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2	Ramsay 4 th of July Fireworks, start at dusk followed by live music.
3	Community Independence Day Celebration and Lightning Over the Lake, Events start 11am CT, Fireworks 10pm CT, Sunday Lake, Wakefield (Details inside)
4	Independence Day in Marenisco, 11am CT Parade, Post-parade events all day at the pavilion, Fireworks at dusk
4	Annual 4 th of July Lawnmower Parade, 10am, Trout Creek
4	Lights Over the Lake and #906Rocks, Events start 5pm, Battle of the Bands Competition, Pasty-eating Competition, Kids games, Fireworks at dusk. Sunshine Motel & Cabins, 24077 W. State Hwy M64, Ontonagon
4	Ramsay 4 th of July Parade, Lineup at 9:15am CT, Parade starts at 10am CT
4	Bessemer Blast 4 th of July Celebration, (Events June 27 thru July 4) 6pm-Memory Lane Car Cruise, 7pm-Parade, 9:15pm-Marty's Goldenaires Concert at Massie Field, 10pm-Fireworks (all times CT)
5	Lake Gogebic Fireworks, Bergland (Details inside)
5	Bruce Crossing Area 4 th of July Celebration, Bruce Crossing (Details inside)
5	Marenisco Music Festival, 10am-8pm CT, Marenisco Pavilion
5	Greenland 4 th of July Celebration, Parade 12pm, Events all day w/ Fireworks at dusk, Greenland (Details inside)
5	Watersmeet 4 th of July Celebration, Kids' Parade 12:30pm, Parade 1pm
5	White Pine 4 th of July Celebration, Recreation building, White Pine
7	All American Circus, 7pm, Ontonagon Rec Center, 105 Michigan Ave. Pre-sale ticket deals www.allamericancircus.com. Door prices: Adults \$20, Children ages 3+ \$8. Ages 2 and under FREE.
10-13	4 th Annual Hodag Country Festival, Rhineland, WI
11-13	Soke Miner's Revenge, Mtn bike races, all skill levels; race in, around, and over Adventure Mtn, Greenland
12	Bergland All-Community Reunion, Bergland Town Park (Details inside)
16	Ontonagon County Annual Senior Festival, at the E-TC School, Ewen (Details inside)
18-20	54 th Annual Marenisco Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament, Marenisco
19	E-TC Panthers Athletics Booster Club Steakout, Centennial Hall, Ewen (Details inside)
20	Community-Wide Picnic, 12-3pm, hosted by Copper Shores, Greenland
20	Lake Superior Day, 3-6PM, Onto. Twp Park Shelter House. Music, Art, Poetry & Stories. Sponsored by Onto. Theater of the Performing Arts (OTPA) and LakePerfect. Free admission. (Details inside)
25-26	3 rd Annual Charity Yard Sale—Benefiting Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP), 602 Houghton St., Ontonagon
25-26	CopperFest Heritage Festival, Ontonagon
26	Antique Tractor Pulling, Corn Cracking, Cedar Shingle Making—The fun starts at 9am, with tractor pulling at 2pm. Hosted by the Michigan-Wisconsin Antique Power Club, Ontonagon County Fairgrounds, Greenland
26-27	Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Wakefield

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A Warm Welcome to Our New Readers in Wakefield, Ramsay, and Bessemer

This edition of the *Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler* (formerly known as the *Ottawa Shopper* since 1956) is the very first to be delivered to every mailbox in Wakefield, Ramsay, and Bessemer, and we are so pleased to welcome you to our readership.

With the recent closing of *The Wakefield News & Bessemer Pick & Axe*, we know many of you lost a trusted local voice.

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We're happy you're here!

Rena Maki, Publisher
Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler

JULY 5TH FIREWORKS

On Lake Gogebic

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July 4th

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July 5th

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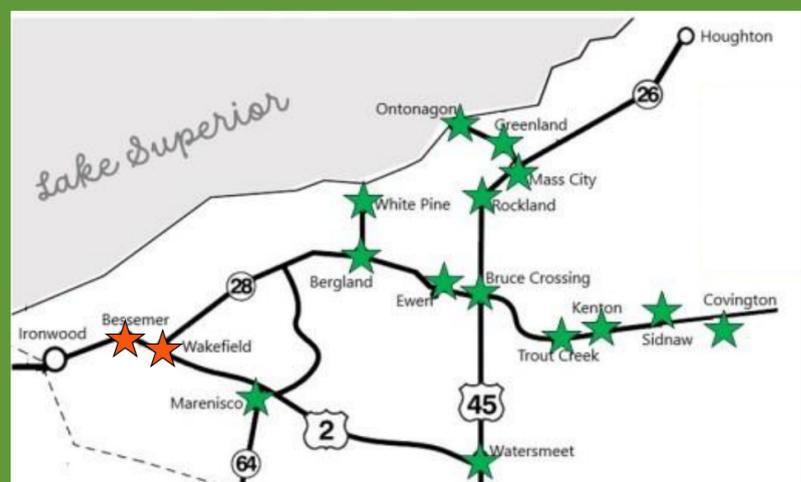
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Ontonagon County is in the “U.S. Top 10 Oldest Counties” Club

Yes, it's true. Ontonagon County really does rank as one of the top 10 counties with the oldest population based on median age — at least by the latest 2023 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Ontonagon County's median age is 59.4 years. When you line up every one of America's 3,100+ counties from grayest to greenest, only nine clear that bar:

Rank	County & State	Median age
1	Sumter FL	68.4
2	Catron NM	62.6
3	Jeff Davis TX	61.7
4	Harding NM	60.5
5	Jefferson WA	60.4
6	Charlotte FL	60.2
7	Highland VA	60.0
8	Meagher MT	59.9
9	Alcona MI	59.7
10	Ontonagon MI	59.4

NOTE: There are a few counties (e.g., Northumberland VA at 59.5 years) that jockey back and forth with Ontonagon County from year to year.

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Kay Richter
McMillan Township Clerk



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Sonic Mystery Solved: Military Training Flights Behind Early-June “Booms” Heard Across Ontonagon County

BRUCE CROSSING, Mich. — The pair of thunder-like blasts that rattled windows and nerves in Ontonagon County earlier this month were not earthquakes or explosions. They were routine Air National Guard fighters breaking the sound barrier high above Lake Superior, according to military officials and flight advisories reviewed by the *Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler*.

What OR Who Shook Us? The Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) — the Michigan Air National Guard's principal fighter training hub — confirmed on June 18 that “loud booms heard in and around the Upper Peninsula were in fact *sonic booms* produced during supersonic training sorties” flown in its high-altitude airspace complex.

“We recognize sonic booms can be startling,” the CRTC wrote in an email to *The Alpena News*. “But supersonic flight is essential to war-fighter readiness, and we confine those events to approved high-altitude blocks whenever possible.” Those sorties were part of “Sentry North 25,” a two-week joint exercise that ran June 2–15 out of Alpena CRTC and Wisconsin's Volk Field. Exercise planners warned ahead of time that F-35 and F-16 jets would be cleared to exceed Mach 1 above 30,000 feet and that the sonic booms those speeds create may be heard at ground level. Flight tracks for the Pike, Steelhead and Grayling Military Operations Areas extend across Lake Superior and the western Upper Peninsula, placing Ontonagon, Gogebic, and Houghton Counties directly beneath the boom corridor.

Why two booms in quick succession? A supersonic jet produces two shock waves — one from the nose, one from the tail. When fighters fly in pairs, residents often perceive *four* sharp reports in less than a minute. Atmospheric “ducting” over cold lake water can then funnel the shockwave inland, amplifying the vibration felt in homes. Residents who believe a boom caused property damage are asked to record the exact date and time and call the Alpena CRTC Public Affairs office at 989-354-6546 so the incident can be logged.

Looking ahead. Large-scale fighter drills occur several times a year. The Guard posts most supersonic training times on its Facebook page at least 24 hours in advance, though real-time mission changes can still lead to surprise booms. That means occasional shakes will remain part of life along Lake Superior as our military pilots continue training to defend the nation as they've always done.

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As Heard from a Little Bird —in Wakefield, Bessemer, and Ramsay

BESSEMER: 50/50 raffle ticket sales start June 27. Watch for the ticket sellers in red shirts throughout the week of Bessemer Blast. A ticket sales tent will also be set up daily at VFW Post 3673 in Bessemer. The 2024 winning prize was \$54,573!

WAKEFIELD: For the fourth year in a row, the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament for all skill levels returns to the town's streets July 26-27. Every year the event gets bigger and more exciting.

SCHOOL SNIPPETS

On July 23, at 2:30pm CT, Jake Witt—local legend, NFL athlete, and all-around inspiration—will conduct a special hands-on session for elementary students at the **Wakefield-Marenisco School**. Jake's story is one of talent, hard work, and heart. A Ewen-Trout Creek H.S. standout in basketball and NMU football, he chased his dream all the way to the NFL Draft, landing a spot with the Indianapolis Colts. Now, he's back in the U.P. serving the community as a Health and Wellness Coach in Watersmeet.

The installation of an outdoor tennis court at the **Wakefield-Marenisco School** started on June 10. The new court is funded by a generous private donor.

A June 8 breakfast fundraiser held at the Wakefield VFW for the **Wakefield-Marenisco German Class** trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland was a success.



Members of the Wakefield-Marenisco German Class
Back Row (L-R): Lillian Cooney, Lila Miljevich, Emma Grayson, Katelyn Stanislowski, Bryson, Killian Spencer
Front Row (L-R): Taavi Rooni, Laila Keast, Ava Lopac, Sydney Boetto, Adam Everson

The Gogebic Range Health Foundation recently awarded \$1,000 to **Bessemer School District's Science Olympiad** team. The award will support STEM learning and team-based science competition opportunities for middle and high school students in the Bessemer School District.

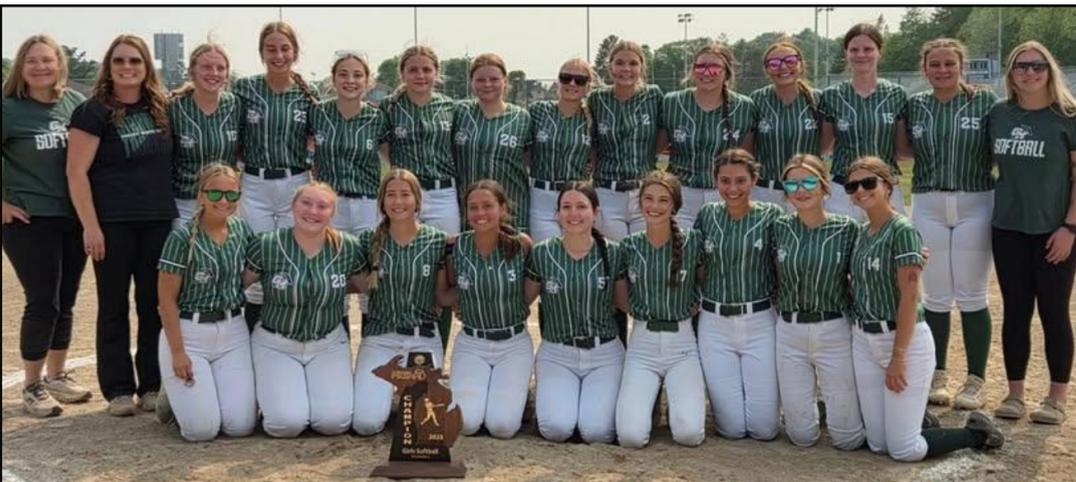
Summer Girls Softball Clinic, July 21–25: Head coach Kassi Huotari and members of her Gogebic Miners roster will host a youth softball clinic July 21-25, 6–8 pm, at the Ramsay Softball Field.

Who: Girls ages 10-14 in the Bessemer and Wakefield-Marenisco districts (players from other communities may join a waitlist).

Cost: \$60; financial assistance is available.

Registration closes July 7. To reserve a spot or request aid, call or text Coach Kassi at 906-364-5374.

Regional Champs! The Gogebic Miners Girls Varsity Softball team captured the MHSAA Division 4 Regional Champions title on June 7, 2025, in Ishpeming, edging Lake Linden-Hubbell. Their season concluded three days later in the state quarterfinal at Sault Ste. Marie, where they fell to the Hillman Tigers. (Hillman is in the northeastern part of the lower peninsula, between Alpena and Gaylord). Hillman advanced to the semifinals but was eliminated by Mendon, which went on to win the state championship on June 14 in E. Lansing. The Miners roster unites student-athletes from Wakefield-Marenisco and Bessemer high schools.



Wakefield Eyes \$500K Outdoor Sports Complex Near Sunday Lake

WAKEFIELD, Mich. — A trio of local organizations appears to be teaming up to build a multi-sport recreation hub. In a May 5 post to the Western Upper Peninsula Sports Complex Facebook page, the City of Wakefield Parks & Recreation Department, the Western Upper Peninsula Sports Complex (WUPSC) Committee, and the nonprofit Solutionaries announced plans for the Western Upper Peninsula Sports Complex. Preliminary drawings show tennis, basketball and pickleball courts, a sand-volleyball court, and a gazebo with restrooms, all served by expanded parking. The site sits just north of Sunday Lake and is intended to serve families, athletes, and visitors throughout the region.

Organizers have set a fundraising target of \$500,000 and hope to break ground in July 2025, pending regulatory approvals and available funding. Donations, business sponsorships, and in-kind contributions are welcome. For details, contact project committee member Diane Ritchie at (520) 331-8846.

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As Heard from a Little Bird—from around the other big lake: LAKE GOGEBIC, BERGLAND, MERRIWEATHER, MARENISCO

BERGLAND: AJ's Lodge and Oven celebrated its 5th anniversary in June—congrats! Speaking of AJ's, there's a flurry of activity happening as their crew prepares to host a series of Independence Day weekend events. Friday, July 4, relax on the deck and enjoy live music by The Peace Family in the afternoon, and Mark Thomas in the evening. Saturday, July 5, JJ Eckl takes the lakefront stage at 4pm, followed by Tom Katalin at 7:30pm. End the night with fireworks at dusk—best viewed from their lakefront seating. 50/50 raffle tickets are already being sold with proceeds supporting the fireworks.

The Bergland Town Beach is experiencing an early summer surge in popularity amongst local residents and visitors. The combination of a new sandy beach and a newly-installed offshore swimming platform make visiting the north end of Lake Gogebic a fun experience.

WEST SHORE LAKE GOGEBIC: For the second year in a row, Finn & Feather Northwoods Cuisine (N10596 State Hwy M-64 on Lake Gogebic) is supporting the Lake Gogebic Fire Department every Thursday with Ribs for the Responders. Every Thursday from 4pm-9pm CST, now through August, when you order a half or full rack of their finger-lickin' good ribs, they'll donate a portion of the proceeds to the fire department. A Murder Mystery Social is coming to Finn & Feather on July 16—and everyone's a suspect. Think you can solve it? Call 906-842-3466 or email finnandfeathernc@gmail.com for details.



AROUND LAKE GOGEBIC: The Lake Gogebic Fireflies pulled off another busy annual Lake Wide Yard Sale on June 14. Area businesses around the lake were rumored to have food, drink, and product specials on the same day.

MARENISCO: It may not be too late to sign up for the Annual Marenisco 4th of July (Golf) Open, to be held on July 3 in Land O'Lakes. Call 906.360.3320. The 2024 Outing had 14 teams with 62 attendees. Winning score from the Mahler's at 32 (-4), with 5 teams coming in at 34 (-2). 2nd place was the McKenzie, Yatchak, Whitley, Keller team with countback tiebreaker of a birdie on 6. 3rd Place was the team of Powell, Hornburg, Jurakovich with a Birdie on 5.

The 54th Annual Marenisco Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament is scheduled for July 18-July 20. Details: 16 Team Max, \$150 Entry Fee, 6'-12' arch, 100% payback. Food and beverages onsite throughout the weekend. Home run derby on Friday night. To sign up contact 906-285-0911.

BERGLAND
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July 12, 2025
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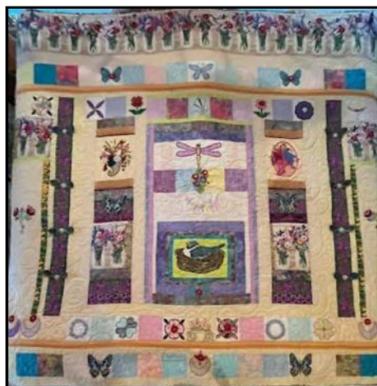


Heather Abrams Biswas, owner of Bergland Towne Square in Bergland, presents a donation check to John Clark of the Bergland Volunteer Fire Department for 10% of her recent yard sale proceeds.

A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY
Shared by former Bergland resident, Joe Johnson, in remembrance of his father on Father's Day:
 This is my dad (pictured below standing between the two horses), William Albert Johnston, born March 29, 1890, in Glamorgan Twp., Haliburton Co., Ontario, and died August 21, 1969, at LaCroix Hospital, White Pine, Michigan. In 1921, he moved to Bergland, Michigan, as an employee of the Dingman Lumber Co. He worked as a woodsman, but primarily as a blacksmith until he retired from the White River Timber Co. in 1954. George Dingman was the Woods Superintendent for the Weidman Lumber Co., under contract with Weidman from 1921 until 1925. In 1920, Weidman had begun the acquisition of the Bergland Lumber Co. My father worked directly for Mr. Dingman during this period (1921-1925). When he was not staying in a logging camp he resided in the Dingman family home.
 In the spring of 1922, Mr. Dingman bought an acre of land from Henry Barthels along the Rock Road (M-28) in Bergland where he had a home constructed. The family moved into their new home in August of that year. Mrs. Dingman was reported as having entertained the Bergland High School teachers at a partridge dinner at her new home in November of 1922. In 1924, Dingman began construction of a lodge in Planter. According to reports in the *Ironwood Daily Globe* the Dingmans were living in Planter in 1925 and 1926. A fire was reported in their Planter home in 1926. Planter was located about 2 miles west of Thomaston in Wakefield Township.
 My father recalled staying in the Dingman lodge in Planter. No traces of this building remain today. George Dingman was quite ill for the last year of his life. He died in 1929 at the age of 49 at a hospital in Wakefield, and his body was taken to Muskegon, Michigan for burial.

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 Proceeds from vendor table rental fees and raffle will benefit Camp Josh.

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 Raffle tickets for this beautiful queen size quilt are now being sold at area businesses around Lake Gogebic. The winner will be drawn at 4pm CT at the W. Shore Fire Station on August 10, 2025. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Proceeds benefit the Lake Gogebic Fire Dept.



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Drawing Results for 2025 Bear Hunts
June 23, 2025: The Michigan DNR announced that 6,278 hunters have been selected in the annual drawing for Michigan's 2025 bear hunting seasons. Drawing results may be viewed at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses, through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app, or by calling 517-284-9453. Hunters are responsible for obtaining their drawing results.
 Hunters selected in the drawing can buy their license at any license agent or online. Hunters who applied and were not selected earn credit for future drawings. The drawing uses a preference point system; applicants with the most points in each hunt are selected first. The number of points required to participate in a specific hunt period varies across Bear Management Units (BMU).
 Bear hunting season in the Upper Peninsula runs from mid-September to late October; specific dates vary within the U.P.'s seven DNR Bear Management Units. Bear hunting season in the northern Lower Peninsula is the same in all three of the peninsula's BMUs: Sept. 13-23 and Oct. 3-9. Information on hunting dates and times, BMUs, regulations and more is available in the *2025 Michigan Bear Hunting Regulations Summary*.
 Unable to hunt this fall? Successful applicants can transfer or donate their drawing success to an eligible person they know or a person on the DNR hunt waiting list. Transfer forms and other information are available at Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers. The deadline to transfer a license is Sept. 1. Unsuccessful youth applicants and those with an advanced illness can register on a waitlist for a donated (transferred) bear hunt until July 10. Register at Michigan.gov/HuntTransfers.



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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD – Rockland, Ontonagon, Mass City, Greenland, White Pine

ONTONAGON: According to their Facebook group, Ontonagon Artist Collective (OAC) hosts a weekly Tuesday event called “Artful Tuesdays”. The OAC Gallery is located at 422 River Street. The Tuesday sessions cost \$5.00 and start at 6pm. Past events include creating a junk journal, cross stitching, and creating faux stained glass.

ONTONAGON: Ontonagon School’s German Class recently raised over \$3,000 with the help of the VFW, local businesses, and many volunteers. The funds will be used to help support a future class trip to Germany.

WHITE PINE: During the May 21 board meeting, the Carp Lake Township board approved a bid from Northland Electric to service and update the lighting on the town’s Welcome Sign. The board also approved changing fees for zoning applications.

Hikers at Bonanza Falls will be relieved to know a new porta potty has been set up.

ONTONAGON & HOUGHTON COUNTIES: MI-TRALE volunteers shared pictures of hundreds of railroad spikes they removed from the area trails on May 23.

The following message accompanied the photos: *Holy spikes! The MI-TRALE magnet picked up 426 spikes just yesterday in addition to all the other various pieces of metal. All of this was collected on the SB in 13.3 miles! Of the 426 spikes, 89 of them were collected in just 2 miles! We can’t thank our volunteers and members enough for the hours they put in running the magnet. Jeff & his wife from Kenton put in a long day yesterday & Jon from Mass City ran a long day on Thursday! THANK YOU! You guys rock!*



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12:30-9pm | Music in the Park
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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD – Kenton, Sidnaw, Watton, Covington

COVINGTON: The tradition of summer Tuesdays live music at the Covington Multi-purpose Building continues carries on! Music starts at 7pm ET.

July 1	WANDIS (Randy Rantanen & friends)
July 8	Tom Katalin
July 15	Wing Nuts
July 22	Lightning Ridge
July 29	Chad Borgen & the Collective
August 5	Jack Jolliff
August 12	Rolling Thunder Band
August 19	Belinda Maki
August 26	Randy Seppala

KENTON-SIDNAW: The Kenton-Sidnaw Historical Society has restocked its supply of *History of Duncan Township* books. The cost is \$25 (plus postage if mailed). The content has not changed from the original 2013 printing. It’s a great read and filled with interesting stories and— of course—local history. The Kenton-Sidnaw area is where many of our area’s earliest residents called home, with many descendants later moving further west into Ontonagon and Gogebic counties. Contact the Society through Facebook Messenger to order a book.
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Ontonagon Co. Conservation District Seeking Additional Board Member

Submitted by V. Talsma

ROCKLAND, Mich.—The Ontonagon Co. Conservation District (OCCD) held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 17h00 at Rockland Twp Hall. In attendance were board members Sarah Baciak, Charle Burger, Mike Jarvi, Mike McCabe, and Valerie Talsma. At that meeting, board member Sara Baciak tendered her resignation effective at the end of the meeting. State statute mandates a five member board for each conservation district so the OCCD will seek an Ontonagon Co. Resident to be appointed to the vacant seat until the November 2025 annual meeting and the board elections.

Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old, residents of Ontonagon County, and should have an interest in the District's mission to promote stewardship of natural resources through education, outreach, community partnerships and management, fresh ideas, the will to make a difference and two-three hours per week. Chair Talsma states that she is especially interested in recruiting a board member and associate members from the Lake Gogebic area in Bergland Twp. as well as Carp Lake Twp to distribute representation across the county. If you have questions or are interested, contact the Ontonagon Conservation District by email to ontonagon@macd.org or via Facebook www.facebook.com/OntonagonCD.

In other news, MDARD recognized OCCD for receiving DNR funding for Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative (DHIPI). District manager A. Kretschmann arranged for 20 shares for tree plantings to be distributed to private land owners in the county. Evan Platske, USFS liaison reported "no news" in relation to a memo (1078-006) that created an "Emergency Situation Determination" for most of the Ottawa National Forest. The USFS donated a quantity of Smokey Bear items for OCCD summer outreach events.

Tentative plans for summer outreach at community events include: Old Victoria Log Cabin Day, June 29; Bruce Crossing Independence Day Celebration, July 5; Ontonagon Co Senior Fest in Ewen, July 16; Maxwell Street Days in Ontonagon, August 30; Ontonagon Co. Fair & Fall Festival, Sept 6-7; and Ewen Log Jamboree, Sept. 26-27. If any other community is holding an event, please let us know and we'll set up an information booth.

The OCCD tree planter has been moved to Bruce Crossing and is being accessed for functionality. This is a "pull behind" implement with a seat for operator. The district would like to make it available on loan to county residents who wish to plant acreage in young trees. The OCCD has also taken possession of the Ottawa USFS Boat Wash machine. The machine will be refurbished by board member McCabe. The board approved a budget for repairs, but the "Clean Boat/Aquatic Invasive Species" program remains in limbo due to federal grant program uncertainty.

In other business, the board completed its quarterly budget review with no red flags. The annual budget hearing will occur at the September meeting (9/11) and, like all meetings, is open to the public. The report on deliverables for the MI appropriations grant is being prepared for submission by July 7. Bills were paid.

The board thanked Baciak for her service for the last two years. Baciak was appointed in June 2023 to fill a vacant seat and then was elected that November for a term that extends to 2026. A volunteer to replace Baciak will start upon appointment by the board and at the November election will stand for the seated term through the 2026 FY.



*OCCD Mission:
Promote stewardship of
natural resources through
education, outreach,
community partnerships,
and management.*

PICTURED ON LEFT:
The Ontonagon Co. Conservation Board of Directors through June 2025. Pictured L-R: Charle Burger, Bohemia Twp
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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD—Watersmeet

The Watersmeet Township Office opened its doors for residents on June 21, for nearly six hours as a cooling center and charging station due to a power outage and the extreme heat.

The Watersmeet Firefighters Association is having a Frybread Taco Fundraiser on June 30, 5-8pm CT at the VFW in Land O'Lakes, WI. \$10 per plate.

Watersmeet Township was 1 of 12 area organizations who received 2025 Community Health Grants from the Gogebic Range Health Foundation. The township was awarded \$2,000. The funds were used to purchase a freezer, a refrigerator, and transport bins for its new Senior Meals program. The program started June 17 and serves senior citizens ages 60 and over. Frozen meals may be picked up at the Watersmeet Food Pantry on the 3rd Tuesday each month between 10am and 11am. Recipients will be required to register by providing their name, address, and date of birth at the time of pick up. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00, but no one will be denied service due to their inability to donate. Meals will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Township office with questions at 906-358-4501.



Watersmeet Township was presented with a check for \$2,000 from the Gogebic Range Health Foundation (GRHF). Pictured from L to R: Therese Pawlak—GRHF Board Member; John Garske—GRHF Board Chair, Paul Kempainen—Watersmeet Twp Board Member, Kassie Huotari—GRHF Executive Director, Noah Hofstede—GRHF Youth Board Member, and Mike Shouldice—GRHF Board Vice Chair.

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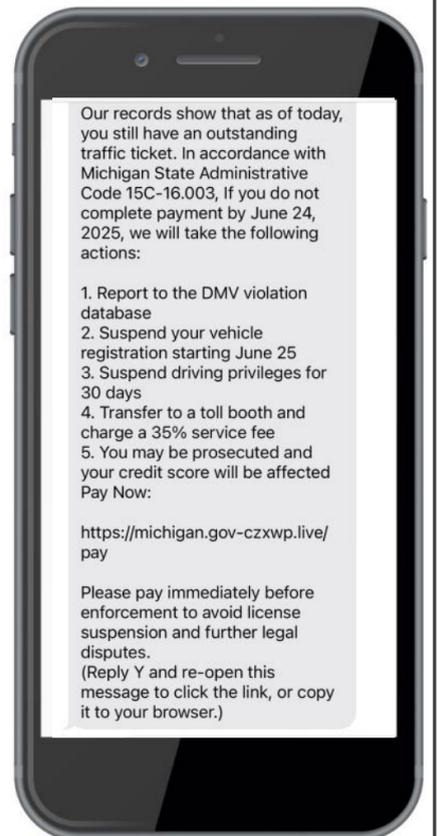
CELL PHONE TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS (aka "Smishing")

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Here's what you should do:

- NEVER click any links or reply to a threatening or unexpected message. Engaging with the sender, even by texting "STOP" to opt out, confirms your number is active and could lead to more scam attempts.
- Do not provide any personal or financial information. Legitimate organizations NEVER ask for sensitive data like passwords or credit card numbers via text.
- Report the scam. Forward the message via text to 7726 (SPAM) to help your wireless provider assist with blocking the number. Or report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ReportFraud.ftc.gov.
- Delete the message.
- Be aware of common smishing tactics: Look for red flags like a sense of urgency or threats, requests for personal/financial information, and links that don't match the official website of the supposed sender.
- If you're ever unsure about the legitimacy of a text message, contact the relevant organization directly through their official website or a phone number you know to be legitimate. Do not use contact information provided in the suspicious text.
- Consider contacting the Michigan Attorney General's office for more information on how to identify scams and file a complaint. You can also file a consumer complaint online through their website.

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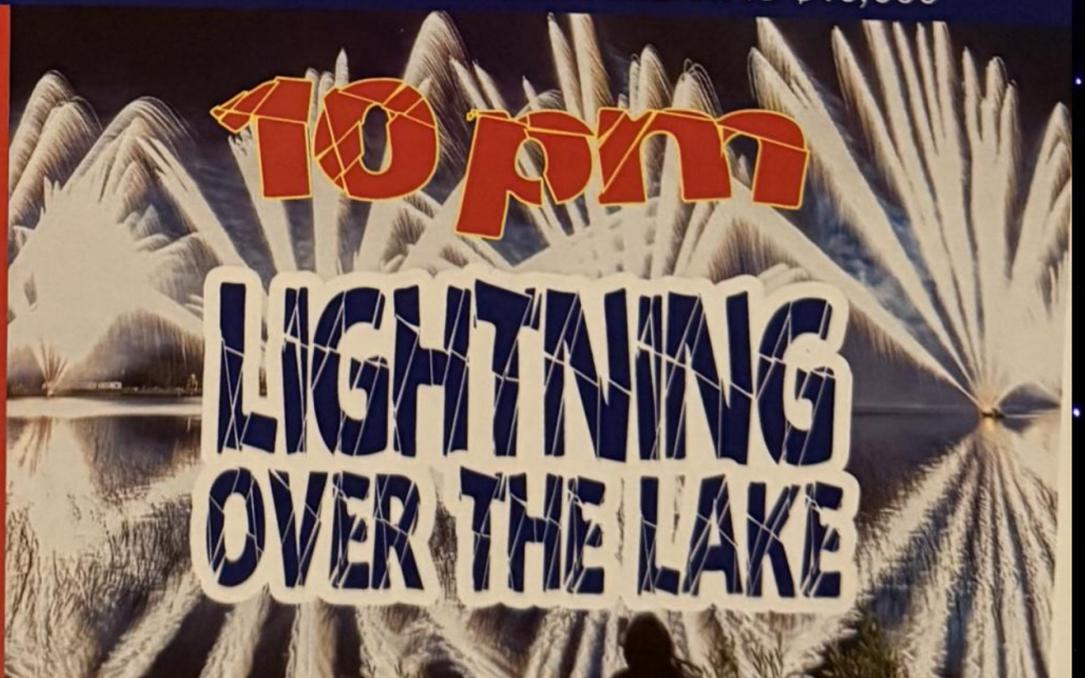
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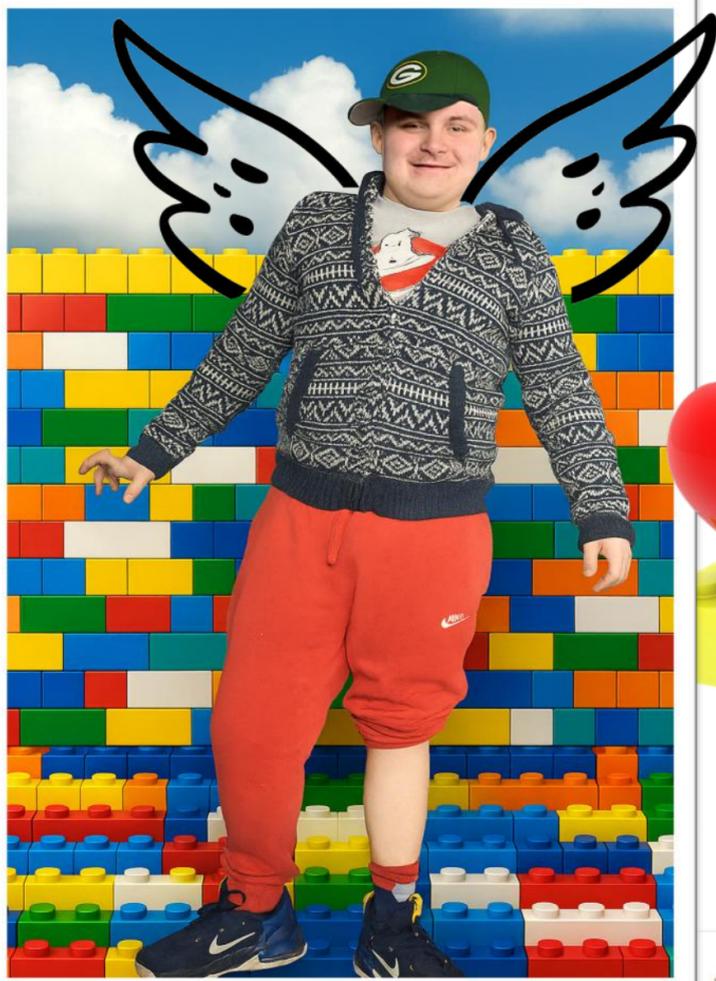
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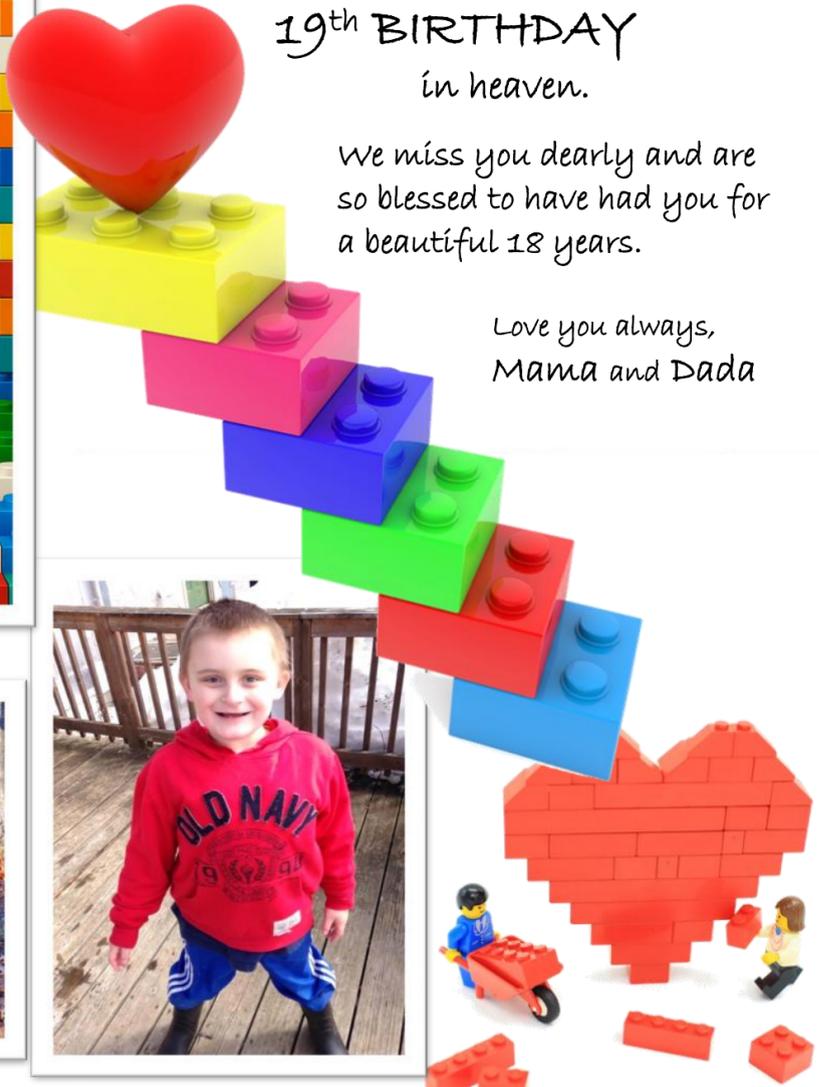
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MARIE ELENA (MADDEN) SCHEIDING, 66, of Baraga, passed away on March 3, 2025, at Medilodge in Munising. Marie was born on February 26, 1959, in Wakefield, MI, to James and Eleanor (Nelson) Madden. She grew up in the Upper Peninsula and graduated from Ewen-Trout Creek High School. Throughout her life, she lived in Trout Creek and Eagle River, working as a waitress at the Friendship House in Eagle River, the Casino Restaurant in Watersmeet, and the Hilltop Restaurant in L'Anse. In 2017, she moved to Baraga, where she made her home. A proud member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Marie cherished time spent with her family, especially her beloved grandson, River. She also enjoyed visiting the casino with her sisters and had a deep love for her cat, Frankie. Marie is survived by her sons, James "JT" (Debbie) Greig of Minnesota, Brett (Ashley) Scheiding of Ishpeming, MI, and Kyle (Tanya) Scheiding of Oconto Falls, WI; her sisters, Peggy (Will) Edbrooke of Fremont, MI, and Jane (Steve) Salli of Covington; and her grandson, River Scheiding. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Eleanor Madden, and her sister, Patricia "Patty" Stenson. A celebration of Marie's life will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post in Trout Creek.

A Celebration of Life for
MARIE ELENA (MADDEN) SCHEIDING
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in Trout Creek
Coffee, desserts and finger foods will be served.



DR. MAURICE ANTHONY SHIVELY, 94, of Watersmeet, Michigan, passed away peacefully at home on May 22, 2025. Maurice was born on November 18, 1930, in Wyatt, Missouri, to Roy Lee Shively and Marion Margaret Shively (née Kunz). Maurice graduated from Williamson County High School in 1947. He then enlisted into the Army and served in the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, he pursued a higher education at Southern Illinois University and finally at the University of Illinois where he obtained his Doctorate of Dentistry and Oral Surgery. He opened his own dental practice in Carterville, Illinois where he practiced for many years before moving his practice to Ewen, Michigan in 1969. He sold his practice in 1997 to retire. However, he decided that retirement was not for him. He wanted to continue to help his community members as he did for so many years, so he signed on to work for the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians' Dental Clinic until his final retirement around 2013.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Lucille Laura Shively (née Brady). His brothers Richard Leroy Shively. His children, Charles Roy Shively, Kimberly Sue Borders (Gary), Heidi Marie Shively-Czlapinski (Brian), Jolene Shively (Todd Gallup), and Alan Maurice Shively (Alina). Grandchildren, Christopher Maurice Rosenbarger (Josh), Ashley Nicole Melvin, Evan Allen Maves (Brittany), Joseph Anthony Woodhall (Mandy), Lauren Marie Maves, Daniel Robert Woodhall (Christie), Bianca Elizabeth Woodhall, Joshua Dakota Woodhall (Paige), Elizabeth Ashley Maves (Edmond Edwards), Ariel Paige Gallup (Zach King), Maurice Anthony Shively II, Todd Alan Gallup Jr., Madsion Michelle Czlapinski, Sydney Elizabeth Czlapinski, Brock Alan Michael Shively, Blake Ashton Marcell Shively, Marshall Alexander Czlapinski, and Blessing Joyce Marie Shively. Great grandchildren, Noah Alan Woodhall, Christian Alexander Woodhall, Kade Robert Woodhall, Jonah Anthony Woodhall, Brissa Nicole Melvin, Odette Raylan Woodhall, Gabriella Lucille Maves, Anastasia Rose Edwards, Dawson Anthony Maves, Willow Renee Maves, Chivani Maylynn Brunk, and Quinlee Ann Woodhall. Cousin, Glenn M Hillhouse Jr., as well as numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and numerous friends that he considered family. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughters Kathrine and Deborah, son Alan, brother Moreton Lee, and sister-in-law, Wanda. Maurice's kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for his family and friends will never be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life will take place on June 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Event Center at the Northern Waters Casino and Resort. As Maurice would say.... "Over and out, 10-4."



Dennis J. Wood
October 5, 1951 - May 22, 2025

DENNIS WOOD, 73, passed away peacefully at his home on May 22, 2025, of natural causes, leaving an enduring legacy of quiet strength, unwavering devotion, and profound kindness. A proud U.S. Navy Veteran, Dennis served his country with distinction—a commitment that resonated throughout his life and continued in his decades of civic engagement. Cherished husband of the late Diane (née Smagac), a devoted spouse whose steadfast presence was a constant source of support and warmth. Loving son of the late Edwin Sr. and Susan (née Koller), he was a cherished brother to Don (Pat) and Joan (Rich) Collado. Dennis was preceded in death by his brothers Edwin Jr. (late Judy) and Kenny (Mary Kay). He was also the beloved son-in-law of George and Anne Smagac, and a dear brother-in-law to Jim and Nancy Smith, Mark and Tina Castellanet, Linda Smagac, George Smagac, Dennis Smagac, and the late Sherron Coffey (née Smagac) and Ronnie Smagac. His many nieces and nephews will fondly remember him as an adored uncle. Dennis was very active with American Legion Post 417 in Watersmeet, Michigan, where he served honorably as adjutant for the last 20 to 25 years, continuing his lifelong dedication to service and community. Professionally, he worked as a broker and as an accountant, preparing tax returns in collaboration with a CPA—roles that reflected both his sharp intellect and his desire to help others. A man of few words but immense character, Dennis was known for his quiet strength, quick wit, and profoundly generous heart. He was the quintessential helper, always there without being asked—ready to lend a hand, share a comforting presence, or offer a word of support. His passions included

fishing and the racetrack, where he found joy and camaraderie. He truly cherished the simple pleasures life offered. Dennis illuminated the lives of those around him with his quiet acts of kindness—be it at a family gathering, helping a neighbor, or simply offering a warm smile. While his physical presence will be profoundly missed, his gentle spirit will forever live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love him. There will be a private burial and the family will host a memorial luncheon at a future date. Information will be shared when available.

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Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 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 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Catholic Church
Onto Housing Commission 11:45 to 12 p.m.
Mass City Resource Center 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Times are listed in local time zones. Times are subject to change. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

ONTO COUNTY—MOBILE FOOD PANTRY DATES

The Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry Schedule for the remainder of 2025 is as follows:

Distribution begins at 11 a.m. and runs as long as supplies last.	Wednesday, Aug 6
Ontonagon Village Fire Hall	Wednesday, Oct 1
315 River Street in Ontonagon	Wednesday, Dec 3

Settlers Depot Gallery Opens for Its 35th Season

BRUCE CROSSING, Mich. — Settlers Depot Gallery, an artist-run cooperative housed in Bruce Crossing's historic Soo-Line depot, officially opened for its 35th season in May. From now through autumn, the gallery will showcase the work of 20–25 Upper Peninsula artisans every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From Train Depot to Creative Hub

Co-founded in 1990 by local artist Mary Shegan, the gallery first operated in the original railroad depot location beside the DSS&A tracks where the grocery extension of the Settlers Co-op Store now stands. When the Settlers Co-op Store expanded in 1996, members refused to let the landmark be razed; instead, they enlisted the help of Gary Gustafson to roll the entire building—on logs—to its present spot on M-28. A display recounting that dramatic move can be viewed in the depot's newly renovated meeting room.

What You'll Find This Year

- Painted glassware, quilted bags, photographs, woven baskets, gourd art: Mary Shegan ("B")
- Dainty heirloom baby bonnets, bridal keepsakes, & other embroidered items: Sue Shimp ("C")
- Aprons & quilted pillow tops: Alice Linna ("F")
- Crocheted shawls, scarves, afghans, pyrographic-designed wood earrings: Rochelle McFarland ("M")
- Original Pen-and-ink wildlife greeting cards and framed artwork: Clare Howard ("W") —*new this season*
- Plasma-cut recycled-metal silhouettes: Ron Brown ("X")
- Intricate beaded jewelry & wire-wrapped gems: Kay Richter ("Q")
- Finnish rag rugs woven on an heirloom loom, pottery, homemade jams, wood-carved spoons, and quilted wall hangings: Gayle Sironen ("U")
- Local White Birch Apiary honey & maple syrup products: Les McBean ("A")
- Plus many other skillfully invented crafts offered by additional artisan members.

Call for New Artisan Members

Woodworkers, metal-forgers, leather-workers, and other creators are invited to join the cooperative. Membership involves a simple jury review, annual dues, and a shared staffing schedule commitment. Interested artisans should contact Mary Shegan at 906-852-3485.



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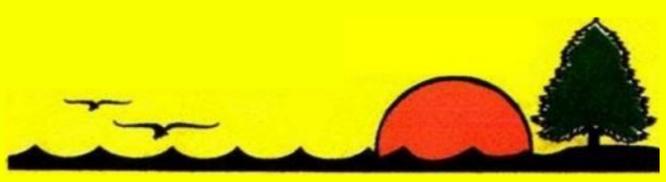
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Bergland United Methodist: 11AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Dix. 108 Birch St.
Calvary Baptist: 11AM Sun. Worship, 201 Pine St.

BRUCE CROSSING

Bethany Lutheran (WELS): Sun. 5 PM Worship, Rev. Mark Gass
Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 11:30AM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1st Sun; Lenten Services Wed. 7PM; 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., 25379 US Hwy 141.
Trinity Lutheran: 9AM Sun. Worship Communion 1st & 3rd Sun., 12677 M-28.

EWEN

First Lutheran (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 4PM Sun. Worship.

GREENLAND

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

PAYNESVILLE

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

ONTONAGON

Ontonagon Baptist Church: 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.
Siloa Lutheran Church: 9AM Sun. Worship, Broadcast live WUPY-101 FM, Wed. 4PM Siloa Seekers Children's Hour, Bible Study, Monday 11AM, Corner of 4th and East 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

WATTON

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

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Being an active church member does more than nurture the soul—it can boost emotional resilience, support physical health, and offer a stress-free circle of friends. Most congregations also host quilting, knitting, and sewing groups, and they partner in local, national, and global outreach that lets you give back while feeling at home. Studies even suggest active church members live longer, thanks to the strong sense of purpose and belonging they enjoy. Ready to explore? Drop by any of the friendly and welcoming churches listed above to find a welcoming congregation near you.