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August

- 30 **Maxwell Days Lake Superior Beach Rock Art Contest**, Registration 10am-12pm at tent behind VFW Post 5600. Design 10am-8pm. Hosted by OAC. Ontonagon
- 31 **All-You-Can-Eat Sunday Breakfast**, 7:30am-11:30am, VFW Post 5600, Ontonagon
- 31 **Annual Labor Day Parade**, 2pm, River St., Ontonagon
- 30 **U.P. Chuck's Customer Appreciation Weekend, 8/30, 8/31, 9/1**—Complimentary pulled pork lunch 12pm-5pm (accepting donations for Duncan Township Fire Dept.), Kenton

September

- 1 **LABOR DAY**
- 1 **Plein Air Painting Competition & Picnic Lunch**, 1pm-4:30pm, \$45 entry fee. RICC Park, Onto.
- 5 **Settlers Federal CU - Member Appreciation & Document Shred Day**, 11am-1pm, Spin prize wheel, enjoy lunch, bring old documents containing sensitive/private info for secure shredding and disposal. Bruce Crossing
- 5-7 **Onto. Co. Fair and Fall Fest, 9/5, 9/6, 9/7**, Children's & Adults' Exhibits -Judging 9/5. Music, food, games, & more. Fairgrounds in Greenland
- 6 **Settlers Depot Gallery—Annual Fall Fiesta, Plant Sale & 35th Anniversary Celebration**, Bruce Crossing ([Details page 4](#))
- 6 **2nd Amendment Talk**, Lk Superior Sportsman's Club, 31433 W. State HWY M-64, Ontonagon
- 6 **Ontonagon Co. Fall 5K Fun Run**, Run starts 9am. Register any time up to 9/6 for \$15 (no t-shirt). Call: 906-284-1645, Greenland
- 6 **4th Annual Golf Fore a Cure**, Onto. Co. Cancer
- 6 **VFW Post 9084 Meat Raffle**, 5-8pm ET. Wakefield
- 7 **All-You-Can-Eat Sunday Breakfast Pancakes & More!** 8am-11am, American Legion Post 494, Trout Creek
- 7 **2nd Annual Car Show—Ontonagon Co. Fair & Fall Fest**, Registration \$5, 10-11am. Public voting 11am-2pm. Winner @ 2:30pm. Fairgrounds in Greenland
- 7 **Adventure Mtn Cowboy Challenge**, Judged horsemanship event. Register 9am, \$30 entry fee per horse/ride team. Fairgrounds in Greenland
- 12-13 **Walleye Fishing Tournament—Lake Gogebic 47th Annual Tournament!** 1st Place \$2,000, Bergland ([Details page 8](#))
- 12-14 **Jack & Jill Softball Tournament**, 8-team limit, \$150/team, Call 906-231-7989. Alston
- 17 **13th Annual WALK-A-MILE In My Shoes Rally**, 10am CT Registration. 10:30am CT— walk against stigma of mental health, followed by lunch. VFW Post 9084, Wakefield
- 25 **Annual Senior Citizens' Fall Color Ride**, by MI-TRALE. Free trail ride! Starts in Greenland. Call to reserve: (906) 884-6617. Volunteers also needed.
- 26 **CRAFT FAIR—Ewen Log Jamboree**, Crafters/vendors reserve a \$10 table by 9/12. Call: 906-235-4222, Ewen
- 26-27 **Ewen Log Jamboree**, Parade, kids' games, music, and more! Ewen

AJ's Labor Day Weekend Bash!!

Saturday, August 30

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Glow Time on Lake Gogebic: Venetian Boat Parade

BERGLAND, Mich.—If you've ever wanted to say you were "there at the beginning" of a community tradition, here's your shot. This weekend marks just the second annual Venetian Night Boat Parade on the north shore of Lake Gogebic, and it's becoming a Labor Day highlight.

Hosted by AJ's Lodge and Oven, the parade is part of their weekend-long end-of-summer celebration. There's **no cost** to participate in the parade — and plenty of ways to enjoy it. Whether you're on shore with a lawn chair, perched up high on AJ's lakefront deck, or out on the water in a boat, kayak, or anything else that floats, you're in.

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Lake Gogebic isn't alone in celebrating the magic of lighted boats on summer nights. Across the region, other water-loving communities have their own versions, including:

- **CopperFest** – Ontonagon, MI
- **Venetian Festival** – Charlevoix, MI
- **Venetian Fest – Christmas in July** – Saugatuck, MI
- **Jaycees Venetian Festival** – Lake Geneva, WI
- **Milwaukee Venetian Boat Parade** – McKinley Marina, Milwaukee, WI

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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. Caleb Raasch
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.

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

MASS CITY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA): 10:30AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion, Wed. 4-5PM Bible Adventures & Faith Formation for 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.
Silva Lutheran Church: 9AM Sun. Worship, Broadcast live WUPY-101 FM, Wed. 4PM Silva 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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RECENTLY DEPARTED

RONALD FRANCIS SIEM, 75, of Ontonagon, passed away on August 23, 2025, at his home. No funeral services will be held at this time. Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

GERALD DOMENIC "JERRY" MASSA, 89, of Bessemer, went home to be with the Lord on August 19, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 17, at 11 a.m., preceded by visitation at 10 a.m., at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 210 E. Iron St., in Bessemer, with the Rev. Christian Flagstadt, celebrant. In lieu of flowers, if you choose, Jerry wished that support be given to the Bessemer Science Olympiad by check sent to A.D. Johnston High School, 100 W. Lead St., Bessemer, MI 49911, as well as to Regional Hospice Services by check at Regional Hospice, 204 Harrison St., Ste 5, Ironwood, MI 49938 or online at www.regionalhospice.org/donate. Lakeside Memorial Chapel, in Wakefield, is assisting the family with arrangements.

ESTHER AILEEN (ANTTILA) JOHNSON, 92, of Marquette, formerly of Mass City, passed away peacefully at Brookridge Heights Assisted Living in Marquette on August 16, 2025. Funeral services were held on August 22, 2025 at the Laestadian Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.

DEBORAH LYNN (SLEEP) MANTTA, 69, of Alston, Michigan, passed away on August 13, 2025, at U.P. Health System in Marquette after a long illness. In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Jacobson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

ANTHONY GEORGE "TOTE" TROLLA, 73, of Lake Gogebic, passed away on August 8, 2025, at Aspirus St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota, with his loving wife, Bonnie, at his side. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 22, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wakefield. To send online condolences or to share a memory please go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.

NORMAN LEE SHIMP, 82, beloved husband of Susan Shimp, passed away suddenly at his Alston home on August 8, 2025. A private family ceremony will be held with Jacobson Funeral Home assisting.

BEVERLY ANN IKOLA, 79, of Ramsay, passed away peacefully at home on August 5, 2025. A funeral service was held on August 11, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ramsay, with the Rev. Stephen Pope officiating. To send online condolences or to share a memory please go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.

MICHAEL E. "MIKE" CRAVE, 82, of Lake Gogebic, passed away on August 5, 2025. Visitation was held on August 10, at the Lakeside Memorial Chapel in Wakefield.

GRACE EDNA (WEISINGER) MAKIMAA, 87 of Mass City and then Ontonagon, passed away on August 4, 2025, at Westgate Nursing Home in Ironwood, surrounded by family.

JEANNETTE MARION MARLEY, 90, of Ontonagon, passed away on August 3, 2025, at Omega House in Houghton. In lieu of a funeral service, a celebration of life will be held by the family at a later date.

PATRICIA HENDRICKSON, 84, of Bessemer, passed away unexpectedly at home on August 2, 2025. A celebration of life with a graveside memorial was held at Hillcrest Cemetery, Bessemer, on August 15. To send online condolences or to share a memory, go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.

CODY MICHAEL LETSON, 37, of White Pine, passed away on August 2, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, after battling a serious illness, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, MN. A celebration of Cody's life was held at Cooky's Camp in Matchwood on August 23. To send online condolences or to share a memory, go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.

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OBITUARIES



MARLYS K. (OJALA) ROBERTS, 82, of Negaunee died on July 26, 2025, with loving family by her side at Marquette County Medical Care Facility. She had been living with Alzheimer's for many years. Though her last couple of years were challenging, Marlys lived a long life filled with love and adventure with her husband Lance—and, after he died in 2007, many more years of love and contentment in the knowledge that her children and grandchildren, other family and friends held her in their hearts constantly.

Marlys was born and grew up in Ewen, in a big house just outside the small town. She was the second-oldest of nine children born to Hilda (Sironen) Ojala and Sanford Ojala. The family was raised with Finnish traditions in the Lutheran faith. Marlys was an inspiration to her six younger sisters—

Lois, Sharon, Elaine, Alice, Sara and Leah. She was the first sibling and playmate of her older brother Dan, and probably a marvel and mystery to the youngest, her brother Jim. After high school she enrolled at Suomi College in Hancock. There she met her future husband, Lance Roberts of Ishpeming, while both were singing in the choir. They married at First Lutheran Church in Ewen in 1963.

Marlys completed her education at Northern Michigan University and became an elementary school teacher. After Lance completed his bachelor of divinity degree at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, they set out to fulfill their callings. Marlys was a creative, caring and resourceful teacher, and 4th graders were her favorite. She primarily taught in elementary schools in Racine, WI, and Crystal Falls, and she and Lance moved often for the parishes where he served: Stambaugh and Amasa in the U.P.; Kenosha, WI; and back to the U.P. in Escanaba, Iron Mountain and Republic. Once they both retired, they settled in Negaunee, where they built their dream house on Teal Lake.

They also raised three children—Beth, Meredith and Jay—who learned to expect sudden delightful adventures. Every time Marlys and Lance announced to the kids that they were going out to Big Boy for a 'board meeting,' it meant they were planning something great. Usually it was a trip, maybe overseas or to the American West, but sometimes it was something even more interesting, like inviting an exchange student to live with the family for a year. Birte Doenst from Germany and Hrvoje Jukic from Croatia both experienced life in the Roberts household, and will surely mourn the loss of their host mother Marlys.

As a musician who loved the church, Marlys spent many years playing piano and organ for the parishes where she and Lance served, and also directed and sang in the choirs. Before she moved into Memory Care at Brookridge Heights in Marquette in late 2023, she and her oldest daughter, Beth, sang together in the choir at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. At Brookridge, she reveled in the many visiting musicians and the weekly hymn singalongs. Her smile was memorable and often remarked upon. It arrived so readily, making everyone feel lighter. During her last weeks, a smile from Marlys felt like a rare gift. And that is what she was, a rare gift. May she be in death as she was in life: beheld by God.

Her family sends heartfelt thanks to the incredible staff at Brookridge Heights Assisted Living and Memory Care in Marquette, Marquette County Medical Care Facility in Ishpeming, and UP Home Health and Hospice.

Marlys is survived by her three children: Beth Roberts of Marquette, Meredith Roberts (Dag Juhlin) of Woodstock, IL, and Lance J. Roberts Jr. (Susan Spaulding) of Negaunee; six grandchildren: Rosalie and Ivan Starenko, Sophie and Kai Juhlin, Miles Spaulding and Maija Roberts; her eight siblings, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming on August 9, with Bishop Emeritus Skrenes officiating. Relatives and friends are invited to leave online notes of remembrance at bjorkandzhulkie.com.



The Ojala siblings gathered together in Ishpeming on August 9, to mourn the loss of their eldest sister, Marlys. Marlys was the second of nine children born to Sanford and Hilda Ojala of Ewen.



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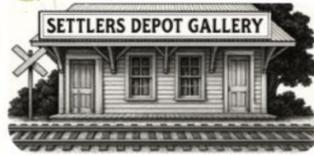
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My family and I can't say "Thank You" enough for everything that was done for all of us after the loss of Lisa Ogren. She would have been so pleased with the show of kindness, the many friends that came to her service (here and downstate in Jackson), all the food that people brought, the hugs I received and phone calls, too. Thanks to Pastor Ted Trudgeon for his always special message, to Sandy Maki for her beautiful song and playing, to all the Methodist ladies and others who jumped in to help serve and the special way Jerald Rocco directed the whole service with so much compassion.

It still doesn't seem real and she will be so missed by her family, friends, classmates, neighbors—here and down state—her best friend, Judy Nichols, and her two fur babies, Chewy and James. All of the monetary gifts we received will be donated in memory of Lisa to the Ewen United Methodist Church and the Ontonagon County Animal Protection Agency.

Thank You All,
Shirley, Mark, Jill and Jesse Ogren
Verna Hautamaki, Nancy Johnson and the Lindsey Family

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

Paynesville, Bruce Crossing, Paulding, Ewen, Topaz

BRUCE CROSSING: Congrats to this year's Boppin' Bob Memorial Scholarship Bag Toss Tournament winners—1st: Tommy Cousineau and Cole Borseth, 2nd: Tom Cousineau and Connor Cousineau, 3rd: Dale McGeshick and James Hazen (Kris). Funds raised from the August 19 tournament are the primary source of support for the annual Boppin' Bob Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship, which was established by the children of Bob Peltola—aka the broadcast radio "voice" of UP Sports—aims to award a total of \$2,000 to 4 Ontonagon County graduating seniors each year.

EWEN: The schedule of events for this year's Log Jamboree (September 26 and 27) hasn't popped up yet online, but the order of events is fairly consistent each year. Here's an educated guess at what attendees are likely to experience. Friday, Sept. 26—Quilt Show, Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, Bake Sale, plus a Craft Fair (see Front Page for vendor registration details—the deadline is 9/12). On Saturday, Sept. 27, the day's events will certainly include a Parade, Kids' Games like the Silver Dollar Game (which relies on generous prize donations from the community—see the Silver Dollar ad on this page). And, there's always a Rubber Ducky River Race with a big cash prize winner for the first duck over the finish line. In prior years, the Ewen Volunteer Fire Department has also held their very generous and popular Kids' Bike Raffle. Live music on Saturday night is definite event according to the Ewen Civic Association's Facebook post earlier this year, with Chad Borgen & The Collective performing from 6pm-10pm. Stay tuned for the confirmed list of event details which will be shared in the next edition of the *Ottawa Shopper* & 906 Rambler.



PICTURED ABOVE: This rowdy-looking, young gang on wheels—escorted by a responsible-looking adult—paused for a moment in front of Loggers Alley in Bruce Crossing to wave at the camera before carefully crossing M-28 to get on the trail to kick up some dust.

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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

Rockland, Ontonagon, Mass City, Greenland, White Pine, Silver City, Porkies

ONTONAGON: Ontonagon area restaurants and businesses recently posted the following message on Facebook their respective pages — “We’re excited to announce a new partnership between Ontonagon’s local restaurants and businesses: the Ontonagon Good Eats for Good Deeds Alliance. Our mission is simple: come together, serve great food, and give back to the community that supports us. Each participating business will choose a local cause, and on select days donate 10% of proceeds toward making a difference right here at home. It’s about food, fun, and neighbors helping neighbors. When you see the **Good Eats for Good Deeds** name, you’ll know that your meal is doing more than just filling your belly — it’s fueling a good cause. Stay tuned for dates, causes, and participating locations — and thank you for making Ontonagon a place where good eats truly do good deeds.”

GREENLAND: Onto. Co. Cancer Association is in need of shower chairs. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Karen Jackson or drop it off at the loan closet located at Cane Court in Ontonagon.

ONTONAGON: Sort of old news, but newsworthy nonetheless. Syl’s Café hosted its inaugural Pasty SPEED Eating Contest during Sunshine Motel and Cabins’ Annual 4th of July “Lights Over the Lake” celebration. Richard John Wardynski beat out 8 other contenders by smashing down THREE of Syl’s pasties with an impressive time clocked at 1 minute 50 seconds. Based on video footage, the other competitors were barely into their second pasties when Mr. Wardynski washed down the last bite of his third pasty with ease. There was A LOT of water drinking involved in the competition. Even more impressive is that the contestants participated in the competition knowing there was no cash prize for the winner—bragging rights alone were enough for them to belly up to the table.



ONTONAGON: St. Nicholas Project volunteer meetings to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season are already happening. The first meeting was Aug. 27 at Cane Court in Ontonagon. The group is always looking for new volunteers!



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Ontonagon



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KENTON: Some Duncan Township residents are having challenges with their Waste Management (WM) service. Some residents have not yet received their official trash cans from WM as expected. A message posted on Facebook on 8/26 instructs residents experiencing issues to call the township supervisor.

TROUT CREEK: The Trout Creek American Legion Post 494 is in search of a replacement beverage cooler, similar to the one shown in the photo below. If you have one to donate or for sale, please send a message to 404-433-7983. (p.s. Thank you Skye J. for initiating this request for help on behalf of the Legion!)



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The oldest known lake trout in the Great Lakes was recently documented by researchers at the Mich. DNR Marquette Fisheries Research Station. The female fish, named Mary Catherine by the research team, was collected from Klondike Reef in Lake Superior in the fall of 2023. She weighed 4.62 pounds and was 24.7 in long. These stats aren't remarkable – the longest collected by the Marquette Fisheries Research Station was 53.1 in. and the heaviest was 35.5 lbs. The state record for Michigan is 61.5 lbs.

What was remarkable was her age—at 62 years old, the fish is the oldest documented lake trout in the Great Lakes.

Age can be measured in fish with multiple body structures, such as spines. For lake trout, the otolith, or inner ear stone, is the most reliable indicator of age. Humans have them, too – and as the fish grows, so does the otolith. This growth leaves rings each winter, similar to tree rings, which can then be counted to estimate the fish's age.

Age is one of most important variables in tracking population health for fish, and finding Mary Catherine indicates that lake trout indeed live long and prosper in Lake Superior.

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WATERSMEET: The Lac Vieux Desert Health Center Expansion groundbreaking ceremony was held on August 5. The Center is adding 10,000 square feet to its facility. The new space will make it possible for the Center to offer additional services. Pictured on the right is Lac Vieux Desert's Chairman, Jim Williams.



WAKEFIELD: WE CARE (Wakefield Encourages Community), a new non-profit organization is gaining interest. According to its Facebook page, the organization is aiming to enrich the greater Wakefield community by promoting physical activity, enhancing social interactions, and building strong connections among residents.

Visitors from the Gopher state will be in the area September 12-13, participating in two days of adventure rides (hosted by M2 Powersports of Owatonna, MN, guided by Hamilton's North Coast Adventures of Ontonagon). A part of their weekend fun includes hosting a silent auction on 9/13 to raise money in support of the Veterans Adventure Group. The auction starts at 7pm and will be held at the VFW in Wakefield. The auction is open to the public.

LAKE GOGEBIC: The Gogebic Area Grooming Club is looking forward to getting its trails in shape for the upcoming 25/26 snowmobiling season. The group has two upcoming "brushing and signing" (brush removal and sign placement) events. The first one is September 27 & 28, the second one is October 25 & 26. Anyone is welcome to join the group and help out with their trail prep efforts. These are family-friendly events and great way to see the fall colors and some of the backcountry before the snow falls. Lodging can be provided if needed. So mark your calendars, bring your side-by-sides, chainsaws or whatever would be helpful!! Call Greg @ 309-208-8624 with any questions.

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