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- Mar 16** Elementary Basketball Tournament, Ontonagon School
(Bakery donations needed, individually wrapped \$1/ea. Please drop off at the school on March 15.)
- Mar 16** Groomer Bartending Benefit & Snowmobile Giveaway, AJ's Lodge, Bergland
(Details inside)
- Mar 16** ST. URHO'S DAY: Remember to wear purple!
- Mar 17** ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Don't forget to wear green!
- Mar 18** Quarters for a Cause for Kris Mazur Cancer Aid, Doors Open at 5pm, Auction starts at 6pm, Twilly's in Bruce Crossing *(Raffle basket donations needed)*
- Mar 22-23** Lake Gogebic "Winter that Wasn't" Poker Run *(Details inside)*
- Mar 22-25** UP Boat, Sport, and RV Show, Marquette *(See Docks-4-U)*
- Mar 25-29** SPRING BREAK: Gogebic-Ontonagon Area Schools
- Mar 28** Deadline for Ontonagon Conservation District Tree & Plant Sale Fundraiser
- Mar 30** 2nd Annual Red, White & Bowl 9-Pin Bowling Tournament & Fundraiser at Logger's Alley. Funds benefit the Bruce Crossing Area All-Community Independence Day Celebration, Bruce Crossing - Raffle baskets & more!
- Mar 31** EASTER SUNDAY
- Apr 8** Total Solar Eclipse - Western U.P. viewing time approx. 1:55pm - 3:15pm
- April 24** Spring Concert, 6pm CT, Watersmeet School
- April 27** Ontonagon Conservation District Tree & Plant Sale - Order Pickup Date



This statue honoring St. Urho was erected in Menahga, Minnesota in 1975. Legend has it that St. Urho chased grasshoppers away from the vineyards in Finland.

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March 17, 2024



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\$9.00 - Adults

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Annual Tree & Plant Sale
Ontonagon Conservation District Fundraiser

Order by March 28 (Order pick-up in Ewen on April 27)

New Offerings
for 2024!

Wildlife Plants & Trees

Hazelnut	American Chestnut	White Spruce
Winterberry Holly	Balsam Fir	White Cedar
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COMMUNITY GARDEN POSSIBILITY IN MATCHWOOD
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Groomer Bartending Benefit and Snowmobile Giveaway Saturday, March 16



Come out to support your local groomers as they step behind AJ's bar! All tips go directly to them as they recover from this difficult season. Live music with Melissa Childers from 7-11

AJ's Polaris XCR 850 Giveaway drawing will take place at 9 p.m. Don't forget to buy your tickets!
 Available in house or online at ajslogdeandoven.com
 1- \$25 OR 5- \$100

AS HEARD FROM A LITTLE BIRD **Ontonagon:** Approximately 140 area residents, and two representatives (Kenny Lee Waldrop and John Cane) from the newly-formed Hospital/ER focus committee, met for nearly two hours on March 6 at the Onto. Theater to share concerns and ideas for preserving emergency room services in Onto. County. The meeting was originally planned as the committee's first official meeting, but due to the urgent nature of the *(continues on last page)*

What do you call a fake Irish stone? A shamrock.

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THE LAST ROUNDUP

I just wanted to thank all family and friends that came from near and far To join in the last barn dance to honor Ceil. It was special. The laughter smiles, stories and an occasional tear made it great. To Jim and Diane, Phil and Carol, John and Jen, Amy, Tom, Adrian, Audrey, Stella, and others I don't know about - thank you for keeping the wheels on the chuckwagon... to Tina and Brandy for running their asses off keeping all the parched cowboys and cowgirls hydrated. Thank you. To the conspirators...John, Amy, Keith, and Donny for cutting the horns off the bar tab when I wasn't looking, *Thank you.* Also to those that wouldn't drink on my dime...to Jen who drove the stagecoach full of drunk cowboys home so they wouldn't drive (including me) - thank you. You're what makes life here so special. I'm sure Ceil rode off into the sunset with a smile on her face. I know Super Ceil is up there telling all the rest of the angels how to do their jobs better. - Mike




VFW Post 5600
Ontonagon

2024 Events

Save these dates!

- ◀ **APR 27**
Open Round Robin Dartball Tournament
Register your team by Apr. 24 at the VFW
- ◀ **JUN 16** | 7:30am - 10:30am
Father's Day Breakfast
- ◀ **JUL 27** | 1pm - 4pm
CopperFest Hotdog Bonanza
- ◀ **AUG 24** | 11am - ?
Open Cornhole Tournament
Register your team by Aug. 21 at the VFW
- ◀ **SEP 1** | 7:30am - 11am
All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast
- ◀ **OCT 5** | 5pm - 7:30pm
Lasagna & Spaghetti Nite
- ◀ **NOV 8** | 9pm - 12pm
Music by SPUN
- ◀ **NOV 11** | 5pm - 7:30pm
Veteran's Day Turkey Dinner
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GOCAA MARCH COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The March schedule for GOCAA's monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program distribution to income-eligible residents ages 60 years and older is:
Wed, Mar. 20 - Marenisco Town Hall 9:15-9:30 am, Watersmeet Food Pantry 10-10:30 am, Bruce Crossing Stannard Township Park 12:30-1 p.m. EDT.

Thurs., Mar. 21 - Bergland Lake Gogebic Sr Center 9:25-9:40 am, White Pine Township Hall 10-10:15 am, Onto. Holy Family Catholic Church 11-11:30 am, Mass City Resource Center 12:30-1 p.m. EDT.

Food package contains cheese, milk, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and cereals. Recipients **MUST** show ID and are reminded to return their boxes. Those receiving food do not need to show proof of income, but must meet the income guidelines to receive food assistance. Times are subject to change.

For information about registering for the program, call 906-884-2106. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

TOWNSHIP NOTICES

BERGLAND TOWNSHIP Now Accepting Proposals

Bergland Township is accepting proposals to complete an Assessor's Plat for the Finntown area located within Bergland Township. Although the Request for Proposal (RFP) is broken into North and South, the Township anticipates completing both parts as one project.

If interested, see the detailed RFPs located under the *Announcements* tab at <https://berglandmi.org>.

Submission deadline is 12pm (noon) on Thursday, April 4, 2024. For more information please email the Township Assessor at BerglandAssessor@gmail.com, or call 906-575-3522.

Bergland Township
PO Box 325 (101 Pine Street)
Bergland, MI 49910

BERGLAND TOWNSHIP 2024 Board of Review Schedule

Meetings will be held at the Township Hall at 101 Pine St, Bergland to hear appeals of 2024 property assessments and to consider Poverty and Property Exemption requests.

Organizational Meeting:

Tuesday, March 5, 4:30pm

Appeal Hearings – Petitions will be heard on:

Tuesday, March 12, 3pm - 9 pm

Thursday, March 15, 9am - 3pm

Property owners may appeal in person or by submitting a signed 'Petition to Board of Review' (MI Form 618) along with supporting information. Written appeals must be mailed/delivered to: Bates Township Board of Review at 101 Pine St, Bergland, MI 49910 and must be received before the close of the 2nd hearing session.

PETITIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED THROUGH E-MAIL

If you have questions, contact the Assessor Laura Erhart at 906-358-0504. PO Box 13, Watersmeet, MI 49969

MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD - NOTICE OF VACANCY

Matchwood Township is accepting applications to fill the vacancy of **Treasurer**, which will be vacant on April 2024. If you are interested in applying, please send your notice of interest and your qualifications to: Matchwood Township, PO Box 235, Ewen, MI 49925. If you have any questions regarding this position, please call Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk at 906-575-3236 or 906-236-5096.

CHURCH SERVICE LISTINGS & Local business support needed.

Due to rising publishing and postage costs, combined with the limited number of local businesses who support the *Ottawa Shopper* by placing paid advertisements, the *Ottawa Shopper* is unable to continue donating a full page of church service listings. Churches who wish to be included in the *Ottawa Shopper* for the remainder of 2024 (March - December) are requested to **please send \$6.00 per month (or \$60) to:** 15853 St. Collins Rd, Bruce Crossing, MI 49912. **AND**, encourage your favorite local business to consider placing an occasional paid advertisement in the *Ottawa Shopper* to help ensure it remains available in your area! Thank you!

MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP 2024 Board of Review

All meetings held at the Matchwood Township Hall
at 28978 Hwy M28, Topaz, Michigan.

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00pm ET

In-person Tax Protest Dates

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 9am - 3pm ET

Thursday, March 14, 2024, 3pm - 9pm ET

Contact Information

Supervisor, Neil Wagner: 906-365-0057 | Assessor, Melissa Prisbe: 906-364-2910
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and provided input and ideas for keeping and/or reimagining emergency room services in the area. Future meeting dates and times or other information will be shared in the *Ottawa Shopper* as it becomes available.

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situation (i.e., Aspirus Ontonagon's Feb. announcement regarding ending ER and Hospital services in April), word of the meeting spread on Facebook and it quickly evolved into an informal community-wide forum. The Hospital/ER focus committee shared with the attendees what the bits of info known to-date regarding Aspirus' decision to cease current services. Community members expressed their concerns

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