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July

- 25-26 **3rd Annual Charity Yard Sale—Benefiting Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP)**, 602 Houghton St., Ontonagon
- 25-26 **CopperFest Heritage Festival**, Ontonagon
(Details on page 7)
- 26 **Pig Roast—Food, Fun & Festivities**, 2pm CT, Root Cellar Resort on Lake Gogebic. Portion of proceeds to be donated to the Lake Gogebic Fireflies. N11071 East Shore Rd., Marenisco
(Details on page 9)
- 26 **Antique Tractor Pulling, Corn Cracking, Cedar Shingle Making**, Events start at 9am, tractor pulling at 2pm. Hosted by Mich.-Wisc. Antique Power Club, Ontonagon County Fairgrounds, Greenland
- 26-27 **Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**, Wakefield

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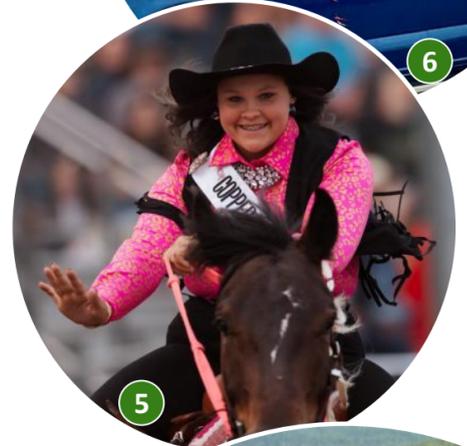
- 1-2 **Hot Air Balloon Rally "Saluting Heroes"**, 10am-Hodag Country Fest Grounds, 4270 River Rd., Rhinelander, WI
- 1-3 **Iron County Fair**, Saxon, WI
- 2 **Day in Clay**, 10am-2pm, a FREE All Ages event hosted by Visitor Center Artist Camp—Make a mug or sculpture with local clay. Ewen-Trout Creek School, Ewen
- 5 **Finnish International Choir Concert**, 7pm, Suggested donation \$20, Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock
- 6 **Finnish International Choir Singalong**, 6pm, Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock
- 7-10 **Gogebic County Fair**, Fairgrounds, Ironwood
- 9 **Gladiator Booster Bonanza**, Ontonagon Rec Center, Tickets \$125 Admission & Dinner for 2. Purchase at Citizens State Bank or WUPY 101.1 Office in Ontonagon
- 9 **White Pine Mine Reunion**, 12-4pm, Call Jim Cook for info (715) 552-0887, White Pine American Legion Hall
- 10 **34th Lake Gogebic Firemen's Annual Picnic**, 12-5pm CT, West Shore Fire Station on Hwy M64, Lake Gogebic *(Details on page 9)*
- 10 **Ironwood Rodeo**, 4pm ET, Gogebic County Fairgrounds, Ironwood
- 11-17 **U.P. State Fair**, 2401 12th Ave. N., Escanaba, MI (906) 786-4011, upstatefair.org
- 16 **Greg Hermanson Benefit Fundraiser**, 1-6pm CT, at Gogebic Lodge, N9600 M-64, Marenisco *(Details on page 9)*
- 22-23 **19th Annual Porcupine Mountains Music Festival**, Porcupine Mountains Ski Hill
- 25 **Ontonagon Area School—First Day of School**
- 26 **Watersmeet School—First Day of School**



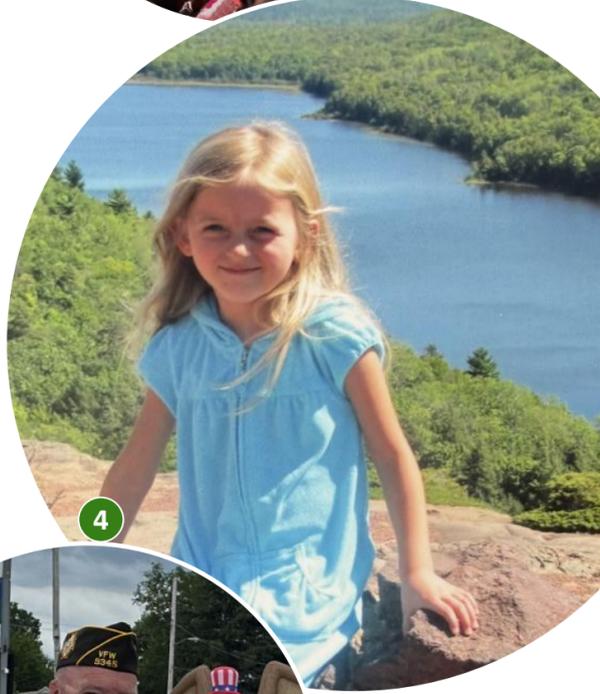
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THE NEXT EDITION OF THE
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025
(Submission Deadline, 5pm ET, Wed., July 30)

PICTURED ABOVE: 1. Kenton-native, Oskar the Bear lends an ear to his delulu (delusional) friend. 2. One of what seems like a 1,000 snapping turtles taking its sweet ol' time crossing area roads throughout early summer this year. 3. Jared Kurtti (Bruce Crossing) representing military vets on July 5 in B.C. 4. A throwback photo of Kaisa Maki (Cedar Springs, MI) visiting Lake of the Clouds in the Porkies. 5. Kaelyn Clinesmith (Ontonagon) whooping it up at the U.P. Rodeo in Iron River. 6. Bruce Crossing 4th of July's business float contest winner, Big Valley Ford of Ewen. 7. Young E-TC Panther athletes (Everett Miles and Easton Basel) contributing their fair share of volunteer time at the annual E-TC Panthers Athletics Booster Club Steakout.

SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL ONTONAGON COUNTY SENIOR FESTIVAL

EWEN, Mich.—Ontonagon Co. Commission on Aging held its 48th annual senior festival on July 16 at the Ewen-Trout Creek School in Ewen. Approximately 150 attendees enjoyed an afternoon filled with food, live music, prize drawings, and learning about local area services and organizations.



Photo credit: Carol Niemi

PICTURED RIGHT: Every year, the oldest man and oldest woman in attendance at the Senior Festival are each recognized with a special award.

This year's awards were presented to Charles Antoine (91 years) and Jean Erickson (94 years).

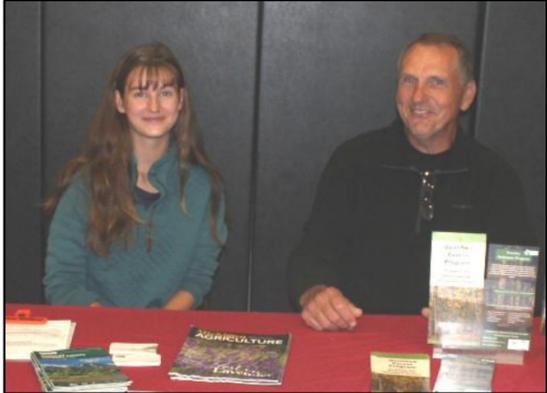


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PICTURED LEFT: Sawyer Forbes, the area's new Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Forester, and Onto. Co. Conservation District board member Mike Jarvi of Paulding, staffed the Ontonagon Co. Conservation District (OCCD) information table at the Senior Festival.

PICTURED BELOW: Lee Ann Anderson of Trout Creek was recognized for her 30 years of service to the Ontonagon Co. Commission on Aging. From left to right are Joan Hissom, Nancy Reath, Lee Ann Anderson, and Kara Ray.



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AI: What It Is, Why It's Everywhere, and How You Can Use It Today

Have you noticed? AI—or artificial intelligence—is everywhere in the news these days. If you're unfamiliar with it, don't worry. Let's break it down: what AI actually is, how it works, and why so many people are using it every day.

AI is changing the way we work, write, learn, and communicate. It's already being used in fields like medicine (helping doctors analyze scans), law (summarizing complex documents), education, business, and even art. There are exciting opportunities, for sure—but also important concerns, such as how AI might affect jobs, spread misinformation, or raise future ethical questions.

What Is AI? Artificial Intelligence is a kind of computer technology that allows machines to do tasks that typically require human thinking—like understanding language, recognizing images, learning from experience, or making decisions. You can think of it as a kind of digital “brain” that can answer questions, follow instructions, conduct research, create art, create videos, edit photos, make any not-so-great audio or video recording sound and look fantastic, write essays or letters, or hold a conversation on just about any topic.

The Most Popular Use of AI: Chatbots. Right now, the most common way people use AI is through what's called a consumer AI chatbot—a kind of online tool or app that you can talk to, just like you would a person. These chatbots are available for free, and you don't need to be a “computer or tech person” to use one. If you can type or speak a question, you can use an AI chatbot. Just open the internet browser on your computer or other internet-connected device (e.g., mobile phone, iPad), then type the website address of the AI chatbot tool you would like to use. For example, type www.chatgpt.com in the browser address field to open the ChatGPT AI chatbot.

You might be surprised to learn that millions of people around the world are chatting with AI every day. In fact, ChatGPT alone sees more than 200 million users per month—with over 100 million messages sent daily. Whether it's help writing a letter, solving a tricky homework question, or just making small talk, people of all ages are finding ways to use these tools.

Where Does AI Get Its Knowledge? AI chatbots don't “know everything.” Instead, they're trained by being fed massive amounts of text—books, articles, websites, and more—that were publicly available up to a certain date. For example, ChatGPT was trained on information available up to late 2023 (unless it's connected to a real-time internet tool).

- This means most AI chatbots:
- Do not have access to private or live, breaking news
 - Do not browse the internet like Google
 - Do use patterns to generate helpful, realistic responses

Think of it like this: AI doesn't “understand” things the way humans do, but it's very good at recognizing connections and producing useful, often insightful, responses based on what it's read.

- Everyday Ways People Use AI.** Here's how people are using AI chatbots every day:
- Asking questions—“What's a good gift for a 10-year-old?” or “What is Medicare Part B?”
 - Getting writing help for emails, letters, or resumes
 - Translating languages or summarizing long articles
 - Brainstorming recipes, travel plans, or hobby ideas
 - Learning new things—like practicing a language or understanding history
 - Having a friendly chat for fun or support

AI might seem like a big, complicated idea—but really, it's just a new tool you can interact with in hundreds of different ways. And if you're still unsure whether it's worth trying, consider this: Every single day, millions of people are already using AI—not because they're tech experts, but because it's helpful. And who knows? The smartest assistant you've ever had might already be sitting in your pocket, just waiting for you to say, “Hi.”



The price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp increased by 5¢ on July 13, 2025, rising from 73¢ to 78¢—a 7.4% jump as part of the USPS's “Delivering for America” plan.

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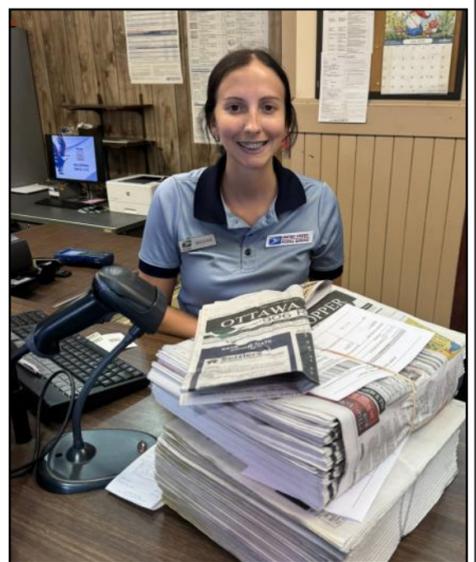
\$10 Advance tickets available for purchase at Citizens State Bank, Miners State Bank, Lake Superior Credit Union, WUPY, and the Onto. Township Library.

ONTONAGON THEATER

PICTURED RIGHT: Brooke, a U.S. Postal Service clerk at the Ironwood Post Office, flashes a friendly smile as she accepts bundles containing 1,800 copies of the *Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler* for delivery to homes and businesses in the Bessemer and Ramsay areas.

Her cheerful attitude was a stark contrast to a clerk at another post office (who shall remain unnamed), who, upon hearing his office would be receiving several hundred copies on a regular basis, offered a deadpan, “The carriers are going to hate you.”

He looked exactly like someone about to break bad news to a co-worker—fully aware it won't go over well, and equally certain you'll somehow be blamed for it. I left the office amused. The carriers? Well—they can take a number..



**AS HEARD FROM
A LITTLE BIRD—Trout Creek,
Paynesville, Bruce Crossing,
Paulding, Ewen, Topaz**

TROUT CREEK: Patsy Walls (pictured below) served as the Grand Marshal of the Annual 4th of July Lawnmower Parade in Trout Creek.



Photo credit: Steven L. Johnson

TROUT CREEK: Bob Gale recently returned to town to attend the funeral of his friend and former basketball teammate, Jerry Leaf. The two played together in the 1960s for the Trout Creek Anglers. Widely regarded as one of the Upper Peninsula's all-time basketball greats, Gale was honored as one of the era's elite players.



PICTURED ABOVE: Once rivals on the hardwood, now teammates in nostalgia — Ewen Bulldogs' Bob Franti (left) and Trout Creek Anglers' Bob Gale (right) share a few memories during Gale's recent visit to the Trout Creek-Bruce Crossing area.

PAYNESVILLE: In case you missed the July 21 episode of *Discovering* on TV6, you can watch it online any time on YouTube. In this episode, producer Kristin Ojaniemi shares a fascinating story about the world's longest-running eagle survey. Viewers get a



rare, behind-the-scenes look at how researchers band eaglets and collect blood samples—critical steps in monitoring

pollution levels in Lake Superior. The following photo (actually a still frame image from Kristin's video) is a sneak peek from high above—89 feet in the air—captured right from an eagle's nest!

BRUCE CROSSING: Alex Bannan showcased his jiu jitsu talent at the Cruiserweight Invitational Tournament held in Chicago on July 12. Competing in the 170lb division of a 16-man bracket, Alex delivered an impressive performance—submitting his first two opponents in under a minute each! He ultimately went 2-1, with his only loss coming via ankle lock to a formidable competitor in his third match. Alex is the son of former Bruce Crossing resident Cheri (Antilla) Bannan and the grandson of Connie Rubin and the late Roger Antilla.



BRUCE CROSSING: Jill Carlson was the lucky winner of this year's Bruce Crossing Area Independence Day Celebration 50/50 Raffle. Her winning ticket nabbed \$10,398.50!



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EWEN: The E-TC Class of 1975 is planning their 50-year class reunion for Log Jamboree weekend in September in Ewen. More details to come! Approximately 27 members of the E-TC Class of 1970 gathered at the Pietila farm on July 5 to reminisce.

Congratulations to Ross Avedisian, the lucky winner of this year's \$4,000 grand prize at the E-TC Panthers' Booster Club Steakout, held on July 19!

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PICTURED ABOVE: Long-time community volunteer and Bruce Crossing resident, Amanda Brady, chats it up with Albert Winberg and Keela Patterson while serving at the Henry Holappa VFW Post's annual hotdog and brat sale on July 5 in Bruce Crossing.

PICTURED RIGHT: Members of the Gerber clan smile for the camera at Stannard Township Park in Bruce Crossing on July 5. From left: Tyler Gerber, his uncles Charlie and Scott Gerber, and his dad, Steve Gerber.



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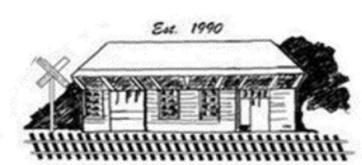
PICTURED BELOW: Tim Linna, Cathy Worachek, and Cathy Johnson in Bruce Crossing on July 5.



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PICTURED LEFT: Newlyweds Jayce (Herrala) Savola and Gage Savola share their first dance as a married couple following a small backyard ceremony in Bruce Crossing. They celebrated their union with a reception at Twilly's.

PICTURED BELOW: Ewen Volunteer Fire Department Chief DJ Staff braces for a splash while manning the dunk tank at the Bruce Crossing Area Independence Day Celebration on July 5. Who says fire chiefs don't handle pressure well?



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July 12, 1973




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E-TC Community School Reports

A BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM, co-sponsored by the E-TC Community Schools and 4-H will begin Monday, July 16 at 1:00 in Ewen. The project is designed to help boys and girls to be safe and skillful bicycle riders, and involved instruction, safety tests, performance and skill tests and bicycle games. The program will wind up with a bicycle rodeo with a chance for all participants to win awards and prizes. A movie "Championship Bicycle Safety" was shown at the Ewen school. The program is open to anyone who has completed first grade through high school. Plans are to have the same in Bruce Crossing & Trout Creek.

SUMMER SWIMMING PROGRAM- There is still time to enroll in the E-TC Community School summer swimming program. This is the last chance! Call 988-2350.

THE BILLY GRAHAM UPPER MIDWEST CRUSADE CHARTER leaves the E-TC high school tomorrow (Friday) at 12:00 noon. There is yet room for a few of any age to join up. A very special thanks is in order for those organizations who have donated money to help individuals attend who may not have been able to. Those young people and the sponsors are deeply appreciative. For more info call 988-2350.

THE SUMMER RECREATION SCHEDULE for E-TC students, grades 7-12 is now complete. Due to work schedules and other conflicts we had to resort to Saturday mornings for many of the activities. Any questions call 988-2350. The schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7-9, July 17 thru Aug. 14, basketball and/or co-ed volleyball.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, canoe trip on So. Branch, 9-12 a.m. Sign up by calling 988-2350.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, back pack into the Porkies (Mirror Lake). Leave E-TC high school 7:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4, bicycle trip, destination unknown. Suggestions appreciated.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11, canoeing in Sylvania. Details later.

July 1973 Notable Events & Items

The OPEC oil crisis was approaching (October 1973), but by July gas prices were already rising and inflation was already causing concern.

Farmers in the Midwest were being squeezed by higher input costs and stagnant prices.

Meat prices soared.

Concern about pesticides, pollution, and industrial runoff was increasing, especially along Lake Superior and inland waterways

Local groups in the U.P. and northern Wisconsin were beginning to push for stronger protections on forest lands and watersheds.

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SEWER NOTICE:
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SANITARY LANDFILL NOTICE:
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- #3 - You Were Always There Donna Fargo

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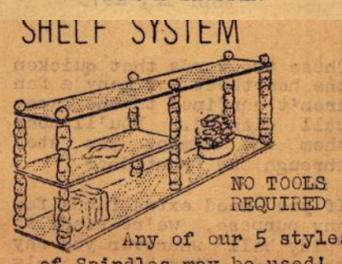
- #1 - All in the Family
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- #3 - Sanford and Son
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Thank You

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ALBERT LORENDO

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JOYCE HANSON

THANK YOU

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May God bless all of you.

MRS. EMILIA NUUTINE

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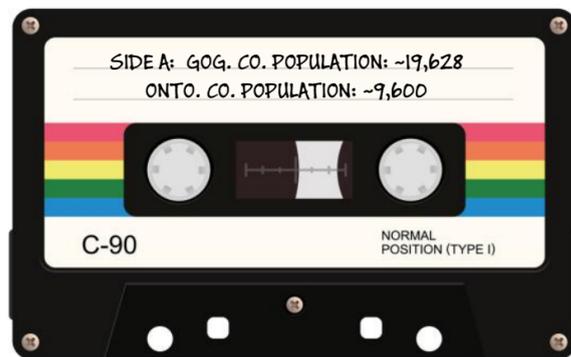
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OTTAWA SHOPPER

In The Heart of The Ontonagon Valley

State Bank of Ewen



OPEN HOUSE: July 20, 1984, 10 to 3, Crossroad Sr. Center. 10th Year Anniversary. Arts, Crafts, Painting, etc. made by Seniors. Lunch served.

McMILLAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY announces "No Fine Week". Do you have overdue books? If so, return them during the week of June 29 - July 6th and no fines will be charged. The library hours are: Tues. & Fri. 9:30-1:00, 2:00-5:00, 6:00-8:00. Sat. 1:00-4:00. Also for your convenience, the book drop box is located on the south side of the building.

PAYNESVILLE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH: Communion Service, July 1, 2:00 p.m. with Dave Taivalkoski. Services July 8th at 10:30 & 2:00 with Veikko Koivokangas from Finland (with translator). Lunch and light supper served. Everyone welcome.

BAKE SALE: Fri., June 29, 10:00-2:00, State Bank of Ewen. Spon. by First Lutheran L.C.W.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE: Wed., July 18, 11:00 to 3:00, Ewen United Methodist Church. Barbecue and crafts.

WATERSMEET CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON: Ham & cheese. July 7. Noon 'til 2 at Watersmeet Town Hall. Raffle homemade afghan & crafts sale. Spon. by Altar-Rosary Society of Immaculate Conception Church.

FIREWORKS: July 3, 1984, 10:00 p.m. at Kenton, MI spon. by American Legion Post #494.

SALVATION ARMY: Co-op Hall, Bruce Crossing. Open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 10 to 3, starting in July.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: July 4, 7 to 11 at Bruce Crossing Ball Park. Come & the 4th with all your friends. Sp. Crossroad Sr. Citizens. All pancake can eat, \$2.50. Children \$2.00.

4th of JULY, FUN RUN REGISTRATION 8:30-9 a.m. 1 mi.-German Rd.; 3-mi Rd.; 5 mi.-Ewen.

SOFTBALL TEAMS: Interested in participating in 4th of July Invitational in Bruce Crossing? Contact Binder's Bar, 827-9993.

CROSSROAD SR. CITIZEN'S MONTHLY MEETING July 6, 12 noon. Try to attend. plans for our fall trip. Sign up! BLOOD PRESSURES taken on July 13, 12 noon at the Center (behind Fire Dept.)

CENTENNIAL STEAK FRY & FLEA MARKET: July 1, starting at noon, Watersmeet Hall and park. The First of America Air Balloon will be there from 1 to 4. Drawing for free rides to be held. More info contact David Foster at 49969. Ph. 906-358-4545. Spon. by Watersmeet Volunteer Fire Dept.

ATTENTION: All E-TC athletes, parents of E-TC athletes or anyone else interested in E-TC athletics - The E-TC Booster Club needs your help to put on the "Steak Out" on July 21. Can you help us to: 1) Set up. 2) Serve on Sat. night. 3) Work during dinner. 4) Put food away after dinner. 5) Work during dance. 6) Clean up on Sat. night. 7) Clean up on Sun. 8) Donate salads for salad bar. 9) Donate bars for dessert. 10) Any other help. ??? Please call Russ Bailey at 988-2365 or Marilyn Bailey at 988-2403 if you are able to help.

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In Appreciation

We want to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people who were so thoughtful during the illness and loss of our dear husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother, Wilho Honkanen.

We especially want to thank Dennis Brown, Pastor Knickelbein, organist Ruth Fors, Ladies Aid, and Ladies Auxiliary, pallbearers, to everyone who brought food to the house and church, all who sent flowers, cards and monetary gifts. Thank you to each and every one who helped in any way to ease our sorrow. God bless you.

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OTTAWA SHOPPER JUNE 28, 1984

Re-Elect JERRY KITZMAN Ontonagon County Sheriff

As you know, I am running for re-election as Sheriff of Ontonagon County. It has always been my goal as your Sheriff to represent all of Ontonagon County as I feel it is necessary for good law enforcement. I have seven good officers, four of them are from the south end. My undersheriff is originally from Mass City. This enables us to have good coverage and knowledge of local problems throughout the county.

We have a south end sub-post located in the old Ewen Bank building. Although this office is not manned 24 hours a day, whenever my south end officers are working secondary road patrol, they keep a car at their residence and work out of this office. This enables us to provide more protection while they are working their regular shift. They are also on 24 hour call which enables us to handle any emergency which may arise on the south end of the county without having to send a car from the Dept. in Ontonagon.

I feel we have an efficient Sheriff's Dept. that represents all of Ontonagon County, and I will appreciate your support in the upcoming Primary Election on August 7, 1984.

Thank you,
JERRY KITZMAN

(Pd. for by Gerald Kitzman, Ontonagon, MI 49953)

Thank You

I want to thank all my friends and relatives for their prayers, cards, letters, and gifts while I was a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. I would also like to thank Dr. Hill and Dr. Pierpont and the nursing staff at LaCroix Hospital for their care before I was transferred to Duluth. May God bless you all.

ELSIE LUND

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the cards and flowers, and for the prayers offered up in my behalf while I was hospitalized in L'Anse. Thank you for your kindness and concern. May God bless you all.

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NOTICE

Haight Township

Applications wanted for election inspector for the Primary Election on August 7, 1984. Deadline for applications is July 20, 1984. Mail to Kenneth Pietila, Haight Township Clerk, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912, or call 827-3319.

BIDS INVITED

The Ottawa National Forest is offering for sale five buildings as described below, located on the McCormick tract on the Kenton ranger District, T49N-R30W, Section 1:

1. Beaver cabin, 24' x 30'
2. Birch cabin, 24' x 26'
3. Living Room cabin, 31' x 20'
4. Chimney cabin, 36' x 36'
5. Library cabin, 16' x 24'

Conditions of the sale are:

1. Purchaser must remove property from the National Forest land within 90 days after date of award.
2. Any damage to the ground or facilities caused by the purchaser must be repaired by the purchaser.
3. Building will be removed down to concrete foundation.
4. Successful bidder is liable and responsible for obtaining all permits, insurance, and licenses required by state or local Government.

There will be a pre-bid showing on June 28, 1984 at 10:00 AM (EDT) at the gate entrance on County Road 607. We recommend that potential bidders visit the building site prior to bidding.

All bids must be in writing and received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, East US-2, Ironwood, MI 49938, by 2:00 PM (CDT) on July 16, 1984. Bid packages may be obtained from the Kenton ranger District or Forest Supervisor's office #RFQ R9-07-84-18.

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Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

THE FAMILY OF WALT NASHLAND

Thank You

My visit to the Ottawa area during the early 1/2 of June was enjoyable. It was nice to meet and talk with the many persons I know. I appreciate their courteous and kind consideration, and may each person enjoy the blessing of good health and happiness. Should someone have wish to write or contact me, my address is P.O. Box 1124, Scottsdale, AZ 85252.

Sincerely,
ANDREW HIMANKA

THANK YOU

Terry joins with me in thanking all of my family and friends for the love and prayers shown me while I was a patient at the Eagle River Hospital for surgery.

Your many cards, plants, and visits cheered me on my worst days and made my days pass by quicker.

A special thank you to Pastor Dean Wyllys for visiting me at home. I'll never forget any of you.

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Invitation

Friends and relatives of HILDA ROUNISTO are cordially invited to a Surprise Party in honor of her 75th Birthday. Come and help her celebrate on Sunday, July 15, 2:00 p.m. at Tulppo's Upper Drift Lounge, Bruce Crossing.

OTTAWA SHOPPER JUNE 28, 1984

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD— Rockland, Ontonagon, Mass City, Greenland, White Pine, and the Porcupine Mountains

ONTONAGON: The kennels at **Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP)** are currently full—it's a great time to consider adopting a shelter cat or dog. The shelter is also upgrading its 12 dog kennels and is seeking \$250 sponsorships to help cover costs. Sponsors may add a personalized message engraved on a kennel door (e.g., *In loving memory of*). Donations can be dropped off at the shelter (19504 State Hwy M38, Ontonagon) on Saturdays from 1–4 p.m., or mailed with your personalization to: OCAP, P.O. Box 315, Ontonagon, MI 49953.

Pick-Up & Play—Volunteers are needed for a quick cleanup of Ontonagon Township Park and Beach on Tuesday, July 22. Meet at the park—cleanup lasts about 30 minutes, then it's time to play! Bring work gloves; garbage bags and plastic gloves will be provided. Hosted by the Ontonagon Township Library.

The Ontonagon Theater of Performing Arts is hosting a **FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES**. The next concert features Jack Jolliff on Friday, July 25 at 6:30pm. Grab a lawn chair and come on down to the theater (311 N. Steel St., Onto.) for some great music! Also part of the concert series, Lightning Ridge will be performing on Friday, August 8 at 6:30pm.

The Onto. County Cancer Association's **EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET** has moved to Cane Court. The closet offers wheelchairs, commodes, beds, and other equipment to the public free of charge. Call (906) 884-2258 Mon-Fri 8am-3pm. After hours call (906) 884-3000.

A new shop called **Timeless Paragon** just opened on River Street next to Sip-n-Snack—it's got yarn, handmade goodies, new and used books, and other fun book-themed items. They're open 11am-7pm Tuesday through Friday, 10am-2pm on Saturday.

Screening mammograms (2D & 3D) are **BACK** at the **Aspirus Ontonagon Clinic**. Diagnostic follow-ups are not available at this location, only screenings. Call the clinic for an appointment at (906) 884-8240.

GREENLAND: The Adventure Mtn Speedshows, hosted by the **Adventure Mtn Horse Club (AMHC)**, is having another successful summer, with several dozen riders participating in each event. The next show is Sunday, July 27 at 10am at the Onto. Co. Fairgrounds in Greenland. The shows are fun to watch and **FREE** for spectators.



PICTURED ON RIGHT: AMHC Jr. Princess Maizie Morgan volunteered on July 12 at the club's fundraiser breakfast during the Adventure Mountain Bike Race.

Photo credit:
Facebook-Adventure Mountain

MASS CITY: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mass City, hosted Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 13–16, beginning with a parish-wide worship service and picnic on Sunday and concluding with a program and an ice cream social on Thursday.



PICTURED ABOVE: Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible Camp counselors Aitana, Charley, and Lily led Vacation Bible School worship, Bible study, crafts, and activities throughout the week at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mass City. Also pictured are some of the 16 children who attended.

COPPER PEAK—ADVENTURE RIDE LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION

IRONWOOD, Mich.—Copper Peak's 2025 Season has is underway, but with a few important changes. With the Landing Hill Reconstruction Project now underway, the Copper Peak Adventure Ride has limited hours. The Adventure Ride is open Sundays only, 9:30am – 4:30pm, with the last ticket sold at 4:00pm CST. Tickets may be purchased at the chalet when you arrive. As always, weather conditions may require the ride to close or limit access. The Copper Peak Mountain Bike Trails are also close until further notice due to the construction. Plans are underway to still hold the Copper Peak Trails Fest – possibly with a revised schedule – the weekend after Labor Day.

Note: The "Landing Hill Reconstruction Project" is a Copper Peak's \$20 million transformation project, announced in September 2024. The project aims to transform Copper Peak into a world-class, year-round ski jumping destination, poised to attract visitors and athletes from across the globe. Copper Peak is located at N13870 Copper Peak Road in Ironwood, MI.

Source: <https://copperpeak.net/copper-peak-adventure-ride-updated-hours-for-2025-season>, 6/23/2025

CopperFest 2025 Ontonagon, Michigan

Schedule of Events

Friday- July 25th along the Lake Superior Beach:

- **Ontonagon Lighthouse Tours**
(Contact Historical Museum @ 906-884-6165 for details)
- **Live Music Outdoor Concert @ 6:30-8pm**
with Jack Jolliff & friends at the Ontonagon Theater
- **Beach Bonfires & Boat Parade @ 9pm**
*Parade will travel from the Ontonagon Marina out to the Township Park along the Lake Superior Beach where bonfires will be available for the community.
Sponsored by Scott's Superior Inn & Cabins, Wascher Forest Products, & Higher Love
- **Fireworks at Dusk over Lake Superior**
Watch from Lake Shore Park Beach area for best viewing
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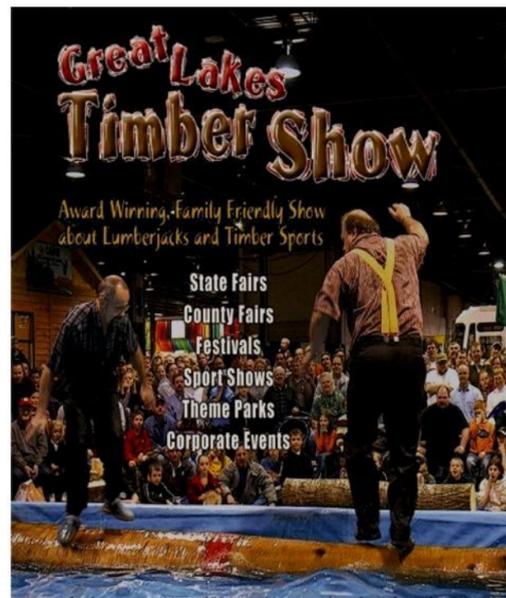


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For more information on CopperFest Events
Contact-Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce
Phone# (906)884-4735
Email: copperfest@up.net

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Saturday- July 26th in Downtown Ontonagon:

- **Classic Car & Bike Show @ 10am-5pm**
Registration begins @ 9am with NO ENTRY FEE
Sponsored by M64 Napa, Krupp's Resort, & Superior Outdoor Maintenance & Services
- **ORV Historic Trail Ride** Sponsored by MITRALE
Riders to meet behind Ontonagon Railroad Depot @ 10am then will travel to area mines for tour & presentation.
- **Craft, Food, & Merchandise Vendors**
Starting at 10am in the downtown area on River Street.
- **Kid's Bounce House & Old-fashioned games**
Starting at 10am in the grass next to Borseth Insurance
Sponsored by Borseth Insurance, Sunshine Motel & Cabins, Harbor Town Laundromat, & Settlers Federal Credit Union
- **Lumber Camp & Great Lakes Timber Show**
Includes: chainsaw carving, axe-throwing, log-rolling, & more throughout the afternoon.
Sponsored by Porcupine Mountains CVB
- **Live Auction Tent** located near Heritage Antiques
Viewing begins at 11am with Auction to start at 12 noon
- **Rock & Minerals Scavenger Hunt**
(Contact Gitche Gumee Landing @ 906-884-6797 for details)
- **Live Music & Street Dance** starting @ 11am
with a variety of bands playing throughout the day
& ending with the band "Rising Phoenix" @ 9pm – 1am
Sponsored by OAS All-Class Reunion & Citizens State Bank

SHARING IS CARING: The Ontonagon County Cancer Association recently posted this information on Facebook.



Ontonagon County Cancer Association
15 July at 16:58 · 🌐

PLEASE SHARE 📌 Please submit your forms and receipts even if you are over the allotted amount 📌

Hello all! Our fiscal year is Sept 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025, any bills not covered by insurance or other sources need to be dated during this fiscal year. All bills must be submitted before the August 31st deadline. Forms can be found on our website <https://www.ontcycancer.org/> or by calling 906-884-3000 to request a packet

DNR'S WESTERN UP CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET JULY 24 IN ONTONAGON COUNTY

July 15, 2025: The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Western U.P. Citizens' Advisory Council is scheduled to hear an outlook on state parks in the western U.P. and receive updates on the DNR's wolf abundance trail camera survey and moose research study when the council meets this month in Ontonagon.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. EDT Thursday, July 24 at the Lake Superior Sportsmen's Club's conference room, located at 31433 M-64, Ontonagon. Additional business includes reports from various DNR division staff, old business items and subcommittee reports.

For public comment instructions or additional details, please contact Kristi Dahlstrom at dahlstrom@michigan.gov or 906-226-1331.

The DNR's eastern and western Upper Peninsula citizens' advisory councils are designed to provide local input to advise the DNR on regional programs and policies, identify areas in which the department can be more effective and responsive and offer insight and guidance from members' own experiences and constituencies. The council members represent a wide variety of natural resource and recreation interests. Agenda items are set by the council members and council recommendations are forwarded to the DNR for consideration.

To find application forms to be considered for a future council member vacancy, or to locate meeting packets and agendas, visit the council's DNR webpage. For more information, contact the DNR Upper Peninsula field deputy's office at 906-226-1331.

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OTTAWA SHOPPER ARCHIVES

June 28, 1984



The Porcupine Mountain Community Schools

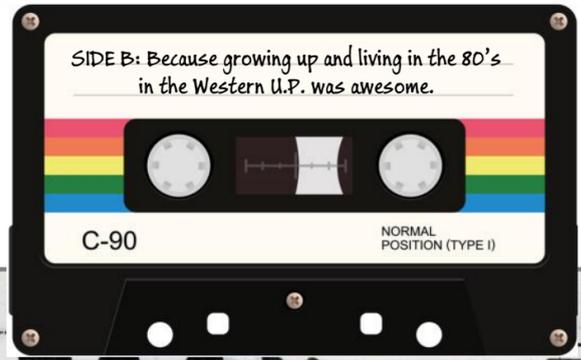
Friday Fun Trips

There has been a slight change in the Friday Fun Trips bus schedule. Instead of the Big Valley Ford parking lot, the Ewen students will board the bus at the High School. The schedule will remain the same with the White Pine buses starting approximately ten (10) minutes earlier.

BUS # I	LEAVE	WHITE PINE	AT	HIGH SCHOOL	8:05 A. M.
	LEAVE	BERGLAND	AT	LOT ACROSS FROM	8:20 A. M.
BUS # II	LEAVE	EWEN	AT	HIGH SCHOOL	8:50 A. M.
	LEAVE	BRUCE CROSSING	AT	CO-OP PARKING LOT	9:00 A. M.
BUS # II	LEAVE	KENTON	AT	POST OFFICE/STORE	8:30 A. M.
	LEAVE	TROUT CREEK	AT	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	8:45 A. M.
	LEAVE	BRUCE CROSSING	AT	CO-OP PARKING LOT	9:00 A. M.

FUN TRIP SCHEDULE (Call 988-2350 to Confirm)

- June 29, 1984 Tour Fort Wilkins Stat Park and Brockway Mountain Drive - Keeweenaw Peninsula Area
- July 6, 1984 Adventure Copper Mine tour and Courtney Lake Picnic - Mass City Area
- July 13, 1984 Tour K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base and T. V. 6 Studio - Marquette Area.
- July 20, 1984 Copper Peak Tour and Other Activities - Ironwood Area
- July 27, 1984 SURPRISE!



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Hearing Notice

The Annual Budget Hearing of the Ewen-Trout Creek Board of Education will be held in the High School Library at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 11, 1984

Following this hearing, the Reorganizational Meeting and regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held.

Ray Rignoni, Superintendent
Ewen-Trout Creek Schools

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Re-Elect **JERRY KITZMAN**
Ontonagon County Sheriff

(Pd. for by Gerald Kitzman, Ontonagon, MI 49953)

request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their children

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Gil Kotila, First Presbyterian Ladies Aide, American Legion Auxiliary, Trout Creek Fire Dept., George & Altha Tooley, Alice Thompson, Ben & Vi Manning, John Ollila, Jack & Helmi McLaughlin, East Branch Sportsmans Club, all who donated at the Trout Creek Co-op. All contributions were greatly needed and appreciated.

OTTAWA SHOPPER JUNE 28, 1984

INTERIOR TOWNSHIP NOTICE

I will be at the town hall:
July 6th & 27th
and:
August 3, 10, 17, 24
from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
for tax collection.
Taxes may be paid by mail and receipt will be sent promptly.

CAROL HATTON
Interior Twp. Treasurer

INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Harju request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter **DIANA MARIE** to **MR. NELSON G. MULTER** on Saturday, the fourteenth of July Nineteen hundred eighty-four at four o'clock in the afternoon Our Savior Lutheran Church Paynesville, Michigan

Reception following in church parlors

THANK YOU

I want to thank all those who supported me in the recent E-TC school election. I will do my best to serve as a member of the school board.

JOHN PINKERTON
(Pd. for by John Pinkerton, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912)

NO Shoppers in July

SINCERE SPECIAL THANKS

The Family Of **Irene Johnson** wants to express "Heartfelt Thanks" for being so thoughtful during the loss of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Thank you to the beautiful friends in Kenton who brought food to our home and the lovely lunch at the Ottawa Lodge after the Memorial Service.

FOR SALE: Monarch wood-electric range, less than one yr. old, \$800; also one Monarch wood-elec. range, needs some repair, \$100. Call 852-3283 after 6:00 p.m.

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We would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support during the passing of our beloved Jerry and Gertie Leaf. They would have been touched by all the friends, family, and colleagues who came to celebrate their lives.

Thank you for the home visits, phone calls, cards, and gifts, and for all of the kind words, thoughts, and prayers.

Special thanks to Pastor Laurie Maki for the beautiful service and for making it special for both Jerry and Gertie. Also thank you to Sandy Maki for the comforting music, and to Jane and Mary for the special treats and for making the church service so welcoming.

Thank you also to Twilly's for the delicious luncheon, and to Ben from Fassbender, Swanson and Hansen Funeral Services for his professionalism and compassion during this difficult time.

Thank all of you who donated to the Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Gertie and to the Ewen-Trout Creek Booster Club in memory of Jerry.

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
The Leaf Family

OBITUARIES



DAVID J. HEIKKILA, SR., age 78, of Covington, MI, passed away Friday, July 4, 2025, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI. He was born in Negaunee, MI, on February 10, 1947, the son of the late Waino and Julia (Nurkkala) Heikkila. David graduated from L'Anse High School in 1965. Following graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1969. After his discharge, David was employed by the Cleveland Cliffs Corporation for 25 years, retiring in 1993. He was a lifetime member of Covington VFW Post #8945, a member of the Covington AMVETS, a life member of Keweenaw Detachment #1016 of the Marine Corps League, and served on the Covington Fire Department for 53 years. He also served as the Covington Deputy Sheriff Constable, a Covington Township official for 50 years, a Liquor Inspector for Covington Township, and was active with Camp Trotter. David enjoyed spending time with friends and family, chatting with the guys at the coffee shop, being outdoors, and spending time at his camp feeding turkeys and deer during the winter. He also enjoyed feeding hummingbirds and chipmunks at home. Known as a social butterfly, David could strike up a conversation with anyone he met. He took great pride in lawn mowing and keeping downtown Covington maintained to his specifications. He is survived by his wife, Candace Heikkila of Covington; children: Emmie (Rob) Younggren of Covington, Kevin Heikkila of Calumet, Brian Kerttu of Covington, Rich (Tammy) Kerttu of

Iron River, David (Dawn) Heikkila, Jr., of Albert Lea, MN, and Rachael (Carl) Lassi of Watton; eight grandchildren: Abbey, Cole, Christopher, Zachary, Sarah, Olivia, Adien, and Shelby; and his beloved grand-puppies: Piper "Pepper," Cash, and June. He is also survived by his brother, John (Erin) Heikkila of Colgate, WI, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. David was preceded in death by his parents, Waino and Julia Heikkila, and sisters, Carol Maki and Sharon Kearney. David's services were held July 17, 2025, at the Covington Cemetery, beginning with the Covington Fire Department's Last Call Procession at 11 a.m., followed by military honors under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post #444. Immediately following military honors, graveside funeral services were conducted with Pastor Rich Little officiating. A luncheon was served at the Covington VFW Post #8945. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L'Anse handled the funeral arrangements.

Why It Feels Like "So Many Are Dying" in Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties

If you live in Ontonagon County, Gogebic County, or the south end of Houghton County, you may have found yourself saying lately: "It feels like we're losing someone every week." The perception that more people are passing away isn't imaginary—it's happening and it's deeply felt, especially in close-knit places like ours where everyone knows everyone. But this shared experience has clear demographic and emotional roots.

Older Populations, Closer Connections

With a median age of 59.4, Ontonagon Co. is one of the oldest counties in the United States. Nearly 38–40% of our residents are age 65 or older, compared to under 17% nationwide. And, in Gogebic County, which is slightly younger, but still aging: the median age is 49.6, and roughly one in four residents is over 65. In both counties, this means a naturally higher rate of death and chronic illness—simply due to aging. Combine that with small populations and deep community ties, and every passing feel amplified.

Every Loss Is Felt When "Everyone Knows Everyone"

Unlike in urban areas where many deaths go unnoticed, here, every loss has a name, a face, and a connection. Whether it's a neighbor, a former teacher, former classmate, a church friend, or someone you bumped into regularly at the grocery store—each passing leaves a real gap. With fewer than 20,000 people combined across both counties, even a handful of deaths in a short time can feel like a surge.



Your kind expressions of support and sympathy have touched our hearts and offered us much peace during this time of loss.

The Greiser Family

Ontonagon

Based on age-adjusted mortality rates and current population estimates, Ontonagon Co. can expect about 7–8 deaths per month, while Gogebic Co. sees an average of 14–16 deaths per month.

These figures are calculated using national death rate data, adjusted for each county's older population. Because both counties have a high percentage of residents over 65, their mortality rates are above the national average.

Winter months typically see more deaths due to seasonal illnesses and isolation, while summer months tend to be lower.

Psychologist-Recommended Tools for Grief & Resilience

1. *Appreciate the Present:* Practice simple gratitude rituals, like writing down one thing you're thankful for each day. Celebrate small joys: a visit with a friend, a familiar walk, a shared meal.

2. *Celebrate Those We've Lost:* Hold storytelling nights, memory photo boards, or informal gatherings that reflect the person's life, not just their passing.

3. *Support Mental Wellbeing:* Allow yourself to grieve—there's no "right way" or "right time."

4. *Connect With Others:* Social support is one of the most powerful tools in healing.

Watch for signs of complicated grief, such as prolonged depression or withdrawal. If you're struggling, you're not alone—and help is available. The Western U.P. Health Department, area churches, your primary care physician, and local senior centers can point you in the right direction to find grief support groups or referral services.

In Closing

The frequent losses are very real—but not a crisis. It's the emotional weight of growing older together in small communities, where every connection matters. And while loss is part of life, how we show up for each other defines the strength of our communities.

By understanding the "why," and embracing community-based coping and support, we can turn collective grief into a foundation of shared resilience, compassion, and memory.

Sources: USAFacts, DataUSA, U.S. Census Data

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Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 11:30AM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1st Sun.; Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sun. School, 11AM Worship. Pr. Pederson, 15089 Maplewood Rd.

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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.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 4PM Sun. Worship.

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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): 10AM Communion Worship 3rd & 5th Sun., 13980 N. Paynesville Rd.

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

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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

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

Family and friends gathered on July 2 at the Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church for a funeral service honoring the lives of the late Gertrude (Kallio) Leaf and her son, the late Jerry Leaf. Pictured are several of Gertrude's beloved nieces and nephews, along with her surviving children.



PICTURED LEFT: From left to right - Rich Kallio, Steve and Ruth (Kallio) Melkie, Jim Dersnah, Sandy (Kallio) Clingon, Glen and Maija (Kallio) West, Bill Clingon, Lois (Leaf) Abramson, Norm and Sharm Kallio, Randy Maki, Art and Marie (Kallio) Beckman, Mary and Duane Leaf, Tom Leaf.

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

MERRIWEATHER: Bergland Outfitters Bait Shop is loaded up with bear bait now. They have barrels packed with a bears' favorite sugary and salty treats—\$100. The barrel shown on the right is filled with Fruit Loops, candy corn, caramel corn, Cheez-its, Rice Krispies, Apple Jacks, and Lucky Charms marshmallows.

MARENISCO: Two Fat Guys Pub (305 Fair Ave.) is hosting its first Poker Run on Saturday, August 2. It starts at 12pm ET.

LAKE GOGEBIC: The Lake Gogebic Chamber Membership Drive is underway! Chamber Memberships are \$175/year for businesses, and a membership as a Friend of the Chamber is \$25/year. Applications can be downloaded from lakegogebicare.com, or you can stop by AJ's and pick one up. This strong, determined, and resilient group is always looking to grow its network and build new partnerships.

DID YOU KNOW?

Chocolate contains a chemical called *theobromine*, which can poison bears. Michigan now joins New Hampshire as the only two states that ban chocolate as bait for bear hunting. Chocolate is also harmful to dogs due to the presence of theobromine and caffeine. These substances stimulate the nervous and cardiovascular systems, potentially leading to dangerous levels in the bloodstream. Darker chocolates are more dangerous because they contain higher concentrations of theobromine.

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PICTURED BELOW: Jeff Borseth was the official mixologist at the Bergland All-Community Reunion on July 12.

PICTURED ABOVE: Members of the Bergland High School Vikings Class of 1972 at the Bergland All-Community Reunion on July 12.

Photo credits: Facebook—You Know You're From Bergland

LAKE GOGEBIC WEST SHORE: Following a June visit to Lake Gogebic, a woman from Eagle River, WI, shared a concerning experience on a Lake Gogebic Fishing Facebook page on June 14: *I know that this post has nothing to do with fishing, but I have to share. We were at the Gogebic Lodge a week ago Friday. We witnessed 9 people that were complaining about the service, put a few one dollar bills with the check, then exit separate doors. They each had a dinner and drinks. The bill exceeded \$250. They escaped on a pontoon. Seven men, one woman and a little girl. Absolutely inexcusable. They give tourists a bad name. Shame on them. The woman's shirt said "get screwed" on the back. One man was very heavy set and another one wore a straw cowboy hat. Hopefully someone will recognize them and report them.* Her post drew strong reactions, with many expressing outrage at the group's behavior and offering support for the Gogebic Lodge, praising its consistently good service and quality food.

MI-TRALE Trail Counters Reveal Seasonal Trends and Big Numbers: 211,000+ Riders in a Year

By Rena Maki

BRUCE CROSSING, Mich.—Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment (MI-TRALE) has released its most recent trail counter data, covering trail use from May 2024 to June 2025. With over 211,000 riders recorded, the numbers reinforce just how vital these trails are for both recreation and the local economy.

Technology That Tracks More Than Just Totals

Since upgrading to advanced Trafx counters in 2015, MI-TRALE has been able to collect time-stamped trail data. Unlike previous systems that only gave total counts upon retrieval, these modern devices record the exact time and date of each trail use. This has opened new insights into how and when trails are used—down to specific weeks and seasons.

Seasonal Usage Patterns: Winter Dominates

The latest data paints a clear picture of trail usage patterns:

- Peak usage occurred in January and February 2025, with a huge spike in counts - fueled by snowmobile traffic.
- A smaller surge was noted in June and July 2024, corresponding with ORV (off-road vehicle) season.
- Usage remained minimal during early spring and after March, matching seasonal expectations.

Local Impact and Opportunities

With data like this, MI-TRALE and local communities are better positioned to:

- Plan maintenance and grooming schedules before high-traffic months.
- Support funding applications for improvements and expansions.
- Help businesses near trails tailor hours, services, or promotions to trail traffic.

"This type of information is invaluable not just for MI-TRALE, but for area businesses, event planners, and local governments," said a MI-TRALE spokesperson. "It validates how much these trails are used, and how important they are to our region." MI-TRALE plans to increase the number of counters to gain an even clearer picture of rider behavior across the Upper Peninsula.

For more information about Trafx counters and trail statistics, visit www.trafx.net.

In Case You Didn't Know...

WHITE TRILLIUMS (shown in the picture to the left) are illegal to pick from Michigan's state lands, parks, or protected areas. Picking the flower can kill the entire plant, because they have only a single leaf stalk—and removing it cuts off their only means of photosynthesis. They take 5 to 7 years to bloom after sprouting, so recovery is very slow.

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Top Trails by Traffic Volume

MI-TRALE has nine counters currently in place across the designated trail system. The Bill Nichols (BN) trail was by far the busiest, registering nearly one-third of all traffic. BN starts in Mass City and leads north to Painesdale, connecting to other trail systems including the Houghton-to-Chassell and Hancock-Calumet trails. Here's how they all stack up:

Trail	Counts	Additional Information
BN	66,394	Between Twin Lakes and Painesdale
OR	30,965	Going to Ontonagon*
P	24,105	Between Bergland and Rockland
OC	23,233	Between Mass City and Kenton
SB-W	16,497	Between Norwich Road and Bergland
LL	15,658	Going to Land O'Lakes*
SIDNAW	15,093	Going to Sidnaw*
SB-E	14,013	Between Bruce Crossing and Trout Creek
SL-E	5,479	Between Watersmeet and Iron River

Trail traffic counter data as shared by MI-TRALE on July 18, 2025.

*Author's Note: Starting points for these trails were not provided in the data supplied by MI-TRALE.

OTTAWA SHOPPER & 906 RAMBLER

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July 16, 2025

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

WAKEFIELD: Wakefield Post Commander, James Revoyr of Watersmeet, has officially retired from the Michigan State Police. First Lieutenant John Kelly has assumed the position of Post Commander. Revoyr is looking forward to spending some much-deserved time with his family. Cheers to you James Coy!

Two cadets from the Wakefield Michigan State Police Post recently completed the MSP Cadet Academy training program in Lansing and have returned to the Upper Peninsula. Congratulations to Dakota Horn of Trout Creek and Elijah Sprague of Ironwood! The training program was described as extremely challenging. One cadet left after the very first day, and another didn't show up at all—a reminder that it's not uncommon for the program to see some attrition before graduation. Nonetheless, most of the class persevered to the end. The next step for Dakota and Elijah will be attending the Michigan State Police Trooper Academy once they turn 21. According to two seasoned Troopers, completing the Trooper Academy is so demanding that it's considered tougher than getting into the Marines. To be eligible for the MSP Cadet Program, candidates must be between 18 and 21 years old, have a high school diploma, and be enrolled in college. Best of luck to these two young men!

This year's winner of the Wakefield Fireworks Committee 50/50 Raffle is Jonathon Sordah. Jonathon took home the prize of \$45,246.00. Congratulations Jonathon!

BESSEMER: Adopt-A-Backpack is back again. Over the past 10 years, through the generosity of our community, the program has provided over 700 backpacks filled with school supplies for children in our local school district. The program is seeking donations to help make the upcoming school year another success. A \$35+ donation helps fill a backpack. \$25-\$34 helps contribute to filling a backpack. \$24 or less helps purchase a backpack and supplies. Backpacks are distributed by class the 3rd week of August. Checks can be mailed to WS-Adopt a Backpack, Al Gaiss, 408 E. Mary St., Bessemer, MI 49911. The program also gladly accepts PayPal: paypal.me/adoptbackpack or VENMO: @Kathleen-Whitburn.



PICTURED ABOVE: Dianna Mattila-Semenak of Wakefield and her sister, Paula Doney now residing in Connecticut, are the lucky winners of this year's Bessemer 4th of July 50/50 raffle. The pair will split an impressive prize of \$59,155.00. Congratulations to both!

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD —Watersmeet

WATERSMEET: The Lac Vieux Desert Health Center begins its 10,000 square foot expansion project starting Monday, July 21. During this time, parking will be temporarily adjusted. The expanded facility will focus on preventative health, musculoskeletal therapy and rehabilitative services, physical therapy services, chiropractic care, wellness coaching, personal training, fitness classes, massage therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy.

Lac Vieux Desert Health Center is offering **FREE sports physicals** for student-athletes on July 23 and July 30 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM CST. If your child needs a physical for the upcoming sports season, stop by and take care of it at no cost.

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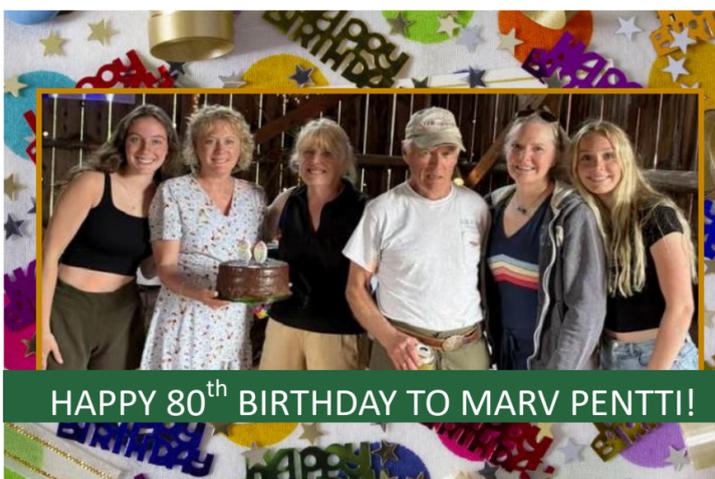
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A GNEISS SURPRISE FOR GEOLOGISTS!

WATERSMEET, Mich.—A remarkable geological discovery has placed Watersmeet, Michigan, on the scientific map. A team of geologists has identified a rock formation there—gneiss—that contains minerals dating back an astonishing 3.82 billion years, making it the oldest known rock in the United States. Previously, that distinction belonged to Minnesota's Morton Gneiss, but the Watersmeet sample predates it by roughly 300 million years.

So, how do scientists determine the age of such ancient rocks? The answer lies in zircon crystals which are microscopic yet incredibly durable minerals that form when molten rock cools. These crystals capture trace amounts of uranium, which slowly decays into lead over time. By measuring the uranium-to-lead ratio, researchers can calculate the age of the crystal with remarkable precision. Zircons are uniquely resilient. Even when the host rock is altered by heat or pressure over billions of years, these crystals can retain their internal chemistry, serving as tiny, reliable record-keepers of Earth's earliest history. In the case of the Watersmeet Gneiss, some zircons date back 3.6 billion years, while others push the clock further to 3.82 billion—possibly remnants of an even older, vanished crust.

Though this ancient gneiss may appear unremarkable to casual observers, its remote location helped shield it from erosion and exposure. As a result, it has preserved a valuable chapter of Earth's early story when the planet's surface was still taking shape amid volcanic eruptions and asteroid impacts. This discovery provides compelling evidence that parts of the North American continental crust formed and persisted far earlier than once believed, offering new insights into how Earth's first continents came together—and what remnants of them may still lie hidden beneath our feet.



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PICTURED LEFT: Wakefield resident Dan Negro caught a sneak peek at the area's first edition of the *Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler* as U.S. Postal Service Postmaster Brad Cossi prepared stacks of the papers for delivery to local homes and businesses.

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AREA CAMPING COSTS MORE AT STATE, COUNTY, AND OTTAWA NATIONAL FOREST PARKS THIS SUMMER

July 3, 2025: Campers in Ontonagon, Gogebic and Houghton counties this summer are finding noticeably higher nightly fees at several popular public campgrounds. A review of county, state and U.S. Forest Service records shows price hikes ranging from \$2 to \$16 per night, largely driven by rising utility costs, deferred maintenance and—in the case of federal sites—a new concession-management contract.

State parks. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will raise modern and semi-modern campsite rates statewide by \$4-\$10 per night beginning Aug. 1, 2025—the first adjustment in three years. After the increase, nightly rates will fall between \$26 and \$45, depending on amenities such as 50-amp power and full hookups. DNR officials say the additional revenue is needed “to keep pace with fixed costs like utilities, equipment replacement and staff.”

County parks. Lake Gogebic County Park (N8598 Hwy M-64) near Marenisco raised its standard nightly sites rise from \$25 to \$27 (monthly resident fee \$525, non-resident \$625; seasonal resident \$1,500, non-resident \$1,800). Park director April Hamel told the County Forestry & Parks Committee that higher electric rates and an aging bathroom drove the decision. In Ontonagon County, commissioners approved a new fee schedule last November. Meeting minutes show the board adopted “2025 Park Fees” and corresponding rule changes for Ontonagon County Park on Lake Gogebic. Rates increased from \$12 for county residents to \$25, and from \$14 for non-residents to \$27.

Federal forest campgrounds. The biggest jumps are inside the Ottawa National Forest, where the Forest Service signed a new concession agreement with Camp Host LLC. Forest officials say the uniform pricing structure pays for on-site hosts, trash removal and well upgrades that were previously unfunded. Bob Lake Campground southeast of Ontonagon jumps from \$14 to \$22 per night. According to Forest Service spokesperson Katie Armstrong, “Rustic sites like Bob Lake were operating at a deficit. The upgraded water pumps and cleaned vault toilets are services campers have been asking for, and they cost money.” Sparrow Rapids Campground in Duncan Township, which previously carried no user fee, will now cost \$16 per night beginning with the 2025 operating season. Higher prices may sting, but the campgrounds are a vital part of tourism and local quality of life. The modest fee hikes keep them open and safe for everyone.

NOTE: Camping rate price changes—if any—at other area parks were not explored (e.g., Bergland Township Park on Lake Gogebic, Stannard Township Park, Bond Lake, Ontonagon Township, etc.) at the time this article was written.

Park Rate Sources: www.fs.usda.gov, www.ontonagoncounty.gov, www.gogebicforestryandparks.com/lakegogebic



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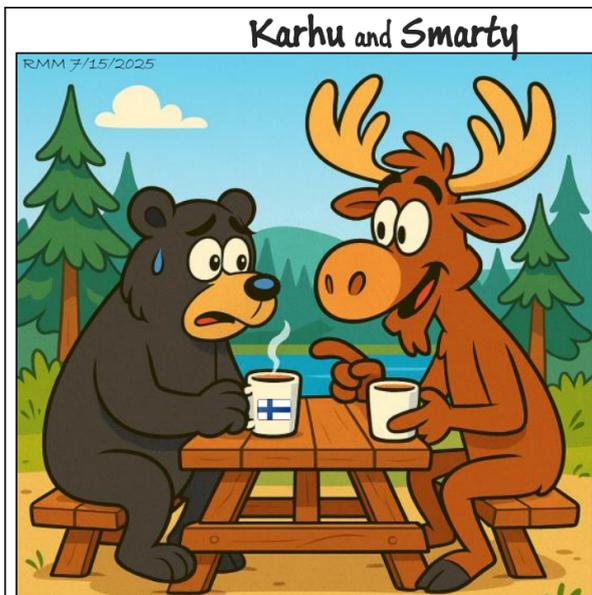
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RECENT PORKIES RENOVATIONS & ENHANCEMENTS

July 9, 2025: The Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park (Ontonagon and Gogebic counties) Visitor Center reopened in late June following a major renovation that features new, accessible amenities and updated restrooms, among other enhancements. These improvements are part of a proposed \$6.125 million in ARPA funding that also delivered earlier upgrades, including an expanded Summit Peak parking lot, renovations to the historic service area, modern lodge and staff quarters, upgrades to the sewage system, and paving of roads and parking lots at the park headquarters and visitor center. SOURCE: 7/9/2025 - michigan.gov/dnr

“Wilderness Socials” AT SYLVANIA WILDERNESS

The public is invited to attend fee-free casual presentations on topics pertaining to recreation activities in the Sylvania Wilderness Area. Bring a cup of coffee and enjoy disconnecting from technology and socializing with others. The sessions will be held at the Sylvania Entrance Station July 24 and July 31, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. CT, each day. To reach Sylvania Entrance Station and Recreation Area from Watersmeet, travel approximately 4 miles west on U.S. 2 to County Road 535, then drive south on CR 535 approximately 4 miles south to the Sylvania Recreation Area. For more info contact the Ottawa National Forest Visitor Center (906) 358-4724. SOURCE: 7/9/2025 - michigan.gov/dnr



The Michigan state record for brook trout is a hefty 9.5lb, measuring 28.1 inches, caught by ice fishing using a minnow in Clear Lake, Houghton County, back in 1996.



PICTURED ABOVE: A local Kenton old-timer fishing for brook trout on the middle branch of the Onto. River.

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Narcotics Anonymous:

Ontonagon: 7PM every Tues., Holy Catholic Church (basement), 515 Pine St., Ontonagon—all are welcome.

Ontonagon County Conservation District meets the second Thursday of ea. month at 5:00pm at the Rockland Township Hall.

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GO PLAY OUTSIDE!

New for 2025: No application needed for fall turkey hunting

July 15, 2025: Starting this fall, you no longer need to apply for a license to hunt wild turkey in Michigan. All fall turkey licenses will now be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Fall turkey licenses will go on sale Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.

Why the change? This update simplifies the process and improves access while still supporting healthy turkey populations and hunting opportunities. It also reflects the shift in focus for the fall season – from population control to providing more recreational opportunity. Important reminders for the 2025 fall turkey season:

- No application period – purchase your license at a license retailer or online through the Michigan DNR Hunt Fish app.
- New turkey management units (TMU) – two large units replace the old 11-unit system:
 - Unit M (Upper Peninsula). License quota: 2,200. Licenses can be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis starting Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.
 - Unit I (Lower Peninsula, excluding Monroe County). Unlimited quota.
- One license per hunter, valid for one bird of either sex on public and private lands within the designated fall TMU.
- Season dates for the fall turkey season are Sept. 15 – Nov. 14, 2025.

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COVINGTON: On June 21, the Covington Township Volunteer Fire Department awarded *Certificates of Appreciation* to Rachael Heikkila-Lassi-Chief (25 years), David Rajala (30 years), Jack Salli (35 years), and Steven Franti (40 years) for their many years of service to the Covington Volunteer Fire Department.



Posted on Facebook by The Sidnaw Station on July 4, 2025:
Mike Cushway stopped in with his 1926 Ford TT Truck. About as an American as it gets! 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

DUNCAN TOWNSHIP: Residents in the Kenton area are concerned about the improper use of garbage collection sites that may jeopardize residents' existing Waste Management services. One resident recently shared this message with their online followers:

The WM garbage collection sites in Duncan Township still require the use of YELLOW bags only. Bags of any other color will not be picked up by Waste Management. Our current agreement allows for garbage removal at just \$2 per bag, which is a significant savings. Using the wrong bags could jeopardize this rate and lead to higher monthly fees for everyone. If you see someone—especially non-residents—dumping regular garbage bags at the collection point shown in the photo, please speak up or report it. We all benefit from keeping this service running smoothly and affordably.

While the area's year-round population continues to decline, many descendants of former residents find meaningful ways to stay connected to their U.P. roots.

Pictured here are several of the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren of the late Chester Allen and Dorothy (Pietila) Allen, gathered during their annual camping trip at Bond Lake in the Calderwood-Paulding area in early July.



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DID YOU KNOW? Back in 1946, a local character known as “Pegleg” Bergeron sold his downtown Kenton bar and gas station to Wilbert “Hoppy” Haapala and his brother-in-law, Art Pentilla. They renamed it **Hoppy's**, and the rest is small-town history. While the gas pumps are long gone and the ownership has changed hands a few times, the laid-back vibe, great food, and dry humor have stayed firmly in place. These days, Hoppy's remains a favorite hangout for locals, seasonal residents, trail riders, hunters, and visitors passing through.

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MI DNR FISHING REPORT – July 17, 2025

Ontonagon River: Recent rain showers left the river water very dirty. Fishing efforts were fair to low over the past week. Walleye were caught in low numbers. Anglers seemed to have more success finding fish when jigging.

Ontonagon/Silver City/Union Bay: Ontonagon saw a low angling effort. Effort was even lower in Union Bay and Silver City. Rough weather occasionally limited access to the lake. Recently reported catches consisting of lake trout in low numbers. Coho salmon were also reportedly caught on occasion.

Black River Harbor: Fishing efforts from the harbor remained low. Rough weather conditions occasionally limited access to the lake. Recent catches consisted of lake trout in low numbers. Occasional catches of coho and Chinook salmon were also reported. Fishing activity was described as very slow by anglers.

Little Bay de Noc: Walleye anglers traveled farther south and focused on the outer bay. However, smaller walleye were reported at the bottom of drop-offs in the upper bay. Some anglers targeted walleye feeding on alewives near main lake structures. Anglers cast jigs and snap-jig-style lures. Smallmouth bass fishing was good.

Big Bay de Noc: Anglers reported catching a few large walleye. Anglers also noted that schools of walleye were spread out, making it more challenging to find fish. Smallmouth bass anglers fished near islands and areas with rocky bottoms, casting soft plastics.

Keweenaw Bay/ Huron Bay: Anglers reported catching low numbers of coho salmon as well as very few Chinook salmon in the last week. These were caught trolling crankbaits, spoons, and flasher/flyes in 30-60 ft of water. Those fishing for lake trout were successful when trolling and jigging both natural and artificial presentations in 100-200 ft of water.

Traverse Bay/Portage Entry: Anglers reported catching a fair number of lake trout while trolling spoons and flasher/flyes around structure, with most fish caught near the bottom in 50-130 ft of water. Anglers targeting salmon saw mixed success, with a few coho salmon and Chinook salmon caught. These were taken on spoons fished 30-50 ft down.

5 IDEAS FOR TURNING VIDEO GAME FUN INTO OUTDOOR PLAY

1 Minecraft Building Challenge

Kids gather sticks, rocks, leaves, cardboard, or scrap wood to "build" structures just like in Minecraft—houses, forts, towers, or pretend crafting tables. Encourage teamwork! Combines the creative building appeal of Minecraft with real-world problem solving and nature. *Twist:* Assign a theme like "Nether Base" or "Jungle Treehouse" and set a time limit.

2 Pokémon Trainer Tag

One player is a "Pokémon Trainer," the others are wild Pokémon hiding around the yard or park. The trainer "catches" them with a soft ball or by tagging them. This version of tag keeps the magic of Pokémon alive with running, hiding, and imagination. *Add-On:* When caught, the "Pokémon" says its type and special move (made up or based on real Pokémon), then switches roles.

Fortnite-Inspired Obstacle Course

Set up a simple obstacle course with jumps, crawl spaces (sheets over chairs), and "loot zones" (hidden treasures like pinecones or toys). Use chalk or paper to make "storm zones" kids have to avoid as they race through. The obstacle course combines action, agility, and scavenging like in Fortnite.

Zelda Quest Adventure

Create a story-based scavenger hunt inspired by The Legend of Zelda and let kids become the hero of their own fantasy quest. Use hand-drawn maps and clues to find "artifacts" (rocks, trinkets, acorns, etc.). *Optional Roles:* Assign someone to be the villain (Ganon!) or a helpful character (like a fairy or merchant).

Super Mario Race Course

Use cones, sticks, or chalk to design a "level" with jumps, "lava" patches, and coin pickups (paper or foil circles). *Game Mode:* Time each other or do head-to-head races with "power-up" spots where players spin or hop.

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Depot Park	Watersmeet Township School	L'Anse Area School
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Date: 06/09/2025 - 08/22/2025	Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	Date: 06/16/2025 - 07/31/2025	SUN Meals To Go: Thu: 11:00 AM
		Date: 06/19/2025 - 08/21/2025

SOURCE: 7/12/2025 - meci.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/

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PICTURED RIGHT: The Piecemakers Quilters Guild was awarded first place for their non-profit float entry in the Bruce Crossing Area's Independence Day Celebration held on July 5. The guild dedicates its time and talent throughout the year to creating handcrafted quilts, which are raffled to raise funds in support of numerous local organizations.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 4:00 PM: Gates Open
- 4:30 - 6:30 PM: Walk-In Balloon
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM: Bungee Jumping, Games, Inflatables
- 4:00 - 7:00 PM: Rhinelander's arts and cultural center Artstart fun art activities for the kids.
- 5:30 PM: Tethered Balloon Rides (Fee Area)
- 6:00 PM: Color Guard & National Anthem
- 4:00 - 6:00PM: Band - Local Heroes
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM: Band - Trainwreck Jukebox Band
- 7:30 - 8:30 PM: Pilot Meet & Greet
- 7:30 - 8:30 PM: Balloon Inflation (weather-permitting)
- 8:30 - 9:30 PM: Musical Balloon Glow MC Dave Kallaway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 4:00 PM Gates Open
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- 7:30 - 8:30 PM: Pilot Meet & Greet
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Admission is \$10 per person. Children under 5 are admitted Free. Bring your own chair or borrow a bale of hay at the event site. No carry-ins, no easy-up tents, and no pets (service animals only). On-Site camping is allowed. There is an online form that can be completed in advance to request a campsite. <https://salutingheroesballoonrally.com/camping/>

THE COMMUNITY NEST

HOUGHTON COUNTY: Meals on Wheels Millage Proposal on August 5 Ballot

July 11, 2025: On August 5, 2025, voters in Houghton County will consider a proposed 1.0 mill, four-year property tax to fund elder nutrition services, including Meals on Wheels and congregate "Meet & Eat" meals, administered by Copper Shores Community Health Foundation (Copper Shores). This millage would be the first-ever dedicated county-wide tax in Houghton County specifically to support Meals on Wheels.

What is the Proposal?

Millage rate: 1.0 mill = \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable home value
Duration: 4 years (2025–2029)
Annual revenue: Estimated \$1.24 million

Who is Eligible for Meals on Wheels?

Copper Shores Meals on Wheels operates as a free service for eligible seniors (60+)—no one is turned away for inability to pay. A donation of \$8 per meal is suggested to help defray the average cost of about \$10 per meal. To qualify for the program:

- Must be 60 years or older
- Must have a nutritional risk, mobility challenge, or social need
- No income limit
- Spouses or caregivers of eligible seniors may also qualify

To apply or join the Houghton County Meals on Wheels waitlist, contact Copper Shores at (906) 482-7122.

Impact on Meals on Wheels Program With and Without Millage

There are 14 civil townships in Houghton County: Adams, Calumet Charter, Chassell, Duncan, Elm River, Franklin, Hancock, Laird, Osceola, Portage Charter, Quincy, Schoolcraft, Stanton, and Torch Lake. Notably, Duncan Township (southernmost part of Houghton County—Kenton and Sidnaw areas) has the highest percent of residents eligible to participate in the Meals on Wheels program, with slightly over half of its 232 residents eligible (i.e., 52%). This is remarkable given the fact that the overall average percent of eligible residents (60+) across the county comes in at just 18%. Should the millage pass, Copper Shores expects to eliminate the current waitlist of 75 seniors and expand into underserved areas. For comparison purposes, Meals on Wheels programs are considered most impactful when they are serving 8% or more of the overall eligible population on a daily basis. With approximately 6,800 eligible seniors in Houghton County (60+), the daily participation rate is currently tracking at 4.4% (serving 300 meals daily). Copper Shores estimates the daily participation rate will increase to 5.4-6.1% (365-415 meals daily) of the eligible population.

If the millage passes, here's what it will cost Houghton County home owners:

Estimated Annual & Monthly Tax (Millage) Cost by Home Value

Home Taxable Value	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
\$50,000	\$50	\$4.17
\$100,000	\$100	\$8.33
\$150,000	\$150	\$12.50

SOURCES:

Millage information and engagement: 7/9/2025 – coppershores.org/support-seniors
 Houghton County Demographics: 7/9/2025 – U.S. Census Bureau (2020) data.census.gov
 Duncan Township Demographics: 7/9/2025 – neilsberg.com
 Meals on Wheels Participation Benchmarks: 7/9/2025 – mealsonwheelsamerica.org



DID YOU KNOW?

There are 83 Michigan counties. Houghton County is 1 of only 5 counties without an elder nutrition millage.

GOGEBIC AND ONTONAGON COUNTIES: NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties offers elder nutrition programs through the Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency (GOCAA), including:

- **HOME DELIVERED MEAL PROGRAM** (GOCAA's equivalent to Meals on Wheels) for eligible seniors, up to 7 days/week. Eligibility requirements for Home Delivered Meals include:
 - You or your spouse must be 60+ years of age
 - You must be home bound and cannot leave your home without assistance
 - You are unable to prepare nutritious meals and you have no one nearby willing or able to prepare your meals

The suggested donation per meal is \$5.00, but no one is ever denied service due to their inability to donate. Without donations, GOCAA would not be able to serve every senior in need of Home Delivered Meals.

Call (906) 667-0283 ext. 26 for more information or to see if you or someone you care about qualifies. Some areas are not able to receive delivery due to distance from meal preparation site.

- **CONGREGATE DINING ACROSS 5 LOCATIONS.** A no-turn-away policy, with affordable donations—Guests under 60: \$7.50 donation; Adults 60+ : \$5 suggested donation

In 2024, GOCAA provided nutrition services to 2,371 residents, served 80,167 meals, and distributed 600 commodity food boxes/month. GOCAA also offers Emergency Food Assistance. For information contact (906) 663-1080 or (906) 667-0283.

SOURCE: GOCAA nutrition programs and engagement: 7/11/2025 - gocaa.org



PICTURED ABOVE: Former Bruce Crossing resident Aili Kamunen recently celebrated her 98th birthday! Now living at the Gogebic Medical Care Facility in Wakefield, Aili was surrounded by love and joy as several of her longtime friends, also from the Bruce Crossing area and now residents at the facility, gathered to celebrate the occasion. Cupcakes, smiles, and laughter filled the room, thanks to the thoughtful delivery by Sandra Maki and Kevin Maki. Happy 98th, Aili! Here's to a life well-lived and still joyfully unfolding.

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NOTICE: The July 23, 2025, Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry for **BARAGA COUNTY** has been cancelled. The July 30, 2025, Feeding American Mobile Food Pantry for **GOGEBIC COUNTY** has also been cancelled.

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PICTURED LEFT: A true *suomalainen tyttö!* Olivia Schuster's annual summer trek from New York City to Ontonagon County with her mom, Nichole Maki-Schuster, wouldn't be complete without a pit stop at the Settlers Co-op in Bruce Crossing—to shop for the biggest Vollwerth's *makkara*—aka "ring bologna" she can find. *Makkara*—pronounced *MUCK-kah-rah*—is Finnish for bologna.

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Reddit is a large, user-driven social media online forum often described as "the front page of the internet." It's made up of thousands of individual communities called **subreddits**, each focused on a specific topic (e.g., news, hobbies, health, humor, local issues, etc.). Users post content (questions, articles, images, videos, memes). Other users can **upvote** or **downvote** posts and comments, so the most popular content rises to the top. Reddit has over 70 million daily active users as of 2024. According to Pew Research and Reddit's own analytics users are primarily 18-34 years old, but usage is growing among 35-49 and even 50+. And, more males (60%) than females (40%) use Reddit.

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Do Yew Think This Is Funny? A Reddit user "HeWhoWalksTheEarth" recently posted this in the landscaping subreddit seeking thoughtful input from his fellow subredditors:

Why is every landscaper saying they can't or won't grind this yew tree stump?

2.9K 1.8K

In under 72 hours, his post was upvoted 2,900 times and received 1,800 comments. And in true Reddit fashion, responses were more funny than helpful.

Far_Recognition4078 • 4d ago
Top 1% Commenter
It just looks like a pain in the ass location

1.7K Reply ...

golfandbiscuits • 4d ago
Yew can't always get what you want.

greengenesiss • 4d ago
Well that's pine i guess.

papillon-and-on • 4d ago
Oakay oakay enough with the puns

CheezWeazle • 4d ago
Unpoplar opinion

Round-External-7306 • 2d ago
Life's a Beech. Get over it.

steve00hhhh • 4d ago
Can we just stick to the main topic?

Stoneman57 • 4d ago
Oh, kiss my ash!

Botttdavid • 4d ago
I've read enough, time for me to leaf