



# Talk of the Town

Fall 2023

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With autumn knocking on our doorstep, I just want to take a moment to thank all of the people who worked hard to make our Summerfest such a big success this year. The weather was great and the turnout for the parade and activities at the park was fantastic. I would like to also recognize Brian Ross for all the work he puts in to keep the township grounds and buildings looking good. Thank you.

I would like to remind voters that there are two township millage proposals on the ballot for the November 7th, 2023 election. Both of the proposals are renewal of current millage. One proposal is for road upgrade/improvement and the other proposal is for road paving. Please remember to vote in November.

Take the time to get out and enjoy fall colors!

*Barry Davis, Supervisor*

# Vote

**Nov. 7th, 2023**

Polls will be open from  
7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.



If you would like to help with the American flags in downtown Rudyard, please talk to Barry. Usually, the flags are put up and taken down six times per year.



## CHIPPEWA COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH

### ENHANCED Smart911

Smart911 is a **free** service that allows individuals & families to sign up online to provide key information to 911 call takers in an emergency. Smart911 saves critical time and has proven to save lives nationwide. The

additional information provided in a Smart911 Safety Profile enables responders to know exactly where they are going & who they are looking for in a house fire or at the scene of a vehicle accident. Those details can help responders act quicker & more efficiently. The Safety Profile travels with you and the additional information provided allows the call center to send the right response teams faster. With Smart911, citizens can link both home & work addresses to mobile phones, which can be passed on to responders in the field for a more detailed, rapid response. The

benefits of this information on a 9-1-1 call from a cell phone is immeasurable. Mobile phones do not provide an address to the 9-1-1 call taker. These emergency situations are often the worst time of a person's life & the Safety Profile can speak for you when you might not be able to.

Smart 911 has been credited with positively impacting emergency outcomes including a missing child in which the girl's photo & physical description were immediately available.

Go to [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) to sign up for this **free** service.

## Township scrap tire program



Scrap Tire Vouchers are available at the

township office. You can redeem your voucher at either U.P. Tire in S.S.M. or Mark's Tire in Brimley. Each household in Rudyard Township qualifies for up to \$25 in disposal value for this voucher offering. If you are a Rudyard Township resident, stop by the township office for a voucher Monday-Thursday between 10:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. This voucher offering expires March 31, 2024.

## The Fire Department is always looking for new members!

Be careful with fires during the dry fall season. Check out the DNR Burn Permit Map for current conditions for burning.

Sincerest thank-you to all of our volunteer firefighters!



### RUDYARD TOWNSHIP

Established 1883

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## MEALS ON WHEELS & SENIOR MEALS

*Senior meals* are served at the township hall, Monday-Friday at 12 noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors and \$6 for younger. Come in for food and fellowship.

Call Community Action at 1-906-632-3363,

## TOWNSHIP HALL & PAVILION

The township has rental dates available for the township hall and pavilion. Call 478-5041 to reserve your date!  
**SHOWERS, WEDDINGS, GRAD PARTIES**

**DPW  
EMERGENCY  
PHONE #  
906-322-0533**

## CHIPPEWA COUNTY RECYCLING

REDUCE RECYCLE REUSE

906-632-0525

**Wanted: clean glass, plastic, newspaper, aluminum & steel**

The recycling trailer is located at the Rudyard Township Park. Thank you for recycling! No styrofoam, PVC, electronics., or trash.

*We will take appropriate action to protect our recycling program for residents who use the program properly. Please take note that illegal dumping can result in a fine of up to \$500 per occurrence. Northern Transitions is closely monitoring recycling sites at this time.*



## SUMMERFEST 2023

Thanks to all! Whether you worked, donated, or simply attended: your ongoing support is appreciated.

We have been notified by the Chippewa County Road Commission that the paving project for the Rudyard five-way intersection in conjunction with paving of the Rudyard County Road Commission Garage parking lot, is scheduled for the Spring, 2024.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL  
**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
AND SANTA CLAUS VISIT**

Friday, December 1st at 6:30 P.M.

Rudyard Township Hall

Hosted by the Rudyard Lions Club and the Rudyard Township Park Board. Tree lighting, carol sing, cookies, and a visit from Santa!



## Rudyard Area Lions Club

Being a Lion is a great opportunity to get to know and develop personal and professional relationships with people in your community. Visit the website: [rudyardlions.com](http://rudyardlions.com) for more information. To contact a Lions Club member, call 906-478-3491, 906-478-4191, or email [rudyardlions@gmail.com](mailto:rudyardlions@gmail.com).

Lions Club is the world's largest service organization. The Rudyard Lions donated over \$23,000 last year to local, UP wide and international projects.

**Tickets for the 2024 Rudyard Lions Weekly Draw Raffle** will be available for purchase soon. First prize of \$100 and second prize of \$25 are drawn each week plus two bonus draws of \$250 per year. Every ticket remains in the mix for every drawing.

## Watch the Spring 2024 newsletter for more information on the following Rudyard area groups:

*The Rudyard Historical Society Board meets monthly. We are looking and hoping for volunteer involvement as we plan projects for the future.*

The **Mission of Warmth for Warriors** is to show our appreciation, support, and gratitude for America's military personnel and their families, those on active duty, retired veterans, and the wounded, injured or sick, in all national and state branches of the U.S. military by giving them handmade warm wool hats, and other comfort items. To learn more, our website is [www.warmthforwarriors.com](http://www.warmthforwarriors.com).

The **Rudyard Area Community Foundation** administers the giving of scholarships to Rudyard High School graduating seniors. Generous contributions have enabled scholarships and mini-grants. Email [garydavis@centurytel.net](mailto:garydavis@centurytel.net) with any questions or to get information about starting or supporting a scholarship.

**H.E.A.R.T.** has been helping people in our local communities with a variety of emergencies, as well as hosting opportunities for food and fellowship in relaxing atmospheres. We are looking forward to seeing you soon at one of our get-togethers. For more information, to contribute, or to refer us to someone in need, please contact one of our local churches.



## The Mollie R. Kahl Community Library

has started school year hours. The library is closed on major holidays and school snow days. Materials may be returned in our outside drop box. Library cards are free to all residents and able to be used at all 8 of our affiliate locations and also on the Libby app, which allows patrons to download audio books, magazines, and ebooks. You will need your card number and a pin. We belong to MelCat, which offers access to books from anywhere across the state, which can be delivered here to the Mollie R. Kahl Community Library. Scholastic Book Fairs will be held throughout the year. Credit cards and ewallet are accepted along with cash and local check. Proceeds are always used to purchase more books for the children's section. **Call 906-478-4504 if you would like to volunteer or if you are interested in working limited after school hours at the library or substituting during the day shift when needed. Keep reading!**

The **Larry G. Davis Swimming Pool** which is located at Rudyard Area Schools has set the fall schedule. Events and schedule can be found on the Rudyard Swimming Pool Facebook page. Come and enjoy a fun-filled time.