





#### **Correction!**

Jack Hubbard was said to be the first Burt Township School alumni, to present a check to students Heather Hicks, Jason Kinlaw and Jessie Kelly to kick-off the Renaissance Program. Mr. Hubbard is not a Burt Township School alumnus.

wards a late April opening date, but the finishing touches have turned out to be a bigger job than originally thought.

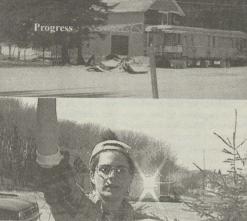
If you've had a chance to stop in and see the progress, or have ever been in their home before the remodeling began you will be in for a surprise. The combination of the new tile floor, paneled walls and added rooms have added a dramatic new look.

The diner was originally built in 1949 and restored here in Grand Marais. Rick and Ellen are thinking about a grand opening in 1999 when the diner will be 50 years old

The pictures shown here follow some of the progress over the last several months.

#### **Related story:**

For a story of the diners history, see 'Matamoras Diner Saved From Junkyard" on page 11. which is a story originally by Tom Leek of the Pike News Center.



**Cleaning up** 

to open

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## Burt Township Special Meeting March 25,1998 4:00 P.M.

Present: Marian Honyoust, Robert Gardner, Rose Benmark, Victoria Petruske, Jim Seibert.

Also present: Luke Hubbard and Jason Kinlaw from Youth Group. Approval of Agenda: as amended on motion by Benmark, Seibert -5 ayes.

#### Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Current Business: A: Law Enforcement: 1) Needed Radio Equipment - Motion by Seibert, seconded by Honyoust to authorize expenditures of \$1200.00 to purchase slim line and needed radio equipment, with the monies to be borrowed from Woodland Park, to be repaid by the Police Department if millage passes, and if it does not pass, to be paid by the fire department-5 ayes. 2) Appoint Committee to Occupy Old Office Space - Motion by Seibert, seconded by Honyoust to appoint Sandee Sibbald as chairperson to form and chair a Committee to Research Use of the Old Offices, for possible use by medical and dental staff - 5 ayes.

Adjournment on motion by Seibert, Benmark - 5 ayes at approx. 4:20 p.m.

Victoria Petruske, Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the March 25, 1998 special meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.



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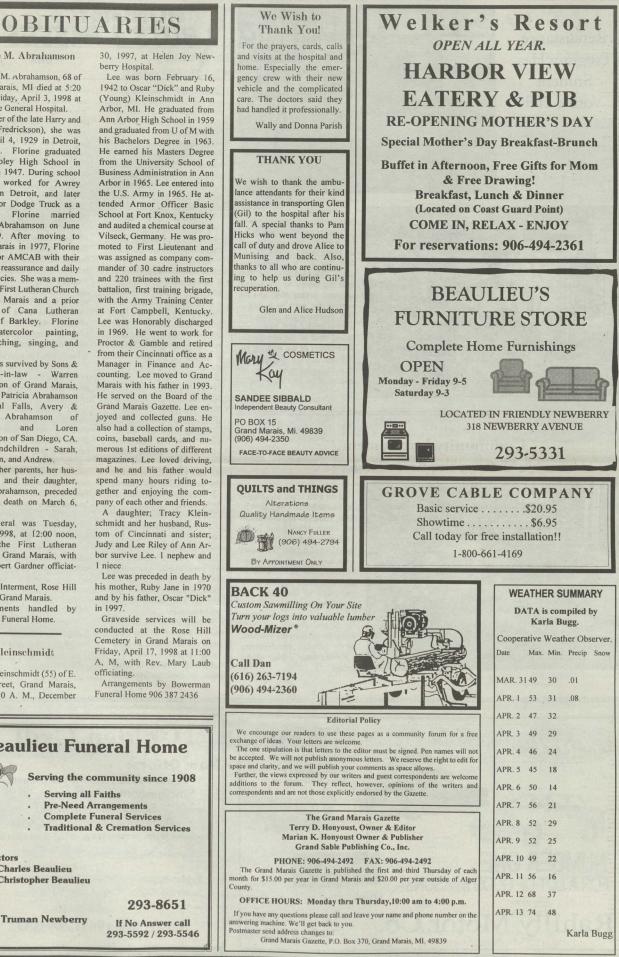
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#### **GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE**



# Florine M. Abrahamson

Florine M. Abrahamson, 68 of Grand Marais, MI died at 5:20 am on Friday, April 3, 1998 at Marquette General Hospital.

Daughter of the late Harry and Fannie (Fredrickson), she was born April 4, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan. Florine graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit in 1947. During school she had worked for Awrey Bakery in Detroit, and later worked for Dodge Truck as a secretary. Florine married William Abrahamson on June 10, 1949. After moving to Grand Marais in 1977, Florine worked for AMCAB with their telephone reassurance and daily check policies. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Grand Marais and a prior member of Cana Lutheran Church of Barkley. Florine enjoyedwatercolor painting, bird watching, singing, and traveling,

Florine is survived by Sons & Daughters-in-law -Warren Abrahamson of Grand Marais, Arnold & Patricia Abrahamson of Crystal Falls, Avery & Cheryl Abrahamson of Berkeley, and Loren Abrahamson of San Diego, CA. Four Grandchildren - Sarah, Billy, Jason, and Andrew.

Besides her parents, her husband, Bill and their daughter, Sandra Abrahamson, preceded Florine in death on March 6, 1978

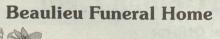
The funeral was Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 12:00 noon, held at the First Lutheran Church of Grand Marais, with Pastor Robert Gardner officiating.

Place of Interment, Rose Hill Cemetery, Grand Marais. Arrangements handled by

Bowerman Funeral Home.

#### F. Lee Kleinschmidt

F. Lee Kleinschmidt (55) of E. Wilson Street, Grand Marais, died at 3:30 A. M., December officiating. Arrangements by Bowerman Funeral Home 906 387 2436



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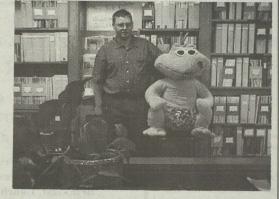
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If No Answer call

Renaissance Program Has Student Voting Poll





The Renaissance Program has put together a student voting poll for teacher and staff of the marking period. Teachers and staff are being recognized by the students for their work and devotion. The teacher of the first marking period of the second semester is Dan Maki and the staff of the marking period is Deb Hoffenberger. The two were rewarded with two movie tickets each to the movies and the teachers of the marking period are given a frog to keep them company while they are teacher of the marking period.

The "Right Wing Conspiracy" has been dealt a knockdown blow but not by the "Left Wing Conspiracy" and not a knock-out blow. A female, elephant judge did the damage and both sides have been busy reacting. There have been a few new charges and countercharges but the media feeding frenzy has showed and we are actually hearing about some important issues. Maybe now the pressure will make "Twinkle" stop being a government expenditure and get a real job.

"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASS

The social security dilemma is getting some serious attention and it appears as though the upcoming elections are forcing politicians to do a little more than simple pork barreling. I can actually see sense in many of the proposed changes to save or replace the system but still see failure by almost everyone to tell the whole truth. Regardless of how screwed up the system is, changes are going to adversely affect some people. I wish the politicians from all "wings" would admit that their plans will hurt some people, make provisions to cover these people and make the necessary changes or, for that matter, elimination of the system as we know it.

IRS changes are also in the news. It seems - surprise, surprise - that not much has changed and that any proposed changes will not help end the problems. The fact of the matter is that some proposals could in fact cause more red tape and wind up costing taxpayers more money.

It looks like the politicians want to get going on their campaign and it could be an interesting mid-term one. The "elephants" can't honestly claim to have accomplished very much. The "asses" can only claim to have thwarted the "elephants" attempts. Unless there is a major change in the economy or a catastrophic event between now and November I don't expect much of a change. The "elephants" will hold both the House and the Senate but their gains if any will be minimal.

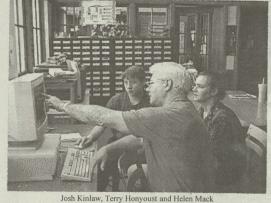
JIM

I can understand "Slick" making a trip to Africa and all the attention it got. I can understand his involvement in the Irish conflict. I can understand the President of the United States being involved in foreign policy and involved in domestic issues of importance even if I disagree with his stance. But for the President to be involved in a black athletes' conference is ridiculous. Again we are sending the wrong message. I don't care if it is black, white or pink athletes it is not an issue that deserves presidential time. By giving the importance to "sports" he is reinforcing the misconception that young people should concentrate on athletic skills instead of academic ones. C'mon "Slick" at least look like you have some reasonable priority

And finally. While staying over at Gerber Babies' house we took a walk to the store. Gerber Baby sauntered into the store and walked up to the clerk and said, "Hi!" as though she had known them for years. I said, "I see you know my granddaughter". They said, "Nope, first time we ever saw her". She talked me into buying her a box of candy and when the clerk rang it up and put it in the bag Gerber Baby yelled "No! Mine!" He wisely it removed from the bag and gave it to her. Next time I'll bet they remember her

Till next issue. "Hungry" Jim

# Community Involvement, Sharing the Knowledge



ing on the school canoe project, Terry Honyoust has been assisting Helen Mack's and Susan Mustatia's students learn about the world of digital. The classes have consisted of digital photography, the manipulation of digital photos, (graphic arts), and preparing the school web page to be put on the Internet. The classes are a preparation for the students who will eventually be creating the yearbook on the computer, and delivering a camera-ready product to the

printer.

Along with Frank Mead help-





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# DO THE RIGHT THING **By Lee Goewey**

A "YES" vote on Proposal A in the April 21, 1998 Special Election will fund the office of a Grand Marais Police Chief. The election is not to choose an individual to fill the office, but to financially establish the office itself. The responsibility to hire or fire the incumbent of the office is the duty of our elected Burt Township Board.

Once we pass the millage, it will be levied only if there is an incumbent in office. The Township Board is currently seeking grant monies to help fund the office. Since we cannot count on such monies, it is up to us to fund the full amount ourselves. If, however, any grants or other unexpected funds are obtained, that portion of the millage equal to any grants or other funds will not be levied.

I am certain that there are some people in our town who. because of their particular interests, would actually be pleased if police response was a guaranteed 60-plus miles and 1 1/2 to 2 hours away. People with such

interests are most likely the anonymous originators of some of the scandalous rumors that have floated around town over the last couple of months. Terry Honyoust's excellent article in the 3-5-98 Gazette served to refute these rumors and also to answer many legitimate questions others have asked.

As also noted in the 3-5-98 article, our former local deputy responded to 316 local calls in 1996 and a still uncertified larger number in 1997. The facts are plain and truthful answers have been given on this matter: Grand Marais is too far away to rely solely upon police response from Munising. Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and vote YES on Burt Township Proposal "A" in the Special Election on Tuesday, April 21, 1998. You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is to VOTE! Don't let the town suffer because you couldn't be bothered

On January 26, 1998 AAA Michigan opened a new branch office in Marquette. This is our first AAA branch in the Upper Peninsula.

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Letters to the Editor

Your letters are welcomed. The views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents reflect the opinions of those writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette. Because of space, please confine "letters to the editor" to no more than 350 words. Longer letters may be edited or held for our printing conve

#### Dear Editor

Thanks so much to everybody for their kind inquiry's about my hand. It's still amazing that the needle went in like a thumb through a rotten melon. I hoped to be remembered by my grand daughters as "Grandpa the wise and the good" but it looks like "Grandpa & grandma's knitting needle" will be the legacy.

Jim Leavenworth Myrtle Beach, SC

February 16, 1998 From: Martha Smith Grand Marais, MI 49839 To: Senators

#### Dear Sir.

I live in a very small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Most of our population are retirees. Last year with home health care, our disabled and homebound elderly were able to get a bath at least once a week, their hair combed, meals prepared for them and some laundry and cleaning done which most were unable to do for themselves. With cutbacks in Medicare, only a few are able to receive this care unless they can pay for it. For the helpless this can mean food left at the bedside to last all day. Originally home health care was meant to save money by keeping them out of nursing homes. Now with Medicare cutbacks some nursing homes are feeling the pinch and are being forced to close. Is life on the streets the only alternative?

I have come up with a solution which I think will solve the problem and save money, too; Death squads for all over seventy years of age. I know this sounds harsh but you fellows have always been good at cover-ups, the blame game, witch hunts, etc.; Just call it "The practical and fiscally responsible solution to an economic crisis." To save money, all of you Congressmen would be delegated to "Do your part for your country." Ollie North could train you in marksmanship with your good friends in the National Rifle Association supplying the weapons. After all, don't they owe you for all you've done for them? It, sounds a lot worse than it is. Good can come out of all of this. Strom Thurmond would be the first to go. With his ties to the tobacco industry, he's become a bit of an embarrassment anyway. He might put up a

struggle but then I'm sure a few of your younger men could tie him down, but be careful where you point that Uzi! And who needs veterans over seventy years old? Just be sure not to tamper with Walter Reed Hospital where you get your free medical care while you are closing veterans' hospitals.

I have to admit that I am over seventy. Please call before you come so I can be ready. Don't worry about the body, just drag it out in the woods. I'm sure the ravens will enjoy a change in diet from the road kill they are used to.

See you soon.

Martha Smith P.S. For Pete's sake do something about those scientists who are working on prolonging life, talk about being out of your gourd!

Dear Editor and Friends

I recommend a NO VOTE on the police millage proposal.

Fortunately, crime is not a significant problem in Grand Marais, and we do not need a police department as proposed by the township board.

The cost of this police millage is sure to increase many fold. Police departments are expensive to operate and continuously require more and more equipment and personnel.

I predict that police department costs will ultimately be 3 to 4 times the estimated start-up price. Millages could be at 5 to 6 and our winter tax bill could increase by over 50%

The 20 year term of the proposal will stick us with an entrenched police bureaucracy and little hope of revocation.

Taxes are high in Grand Marais, and we do have higher priorities to fund our school properly plus our parks, beaches and harbor. We need to be sure to treat our existing township employees fairly.

The Alger County Sheriff has provided us with great service as does the Michigan State Police. They have furnished extra patrols for timely needs and will provide more on reasonable request.

If additional police service is necessary, we should consider; A. Hiring off duty deputies

(rent-a-cop) for short periods such as high profile weekend events, etc. B. Consider retired deputies

for seasonal needs such as a thirty day dedicated period

Avoid high taxes and more government, Vote NO to police millage on April 21st. Respectfully, Luke Short

Grand Marais, MI

# Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from sometimes sunny Florida. The weather this year has been in direct contrast to last winter when we had picture-perfect weather daily. However, since February 23rd, complaints about cool or cloudy or rainy weather seem trivial to us. On that date we had a call from the Manatee County Red Cross office asking if we would be available to take an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Orlando where the area had been struck by tornadoes. Our call came at 11:45 AM, Fred got home from his volunteer job at Mote Marine Lab at 12:45, and by 3:00 we were packed and at the Red Cross office in Bradenton. We were given one Disaster Assistance vest, two RC shirts and the key to the ERV, which looks a lot like an ambulance. We joined over one thousand RC volunteers in Orlando. As Mass Care Technicians our job was to serve snacks, meals and drinks from the side win-

dow of our ERV. When working on National Disasters, the time commitment is up to twenty-one days. We returned home on the twenty-second day. During that time we were given two days off complete with a rental car. The first day off we headed to the island to spend a day with my four sisters-in-law who were visiting us for a week. The second day off we again headed home in order to participate in the "Run for the Turtles." a beach race sponsored by Mote Marine and to attend a Tiger baseball game.

A somewhat typical day doing disaster assistance included a 9 AM meeting to receive an update on what was happening and to get our assignment for the day. With drinks, snacks and eating supplies loaded we would drive across the parking lot to the outdoor kitchen area for loading. The kitchen operation had by then filled our three Cambroes with lunch. A Cambro looks a lot like a cooler and it keeps food hot or cold. It is named after the inventor. When full, a Cambro can be very heavy. We would then head out to our assignment.

We eventually were assigned all three areas with tornado damage: Kissimmee, Winter Garden and Sanford. When we returned to our staging base, we would restock supplies and pick up dinner. Because of neighborhood curfews we had no time to spare. More than once we were still serving after dark with the cooperation of the police. It was sort of comical that we would be driving down a street announcing on our PA that the Red Cross was serving a hot dinner with the police following us announcing on their PA that people should go directly back into their homes. There were areas where only lunch was served. During daylight hours people would be sorting through the rubble that had been their home. At night they returned to a shelter, a motel, or a family or friend's home. After driving back to our staging base we would clean up so our ERV would be ready in the morning. If it was light out, we could do a thorough cleaning iob with a disinfectant and water hose. Most times a broom had to do. By the time we got to our motel we were often too tired to go out for dinner. I estimate that we served in excess of 6,000 Little Debbie snacks! We personally helped boost the number as they were a quick snack to grab if we didn't have time or energy for a real meal. We sometimes ate the food we were serving which was reminiscent of school cafeteria food. I think our systems must have gone into shock from lack of fruits and vegetables. Odd thing is we both lost weight.

Our schedule varied. Our earliest report time was 5 AM and our latest day went until 11:30 PM. Some mornings the body ached as much on rising as on retiring the night before. After working in the Orlando area for two weeks, we were sent to Polk County where another tornado had struck. There was no loss of life there, and only one person was hospitalized and about twelve homes were damaged or destroyed. For two days we served meals to folks who had lost electricity because of the tornado.

Just when you think you have adjusted to seeing the destruction around you something happens to put it all in perspective. One elderly gentleman told me about the destroyed house we were standing in front of. Every year people drove by to see the Christmas lights. Last year a picture of the house was in the newspaper. Such a simple thing, but it personalized the setting and it just sort of rocked your boat. Fred saw a seveninch shard of glass stuck in a Formica cupboard. A china teapot sat nearby, untouched. An entire wall of an apartment was missing, yet the books were still standing on the shelves on the adjoining wall. An elderly man was going to search one more time for a lost W.W.II momento before the bulldozer came in to clean up the Ponderosa MHP. A young mother cried when her children ran with open arms to Mickey Mouse who appeared at the toy giveaway on the last day of the Red Cross operation. I sent photos to her the other day. And then there was the Red Cross volunteer who received word of his mother's death while I was working with him at the mobile home park.

Forty-two lives were lost as a result of the tornadoes. Providing the basic need of food to the folks who lost family, friends and homes was our job. We worked long hard hours. We missed out on activities with family and friends. We came home exhausted, both emotionally and physically. Would we do it again? You bet we would. P. S. Please heed tornado watches and warnings!!!



# From Elaine Gewirtz

# **VOTE YES OR ELSE!**

If you don't vote yes for law enforcement and the millage fails Burt Township will be taken over by the Mafia. We will have a drug dealer on every street corner. There will be a couple of murders every day, three on Sunday. Burt Township will become a haven for criminals and more corrupt than SODOM ever thought of being.

That's a pretty ridiculous statement, right? Yet no more ridiculous than some of the ones I've heard given as a reason to vote no. Things such as: we will soon have four or five police officers and property tax will double; Tracy Blackburn and George Hronkin are part of an Alaskan conspiracy to take over the area; we don't have any crime in Burt Township, Tracy will harass everyone and we will actually have to obey laws like no drunk driving, speeding and other ridiculous things.

Remember that most of us

transplants moved here for the peace and quiet, the slow pace and the relatively crime free environment. When we moved here there was a "Resident" law enforcement officer in Burt Township whether that was a Deputy Sheriff or a constable. Although I can't predict the future I believe simple logic will tell anyone with a few brains that virtually no law enforcement presence will result in an increase in crime and that the knowledge of its presence will prevent some.

As to exploding property taxes, that is ridiculous. We are going to the polls because the township CAN NOT levy taxes without your approval. There is also a limit of 50 mills which even if the voters agreed to additional millage would prevent anything like that. I would be willing to bet that the vast majority of people in Burt Township will pay less than \$50.00

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per year if the millage passes and that 90% will pay less than \$100.00 per year. Your insurance might go up that much if we don't have law enforcement. Additionally, grants might all but eliminate the necessity to levy the millage but the millage must be in place to get most grants.

I also remind you that we are voting for a position; not for a person. Tracy may be gone tomorrow or next year. He might not like the job or maybe we won't like the way he does the job. Regardless, we do have control

I am not telling you to vote yes because I want this township cleaned up. I am saying disregard the ridiculous, get the facts, weigh the various factors and make up your mind. I happen to think YES is the sensible decision.

POLITICAL AD PAID FOR BY THE OTHER COMMITEE



With the warm weather comes the fact that summer will soon be here.

Everyone is saying how fast the year is flying by. Soon our snow birds will be coming back. The fishermen will be on the

pier, out on the lakes, and in the rivers. I received a letter from Lois

and Jim Leavenworth; they are proud to announce that their daughter Kathleen gave birth to a baby girl, 8 lbs. 12ozs. 19" on March 24, in Anchorage, Alaska. They named her Jesse Lynn after Kathleen's brother and his wife.

Sandee Sibbald e-mailed me from her son Beav's in Waterford. Beav and Alli are now proud owners of property taxes in the State of Michigan as they purchased a very nice house with a large yard. Friends can E-mail THE BIG BEAV AT

asibbald@www.walshcol.edu.&nbsp Enemies do not have to respond! Sandee was on her way to Georgia to visit with Ron and Barb Whaley. Hope she didn't run into bad weather.

Saw life at Mom Bell's. The house should be hopping all week with grandchildren in and out. Sara Bell says she is a good cook

Betty Welker is back for the summer with son-in-law Wyane to open up the rest of Welkers'

Lodge. They were pleased to come back with no snow to shovel to the house

Dave and Helen Bailey made it back from their trip to California. They also went to Texas to visit family. On their way back home they stopped in DePere, WI. and stayed with John and Cobina Whittingham. Helen says they really did have a good time. Maybe stay longer next year.

Tom and Kathy Baker were in town for a few days. Trying to pack their belongings up. They moved to Empire in the fall and now have planned to move there permanently. We will miss seeing you around town. Plus we will miss the Pickle Barrel being open with the tourism information and all your beautiful crafts.

Happy birthday to Bruce Essex , JC Ogden, Penny Barney, and Lois Leavenworth

We will, greatly miss Florine Abrahamson. Her spirit will live through many of us that knew her. We will miss you.

It you have any news for Around the Bay call, write or e-mail me. My e-mail address has changed to: emorriso@up.net.

Keep on smiling .

Evelyn

# **Grand Marais Class Reunion Update**

As reported in a previous issue, we are planning a reunion to honor the classes the graduated from Burt Township High School between 1945 and 1955. We are sending out information in April. The reunion will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 5th - 6th and will include a tour of the school, dinner, music, a walk down memory lane, a bonfire, and other events to be finalized later. Although the reunion will honor the graduates from the specified period, people from other classes and others who would like to come will also be welcome.

A list of graduates has been assembled and addresses for many have already been found. Those listed are the people for whom we still have no address or telephone number. If you know of the whereabouts of any of these people, please contact Karen Brzys at: (906)494-2472,

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Amber Mack Honors English

With just one look, She knows how I feel. Though I wear a smile, She knows when I'm sad. With someone new in my life, She predicts: "They're going to treat you bad" She says. Not once has she been wrong.

There was a time, When no love was given From me to her. When I tried to run away And shouted horrible things at her, She pulled me close And told me she loved me. Not once has she given up on me.

Pushing me to do my best, With words of encouragement. She's there to help, If ever I need it. Every time I say "I can't" She says "You can." Not once has she expected too much of me.

If ever I need Someone to listen or, Someone to tell me they care, I can count on her. As soon as the tears began to fall, Somehow she knew And was there with a shoulder to cry on And those things only mothers can say To make everything all better. I can trust her with my every word And know she won't tell a soul.

## And They Love You

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First...you love them, look up to them, want to be like them. (You start off on a trail.)

And They Love You.

Second... you love this new found world around you and them too. (Its starting to get dark.)

And They Love You

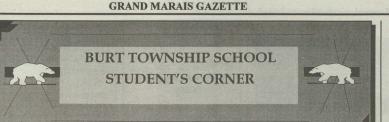
Soon... you love this person, who feels they hate them. (In the ebony light you wander from the trail.)

And They Love You.

In the end, everything you thought was, isn't. (You lose your balance, in falling someone grabs your hand.)

And They Love You and You Love Them.

By Bettie Somes



## VOLLEYBALL POEM

By Joie Hoffenberger

The ref anxious black and white Floor shiny NET

The crowd noisy, shouting The whistle loud

Then quiet The server nervous Slams the ball

I see the white bullet flying

On my knees My hands are by me BUMP The ricochet arches high to the ready setter

## Kevin Brzys Honors English

Grand Marais is a sleepy, somber town before the sun shows its bright face. Most of the residents are at home, nestled in their beds, dreaming of their hopes and fantasies.

Not all dream in the wee hours of the morning. The feathered residents of Grand Marais are out and about, singing their unique songs for all to hear; though there is nobody around.

A glance to the north usually reveals two things. One is a sea of white, perpetually beating on our beautiful beaches. The other sight is a calm, tranquil, friendly lake. It looks so inviting, but swimming doesn't happen except for the crazies. No, we don't go swimming; we go jumping, I mean jump in and get out as fast as possible.

Our downtown (the three or four blocks of it) is deserted in the early morning. A few cars remain but only because their owners weren't able to use them to get home safely. For now they sit and sleep.

People say our town is a sleepy, peaceful town on the lake. Well, I say they should see it when the town is home dreaming away. The smell of campfires, sound of the birds, and beautiful sunrise are all enough to take your breath away.



#### Jodi Reeves English Mr. Scaife

Dinner at the Sportsman Mom, Dad, and me Food and happy feelings At the table three

Sit with good manners Hands in my lap I see my food come I want to clap

Jeff and Jason too Waitress at the table I order some pop Dad tells a fable

I went to sleep Tucked in tight This isn't real I dreamed last night

# English, Mr. Scaife Trevor

Dylan

Drifting off so silently Letting worries slip away My mind goes on a journey Knowing not which way

Someone I still love Now we meet again Although I am bewildered The enjoyment will begin

He behaves there so differently In that crowd of normal people But courageously he stands Taller than a steeple

He sneaks up silently While friendly slugging me Which was not odd For that was how he'd be

It's been only five years But I remember still The day it went wrong Memories my heart would fill

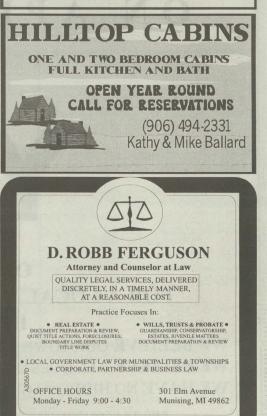
Never will I forget The wave as it crashes And remember all the good Now together with his ashes.

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# From Grand Marais To Costa Rica

By Margaret Roberts

Bette Jean Somes and Josh Balbierz drew the name of David Menominee from Brimley, MI., as the winner of Spanish Club's "Spanish Speaking Ernie" raffle. The drawing was held April 1. "Ernie" is bilingual and can speak English as well as Spanish. He was donated by Margaret Roberts and proceeds from ticket sales are being used to help fund the Spanish Club trip to Costa Rica. Spanish Club members (Bette Jean, Josh, Michael Kinlaw, and advisor, Tom Scaife) departed from Grand Marais for Costa Rica on April 2, and will return April 12. Thank you to everyone who supported the fund raising efforts that made the trip possible.

Something interesting happening in your community? Do you have something you want to sell or buy? Are you celebrating an anniversary or want to wish someone special a happy birthday? Our ad prices are among the lowest in the U. P. Send your ads to The Grand Marais Gazette, P. O. Box 370, Grand Marais, MI 49839 or FAX or call the Gazette at 494-2492



Hard Knocks By: Ty Washell

It is not surprising that there is minor resistance to "assisted suicide", when you consider the alternatives.

Being hated or abandoned by family, relatives, friends, or society in general when "the chips are down" might convince anyone "to cash in their chips".

It seems like America loves a winner and all other degrees beneath that fall into the category of loser.

Tons and tons of people are in various stages of poor or disenfranchised and are neither bad nor losers, but when treated as such it would be very easy to lose hope.

Like someone said, "when you are out of work it's a depression, when someone else is out of work it's a recession."

Even though capital punishment is popular in America it shouldn't be foisted on anyone through neglect.

# International Marketing: True Accounts

Cracking an international market is a goal of most growing corporations. It shouldn't be that hard, yet even the big multinationals run into trouble because of language and cultural differences. For example...

The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kouke-la. Unfortunately, the Coke company did not discover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means "bite the wax tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax", depending on the dialect. Coke then researched 40,000 Chinese characters and found a close phonetic equivalent, "kokou-ko-le," which can be loosely translated as "happiness in the mouth."

In Taiwan, the translation of the Pepsi slogan "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" came out as "Pepsi will bring your ancestors back from the dead."

Also in Chinese, the Kentucky Fried Chicken slogan "fingerlickin' good" came out as "eat your fingers off."

The American slogan for Salem.cigarettes, "Salem – Feeling Free," got translated in the Japanese market into "When smoking Salem, you feel so refreshed that your mind seems to be free and empty."

When General Motors intro-

any cars, it renamed the car in

its Spanish markets as the Caribe. Ford had a similar problem in Brazil when the Pinto flopped. The company found out that Pinto was Brazilian slang for "tiny male genitals". Ford pried all the nameplates off and substituted Corcel, which means horse

When Parker Pen marketed a ballpoint pen in Mexico, its ads were supposed to say "It won't leak in your pocket and embarrass you." However, the company's mistakenly thought the Spanish word "embarazar" meant embarrass. Instead the ads said that "It wont leak in your pocket and make you pregnant."

An American T-shirt maker in Miami printed shirts for the Spanish market which promoted the Pope's visit. Instead of the desired "I Saw the Pope" in Spanish, the shirts proclaimed "I Saw the Potato."

In Italy, a campaign for Schweppes Tonic Water translated the name into Schweppes Toilet Water.

Colgate introduced a toothpaste in France called Cue, the name of a notorious porno magazine.

By the way, these are all true accounts.

ON APRIL 21, 1998 VOTE



# ON PROPOSAL "A" FOR A LOCAL, RESPONSIVE POLICE PRESENCE IN BURT TOWNSHIP

★ WE BELIEVE OUR TOWN BOARD IS ACTING IN OUR BEST INTEREST
★ WE BELIEVE ALL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED
★ WE HAVE NO HIDDEN AGENDA

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#### APRIL 16, 1998

#### **GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE**

Matamoras Diner Saved From Junkyard

1950s Road King moves to Grand Marais, Michigan

# New Fire Equipment for Two U.P. Communities

Originally By Tom Leek Pike News Center

A diner that reigned as the place for Coke and burgers for 30 years in Matamoras, Pa., is coming back to life in a tiny tourist town on Michigan's upper peninsula.

The Matamoras Diner, a fixture at 201 Pennsylvania Ave. in Matamoras from 1950 until about 1980, twice almost wound up junked. Its salvation, and restoration come at the hands of Jerry Berta of Grand Rapids, who owns Rosie's Diner from TV commercial fame and a Grand Marais couple who sold Berta a fish sandwich at their diner. The Earl of Sandwich.

The once-bustling diner will reopen sometime next year as the West Bay Diner and Delicatessen, said Ellen Airgood, who bought it with her partner Rick Guth. Its restoration was greeted with delight by Pike County residents who remember its heyday.

Grand Marais, just down the coast of Lake Superior from Whitefish Point where the legendary Edmund Fitzgerald

wrecked, has a year-round population of 500

"I'd love to go out and see it. That diner is part of the history of Matamoras," said Cathy Kaufman of Port Jervis, who grew up in the 1960s hanging out at the diner, then owned by Anthony and June Dedea. "The Dedeas were very good to the kids in Matamoras. It was a nice place to meet."

Aside from the ordinary folks who kept the business thriving, the Dedeas served an occasional VIP passing through on Route 209 in the days before the interstates.

In a 1988 interview, Mrs. Dedea recalled that she made two cheeseburgers with everything to go for President John F. Kennedy when he was in town Sept. 24, 1963 to dedicate Milford's Pinchot Institute for Conservation. Kennedy hadn't had time to eat, so his helicopter pilots, who had eaten at the Matamoras Diner, popped in to get him a couple of burgers.

"Here I was, cooking cheese-

burgers for the President," Mrs. Dedea said in the 1988 interview. She died in April.

Mrs Dedea's uncle bought the \$16,000 Road King model diner in 1950 from the Paramount Dining Car Company of North Haledon, NJ. The Dedeas took over around 1960 and ran the diner until the early 1970s, and then leased it to a Greenville, N.Y., man.

When the land changed hands around 1980, the diner was bought by an East Stroudsburg man, who stored it along Route 209 in Marshalls Creek, where it fell into disrepair. Eight years later it almost wound up in the Baltimore Museum of Industry, but a White Creek, N.Y., man bought it and moved it to that Berkshire Mountains town. Still unused, it continued to rot.

Enter Berta. White Creek's town fathers wanted to junk, the "eyesore" diner. "They told me it was going to be wrecked in two weeks, did I want it," Berta said. That was three or four years ago. Berta moved it to

Grand Rapids, where he owns four other diners, including Rosie's.

Berta started replacing the frame, but he never got around to actually restoring the diner. It sat in a Grand Rapids field wrapped in plastic until. Berta met Airgood and Guth last year while vacationing. They bought the diner for "less than it originally cost," Airgood said. The diner was trucked 350 miles north to Grand Marais, including a trip across the 5 mile long Mackinaw Bridge between lakes Michigan and Huron.

"They'll make it work, no doubt about it," said Berta of the diner's new owners.

"I'm really glad it has a good home," said Tom Meyer of Milford, who owns Montague Tool and Supply and had arranged for the diner's donation to the Baltimore museum before it wound up sitting neglected in upstate New York. " . . And that somebody cares for it.

Two Upper Peninsula communities have been approved for loans and grants totaling \$192,000 from an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to replace aging or inoperative fire-fighting equipment, said Bart Stupak-, D-Rep. Menominee.

Funding for Negaunee and for the Village of Ontonagon is being awarded through Rural Development under the terms of its Community Facilities Loan program, which is intended to protect the quality of life in rural areas like northern Michigan, Stupak said.

Negaunee will receive a grant of \$27,130 and a loan of \$82,870 to buy a new fire truck, described as a "triple pumper, single axle" unit. The truck will replace a fire truck which went out of service last summer.

Ontonagon will use a grant of \$24,480 and a loan of \$57,520 to purchase a four-wheel-drive, first-response unit, one outfitted with such emergency hardware as foam-based fire-suppression equipment and, paramedic gear and tools to extricate victims from damaged vehicles.

# STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING-VOTE NO ON APRIL 21ST **1.5 MILL INCREASE - SPECIAL ELECTION** FOR "BURT TWP. CHIEF OF POLICE"

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

 $\Rightarrow$  1.5 mills doesn't cover the full amount

 $\Rightarrow$  grant money is supposed to fund this

⇒ the Board is taking money from the General

Fund AND Woodland Park to buy equipment

⇒ we have been covering payroll & associated

⇒ as of 4/10/98 our "Chief of Police" still

⇒ Alger County still HAS to provide law

 $\Rightarrow$  they will want to hire more police, buy more

WHY DIDN'T THE BOARD OFFER AN

**ELECTION TO SEE IF WE WANTED** 

**OUR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT** 

**BEFORE THEY SPENT OUR MONEY??** 

 $\Rightarrow$  this millage request is for 20 years!

expenses since the 6th of February!

cannot enforce laws and ordinances!

equipment, and make more ordinances!

enforcement to Grand Marais!

needed!

position!

& uniforms already!

#### THE BOARD HAS SAID

 $\Rightarrow$  if the millage passes, they will repay funds borrowed from the General Fund and Woodland Park (based on the need to repay).

 $\Rightarrow$  if the millage does not pass, the position is terminated.

 $\Rightarrow$  the tax does not have to be levied if enough grant money is received.

 $\Rightarrow$  The Police Chief is responsible for applying for grants to fund his/her pay.

 $\Rightarrow$  the position has to be in place and be spending money to seek grants.

#### WHAT THEY HAVEN'T SAID

- $\Rightarrow$  What if **NO** grants are approved?
- $\Rightarrow$  What if the Police Chief doesn't apply for grants?
- $\Rightarrow$  What if the Police Chief moves or is fired and we can't find a suitable replacement?
- $\Rightarrow$  How will we cover future pay raises?

## **BEFORE YOU VOTE**

Think seriously about what you are being asked to do and ask yourself these questions!

• Has this issue really been given enough LOGI-CAL thought or have emotions controlled the process?

• Do we **REALLY NEED** to pay over \$40,000 per year for police protection for our small, peaceful town?

• If you vote yes, you are making a 20 YEAR commitment! Do you know what **YOUR** needs will be in just 5 years?

• If you vote yes, are you actually approving the wasteful spending of our tax dollars?

• If the township does receive enough grant funding, will they really discontinue the tax levy? Have you ever heard of approved millages NOT being levied?

Did vou answer "NO" or "I don't know"? **VOTE NO!** 

Yes, there are times that we need a cop! Especially during high tourist activity like snowmobile season (3 months at most) and festival time (one weekend). During those times, we have State Police and County Sheriffs IN TOWN. For the remaining 9 months of the year, we are a small, peaceful community and problems are minimal! Let's face it, that is why WE ARE HERE! Why does everyone want to keep changing Grand **Tell the Township Board ENOUGH! VOTE NO!** Marais? Do we want this much change in our community?

Paid for by citizens against wasteful spending, changing our community and more taxes.

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**GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE** 

