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SAVE THE DATE

September

- 12-13 **Walleye Fishing Tournament—Lake Gogebic 47th Annual Tournament!** 1st Place \$2,000, Bergland
- 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.
- 25-28 **Bessemer Pumpkinfest**, (Details on age 3)
- 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 (Details on page 2)

October

- 3 **Plaidurday 2025**, Stormy Kromer and the City of Ironwood's legendary plaid celebration. Activities include scavenger hunt, Plaidurday Group Photo—wear your plaid (4pm-5:15pm CT at theater marquee), live music, food trucks, and more!
- 4-5 **Cranberry Fest**, Eagle River
- 18 **Sweater Weather**, A full day of outdoor fall fun. Vendors, games, crafts, cornhole, and more. Wakefield
- 31 **HALLOWEEN**





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Meet at 10am Saturday, Sept. 27 at the old school in Ewen

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After the parade, we'll gather at the Centennial Hall* to enjoy the great community and each other. Our past teachers and school administrators are invited to join us!

Donations will be gladly accepted to help cover float and reunion advertising expenses. Any excess donations will be donated to the E-TC Booster Club. Additional updates for classmates are on Facebook Group: E-TC Class of 1975.

*A variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase at the Centennial Hall.

Ham Raffle

While you're at this year's Log Jamboree in Ewen, be sure to stop by the Lake Superior Lodge #67 Masons' table and buy a raffle ticket (\$1.00 ea.) for their Ham Raffle. 10 Lucky Smithfield Half Ham Winners will be drawn at 5pm on Saturday, September 27. Their table will be set up near the Centennial Hall during Log Jamboree. Funds raised from the drawing will be donated to the South Ontonagon County Food Pantry.



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8am - 11am

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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Noon **GEOCACHING "FIELD DAY" BEGINS**
Maps available at Bessemer Dairy Queen and on the Pumpkinfest Facebook Page (Scott P. 906-364-5836)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

ALL DAY **50/50 RAFFLE** and **GEOCACHING** *Continue*
3-8pm **FISH FRY** at Area Restaurants
3pm-Midnight **POKER RUN #1** (Drawing at Pit Stop)
5-9pm **FREE! CARNIVAL RIDES** - Sophie Street
8-11pm **KARAOKE AT JJ'S YALE BAR** - Prizes!
(Julie C. 906-667-0435)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ALL DAY **50/50 RAFFLE** and **GEOCACHING** *Continue*
FAMILY FUN DAY! See FULL SCHEDULE on right.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3-6pm **HARVEST DINNER—ROAST BEEF & HAM**
(Take-out available) plus **MUSIC by Shawn Kitto**
- Bessemer VFW, Open to the Public
(Donna 906-285-2006 / VFW 906-667-0812)
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FULL SCHEDULE FAMILY FUN DAY!



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- ALL DAY **50/50 RAFFLE** and **GEOCACHING** *Continue*
- 8-11am **PUMPKIN PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - St. Sebastian School Knights of Columbus (Al Gaiiss 906-364-4369)
- 8-11:30am **DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST**
Prizes for winners! Drop off pumpkins at the Information Booth on Sophie St. Winners announced at noon. (Donna F. 906-285-2005)
- 9am **GOGEBIC RANGE TRAIL AUTHORITY ATV FALL RIDE**
- Fundraiser for UP Honor Flight
Meet at Uncle Sam's Bar, Mary St. (Kami 715-650-1323)
- 9am-2pm **CRAFT FAIR & JR. CLASS BBQ LUNCH** - High School Gym (Mary M. 906-364-2763)
- 9am-3pm **SUPERIOR TIRED IRON ANTIQUE TRACTOR AND FARM DISPLAY**
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- 9am-5pm **CHILLIN' WITH MY GNOMIES Instagram Scavenger Hunt**
(Crystal 906-364-0047)
- 10am-5pm **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE** - Sophie St.
- 10am Line Up for **KIDDIE PARADE** - City Hall (Annette 906-364-1271)
- 10:30am **KIDDIE PARADE** (Dress up encouraged!)
- 10:45am **TRUNK-OR-TREAT** Mary St. at end of parade route (Laura 906-364-1888)
- 10:30am-5:30pm **FREE! CARNIVAL RIDES** - Sophie St.
- 11am **FIRE TRUCK & LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPLAY**
- Bessemer Volunteer Fire Department / GCSG / MSP (Steve S.)
- 11am **MIDNIGHT POKER RUN #2** (Drawing at Pit Stop)
- 11am-12pm **PUMPKIN DECORATING CRAFT ~ FREE!** - Big Tent (Walmart Volunteers)
- 11:30am **MR. V'S MAGIC SHOW** - Pumpkin Square (Fire Hall if inclement weather)
- 11:30am-2:30pm **FREE! FACE PAINTING & BALLOON-TWISTING CLOWN FUN & BUSINESS** - Big Tent (Fire Hall if inclement weather)
- Noon **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** - Longyear St. (Pit Stop - Rachel)
- Noon **TRACTOR PULL** - Behind City Hall
- Noon **PET COSTUME CONTEST** - Pumpkin Square Stage (Linda M 906-285-3375)
- Noon-3pm **DESSERT SOCIAL** - Hosted by Bessemer Women's Club - Bessemer VFW (Rainey)
- 12:30pm **PUMPKIN BOWLING** - Sophie St. & Longyear St. (Pumpkin Square)
- 1pm **SEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST** - Sophie St. & Longyear St. (Gail 906-285-2644)
- 1-2pm **GOGEBIC RANGE BAND PERFORMANCE** at Dessert Social - Bessemer VFW
- 1:30pm **MR. V'S MAGIC SHOW** - Pumpkin Square
- 2pm **PUMPKIN SEED SPITTING CONTEST** (All ages) - Sophie St.
- 2:30-3:30pm **PUMPKIN BINGO—FREE!** - Bessemer VFW (Open to all)
- 3-5pm **MUSIC ON THE STAGE BY JIM'S GOING BACK** - Jim Alexandroni (Spinning Spur if inclement weather)
- 3pm **PUMPKIN PIE EATING CONTEST** - Big Tent
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Here are key steps to get (and keep) your tires winter-ready:

- 1. Check Your Tread Depth—Don't Rely on the Penny Test:** Winter traction depends on tread. All-season tires should have at least 6/32" of tread before snow flies, while winter tires perform best at 8/32" or more. Anything less and you risk losing grip on icy backroads and slushy highways.
- 2. Switch to Winter Tires Early:** In the U.P., waiting until the first big snowstorm is too late. Temperatures below 45°F are when all-season rubber starts to stiffen. Winter tires stay pliable, gripping the road even when it's 10 below. Schedule your tire changeover before November to avoid shop backlogs.
- 3. Check Tire Pressure Weekly:** Air contracts in cold weather. For every 10°F drop, you lose about 1 PSI. Underinflated tires reduce traction, wear unevenly, and hurt your gas mileage. Keep a quality gauge in your glovebox and top off with air regularly.
- 4. Rotate for Even Wear:** Roads with salt, frost heaves, and potholes put extra stress on tires. Rotating every 5,000–7,000 miles extends life and ensures all four corners grip equally when you need it most.
- 5. Inspect for Cracks and Bulges:** Cold snaps followed by warm-ups cause rubber fatigue. Look for sidewall bulges, cracks, or nails before winter deepens. Small damage now can turn into a roadside emergency at 20 below.
- 6. Don't Forget the Spare:** Many drivers overlook the spare tire. Check its pressure and condition before winter, especially since roadside assistance can take longer in our area.
- 7. Wash Off Road Salt:** Salt and brine eat away at wheels, steel belts, and valve stems. When possible, run your vehicle through a car wash that includes an undercarriage rinse. This helps prevent premature tire and wheel damage.
- 8. Balance & Alignment Matter More in Winter:** Hitting frost heaves and potholes can knock your alignment out of spec. Poor alignment wears down tread faster and reduces control on slick roads. Have it checked before heavy snow arrives.



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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD TROUT CREEK, KENTON, SIDNAW, WATTON, COVINGTON

SIDNAW: Area residents had an early glimpse of the coming winter when a brief period of trace snow fell on Sept. 4. The early snow was a bit of surprise—even for the U.P.

KENTON/SIDNAW: The annual Lake Superior Performance Rally (LSPR), known as the oldest, meanest, and toughest rally car race on the circuit, returns to the area October 17-18, for Round 8 of the 2025 American Rally Association (ARA) National Championship Series. This exciting race starts in Marquette and has multiple spectator viewing points along the way. Information about local area spectator points will be shared here once the details become available. The event site is www.lsprorally.com.



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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD WATERSMEET, BERGLAND, LAKE GOGEBIC

BERGLAND: Trailside Bar & Grill customers are happy the doors have reopened after an extended period of closure this summer following the sad loss of its beloved chef and co-manager, Richard. There are a few new items on the menu—especially popular is the Broasted Chicken & Waffles entree – crispy broasted chicken, golden waffles, an egg bite and maple syrup.





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GOCAA's monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (for income-eligible residents ages 60 years and older in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties) distribution schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 15:

GOCAA, 100 S. Mill St., Bessemer	9am - 11am
Wakefield VFW	9:15am - 9:30am
Sunset Manor Apartments, Wakefield	9:45 am - 10am
Riverview Apartments, Wakefield	10:15am - 10:30am
Hillcrest Apartments, Bessemer	11:30am - 11:45am
Fairview Apartments, Bessemer	12pm - 12:15pm

Tuesday, September 16:

Pioneer Park Apartments, Ironwood	9am - 9:30am
Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood	10am - 10:30am
Northwood Estates Apts., Ironwood Twp	11am - 11:15am
Wildwood Apts., Ironwood Twp	11:30am - 11:45am

Wednesday, September 17:

Marenisco Town Hall	9am - 9:15am
Watersmeet Food Pantry	10am - 10:15am
Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Park	12:30pm - 1pm ET

Thursday, September 18:

Bergland Lake Gogebic Senior Center	9:25am - 9:40am ET
White Pine Township Hall	10am - 10:15am ET
Ontonagon Holy Family Catholic Church	11am - 11:30am ET
Mass City Resource Center	1pm - 1:30pm ET

GOCAA direct delivers ONLY to recipients who participate in GOCAA's Meals on Wheels. Times are subject to change. Food package contains cheese, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals. Recipients are reminded to return boxes. Proof of income not required, but recipients must meet income guidelines. For program information, call 906-663-1080. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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ONTONAGON COUNTY 11am, ET, Onto Village Fire Hall, 315 River St., Ontonagon	Wednesday, Oct 1 Wednesday, Dec 3
BARAGA COUNTY 12pm, ET, Ojibwa Casino, 16449 Mich. Ave., Baraga	Wednesday, Sept 24
IRON COUNTY 1pm, CT, Lakeview Bible Church, 1211 US-Hwy 2, Crystal Falls, MI	Thursday, Sept 18
1pm, CT Grace Covenant Church, 316 Jasper St., Iron River, MI	Thursday, Sept 25

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Watersmeet: 7PM every Tues/Thurs/Sat, Spiritual Center

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

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<p>Wednesday, October 8th</p> <p>BRUCE CROSSING at Settlers Co-op 10:00AM to 12:00PM</p> <p>EWEN at Big Valley Ford 1:30PM to 3:30PM</p>	<p>Thursday, October 9th</p> <p>ONTONAGON at 100 Cane Court 10:00AM to 2:00PM</p>
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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD MARENISCO, WAKEFIELD, BESSEMER, RAMSAY

WAKEFIELD: WE CARE was able to assist 20 students with backpacks and school supplies thanks to donations received from community members during its August back to school Backpack Drive. The group was also able to donate extra school supplies to the Wakefield-Marenisco School District.

WE CARE is also busy preparing for its 2nd Annual Sweater Weather event, to be held in Wakefield on October 18. It will be a busy day with local craft vendors, Kids Corner activities, a baking contest, cornhole tournament, and more. To sign up for the Cornhole Tournament (\$40), call Brett Heil (906) 385-0911—and be sure to let him know you saw this information in the Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler! Additional details will be shared soon,

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CHURCH SERVICES

BERGLAND

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.

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

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

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In Loving Memory



JOLETTA LYN KAAT, 49, of Bruce Crossing, went home to be with her heavenly Father on September 5, 2025, surrounded by family and friends.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband John L Kaat, and her children Nathan (Alex) Kaat, Keila Kaat, Justus (Ashley) Kaat, Seth (Jenna) Kaat, Levi (Kailey) Kaat, Jared Kaat, Shoshana Kaat, Eliya Kaat, and Derek Kaat; by her grandchildren Jesiah, Patience, Emery, Micah, Skyla, and Taylyn; her mother, Janet Van Hierden; three sisters Nelina Van Hierden, Calinda (Dave) Slingerland, and Andrelei (Bert) Grisnich; and her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Tammy (Pete) Mittnacht, Jeff (Sandy) Kaat, David (Amy) Kaat, Tim (Alida) Kaat, Stephen Kaat, Lois (Luke) Byers, Joel Kaat, Sarah (Dan) Wandel, Mary Kaat, and Elisabeth Kaat; and her many nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Joletta was born in Alberta, Canada on May 16, 1976. She was the oldest of 4 sisters and loved the open spaces and life on her family ranch. She met John at a church camp in Idaho in 1992, and they were married 2 years later. She enjoyed working alongside her husband John at Primrose Acres (excavating). She was known by many as she worked tirelessly helping clients, employees and families meet their needs. Joletta loved to worship and praise her Heavenly King and her ardent desire was to support John in ministry and finish well in Messiah and not let His Glory be compromised in any way. She passed on her great love of farming to her children. One of her favorite places was to be digging in her flower gardens. She loved baling hay, taking care of her animals, raising vegetables to feed her family, and just sharing in the wonder of finding small things like a robin's nest in the spring. Whether she was pruning her fruit trees or reading the Scriptures, her passion was to pass on the amazing love of God in Christ, teaching her children, grandchildren and loved ones. One of her dreams was to organize her library with all the books she collected over the years for her family to be able to enjoy in the generations to come. Through the years she enjoyed going for rides to see the wonders of Creation and she found great peace just sitting on the shore of Lake Superior and looking off into the distance with the water lapping at her toes.

Joletta was preceded in death by her stillborn son, Joshua; nephews, Jaymun Kaat and Jason Slingerland; father-in-law, Richard Kaat; and father, Gerrit Van Hierden.

Joletta's family would like to express their gratitude for all who have supported her in various ways, especially in the last years.

We invite you to join us in her memory:

Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Cemetery Rd. in Rockland, MI 12:30-1:30pm ET Visitation at Graveside, 1:30-2:30pm ET Outdoor Service at Graveside Following the Funeral Service, everyone is invited for an open house at Primrose Acres, 20393 US-45 in Bruce Crossing.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

will be held graveside for

Jon and Teresa Gustavson

at Evergreen Cemetery in Ewen

Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 1:00 pm

Military honors will be performed by Ontonagon County Veteran's Association.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

PAUL ALLEN RAJALA, 79, of Covington, passed away on September 4, 2025, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. In keeping with Paul's wishes, no funeral service will be held. Jacobson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

JANET (WICKSTROM) DE LEON, 88, of Lake Linden, formerly of Ewen passed away on September 3, 2025. In accordance with Janet's wishes, private family services will be held. The Pearce Funeral Home in Lake Linden is in charge of arrangements.

KIYO MONICA BOURBONAI, 97, of Ontonagon, passed away peacefully at home on September 3, 2025. Funeral arrangements are pending. Hildebrand-Russ Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

ROBERT (BOB) J. MAZUREK, 92, of Ontonagon, passed away on August 31, 2025. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 8, 2025, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Ontonagon. Burial with military rites from OCVA immediately followed the service at Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Ontonagon.

BRUCE V. JACOBSON, 62, of Ramsay, passed away on August 31, 2025, after a brief illness surrounded by his family. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held on Saturday, September 13, at 1 p.m., at the American Legion Geroux Post 11, 605 River St., in Wakefield.

SHIRLEY ANN VOMASTEK, 98, of Bessemer, passed away on August 23, 2025. The family is honoring her life in private services. Lakeside Memorial Chapel Inc., in Wakefield, is assisting the family with arrangements.

ROBERT W. SALONEN, 81, of Crystal Falls, formerly of Bessemer, passed away on August 21, 2025, at U.P. Health System-Marquette surrounded by family and friends. A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls, MI. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m.

CORRECTION: In the August 27, 2025 edition of the *Ottawa Shopper & 906 Rambler*, the Thank You note from the family of Lisa Ogren incorrectly stated that all monetary gifts received in her memory would be donated. The family wishes to clarify that a portion of the gifts will be used for the purchase of a headstone and other related funeral expenses. In addition, a portion of the gifts will be donated to the Ewen Methodist Church and the Ontonagon County Animal Protection Agency.

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FALL ELECTROFISHING: DNR TO SURVEY WALLEYE POPULATION

September 3, 2025—Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel will be conducting nighttime walleye surveys at lakes across the state from late September to mid-October. These surveys are an important tool for fisheries managers to determine whether walleye that hatched in the spring (known as young-of-year) were hatched in the wild or were stocked, as well as how many of those fish are present in an area. This information about the status of young walleye in lakes helps the DNR make informed management decisions.

Using electrofishing boats, crews will survey shallow areas near the shoreline of lakes at night with the goal of capturing young-of-year walleye. Walleye prefer cooler, deeper areas of lakes during the day but move into shallow, nearshore areas at night, making nighttime surveys more efficient. On larger lakes, two or more electrofishing crews using separate boats may operate at the same time to cover more area. The crews will work both on lakes that have been stocked with walleye and lakes that have not.

Biologists also will collect and keep a sample of young-of-year walleye from stocked lakes to determine whether the fish are primarily reproducing naturally or if young-of-year are from stocking. Many walleye that are stocked are marked with oxytetracycline, a chemical marker that can be observed within captured fish by using a microscope with an ultraviolet light source in a laboratory setting. In addition, modern genetic techniques that allow more accurate assessment of stocking success will be completed at Michigan State University on walleye tissue samples collected during some of these fall surveys.

Some surveys will be conducted collaboratively with tribal agencies, and tribal natural resource departments also will be conducting surveys independently of the DNR. In the Upper Peninsula, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service also will be collaborating on surveys and conducting independent surveys in the Hiawatha National Forest as part of an effort to create long-term datasets for a number of inland lakes managed for walleye.

Everyone is urged to use caution when fishing or on the water near electrofishing boats, and those wading will be asked to exit the water when a survey boat approaches and during electrofishing work. Crews will be using bright lights to illuminate the water around the boats and running generators on board, which may make it difficult to hear and speak with anyone on shore. Learn more about how the DNR manages Michigan's walleye fisheries at Michigan.gov/Walleye.

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ONTONAGON: The Knights of Columbus are preparing for their upcoming Spaghetti Dinner to be held November 1, 2025, at the Holy Family Catholic Church (5pm-8pm). The dinner is offered for Free-Will Donation with proceeds going to seminary scholarships.

The Ontonagon Township Library dropped a big hint on its Facebook page this week. A partner of Keweenaw Jiu Jitsu appears to be coming soon to the Village of Ontonagon.

MASS CITY/GREENLAND: Thanks to some intense and extensive road construction happening throughout the summer, the area's "corduroy roads" are close to being completely replaced by beautiful, smooth roads. If your vehicle has endured miles of driving on the former roads, you understand why this is worthy of mention!



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PAYNESVILLE: Damage caused by an unknown individual(s) at the Paynesville Cemetery was recently discovered. Tire tracks were left behind in deep ruts running through the cemetery. Multiple grave markers sitting in the path of destruction were damaged. The damage has been reported to law enforcement.

PICTURED BELOW: The population of Trout Creek grew by nearly 30% for the day on June 28, when 81 members of the Eino and Elsi Besonen family gathered in Trout Creek for a fun family reunion at the home of Paul and Pam Besonen. Many of the family members reside in the local area, and many others traveled here from Minnesota, lower Michigan, Massachusetts, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin.



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