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Sep 9

Oct 28

Sep 10 Fashion Show & Tea, 2PM CT, Marenisco Town Hall. \$5 donation.

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Sep 10 Pancake Breakfast, American Legion 494, Trout Creek

Sep 16 Plein Air Painting Event & Luncheon, 1PM, Luncheon, demo and

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Sep 19 OCAP (Onto Co. Animal Protection) Shelter Fundraiser - Quarters

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Sep 22-23 Ewen Log Jamboree, Craft Fair, Parade, Games, & more! Ewen

(Details inside)

Sep 28 Senior Citizens' Fall Color Trail Ride, hosted by MI-TRALE Sep 30

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SETTLERS DEPOT GALLERY

ANNUAL FALL FIESTA ART to ZUCCHINI

September 9

11AM

Perennial Plant Sale

Coffee & Zucchini Treats

Grand Opening of the INFORMATION STATION and Display Celebrating the Depot's History

12PM

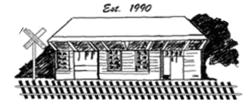
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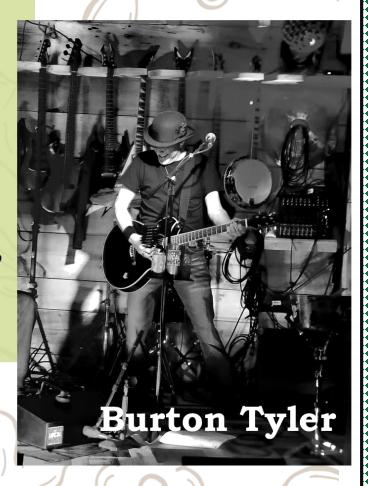


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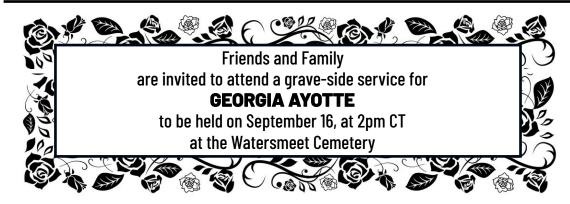
CHRISTINE "CHRIS" MARIE (JENTOFT) ANDRUS, (73) of Ewen, Michigan, peacefully passed away in her home on August 27,2023, after a valiant four-year battle with cancer. Chris was born in Denver, Colorado on November 5, 1949, to Shirley Budreau of L'anse, Michigan. She was lovingly reared by her grandparents, John and Marjorie Budreau of L'anse. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic school until eighth grade and graduated from L'anse High School in 1967. Following graduation, Chris moved to Milwaukee and lived with her mother Shirley. While there, she got her first job at age seventeen, working at Security Savings & Loan Bank, which was followed by a one-year opportunity at Wisconsin Telephone Company.

When in Milwaukee, she moved in with her closest, dearest friends from L'anse High School. Shortly thereafter, she met and subsequently married (April 25, 1969) her first husband, Walter Lannet. They moved to Walter's hometown of Paynesville, Michigan, and near his large family, they reared the couple's three children, Yvette, Yvonne, and Jason. During that time, Chris was a homemaker who also worked multiple jobs within the community, including waitressing and bartending at the local hotspots, and working as the U.S. Assistant Postmaster for several years in Bruce Crossing.

Chris married her second husband, Kenneth Andrus, on June 17, 1993. They owned and operated "Mom's Restaurant" in Ewen, Michigan for over ten years. During that time, Chris mentored and developed great friendships with the young men and women she employed over the years. After selling the restaurant, Chris began a fifteen-year career as a teller at the State Bank of Ewen, where she retired in 2014. Chris loved her bank family, and while she was happy to retire, she often spoke about how much she fondly missed her senior customers who "came only to her window." Chris most cherished the moments she spent with her family; her husband, who enthusiastically shared so many of her passions in life; her beloved children and their families, and most especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an animal-lover and had many dogs and cats over the years, including her affectionate "Boo-Boo," who will deeply miss her. Chris loved a good garage sale, thrift stores, collecting antiques, cooking, fishing, camping, gardening, solving puzzles and playing games, mushroom picking, spending time at camp, and reveling in her weekend girls-only camping retreats.

Chris is survived by her loving husband, Kenny; her children Yvette (Wil) Winton, Alpharetta, GA, Yvonne (Alan) Gagala, Pinckney, MI, and Jason Lannet, Bruce Crossing, MI; five grandchildren, Aaron Gagala (Marquette, MI), Kelsey (Hunter) Redding (Wasilla, AK), Austin Gagala (Pinckney, MI), Tyler and Garrett Winton (Alpharetta, GA); and two great-grandchildren, Gracie and Cooper Redding (Wasilla, AK). She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Betty Applekamp, Aunt Eunice Budreau, many cousins and their families, several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and nieces and nephews. Loved ones predeceased include her parents, Shirley Budreau and Chester Jentoft; grandparents, John and Marjorie Budreau, and many beloved aunts and uncles. In accordance with Chris' wishes, cremation has taken place and a private interment will be held at the Maple Grove cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of a funeral or visitation service, Chris has requested donations be made in her name to any of the organizations she loyally supported: The American Cancer Society (https://donate.cancer.org), the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (https://upaws.org/) or any local Polar Plunge. Her family extends their deepest gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of kindness, support, and love for Chris throughout her final years and days with us all.



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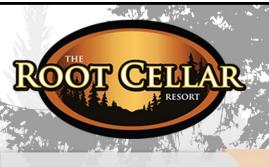
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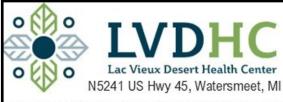
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BELOW: The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians recently spent the day planting *Manoomin* "wild rice" on Lac Vieux Desert in Watersmeet! *Getegitigaaning* - Over 35 participants assisted, tribal elders, community/tribal members, LVD THPO, Conservation Committee, LVD Boys & Girls Club and GLIFWC.



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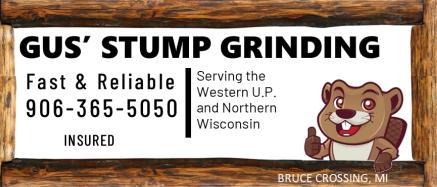
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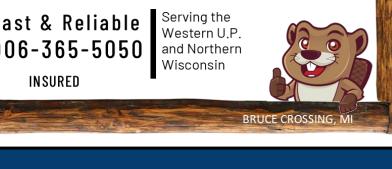
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Bessemer Christ Community SDA Church: Worship 11AM Sat., 507 E Cinnebar St. **Bethany Lutheran (WELS)**, Bruce Crossing: 5 PM Sun. Worship. Pr. Johnson (715) 776-0313.

Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMC), Covington: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st and 3rd Sun. Hwy 141.

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

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sun. Worship, Pastor Chris Daily. 15089 Maplewood Rd.

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

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

ELY Memorial Church (UCC), Land O'Lakes, WI: 10AM (CT) Sun. Worship, 4302 Co. Rd. B.

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

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

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

Greenland United Methodist Church: 11:30AM Worship, 9AM Communion Service 3rd Sun. of the Month,1002 Ridge Rd.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Mass 515 Pine St.

Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS), Watersmeet: 9:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun., Pr. Gary Albert. N1764 Hwy 45.

Houghton Seventh-day Adventist Church: Worship 11:30AM Sat., 102 E Houghton Ave.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watersmeet: 4PM (CT) Mass Sat. and 9:30AM (CT) Sun., E23933 D Ave.

NORTHIRON Church, Ontonagon: 10:45AM Sun. Worship, 104 N. Steel St.

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

Ontonagon United Methodist Church: 9AM Worship and Communion 1st Sun. ea. month, 109 Greenland Rd.

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

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10:45AM Sun. School; Wed - 8AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast, 12PM Silent worship & prayer, 7PM Bible Study; Thurs, -10:30AM Women's Bible Study. Prayer concerns call 906-884-4194. Pr. Antel, 315 S. Steel St.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen: 4PM Sat. Worship, 201 S. Birch St.

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 480 Forest Ave.

St. Jude's Catholic Church, White Pine: 6PM 2nd & 4th Sat. Mass, 8 Cedar St.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockland: 6PM 1st & 3rd Sat. Mass, 11 Elm St.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10AM Wed. Bible Study, 3:30-5PM Wed. Church School. Phone Message Tree: 906-884-4788 follow prompts. 107 E. River St.

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

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rockland: 10:15AM Worship; 9AM Communion Service 2nd Sun. ea. month, 50 National Ave.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Covington: 9AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Corey Harman. M-28.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Bergland: 9AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion, 6PM Tues. Bible Study. Pr. Timothy Steckling. 404 Birch St.

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

United Methodist Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Carol Dix. 108 Birch St.

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

United Methodist Church, Sidnaw: 3PM Sun. of ea. Month - Worship w/ Communion, Pr, Prewitt Watersmeet Bible Church: Sun. Bible Study 9-10AM, Worship 10:30AM Communion 1st Sun. Dinner & Bible Study Wed. 5:30PM-7:30PM. Pr. Yerks. Tues. - 9AM-3PM Northwoods Quilters. E23640 Hwy 2.

White Pine Community United Methodist Church: 11AM Sun. Worship. Pr. Pete LeMoine. 9 Tamarack St.

MEETINGS & SOCIAL GROUPS

Ewen American Legion Auxiliary Post #41 meets the 2nd Tues. ea. month, May - October.

Ontonagon County Historical Society Dinner and Program, 3rd Thurs. ea. month. See Facebook or call 906-884-6165

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Bruce Crossing: 7PM every Wed., Stannard Township Hall Watersmeet: 7PM every Tues/Thurs/Sat, Spiritual Center

MI-TRALE Monthly Meeting, 7PM on September 11, Stannard Township Hall, Bruce Crossing

Crossroads Senior Citizens Meeting, 12PM on September 8, Stannard Township Hall in Bruce Crossing.

COMMUNITY MEALS

CLOVERLAND SR CENTER, EWEN: (AGE 60+ & SPOUSE) DONATION, \$4.00, GUEST FEE, \$6.50 Every Tues. & Thurs. 11AM - 1PM

MASS CITY: Community Meal 2nd Mon. ea. month 3-6PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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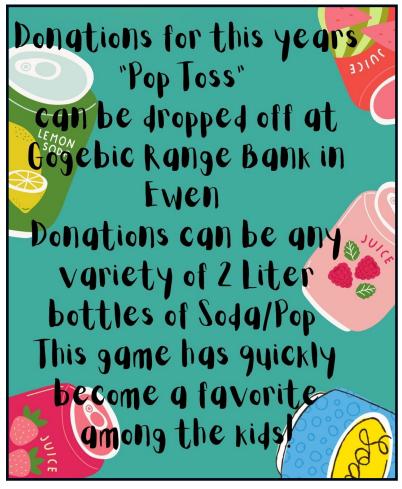
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The south end of Ontonagon County was once referred to as the "Sauna Belt" because the majority of homesteads had a sauna. When the first Finnish immigrants settled here, a sauna was commonly the first building constructed - and when you think about it, it makes good sense. A solidly built sauna not only provided a place to bath, its stove could also be used for cooking and the benches served as beds.

MICHIGAN DNR WEEKLY **FISHING REPORT: August 23, 2023**

Ontonagon River: Fishing on the river was slow, with anglers' catches consisting of walleye in low numbers. The slow bite may have been partially influenced by recent rains causing poor water clarity. Both trolling and jigging yielded similar levels of success.

Ontonagon/Silver City/Union Bay: Anglers caught good numbers of lake trout and the occasional coho salmon. They reported that trolling artificial lures across a variety of depths was the key to success. Early morning trips were most popular, as anglers were trying to beat some of the recent strong winds off the lake.

Black River Harbor: Fishing from the harbor was good, with catches consisting of respectable numbers of lake trout. Reports show that occasional coho and Chinook salmon were caught randomly and in low numbers. Anglers found fish at variety of depths and at all times of day. Successful trips typically occurred in morning hours and involved covering a lot of water while trolling artificial lures.

Carp and Pine rivers: Most anglers targeted salmon. Some walleye are still available in the Pine and Carp rivers, but the bite was slow. The Carp River was reported to be producing mostly Chinook salmon. Fishing from the concrete walkway or wading was the most popular way to reach the fish. The boat salmon anglers were not very successful. Saint Martin's Bay is popular for trolling when the salmon are running the nearby rivers. Fishing upstream can be very effective as more salmon enter the river.

FISHING TIPS: One tactic that can be particularly useful when targeting Chinook is fishing with glow lures. This species often can be caught near the surface in lowlight conditions, and glow lures make that opportunity even more appealing. Glow lures work well in the early morning hours before the sun comes up or at night. Many believe this type of lure attracts salmon because it can be seen in the dark from longer distances and encourages them to strike.

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If you're unable to attend, but would still like to help Pastor Laako, cards may be sent to:

Rockland Legion Post 92 Attn: Mike Laakko PO Box 342 Rockland, MI 49960



A big WELCOME TO E-TC to our new principal, Mr. Tony Basanese! We're so very glad you joined us! It's only the first week of school and we already know it's going to be the best - E-TC Class of 2024 year ever!

Thank You

Dear wonderful community

Our family would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the continued support to honor our late father Robert Peltola . Without all of you, we wouldn't be able to continue to provide scholarships for E-TC and Ontonagon school seniors to help further their education in memory of our loving Father. Our fundraiser was a success at our new location and we're so appreciative of all the extra help from our community. A special thank you goes out to the Bruce Crossing 4th of July committee, Bruce crossing Township, everyone who attended the event, played bags, donated food, time, and money and all the generous donations from people and businesses including but not limited to:

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OAHS AND E-TC STUDENTS ATTEND BOYS/GIRLS STATE

Rockland American Legion Post 92 is proud to announce this year's Delegates for the Michigan American Legion Boys State and the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State. Students from Ontonagon Area High School and Ewen-Trout Creek High School attended one-week seminars on government and leadership earlier this summer. This is second year that Ewen-Trout Creek High School sent students.

Howard Seid, Commander of the Rockland American Legion Post 92, said "Normally one delegate is sent to Boys State and one to Girls State. The Rockland American Legion Auxiliary sponsored one girl; however, this year, we had 3 outstanding (OAHS) girls interested in going so we went out and found private donors to fund all three to go. These donors make it possible for more students to attend this outstanding program.' The 3 girls who attended Girls State this year from OAHS are Gracie Plutchak, daughter of Jeremy and Kelly Plutchak of Greenland, Mikayla Rahkola, daughter of Geoff and Amanda Rahkola of Ontonagon and Shayna Stites, daughter of Shane and Hillary Stites of Greenland. All were chosen based on interest, excellence in school, and their involvement in their community.

The Ottawa Lions Club, Trout Creek Legion Post 494, along with private donors graciously sponsored two boys and three girls from E-TC. Jackie and Howard Seid are the representatives of Rockland Post 92 and worked the program at E-TC. They said, "We were very excited that Christian Besonen, son of Brad and Jaclyn Besonen of Ewen, and Joey Trotochaud, son of Tobi Trotochaud and Jason Bailey of Bergland were the representatives for Boys State. The E-TC girls who attended Girls State are Kiersten Ferguson, daughter of Bobbi and Ed Ferguson of Bergland, Madison Garcia, daughter of Beth

Garcia of Trout Creek and the late Tim Garcia, and Alexis Gunther, daughter of Rena Maki of Trout Creek and Alex Gunther." Patty Witt, former principal of E-TC K-12, said "We are so excited that we were able to send this many students to this outstanding program. We appreciate everything the Ottawa Lions Club and Post 494 have done to get this program started in our school and look forward to working with them in the future."

Gracie, Mikayla, Shayna, Kiersten, Madison and Alexis traveled to Michigan State University for the week of June 18 - 24. ALA Girls State attendees, known as "citizens", receive special instruction in parliamentary procedure and organize themselves into two mock political parties. The young women then campaign, hold rallies, debate, and ultimately vote to elect city, county, and state officials. Once elected to office, delegates are sworn in and perform their prescribed duties. "This program not only instills in its attendees a sense of pride and loyalty in America, but also prepares these women for a career in politics, public service and excellence along their career paths," said Beryl Robbins, ALA Michigan Girls State Chairman. Every spring, approximately 25,000 young women across the country are selected to attend ALA Girls State programs in their respective states. Michigan had approximately 200 girls attend this year's prestigious event.

Joey and Christian traveled to Grand Valley State University the same week. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students in the country. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. Seid said "We were so excited to have such outstanding young adults to represent us this year. Our Post sponsors the (OAHS) Boys State delegate and our Auxiliary sponsors the (OAHS) Girls State delegate. All costs are paid for by



us because we believe this is such an excellent program. We will not leave any student behind. We were cited by Department of Michigan American Legion for our efforts in sending these young adults to State. We sent more students than any other legion in the state. We have sent 19 in the last 2 years from OAHS and E-TC. It is great to see E-TC sending kids this year and we are happy to say that the E -TC school will be involved with this program for years to come."