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Agate, Bergland, Bruce Crossing, Calderwood, Lake Mine, Marenisco, Mass City, Matchwood, Porcupine Mountains, Redtown, Rockland, Rousseau, Sidnaw, Silver City, Topaz, Trout Creek, Victoria, Watton, White Pine - and all the beautiful places in-between.

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SAVE the DATE

- Mar 11** *Family Fun Night & Resource Fair*, 4:30pm-7pm CT, FREE Conference Center, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood
- Mar 14-16** *Cor PowerSports Championship Weekend - GCC Ironwood SC Snowmobile National Championship*, 8am-4pm CT, Racers register by 3/12, 6pm CT. FREE for spectators, Mt. Zion Ski Hill, Ironwood
- Mar 14** *Vintage Sled Gathering & Ride*, 11am CT, Meet at Dutch's Bar in Marenisco, then ride to Rogers Bar at 12:30pm for lunch & drinks.
- Mar 15** *Red, White & Bowl!* 1pm-9pm, Annual bowling fundraiser benefiting Bruce Crossing Area 4th of July. Bowling, raffles, & gift basket drawings. Call Loggers' Alley to sign up to bowl 906-827-9958, Bruce Crossing
- Mar 15-16** *Ontonagon Hoopla Youth Basketball Tournament*, Onto. School
- Mar 16** **ST. URHO'S DAY**
- Mar 17** **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- Mar 21** *Getegitigaaning Round Dance - Honoring Our Loved Ones*, 4-7pm CT, Open to Public. Bring dish to share. Vendors 906-284-2098, Northern Waters Casino, Watersmeet
- Mar 20-22** *Northwoods Yooper Poker Run*, Lake Gogebic Area Ch. of Commerce. Poker Passports \$10 at participating businesses. Cards due 8:59pm, 3/22 at AJ's Lodge & Oven.
- Mar 29** *Fundraiser & Gun Banquet for Camp Josh*, 5pm-9pm, Raffles, Prime Rib Dinner, The Konteka, White Pine
- Mar 29** *Horse Tack & Small Animal Swap*, 10am-2pm, \$10/ equestrian seller table. No fee to sell small animals. Onto. Co. Fairgrounds, Greenland
- Mar 29** *Musky Fishing Expo*, 9am CT, \$20/person, 12 & under FREE, Northern Waters Casino Event Center, Watersmeet
- Apr 14** *Mich. Sec. of State Mobile Office*, 11am-2pm ET, Lake Gogebic Sr. Center, 109 Pine St., Bergland—Renew Driver's License/ID, Vehicle Title Transfers, Disability placards, & more. Call 906-565-3461 to reserve a time slot.
- Apr 18** **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Apr 20** **EASTER SUNDAY**

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LOW-IMPACT EXERCISES FOR SENIORS Source: www.elderlifefinancial.com/resources/low-impact-exercises-for-seniors, 1/26/24

Daily movement is essential for good health as you age, even if you have pain or mobility challenges. You don't need intense workouts; simple, enjoyable activities count. Household chores like cooking, laundry, and dusting contribute to your movement. Stay consistent with these tasks, go at your own pace, and modify as needed to remain safe. Remember, staying active helps maintain independence. Range-of-motion exercises can reduce joint pain, stiffness, and swelling while improving circulation, strength, and flexibility. Aim to perform the following exercises at least five times or for half a song. Always listen to your body and stop if you feel acute pain.

Shoulder shrugs and rolls: Sit straight up with your feet firmly planted on the floor and your chest open, roll your shoulders to the front and then back.

Hand work: Make fists with your hands and then release. After five times, twirl your wrists clockwise and then counterclockwise.

Bicep curls: Do with or without light weights. Use household items like soup cans if you don't have hand weights. Sit with your feet on the floor and your arms at your sides. Bend at the elbow to bring your hands up to your shoulders, and then slowly return your arms to your sides.

Marching: While seated or standing and holding on to a stable chair or a wall, march in place, bringing your knees up as high as possible. This exercise aims to work the hip hinge motion, so focus on raising your leg using your hip flexors.

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SNOW FACT: Houghton's record-high seasonal snowfall total
—a whopping 355.90 inches—occurred the winter of 1978-79.

IT'S BEEN A COMEBACK WINTER!

Across the Upper Peninsula, snow totals are above seasonal averages, well into triple-digit inches. The town with the most snowfall, season to date as of 2/24/25 is Painesdale (Houghton Co.) with 252.1 in. The biggest 24hr total this season is Keweenaw Co. with 18 in. (2/9/25). Downstate, Gaylord is approaching a record season with 181 in. reported so far.

Seasonal Snow Totals 2024-2025 (as of March 3, 2025)

- 15ft: Toivola
- 10ft: Bergland, Greenland, Marchwood, Rockland, Porcupine Mountains, Wakefield, Bessmer
- 8ft: Bruce Crossing, Ewen, Trout Creek, Kenton, Sidnaw, Covington, Marenisco, Ontonagon
- 6ft: Paulding
- 4ft: Watersmeet
- 3ft: Conover, WI



Sources: www.FunintheUP.com, www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/snowfall

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OBITUARIES



NANCY SHARON OJANIEMI, 77, of Bruce Crossing, passed away at home on Monday, February 24, 2025 after a culmination of health issues. Nancy was born on May 13, 1947, in Ironwood MI, daughter Edwin and Sylvia (Anderson) Haataja. Nancy graduated from Bergland High School in the Class of 1965. Nancy was the eldest of 10 children. At one point or another, 8 out of her 9 younger siblings lived with her and her family. After high school Nancy raised her family and worked at multiple establishments in the area including (but not limited to) Tulppo's, Gramma Grooters, and Perttu's Big Spruce Golf Course. Nancy enjoyed golfing at Big Spruce up until its closure and participated in the women's golf league. In 1982, Nancy married Armas Ojaniemi of Bruce Crossing. This September would have been their 43rd wedding anniversary. Nancy loved to garden and kept the yard blooming with a variety of flowers. She also filled the yard with birdfeeders for her and Armas to watch the birds.

Most people will remember Nancy by her creativity with all the beautiful crafts, crocheted hats and gloves, Christmas decorations and everything else she created – long before Pinterest. She kept Armas busy hunting for craft supplies. Some of her last proudest moments were the hundreds of likes and comments she received on Facebook craft groups, which she had to personally respond to and thank every one. She was also a talented artist and loved to draw and paint, everything, especially her house. Family and friends will also remember that Nancy loved a good ghost story. Before her health problems, she also enjoyed spending time at Camp Woodtick and thrift shopping all over the area with her husband.

Nancy leaves behind her loving husband Armas Ojaniemi, daughter Tracy (Alex) Metas, daughter Pamela Malnar (Dan Kudlaczkyk), son Michael (Ruth Anne) Malnar, daughter Vicky Malnar, daughter Kristin Ojaniemi (Justin Wonsey). Grandchildren: Jordain (Jorge) Salas, Mark Malnar, Andrew Metas, Allyson Metas, Anthony Metas, Erin Pletzke, Beth Pletzke, and Jesse Pletzke. Great-grandchildren: Jacob, Jamin, Joseph, Jonathan, Jianna, Aiden and Adeera. Nancy is also survived by her brother Charles (Debbie) Haataja, sister Pixie (Mike) Daggett, sister Kerry Cronkright, brother Lawrence Hash, sister-in-law Kristen Haataja, sister-in-law Donna Roberts, sister-in-law Sandra Augustine, sister-in-law Mary Anne Nurmi, and numerous nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Edwin and Sylvia, siblings Thomas Haataja, Jack Haataja, Jerry Haataja, Elaine Hash, Robert Hash, and grandson Justin Malnar. Brother-in-laws Eugene Nurmi, Harold Roberts and Dan Haltug.

Nancy's wishes were to not have a public service. A celebration of life for family will be planned at a later date. The family would like to thank all the nurses who helped during her hospice care over the last couple years.

JERRY HAATAJA, 73, of Trout Creek, passed away unexpectedly at his home on February 23, 2025. He was born October 5, 1951, to Edwin Haataja and Sylvia (Anderson) Haataja. Jerry was a retired Iron Worker in the construction industry. He enjoyed fly fishing during his life. Jerry is survived by a daughter Amy Leppanen, brothers Chuck Haataja and Lawrence Hash and sisters Pixie Daggett and Kerry Conkright. He was preceded in death by his parents, twin brother Jack Haataja, sisters Nancy Ojaniemi and Elaine Hash and brothers Tom Haataja and Robert Hash. Jerry's family is planning a service for later this spring. Cane Funeral Home - Bruce Crossing Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

GERALD W. HUFFMAN "CHOPPER", 62, of Kenton, passed away on February 7, 2025, in Marquette. He was born on March 14, 1962, to Gerald and Sharon Huffman of Elmira, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his mother, Sharon; children, Dawn Tuileta, Kelly (Nicole) Tupper, Amanda (Jeremy) Grice, Bobbie (Rich) Lord, and Dareck (Haileigh) Huffman; 21 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Bill (Sherri) Huffman, Penny (Kurt) Hibbler, Michael Huffman, Tammy Padgett, Brian (Loriza) Huffman, and Dawn (Jeff) Berry. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Huffman. Chopper lived in Kenton the last 13 years, which was home—never wanting to leave again. He worked in sawmills his whole adult life, (you could say he loved his work). He was a die-hard Lions fan. Chopper loved his wife, his children, his family and his friends. A Celebration honoring Chopper's life will be held at a later date.

*Thank
You*

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the gathering at UP Chucks following the loss of my beloved husband, Chopper. Your presence and support have been a great comfort to me during this difficult time. I am deeply moved by the love and kindness shown by friends and family. Thank you for being there and for honoring Chopper's memory.

~ Judy Huffman and Family



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— PUBLIC NOTICE — TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULES

- Bohemia Township** at Township Hall Rousseau
March 4, 2 pm Organizational Meeting
March 12, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
- Carp Lake Township** at Township Hall White Pine
March 4, 1 pm Organizational Meeting
March 11, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
March 13, 3-9 pm Public Hearing
- Duncan Township** at Township Office/Fire Hall Sidnaw
March 10, 3-9 pm Public Hearing
March 12, 9-3pm Public Hearing
- Haight Township** at Township Hall Ewen
March 4, 3 pm Organizational Meeting
March 10, 9-3 pm Public Meeting
March 12, 3-9 pm Public Meeting
- Interior Township** at Little School House Trout Creek
March 4, 10 am Organizational Meeting
March 10, 3-9 pm Public Hearing
March 11, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
- McMillan Township** at Township Hall Ewen
March 4, 11 am Organizational Meeting
March 10, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
March 11, 3-9pm Public Hearing
- Rockland Township** at Township Hall Rockland
March 4, 11 am Organizational Meeting
March 10, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
March 11, 3-9 pm Public Hearing
- Stannard Township** at Township Office Bruce Crossing
March 4, 4 pm Organizational Meeting
March 10, 9-3 pm Public Hearing
March 12, 3-9 pm Public Hearing

Petition Letters accepted:
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NOTICE OF VACANCY MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Matchwood Township Board
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position of **Treasurer**
on/by March 31, 2025.

If interested, please contact:
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PICTURED ON BOTTOM RIGHT: A beautiful, 10-point, albino buck was spotted by Ewen residents on their drive through northern Wisconsin in mid-February. Albino deer are rare, with some estimates suggesting they are born once in every 20,000 or 100,000 births.

Wisconsin has protected white and albino deer for over 80 years, with the first law making it illegal to shoot one enacted in 1940. However, albino and all-white deer have been legal to hunt in Michigan since 2008.



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A full posting can be found at

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

Date Posted: February 24, 2025. This position is open until filled.

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Feeding America Mobile Food Pantries (drive-thru)

Wed., Mar. 26, 2025, 12PM: Ojibwa Casino Baraga - N. Parking Lot, 16449 Mich. Ave., Baraga, MI

Thur., Mar. 27, 2025, 1PM CT: Grace Cov. Church, 316 Jasper St., Iron River, MI

Wed., April 2, 2025, 11AM: Onto. Village Fire Hall, 315 River St., Ontonagon, MI

FREE Community Meal, Monday, March 10, 3pm-6pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1409 Ridge Ave. in Mass City. All are welcome! Enjoy a tasty meal, friendship, and fun. Ham boiled dinner, pineapple cream cheese Jello salad, fresh breads and *rieska* (Finnish flatbread), and assorted desserts.

**Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency
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For qualifying individuals 60 yrs+. Proof of income not needed, but must meet the income guidelines to receive food assistance. Food package contains cheese, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals. Please return boxes. Program registration info, call: 906-884-2106.

Wednesday, March 19

Marenisco Town Hall	9 to 9:15 a.m.
Watersmeet Food Pantry	10 to 10:15 a.m.
Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Park	12:30 to 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

Bergland Lake Gogebic Sr. Ctr.	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	1 to 1:30 p.m.

Times are listed in local time zones. Times are subject to change. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

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BRUCE CROSSING: On Mar. 1, Mich. State Police responded to an accident on Hwy 45 south of Bruce Crossing. The driver of a pick-up truck pulling a trailer loaded with snowmobiles lost control of his vehicle on black ice. Both the truck and trailer flipped over into the ditch. After unloading the snowmobiles from the trailer, Dynamite Towing assisted turning both the truck and trailer right side up. No injuries were reported.

EWEN: On Dec. 30, 2024, Zeal Credit Union (CU), based in Livonia, MI, agreed to buy Gogebic Range Bank in an all-cash transaction. The deal, which is expected to close 3rd quarter of 2025, is subject to regulatory approval and stockholder approval from Gogebic Range Bank's holding company. The transaction will expand Zeal's number of branches from 12 to 16. Julie Kreinbring, Pres/CEO of Zeal CU said, "We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Gogebic Range Bank and to improve access to our member benefits in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and other contiguous market areas. Gogebic is a well-managed bank, and we look forward to welcoming their customers and employees. Gogebic's customers will become Zeal members with full access to our products and services." Zeal CU is expected "to keep predominately all the employees and all the branches of" Gogebic Range Bank.

ONTONAGON COUNTY: Gogebic Community College is looking at potential expansions and new services to serve the county. Residents are invited to provide input to the college president, Chris Patritto during a "Listening Session" to be held Thur., March 13, at 6pm at the Onto. School.

WATERSMEET: Northern Waters Casino Resort posted on Facebook 3/4/2025— *With the support of our incredible guests and community, Northern Waters Casino donated over \$43,000 last year to local organizations. We kicked off 2025 by contributing \$1,643.99 to the Watersmeet Food Pantry and \$1,643.99 to the Lac Vieux Desert Food Pantry.*

WHITE PINE: The White Pine Yooper Diner posted on Facebook 3/3/2025— *...planning to have an Easter egg hunt, crafts, possible bouncy houses and other kid activities on April 9, 2025 at either the rec center or the football field (depending on snow melt). There are at least 4,000 Easter eggs for the hunt, and a couple of the eggs may have tickets for a new bicycle and other prizes. If you'd like to donate your time or prizes, anything is appreciated.*

WHITE PINE: Carp Lake Township Fire Dept. responded to a house fire that appears to have started with the home's natural gas line on Mar. 2. The fire was extinguished in under 20 minutes with no injuries reported. The Onto. Fire Dept. SONCO North, UPPCO, SEMCO Entergy, Mich. DNR, and the Bergland Fire Chief also assisted with the response.

TRIGGER WARNING—ONTONAGON COUNTY: Road restrictions went into effect on March 3. And, just like last year, that means Waste Management customers who live on side roads or streets will need to either bring their trash to the highway or to the Waste Management driver's location on your service day. You are not impacted if you normally place your trash on a state or federal highway. The driver's time and location on your designated service day are as follows:

Towns/Areas with Monday Service—White Pine, Bergland, Ontonagon: White Pine customers go to east side of M-64 at the main street mine entrance from 7a to 11a. Driver will no longer be at the mall parking lot. Bergland – Parking lot across from Lake Gogebic Outpost gas station from 8:30a to 12:30p. Ontonagon - Driver can still collect trash within the Village of Ontonagon. For customers outside the Village, the driver will pick up trash along Hwy M-38 south of Ontonagon. Please put trash out by 7am on service day. Affects: Cherry Ln, Daniels Rd, Woodspur Rd, Firesteel Rd, Tikka Rd, Beck Rd, Calumet Rd.

Towns with Tuesday Service—Bruce Crossing, Paynesville, Paulding, Ontonagon: Bruce Crossing customers go to Park & Ride east of Settler's Co-op from 10:00a to 12:00p. Ontonagon - Driver can still collect trash within the village of Ontonagon. Any Tuesday customers outside the Village can meet the driver at the intersection of Airport Rd and Paul Bunyan Ave from 11:15a to 12:15p. He will then move down to the intersection of Airport Rd and Firesteel Rd until after 1:00p. If you are a Monday customer on side roads you are welcome to bring trash to the driver. Affects: Lakeshore Dr, Bear Creek Rd, Putula Rd, 10 Mile Rd, Paul Bunyan Rd

Towns with Wednesday Service—Sidnaw, Kenton, Trout Creek, Rockland, Mass, Greenland: Sidnaw Gas Station on M-28 from 9a to 10a. Kenton intersection (M-28 and East Riverside St.) from 10:30a to 11:30a. Trout Creek Mill Pond from 12p to 1p. In Rockland behind town hall from 7:30a to 10:30a. Mass and Greenland go to the lot near the Onto. Co. Road Commission building behind Merritt's Travel Center from 12p to 4p.

Towns/Areas with Thursday Service—Ewen, Bergland, Silver City, Other: Meet driver near Ewen Building Supply off M-28 from 7:30a to 11:00a. Bergland customers go to intersection of M-28 and East Shore Rd. from 12:00p to 1:30p. West M-64 and Silver City – Driver will be at the Big Iron Boat Landing from 7:00a to 8:00a. Driver will also be at the intersection of Stroud Rd. and M-64 from 10:00a to 1:00p.

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BRUCE CROSSING

Bethany Lutheran (WELS): Sun. 5PM Worship; Wed. 6:30PM Lenten Worship, Wed. 5PM, Rev. Mark Gass.

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

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sun. School, 11AM Worship. Pr. Pederson. 15089 Maplewood Rd.

COVINGTON

Bethany Lutheran Church: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 25379 US Hwy 141

Trinity Lutheran: 9AM Sun. Worship Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 12677 M-28

EWEN

First Lutheran (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 4PM Sun. Worship

GREENLAND

Greenland SDA Church: Worship 10AM Sat., 31369 N Firesteel Rd.

PAYNESVILLE

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

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 3rd & 5th Sun., 13980 N. Paynesville Rd.

MASS CITY

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

ONTONAGON

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

St. Paul's Lutheran (Missouri Synod): 9AM Sun. Worship, Wed. 10AM Bible Study, Wed 3:30-5PM Church School. 107 E River St.

TROUT CREEK

Calvary Temple AG: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

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

WATTON

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LOCAL SCHOOL SNIPPETS



ONTONAGON: Middle school students from the Ontonagon Area Schools enjoyed their annual Winter Recreation



Day at the Porkies ski hill on Friday February 21. While we do not have names to go with this photo taken by one of the students, we can see it was a beautiful day and they looked to be enjoying themselves. The tradition of getting the middle school kids out for some mid-winter fun dates back to 1988.

WATERSMEET: From Mar. 3 to Mar. 14, the Land O'Lakes Art Gallery will be exhibiting K-12 students' as a part of Youth Art Month.

Senior, Thomas Caron, has committed to continuing his academic and athletic career at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. He will be majoring in Pre-Physician Assistance and will be a member of the university's Track & Field team.

Congratulations to Jayla Kangas on earning 2nd place in the Regional Spelling Bee in February. Jayla now advances to the U.P. Final Bee on March 12.



EWEN-TROUT CREEK: The E-TC girls varsity basketball team is currently ranked #4 in the state's Top 10 for Division 4 schools. With a regular season record of 21 wins and 1 loss, the team is poised to win the District tournaments and see Regional play.

The E-TC Panthers Robotics team, Pantherbots2 will be competing in Escanaba this weekend.

Sixth grade students from Watersmeet and E-TC completed a Snowmobile Safety Course at the E-TC school in February.

RECIPE: Slow-Cooker Baked Potato Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 3-1/2 pounds potatoes, peel & cut into 3/4-in. pieces
- 1 small sweet red pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 package (10 oz) frozen chopped broccoli
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/3 cup half-and-half
- 1/3 cup sour cream (plus extra for topping)
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine potatoes, red pepper and broccoli in slow-cooker bowl. Pour broth over top; cover and cook 3 hours on HIGH or 6 hours on LOW or until potatoes are tender.
2. In a small bowl, stir together half-and-half, sour cream, cornstarch, salt and pepper. Remove cover and mash potatoes slightly. Stir in half-and-half mixture and scallions. Spoon soup into bowls.
3. Divide bacon among bowls and dollop each with sour cream. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese, if desired.

Number of Servings: 8 **Nutrition Facts (per serving):** 195 calories, 4g fat (2g sat. fat), 16mg cholesterol, 30g carbohydrates, 764mg sodium, 5g fiber, 9g protein

SOURCE: www.agriculture.com

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- An annual fishing license is \$26 for Michigan residents or \$76 for nonresidents (both carry an additional \$1 surcharge).
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- Lake Huron: 40.33%
- Lake Superior: 19.25%
- Lake Michigan: 15.55%
- Lake Ontario: 11.02%

Things No One Says Except in the Winter: Lake Superior has warm water

Lake Superior "lake effect snow" refers to a type of snowfall that occurs when cold air moves over the relatively warm waters of the big lake, picking up moisture and then dropping it as snow on the downwind shoreline, creating localized heavy snowfall bands due to the temperature difference between the air and the lake water.

The amount of snowfall depends on the temperature difference between the lake and the air, the wind speed and direction, and the length of the fetch (the distance the air travels over the open water). Even in summer, Lake Superior water rarely gets above 55°F, making it the coldest of the Great Lakes.



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Hannunvaakuna is a traditional Finnish pattern often used as a symbol to represent good fortune and protection.

Lake Superior has frozen over once since 1973.
The lake had 100% ice cover in 1996.

Source: NOAA

WORD OF THE WEEK

snirt, *noun*. - Snow and dirt mixed together.

While some people may dislike seeing snirt piles on the sides of roads and in parking lots—or even worse—trying to ride a snowmobile over it, I don't mind it one bit. To me, it looks like sweet mounds of crushed Oreo cookies!

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