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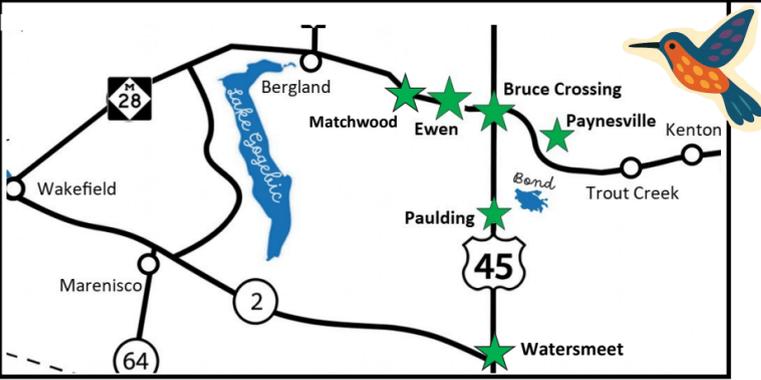


December

- 6 **Christmas at the Crossing—Children's Party**, 11am-1pm, Photos with Santa, Toy Giveaway, and more. Last shopping day of the year! Settlers Depot Gallery, Bruce Crossing. *Details inside.*
- 6 **Matchwood Township Holiday Party**, 1-4pm, Matchwood Township Hall, Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Bring a snack to share if you would like.
- 7 **The Northwoods Singers Carols by Candlelight**, 4pm CT, Ely Memorial United Church of Christ, 4302 Hwy B, Land O'Lakes, WI
- 8 **FREE Community Meal**, 3pm-6pm, All are welcome to enjoy a tasty meal, friendship and fun "Thanksgiving in a Pan" meal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1409 Ridge Ave., Mass City
- 13 **Greenland Parade of Lights and Santa Claus is Coming to Town!** Parade line-up 5:15pm at Mass Fire Hall. Parade starts at 5:30pm and ends at the log cabin in Greenland for visits with Santa.
- 14 **The Northwoods Singers Carols by Candlelight**, 4pm CT, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5030 W. Hwy 70, Eagle River, WI
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- 25 **CHRISTMAS**
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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD...MATCHWOOD, EWEN, BRUCE CROSSING, PAYNESVILLE, PAULDING, AND WATERSMEET



MATCHWOOD: Matchwood Township residents gathered at the Township Hall in October to share ideas and discuss plans for the display of historical items now housed there. The collection had previously been on exhibit at the Bergland Historical Society Museum prior to its closure several years ago.

EWEN: The gas station located at the main intersection in Ewen has been sold after being on the market for more than a year. The new owner is a recent resident of White Pine. No public announcement has been made regarding future plans for the property.

One mission of Lake Superior Masonic Lodge #67 is to help make their community the kind of place people want to live. That could mean supporting events, projects, people – or the animals who depend on them. Janet Wolfe, representing the Ontonagon County Animal Protection (OCAP) board, gratefully accepted a check for \$150.00 from Dan Maki on behalf of the Lodge. OCAP has taken in almost twice the usual number of cats and dogs this year, and their budget is feeling it. The donation couldn't be more welcome or have come at a better time.

BRUCE CROSSING: The former Tulppo's Restaurant and Motel property, situated at the intersection of M-28 and US-45, has now been fully cleared of debris and rubble.

Settlers Co-op Propane Department announced on its Facebook page that it will not be delivering propane during Christmas weekend (December 25–28) or on New Year's Day (January 1). Customers are encouraged to plan ahead. To schedule a delivery, call 906-827-3515, ext. 715.

Greg Kuehnl bowled a 300 game during Wednesday Men's League at Logger's Alley on Nov. 12. Congratulations Greg!

WATERSMEET: On December 3, Northern Waters Casino Resort issued a public thank-you to its Superior Club Members for donating 1,651 non-perishable food items throughout November. The donations were distributed between the St. Vincent Food Pantry (538 items) and the Lac Vieux Desert Food Pantry (1,113 items).

SOUTH ONTONAGON COUNTY: Area snowmobile clubs are urging riders to use extreme caution on local trails. Current conditions are hazardous due to numerous downed trees, standing water, and unfrozen wet areas. Those choosing to venture out are advised to carry a chainsaw. Volunteers are actively working to clear debris and prepare the trails for safe, groomed riding as soon as conditions allow.

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HIGHLAND COPPER AND ONTONAGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION COLLABORATE TO COMPLETE NEW CHOATE ROAD BRIDGE OVER BLUFF CREEK

PAULDING, Mich. — Highland Copper, in partnership with the Ontonagon County Road Commission, recently celebrated the completion of the newly constructed Choate Road Bridge over Bluff Creek with a ribbon cutting—an important milestone for the Copperwood Project. This is one of the many conservation and infrastructure initiatives led by the company, demonstrating its long-term commitment to responsible development and economic resilience in the Western U.P.

Highland Copper constructed a bridge on Choate Road over Bluff Creek to improve stream habitat quality for fish and wildlife. Choate Road runs north-south between Ewen and Paulding. The company replaced five undersized culverts with the fifty (50) foot clear span bridge, which will reduce stream velocity and significantly improve trout habitat for many miles upstream. The new bridge will also improve road safety and reliability for residents and visitors by reducing long-term maintenance and providing a more durable solution for both the creek and the community.

“Highland Copper is dedicated to supporting sustainable development that strengthens the environment, builds community resilience and creates long-term economic opportunity,” said Mike Foley, site manager at Highland Copper. “This bridge may seem small on a map, but it will create a positive impact on our community and environment for generations to come.” Highland Copper initiated early site work to meet the obligations of the Wetlands and Stream Permit as part of its long-term commitment to the region.

In addition to constructing a new bridge, the work included site clearing, road upgrades and the construction of stream diversion structures as well as extensive sustainable development actions, including planting nearly 20,000 trees and establishing new wetlands. The work is now complete, fully compliant with permitting and reflects Highland Copper's commitment to advancing the project responsibly and ensuring a positive legacy that endures well beyond the lifespan of our mining operations.

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Annual South Ontonagon County Community Thanksgiving Dinner Goes On Despite Blizzard

EWEN, Mich. — The annual Thanksgiving Holiday Community Dinner proved unstoppable this year, even as a powerful blizzard swept across the Western U.P. and widespread outages brought the region to a standstill on November 27, 2025.

Organizers faced a cascade of challenges as heavy snow, drifting roads, downed power lines, and spotty phone service disrupted nearly every aspect of preparation. The dinner was postponed twice, and volunteers attempted to call all who had signed up—no small task with cellular service down in much of the area and WUPY was not broadcasting live due to the holiday.

Hope returned when power was finally restored at the Ewen Community Hall around noon on Friday. A small team of volunteers—many of whom first had to dig themselves out of deep snow just to reach the building—quickly got to work. By Saturday, they managed to cook more than 130 pounds of turkey along with all the traditional fixings.

Even home-delivery drivers encountered snow-packed roads and drifting conditions, but they pressed on. In total, organizers estimate that around 120 meals were served between in-person dining and home deliveries. Despite the storm, the outages, and the delays, the spirit of community prevailed!

How Replacing Undersized Culverts Helps Restore Trout Habitats

PAULDING, Mich. — The recent replacement of five undersized culverts on Choate Road with a new 50-foot clear-span bridge is more than just an infrastructure upgrade—it's also a win for local trout populations. For years, the small culverts beneath the road created several problems that harmed Bluff Creek's natural flow and limited fish movement. The new bridge restores the creek to a more natural condition, improving trout habitat for many miles upstream.

Older, narrow culverts often squeeze the stream into a tight space. This restriction forces water to shoot through the pipe at a much faster speed than normal—sometimes so fast that trout, especially juveniles, cannot swim against the current. During high-water conditions, the culverts can also become “perched,” meaning the downstream end sits higher than the natural streambed. This creates a small drop-off, like a miniature waterfall, that fish simply cannot pass. These barriers prevent trout from reaching upstream feeding and spawning areas, limiting their ability to reproduce and weakening the overall population. Undersized culverts also tend to cause erosion, wash away gravel beds where trout lay eggs, and disrupt the natural rhythm of pools and riffles that fish rely on for shelter.

The new clear-span bridge allows Bluff Creek to flow freely beneath it, without narrowing or constricting the channel. This immediately reduces water velocity, making it easier for trout to swim upstream. By removing the perched culverts, the bridge reconnects miles of habitat, giving trout full access to the cold-water streams they depend on.

Just as important, the bridge lets the stream shape itself naturally again. Gravel bars, riffles, pools, and woody debris can form and move as they would in an undisturbed creek. This creates healthier spawning grounds, better shelter for young fish, and improved water quality overall. With the new structure in place, Bluff Creek can function as a natural trout stream once again.

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Blessing of the Quilts—A Labor of Love

Submitted by V. Talsma

EWEN, Mich.—The Blessing of the Quilts is an autumn ritual at many Lutheran churches each year.

At First Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ewen Ewen, on September 21, twenty brightly colored quilts were displayed throughout the sanctuary for this year's dedication. Sixty additional quilts were already in transit to Ironwood for the October 4 gathering at Zion Lutheran Church.

Each year, the quilts are the product of an ecumenical labor of love from area churches. Like the gospel story of "The Fishes and the Loaves," dedicated crafters transform a few scraps into comfort for thousands. Participants gather on Wednesday mornings at First Lutheran to cut, pin, sew, layer, bind, and tie coverings for people in need. Other crafters work in their homes to piece and sew the quilt tops. The dozen women who quilt at First Lutheran, include Lutherans, Catholics, Methodists, Episcopalians, and even "Wisconsin" Lutherans.

Quilting is not without its hazards beyond pin and needle pricks. This year, one of the quilters was wrestling with a large roll of quilt batting. Like the Old Testament patriarch Jacob wrestling with the Lord's angel, Mary lost this round and was injured with a broken hip. SONCO EMTs responded to the call and transported her safely to Grandview in Ironwood. After weeks of healing at home, Mary's first outing was back to the Wednesday morning quilting group at First Lutheran.

Mary Beth DeBonis and the other ladies at the blessing expressed gratitude to community members who donated materials for the quilt tops, as well as bed sheets for the quilt backs. They also appreciate the leadership of Alice Leno, a member at First Lutheran. Money donated to WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church) is used to purchase quilt batting and other supplies, and those donations are matched by Trident Financial—doubling the impact.

The "blessing" is just the first stop on the journey these quilts will make. On October 4, the remaining quilts traveled to Zion Lutheran Church in Ironwood. Along

the way, they were joined by another 120 quilts sewn by the East Shore Quilters on Lake Gogebic under the guidance of Toni Applekamp.

At the Ironwood gathering, where Mary Hitt serves as site coordinator, hundreds of quilts will be loaded onto a truck furnished by Hitt's Furniture for transport to St. Paul, MN. From there, the quilts will be distributed through Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran World Relief®, and the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service—to disaster areas and refugee camps across the country and around the world.

The Port of Baltimore is the starting point for most international shipments of Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits. From there, seafarers from all over the world transport them to ports in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and beyond. Last year, the cargo ship Dali crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge, destroying the bridge and closing the Port of Baltimore. The wreckage trapped ten ships and their crews in the port for several weeks after the disaster. These crews were ill-prepared for an extended stay onboard. With dozens of seafarers stranded in their backyard, LWR partnered with the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center to distribute quilts and hygiene kits. In total, more than 150 quilts and personal care kits were distributed across seven ships in Baltimore Harbor.

Lutheran Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world for their quality and consistency. Each quilt is intended to reflect God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering. The quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents, or floor coverings. One recipient was so awed by the beauty of the quilt his family received that he said it was the most beautiful item in their "refugee home," and they used it in their worship space.

The quilts also create a tangible, lasting bond between those who assemble them and those who receive them in their greatest times of need. In 2023, a total of 551,700 quilts and kits reached neighbors in 14 countries—from Angola to Ukraine. Here in the U.S., LWR also responds to domestic needs.

Under the leadership of Martha Piedrasanta, who manages LWR's Quilt and Kit Ministry, the organization



sends truckloads of quilts and kits to hurricane-affected communities on the East and Gulf coasts, as well as to U.S. communities impacted by wildfires and floods. LWR also provides cash grants to distribute food, water, and other urgently needed supplies to offer comfort and dignity to families during their time of need. Community members can donate to the LWR relief effort through their local Lutheran congregation or via the LWR website at <https://lwr.org>. Of the quilts that stay behind at First Lutheran, a few will be raffled to raise funds for local charities such as Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and the St. Nicholas Project of Ontonagon County. Other quilts will be donated directly to shut-ins, community members who are ill, families who have lost their homes to fire or natural disasters, and others in need locally. Quilt makers agree that a quilt is a perfect metaphor for the church: a patchwork of colorful characters—some perhaps a bit frayed on the edges—who are sewn together by the love of God, with the Holy Spirit threaded through us all.

The First Lutheran Church of Ewen is part of the New Evangelical Lutheran Parish, which also includes Our Saviour Lutheran in Paynesville. The Rev. Kay Richter pastors the parish.

Those wishing to join the Wednesday Morning Quilters can contact the church at 906-988-2594. Donations for supplies can be sent to: Quilters % First Lutheran, P.O. Box 286, Ewen, MI 49925

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KENTON: Hoppy's Bar announced its Buck Content Winners (Scored by most points; weight breaks a tie). Opening Day—Steven Peltola 8pt Buck weighing 168.8 lbs, Week 1—Dwayne Pinar with a 9pt Buck weighing 139 lbs, Week 2—Eric Beauchamp "Little E" with a 10pt Buck weighing 147 lbs. Everyone who weighed a buck at Hoppy's was entered in a raffle for a firearm and the winner was Rod Rivard.

COVINGTON: Residents are reminded that the Covington Multi-purpose Building has a generator so you can go there during a power outage for warmth and safety.

SIDNAW: On November 24, Greg Markkanen, Karl Bohnak, and Dave Preston held a "Small Town Tour" meeting and discussed a range of topics.

Sidnaw Station posted the following on Facebook on 11/30. *Two of the three deer brought in yesterday. Little Leah Maki's 107.5 pound spike and Peyton Holma's 5 point with a 15.5 inch spread and 178 pounds! (pictured below)*



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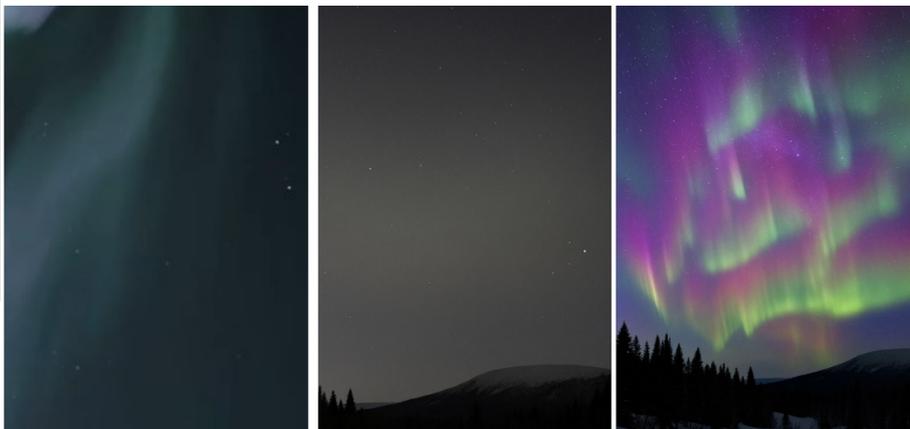
The truth is simple: modern cell phone cameras are cheating. They use long-exposure settings, image stacking, and low-light enhancement to "collect" light for several seconds—far longer than your eyeballs can. During that time, the camera amplifies faint colors, boosts contrast, and essentially paints the aurora into a vivid neon masterpiece. Meanwhile, the human eye, especially at night, switches to rod vision, which is great for darkness but terrible at seeing color.

So while the camera sees bright greens, pinks, and purples, the average person sees something closer to a pale foggy glow... if they see anything at all.

Anyone claiming they "can't sleep because the sky is SO BRIGHT from the aurora" is telling a tall tale. Let's be honest: unless you're living inside the Arctic Circle during a geomagnetic tantrum, the Northern Lights are not flooding anyone's yard like stadium lighting.

Likewise, folks who say others "missed" the lights because they didn't look carefully enough aren't exactly helping. The aurora can appear and disappear in minutes, brighten suddenly, fade just as fast, and sometimes never become visible to the naked eye at all—no matter how hard you stare at the sky.

So if your photos look better than reality, congratulations: your phone has better night vision than you do. And if you didn't "see" the lights the night everyone else claims they did? Don't worry—you didn't miss much that your own eyes were ever going to catch anyway.



PICTURED ABOVE: The left and middle images show how the Northern Lights typically appear to the human eye. The far right image shows how the same Northern Lights look in a photo captured using a modern cell phone camera.



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MASS CITY: St. Paul's Lutheran Church collected 157 items to the WLUC TV 6 CAN-ATHON this year. The church also collected 44 winter wear items like hats, scarves, hats, and mittens to the county St. Nicholas Project. Well done!

WHITE PINE: The Yooper Café' announced on Dec. 4 that it will close for business at the end of the year.

ONTONAGON: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry recently received a \$3,500 donation through a collaborative Food Pantry Grant funded by the Superior Health Foundation and Copper Shores Community Health Foundation.



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AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD... Lake Gogebic, Bergland

BERGLAND: Gogebic Area Groomers have been putting in 12+ hour days brushing and clearing after heavy storms—just aiming to make trails passable so grooming can begin. They're getting close, but decided they needed more hands on deck. The group organized a "Volunteer Work Party" and AJ's Lodge offered complimentary lodging for volunteers. A summary of current trail conditions is as follows:

- Trail 13N to M-28: Fully cleared, all gates open.
- Corridor to Trail 1 North + 1N to swamp before M064 crossing: Opened.
- Trail 1 (Marenisco → end of 8800): Passable but not panned.
- Trail 1 North (Bergland → White Pine): Passable.
- Trail 1 South: Open to the turnaround. Beyond that, bladed to dirt.
- Trail 1 temporarily closed after 8800 to the county line near Copps Tower Rd.
- Trail 13: Temporarily closed south of Trail 100; a reroute is being worked on.
- North of Trail 100 to Camp 6 Rd is passable but needs cleanup.

Adventurous sledders are welcome to access passable trails and snip whips, cut low branches, and help clean up. Please note: Expect rough, wet conditions—only groomer tracks exist in many areas.



Ice rescue equipment has been placed at the Boat Ramp and the Hoop-n-Holler on Lake Gogebic. The equipment is for anyone to use in the event of an ice rescue emergency. The equipment includes a throw bag and rope, personal flotation device, ice picks, and blankets.



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PICTURED RIGHT: Nathan Avedisian checked in this impressive 8pt, 162lb buck on Nov. 21 at Logger's Alley Bar & Grill in Bruce Crossing.



PICTURED ABOVE: Eli Talsma weighed in a 10pt, 165lb buck on Nov. 24 at Logger's Alley Bar & Grill in Bruce Crossing.



PICTURED RIGHT: Jerry Sauve shows off his 8pt, 185lb buck while weighing in at Logger's Alley Bar & Grill in Bruce Crossing on Nov. 19.



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JEAN A. KERANEN, 82 passed away on October 17, 2025, in Rhineland-
er, Wisconsin, under the loving and compassionate care at Friendly Village
Nursing and Rehab Facility, after a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer's
disease.

She was born on October 20, 1942 in Kenton, Michigan, the daughter of the
late Laurie "Tom" and Florence Haarala. Jean graduated from Ewen High
School in 1960. She then attended the Northern Michigan University Nursing
Program and earned an LPN degree in 1962. Jean later received her RN de-
gree from Gogebic Community College Nursing Program. She began her
career as a nurse at the Ontonagon Memorial Hospital. Throughout her career
she also served at the former Northwoods Hospital in Phelps, the Lillian Kerr
Nursing Home in Phelps, Flight for Life, home healthcare, and at the Eagle
River Hospital.

On August 21, 1971, she married Martin L. Keranen at the
Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ewen, Michigan. Together,
they raised four children, Marnie, Ryan (Jodi), Renee (Gwen),
Chad (Nicole), and her two beautiful grandchildren, Morgan
and Ella.

Jean will be remembered for her faith, her deep love for her
family and friends, her kind and charitable spirit and her love
of sports (Go-Pack-Go!).

Jean is survived by her above-mentioned family as well as her siblings Nina, Lawrence (Lynn),
Thomas (Sharon), Mary (Dewey) and Teka (Jeff), and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death is her brother Robert, who is survived by wife Karolyn and their children and
grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ewen, on
November 8. Jean was buried at the Hillside Cemetery in Bruce Crossing, with a celebration of life
and luncheon afterwards at Twilly's in Bruce Crossing.

Jean's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at The Friendly Village Nursing
and Rehab Facility who were like a second family to her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to
the Alzheimer's Association or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Gaffney-Busha and
Cane Funeral Homes are assisting the family.

*All that I am or hope to be I owe
to my angel mother. I remember
my mother's prayers and they
have always followed me. They
have clung to me all my life.*

- Abraham Lincoln.

DAVID H. ROLSTON, 74, of Bergland, passed away at DJ Jacobetti
Veterans Home on October 26, 2025. David was born in Ironwood,
MI, to RoseMary and John Rolston on September 23, 1951. He went to
school at Bergland. He never married saying, "Any woman would be
crazy to marry me and I ain't marrying no crazy woman!" Dave kept
his sense of humor 'til the very end. He was an Army Veteran of the
Vietnam War stationed in Alaska operating an Army tank. When re-
turning to home, Dave worked at several sawmills, many odd jobs, and
gave his time work experience to help others. Dave enjoyed working
for the Lake Gogebic Chamber as a snow trail groomer driver. He also
helped his brother Bruce, by helping care for niece Stacia and nephew
Tony, where he earned the name of Mr. Mom.

Dave loved hunting, fishing, canoe trips, riding his 4-wheeler and
meeting friends at the Bay Bar and the A-Frame. He was a member of
the Bar None hunting camp, where he made many memories with his
buddies.

Dave is survived by his sisters; Mariann Friedli, Lynn Rosenthal, and
Sally (Leonard) Ellsworth. His brothers; Jim (Shari) Rolston, Bruce
(Debbie) Rolston and Bill (Debi) Rolston. Along with many nieces,
nephews, great/great great nieces and nephews.

Dave is preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Keith; sis-
ter-in-law Debbie; nephew, Tony Rolston; great nephew Hunter, niece
Melissa and her newborn; brother-in-law William Chris Friedli; dear
friends Sharon Brown, Tom Repp and Dennis Steinburg.

Dave may not be with us but his kindness, joking, tell it like it is atti-
tude, love for family and friends will remain with us. The family has
chosen to reschedule the OCVa graveside Military Honors until next
spring due to inclement weather. A Celebration of Life was held No-
vember 22, at the Bergland Firehall followed by a luncheon.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff at DJ Jaco-
betti Veteran's Home and Rolling Meadows Independent Living for the
care and respect they have shown to him. Thank you to John Cane and
the Cane Funeral Home for the kindness and helpfulness you have giv-
en us.



CARLA A. KLABECHEK, 63, of Ewen, formerly of Sheboygan,
Wisconsin, passed away peacefully surrounded by her husband and chil-
dren on Thursday, November 27, 2025. She was born on February 20,
1962, to Carl and Carol (Madson) Weimann in Sheboygan.

On November 9, 1985, Carla united in marriage with Todd Klabecek at
Ebenezer United Church of Christ, Sheboygan. Carla worked at
Nemschoff for 30 years until her retirement. After retirement Carla and
Todd moved to their Michigan cabin permanently to fulfill her wish of
Living The Dream. The community embraced her with open arms where
she became active in church and several organizations. She enjoyed
family vacations, baking, and taking care of her gardens. Carla loved
being in nature, seeing the deer and watching the stars in the hot tub
with her husband.

Carla is survived by her husband Todd Klabecek; three children Mandi
(Michael Clark) Okcugil, Trevor (Lindsay) Klabecek and Tayler (Nicole) Klabecek; two grand-
daughters, Maiya and Kennedy, with one granddaughter, Brooklyn on the way; her father Carl
Weimann; siblings, Tammi (Darcy Kluth) Hansmann-Kluth, Lori (Dan Tracy) Weimann, Tim (Patti)
Weimann and Tom (Tracy) Weimann; many nieces and nephews; dear friends Carol & Scott Duehring
and Gerri & Dan Roberts; along with many other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother Carol Weimann and brother-in-law Daniel Hansmann.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Ballhorn
Chapels Funeral & Cremation Care Center, 1201 N 8th St., Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

A Remembrance Service will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bruce
Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church.

KIRSTEN UOTILA, 55, of Ontonagon passed away on November 27, 2025. She is survived by
her husband Michael, son Bradley Jousma, Mother Jacqueline (stepfather Richard) Erickson, Father
Gary (Eve) Fleming, brother Glen (Lori) Fleming and nephew Nathan Fleming. Mother-in-law Sandy
Uotila, brother-in-law Jon (Jaime) Uotila, nieces Makennah, Kylee, Addison, Kinsley & nephew Car-
son, stepson Trent Uotila (Hailey) and granddaughter Emberlyn. Also, her four-legged companions
Lacey, Lexie, Marley and Rossa. A Memorial Service will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in
Mass City on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Visitation will be held from 10:00am - 11:00am, with the
service at 11:00am. Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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