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- Dec 5** *Red Cross Blood Drive*, 10am-3pm, at Centennial Hall, Cedar St., Ewen. Walk-ins welcome, appointments are appreciated. Call for appt 906-988-2533, or go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).
- Dec 5** *Finland's Independence Day - Celebration*, 5:30pm, Music, dance, and more! Finnish-American Heritage Center at 435 Quincy St., Hancock.
- Dec 5** *Free Community Meal - St. Nicholas Project Fund-raiser*, 6pm-? Hosted by Sunshine Motel & Cabins at Gigi's Coffee House on River St. in Onto. Meals are Free until they run out. Donations accepted for St. Nicholas Project.
- Dec 6** *McMillan Township Tree Lighting*, 6pm, Snacks & warm beverages and a visit with Santa! McMillan Township Office Building in Ewen [Details inside](#)
- Dec 6** *Hometown Christmas Concert*, 7pm, Onto. Theater, \$10/Adult, \$5/Student. 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon
- Dec 6-8** *Annual Hometown Christmas Celebration*, Ontonagon. [Details inside](#)
- Dec 7** *Christmas at the Crossing - Children's Party*, at Settlers Art Gallery, Bruce Crossing [Details inside](#)
- Dec 7** *Annual Christmas Walk Craft Show*, 10am-3pm, Ontonagon School. Vendors Call: 906-884-4735
- Dec 8** *Northwoods Singers Christmas Concert*, 4pm CT, Ely Memorial Church, Land O'Lakes, WI
- Dec 8** *All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast*, 8am-11am, Lake Superior Masons Lodge #67, Ewen [Details inside](#)
- Dec 10** *Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party & Annual Meeting*, 5pm Cocktails, 5:30pm Prime Rib Dinner [Details inside](#)

- Dec 14** *All the Way to Bethlehem - The Story of Christmas*, 2pm, Onto Theater. Donations accepted for St. Nicholas Project. 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon.
- Dec 14** *Community Christmas*, 12pm-3pm, Christmas Carols, BBQ Lunch & Games, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bergland
- Dec 14** *Grinchmas at the Motel*, 11am-4pm, Adventure Motel Mass City [Details inside](#)
- Dec 14** *Parade of Lights with Santa*, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Parade line-up 5:15pm in Mass City at Fire Dept/Community Bldg. Parade ends at Greenland playground. [Details inside](#)
- Dec 15** *Twilly's Annual Christmas Party*, 12pm-? Food, games, drink specials, and door prizes. Everyone is welcome! Twilly's Sports Bar & Grill, Bruce Crossing
- Dec 20** **E-TC and Watersmeet Schools - Early Release**
- Dec 21** *Soups, Chili, and Stix*, 5pm-7:30pm, VFW Post 5600, Ontonagon.
- Dec 21** *Christmas Movie Trivia Fundraiser for Gogebic Area Grooming*, 5\$10/person - Come as individual or as a team! Pre-register: 906-575-3557 AJ's Lodge & Oven, Bergland
- Dec 23** **School Winter Break** (Dec 23 - Jan 3, 2025)
- Dec 25** **CHRISTMAS**
- Dec 25** *Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Christmas Dinner*, Holy Family Catholic Church in Ontonagon.

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# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

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## The Settlers Depot Gallery

Everyone is Invited to Attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual

# CHRISTMAS

at the Crossing  
Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7

11am - 1pm | Photos with Santa

*Children will receive a treat bag and a toy!*

The "Toys for Area Youth Giveaway" is sponsored by our local Marine Corp and the Lake Superior Masons Lodge. Printed photos with Santa, compliments of the Gallery, will be available for pick up at the Settler's Co-op Grocery Store checkout counter approximately 10 days following the event.

The Last Shopping Day of 2024 is  
**DECEMBER 7**  
10am-4pm  
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Located in Bruce Crossing, on M-28 across from the Stannard Township Fire Department



### Parade of Lights with Santa from Mass City to Greenland

**5:30pm-7:30pm**  
**December 14, 2024**

Decorate anything...your vehicle, side-by-side, trailer and join the parade!

Parade line-up 5:15pm in Mass City at the Fire Dept/Community Bldg.

Parade ends at Greenland playground. Visit with Santa at the Greenland playground log cabin after parade.

#### Questions?

Call Sue 906-390-3164 or Trisha 906-231-7082

Let's light up the town - decorate your home or yard!

Where do snowmen dance?  
*At the snowball!*



## GRINCHMAS at the Motel

Adventure Motel in Mass City  
11am-4pm  
December 14, 2024

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**11am- 1pm Photos with Santa & Grinch**  
(Photo reservations required. Call 906-883-3520.\*)

**Christmas Cookie & Ornament Decorating      Grinch Bingo**  
**Cookies, Cupcakes, Cake Pops      Hot Cocoa Bar & Grinch Punch!**

**Movie: The Grinch - How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

\*Halle Rae Photography - 1 FREE photo per child sponsored by Adventure Motel. Mini-Christmas photo sessions available for \$50.

**Grinch goody bags for every child!**

# Charlie's Corner

Charlie wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah! He already has everything a dog could ever need, but he hopes you can make Christmas wishes come true for his furry friends who are in the OCAP shelter this holiday season.



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OCAP's Full Holiday Wishlist is on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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**EWEN:** Cloverland Sr. Center - Onsite dining with options for home delivered or takeout meals. Ewen/Bruce Crossing call: 906-988-2463, Trout Creek call: 906-852-3426

**ONTONAGON:** Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency building - Onsite dining with options for home delivered or takeout meals. Call to sign up: Ontonagon 906-884-2815, Rockland, Greenland call: 906-883-3267

**MASS CITY/GREENLAND/ROCKLAND:** Mass Community Center (Old school building) - Onsite dining with options for home delivered or takeout meals. Call to sign up: 906-883-3132 or 906-883-3267



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## FOR BID

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The Ontonagon County Sheriff's Office has for sale on bids a 2000 Polaris RMK snowmobile (VIN #4XASR6DSX1C138911). The snowmobile will be sold to the highest bidder as-is and is located at the Sheriff's Office. Please contact the Sheriff's Office at 906-884-4901 to view the snowmobile. Please place your bid in a sealed envelope marked "SNOWMOBILE BID" and mail to the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Office at 620 Conglomerate St., Ontonagon, MI 49953. Bids are due no later than close of business on December 13, 2024.

### --- NOW ACCEPTING BIDS ---

The Ewen-Trout Creek School District is accepting sealed bids for Thomas buses. Minimum bid of \$1,000.00. The buses will be sold as-is and may be inspected at the bus garage by the old school. Please contact Kristen at 906-813-0620, ext. 228 to make an appointment.

- There are 5 buses available:
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  - 09C-2008 diesel with 177,690.0
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  - 07-2006 diesel with 98,458.5

Bids will be opened on December 11, 2024, at 6:00pm in the board room. The district has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Successful bidders must pay for the bus and remove it from the District property within 30 days.

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The Superior Watershed Partnership is a MI Dept of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Navigation and Referral Partner for the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP).

**All-You-Can-Eat BREAKFAST**

Lake Superior Masons - Lodge #67  
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**8am - 11am**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

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**For more questions on CTC and Shop with a Cop, please  
contact Carly Hesterberg  
906-299-4857 or [Chesterberg@cccmh.org](mailto:Chesterberg@cccmh.org)**

# AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

**EWEN:** On Nov. 14, the Lake Superior Masonic Lodge #67 in Ewen generously donated \$200 to the E-TC Robotics Jr. High team, Pantherbots 2.5. On Nov. 24 the team competed in their very first robotics tournament in Houghton against much larger schools with more resources...and finished 12 out of 22 teams. Great job!

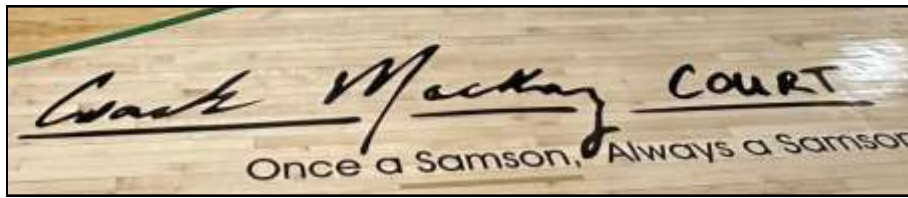
**ONTONAGON CO:** There are six Great Start (Gogebic-Onto. Counties Great Start Collaborative) "Little Library" locations: Ontonagon and E-TC Schools outside near the schools' playgrounds, Bruce Crossing at the Stannard Township Park near the log cabin, Mass City's Community Center, Greenland pavilion, and Rockland playground. The books are free and you can swap one of yours or not.

**ONTONAGON:** Wednesday open skating at the Ontonagon Rec Center has ended. Winter open skating starts Dec. 8 and is as follows: 7pm-9pm every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until further notice.

**IRONWOOD:** On Nov. 27, Gogebic Samson men's basketball coach Dennis Mackey (a Kenton native and E-TC Class of '81) was honored by the school. The Samson's basketball court was officially named "Coach Mackey Court". Congratulations Dennis!

**BRUCE CROSSING:** The Ottawa Lions Club of Bruce Crossing has the following medical items for loan or use - hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs, commodes, toilet seat risers, bed lift, circulation mattress, incontinence supplies, masks.

Call Slim at 906-827-3959.



**PICTURED ON LEFT:** Brooklyn Wagner of Ewen weighing her very nice 10-pt, 170lb buck at Logger's Alley in Bruce Crossing.

**PICTURED ON RIGHT:** Kane Korich of Ewen with his BIG 9-pt buck.



**PICTURED BELOW:** Congratulations to Hart Hokens (parents Rory and Trina Hokens) on receiving Wisconsin's High School Soccer Great Northern Conference offensive player second team and MVP offensive player awards!





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

**BRUCE CROSSING**

**Bethany Lutheran (WELS):** Sun. 5PM Worship; Wed. 6:30PM Children's Sunday School & Catechism, Pr. Johnson.  
**Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church:** 12PM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.. Sunday School Christmas Program on Dec. 22 at 1PM followed by potluck dinner. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service at 1PM. Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.  
**Bruce Crossing Bible Church:** 10AM Sun. School, 11AM Worship. Pr. Pederson. 15089 Maplewood Rd.,

**COVINGTON**

**Trinity Lutheran:** 9AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. 12677 M-28

**EWEN**

**First Lutheran (ELCA):** 11AM Communion Worship 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.

**PAYNESVILLE**

**First Apostolic Lutheran Church:** 10:30AM Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sun., 2:30PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun.  
**Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA):** 11AM Communion Worship 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 child. 4 yrs +

**ONTONAGON**

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

**TROUT CREEK**

**Calvary Temple AG:** 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.  
**Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church:** 11AM - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Worship.

**WATTON**

**Watton Apostolic Lutheran Church:** Worship 11AM Sun. Worship, Communion 1st Sun. 11756 Salli Rd.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 in Trout Creek, Michigan

Sunday Service at 11:00AM on December 15, 2024

Christmas Eve Service at 4:00PM on Tuesday, December 24, 2024



**AJ'S LODGE & OVEN**  
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**Christmas Party**  
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# OBITUARY

**Michael William Pietila (64)**, of Bruce Crossing, MI, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Mike was born in Phelps, WI on December 10, 1959 to Gerald W. "Bill" & Barbara (Hines) Pietila and was the oldest of five sons. He attended Ewen-Trout Creek School as part of the '78 graduating class. Mike went on to have a successful career in the propane industry where he was known for his quality of work, kindness, and determination to help others.

He was an avid outdoorsman. Mike loved spending time at the lake (Bond) fishing with his son and camping with family. He always looked forward to hunting season and deer camp. Mike enjoyed "bird" hunting and was quite the trapper in his earlier years. When Mike wasn't outdoors, he enjoyed cheering on his beloved Detroit sports teams, especially the Lions! More than anything, Mike cherished time with family and friends, particularly his grandchildren. Nothing made him happier than being with them and seeing them grow up. He was a very proud father and grandfather.

Mike is preceded in death by his father Gerald. He is survived by his mother Barb, son David (Kayla), three grandchildren Kaydence, Alli, and Dorothy, four brothers Tom (Sherri), Larry, Joe (Brenda), and Steve (Tammy), former spouse and lifelong friend Karen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at Cane Funeral Home located at 13812 US Hwy 45 Bruce Crossing, MI 49912 on Friday, December 6, 2024. Visitation will be at 12:00PM with a service at 1:00PM (eastern). Inurnment will take place at a later date at Maple Grove Cemetery.



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**PICTURED ABOVE:** A new Porcupine Mountain Shooting Complex, a state-of-the-art indoor firing range is now open. The range features automatic target carriers, touchscreen monitors, multiple preset routines, in a clean and bright facility. Open Thursday evenings (except holidays) for members and will be opening to the public in January 2025.



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## GOISD Board of Education Takes Action on Key Educational Initiatives

**BERGLAND, MI** - The Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District (GOISD) Board of Education met for their regular meeting on November 20, 2024. The Board approved several measures to strengthen special education services, including a \$10,000 Interagency Cash Transfer Agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services that will leverage an additional \$27,037 in federal funds for transition services. GOISD is also restructuring its special education administrative support to better serve its comprehensive programs, which currently support 101 children aged 0-5 through Early On and Early Childhood Special Education services. The department has implemented innovative programs such as equine therapy for students and is expanding its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiatives.

In Career and Technical Education, plans are advancing for possible major upgrades to the Ontonagon CTE facility if the GOISD is able to purchase the CTE Building. GOISD has engaged OHM advisors to develop renovation plans that will include space for a new construction program serving students from Ontonagon, Ewen-Trout Creek, and Watersmeet schools. The Board approved a CTE contract with the Ironwood Area School District for the 2024-25 school year, valued at \$21,839.

The GOISD's commitment to literacy showed impressive results, with Director of Instructional Services, Travis Powell, and staff from Ironwood Area Schools presenting at the state MiMTSS Conference about their successful literacy intervention program that achieved 242% growth in second-grade student performance over one calendar year. This success story demonstrates the effectiveness of the district's literacy initiatives and their potential for replication across other schools. Student Health and Wellness Services reported receiving additional Healthcare Resource Advocate (HRA) funding, enabling the purchase of new AEDs and critical supplies for local districts. The department has also secured \$1,047,403 in 31N funding for the 2025 fiscal year to support student mental health services. Superintendent, Alan Tulppo, reported that he has been attending local board of education meetings to present the GOISD's 2023-24 Service Report. Tulppo also noted that a workshop for new ISD and Local School Board members is being scheduled for January or February 2025. The meeting featured a special presentation from Christina Stuber, the Distance Learning World Languages Teacher, who provided an engaging German language lesson demonstration for the Board.

Other significant actions and updates are as follows:

- Approved policy updates after a second reading
- Authorized joining a national Insulin Lawsuit
- Rescheduled Jan. 2025 meeting to Jan, 22, 2025
- Approved a Success Coach Contract with Copper Shores Foundation
- Authorized hiring part-time contracted building maintenance person
- Successful implementation of the SchoolsOPEN financial system
- Expanded the Universal Service Fund (USF) account to include Little Learners Early Childhood Center

For more information about GOISD programs and services, visit [www.goisd.org](http://www.goisd.org) or contact Alan Tulppo at 906-575-3438, ext. 108.

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Contact the Gogebic Ontonagon ISD at 906-575-3438, ext. 300 for more information about *Early On* services or start a referral by visiting: <https://www.1800earlyon.org/>

**INTERIOR TOWNSHIP**

**Public Hearing for Amended**

**Master Plan:** Thursday Jan 9, 2025 at 5:00PM  
Interior Township Town Hall, 140 Division St.  
Trout Creek

**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP**

**Public Meeting for Short-term Rental Process**

**and Ordinance:** Tuesday Dec 10, 2024 @ 5:00  
CT Tuesday Dec 10, 2024, followed by the Regu-  
lar Planning Commission Meeting at 5:30 CT

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ontonagon County Road Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 A.M. on December 11, 2024, at its office at 415 Spar Street, Ontonagon, Michigan to receive comments on a proposed 10% increase to transportation and utility permit fees. The OCRC Regular Board meeting will follow the hearing.



**Another Successful Year for the Watersmeet Summer Market**

It was another successful year for the Watersmeet Summer Market. The Market is held in the LVD Plaza parking lot, located on the corner of US 2 and Hwy 45 and starts in May on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and runs through mid-September each Sunday (weather permitting) from 10am - 2pm. Thank you for the support of Angie Brownell from LVD Plaza and all the amazing venders and our faithful customers. Let's not forget the hard working team! Thank you Jewel Grosso, Janice Klabunde and Chris Pownell. Our venders have many unique handmade crafts, homemade Indian tacos and fry bread, pies and cookies, sweet breads, jellies, canned goods, rummage items and collectibles. Toward the end of July we also have a produce vender. Three times a year (Memorial day Sunday, 4th of July Sunday and Labor day Sunday) Dynah cooks up her Lumpia and other Philippine dishes. Vendors pay \$10 per Sunday to participate. That money goes to the Lac Vieux Desert food pantry and the Watersmeet Food pantry. This year we raised \$2600 to be split between the food pantries. Thank you for all of the community support. Venders interested in selling at next year's market can text Renee Shurr at 262-844-7357 or email rshurr.realtor@gmail.com.

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**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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- 🎄 Craft Fair, 🎄 Dances
- 🎄 Gingerbread Contest,
- 🎄 Theater Performance,
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- 🎄 Children's Time, 🎄 Parade
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