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- Oct 19** *Wolf Ecology Presentation, 5:30PM CT, FREE!* Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet
- Oct 26** *Bats & the Endangered Species List Presentation, 5:30PM CT, FREE!* Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center, Watersmeet
- Oct 28** *2nd Annual BOO Crossing, Fun for all ages! Trunk-or-Treat, Games, Food, Drinks, Music, Haunted House & More!* Bruce Crossing
- Oct 29** *Halloween Carnival, 3PM-5PM, E-TC School*
- Nov 1** *St. Nicholas Project Gift Tags for Shoppers, Available at local businesses and banks. Shoppers please bring gifts (unwrapped) to their Gift Tag location by Nov 29.*
- Nov 4** *Holiday Craft & Vendor Expo, 9AM-2PM CT, LVD Casino, Watersmeet*
- Nov 4** *12th Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, 10AM-2PM CT, Tables \$12 ea., 906-285-1172, Marenisco Town Hall*
- Nov 11** VETERANS DAY
- Nov 11** *Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, 10AM-2PM CT at the VFW Post in Wakefield, 906-285-1719*

- Nov 14** *Hunter's Dinner, 5PM-8PM, Co-sponsored by the Kenton-Sidnaw Historical Society & Trout Creek American Legion Post 494 Supporters*
- Nov 18** *Christmas Bazaar, 10AM-2PM, E-TC School*
- Nov 23** THANKSGIVING
- Nov 30** *Red Cross Blood Drive, 10AM-3PM, E-TC School Walk-in welcome, appointments appreciated. www.redcross.org or call Jean at 906-988-2533*
- Dec 1-3** *Annual Hometown Christmas, Ontonagon*
- Dec 2** *33rd Annual Christmas at the Crossing - Children's Christmas Party, Settlers Depot Gallery, Bruce Crossing*
- Dec 9** *Community Christmas, 12PM-3PM Christmas Carols, BBQ lunch & games, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bergland*
- Dec 10** *Holiday Craft & Vendor Expo, 9AM-2PM CT, LVD Casino, Watersmeet*



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2nd Annual
BOO CROSSING

Saturday, October 28, 2023

EAT, DRINK, & BE SCARY!

Food, Refreshments & Brews served 2PM-10PM

2PM-6PM

- FUN FOR ALL AGES -

2pm-4pm: Kids' Crafts, Games,
Hay Rides, & more!

4pm-5pm: Trunk-or-Treat*

5pm-6pm: Kiddie Haunted House
(\$2 Admission Fee)

6PM-10PM

- TEENS & ADULTS -

6pm-10pm: Music by
DJ Double Trouble

9:30pm: Costume Contest
w/ Cash Prizes (ages 14+)



Tour the Hall of
Creepy
Collections

7PM-10PM

\$5 Admission Fee



Proceeds from Boo Crossing support the annual Bruce Crossing Area 4th of July fireworks and events.

*Trunk-or-Treat Hosts:

Please set up in Settlers Co-op parking lot by 3:30pm

At the VFW Hall in BRUCE CROSSING, MI

Why don't mummies take time off? They're afraid to unwind.

What's it like to be kissed by a vampire? It's a pain in the neck.

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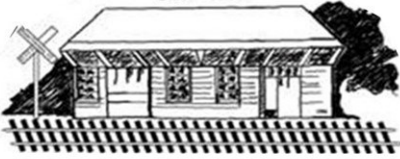
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DEADLINES**

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Submissions Due Oct 21
for Fri, Oct 27 ONLINE
and Wed, Nov 1 IN-PRINT

Submissions Due Nov 4
for Fri, Nov 10 ONLINE
and Wed, Nov 15 IN-PRINT

Submissions Due Nov 16
for Fri, Nov 24 ONLINE
and Wed, Nov 29 IN-PRINT

Submissions Due Dec 2
for Fri, Dec 8 ONLINE
and Wed, Dec 13 IN-PRINT



Redeemer Free Lutheran Church
315 S. Steel St., Ontonagon
Annual Winter Jacket Giveaway
10AM-4PM on Saturday, Oct. 21

Ad courtesy of the Ottawa Shopper.

DNR MEETING NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST - SUMMER & FALL 2023

PARKS

- Michigan State Parks in the western UP were operating at about 93.7% occupancy this summer. And, 89.63% in the eastern UP. The parks were very busy, but had slightly fewer visitors (-2.6%) than last year to-date.
- Day Use Area visitors at Porcupine Mountains trailheads were slightly down from last year.
- Bond Falls was busy, but visitor numbers dipped a bit from the past high years. There were also a few event permit weddings at Bond Falls this summer.
- Porkies Rangers responded to 11 Search and Rescues in July and August.
- Design, planning, and study continue for Lake Gogebic State Park's ARPA project. Current project focus includes wastewater infrastructure exploration and sewage lagoon area soils study, as well as campground features and utility mapping.

WILDLIFE

- The little brown bat is soon to be escalated to endangered status.
- Bear regulations were recently reviewed and a few bear management unit quotas will slightly increase. Remember to take bird feeders down, put garbage cans in garages or sheds, and put the BBQ grills away to avoid attracting bears.
- The highest number of moose-vehicle impacts ever recorded in a year was at 20.

TIMBER

- As of October 2, 289 Timber Sale Contracts are open Western UP-wide. This represents 896,592 cords of timber on 48,070 acres, valued at approximately \$34.0 million. This includes 21 GNA sales representing 84,315 cords of timber on 4,310 acres, valued at approximately \$2.7 million.
- WUP Units are reporting 27 Active Timber Sales in the WUP totaling about 2,946 acres.
- Units report low demand for demand for all product categories. Producers with mill contracts are the only ones able to move wood. Little to no open market wood is being taken.
- Find more info on State Forest timber sales at: Michigan.Gov/Timber.

TRAILS

- UP15 Snowmobile trail had been closed the past two seasons due to the failure of a bridge in the Sturgeon River Sloughs Wildlife Area. The bridge repair is completed and ready for the 23/24 snowmobile season.
- The north loop of snowmobile trail UP13 from Twin Lakes to Greenland will be closed for the 23/24 snowmobile season due to the large trail bridge washing out at Sleeping River Crossing out this past spring. The bridge has been removed and site is stabilized.
- Sidnaw to Bergland (UP8 SNOW/SB ORV Trail) trail is closed east of Kenton as two sites adjacent to last year's culvert repair have failed. Trail Specialist has recommended a nearly 4 mile trail segment re-build based on documentation of the existing infrastructure. The DNR is reviewing options for the winter.

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We would like to thank everyone who organized and planned Micheal Laakko's Benefit. A special thanks to the VFW Post 5600, Rockland American Legion Post 92, Trout Creek Trinity Lutheran Community Church

Committee and the Greenland Pat's Sports Committee. Thank you to the Cooks, Raffle Workers, Folks who donated and collected the wonderful prizes. Thanks to everyone who came out and shared this day with us, you are truly with us and for us.

We have been truly blessed by the abundance of your generosity.
Pastor Mike and Denise Laakko

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Remy is a 9 year old English Setter ~45lbs. He was last seen 8/20/23 on South Crab Lake Rd. in Presque Isle, WI. Presque Isle is located 10 miles South of Marenisco, MI. His collar was found unclipped, open, laying flat on the side of South Crab Lake Rd. approx. 200 ft from our driveway.

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Fun Fish Facts

1. The size of a salmon is usually related to its age. Chinook can live up to nine years, the longest of all salmon species, which is why some can grow to more than 100 pounds.
2. Did you know steelhead (rainbow trout) first came to Michigan back in 1876?
3. Michigan has 11,000 inland lakes that are 5 acres or larger. The largest inland lake in Michigan is Houghton Lake, with a surface area of 31.3 square miles.
4. Lake Gogebic is the U.P.'s largest inland lake with a surface area of 20.9 square miles.
5. There are about 32,000 species of fish in the world, and scientists are still discovering new species every day!

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Why did the vampire read the Ottawa Shopper?

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McMillan Township - Winter Parking Reminder

McMillan Township reminds all residents and visitors that Winter Parking Ordinances take effect on November 1, or with the first snowfall, whichever comes first. There is no parking on the Main Street (Cedar Street) before 7:00am Eastern Time. Vehicles must be parked a minimum of 5-6 feet off the paved (gravel or asphalt) road from 6:00am until 11:00am Eastern Time, after the county grader has plowed.

Thank you for helping our workers keep our roads plowed and clear.

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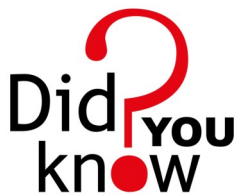
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Ontonagon County's Stannard Township is the only Michigan township created by an act of legislature.

Stannard Township was formed in 1905, and today includes the towns of Bruce Crossing and Paynesville. Up until 1905, those towns were under McMillan Township (Ewen area). For several years leading up to 1905, Bruce Crossing and Paynesville residents had grown extremely dissatisfied with what they saw as under-representation in McMillan Township's local politics, school expense burdens, water system funding, alleged corruption, and mismanagement and sought to separate and form a new township on more than one occasion. In June 1905, the hot debate was brought to Lansing where it was finally settled. It was officially

formed through an act of legislature and was named after Michigan State Representative William L. Stannard, of Greenland, Michigan, who was a neutral party in the matter. In its early days, the first permanent building in Bruce Crossing was a hotel, store and saloon built by Donald Bruce of Ontonagon in 1886. Mr. Bruce also became the first postmaster of the area on March 1888. Hence the town's name *Bruce Crossing*.

In the 1930's, local farmers who could not afford to buy tractors made their own. They made them out of old trucks or cars and called them bugs or *bassi*. Arnold Hanson and Gust Niemi, both mechanics were the first to make them. The picture on the right shows once such *bassi*.





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MEETINGS

Ewen American Legion Auxiliary Post #41 meets 2nd Tues. ea. month, May - Oct.
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
Onto. Conservation District, Board Meeting to be held 5PM on Oct 23 at Rockland Township Hall. Annual Meeting (4:30PM) & Elections (5PM) to be held on Nov 13 at Rockland Township Hall.
McMillan Township Regular Monthly Board Meetings time is 3rd Wed. of the month at 5pm ET. Remaining 2023 meetings are: Oct. 18 (following the 5pm Public Hearing), Nov. 15, and Dec. 20.

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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.

Christian Science Church Service, Houghton: Sun. Service & Sun. School 10:30AM, 209 W. Montezuma St. (At stop sign above lift bridge, before Fine Line Tire)

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, 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, Onto.: 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.

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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 -906-884-4194. Pr. Antel, 315 S. Steel St.

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

Siloa Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship & Holy Communion, 10AM Bible Study at Siloa House, 4PM Wed. Children Siloa Seekers

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: 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 1st Sun. ea. Month - Worship & 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.

HEALTH SERVICES

Blood Pressures taken 3rd Mon ea. month 9:30am-10am by Horizon Home Health at Lake Gogebic Sr Center, Bergland. Call 906-575-3461.

FREE PSA Screenings for Onto. Co. men at the U.P Great Lakes Family Health Center in Ontonagon. Oct. 19 & 26; 8:30AM-3PM Appointments recommended 906-884-4120.

FOOD SERVICES

GOGEBIC-ONTONAGON COUNTY: The October schedule for the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency Monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program distribution to income-eligible residents ages 60yrs+ is as follows: *(Times are subject to change.)*

Wed., October 18

Marenisco Town Hall 9:15 - 9:30AM (CT)

Watersmeet Food Pantry 10 -10:30AM (CT)

Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Park 12:30 - 1PM

Thurs., October 19

Bergland Lake Gogebic Senior Center 9:25 - 9:40PM

White Pine Township Hall 10 - 10:15AM

Ontonagon Holy Family Catholic Church 11 - 11:30AM

Mass City Resource Center 12:30 to 1PM

Food package contains cheese, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals. Recipients MUST show ID and are reminded to return their boxes. Proof of income not required, but recipients must meet income guidelines. For program registration info call: 906-884-2106. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ONTONAGON COUNTY: Feeding America - Copper Shores Community Health Foundation Mobile Food Pantry, 12PM on Wed., Nov. 1, Ontonagon Village Fire Hall

S. ONTONAGON CO. FOOD PANTRY, EWEN: 1st Tues ea. month, 2PM-4PM. 20142 State Hwy. M-28

WATERSMEET FOOD PANTRY:

1st & 3rd Tues., 10-11AM

CROSSROADS SENIOR CITIZENS

Turkey Dinner
at 12PM on Nov. 3
at the Stannard Township Hall
in Bruce Crossing.
For more info call
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Protect Yourself from Utility Scammers

An individual appearing to be a gas company employee has reportedly been going to area Ontonagon County homes and asking residents to “lock in” their natural gas rates.

This is a common scam in cities and towns across the U.S., where people pretending to be utility workers show up at your home to inspect or repair equipment, investigate a supposed gas leak or do a free “audit” for energy efficiency. They may try to charge you for the phony service, sell you unnecessary products, collect personal information for use in identity theft or simply gain entry to steal valuables.

Warning Signs

- An unscheduled or unsolicited call or visit from someone claiming to represent your power or water company.
- Threats to cut off service unless an overdue bill or maintenance cost is paid immediately.
- A demand for payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift card or cash-reload card — scammers’ favored methods.

How to protect yourself from this scam

- Do call the utility, at the customer-service number listed on your bill, to find out if you’re behind on a payment or if they have tried to contact you. Do not use a call-back number provided by an unknown caller.
- Do know how utilities operate. They do not request personal information at your door or over the phone.
- Do ask questions of anyone calling you or coming to your door on supposed utility business — for example, their employee identification number, or the date and amount of your most recent payment.
- Do notify the utility if you’ve been approached by an impostor.
- Do notify neighbors if there’s a suspected scammer making the rounds in the area.
- Don’t provide personal or financial information to a caller or visitor you don’t know.
- Don’t wire money or provide numbers from gift cards to anyone who contacts you on utility matters.
- Don’t get scared. A scammer will try to convince you the lights or water are about to go out. If you’re actually behind on payments, the utility will send you a delinquent notice, probably more than once, and tell you the prospective shutoff date.
- Don’t let a supposed utility employee into your home unless you have scheduled an appointment or reported a problem.
- Don’t click links in a utility-related email or text message unless you’re certain it’s from the real company.

More Resources

If you’ve been victimized, file a complaint with the FTC (online or at 877-382-4357) and report it to your state’s consumer protection office or utility commission. If someone has opened a utility account in your name, call the National Consumer Telecom & Utilities Exchange at 866-349-5185 to get a copy of your account history and dispute inaccurate content. You can also put a security freeze on this report.

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2023-2024 SPORTS SCHEDULES



Girls Varsity Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Win/Loss -Time (ET)
Aug 29	Wakefield-Marenisco	L
Aug 31	Dollar Bay	W
Sep 5	Ontonagon	W
Sep 7	L'Anse	W
Sep 11	Ironwood	L
Sep 12	Lake Linden-Hubbell	W
Sep 18	Bessemer	W
Sep 19	Chassell	W
Sep 26	Baraga	L
Oct 3	Jeffers	L
Oct 10	Ontonagon	W
Oct 16	at Dollar Bay	6:30PM
Oct 19	Wakefield-Marenisco	5:30PM
Oct 23	Jeffers	5:30PM
Oct 24	at Watersmeet	5:30PM
Oct 26	at Baraga	5:30PM
End of Regular Season		
Oct. 30 - Nov. 4: District 97 Tournament Hosted at Wakefield-Marenisco (E-TC, Watersmeet, Wakefield-Marenisco, Bessemer, Ironwood)		

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
Dec 7	at Ironwood	5:00PM
Dec 11	at Wakefield-Maren.	5:00PM
Dec 12	Crystal Falls-Forest Pk	5:00PM
Dec 15	Ontonagon	4:30PM
Dec 18	Bessemer	5:00PM
Jan 4	at Dollar Bay-TC	4:30PM
Jan 8	Hancock	7:00PM
Jan 11	Lake Linden-Hubbell	4:30PM
Jan 16	Baraga	4:30PM
Jan 18	Jeffers	4:30PM
Jan 23	at L'Anse	5:45PM
Jan 25	at Chassell	4:30PM
Jan 30	Hurley	7:00PM
Feb 1	Watersmeet	5:45PM
Feb 6	at Watersmeet	5:30PM
Feb 8	Ironwood	5:00PM
Feb 12	Wakefield-Marenisco	5:00PM
Feb 13	at Northland Pines	TBD
Feb 15	at Ontonagon	4:30PM
Feb 20	at Bessemer	5:00PM
Feb 29	Dollar Bay	7:00PM

BOYS JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
Nov 29	at Houghton	5:45PM
Dec 5	at Lake Linden-Hubbell	7:00PM
Dec 7	at Ironwood	5:00PM
Dec 11	at Wakefield-Maren.	5:00PM
Dec 12	Crystal Falls-Forest Pk	5:00PM
Dec 15	Ontonagon	4:30PM
Dec 18	Bessemer	5:00PM
Jan 4	at Dollar Bay-TC	4:30PM
Jan 9	at Republic-Mich.	6:00PM
Jan 11	Lake Linden-Hubbell	4:30PM
Jan 16	Baraga	4:30PM
Jan 18	Jeffers	4:30PM
Jan 23	at L'Anse	5:45PM
Jan 25	at Chassell	4:30PM
Jan 26	Stephenson	5:30PM
Feb 1	Watersmeet	5:45PM
Feb 6	at Watersmeet	5:30PM
Feb 8	Ironwood	5:00PM
Feb 12	Wakefield-Marenisco	5:00PM
Feb 15	at Ontonagon	4:30PM
Feb 20	at Bessemer	5:00PM
Feb 22	at Jeffers	5:45PM

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Ontonagon/E-TC Gladiators

Date	Opponent	Win/Loss - Time
Aug 24	at Gogebic (Wakefield)	W
Sep 1	Stephenson	W
Sep 15	Powers N. Central	L
Sep 22	Ironwood	W
Sep 29	Norway	L
Oct 6	at Crystal -Forest Pk	L
Oct 13	at Rock Mid-Pen	7:00PM
Oct 20	Lake Linden-Hubbell	7:00PM



GIRLS JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
Oct 19	Ironwood	4:00PM
Oct 24	at Watersmeet	5:00PM

NOTE: Eight regular season games have already been played between Sep 11 and Oct 17.

NOTE: Last-minute schedule changes sometimes occur due to unforeseen circumstances. You may want to contact the E-TC school to confirm game date and time prior to traveling.

BOYS JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
Nov 2	at Watersmeet	5:30PM
Nov 7	at Bessemer	5:30PM
Nov 9	at Wakefield-Marenisco	5:30PM
Nov 13	at Ironwood	7:00PM
Nov 21	Watersmeet	4:00PM
Nov 27	Bessemer	6:30PM
Nov 30	Ironwood	6:00PM
Dec 4	Wakefield-Marenisco	6:00PM
Dec 18	Gogebic Range Tournament in Bessemer	
Dec 19	Gogebic Range Tournament in Bessemer	



William "Bill" E. Anderson, 73, of White Pine, passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side, on Saturday, September 23, 2023. He was born in Miami, Florida, on April 13, 1950 to Edward and Verbie (Todd) Anderson. He was united in marriage to Julie J. Anderson on November 24, 2000. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Julie, and children, Lee Miskovich (Alicia), Liza Miskovich (Ron), Shawn Anderson (Angie), William Anderson Jr. (Tricia), Jon Anderson, and Christopher Anderson and his grandchildren, Adam, Seth, Lucy, Cody, Cloe, Karley, Catryna, Sierra, Nicole, Wyatt, TJ, Will, Brandon, Brady, Ashley, and a very close friend, Chum.

Bill had many fishing and traveling adventures. He enjoyed fishing, reloading, hunting, and spending time with his family. He was a protector, comedian, and loved his family. There will be a celebration of life in spring of 2024.



Daniel "Boone" McGeshick, Jr., 82, of Watersmeet passed away Friday, October 6, 2023, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was born on February 4, 1941, to Daniel, Sr. and Josephine McGeshick. Daniel worked at Powell's & Peterson's Lumber Mills in Watersmeet. He also worked at the Lac Vieux Desert Casino. Daniel was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Tanya Jean McGeshick, granddaughter Heather Johnson, siblings Archie, Helen, Richard, Jenette and Lucille McGeshick.

He is survived by siblings Ruth Antone, Beatrice Bailey, Thomas McGeshick and Joyce Hazen McGeshick. A gathering was held at the Boys & Girls Club in Watersmeet on October 8, 2023, and a funeral service was held on Monday, October 9.

David Trzecinski, 79, of Watersmeet passed away at his home on Oct. 4, 2023. He was born on April 7, 1944, in Bergland, to the late Henry and Olive (Brownell) Trzecinski. David married Ruth Augustine on July 7, 1966. Together they had three children. David worked at the White Pine Copper mine for over 30 years. His last task there being the dismantling of the mine. He enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Trzecinski; children, Shella (John) Morgan, Tammy Smith and David Trzecinski; grandchildren, Brittney (Iloria) Estranda, Jacob (Mayra) Kuhlman, Andrew Morgan and Rebecca Morgan; and great-grandchildren, Logan Martinez, Jasper Webster, Jax Webster, Hazel Kuhlman and Amaia Kuhlman. A private service is planned for family members.

James "Jim" Steber, 80, of White Pine passed away peacefully at his home on August 15, 2023. He was born in Antigo, Wisconsin to Evelyn Dickow on June 11, 1943. Jim married Joan Locher on December 28, 1963. Jim and Joan met in Twin Lakes under a maple tree and the rest was history. Together they had four children. Jim attended Jeffers High School and graduated from White Pine High school. Jim worked in the White Pine Copper Mine for over 30 years until it closed, working mostly jobs underground. Jim was a man who had a rough time sitting still. You could always find him working in his workshop creating something or traveling the United States either on his Harley Davidson or pulling his teardrop camper. Always looking for an adventure. Most recently he really enjoyed spending time in Florida during the winter especially with his partner, Marcia. Jim is survived by his children Michael (Sarah), James Jr. (Gisella), Kathleen, and Bradley (Liz); Siblings Otto (Jane) Dickow, Todd Dickow, Jeannie Korich, Dawn (William) Podner, Peggy (Marty) Pintar, and Suzie (Ken) Pasanen; Grandchildren Nicholas Steber, Benjamin (Rachel) Steber, Madelaine (Wences), De Leon Villanueva, Andrew (Claire) Steber, Brooke Steber, James Jr.(JT), Bryenna, Gunner, Anya and Ally. James was preceded in death by wife Joan and brother Giles. A memorial service was held in Ontonagon on August 21, 2023.

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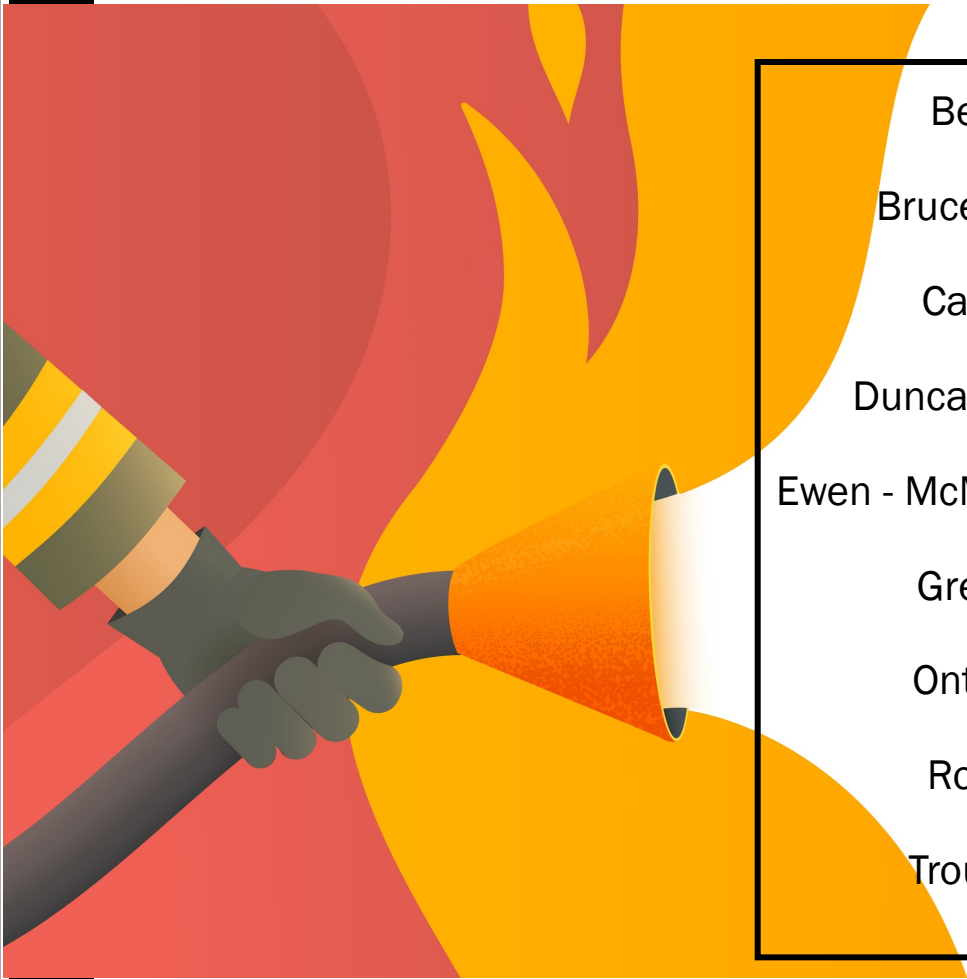
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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

Tell them you saw it in the Shopper!

EWEN: Pine Park Apartments is under new management and the residents are quite pleased. For the first time in many years, the building is decorated and its residents are hoping to receive a stream of Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween (Oct 31). In addition to giving Halloween candy to kids, they'll also be serving refreshments and cookies from 7pm-10pm. The community is welcome to stop by.

GREENLAND-MASS CITY: On Oct. 4, the following was posted on Northern Lights Lutheran Parish public Facebook page: The St. Paul's Adopt-a-Highway crew was down a few

bodies from the spring pick up, but the 'Fall Six' were none-the-less enthusiastic when they gathered on September 28. Pictured on the right: (L-R) Dave Somero, Cheryl Somero, Chris Raisanen, Pat Blair, Rick Saari, and (not shown) Ken Raisanen. The crew took advantage of a beautiful fall morning to collect 11 bags of trash from the two mile stretch of M-26 that runs from the Greenland Y through downtown Mass City.

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EWEN: Masons Lake Superior Lodge #67 recently donated \$500 to the S. Ontonagon Co. Food Pantry. Pictured on the right are Masons Lake Super Lodge #67 member Dan Maki presenting the \$500 check for to S. Ontonagon Co. Food Pantry Treasurer Cathy Sanborn, along with helpers Celia Lindsey (far left) and Mike Nurmi (far right).

EWEN: The McMillan Township Volunteer Fire Department continued their generous tradition of donating new bicycles and helmets to community youth at this year's Ewen Log Jamboree in Sept. There were 19 lucky winners this year - from toddlers to teens - selected through random drawings organized into 6 different age groups.

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MOOSE FACTS

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Year-round, moose snack mostly on leaves, stems, twigs, and the bark of small shrubs—and they eat plenty of all of these things. A full-grown moose weights up to 2,000 lbs and can gobble up to 70 pounds of food a day.

- The flap of skin under a moose's chin is called a bell.
- Moose calves can outrun a human by the time they're five days old.
- A moose can kick in any direction with its front hooves.



Staff and guests were excited to see this unannounced visitor at the Root Cellar Resort on Lake Gogebic on the evening of September 23.



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6PM-10PM TEENS & ADULTS

6pm-10pm: Music by
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