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SENIOR MILLAGE RENEWAL SET FOR AUGUST 1st BALLOT

The Finance Committee of the Chippewa County Board approved the language for the renewal of the Chippewa County Senior Services millage at their February 9, 2017 meeting. The Committee will recommend to the Chippewa County Board that the millage language and renewal proposal proceed.

The previously approved millage will expire this year. The renewal proposal, if approved by voters, will permit Chippewa County to continue the millage previously authorized for senior services and programs. The millage is used to provide operating funds to continue and enhance home delivered meals, senior nutrition centers, in-home services, such as homemaker aide, personal care, and in-home respite care.

The millage also provides funds for the operation of the Take Five Adult Day Care Service that provides day care to individuals dealing with memory loss and other disabilities, while relieving their primary of their duties.

The first millage was approved in Chippewa County in 2009, and renewed again in 2013. Voters overwhelming approved the proposal by 85% in favor. The renewal proposed for this August will provide funds for 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The senior services millage has allowed for the expansion of home delivered meals, the operation and extended serving days of the senior nutrition centers, the expansion of in-home services by alleviating waiting lists, and the provision of adult day care. Home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) have increased by 65.5% during this time.

Without the millage, services to seniors would have to be reduced. This is compounded by the rapid increase of the aging population and the demand for additional services. Michigan's population of persons over the age of 65 is 12%. Chippewa County's population of persons over the age of 65 is approximately 20% or 8% higher than the state average. Just one indication of why the millage plays such an important role in providing needed services to the senior citizens of our area.

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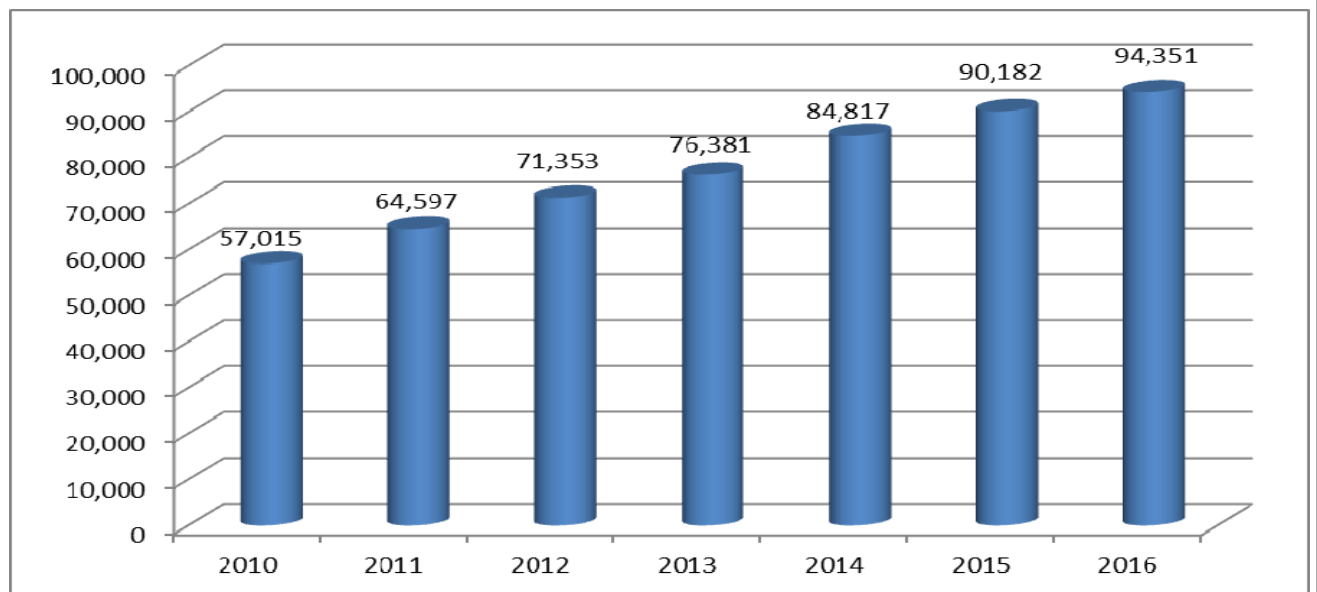
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A philosopher once noted that people long for immortality but run out of things to do on a rainy afternoon.

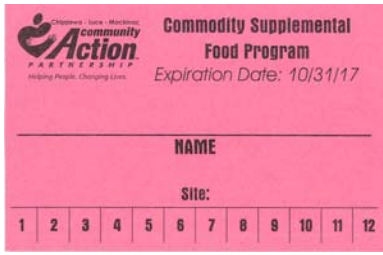
~David Niven
Actor
March 1, 1910
July 29, 1983

Number of Home Delivered Meals Served in Chippewa, Luce, & Mackinac Counties by Year



The millage campaign was kicked off at the February 15th at senior dinner dance at the Avery Center by Kathy Twardy, chairperson for Concerned Citizens for Seniors. Kathy explained the importance and necessity of the millage. She said that she would be visiting the senior centers throughout the county in an effort to promote and to provide information on the impact of the millage.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) PINK Card Delivery Dates



Monday, March 27th

Newberry, Engadine, Curtis

Wednesday, March 29th

St. Ignace, Cedarville, Detour, Goetzville, Pickford, Rudyard, Kinross

Thursday, March 30th

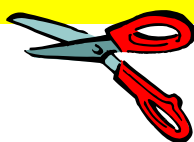
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Sault Ste. Marie Dial-A-Ride & Bridge Bus

DIAL-A-RIDE HOURS OF OPERATION:



Monday—Friday
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- No service on Weekends, Holidays and during inclement weather.
- You may contact Dispatch between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to arrange regularly scheduled transportation.
- Transportation within Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan City Limits.
- Dial-A-Ride is a Demand-Response bus system providing door to door service.
- All vehicles are handicapped accessible.

Seniors 60+ and/or Disabled: \$.75
General Public \$1.50
Children under 6 w/adult FREE

Canadian Currency at par.



BRIDGE BUS HOURS OF OPERATION:



Monday—Friday
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- No service on Holidays, during traffic delays and inclement weather.
- The Bridge Bus is subject to Border Crossing Delays. In case of delay over 20 minutes, bus will resume on next hourly scheduled run.
- Serving the twin Saults since 1974.

BUS STOP LOCATIONS:

Sault, Michigan

On The Hour: **Court Street Bus Shelter**
500 Block Court St. (behind Tribal Office Bldg.)

5 Minutes Past the Hour: **LSSU Norris Center Bus Shelter**

Sault, Ontario

20 Minutes Past the Hour: **Station Mall**
Front entrance

On the Half Hour: **City Bus Terminal**
Queen St. and Dennis St.

Seniors 60+ and/or Disabled: \$ 1.00
General Public \$ 2.00
Children under 6 w/adult FREE

DIAL 632-6882

Combating The Struggles of Homelessness

Community Action is the lead agency for Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac Counties providing shelter services through the Emergency Shelter Program (ESP). The ESP provides shelter targeted to individuals and families experiencing short term homelessness. The program provides payment for only the shelter/bed night. Basic hygiene and food items that cannot be paid through the grant rely on monetary and in-kind donations from the communities that we serve.

Any monetary and/or in-kind donation can be dropped off at one of our three offices located in Sault Ste. Marie, Newberry and St. Ignace.

Basic Items:

- Canned food with pop top lids (can openers are not always available)
- Feminine Hygiene items - pads, tampons, wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, soap
- Microwavable food - ramen, macaroni and cheese, instant soup packets
- Portable food - tuna salad and cracker packs, tuna fish packets, SPAM singles, pop-tarts, granola bars, breakfast bars



HAVING FUN AND MEETING FRIENDS IN TAKE 5



VETERAN'S CORNER



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

ATTENTION VETERANS:



**You are invited to attend a
VETERAN TOWN HALL MEETING**
*Leaders from the
Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Escanaba
Veteran's Center
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*



**Wednesday March 8, 2017
at 2 p.m. (ET)**
**Horizon Conference Center
Bay Mills Resort and Casino
at 6 p.m. (ET)**
**American Legion Post #3
3 Legion Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, MI**
If you have questions please contact
Chippewa County Veteran Service Officer
Jacqueline Haske at 906-635-6370



Thursday March 9, 2017 at 10 a.m. (ET)
VFW Post 5144
1110 N. State Street, Saint Ignace, MI
If you have questions please contact
Mackinaw County Veteran Service Officer
Rick Litzner at 906-643-9411 (Wednesdays)

will be on hand to:

- ◆ *Provide a presentation on VA health care,*
- ◆ *Provide updates on Veterans Choice Program,*
- ◆ *Listen to Veterans' comments and concerns,*

**All Veterans and their families and friends
are welcome!**

If you have questions please contact:
VA Public Affairs Officer
Brad Nelson at 800-215-8262, x32001



Supportive Services for Veteran Families

The Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) is a rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention program serving Veterans and their families who are below 50% of the median area income and are either homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless. The services provided could include case management, outreach, and helping Veterans obtain benefits such as health care services, transportation services, assistance with overdue utilities, along with short-term rental assistance. For more information please contact the following:

- ***Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action, 524 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (906) 632-3363***
- ***Community Action Alger-Marquette, 1125 Commerce Dr. Marquette, MI 49855 (906)228-6522***
- ***Dickinson Iron Community Service Agency, 1238 Carpenter Ave, Iron Mtn, MI 49801 (906)774-2256***



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Sandy and Dan Warner celebrated Fifty Years of Wedded Bliss this past January.

The anniversary was spent with members of the Kinross Senior Meal Program. Celebrating the couples Golden Anniversary the hall was decorated by Rudyard Prep cook, Carla Sare, who also baked a chocolate/cherry filled cake. Dan Warner said "it was delicious."

The couple were married on January 28th 1967 in Taylor, Michigan

Sandy & Dan reside in Kinross. They have 2 children and 7 grandchildren.

TEFAP ORANGE Card (Quarterly) Delivery Dates

There will be a T.E.F.A.P. commodities food distribution in the Eastern Upper Peninsula on **March 8th-10th, 2017.**

For more information please call 632-3363.

Distribution for the Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Quarterly Food Distribution is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 2017:

- Clark Township Community Center, Cedarville (3:00 pm to 5:00 pm)
- Drummond Island Township Hall, (3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
- Newberry Community Building (alley), (11:00 am to 2:00 pm)

THURSDAY, March 9th, 2017:

- Pickford Township Hall, (8:00 am to 10:00 am)
- Raber Township Hall, Goetzville (8:00 am to 9:00 am)
- Rudyard Community Center, (8:30 am to 10:30 am)
- **300 Water Street (Senior High Rise), (10:00 to 11:00 am)**
- Sugar Island Community Center, (8:00 am to 9:00 am)
- Whitefish Township Hall, Paradise, (8:00 am to Noon)
- Mackinac County C.A.A., St. Ignace, (8:30 am to 11:30 am)

FRIDAY, March 10th, 2017:

- Detour Township Hall (9:00 am to Noon)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Many centers will NOT remain open once the food is gone. Check with local centers in case of a schedule change.

Oh so LUCKY to have you!

Senior Dinner Dance
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Senior Dining Hall
Avery Center
Music and Dancing!
Suggested Donation: \$5.00
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
Please RSVP By Calling 906-632-3363

SPRING FORWARD

Set your clocks an hour forward Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m. (Full Moon)

March 20th
First Day of Spring

I'M FINE BY CARDINAL RICHARD CUSHING

There's nothing whatever the matter with me. I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees. And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak and my blood is thin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I am in. I think my liver is out of whack and a terrible pain is in my back. My hearing is poor my sight is dim, most everything seems to be out of trim. But I am awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I have arch supports for both my feet, or I wouldn't be able to go on the street. Sleeplessness I have night after night, and in the morning I'm just a sight. My memory is failing, my head's in a spin. I'm peacefully living on Aspirin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. The Moral is, as this tale we unfold, that for you and me who are growing old, It's better to say 'I'm fine' with a grin than to let them know the shape we're in.

