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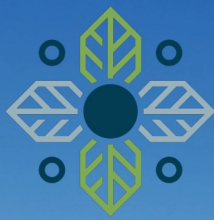


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- Feb 8-11** *Midwest Telefest 2024, 8am-5pm, Porcupine Mountains Winter Sports Complex*
- Feb 8-11** *Michigan Tech Winter Carnival, Houghton. Go see the enormous snow statues!*
- Feb 10** *Cabin Fever Craft & Vendor Expo, 9am-2pm CT, Northern Waters Casino Resort, Watersmeet*
- Feb 10** *Annual Bruce Crossing & Ewen Firemen's Dinner, Centennial Hall, Ewen **(Details inside)***
- Feb 11** *NFL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY: Kansas City Chiefs vs. San Francisco 49ers, Tickets start at \$6,200/seat 🤪*
- Feb 14** *ASH WEDNESDAY and VALENTINE'S DAY*
- Feb 14** *Red Cross Blood Drive, 10am-3pm, Ewen-Trout Creek School. Walk-ins welcome, appointments are appreciated. For appointments go to <http://www.redcross.org>*
- Feb 16-18** *Harbor Town Players Present The Little Mermaid of Lake Superior, 7pm on 2/16 and 2/17, 3pm on 2/18 Onto. Theater of Performing Arts. Tickets \$10. **(Details inside)***
- Feb 17** *North Country Snowmobile Club Terra-X Races, Motorsports Park, 89 Old Norwich Trail, Ontonagon*
- Feb 17** *Jibba Jabba - Freestyle Pro Snowboarding Competition, 6pm, downtown Houghton - FREE*
- Feb 19** *Benefit for DoeDoe Peltola, Quarters-for-a-Cause, Doors open at 5pm, Auction & Raffles start at 6pm. Twilly's Sports Bar, Bruce Crossing. Auction items and raffle baskets may be dropped off at Twilly's.*
- Feb 24** *Porkies Winter Carnival - 2024 Snowburst, 8am-8pm, Fun events for all ages! Porkies Winter Sports Complex, 36672 M-107, Ontonagon*
- Mar 2** *41st Annual Gogebic Lodge Ice Fishing Derby, Lake Gogebic. \$40 entry fee*
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With the help of caring and donating individuals, businesses, and organizations, we were able to deliver 1,672 toys and stocking stuffers and books to our Ontonagon County community outreach locations. These locations include the St. Nick Program, Head Start, Critter Ranch, Foster Care children, At-Risk children and Santa locations as well as the K-5th grades at both schools in our county.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who donated financially, donated toys and all of the volunteers who donated their time. With this kind of help and support, we are already planning for 2024.

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Adventure Mountain, Winter Fun for EVERYONE!

Written by Skip Schulz - Adventure Mountain in Greenland is much more than a ski hill! The hill is also enjoyed by kids sledding, tubing, and toboggans. It was used as a sledding hill during the decades that the tow rope, the rope tow poles and pulley, along with the mechanical equipment were merely a memory of years gone by. Over three years ago, after hours of work, the Mountain Lion Volunteers restored the entire rope tow system. This involved not only the necessary funds, but also an endless amount of engineering and work on the hill.

With the work of Mike Laakko, Dean Juntunen, and Steve Morris, the hill was recently groomed. Adventure Mountain IS a 'family fun recreation area.' Morris has a ski closet for those that need to borrow equipment. Around the hill is a groomed trail for cross country skiers, along with a packed snowshoe trail. At the bottom of the hill is an indoor ice skating building. The chalet has been updated to meet all the health standards. Those enjoying the hill or watching the skiers, snowboarders, and sledders can get a pizza as Nikki DeHaan has the kitchen in tiptop shape. One can view through the chalet window of those enjoying Mother Nature provided snow. Every year since the hill reopened a few years ago, Adventure Mountain has had an increase in those enjoying the hill. Winter of 2022-2023 had over 1,000 winter enthusiasts. With that many people having fun on the hill, surrounding cross country and snow shoe trail, the Mountain Lions has volunteers trained on CPR and a hill defibrillator. "We're really up to date in many ways now," stated Mountain Lions President, Mike Laakko. To top all this, the Mountain Lions are working on extending the rope tow even farther up the hill. "We have a snow machine that can pull up to four skiers to the top of the hill," commented Laakko. As stated, the grounds and the chalet have had many improvements since reopening. "A huge thanks to our members Kip McIntyre and Dean Juntunen, along with a \$14,000 Grant from Portage Health Foundation. Often the Mountain Lions has people donate money to pay for dozens of people to use the hill and rope tow.

An annual pass for a family is \$80; for a single person, an annual pass is \$40; a daily pass for a skier or snowboarder is \$7; daily for sledders or skaters, it is \$3. Just think how far a \$200 donation would go towards kids and a family to enjoy a Saturday at Adventure Mountain? It is important for everyone to remember, Adventure Mountain is TOTALLY run by the volunteer members of the Mountain Lions. No one is paid to be at the bottom of the rope tow, no one is paid to be at the top of the rope tow, no one is paid to man the chalet, and no one is paid to groom the hill. Plus, the money the Mountain Lions makes goes back into the community through the Club donating towards non-profit organizations and events! This includes Leader Dogs for the Blind, Bay Cliff Health Camp, Sonco Ambulance, Greenland Township Fire Department, St. Nicholas Project, Hometown Christmas, St. Vincent de Paul, St Paul's Soup Kitchen, Ontonagon Cancer Association, Operation Graduation, Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter, American Legion Post 92, Teaching Family Homes of the UP, Greenland Township Christmas, and Greenland 4th of July. Think about this, by having families enjoy sledding at Adventure Mountain in Greenland, the small \$3 rope tow fee goes back into helping others! Adventure Mountain Rope Tow, along with the ice skating rink is open: Friday night from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 12-5 p.m., and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. *This article was published compliments of the Ottawa Shopper in honor of Pastor Mike Laakko, and in loving memory of Madison Garcia, who was always ready for a fun outdoor adventure.*

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COMMENTARY

Growing up in the U.P., my dad often reminded me how fortunate I was to be living in "God's Country." I have come to appreciate the spirit of that phrase as one felt deeply by many Yoopers because it is anchored in a quality of life blessed with kind people that care about neighbors and an incredible, breathtaking beauty.

That respect for "God's Country" was one handed down to my father from my grandfather, who emigrated to Iron River at the turn of the last century at 14 years old for a better way of life by working in the iron mines. It is of course a story that is not unfamiliar here. I am, like so many, proud of that heritage and legacy.

Over 100 years later, it is gratifying to realize we have a chance to build on that legacy through Highland Copper's construction of the Copperwood Mine in Gogebic County. This is not a fly-by-day investment – the company has been working in and around the community for over a decade to get this right. It is why they have earned support from at least 19 local units of government that would be impacted by the mine, and nearly a dozen local institutions such as the hospital and community college.

Residents support it too! InvestUP conducted a poll in April 2023 that showed a decisive 82% of Upper Peninsula residents support mining. That number is bested by the support that mining receives in the Western U.P., where a mere 7.7% of residents oppose mining. Highland's \$400 million investment in Copperwood will not only bring mining back to the Western U.P. for the first time since White Pine closed 30 years ago, but more importantly, bring 380 good paying, family sustaining jobs – the kind that make a difference between a thriving community and a dying community. To truly appreciate the meaning of these jobs to the community, we must consider the dire demographics of the area, such as the troubling reality that Gogebic County has lost nearly 70% of its K-12 population. It is even more tragic for Ontonagon County – which will also see tremendous economic benefit from Copperwood – where they have lost nearly 80% of their student population, have the state's oldest average age, and see one in two households earn less than the minimum cost necessary to live and work.

The benefits of Copperwood reach far beyond the U.P. Copperwood will also help fulfill a national need for copper – a critical material imperative to advanced manufacturing technologies for electrification, 21st century energy infrastructure, and national defense. Having this resource in our backyard mitigates vulnerabilities for our state and our nation that come with our reliance on foreign supply chains – particularly those that don't ascribe to the same stringent environmental standards we have in Michigan that safeguard the environment and demonstrate stewardship is not at odds with economic opportunity.

Eagle Mine in Big Bay is a great example. Neither it, nor Copperwood, are your grandfather's mine. Rather, mining today embeds community health and economic sustainability in its structure so the environment is not adversely impacted, and the community can prosper.

Eagle Mine has also successfully complied with Michigan's stringent standards while providing more than \$1 billion in economic benefit to the region. Mining is part of our proud history in the U.P., and thanks to Highland Copper, it can now be part of our exciting future in God's Country!

Marty Fittante is the CEO of InvestUP, as well as a former chief of staff and former policy advisor in the state legislature, where his work spanned industries such as forestry, mining, and economic development.

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Geraldine “Geri” Sikkila, 90, of Bruce Crossing, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wes; her parents, Carl and Cecelia Conrad; and her brothers, Terry (Bunny) Conrad and Donald Conrad. Geri is survived by a son, Kim (Jean) Sikkila; a daughter, Mary (Tom) Cousineau; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. They all loved their Nanny dearly.

Geri was employed at Nordine’s Food Stores in the local area for 40 years. Upon her retirement, Geri loved playing cards and bingo at the Ewen Senior Center. She was a member of the Crossroads Senior Club in Bruce Crossing and the Community Action Agency. Geri loved to be with her family, and her home was always open to welcome her family and friends. She loved sitting outside and watching traffic.

A spring celebration of Geri’s life will take place at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Bruce Crossing, on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Visitation begins at 1pm ET and the service starts at 2pm ET. She will be buried alongside her husband, Wes, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Ewen. Jerald Rocco, owner and manager of Lakeside Memorial Chapel, in Wakefield, is assisting the family with arrangements. To send online condolences or to share a memory, please go to lakesidememorialchapel.com.

Madison Irene Garcia, 17, of Trout Creek, passed away on January 18, 2024, in Ewen, Michigan. She was born on June 14, 2006, in Ironwood, Michigan, to Tim and Beth (Perttula) Garcia. She attended Ewen-Trout Creek School from Kindergarten through her Senior year, where she was a member of the Class of 2024.



Maddie was dearly loved by her family, friends, schoolmates, teachers, and the wider community. As a small child she was known as a kind, funny, and lovable little girl. She enjoyed making rubber band bracelets and slime, was fond of Hello Kitty, and could sometimes be found selling lemonade with her friend Abbie at their roadside stand. She grew into a beautiful young woman who continued to share herself fully with those around her. She was fierce, sassy, strong, caring, hard-working, bright, uplifting, stubborn, adventurous, and a delight to be around. Madison was known by those who loved her as Mad Dog, Maddo, Maddie, and Peanut. Her passions were art, volleyball, her friends, her kitty Thea, and the color pink. She also enjoyed soccer, fishing, playing in the snow, serving on the yearbook staff, listening to music, and hanging out with her family and friends. She aspired to be a graphic designer and was making plans to go to college. Because of her sensitive and thoughtful nature, she spoke often of missing her cousin, D.J., and honored his memory as often as she could.

Maddie is survived by her mother, Beth Garcia; brother, Zachary Garcia; special grandmother Patty (Worachek) Perttula; grandfather Kenneth (Florence) Perttula, grandfather Ramon (Margie) Garcia, great-grandmother Frances Worachek; aunt, Christina Perttula; cousin, EmmaLee Buch; uncle, Brandon Perttula; aunt, Annette Garcia; and many more aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Tim Garcia; great-grandparents Wilbert and Lois Perttula; great-grandfather Edward Worachek; grandmother Pinky; cousin, D.J. Saubert; and uncle Dave Saubert.

Maddie’s visitation and funeral services were held on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the E-TC School in Ewen, with Pastor Mike Laakko presiding. The family entrusted Cane Funeral Home with her funeral services. A luncheon followed the service at the American Legion Post 494 in Trout Creek.

Those wishing to support Maddie’s family or honor her memory may make donations to the Madison Garcia account established at Settlers Federal Credit Union (either Bruce Crossing or Watersmeet location). There is also a Madison Garcia GoFundMe.com account set up where online donations may be made (www.gofundme.com/f/v49cv-madison-garcia). The family is deeply grateful for the first responders who assisted following the accident. They appreciate all who have provided their support.

*Your wings
were ready,
but our hearts
were not.*

Gale Denise (Bessen) York, 65, passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024. She was the daughter of Roy and Eleanor Bessen of Trout Creek, Michigan, attended Ewen-Trout Creek Schools, and graduated with the class of 1976.

Gale moved to Elkhart, Indiana, in her early twenties. During this time, she married and had two children Kristen and Dusten. She was a stay-at-home mom doting on her children and enjoying time for her many talents of gardening, sewing, and crafting. Later she earned an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Development and taught preschool for several years.

Gale is survived by her daughter Kristen (Seth) Baldrige - Elkhart, IN, son Dusten (Shelby) Modjeska - Elkhart, IN, brother Alan (Carole) Bessen - Kentucky, sisters Joan (George) Smart - Presque Isle, MI, Mary (Mark) Kerner - Trout Creek, and Jane (Fred) Osinski - Kenton. She had two grandchildren Hadlee and Holden Baldrige and many nieces and nephews.

Gale was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Eleanor Bessen and her granddaughter Bailey Baldrige. A summer service is being planned.

Donald R Olson, 88, of White Pine, passed away on January 12, 2024 at home in White Pine, Michigan. Donald was born in Ironwood, MI, to Einer and Evelyn Olson on February 28, 1935. He attended public school in Ironwood, MI. Donald married Frances Arlene Oman on June 12, 1954. He graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor in Education and Masters in Administration. He taught Industrial Education, Drivers Training and was a Bus Driver at the Trout Creek High School. Later Donald became a Elementary /Junior High Principal for Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated Schools until his retirement in 1994. He was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church and Trout Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. He loved fishing, hunting, bowling and fellowship with many friends in Trout Creek and was a lifelong Green Bay Packers Fan.

Donald is survived by his son Dennis and his wife Susan. They have 4 children, Casey Kurchak (Steve), Callie Ditchen (Brett), Rachel Sherman (Rob) and Andrew Olson (Trisha). Also surviving are 9 grand children, Makenna and Makalya Olson, Landen and Laurel Johnson, Max Ditchen, Henry, James and Samuel Sherman and Frances Olson.

Donald was preceded in death by his Father (Einer), Mother (Evelyn) and wife (Arlene) Olson.

A funeral service will be held in June, 2024 at Cane Funeral Home in Bruce Crossing. Donald will be buried with Arlene in a private family ceremony at the Ironwood Township Cemetery. Cane Funeral Home - Bruce Crossing Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Interior Township

TOWNSHIP BOARD - NOTICE OF VACANCY

Interior Township has a vacancy on the Township Board for the **Clerk** position. Duties include (but are not limited to):

- Maintaining custody of all township records
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- Recording and maintaining township meeting minutes
- Keeping the township book of oaths
- Keeping voter registration file and conducting elections

If you are interested in applying for this position or if you have any questions, please contact Joseph O'Sullivan at 906-852-3374 for further information. You can submit a letter of interest to the township board at:

Interior Township
PO Box 8
Trout Creek, MI 49967

Or, you can apply in-person at the next board meeting to be held on Feb. 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Interior Township Hall. You must be a resident of Interior Township to apply.

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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
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Bergland, MI 49910

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DUNCAN TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

An accuracy test of the Dominion voting equipment for Duncan Township will be held at 11:00 am, on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Community Center in Sidnaw.

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Matchwood Township

NOTICE TO MATCHWOOD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the upcoming Presidential Primary that will be held on February 27, 2024, is now scheduled for February 3, 2024 at 6.30pm, and if required with alternative dates and times of February 10, 2024 at 4:00pm or February 11, 2024 at 4:00pm. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program equipment used to tabulate the votes cast at this election meets the State Michigan requirements.

- Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP BOARD - NOTICE OF VACANCY

Matchwood Township is accepting applications to fill the vacancy of Matchwood Township **Treasurer**, which will be vacant on April, 2024.

If you are interested in applying for this treasurer position please send your notice of interest and your qualifications to:

Matchwood Township, PO Box 235, Ewen, MI 49925

If you have any questions regarding the position or the required duties, please call Gerald Kitzman, Matchwood Township Clerk at 906-575-3236 or 906-236-5096.



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Applicants must be at least 18 years old, possess a valid Michigan driver's license and have no felonies on their record. Employment is contingent upon the results of a drug test, background and reference checks, plus completion of a 30-day probationary period.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest along with a resume to the Township Office by March 1, 2024.

Watersmeet Township

Attn: Town Clerk

N4689 1st Street

P.O. Box 306

Watersmeet, MI 49969

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Village Clerk/Treasurer Vacancy

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An Associate's Degree in Accounting along with two or more years of experience in accounting/bookkeeping is preferred but not required. Must be able to work in a team setting, interact with the public, maintain attention to detail, coordinate multiple tasks, adjust to changing priorities and work within deadlines. Salary depending on qualifications (min. \$40k/annually) with full health insurance and retirement benefits.

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Bessemer Christ Community SDA Church: Worship 11AM Sat., 507 E Cinnebar St.

Bethany Lutheran (WELS), Bruce Crossing: 5 PM Sun. Worship. Pr. Johnson (715) 776-0313.

Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMC), Covington: 10:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st and 3rd Sun. Hwy 141.

Bruce Crossing Apostolic Lutheran Church: 12PM Sun. School, 1PM Worship. Communion 1st Sun., Pr. Hulkonen. 15121 M-28W.

Bruce Crossing Bible Church: 10AM Sunday School, 11AM Worship, Pastor Chris Daily. 15089 Maplewood Rd.

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

Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Trout Creek: 9AM Sun. School, 10AM Sun. Worship. 187 Division St.

Christian Science Church Service, Houghton: Sun. Service & Sun. School 10:30AM, 209 W. Montezuma St.

ELY Memorial Church (UCC), Land O'Lakes, WI: 10AM (CT) Sun. Worship, 4302 Co. Rd. B.

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

First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ewen: 11AM Communion Worship 1st, 2nd, 4th Sun., 200 N. Cedar St.

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

Greenland United Methodist Church: 11:30AM Worship, 9AM Communion Service 3rd Sun. of the Month, 1002 Ridge Rd.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Mass 515 Pine St.

Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS), Watersmeet: 9:30AM Sun. Worship. Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun., Pr. Gary Albert. N1764 Hwy 45.

Houghton Seventh-day Adventist Church: Worship 11:30AM Sat., 102 E Houghton Ave.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Watersmeet: 4PM (CT) Mass Sat. & 9:30AM (CT) Sun., E23933 D Ave.

NORTHIRON Church, Onto.: 10:45AM Sun. Worship, 104 N. Steel St.

Ontonagon Baptist Church: Sun. Worship 9:45AM, 11AM, and 6PM; Wed. Worship 7PM. Pr. Virgil Ruchti. 615 Greenland Rd.

Ontonagon United Methodist Church: 9AM Worship & Communion 1st Sun. ea. month, 109 Greenland Rd.

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

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10:45AM Sun. School; Wed - 8AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast, 12PM Silent worship & prayer, 7PM Bible Study; Thurs, - 10:30AM Women's Bible Study. Pr. Antel, 315 S. Steel St.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ewen: 4PM Sat. Worship, 201 S. Birch St.

Siloa Lutheran Church (ELCA), Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship & Holy Communion, 10AM Bible Study at Siloa House, 4PM Wed. Children Siloa Seekers

St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bergland: 11AM Sun. Worship, 480 Forest Ave.

St. Jude's Catholic Church, White Pine: 6PM 2nd, 4th Sat. Mass, 8 Cedar St.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rockland: 6PM 1st, 3rd Sat. Mass, 11 Elm St.

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Ontonagon: 9AM Sun. Worship, 10AM Wed. Bible Study, 3:30-5PM Wed. Church School. 107 E. River St.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Mass City: 10:30AM Sun. Worship w/ Holy Communion, Wed. 4-5PM Bible Adventures & Faith Formation for children 4 yrs +

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Rockland: 10:15AM Worship; 9AM Communion Service 2nd Sun. ea. month, 50 National Ave.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Covington: 9AM Sun. Worship, Pr. Corey Harman. M-28.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Bergland: 9AM Sun. Worship w/ Communion, 6PM Tues. Bible Study. Pr. Timothy Steckling. 404 Birch St.

Trout Creek Lutheran Community Church: 11AM on 3rd Sun. Worship.

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

United Methodist Church, Ewen: 9AM Worship 1st Sun. Open Communion.

United Methodist Church, Sidnaw: 3PM 1st Sun. ea. Month - Worship & Communion, Pr. Prewitt

Watersmeet Bible Church: Sun. Bible Study 9-10AM, Worship 10:30AM Communion 1st Sun. Dinner & Bible Study Wed. 5:30PM-7:30PM. Pr. Yerks. Tues. - 9AM-3PM Northwoods Quilters. E23640 Hwy 2.

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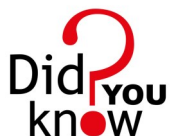
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