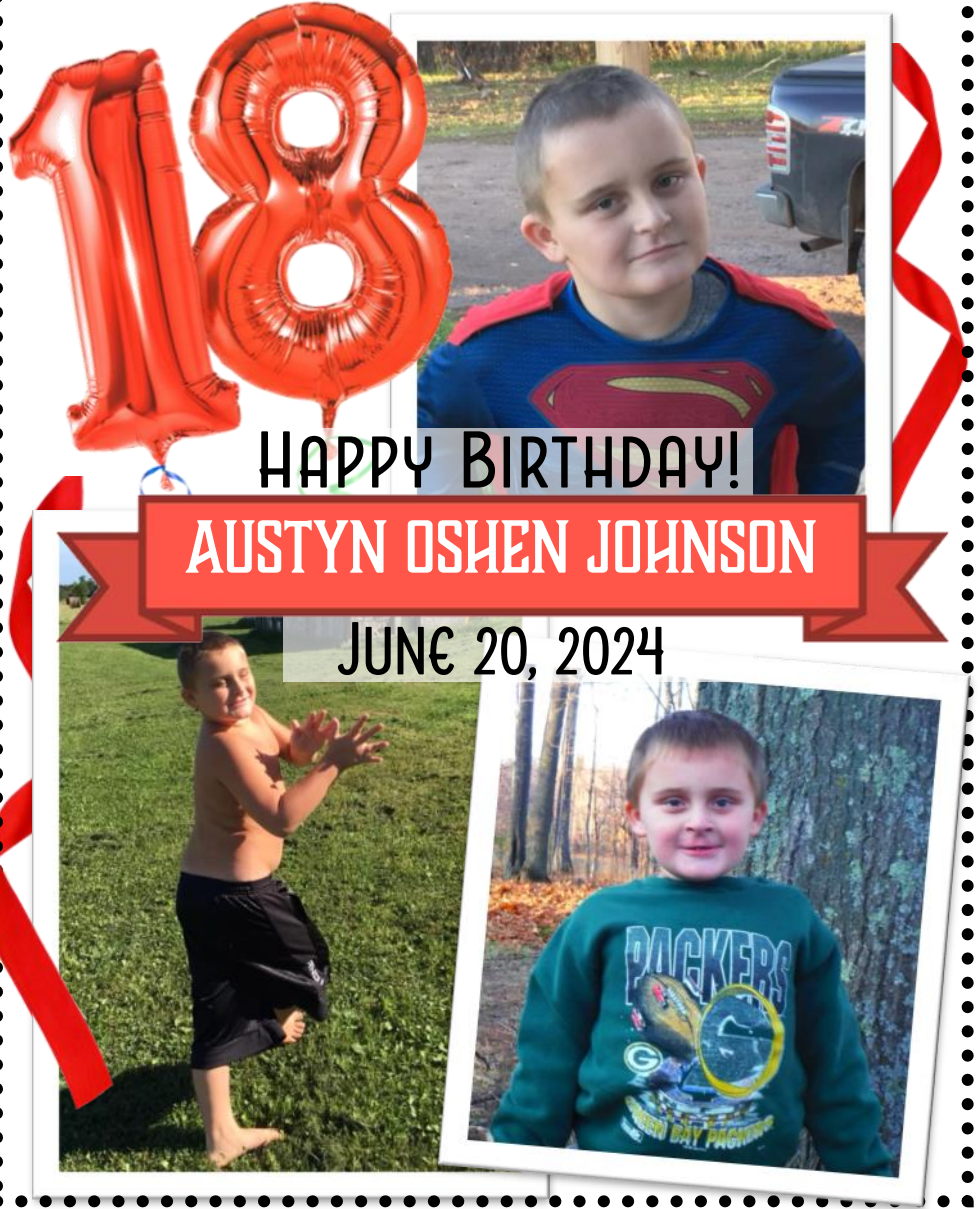
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# AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

**BERGLAND:** Bergland's all-school reunion will be on July 13 at the Bergland Twp park. Hotdogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, & chips. BYOB. It's the 40th anniversary of the last graduating class of Bergland School - Class of 1984.

**EWEN:** Congratulations to Sig and Mary Hokens of Ewen on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary this month!

**SIDNAW:** The USDA Forest Service will soon complete the removal of the Lower Dam on the East Branch of the Ontonagon River, located southwest of Sidnaw. With a focus on habitat restoration, the project aims to restore 8 miles of upstream habitat and increase overall fish habitat connection between Lake Superior and the headwaters of the East Branch, the longest free-flowing branch of the Ontonagon River. The earthen dam was constructed in 1963 and is the end of its expected lifespan. Since the 16-acre reservoir was drained in 2018, the soils have stabilized, and early vegetation cover is now established. This project will enhance the free-flowing character of this designated Wild and Scenic River branch. Blue Line Solutions, an Upper Peninsula company, is the contractor on the project. The Lower Dam removal is 50% completed and is scheduled to wrap up this year. To minimize disruption to fish habitat and sensitive species, construction for this season will begin after July 1 during low flow conditions.

**MASS CITY:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mass City held their annual Vacation Bible School June 17-20, 2024. The Fortune Lake Bible Day Camp team (Pictured below with the tallest team members of the back row, l-r, Emma, Rosa, and Heide) were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, June 16 and welcomed with a fellowship picnic lunch after services. The day campers spent the week doing Bible studies, crafts, songs and games following this summer's theme **CREATED TO BE**. The camp closed on Thursday with a short program and an ice cream social.



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## DEAR READERS - PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SURVEY

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- Rena Maki, Publisher at Ottawa Shopper

1. Name of Town where you live: \_\_\_\_\_
2. # of People Living in Your Household: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ages of others in your household if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you live here  Year-round  Part-time
5. How long have you lived here? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How often do you read the *Ottawa Shopper*? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which of the following local newspapers do you read on a weekly basis?  
 Ontonagon Herald  Ironwood Globe  Daily Mining Gazette  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  None
8. Do you listen to the local radio stations?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one(s) do you listen to? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is there anything you would like to see **MORE of**, or **LESS of** in the *Ottawa Shopper*? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Most local businesses, restaurants, bars, schools, charity organizations, civic organizations, townships, and service providers rely on Facebook or other online sites to share important news, social events, special offerings, and other information. How often do you seek out local information on Facebook or other online sites?  Daily  Weekly  Never

11. Are you **satisfied** with the frequency of the *Ottawa Shopper* (every two weeks) or would you prefer to receive **more often** or **less often**?

12. Because the *Ottawa Shopper* is mailed for FREE to every household and business in Ontonagon Co. and bordering towns every two weeks, it relies on paid advertising to cover the cost of printing and postage. Did you know the *Ottawa Shopper* does not have paid employees and relies on two part-time volunteers (Rena & Carol) to produce each edition?  Yes  No

13. Are you aware that, due to the reliance on unpaid volunteers, the publish date of each edition of the *Ottawa Shopper* indicates the week in which the paper will be delivered and is not intended to indicate the exact date in which the paper will arrive at your address?  Yes  No



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**(Sunday, June 30) (Starts 10:30 AM)**  
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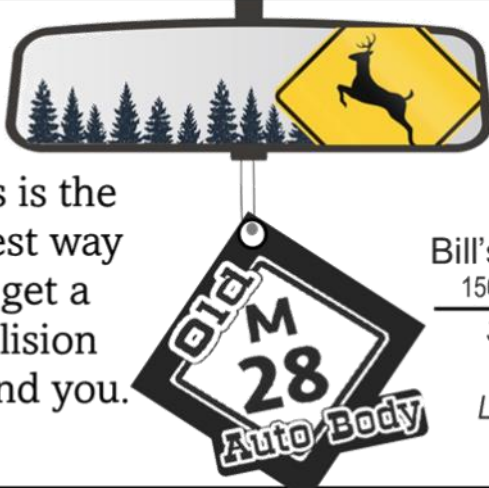
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# MICHIGAN DNR FISHING REPORT - Jun 12, 2024

- **Keweenaw Bay/Huron Bay:** Anglers in Keweenaw Bay and Huron Bay had a successful week of fishing! Anglers fishing early in the mornings were able to find salmon on their highest lines and lake trout throughout the water column. All lake trout and salmon caught while trolling were caught using artificial baits. Some anglers opted for jigging and also had great success. Jigging events returned large lake trout and some lake whitefish as well.
- **Traverse Bay/South Portage Entry Canal:** Anglers reported catching lots of lake trout and salmon. Anglers who found salmon were trolling with lines down to 75 feet all the way to the surface. Anglers fishing for lake trout found them spread through the whole water column. Whitefish were caught during some jigging events as well and were found anywhere from the middle of the water column to the bottom. Fishing in the morning was the most productive time of day in this area.
- **Ontonagon River:** Over the past week, fishing on the river was reported to have slowed down. Reports show that walleye were being caught in low numbers. Successful anglers had the most luck when trolling in the early mornings.
- **Ontonagon/Silver City/Union Bay:** The fishing from these ports was slow over the past week, despite healthy angling efforts. Reports show that anglers were catching lake trout in low numbers. These fish were found at varying depths while trolling.
- **Black River Harbor:** The harbor saw low angling efforts over the past week. Reports show that those fishing were catching lake trout in low numbers. Angler reports show that fish were being caught in varying water depths while trolling.



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Posted on Ontonagon Valley Sportsmen's Club's public Facebook page on June 9:

A big thank you to Michelle Strong and her crew at the Paulding General Store for sponsoring a rebirth of the Kids Fishing Tournament on (Mich) free fishing weekend. Thirty-one youth of all ages participated in Saturday's contest and brought in a wide variety of fish ranging from brook trout to walleye to crappie to even a few suckers! As you can tell from the photo, the kids were having a great time celebrating after the ribbons were handed out and everybody received a certificate for a free ice cream cone from Michelle!!





# OBITUARIES

**Mary J. Domitrovich, 96**, of Ontonagon, died on June 6, 2024, at home surrounded by her family and caregivers after a short illness.

**Elizabeth Louise Applekamp, 88**, of Bruce Crossing, passed away peacefully June 1, 2024, at St. Lukes Hospital in Duluth, MN.

**Juanita Mae Seid, 88**, of Rockland, passed away peacefully at home on May 28, 2024, after a long illness.

**Thomas H. Ruuttila, 75**, of Ontonagon, passed away on May 12, 2024 at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

**Mary Margaret Roberts, 73**, former Ontonagon resident, known affectionately as Mary Tebbe of Alanson, MI, was called home by the Lord on May 3, 2024.

**Judith A. "Judy" Stahl, 83**, of Ontonagon, died peacefully at her home on April 30, 2024.

**Mark Maki ("HulaMaki"), 68**, of Ontonagon passed away on April 24, 2024, in Greenland Township.

**Mary Ann Rogers, 94**, of Greenland passed away April 15, 2024, at Bayside Village in L'Anse Michigan with her family by her side.

## AREA CHURCH SERVICES

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**Calvary Baptist Church:** 11AM Sun. Worship. 201 Pine St.

### BRUCE CROSSING

**Bethany Lutheran (WELS):** Sun. 5PM Worship, Pr. Johnson

**Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church:**

12PM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

**Bruce Crossing Bible Church:** 10AM Sunday School, 11AM Worship, 15089 Maplewood Rd.

### EWEN

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

**United Methodist Church:** 9AM Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. Open Communion

### PAYNESVILLE

**First Apostolic Lutheran Church:** 10:30AM Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sun., 2:30PM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.

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

### MASS CITY

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

### ONTONAGON

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

### TROUT CREEK

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

**Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church:** 11AM on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Worship.

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## To Family and Friends of DONALD OLSON

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and kind words after the loss of my father on January 12, 2024. He loved living in the Trout Creek, Ewen and White Pine areas and developed many friendships over the 39 years of his career in education. These friendships lasted a lifetime and he cherished every moment!!!! We hope you will be able to join us in celebration of his life.

- The Olson Family

A memorial service will be held on  
**June 22, 2024, at 1:00 pm**  
at the Cane Funeral Home in Bruce Crossing.  
*A luncheon at Twilly's will follow the service.*

## FREE - ASIST Training - A suicide prevention training program

*This community health event information was paid for by the Ottawa Shopper. To sponsor future community health articles/event promotions, please contact Rena at 404-433-7983 or via email at ottawashopper@outlook.com.*

In partnership with the West End Health Foundation, Copper Shores Outreach & Education is hosting **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) on July 23 and 24**, at Great Lakes Recovery Centers in Negaunee, MI. This two day workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, teaching people the skills the help prevent suicide, and how to intervene to help keep someone safe from suicide. Those who partake in ASIST include both trained professionals and members of the general public. People do not need to have any training in suicide prevention or intervention prior to attending ASIST. With ASIST, people can provide guidance and suicide first-aid to a person with thoughts of suicide in ways that meet their individual safety needs, as well as identify the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan and the actions required to implement it. **This training is open to the public, and provided at no cost** thanks to the West End Health Foundation. To register for the training, call (906) 482-9077 ext. 303, or email kmartens@coppershores.org. The deadline to register is Wednesday, July 19.



This corner is generously sponsored by Charles (Charlie) Parker Maki-Schuster. Charlie is a 12 year-old Peagle (Pekingese-Beagle) and he resides in a NYC Manhattan high-rise condo. He loves summertime visits to his fur-mom's family in South Ontonagon County.



**ABOVE:** Charlie with his best friend, Olivia Schuster visiting Lake of the Clouds.

## PLEASE KEEP YOUR ANIMALS COOL AND SAFE AS TEMPERATURES RISE

Source: Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

When temperatures rise, keeping animals cool and hydrated is essential to their health. While it is important to recognize the signs of heat stress in animals, it is even more critical to prevent this stress from occurring. Follow these six easy steps to help keep them safe:

- 1) Let it Flow: Provide unlimited cool, clean, fresh water** - Just like people, animals can quickly get parched in hot temperatures. No matter the species, animals should have access to unlimited cool, clean, fresh water to prevent dehydration. Also, if out in public, bring along some hydration options for your animal and avoid using shared/communal water bowls.
- 2) Know Their Limits: An animal's ability to tolerate heat varies** - An animal's age, breed, type of coat, and health history can all play a role in their ability to tolerate the heat. Keep an eye on them for signs of heat stress—like increased panting or drooling and being more lethargic. If they are showing these signs, it is time to immediately move them to a cooler area. Also, consider talking to your veterinarian. They will have a greater knowledge of your animal(s) and be able to give more specific guidance on how to best handle them in hot weather.
- 3) Happy Paws: Test surfaces to make sure they won't burn paws** - Surfaces like asphalt, concrete, and sand can really heat up in the sun, which can burn paws—or at least make a walk very uncomfortable. To test if a surface is too hot, touch it with the palm of your hand. If it is too hot for you, consider taking a different route that is mostly grass or waiting until the evening when everything has had a chance to cool.
- 4) Look Before They Splash: Avoid harmful algal blooms (HABs) in bodies of water** - HABs form due to a rapid growth of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, which are naturally found in lakes, rivers, and ponds. To prevent illness in animals, keep them out of areas with scums or discolored water, rinse them off after contact with any lake water, and bring clean, fresh water for them to drink. If an animal becomes sick after contact with suspected HAB, call your vet right away. Also, animal illness due to HABs is reportable to MDARD. To report cases, call 800-292-3939. In addition, to report any suspicious looking algae, email [algaebloom@michigan.gov](mailto:algaebloom@michigan.gov).
- 5) Get in Gear: Parked vehicles are not places to park pets** - Even in moderate temperatures vehicles can heat up quickly, creating dangerous conditions for the animals left inside. Leaving windows cracked open and/or parking in the shade do little to improve the situation. In these conditions, it is best to leave pets at home when you need to go out and about.
- 6) A Place to Chill: Make sure animals have a place to cool down** - animals know when they are too hot and will usually try to find a place where they can cool down. Make sure they have access to shade, fans, misters, pools, cooling mats, or air-conditioned spaces to help them stay comfortable.

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McMillan Township has documentation for the materials in a few of the water lines, which means most are listed as "unknown." Of the unknown service lines, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE) requires that we investigate 20% for direct verification, which means we have to actually **see** the lines and what they are made of. Because of this requirement, McMillan Township intends to hire a contractor to dig down to the lines on both sides of the shut off valve, as well as at the watermain. The contractor will restore the site when the work has been completed.

The locations of the "20%" that will be verified have not yet been identified. They will be randomly selected by EGLE. Once identified, McMillan Township will notify the owners of those accounts with a letter indicating the work that will be done. Verification is also required for the line that feeds into the house from the water meter. If your account is selected, McMillan Township staff will contact you to request access into the house to verify material type and size of that line. If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Township Office at (906) 988-2240. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we comply with these public water system requirements.

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## CAMP JOSH NEWS & UPDATES

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We are off and running for another season of activities at Camp Josh, serving people with disabilities, veterans, and senior citizens. Our recent event in June was a fabulous success with the campers catching 57 fish, all of which were taken home. Kristin Ojaniemi producer of the TV show, *Discovering* was there, too. She shot video for a new episode, so you'll be able to see the current status at Camp Josh on *Discovering*. We had a very successful fundraising year through the Copper Shores Foundation 2023 "Giving Tuesday" program, and our annual banquet. Our new dock has already been installed on the fishing pond, and we have funds available for further improvements, such as paving our parking lot (a paved surface is best for anyone with a mobility impairment). Our latest exciting news is that Safari Club International donated a trackchair to Camp Josh. Anyone with a mobility impairment can easily operate the trackchair, which has a joystick control comparable to a regular power wheelchair, and two rubber bulldozer-like tracks instead of wheels. The trackchair is a very capable off-road mobility device, and Camp Josh will maintain a trail system for it on our property.

Camper Joe tested the trackchair, and his immediate assessment was, "Now this is living!" Joe had just celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and received his driver's license the day before. Following his first off-road maneuvers, Joe shared, "I'm very honored to be the first to drive your trackchair." Camp Josh also has a "shooting assist bench" with an assistive trigger device for hunters with lack of finger control. We plan to display our trackchair and shooting assist bench in Ontonagon during Maxwell Street Day. Our fishing pond is our showcase feature, and we thank the Watersmeet fish hatchery and the KBIC hatchery for their donations of nice-sized trout. Their donations keep us in business.



**ABOVE:** Joe prepares to put the new trackchair through its paces. Standing L to R, Tony Dembowski and Joe Harlow of SCI; Jerry Preiss, Bill Shardlow, and Eugene Lewis of Camp Josh.



**LEFT:** Heather was the fishing champion. She caught 12 fish during our June 4 event.



**LEFT:** Norman Pestka, Pestka Construction, donating a check to Dale Rantala to be used at the SeniorFest Day in Ewen on July 17, 2024. Rantala, a Commission on Aging board member, said the donation will be used for prizes at the event.

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