November 2026

"Hall Street News"

It's Friday September 30th and I can tell you that I am so glad there are three days left of campaigning for the 2026 midterm election! Mailers, TV ads, phone calls, etc.... It's too much, I'll be glad when I get actual mail in my mailbox again, not something that's just gonna go into my incinerator. Having said that, I do encourage everyone to get out and vote. It's a right that has been paid for in blood many times over by those who have worn the uniform and by those who have put themselves in harms way to ensure that you have the right to have your voice heard through the ballot box. Safeguard and exercise that right!

This past spring I asked the Township Planning Commission to take a look at our zoning ordinance as it relates to AI Data Centers. I asked them to do this because the data center issue had become pretty prevalent in the media and as the former zoning administrator, I knew that there was nothing in our current zoning regarding data centers. As such, there was no real prohibition or regulation of these activities articulated and an argument could be made that they were allowable anywhere in the township. I wanted to head this off so I asked them to look at the issue and make a recommendation to the township board. Over the summer, during their regularly scheduled planning commission meetings (open to the public) they discussed this issue at length and in October unanimously voted to send a recommendation for a zoning change to the township board. That recommendation was to identify three zoning districts I1 Industrial & I2 Industrial (both in the industrial park) and C2 Commercial (old prison property) as the only areas in the township where this activity could potentially occur but only as a "Special Use Exception." So, in short, there are no areas of the township where an AI Data Center would be a "permitted" use. Only those three areas would be considered but only after a "Special Use Exception" permitting process. This is a detailed process that requires detailed plan reviews, additional permitting (such as building, health code, etc...), contact of all neighboring property owners for input and public hearings to gather input from the general public. Only then, if they so chose, could the Planning Commission issue a "Special Use Exception" permit and they have full authority to implement any special parameters as they see fit, things like noise and site mitigation or water recycling and usage or independent power to name a few. They would also have full authority, after public input, to deny a permit and just say we're not interested. So, this recommendation was forwarded to the full township board and passed with one lone dissent. I felt it was important to get out ahead of this and to update our zoning to regulate it in some manner. Do I see a data center coming here? No, I do not regardless of what the rumors are out in the community. However, does that mean it couldn't happen? Well, no it could, I just don't see it. However, we are now somewhat prepared with specific zoning requirements that do require public input before any decisions are made.

The Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority (GRSWMA) asked me to remind customers that you are only authorized two bags of garbage (weighing 35-50 lbs) for pick-up per week. Anything more than two must be in the GRSWMA authorized green bags purchased at the town hall. GRSWMA advised they will begin leaving additional bags if they are not in the authorized green bags. You've been warned is all I can say.

Finally, gun deer season will soon be upon us. I stopped hunting years ago but I know this is still a passion for many sportsmen. I wish you all good luck on your upcoming hunts. Be successful, have fun and stay safe. Till next month, good hunting!

Bruce J. Mahler, Supervisor

Senior Meals Menu for November 2026

Menus are subject to change

Wednesday 4th

- Pork Chops- Baked Potato- Vegetable - Salad- Dessert

Wednesday 11th

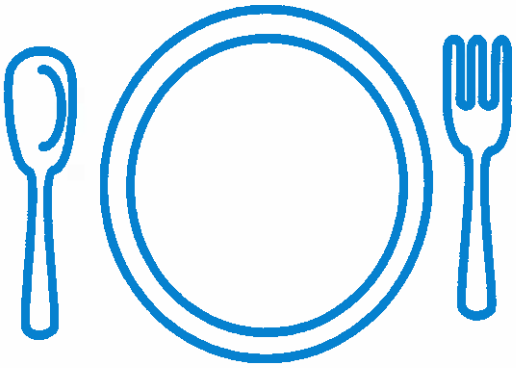
- Cheddar Cheese Casserole- Vegetable - Salad- Dessert

Wednesday 18th Thanksgiving

- Turkey- Potatoes- Gravy- Vegetable-Salad-All the Fixings- Pumpkin Pie

Tuesday 24th

- BBQ's- Potato salad- Beans- Chips -Dessert



Marenisco Township Board
Regular Meeting
September 21 2026

The regular meeting of the Marenisco Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mahler on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm. in the Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:
Present: Bruce Mahler, Supervisor; Donna Kenney, Clerk; Kathy Leonard, Treasurer; Kelly Dunbar, Trustee

Absent: ; Dave Hagen, Trustee

Visitors: Barb Dunbar, Austin Calderon

Agenda: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Kathy Leonard to approve the agenda as amended. Add #'s 3 and 4 under New Business. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:
1. Approval of Township Minutes – 8/17/2026
2. Police Report
3. Fire Department Minutes
4. Financial Report

Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kelly Dunbar to approve the Consent Agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Kelly Dunbar, supported by Kathy Leonard to approve the following bills for payment. Check #'s 29115 - 29141 from the General Fund; #'s 1676 - 1684 from the Water Fund; #2397 - 2400 from the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Kathy Leonard-aye, Kelly Dunbar-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:
1. Coyote Issues: Informational

New Business:
1. Water Accounts-Pavilion, Wash Station, Sports Club: Informational.
2. Website ADA Compliance: We will update our website to be ADA compliant.
3. Stateline Lake-Invasive Species: Received an email from the Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee regarding cost sharing for the study of invasive species on Stateline Lake. Supervisor Mahler will send a letter to the Presque Isle Lake Committee stating that this is not something that Marenisco Township is interested in or wants to be involved in.
4. BS&A Software Upgrade: Motion by Donna Kenney, supported by Kathy Leonard to move forward with the upgrade. Roll call vote: Kathy Leonard-aye, Kelly Dunbar-aye, Bruce Mahler-aye, Donna Kenney-aye. All ayes, motion carried

Board Member Comments:

Bruce Mahler-Reported that State Representative Markkanen had spoke to MDOC about giving us the basketball hoops from the gym at the old prison. MDOC said we could have them, but we are not allowed on their property so they would have to send someone from downstate to remove the hoops and bring them to us but we would have to pay them for time and mileage. We will get our own hoops. Rumors are again going around of a potential buyer for the prison.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Kathy Leonard supported by Kelly Dunbar to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings	2 Library Open 12:00-4:00	3	4 Library Open 12:15-4:00 **Senior Meals**	5	6 Library Open 12:00-4:00	7
8	9 Library Open 12:00-4:00	10	11 **Office Closed Happy Veterans Day** **Senior Meals**	12	13 Library Open 12:00-4:00	14
15	16 Library Open 12:00-4:00 **Board Meeting 6:00**	17	18 Library Open 12:15-4:00 **Senior Meals**	19	20 Library Open 12:00-4:00	21
22	23 Library Open 12:00-4:00	24 **Senior Meals**	25 Library Open 12:15-4:00	26 **Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving Day**	27 Library Open 12:00-4:00	28
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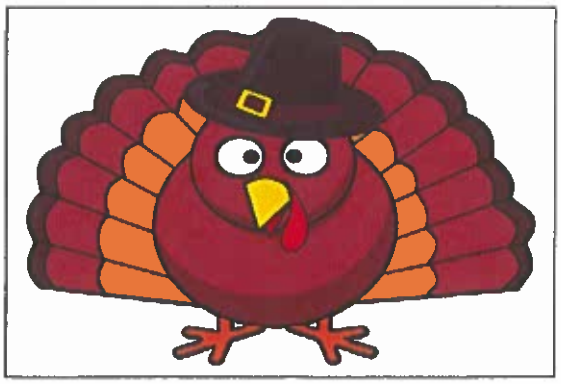

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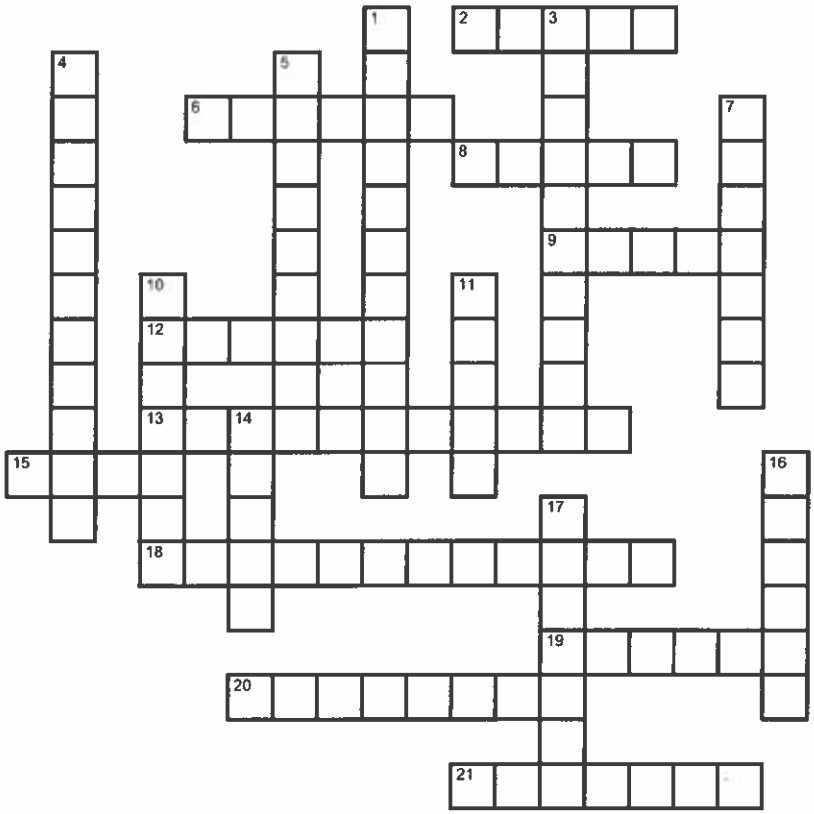
November

ACROSS

2. Sponsors of the annual Thanksgiving parade in New York City.
6. Traditional Thanksgiving bird.
8. Breezy or gusty.
9. Drink made from apples.
12. Another word for the fall season.
13. November 11th.
15. Tool for gathering leaves.
18. Celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.
19. What the turkey said.
20. Eleventh month of the year.
21. Often used to make pie in November.

DOWN

1. First Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
3. Horn of abundance.
4. The day after Thanksgiving.
5. Thankfulness.
7. Along with Sagittarius, zodiac sign for November.
10. The gathering of crops.
11. Deposit of small ice crystals.
14. Along with citrine, birthstone for the month of November.
16. They're raked in autumn.
17. Mayflower passenger.



Autumn	Gratitude	Rake
Black Friday	Harvest	Scorpio
Cider	Leaves	Thanksgiving
Cornucopia	Macy's	Topaz
Election Day	November	Turkey
Frost	Pilgrim	Veterans Day
Gobble	Pumpkin	Windy

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