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- Feb 22 **Annual Firemen's Dinner Fundraiser - Bruce Crossing & Ewen Vol. Fire Depts., Twilly's, Bruce Crossing (Details inside)**
- Feb 22 **Porkies Snowburst 2025**, 1pm, FREE Costume contest, cardboard sled race, lasagna dinner \$15, music, fireworks, Porkies Winter Sports Complex
- Feb 22 **King of Z Mountain**, 8am-4pm CT, Ski races all ages U8 - U99. Pre-register by 2/21. \$50 (incl. Race & Lift) teamzskiracing@gmail.com or call 906-932-3718, Mt. Zion Ski Hill, Ironwood
- Feb 26 **Settlers Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting**, 6pm, Twilly's, Bruce Crossing
- Mar 1 **42nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby**, 8am-5pm ET, Prizes for all categories, cash & door prizes. Free food for contestants. \$40 entry fee, Gogebic Lodge, N9600 State Hwy M65, Marenisco
- Mar 2 **Pancake Breakfast**, 8am-11am. American Legion Post 494, Trout Creek (Details inside)
- Mar 2 **Family Fun Day**, 2pm-4pm. Crafts, activities, book fair, games - All are welcome. E-TC School, Ewen
- Mar 8 **20th Annual Hog-a-Thon Ice Fishing Contest**, \$35/person, incl. food and raffle prizes. Register: 906-235-8288, Bergland Outfitters Bait Shop
- Mar 8-9 **Blast from the Past - Skating Performance**, Onto. Area Figure Skating Club, 3/8 at 7pm, 3/9 at 2pm. FREE admission. Onto. Rec Center, 105 Michigan Ave, Ontonagon
- Mar 9 **SPRING FORWARD** - Clocks 1 hour forward
- Mar 11 **Family Fun Night & Resource Fair**, 4:30pm-7pm CT, FREE - Something for everyone. Conference Center, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood

- Mar 14-16 **Cor PowerSports Championship Weekend - GCC Ironwood SC Snowmobile National Championship**, 8am-4pm CT, Racers register by 3/12, 6pm CT. FREE for spectators, Mt. Zion Ski Hill, Ironwood
- Mar 15 **Red, White & Bowl!** 1pm-9pm, Annual bowling fundraiser benefiting Bruce Crossing Area 4th of July. Bowling, raffles, & gift basket drawings. Call Loggers' Alley to sign up to bowl 906-827-9958, Bruce Crossing
- Mar 16 **ST. URHO'S DAY**
- Mar 17 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- Mar 21 **Getegitigaaning Round Dance - Honoring Our Loved Ones**, 4pm-7pm CT, Open to the Public. Plz bring feast dish to share. Vendors call 906-284-2098, Northern Waters Casino Event Center, Watersmeet
- Mar 20-22 **Northwoods Yooper Poker Run**, Sponsored by Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce. Poker Passports sold at participating businesses. Cards due by 8:59pm on 3/22 at AJ's Lodge & Oven.
- Mar 29 **Fundraiser & Gun Banquet for Camp Josh**, 5pm-9pm, Raffles, Prime Rib Dinner, The Konteka, White Pine
- Mar 29 **Horse Tack & Small Animal Swap**, 10am-2pm, \$10/equestrian seller table. No fee to sell small animals. Onto. Co. Fairgrounds, Greenland
- Mar 29 **Musky Fishing Expo**, 9am CT, Northern Waters Casino Event Center, Watersmeet



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FUNDRAISER

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Saturday, February 22, 2025
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ALCOHOL CANCER WARNING

The U.S. Surgeon General recently declared that no level of alcohol is safe or recommended. Alcohol is toxic to the mouth, esophagus and stomach. It can lead to pancreas and liver cancer. And, it alters the stomach biome and can lead to colon cancer. There are NO health benefits to drinking alcohol.

GivingTuesday 2024 Surpasses \$1 Million Going to Non-Profits

For the first time in eight years, the Copper Country's GivingTuesday campaign will result in more than \$1M going to local non-profits - thanks to the generosity of our community members and people across the country.

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- Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$31,213.12
- Camp Josh - \$33,069.41
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Friends of the Porkies - \$4,487.70

- Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly - \$144,047.69
- Omega House - \$160,484.69
- Ontonagon Amateur Hockey Assoc. - \$4,464.95
- Onto. Co. Cancer Assoc. - \$25,086.82



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Thank you to all those who comforted us in any way during the recent passing of our mother and grandmother, Margaret Kariainen. Also, thank you to the Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church, Mike Urbis, Sandra Maki, and Pastor Mike Laako for the wonderful service, and to the 494 Supporters and all who brought food and helped with lunch.

Thank you all. We are truly blessed by our community.

The Family of Margaret Kariainen

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OBITUARIES

VIOLA WOLFE, 84, of Ewen passed away on February 9, 2025, at Westgate Nursing Home in Ironwood, Michigan. She was born on May 18, 1940, in Harbor Springs, Michigan to Clair and Marcella Streeter. She was married to George Wolfe and together they had two sons Tom and Jeff. In their early years they worked and lived in Racine, Wisconsin, until they purchased the Wolfe family farm. Vi and George worked side by side on the farm until they quit milking cows. She then opened up an upholstery business for several years and even taught a class. She then decided on a career change and went to nursing school. After school she worked at Ontonagon Memorial Hospital for the next 25 years.

Viola is survived by her sons Tom [Dawn] and Jeff, and grandsons Matthew and Benjamin. She is further survived by her brother Bud [Sandy] Streeter, her sister Mary Snyder, plus numerous nieces and nephews. Viola was preceded in death by her husband George, her parents Clair and Marcella Streeter, brother Jake Streeter, niece Sherry Streeter, and nephew Todd Wolfe.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ewen, along with internment in the spring. Cane Funeral Home-Bruce Crossing Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements

KEVIN L. HERMANSON "VITO", 56, of New Glarus, WI, passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 2025. Born on February 6, 1968, in Madison, WI. Kevin was a beloved member of the community, known for his unwavering dedication to his work, his friends, and above all, his family. Kevin graduated from Verona High School, part of the Class of 1986. Kevin was united in marriage to Stephanie W Howell on June 18, 1994. Enjoying 30 years together.



Kevin consistently demonstrated diligence and dedication in every task he undertook. He served in various roles over the years, earning the respect and admiration of his peers as a valued team member. His steadfast work ethic was the cornerstone of his 20+ years of service with Operator Engineers Local 139, working for WK Construction. Kevin's passion for adventure was evident in his love for motorcycling, and snowmobiling. He spent countless hours exploring the scenic trails of Wisconsin, the UP of Michigan, and beyond, accompanied by friends and family who shared his enthusiasm for the open road and snowy landscapes. Kevin spent many

countless hours traveling with his beloved wife who was always at his side and enjoying the adventure of traveling.

Kevin is survived by his wife Stephanie Hermanson, his brother Gregory Hermanson, his daughters Kailey Hermanson (Kasey Poden), Tessa Dreger (Scott), his aunt Reta Kratochvil (John), uncles Rolyn Hermanson (Mary) and Dorian Hermanson, granddaughters Ashlyn and Izzy, and many cousins and extended family members. Kevin is preceded in death by his beloved parents Richard and Rachel Hermanson, his aunt Ruth Gierhart (Roger), and aunt Sue Hermanson (Dorian).

Funeral services were arranged by Ryan Funeral Home and held in Verona, WI on January 18, 2025. A further Celebration of Life will be held in White Pine, Michigan TBD for the many friends that have become family in Kevin's home away from home. Kevin's unexpected passing leaves a void in the hearts of everyone that knew him. Kevin was loved by many and will be missed by all.

EDWARD WILLIAM AVEDISIAN, of Trout Creek, MI passed away peacefully on January 20, 2025. Ed was born August 19, 1942, in Paynesville to Avedis and Ann (Ranta) Avedisian. He grew up in Redford Township, MI, and graduated from Thurston High School in 1960, and then attended Northern Michigan University. In 1973 he bought Sunnyside Tavern in Agate and owned and operated it for the next 49 years. Ed was also a substitute teacher at E-TC, worked as a logger, and at JW Toumey Nursery for several seasons. On January 15, 1977, he married Sandra Lannet in Paynesville, MI.



Ed enjoyed fishing, bowling, golf, shooting pool, crossword puzzles, Trumoo chocolate milk, and an occasional trip to the Casino. He was known for his dry humor; some thought he was funny, some not! He loved animals, always feeding birds and any other critters that showed up on the deck. He had a good heart and

kind soul. He loved the Detroit Lions, Tigers and Red Wings.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Nathan (Megan), Trout Creek and Ross (Kortnie), Mankato, MN; four grandchildren who he dearly loved, Mason, Addisyn, Myra and Aidan; one brother, Richard (Cindy) Avedisian; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, numerous uncles and aunts, including three very special aunts, Mayme, Martha and Vienna.

A memorial service was held Friday, January 24, at the Cane Funeral Home in Bruce Crossing with Pastor Ted Trudgeon officiating. A luncheon was served at Twilly's following the service.



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GOGEBIC-ONTONAGON ISD HONORS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS FOR ANNUAL RECOGNITION MONTH

Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD joined 537 local and 56 intermediate school districts across Michigan to celebrate January as School Board Recognition Month. "In another year full of challenges for public education, our board members persevered through the adversity of 2024 to provide the best possible education for our students," said Superintendent Alan Tulppo. "Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one of the very small ways to express appreciation for all they do. Board members represent the views and priorities of their community in the complex system of maintaining and running a district's public schools."

They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Michigan. "Too often, the efforts of school board members go unrecognized," Tulppo said. "The school board's main goal is to support student achievement," Tulppo added. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority.
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do.
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals and whether students are learning.
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results.
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources.
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach.
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes.
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part," Tulppo said. "No matter what challenges lie ahead for our district in 2025, our board members will continue to govern to improve student achievement and provide exceptional education for all our community's children." The individuals serving Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District are:

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| Bill Steiger, Bessemer | James Ojala, Ewen |
| Carol Yakovich, Ontonagon | Marti Wegner, Watersmeet |
| Samantha Schutz, Ewen | Dayle Jackson, Ironwood |
| Catherine Shamion, Silver City | |



Bergland Township Accepting Letters of Interest

The Township of Bergland is accepting letters of interest to fill one, three-year term, vacancy on the Bergland Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Letters of interest should be submitted to the Bergland Township Clerk, 101 Pine Street/ PO Box 326, Bergland, MI 49910, or by email to township@berglandmi.gov

- Christy Franklin, Bergland Township Clerk

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IRONWOOD: Ollie's grand opening is 10am, Feb 20. Seriously **good bargain** shopping. 1434 East Cloverland Drive (next to Tractor Supply and Marshall's).

ONTONAGON: Kids from any town ages 4-9 years old are invited to **TRY HOCKEY for FREE!** Go to the Onto. Rec Center (105 Mich. Ave) on Feb. 22, 12-1pm. Kids do need to bring their own skates or gear, but are asked to do so if possible. There will be equipment to borrow at the Rec Center. For more info call 906-281-2182 or 906-458-6570.



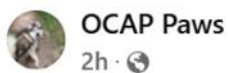
The **Eagles Club** at 314 Quartz St. continues their weekly Thursday Night Open Mic into 2025. It starts at 7 pm...rock, country, blues, it's all good.

The **Onto. County Historical Society** will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Feb 20, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Onto. Kristin Ojaniemi will present episodes #7 and #8 of *Born in the Barn*, her documentary on E-TC basketball and the old gymnasium in Ewen. This will be her finale of the series. Public is welcome. Reservations- call 906-884-2084 by 12pm, 2/16. Menu includes BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Brownies. Price is \$15.

EWEN: E-TC Panthers Alumni **Elise Besonen**, reached a major career milestone by scoring her 1,000 career point for the University of Wisconsin Superior women's basketball team on Feb 1 against North Central. Congratulations, Elise!

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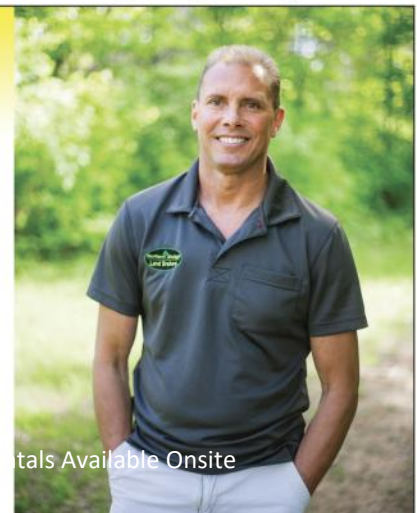


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The Ontonagon Fighting Miners are going to Burton, MI, to participate in the Michigan Amateur Hockey State Tournament on March 14-16, 2025. The Miners are 17-4-3 this season and are looking to make another run at the state championship. The team consists of kids ages 15-18 from Marquette, Ironwood, Hurley, Wakefield, Greenland, Mass City, L'Anse, Baraga, and Ontonagon. The team plays and practices weekly at the Ontonagon Recreation Center.

Monetary donations to help the team cover travel and participation costs are needed. Monetary donations can be tax exempt through the association. Thank you for supporting Youth Hockey and the Ontonagon Fighting Miners as they travel to compete in the 18U State Tournament. **The deadline for donations is March 7, 2025.** Mailing Address: PO Box 23, Ontonagon, MI 49953

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We would like to thank this entire community for your overwhelming support with the passing away of our son, Austyn Oshen Johnson. Thank you to all who sent flowers, cards, and gifts. Also, thank you for all the phone calls, texts, house visits, and for sharing your memories of Austyn.

Thank you to Cane Funeral Home for excellent service from start to finish. Thank you to Pastor Ted Trudgeon for officiating a beautiful celebration of life. Thank you to Skye, Mom, Tia, Megan, Rebecca and Sheryl for being there every day. Thank you to the crew who helped organize and clean the VFW Hall (too many to mention!). Thank you to Eli and Stacy. Thank you Rena for all you did and your help - with more than the Hall. Thank you Pam Kantola and Twilly. And, thank you to the EMS personnel who have made many visits to our home for Austyn over 18 years.

Thank you again,
Tara and Guck

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Bergland United Methodist: 11AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Dix. 108 Birch St.

Calvary Baptist: 11AM Sun. Worship, 201 Pine St.

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Bethany Lutheran (WELS): Sun. 5PM Worship; Wed. 6:30PM Children's Sunday School & Catechism, Pr. Johnson.

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 12PM 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.

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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): 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church: 4PM Sun. Worship

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Greenland SDA Church: Worship 10AM Sat., 31369 N Firesteel Rd.

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First Apostolic Lutheran Church: 10:30AM Worship 1st Sun., 2:30PM 3rd Sun.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA): 11AM Communion Worship 3rd & 5th Sun., 13980 N. Paynesville Rd.

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The inaugural "Hancock Snow Sculpting Invitational" will be held Friday, February 21 through Sunday, February 23. The City of Hancock, in collaboration with Visit Keweenaw, is thrilled to bring you this premier event featuring four teams of talented snow sculptors, including two national teams and two local teams. The national teams include the renowned Sculptora Borealis, (prior 4X winners of National Snow Sculpting title in 6 appearances over the last 7 years, and Team USA, winners of the Bronze medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics and 2X National Snow Sculpting title winners.

Event Schedule on Quincy Green in Hancock:
 Friday, Feb. 21: Sculpting competition begins at approx. 1pm
 Saturday, Feb. 22: Sculpting competition continues all day
 Sunday, Feb. 23rd: Final Sculpting in morning until 1 pm. Judging and deliberation follows with winner announced 2pm.
 (The pictures on left and right are sneak previews of what you can expect to see.)



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POLARIS SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE: 2002 Polaris SKS 700 snowmobile. 136" track. 5700 miles. Very good condition. Ready to ride. \$1400.00 OBO. Contact 906-360-1463. Located in Covington area.

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MEETINGS

McMillan Township Regular Monthly Board Meetings time is 3rd Wed./month at 5PM ET.

Great Start Collaborative Meetings – Bi-monthly, next on **Mon., April 14, 2025 @1:00 PM** at the GOISD office (200 S. Elm St, Bergland, MI). A networking meeting for early childhood service providers and parents in the Gogebic-Ontonagon area. **Cost:** Free (open to educators, agencies, and community members).

NOTICE ONTO. CO.:

With the retirement of Dick Wainio, Building Inspector, all building permits must now go through the State of Michigan and a zoning permit must be obtained from your local Township.

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WORST FLU SEASON IN 15 YEARS

2/17/2025: The current flu season is now classified by the CDC as "high severity" – the first time this designation has been given since the 2017-2018 season. Michigan is 1 of 11 states listed at the highest level "Very High" on the CDC's 2024-25 Influenza map.

CDC spokesperson Paul Prince recently advised that anyone over six months of age who has not received the influenza vaccine this flu season "should get vaccinated immediately." Even this far into the flu season, experts say it's still worth both children and adults getting vaccinated to reduce community spread and to ensure their best chance of evading severe respiratory illness.

Recent CDC estimates on the extent of the influenza outbreak are "preliminary, cumulative, and will increase as the season progresses," the agency warns.

Already, deaths related to influenza (mostly influenza A) are far outpacing deaths related to COVID-19. In the week ending February 8, 2.6 percent of all deaths were due to the flu, including 68 pediatric deaths.

It's unknown why influenza cases are suddenly spiking in the US, but it's probably due to several interrelated factors. This year's flu vaccine, for instance, may not be as effective at protecting against the virus as previous years. Vaccination rates have also been on a steep decline since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020.

Source: www.sciencealert.com

GLADIATOR ROBOTICS

2025 FUNDRAISER

at the Ontonagon Eagles Club, Doors open at 3:00

MARCH 15TH

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LOCAL SCHOOL SNIPPETS



EWEN-TROUT CREEK: Congratulations to Panther junior Irelynd McGeshick on reaching the 1,000 point milestone during the E-TC vs. Wakefield game on Feb. 10 in Wakefield.

Congratulations to Zoey Hemming (3rd place), Sophie Ruotsola (2nd place), and Jaxon Miles (2nd place) for their performances at the Elks State Finals Hoop Shoot Contest held at Ferris State Univ. in Big Rapids, MI in on Feb. 6!



FAMILY FUN DAY

MARCH 2, 2025
2:00PM - 4:00PM

Crafts, Activities, Scholastic Book Fair, Games
AT THE EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL

ONTONAGON: Feb. 1, 2025, marked the start of the WOAS-FM 91.5 Onto. Area Schools participation in the 2025 state-wide Strive 4 A Safer Drive safe driving public service campaign.



The Onto. Area School's campaign title is "Don't Be Distracted" or "DbD10". Students are challenged to create original posters, buttons, and coloring pages to be judged and displayed. The contests run through late March and winners announced early April. Faculty advisors are Betsy Guilbault, Jon Uotila, Natalie Rios, and WOAS-FM manager Ken Rainsanen. Ms. Rios' Communications Class students who work at the radio station are pictured below: (l-r) Ms. Rios, James Oger, Cody Robeson, Jacob Hurst, Abi Pestka, Jace Padden, Ryan Holmstron, Olivia Lockhart, Owen Pantti, Sophia Robinson, Anthony Badgero (not pictured: Emma Lakkala).



Scholarships Available for the Class of 2025

Copper Shores Community Health Foundation's 2025 scholarship offerings are listed below. **Applications are due by February 28, 2025.** Students from Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties are eligible to apply (graduating in 2025 from Baraga, Calumet, Chassell, Dollar Bay-Tamarack City, Ewen-Trout Creek, Hancock, Horizons, Houghton, Jeffers, Lake Linden-Hubbell, L'Anse and Ontonagon high schools).

Copper Shores Educational Scholarship - Four \$5,000 scholarships for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year. Renewable for up to three additional consecutive years (\$20,000 total) for undergraduate education providing the student maintains eligibility. Student must plan on attending a public college or university in Michigan.

Copper Shores/KEDA Scholarship - In partnership with Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance, six \$2,000 scholarships as one-time awards to be expended in the 2025-2026 academic year for students pursuing a certificate or associate degree in the skilled trades or career technical education program.

Kirkish Educational Scholarship - Two \$2,500 scholarships, available as one-time awards to be expended in the 2025-2026 academic year.

McIntyre Family Scholarship - Two \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Ontonagon High School. One-time award to be expended in the 2025-2026 academic year in the skilled trades or career & technical education program.

Applications must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to Copper Shores Mission Support no later than Fri., February 28, 2025. To find more information on applications and eligibility requirements for Copper Shores' scholarship offerings, visit coppershores.org/ scholarships.



Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District CTE Food Systems and Natural Resources students competed in the FFA (Future Farmers of America) District Competition in Carney-Nadeau. All students that participated did an excellent job and are advancing to Regionals. Congratulations to the following Ontonagon Area School District students for their winning demonstration on Bovine Artificial Insemination - Olivia Lockhart, Violet Amos, Madyson Pantti.



YOUTH POET LAUREATE

Applications are now open for a Youth Poet Laureate for Ontonagon County. This person should be a writer between the ages of 13 and 18 and someone who would like to participate in poetry readings, events, and workshops for the next year.

Gladiator Robotics is having a fundraiser on March 15. and is looking for donations for their basket raffle. If you would like to donate, please contact Heather Beck.



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VETERANS - DON'T MISS THIS! As of February 6, only 300 area Veterans have responded to an UPCAP phone survey regarding Veterans' dental care and services. Each respondent receives \$50 gas card as a "Thank You" for completing the survey. There are still 500 gas cards available. Just call 211 between 8:30am and 4pm, Monday through Friday and complete the survey regarding dental care services to receive your gas card. *p.s., Let UPCAP know you saw this in the Ottawa Shopper!*

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF BARAGA, HOUGHTON, & KEWEENAW COUNTIES

BHK CAA would like to start a food delivery program to be delivered at the Covington Township Multi Purpose building. If you qualify please call (906) 482-5528 for information and eligibility information.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of income-eligible individuals and households by providing them with USDA foods at no cost. TEFAP Foods are distributed at the B-H-K CAA Food Pantry monthly, as long as USDA & pantry foods are available.

TEFAP foods are distributed through Community Action Agencies, food banks, pantries, and mobile distributions, to name a few. Participant eligibility for TEFAP in Michigan is 300% of the poverty level. Eligibility for TEFAP is based on emergency food need and household income guidelines or

participation in SNAP, WIC, SSI, FDPIR, or CSFP.
p.s., Let BHK CAA know heard about this program through your community newsletter, the *Ottawa Shopper!*

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$45,180	\$3,765	\$869
2	\$61,320	\$5,110	\$1,179
3	\$77,460	\$6,455	\$1,490
4	\$93,600	\$7,800	\$1,800
For each additional family member add	\$16,140	\$1,345	\$310

ONTONAGON CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR SPRING 2025 TREE & PLANT SALE!

The Ontonagon Conservation District is currently accepting orders for their spring 2025 Tree and Plant Sale fundraiser. The District is offering garden and wildlife plants including pear, apple, crabapple, plum, cherry, and mulberry trees. In 2025, the District is expanding the variety of wildlife trees and shrubs offered. New this year are aronia, maples, basswood, birches, witch-hazel, mountain ash, slippery elm, black willow, and hazelnuts! There are also a variety of fruit plants including blueberry, grape, raspberry, strawberry, elderberry, serviceberry, and high-bush cranberry. Other garden plant offerings include roses, peony, lilacs, potatoes, horseradish, rhubarb, and asparagus varieties!

Orders must be placed by March 27, 2025. Pick-up is scheduled for April 26, 2025 in Ewen. For a complete description of items for sale, to request or download the order form go to: www.ontonagonconservationdistrict.com or email: ontonagon@macd.org or call: 906-231-0382.

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