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October

- 13 COLUMBUS DAY, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
- 15 **Mich. Assistive Tech Program Presentation**, 6-7pm ET, hosted by Camp Josh. Learn about free assistive technology & outdoor recreation gear. Pizza & refreshments provided. 31794 LP Walsh Rd., Ontonagon
- 15 **St. Nicholas Project APPLICATION FORMS DEADLINE**, Details and forms are provided on page 4 and page 5.
- 17 **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**, Watersmeet Fire Department, 5-7pm CT, \$10/plate, \$5/plate age 6 and under. Raffles & drawings, Northern Waters Casino, Watersmeet
- 18 **Ontonagon Artist Collective Haunted Gingerbread House Making**, \$25 per house, register at www.artbyoac.org, for questions contact Cherri at cherri@ontonagonartistcollective.org
- 18 **11th Annual Winter Coat Giveaway**, 10am-4pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ontonagon
- 18 **Sweater Weather**, All day fun. Vendors, games, crafts, cornhole, & more. Wakefield
- 20 **Quarters for a Cause—Onto. Co. Animal Protection**, Auction starts 6pm, Sloppy Joes & Chips \$5 starts at 5pm. Twilly's in Bruce Crossing ([Details page 3](#))
- 25 **Annual Holiday Decorations Sale, Pie Social, & Bake Sale**, 11am-2pm, Hosted by Siloa Church Women's Group, 218 E. River St., Ontonagon
- 25 **4th Annual Boo Crossing**, Bruce Crossing ([Details page 2](#))
- 31 HALLOWEEN
- 31 **Fire Trucks & Treats**, 4:30pm ET, N4696 1st St., Watersmeet
- 31 **Haunted Theater & Library Tour**, 6-8pm, Annual spookfest—Free Admission-donations appreciated. 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon
- 31 **Halloween After Dark Spooktacular**, 6:30-9pm, Mineral River Plaza, White Pine

November

- 1 **Haunted Theater & Library Tour**, 7-9pm, Annual spookfest—Free Admission-donations appreciated. 311 N. Steel St., Ontonagon
- 1 **14th Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale**, 10am-2pm, Hosted by Friends of Marenisco Library. Vendors call 906-285-1172. 314 Hall St., Marenisco
- 1 **Spaghetti Dinner**, 5pm-8pm, Knights of Columbus, Holy Catholic Church, Ontonagon
- 8 **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale**, 10am-2pm, Hosted by Wakefield VFW Auxiliary. Vendors call 906-285-1719. 9084 W. US-2, Wakefield
- 14 **Hunters' Dinner**, Time TBD, Hosted by Kenton-Sidnaw Historical Society & Trout Creek Amer. Legion 494 Supporters. Kenton Town Hall, Kenton
- 15 **Mich. Opening Day Deer Hunting Regular Firearms Season**, 11/15-11/30, Good luck, eh!
- 15 **Community Youth Enrichment Team's (C-YET) Annual Christmas Bazaar**, 10am-2pm, Shopping and lunch. E-TC School, Ewen
- 27 THANKSGIVING



More than a century old, this beautiful Midwestern Gable-Roof Barn on the Hautamaki homestead in the Agate area features a triangular extension at the peak, sometimes called a hay hood or bonnet. The hood protected the block-and-tackle pulley system used to lift hay bales or loose hay into the loft. This feature is a hallmark of Midwestern barns built between 1880 and 1920.

WHO—OR WHAT—IS KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR?

You may spot a few traditional ghosts and goblins this Halloween season, but unless you spend your days around ankle-biters and tweens, you might find yourself staring blankly at the next batch of Trick-or-Treaters, asking: “Who—or what—are you supposed to be?” Then, before you can process the answer, they’ve already skipped off to the next house (or trunk).

So, in the spirit of community service (and self-defense against Halloween confusion), here’s a quick guide to a few of this year’s costume trends across the U.S.

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS: If a group of sparkly, microphone-wielding heroes knock on your door singing in perfect harmony, they may be characters from Netflix’s animated musical *KPop Demon Hunters*, where a girl band called HUNT/X fights off supernatural forces between concerts. Their band members — Rumi, Mira, and Zoey—are joined by a too-cool rival boy band called The Saja Boys (Jinu, Mystery, Abby, Romance, and Baby Saja).



If you’re unfamiliar with K-Pop, it’s short for *Korean popular music* — which is a modern music genre from South Korea that mixes pop, hip-hop, R&B, dance, and electronic styles. It’s known for catchy melodies, colorful videos, and eye-catching choreography. But K-Pop is more than music. It’s a full-scale entertainment industry built around “idol” groups — boy bands and girl groups known for precise dance moves, coordinated fashion, and polished public images. These Korean performers train for years before officially “debuting,” learning to sing, dance, and perform in multiple languages under the guidance of professional agencies.

LABUBU: If you see a child dressed like a rabbit-gremlin hybrid with pointy teeth and big ears, congrats—you’ve met a Labubu. Labubus started as collectible plush toys sold in mystery boxes. The toys are usually clipped onto backpacks, belt loops, or purses—so even if you don’t recognize them, you’ll definitely notice them. There’s no official Labubu costume, but plenty of creative knockoffs exist online. Just picture a bunny jumpsuit, vampire teeth, and a dash of “what on Earth is that thing?” and you’ll get the idea.



SQUID GAME CHARACTERS: If a kid shows up in a red jumpsuit and a black mask, they’re likely someone dressed from Netflix’s hit TV show series *Squid Game*, which returned for Season 3 this summer. Popular choices include the anonymous guards, green-tracksuit players, or the giant creepy doll named *Young-hee* who terrified audiences in Season 1.



SOME FAMILIAR FACES: You may see Wednesday Addams or other Addams family look-alikes (from Netflix’s *Wednesday* series), and some sparkly witches inspired by *Wicked*—the prequel to *The Wizard of Oz*. So whether you meet the Wicked Witch of the West or her counterpart, Glinda, at least you’re in familiar broomstick territory.

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- FOOD TRUCKS 12-8
- COIN SCRAMBLE 1-2
- FACE PAINTING 1-4
- CAKE WALK 2-3
- KIDS COSTUME CONTEST 3PM
- KIDS CRAFT 2-4
- BOUNCE HOUSE 2-6
- HAUNTED CARNIVAL 2-6
- TRIVIA 4-5
- TRUNK & TREAT (SETUP 3:30 CO-OP) 4-6
- LIVE MUSIC (SUNNY SIDE ACOUSTIC) 5-8
- HAMMERSCHLAGEN 6-8
- 50/50 RAFFLE 7PM
- ADULT COSTUME CONTEST 7PM

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in EWEN

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IN APPRECIATION OF A GREAT GATHERING OF CLASSMATES, THE COMMUNITY, AND THE E-TC BOOSTER CLUB

The E-TC Class of 1975 enjoyed celebrating our 50th Class Reunion on September 27 at the Centennial Hall in Ewen. We were thrilled to join the community at the popular Annual Log Jamboree—complete with our class float in the parade and plenty of candy handed out to the kids! Our float was all about the great memories our class shares: Seventies music, Flower Power, peace signs, and special recognition for our Girls Basketball State Champs of 1973–74 and State Runners-Up of 1974–75.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the school that “Made Us Who We Are.” Between classmates’ contributions and donations from the community during and after the parade, we were able to donate a total of \$1,050 to the E-TC Booster Club. We’re so grateful to our classmates, the E-TC School, the Ewen Civic Association, and everyone in the community who work so hard to make events like this possible—and for welcoming us back so warmly. It was a wonderful!

— With gratitude, **The E-TC Class of 1975**



MCMILLAN TOWNSHIP

Public Reminder

Decorations in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ewen need to be removed by October 31, 2025. Any decorations remaining beyond that time will be removed by Township workers and disposed of.

Winter Parking Reminder

McMillan Township reminds all residents and visitors that Winter Parking Ordinances take effect on November 1, or with the first snowfall, whichever comes first. There is no parking on the Main Street (Cedar Street) before 7:00am Eastern Time. Vehicles must be parked a minimum of 5-6 feet off the paved (gravel or asphalt) road from 6:00am until 11:00am Eastern Time, after the county grader has plowed. Thank you for helping our workers keep our roads plowed and clear.

MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP

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NOTICE DUNCAN TOWNSHIP KENTON & SIDNAW CEMETERIES

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Do you or someone you know need some help this Christmas? St. Nicholas Project aims to make sure everyone feels the spirit of Christmas. Complete and return the *Ontonagon County St. Nicholas Christmas Project 2025* form that best fits your situation:

- Adults with no children in the home should complete the form provided below.
- Families with children in the home should complete the form provided on page 5.

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Name(s) of others in household: _____ Age(s): _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

(Mandatory information- Must complete both Street Address and P.O. Box number if you have a P.O. Box)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

If you qualify, do you want a food voucher? Yes ___ No ___ Total in Household _____

Are you able to pick up your food voucher and/ or gift/gift card? Yes ___ No ___

*If you are someone who would not otherwise be remembered at Christmas time, you may qualify for a gift or gift card. **Please check one**- Approximately up to \$30 GIFT.*

_____ Purchased Gift- Please list one or two gift ideas on the line below. Specify item, size, color, etc.

_____ Dollar General Gift Card _____ On Tran Bus Tickets

_____ Walmart Gift Card _____ Senior Meal Certificates

_____ Amazon Gift Card

If Applicable - Name of person /Agency making referral: _____

(Must have permission to refer)

Phone Number: _____

You will be notified whether you qualify-- Late referrals may not be considered.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM BY **OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Mail to: St. Nicholas Project, P.O. Box 72, Ontonagon, MI 49953

OR - **Drop off in Ontonagon:** Department of Health and Human Services, Ontonagon; Village Housing or St. Vincent De Paul Store

OR - **Drop Off in Bruce Crossing:** Drop Box at Settlers Co-Op

OR - **E-mail:** st.nicholas.project.ontonagon@gmail.com

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A SIMPLE STEP EVERY MAN SHOULD TAKE: PSA TESTING

The PSA test is a quick blood draw that checks for problems with the prostate—most importantly, it can help detect prostate cancer early, when treatment works best. But it's not only about cancer. Elevated PSA levels can also signal a noncancerous enlarged prostate or an infection. Knowing your PSA test result number gives you and your doctor a baseline, so you can spot changes before they become bigger issues. Most men should begin PSA testing around age 40, or earlier if you're higher risk (family history, African American men).

The prostate is a small gland, about the size of a walnut, located just below the bladder. Its main job is to help make fluid that supports sperm. Most men don't notice it until it causes trouble—which is why checking on it with a PSA test makes sense.

The PSA (prostate-specific antigen) test measures a protein in your blood. High levels don't always mean cancer—but they do mean something's worth a closer look.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in American men. About 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed, and 1 in 44 will die from it (American Cancer Society). A quick PSA test can help you avoid being caught off guard.

Take advantage of free PSA testing offered this month at the Ontonagon Family Health Center. One small step now can help keep you doing the things you love.

Statistics in this article were sourced from the American Cancer Society.

3 REASONS TO KNOW YOUR PSA NUMBER

- 1 The PSA test (a blood draw) is easy, painless, and fast.
- 2 Early detection = better options. According to the American Cancer Society, when caught early, prostate cancer has a nearly 100% five-year survival rate.
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Thursday, Oct. 16

Thursday, Oct. 23

Thursday, Oct. 30

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Looking for something to do that's fun, free, and inclusive? Here are some accessible community events that are hosted in Ontonagon.

- Tuesday, Oct. 21—Monster Mask Craft, 10:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, Nov. 4—Craft & Stretch, 10:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday, Dec. 16—Holiday Party, 10:30am-11:30am

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Ontonagon County St. Nicholas Christmas Project 2025

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

N ___ S ___

FV _____

Gift _____

Office Use Only _____

Parent(s) name(s): _____

Other household adults (18 & older): _____ Total person(s) in household _____

Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____
(Mandatory information- Must have both fields filled out if you have a P.O. Box)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone number: _____

If you qualify, do you want a food voucher? Yes ___ or No ___

Please Provide the Following Information

List three choices of gifts in *the \$30 range* for each child under 18 years old. Toys or clothing are okay.
It is very important that you are specific such as size, color, brand, type of book, etc.

Committee Use only-	Child's Last Name	First Name	Age	M or F	Clothing size
ID # _____	#1 Choice _____	_____	_____	_____	Adult Youth
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Name of person making referral: _____ Phone Number _____
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IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED ADD AN EXTRA SHEET WITH INFORMATION.
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PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 15, 2025 -- Choose one of the following:

Mail to: St. Nicholas Project, PO Box 72, Ontonagon, MI 49953

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In Bruce Crossing: Drop Box at Settlers Co-Op
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SPAGHETTI DINNER

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Oktoberfest

October 18, 2025

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A BIG THANK YOU
from **MI-TRALE**

MI-TRALE would like to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to our dedicated and hard-working partners who made this year's 16th Annual Free Senior Fall Color Tour the wonderful success that it was. Without each and every one of these people donating their resources to make this event happen, there would be no Tour. There is no way to thank them enough. If you happen to see them, or be near any of the businesses, please stop and give your thanks to them for their outstanding generosity to the seniors in our local communities.

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Pat's Motor Sports, Greenland	Richard and Joyce Pironen
Timberline Sports, Bergland	Twin Lakes Fire Department
Hamilton's North Coast Adventures, Ontonagon	

Please join us in 2026 for the 17th Annual Senior Fall Color ORV Tour. We hope to see you there!

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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD—BESSEMER

Brown water? The City of Bessemer says It's ok! It's only temporary. The City's Water Department will be **winterizing fire hydrants** over the next few weeks in preparation for the upcoming winter season. If you're experiencing brown or discolored water, just let your water run a bit and it should clear up.

The **Bessemer Public Library** hopes you can join them at a book release fundraising event with Tom Pelissero on Saturday, November 1st, at 10:00am. Feel free to come early for coffee and rolls sponsored by Kwik Trip. Tom will be talking about his new book, Bring One Home, followed by a book signing. All proceeds from this event will go towards future improvements of the Bessemer Public Library.

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BRUCE CROSSING

Bethany Lutheran (WELS): Sun. 3:30 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.

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



ALBERTA J. NOUSIANEN, 88, of Bruce Crossing, peacefully passed away on September 22, 2025, at Apostolic Christian Restmor in Morton, IL. She was born in Paynesville on June 1, 1937, to Albert and Lillian (Pelkola) Bishop. She married Lloyd Nousianen on August 2, 1955, and they celebrated nearly 39 years of marriage together until his death on July 9, 1994. She is survived by her children, Kevin (Shar) Nousianen of Machesney Park, IL and Denise (Mike) Jones of Thompson Station, TN; 4 siblings, Jerry (Sharon) Johns, Joe Johns, Marvin Johns, and Dan Johns; 5 grandchildren, Ashley, Casey, Cara, Jennifer, and Kyle; and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen and siblings Joy, Judy, Violet, Robert, George, Willard and Edward. Alberta devoted her life to caring for her friends and family, and especially cherished being a grandma and great grandma. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Paynesville. Cremation rites have been accorded. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. A graveside service will be held at a later date at the Paynesville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 13980 N Paynesville Rd, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

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- **St. Nicholas Project** will meet at 11AM ET on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, at Cane Court in Ontonagon.
- **MI-TRALE Club** will meet at Stannard Township Hall, 14927 State HWY M-28 East in Bruce Crossing, at 7PM ET on the following dates: Nov. 3, 2025; Dec. 1, 2025; Jan. 5, 2026.

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as of Oct. 8, 2025

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Baraga	12	5
Gogebic	4	16
Houghton	15	16
Iron	42	37

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD—WAKEFIELD

An online, “anti-mine” campaign, organized by a new Wakefield resident and supported by 350,000+ non-residents (who have been led to believe that the “locals” want to destroy our area’s beautiful land and pollute Lake Superior), was successful in derailing Wakefield Township’s request for a \$50 million grant from the State of Michigan. The grant, which was requested by the township to fund **public infrastructure improvements** in and around the township, was excluded from the final budget passed by the state leaders last week. The proposed uses of the requested funds included:

- Upgrading County Road 519 to make it more reliable and usable year-round.
- Fortifying or expanding the power grid / electrical infrastructure (e.g. connection from a substation) to increase capacity and reliability in the surrounding communities.
- Expanding and enhancing telecommunications / broadband / cell / data infrastructure to improve connectivity across the region. Though tied into plans to support large projects like the Copperwood Mine, the request was explicitly for *public infrastructure* — not funding the mine itself.

The investment would have helped the area attract new industry, serve existing businesses (like in the industrial park), and support broader development in the region.

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ONTONAGON COUNTY TOYS FOR AREA YOUTH

Milton G. Preiss Rockland American Legion Post 92 is excited to announce that our Post is the new sponsor of Ontonagon County Toys for Area Youth! Toys for Area Youth has been providing toys and clothing for the children of Ontonagon County for 27 years. Our county residents, businesses, and friends have participated generously in the past to assure that no child in the county will go without gifts at Christmas time.

Children react when they hear that “Santa Claus is coming.” You can see their faces change, filled with anticipation and hope. Their eyes light up, and smiles appear. The joy and expectation of presents fill their heads. It truly warms one’s heart to see this happen.

Last year, Ontonagon County children received Santa gifts at the following locations: Greenland, Rockland, Bruce Crossing, Bergland, White Pine, Ontonagon, and The Critter Ranch. We help foster children, at-risk children, St. Nicholas Project, and Head Start. We also work with both county schools, purchasing supplies for “The Panther Den” in Ewen and “The Caring Closet” in Ontonagon. All of this is accomplished through your generosity. Wouldn’t you enjoy being a part of giving hundreds of toys, books, clothes, and stuffed animals to all the children? It is because of your generous support that Rockland American Legion Post 92 can continue this program. Donation cans are set out in most local businesses. If you would rather send a check, please do!

Make checks payable to: TOYS FOR AREA YOUTH Mail to: JAMES GONZALES, P.O. BOX 10, MASS CITY, MI 49948

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD

WHITE PINE, SILVER CITY, THE PORKIES, ONTONAGON, GREENLAND, MASS CITY, AND ROCKLAND

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS:

Five F-16 Falcon military jets gave sightseers at Lake of the Clouds a quick, unexpected performance on October 3, when they followed each other in succession to take a dip over (not in) the lake. One of the lucky spectators captured a video of the last jet. The video was later posted on Facebook and received a lot of comments, including this one offering some interesting insight:

Greg Linda Nelson

The 148th Fighter Wing out of Duluth has a lot of pix of their jets over Lake of the Clouds. They have photographers fly with them on photo shoots. They give them out as retirement pix. I have one, too. The 148th was one place I was stationed for over 16 years. 😊 I have a retirement pix of our F-15's out of Langley AFB, Va flying with the Saudi jets during Desert Storm, since it was our designated place to protect. The Great Lakes are under the 148th and the ANG out of Alpena to protect.



PHOTO CREDIT—Still images from a video of F-16 Falcon jets flying over Lake of the Clouds posted on Facebook on Oct. 3 by Derek DeGross.

Jack Nelson Named Student Manager of WOAS-FM

Submitted by K. Raisanen

ONTONAGON, Mich.—Jack Nelson has been named the new **Student Manager** of WOAS-FM, Ontonagon Area Schools' student-run radio station. Jack was first introduced to the station in 2023 as part of a newly created Communications class. Alongside fellow student **Violet Amos**, Jack had only been involved with the station for a few weeks when a film crew from NBC's Chicago affiliate visited Ontonagon to produce a feature on the program. Though both were broadcast rookies at the time, they represented the station and the school with outstanding poise and enthusiasm. The segment aired on the **NBC Evening News with Lester Holt** in November 2023 and remains available in the NBC archives. While Jack wasn't able to fit Radio Lab into his schedule last year, the station is pleased to have him back on board in this leadership role for the new school year.

Meanwhile, the project to replace the **damaged WOAS-FM transmission tower** continues to move forward. Until the new tower is in place, the station will continue broadcasting **online at woas-fm.org** each school day.



ROCKLAND: Rockland American Legion Post 92 is scheduled to host leaders from the VA Hospital at the Rockland Hall on Oct. 9. A Facebook post several days before the event invited all veterans to attend and ask questions. Coffee, donuts and muffins were served. If you're not a Facebook user and missed the message (and the event), please let the Post know you read about it here.

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