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- Apr 19** Community Easter Event, White Pine
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- Apr 20** EASTER SUNDAY (Area Services Details Inside)
- May 1** NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (Details Inside)
- May 1** Veteran Outreach Event, 12pm-3pm, hosted by Rockland Post 92. Rockland Community Building. (Details Inside)
- May 4** Onto. Co. Animal Protection (OCAP) Annual Fundraiser, Twilly's in Bruce Crossing
- May 4** Outreach Ministry Community Potluck-Fundraiser, 11am, First Lutheran Church, Ewen (Details Inside)
- May 8** Northwoods Singer Concert, 7pm CT, Ely Memorial Church, Land O'Lakes, WI
- May 10** Copper Peak Red Bull 400, 8am CT, Ironwood (Details Inside)
- May 11** MOTHER'S DAY
- May 16-18** Annual Lake Trout Classic, Ontonagon
- May 17** 13th Annual Cancer Walk, 11am, Settlers Federal Credit Union, Bruce Crossing (Details Inside)
- May 17** AJ's Lake Gogebic Walleye Tournament
- May 19** Settlers Cooperative Annual Member Meeting, 6pm, VFW in Bruce Crossing

- May 23** High School Graduations: E-TC 7pm, Watersmeet 6pm CT, and Ontonagon
- May 23-24** Find Your North Music Festival, downtown Ironwood
- May 26** MEMORIAL DAY
- Jun 7** Annual Kids Fishing Tournament, Fun for kids 14 and under, Paulding General Store, Paulding
- Jun 14** Lake Gogebic All Lake Garage Sales
- Jun 14** Kids Fishing Day at Rockland Pond
- Jun 15** FATHER'S DAY
- Jun 21** JUHANNUS DAY Finnish Midsummer
- Jul 5** Bruce Crossing Area 4th of July, Bruce Crossing
- Jul 10-13** 47th Annual Hodag Country Festival, Rhinelander, WI
- Jul 10-13** CopperFest, Ontonagon
- Jul 10-13** Ontonagon County Fair, Greenland
- Jul 11-13** Soke Miner's Revenge, Mountain bike races, all skill levels - in, around, and over Adventure Mountain, Greenland



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In Case You Missed It...

State biologists recently confirmed the existence of two cougar cubs on private land in Ontonagon County. The spotted cubs, believed to be 7 to 9 weeks old, were verified from photographic evidence of the cubs taken March 6 by a local resident. *Why this is a big deal:* This is the first time cougar cubs have been verified since the big cats were hunted out of existence in Mich. in the early 1900s. Although cougars are native to Michigan, most of them now appear to be transient animals, dispersing into Mich. from Western states. The DNR has verified 132 adult cougar reports, but DNA testing has confirmed only male cougars to date.



MICHIGAN'S "3 FREE" WEEKEND—June 7-8, 2025

The next Mich. Free Fishing Weekend dates are June 7-8, 2025. All fishing license fees will be waived for two days. Fishing on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations still apply. A Mich. Recreation Passport is NOT be required for entry into state parks and boating access sites during Free Fishing Weekends. The summer Free Fishing Weekend is held in conjunction with "Three Free" weekend, where residents and nonresidents fish, ride the off-road trails and visit state parks and boating access sites - all free of charge. During Free ORV Weekend, Michigan residents and visitors legally can ride without buying an ORV license or trail permit. All other ORV rules and laws still apply.

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Funds gathered will go to the Outreach Ministry which helps people in need locally and around the world.

Past projects include:

- sending missionaries around the world
- digging wells
- covering medical travel expenses
- helping people recover from house fires or other family tragedy
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All are welcome to worship at 10:00am
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SENIORS: WORDS TO LIVE BY *Submitted by a Reader*

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. *In-style* are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop irritating you.
4. Your people-skills are just fine—it's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down; I'll remember it."
6. *On-time* is when you get there.
7. You've noticed people your age are much older than you.
8. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
9. *One-for-the-road* means using the bathroom before you leave the house.
10. You still haven't learned to act your age, and I hope you never will.



BARBARA JEAN PIETILA, 85, of Bruce Crossing, passed away peacefully on February 21, 2025, at the Iron River Care Center in Iron River, Michigan. She was born June 25, 1939, to Charles and Agnes Hines and grew up in Watersmeet. She attended Watersmeet school and graduated in 1957. She married Gerald W. Pietila, (Bill), the love of her life, on September 27, 1958. They celebrated 65 wonderful years together in September of 2023. They built and made their home in Bruce Crossing. Barb and Bill owned and operated the Limberlost restaurant and concessions at the Bond Falls Park and recreation area for 10 years. Barb was a real go getter of a worker, and she loved the people. After her time at Bond Falls, Barb enjoyed being a cook at Tulppo's restaurant in Bruce Crossing. She also worked for the Community Schools program at the Ewen-Trout Creek schools and taught art and painting classes. Barb had a love for art, as she was a very good painter and artist. Barb later went on to attend college and received nursing accreditation from Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Barb was also employed as a nurse's assistant at the Phelps hospital in Phelps, Wisconsin until its closure. Barb was then employed by the Western Upper Peninsula health department and cared for patients in their homes. When not caring for others, Barb had a silk flower business where she made many flower arrangements for weddings, Memorial Day, special occasions, and funerals. Her arrangements were beautifully created. She really had a talent for placing such colorful arrangements together.

Barb had so many hobbies as well. She loved knitting, finding bargains at garage sales, visiting thrift stores, antique shops, auctions, and collecting various items. She enjoyed camping, many lake days on the pontoon, and fishing. Barb was the light and life of the party, and she hosted them well. She spent countless hours making Afghan blankets a few months each winter. Barb and her late husband Bill lived in Apache Junction, Arizona for short periods during the

winter, both enjoying their retirement. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, son Michael, and siblings, Jim, John, Joe, Helen, Buck, Albert, Charles (Dutch), Dorothy, and Irene. She is survived by four sons Tom (Sherri), Larry, longtime caregiver to Barb and Bill, Joe (Brenda), and Steve (Tammy). Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, and nephews. The visitation and service for Barb will take place in June of 2025. A tentative date and time are still pending and will be announced later. Inurnment will take place at the Maple Grove Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent to Hildebrand Funeral Home of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.



CAROL CONRAD, 65, of Bruce Crossing, peacefully passed away at home on March 24, 2025, after a culmination of health issues. Carol was born on May 18, 1959, in L'Anse, daughter of Arvo and Elma Maria (Mattson) Jackson. Carol graduated from L'Anse High School with the Class of 1977. In 1978, Carol married Terry "Bunny" Conrad of Bruce Crossing, and they shared 44 years of loving marriage. After high school, Carol worked various jobs, including secretarial work, working at the Forest Service in Kenton, and housekeeping at Tulppo's Motel in Bruce Crossing. She had an outstanding work ethic and always took pride in doing the best job possible. Carol was an excellent homemaker, wife, and mom, keeping a tidy house and cooking and baking the best food, especially pasty, buns, and pies. She made her kids' childhoods great, with homemade birthday decorations and cakes, sledding and wagon rides, and special menus and TV shows when they were home sick from school. Carol loved to garden, always creating beautiful flower beds and tending large vegetable gardens in her younger years. She loved animals, especially cats, and she was an avid birdwatcher, feeding them out her pantry window for years. She also loved to watch the deer in the yard, telling Bunny he could not hunt them! Most of all, Carol loved God, and her strong faith helped and uplifted her throughout her life.

Carol leaves behind her devoted children and grandchildren: son, Carl (Amber) Conrad; daughter, Beth (Mike) Jenson; and grandsons Luke and Adam Jenson. Carol is also survived by her brother, Dean Jackson; sister, Joan (Herb) Larson; brother, Daron Jackson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family members and friends. Carol was preceded in death by her loving husband, Terry; her parents, Arvo and Maria Jackson; brother, Darrell Jackson; sisters-in-law, Geri Sikkila and Anna DeZorzi; and granddaughter, Aurora Jenson. Carol's wishes were to not have a public service. A private graveside inurnment will take place in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery

in Ewen. Her family kindly requests that those who wish to express their sympathy consider donating to Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP—ocappaws.org) or SONCO Ambulance. Cane Funeral Home - Bruce Crossing Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.



CHERRI LYNN KAUSS, 53, of Ashland, WI, and formerly of Ewen, passed away after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on March 16, 2025. Throughout her journey, she displayed incredible courage and unwavering hope. Born October 14, 1971 in Ontonagon, Cherrilyn touched the lives of those around her with her strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit. Despite facing the challenges of her illness, she remained a beacon of hope and inspiration to all who knew her. Cherrilyn, affectionately known as "Cher Bear" throughout her life, embodied kindness and compassion for dogs, especially her boy, Max. Her selflessness and generosity knew no bounds, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of friends, family, and pets alike. Cherrilyn was known for her kindness to others, her quirky sense of humor, an extreme love of rock music, writing poems and short stories and an unwavering love of animals she encountered everywhere she went. Cherrilyn received a Business Degree from Gogebic Community College once leaving high school and held many titles in her life, from collections assistant to the online blogger, but her favorite roles were being an aunt and sister. Preceding her in death were her parents, father, Richard Leo Kauss and mother, Barbara Jean Kauss. Cherrilyn is survived by her siblings, James (Barb) Kauss of Ashland, WI, Richard (Tina) Kauss of West Valley City, UT, nieces and nephews, Kyle (Trista) of Ashland, WI, Amanda of Ashland, WI, Macy of Twin Lakes, WI, Calista, and Ember, of West Valley City, UT, great-nieces and nephews, Kam, Ily, Kip of Ashland, WI and Myles of Ashland, WI. The family would like to thank Tamarack Health for their kind and loving care during this last year of her life. She enjoyed the comfort and support they gave and the relationships gained. A memorial service/celebration of life will be planned later. Arrangements are being made by Roberts Funeral Home in Ashland, WI. Cher Bear will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. - Inuit Proverb



GERTRUDE ELIZABETH LEAF, 96, of Marquette, formerly of Trout Creek, passed away March 21, 2025, in Marquette. Gertrude was born in Trout Creek on December 6, 1928, the daughter of Werner and Hilja (Jyvala) Kallio.

It was in Trout Creek where she cultivated the strong values of family, faith, and perseverance that defined her life. She graduated from Trout Creek High School with the Class of 1945. On November 29, 1947, she married the love of her life, Marvin Leaf. Together, they built a life filled with love and devotion, living in Marquette and Detroit before returning home to Trout Creek, where they raised their family.

A dedicated homemaker, Gertrude lovingly cared for her home and family, ensuring their needs were always met. From tending to the household and raising her children to using home remedies for ailments, she embraced her role with unwavering commitment. Gertrude found joy in many simple yet meaningful pleasures. She loved dancing with her husband, cooking, and knitting. Some of her fondest moments were spent taking peaceful rides around Presque Isle and along the shores of Lake Superior. Passionate and strong-willed, she was a source of warmth and support to her family, friends, and loved ones.

She is survived by her children: Gerald (Nancy) Leaf of Ewen, MI; Duane (Mary) Leaf of Bruce Crossing, MI; James Leaf of North Augusta, SC; Thomas (Marge) Leaf of Bessemer, MI; and Lois (Eric) Abramson of Bruce Crossing, MI. She was a proud grandmother to 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 5 great great-grandchildren.

Gertrude was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Marvin; a daughter-in-law, Karen Leaf; a granddaughter, Jana Lynn Leaf; and her siblings, Paul Kallio, Raymond Kallio, Ruth Kuntz, and Dorothy Maki.

A service to honor and celebrate Gertrude's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Community Church in Trout Creek at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Community Church, 138 Division Street, Trout Creek, MI 49967 in her memory.

Fassbender Swanson Hansen Funeral and Cremation Services is serving the family. Online condolences can be expressed at fassbenderswansonhansen.com.



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 February 26, 1993 February 16, 1996

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 both who were here—
 Who gone away
 are just as dear.

Do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is your strength.
Nehemiah 8:10

Sadly missed by their family, friends and loved ones.

JOAN RUTH (MAKI) REVOYR, 82, of Watersmeet, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at their home on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Joan was born on Oct. 22, 1942, in Trout Creek to John and Lillian (Ojala) Maki. She was a 1961 graduate of Trout Creek High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Northern Michigan University in 1971. Joan was united in marriage with James Edward Revoyr on June 30, 1962. Joan is survived by her son, James (Jennifer) Revoyr; and two granddaughters, Mikayla (Louis) Barea and Andrea Revoyr; brother, James (Dianna) Maki; and her sister, Lynn Paquette, along with many nieces and nephews. Joan was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James, in October 2024; sisters, Florence, Joyce, Marge and Janet; and her brothers, John and Bob. No formal services are taking place.



Your Firefighters Thank You!

The Bruce Crossing and Ewen Volunteer Fire Departments' annual auction and dinner fundraiser in March was another great success! Thank you to the many volunteers, donors, attendees, and the staff at Twilly's for your continued generosity and dedication to supporting your local emergency response services.

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IRONWOOD: On Saturday, May 10, 800 athletes from around the world will compete in the Red Bull 400 at Copper Peak (N13870 Copper Peak Rd, Ironwood, MI). It's a race with a distance equivalent to one lap around a standard high school track field—except the course is 100% uphill. The competitors (400 men and 400 women) will race up Copper Peak's near-vertical 40-story artificial ski jump to see who the fastest to reach the top of Copper Peak's near-vertical, 40-story artificial ski jump (the largest in the world). The race is clearly a "climb" rather than a run. This vertical challenge was invented in Austria in 2011, and has grown into an international competition, drawing participants from a variety of sporting disciplines and fitness levels, according to Red Bull.

After going around the globe, Red Bull 400 is returning to Copper Peak for the first time since 2019. Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the athletes compete for not only a place on the podium but a shot at the Red Bull 400 world record. The men's record is 2 min. 48 sec., the women's is 3 min. and 39 sec. Starting at 8am CT, each qualifying heat will determine the men's and women's finalists competing for a podium finish and a shot at the world record. Anyone can participate. The cost is \$65 per athlete (\$55 Active Military, Fire, Police, or EMS) - first come first serve. Registration website: <https://www.redbull.com/us-en/events/red-bull-400-ironwood>



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Income Tax Returns Due-Payments Must Be Made By April 15

Taxpayers have less than a month to file their state individual income tax return. State individual income tax returns must be filed electronically or postmarked through the U.S. Postal Service by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Tax forms are available online and at public libraries, post offices in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, and Department of Health and Human Services county offices. Individuals with low to moderate income, disabilities or who are 60 years of age or older may qualify for free tax preparation help from IRS-certified volunteers.

For information about free tax help, go to irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep or dial 2-1-1. Older Michiganders may have important tax credits and subtractions they can use this tax season to lower their tax bill or provide a refund, according to the Mich. Dept. of Treasury. These may include the Homestead Property Tax Credit, the Home Heating Credit and the Retirement and Pension Benefits Subtraction.

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Wednesday, April 16

Marenisco Town Hall	9 to 9:15 a.m.
Watersmeet Food Pantry	10 to 10:15 a.m.
Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Park	12:30 to 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 17

Bergland Lake Gogebic Sr. Ctr.	9:25 to 9:40 a.m.
White Pine Township Hall	10 to 10:15 a.m.
Ontonagon Holy Family Catholic Church	11 to 11:30 a.m.
Mass City Resource Center	1 to 1:30 p.m.

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EAST LANSING: The E-TC girls varsity basketball team has made history — and given Panther fans plenty to cheer about! After dominating the competition in the Upper Peninsula and crossing the Mighty Mac with momentum on their side, the Panthers stormed into the *Final Four* of the Michigan High School Girls Basketball State Tournament in Division 4.

Their thrilling postseason run led them all the way to the big stage at the Breslin Center in East Lansing during the third week of March. Taking on a seasoned Fowler High School squad (their school is just 35 miles from the Breslin) in the morning of Saturday, March 22, E-TC battled tough but came up short, finishing as *state runners-up* with a final score of 53–29.

But here's the kicker — this powerhouse team made its incredible run *with no seniors on the roster*. That's right: every single player will be back next year, hungrier than ever and now battle-tested on the state's biggest stage. Through over 590 miles of travel in one week, with multiple games and pressure-packed moments, the girls showed grit, determination, and championship-level poise. A strong crowd of family, friends, and alumni showed up and cheered on the U.P. power downstate, filling the stands with Panther pride. Well done, Lady Panthers — and watch out, everyone... *they'll be back!*



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COVINGTON: An Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale was posted on Covington Township's Facebook page on 3/12. The event is scheduled for April 5, 10am-12pm at the Covington Multipurpose Building. The Easter Bunny will be there to meet kids.

AGATE: Paul Family Maple Syrup operations recently changed ownership and is now Yeany's Maple Syrup. Yeany's also has a maple syrup operation in Pennsylvania.

BRUCE CROSSING: The U.P. Trappers Assoc. held a meeting on Sat., Mar. 29 at Twilly's with the goal of recruiting and sharing information with people interested in supporting trapping/learning about trapping in Gogebic, Ontonagon and Iron counties.

BRUCE CROSSING: From Facebook 3/23/2025 *On Mar. 22, at 5:57 p.m., the Bruce Crossing Fire Department responded to a structure fire in Haight Township. We would like to thank the surrounding area fire departments and other agencies that assisted. Big thank you to the Ewen, Watersmeet, Trout Creek, Land O' Lakes, and Conover Volunteer Fire Departments, as well as SONCO Ambulance, the American Red Cross, and Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department. With their help, we were able to move over 100,000 gallons of water from Watersmeet and Bruce Crossing, and assist the family.*

Also from Facebook- 3/23/2025 The Bruce Crossing Fire Department reminded residents to help them protect you by clearing debris and trimming brush from around your home and other structures to create a defensible space.

EWEN: On Mar. 16, the E-TC Athletics Booster Club sponsored a team meal and victory celebration for the girls varsity basketball team to celebrate their Regional tournament win.

BERGLAND: While having a little St. Patrick's Day fun at Bergland Bay Bar, customers donated a total of \$250 for Onto. Co. Animal Protection (OCAP). The Bar then matched those donations—for a total of \$500 donated to OCAP.

BERGLAND: The owner of Bergland Outfitters & Bait Shop posted on his public Facebook page that he has TEMPORARILY closed his shop for his pending surgery preparation and recovery. The shop will re-open in early- to mid-May.

LAKE GOGEBIC: Root Cellar Resort's restaurant is closed for the season and reopens May 8. Lodging is still available—906-365-2021.

WHITE PINE: The Easter Bunner will be at White Pine's Yooper Diner on Saturday, April 19 from 9am-11:30am. Breakfast available for \$6—pancakes, sausage links and juice. Following breakfast, there will be crafts at the White Pine United Methodist Church, and then (around 12:15-12:30PM) a HUGE Easter Egg hunt with prizes that includes toys, stuffed animals, candy, shirts, gift certificates and bicycles.

ROCKLAND: Rockland Legion Post 92 Weekly Wednesday Bingo resumes April 2, and continues every Wed. through the summer. Doors open 6pm, first ball drops 6:50pm.

ONTONAGON: Citizens State Bank presented WOAS-FM GM Ken Raisanen with a \$250 donation. The money will be used to defray shipping costs for four new tower bays so the station can change over to frequency 91.5 (old tower elements are incompatible with new frequency) in June. Meanwhile, WOAS-FM programming can be seen and heard at www.woas-fm.org.

ONTONAGON: Posted on Facebook 3/29/2025—*At 12:32 a.m., the (Onto.) Fire Dept. and the Sheriff's Duputy responded to a barn fire with a tractor and equipment inside. The 30x30 barn was fully involved with the front portion of the barn collapsing. Approx. 7,000 gallons of water and 20 gallons of foam were used to extinguish the fire. Crews cleared the scene at 2:45 a.m. There with no injuries to firefighters or occupants; however, 6 chickens perished. The barn contents were a total loss.*

ONTONAGON: The Ontonagon Fighting Miners 18u hockey team won the state championship on March 16. Congratulations!

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ONTONAGON: Bob and Janine Walker invite OAHs Class of 1970 to meet at the Walker's cottage from 2pm-5pm on July 26 (the same Sat. as the all-school class reunion).

SOUTH ONTONAGON COUNTY: From a December SONCO Ambulance Facebook post: *For those living in town, please be sure you have address numbers on your home (clear of decorations and/or trees/shrubs). For those with address numbers on posts by your driveway, be sure they are clear of snow, weeds/debris and are visible from the roadway. Remember, we can't help you if we can't find you!*

BERGLAND: The Bergland tax payers made it clear at the township's March 31 budget meeting that they are very frustrated. Multiple concerns and opinions were expressed by attendees, including: tiresome tax increases, rising sewer and water costs, the Board's lack of cooperation and collaboration with the new Supervisor, imbalanced Treasurer and Clerk compensation in comparison to their perceived workloads, and the recent hiring of a Deputy Clerk. The tax payers also expressed their desire for improving the township's roads and parks, and better insight into the Board's activities.

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MI-TRALE-BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

BRUCE CROSSING: MI-TRALE, (Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment), held their Board of Directors elections in January. The results are as follows: President Don Helsel and Secretary Linda Schulz were re-elected to those same positions on the Board. Also re-elected as Directors to the Board were: Steve Slater and Cathy Wainio, Director for Equine concerns. They will keep their positions until 2027, when the seats will again be open for election. Officers Jon Fourez, Vice President and Dave Bishop, Treasurer remain in their positions, as do Directors Chris Palmer and Tim Peacy. They will remain in their positions until January of 2026, when their seats will be up for election. The public is welcome to attend meetings, which will be held 7pm at Stannard Township Hall in Bruce Crossing on Apr. 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, Sept. 8, and Nov 3.

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Our main fundraiser is pasty sales. Two pasty sales a year cover most of the annual expenses. If you are willing to help with pasty-making or other 494 events, please note on the returned membership form. All help is greatly appreciated. For more details contact Paul or Pam Besonen at (906) 281-0806 or (906) 852-3322.

494 SUPPORTERS—ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2025

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Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership Fee is \$10.00 per member. **Amount enclosed** _____.
(Please make checks payable to "The 494 Supporters")

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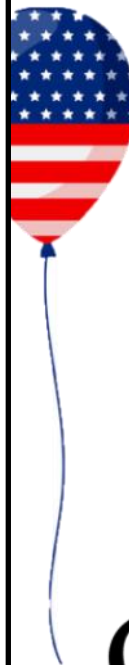
PICTURED: Allbert Winberg of Kenton helping make pasties for the 494 Supporters Pasty Sale in Trout Creek in November 2024.

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TOWNSHIP NOTICES AND INFORMATION

HAIGHT TOWNSHIP—ACCEPTING MOWING BIDS

Haight Township is accepting MOWING BIDS for the Cemetery and the Township Hall for the 2025 mowing season. Contact Joe Pietila, Haight Township Supervisor for more information at 906-827-3800.

INTERIOR TOWNSHIP—SEEKING BUILDING INSPECTOR

Interior Township is looking for a new state certified building inspector. For anyone interested please call the Interior Township Hall at 906-852-3415 or email InteriorTownship@yahoo.com.

GREENLAND TOWNSHIP—MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

All Greenland Township Board regular monthly meetings are held on Mondays for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Meetings are held at 6pm at the Greenland Township Community Center, 1502 Mass Ave., in Mass City, MI.

April 14, 2025	October 13, 2025
May 12, 2025	November 10, 2025
June 9, 2025	December 8, 2025
July 14, 2025	January 12, 2026
August 11, 2025	February 9, 2026
September 8, 2025	March 23, 2026*

**Annual Meeting of the Electors is March 23, 2026, immediately following the March 23, 2026 meeting.*



The Citizens of Interior Township and beyond are encouraged to gather together to pray for our nation, state, and community, and to acknowledge our dependence on God.

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Bethany Lutheran (WELS): Sun. 5 PM Worship, Wed. 5 PM Lenten Worship,
Rev. Mark Gass

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 11:30AM Sun. School, 1PM Worship.
Communion 1st Sun; Lenten Services Wed. 7PM; Good Friday Service (4/18) at 1PM,
Easter Sunday (4/20)—Potluck Brunch 11:30AM and Worship Service 1PM. Pr.
Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church:

10AM Sun. School, 11AM Worship. Pr. Pederson. 15089 Maplewood Rd.

COVINGTON

Bethany Lutheran Church: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st & 3rd Sun.
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Trinity Lutheran: 9AM Sun. Worship Communion 1st & 3rd Sun. 12677 M-28

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First Lutheran (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sun.,
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 4PM Sun. Worship

GREENLAND

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

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

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 3rd & 5th Sun.,
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St. Paul's Lutheran (ELCA): 10:30AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion,
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ONTONAGON

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

St. Paul's Lutheran (Missouri Synod): 9AM Sun. Worship, Wed. 10AM Bible Study,
Wed 3:30-5PM Church School. 107 E River St.

TROUT CREEK

Calvary Temple AG: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

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

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 **ONTONAGON:** Congratulations to Ontonagon Area School First grade teacher, **Theresa Amos** on her recent selection as **Elementary Teacher of the Year** for the Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD!
Ontonagon 6th graders won the Regional Sleigh Speed Math Sleuths Challenge. The challenge is a fun, multi-district math competition designed to test fraction skills. The students demonstrated exceptional problem-solving abilities to determine the speed of Santa's sleigh when Grandma got run over by a reindeer. To celebrate their achievement, the Western U.P. MiSTEM Network treated students to a pizza party on February 18.
Ontonagon 6th grade students completed snowmobile safety training on January 31.
The Gladiator Robotics team fundraiser held in March at the Eagles Club in Ontonagon raised over \$7,000. The Robotics Team thanks Lightning Ride for the great music and also thanks everyone who donated and attended.
CTE Welding students showcased their talent and skill recently at the Upper Michigan Welding Educators Competition held at Bay College in Escanaba Mar. 12 and 13. Representing Ontonagon Area School District were Kole Kin and Daniel Westie.



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EWEN-TROUT CREEK: The E-TC robotics team, PantherBots 2, had a great showing at the Sault Ste. Marie robotics district event in March. They finished 29 out of 39 teams and received the Resilient Engineering Award from the judges. From the judges panel: "The judges want to give a special award today to one such team, who has a very limited budget and resources. Their ability to make "something out of nothing" embodies the true spirit of engineering and resilience, proving that limitations can spark extraordinary innovation by getting them outside of their cage. The judges present the "Resilient Engineering" Award. Congratulations, Team number 9188 Pantherbots2 from Ewen Michigan."

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The necessary documents are required for the transaction and payment is due at the time of the transaction. Applications for a handicap parking tag can be picked up at the Lake Gogebic Senior Center. If interested in taking advantage of the Mobile Office services, you are encouraged to call the Lake Gogebic Senior Center at 906-575-3461 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome if time is available.



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