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## CABIN FEVER WEEKEND



Evelyn Morrison giving a helping push.



All right mom this is how it's supposed to be done.



Going down was easy, getting back to the top of the hill was hard.



Getting started was the hardest part of the snowshoe poker run.



Approx. 38 people in the snowshoe poker run + 1 dog.

With a snowmobile poker run, snow volleyball, chili feed, cardboard sledding at Bay Front Park, and the annual snowshoe runs there was something for everyone to enjoy Cabin Fever Weekend.

Please remember to get out and vote on Tuesday February 22 for the primary elections at the Recreation Center.

**The Burt Township Schools Homecoming Dance** will be held on February 25 after the game with Beaver Island, at the Recreation Center. Everyone is welcome.

### Weather for Grand Marais

So far this winter we have had a total of 93.25 inches of snow-fall in town, according to Karla Bugg, our weather reporting person. As of 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, she is reporting 24 inches of snow on the ground near her house. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> we have received a total of 60.75 inches of snow. If you go inland a few miles the amount of snow that has fallen increases. The County Road Commission reports 190 inches have fallen so far this winter. At the present time they are reporting 34 inches on the level ground.

## THE REJECTED SUITOR OR THE LAMP WENT OUT GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB PLAY



Left to right: Elijah Lowes, Josh Spurlock, Catherine Bodak, Devan Ballard with sound effects crew Sue Allyn, Martha Smith.



Evelyn DeVeres (Catherine Bodak and Mrs. DeVere (Devan Ballard).

The Grand Marais Women's Club play "The Rejected Suitor or The Lamp Went Out", held at the Community Center on February 10 was an enjoyable event.

This one act, two scene play was attended by about 20 people who enjoyed the acting and special effects presented by the cast and crew. The audience was instructed when to hiss and boo and encouraged to participate in the play. With Lois Leavenworth (Reader of the play); the cast in-

cluded Catherine Bodak (Evelyn DeVere), Elijah Lowes (Herbert Vander-slice), Devan Ballard (Mrs. DeVere) and Josh Spurlock (Ralph Grayson); properties and sound effects crew Sue Allyn and Martha Smith; make-up Evelyn Morrison, lights by Larry Allyn and Set and Program by the Burt township School. Betty Goewey directed the play.



Herbert (Elijah Lowe) proclaiming his love for Evelyn (Catherine Bodak).

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**PSB Continues to Lead**

"The Peoples State Bank has once again taken a leadership role in our community," stated Mary Bowerman, Executive Director of the Alger Regional Community Foundation. ARCF has received notification from the Board of Directors of the Peoples State Bank of their wish to be a Scholarship Provider of an Excellence in Education Week (EEW) award. PSB has made a pledge for a \$10,000 gift to the Excellence in Education Endowment (EEE) Campaign; and, beginning in 2007, an Alger County graduate will receive a scholarship award at the EEW banquet made possible by and named for this gift.



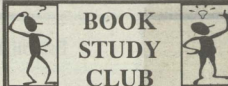
Shown above presenting a check for \$5000 to ARCF executive director, Mary Bowerman, are PSB Board of Director members: (L to R) Richard Nebel, Dick Bowerman, Bill Ramsey, Bob Cowell Dennis Boyak, Chuck Nebel and Dick Madigan.

For the past six years, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation has provided funding for the EEW program which recognizes the success of student scholars, the influential work of teachers, and the importance of having excellent schools. Their support will continue through 2006, but in order to assure the continuation of the activities, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded the Alger Regional and Marquette Community Foundations a gift of \$1,000,000 to establish this endowment. The goal of the foundations is to match one-half of that contribution through local fund drives. By pooling resources and joining forces the communities will have the capacity to annually fund 50 scholarships for students and 25 professional development awards for educators.

Alger County's goal in the fund drive is \$100,000. Bowerman added, "Thanks to this \$10,000 gift from Peoples State Bank, along with other gifts to the Excellence in Education Endowment from past recipients of EEW awards, families, individuals, businesses, and corporations, our campaign is over the half-way benchmark."

This gift raises total Peoples State Bank endowment contributions at the Alger Regional Community Foundation to \$37,000. "In addition to the EEE campaign contribution, PSB has also established an unrestricted fund within the community foundation named the Peoples State Bank - Hometown Endowment Fund. Grants awarded from this fund can be awarded for any of the areas of need identified by ARCF (education, recreation, environment, youth, social welfare, charity)", added Bowerman. The first grant of \$100 from this fund was awarded recently to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The grant will be combined with awards from two other funds to provide scholarships for Alger County teachers to attend a four-day workshop entitled "Using the Forest to Teach Science, Social Studies and Math", at the Clear Lake Education Center, in August.

Anyone seeking more information about contributing to the EEE campaign or any of our endowment funds may call 387-3900 for further information. "Gifts through the community foundation allow our donors to continue to give For good. For ever.™," concluded Bowerman.



**BOOK STUDY CLUB**

**CALENDAR UPDATE**

**6:30 POT LUCK**  
**7:30 DISCUSSION**

**Feb. 25**

**Superior Death (N.Barr)**  
Meeting place  
Lucy/Bob Pine 494-2478

**March 24**

**Lavender Bus (M.Binchey)**  
Sandra Fisher 494-2662

**April 28**

**Garden of Good and Evil**  
Sue/Larry Allyn 494-2510

Come join us! We have a great time and welcome you and your reading tastes. It's a fun way to come together; to laugh, to share, to learn, to stretch our ideas and attitudes and just enjoy life.

**Some Students' answers to test and essay questions.**

*A teacher forwarded this list of comments from test papers, essays, etc., submitted to science and health teachers by elementary, junior high, high school, and college students.*

*As she noted, "It is truly astonishing what weird science our young scholars can create under the pressures of time and grades."*

*"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."*

*"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."*

*"A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors."*

*"Liter: A nest of young puppies."*

*"Magnet: Something you find crawling all over a dead cat."*

*"Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky."*

*"Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot."*

*"Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives."*



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**MARCH 13, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. - 4 P.M. PROTESTS WILL BE HEARD**

**MARCH 20, 2 P.M. - 8 P.M. PROTESTS WILL BE HEARD**  
**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES**

**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE THAT WILL BE VACATED ON MARCH 13, 2000.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF INTENT BY MARCH 10th TO: JOHN MORRISON BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION P.O. BOX 338 GRAND MARAIS, MI 49839**

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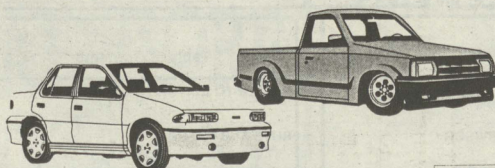
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**A Message from the Supervisor**

By Lee Durrwachter,  
Burt Township Supervisor

The water system control panel and monitoring upgrade is almost complete. With the addition of a couple of new remote alarm signaling devices, to be included in the very near future, the system will be accomplished. The new system is a state of the art digital device which provides measurement and control for a variety of applications including, pump and well control, lift station control, Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA), flow and chemical flow metering. This digital process controller (DPC) is the brains of our new system. It monitors and communicates with all of the major functions of our wells and remote storage tank. It is capable in its design to handle a variety of tasks, while at the same time it's flexible enough to handle an additional number of remote data and control terminals ranging from several to hundreds. It can be programmed to read remote terminals which consist of sensor and control data displays and/or actually capable of handling the independent operation and control of the water system when communications are disrupted. It is also capable of communicating with remote terminals by telephone lines or microwave networks. Included in its stand-by readiness, battery backups both at the pump house and tank storage facility compliment its fail-safe monitoring intelligence as both systems are constantly tracking each other. Chart recording of the pump and usage cycles has also been upgraded with weekly replaceable circular charts, while digitally displaying water levels of the storage tank as it marks those levels. The DPC not only monitors, but transmits alarms on all systems including: tank levels, pumps and pump run times, the motor control center and itself. Further, this new control system was pre-approved for our use by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) - Drinking Water & Radiological Protection Division.

On the local snow front, Jerry Purple, Foreman of the local Alger County Road Commission's operations in Grand Marais, has informed me that this winter they have spread over 1300 yards of sand as of last Thursday on the roads.

Alger County Road Commission's superior efforts continue to keep the roads plowed for our residents as well as our visitors again this winter. In addition, their extra efforts have helped to revitalize our winter activities of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and continued to keep the snowmobiles coming back. Keeping the roads clear furthers safe passage for our Emergency Vehicles. Again, since Grand Marais has only one access road, their priorities of keeping that open is outstanding during this severe and unpredictable winter weather season.

In an effort to keep Burt Township residents, both permanent and seasonal, informed, I'm in the township office Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss your concerns. The Township's telephone number is 906-494-2381, and their fax number is 906-494-2627. Please Note: Any anonymous messages may or may not get a response.

Remember, the Burt Township Assessor is Mark Maki. Mark can be reached by telephoning him directly at (906) 249-4382; or by writing to him at 405 Riverside Road, Marquette, MI 49855. When directing your inquiries make sure to tell Mark that you are inquiring about property in Burt Township.

"An economic forecaster is like a cross-eyed javelin thrower: they don't win many accuracy contests, but they keep the crowd's attention."  
Anonymous

**Editorial Policy**

We encourage our readers to use these pages as a community forum for a free exchange of ideas. Your letters are welcome.

The one stipulation is that letters to the editor must be signed. Pen names will not be accepted. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, and we will publish your comments as space allows.

Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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**PRUSI RETIRES DUE TO TERM LIMITS**

Stephen Adami is seeking the Democrat nomination for Mike Prusi's seat in the Michigan legislature. A 5<sup>th</sup> generation UP native, currently the senior partner in Kendricks Bourdeau, P.C., he is interested in improving public education, promoting economic development in the central U.P., and the improvement and maintenance of our road system, especially secondary roads. He is also interested in protecting Northern Michigan University funding at a level that insures the opportunity of a quality education for young people in this area.

A check with the Republican Party finds that there is no Republican candidate actively seeking to fill Mike Prusi's legislative seat at this time.

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Cooperative Weather Observer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Precip	Snow
FEB. 2	29	11		
FEB. 3	29	16	T	.50
FEB. 4	28	7		
FEB. 5	32	18		
FEB. 6	32	16		
FEB. 7	32	12		T
FEB. 8	33	4		
FEB. 9	32	17		T
FEB.10	24	11		
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FEB.12	24	-5		
FEB.13	24	8	T	.50
FEB.14	26	-12		
FEB.15	29	7	.02	1.0

At the present time we have 24 inch of snow on the ground.  
KARLA

**GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY**

**FRIDAY FEB. 18**  
Baked Ham - Potatoes - Cabbage & Carrots - Pickled Beets - Tropical Fruit Cup  
**MONDAY FEB. 21**  
Pasty Pie - Stewed Tomatoes - Pudding  
**WEDNESDAY FEB. 23**  
Braised Beef - w/Boiled Potatoes- Carrots - Cake  
**FRIDAY FEB. 25**  
Pork Cutlet - Parslied Potatoes - Carrot/Pineapple Salad - Apple Sauce  
**MONDAY FEB. 28**  
Country Fried Steak - Boiled Potatoes - Mixed Waxed/Green Beans - Dessert  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 1**  
Spaghetti - Tossed Salad - Garlic Bread - Fruit  
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10 Fox Network	27 AMC--American Movie Classics
11 ESPN 2	28 FX
12 ESPN--Ent. Sports Network	29 The Weather Channel
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**AROUND THE BAY:**  
BY EVELYN MORRISON

With cabin fever behind us, there are a few of us looking forward to spring. I'm thinking we have a while for that to happen. There was a great turn out for the weekend. My favorite part of the weekend is the snowshoe poker run. Although I have never come close to winning, it has become a yearly tradition for many of us. We had 38 of us on snowshoes going through Woodland Park.

Lots of friends and family in for the weekend too. Sandee (Vanna) Sibbald enjoyed the company of her son Beaver and wife Ali, and grandson Scooby. Beaver and Ali also had their friends Chris Blitz and Tracy Hurtigan in for the weekend.

Terry Hardy made it up from Grand Rapids without the blonde he usually has with him, though I did see him with another blonde or was she a red head? Hard to tell these days. Friends Julie and Dan the Blues man Poniatowski were in from the GR area, along with Bob Heeter (The Heet) and Arlene Longbrake. Bob says he really enjoys going horse shoeing through the snow. He tried snow shoeing but it would never come out that way.

Al and Kathy Young were in from Ferndale, along with their children Moriah and Nolen. They were able to enjoy the winter sports in Grand Marais. The kids took advantage of the new Youth Center, and ice skating rink. Along with snow shoeing, Al also played at the Lake Superior Brewing Co. on Saturday night. Heard it was a great performance.

In for the week visiting with Pat Munger were her friends Carolyn Cunningham from Hubbardston and Kathy Steere, from Carson City. Pat had a small birthday party for Kathy. Carolyn says she really enjoyed going on the snowshoe poker run. It was the first time on them. She did very well and said she was having a great time.

Tony and Tracy Block were in from Manistique with their children. They enjoyed the activities of the day starting out with the cardboard sled race down the Bay Hill, and the snowshoe poker run.

Jenny Morrison and boy friend Ben Cooley were in from Ithaca. We got Ben out for the first time on snowshoes. You don't realize how many people have never been on snowshoes. Guess we take it for granted everyone knows how to use snowshoes when you live here.

Talked with Mikki Dempsey over the Internet. She wished they could have been here for Cabin Fever, but one of the twins is still under Doctor's care. When they are given the ok to leave town for a few days, she says she will bring the girls over to show them off. Mikki's sister Marcey was in from Chatham; I see she had her nephew Ged, and Grandma was watching the other kids.

Joe Wampler is back in town for a few days. He was able to relocate his brother Jerry in the Escanaba area. It will be nice to have him closer. John and I were invited over for dinner at the Wampers and enjoyed a delicious meal. We will be going to the Bells for dinner some day to celebrate their moving into the new house. Right Dianna?

Betty Goewey was on a roll at Chocolate Sunday, making much money for the Spanish Club. I really think she auctioned the same piece of cake twice! What ever works!

Helen Bryers left for Florida for a few weeks with her sister. That will be a nice break from the winter. She will be ready for spring when she returns.

The Women's Club sponsored a play on Thursday night. The kids and adults that were a part of it did a wonderful job. They looked like they had a great time putting on a great production. A job well done to all of you.

I talked to my folks this week. They are doing fine, though Dad has to have cataract surgery in March. They are enjoying the 80-degree weather. I told them to make sure it was warm when I get there in April.

Happy birthday to Katie Mead, Ali Sibbald, Gram Bean, Bob Stocking, and Mimi Ostrander.

A "Get well" to Celeste Bailey who is recovering from her recent surgery.

Until next time, see you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling....Evie

**Old Man  
of the  
Woods**

Someone a lot more educated than yours truly made a remark that "Freedom does not give us the right to do as we want, but rather to do as we should."

This simple axiom would seem to apply to corporations, as well as governments, unions, and individuals.

It would be safe to say that most of us would choose to do as we want in most situations, and only do as we should if it agrees with what we want.

If this isn't a nation of spoiled brats then God didn't make little green apples. When are more people going to take the initiative to try and make America better for all people instead of just their own private interest?

It has been my belief for many years that the only things you can take with you are those things you've given away.

**WOMEN'S CLUB  
WHITE ELEPHANT  
AND ANTIQUE  
AUCTION COMING  
NEXT MONTH.**

On Thursday, March 9, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., the Grand Marais Women's Club will be hosting its annual White Elephant Sale, but this year they are adding an Antique Auction to the event. Gee Petruske will be the auctioneer and the evening should be full of fun. Come and bid for your favorite thing. If you would like to donate anything to the Auction, please call 494-2312 or 494-2611 for pick-up.

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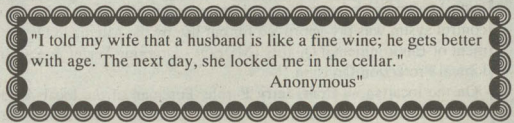
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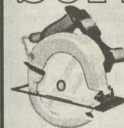


**Join The Grand Marais Women's Club!**

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Volunteers are needed, and will be greatly appreciated, to help with club projects. You needn't be a member to attend.

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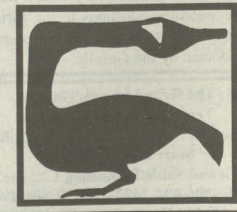
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**Grand Marais Women's Club Chocolate Bake-Off Winners**



Judges Sue Allyn, Lucy Pine and Geri Hill awarded the delicious Chocolate Cherry Cake entered by Lois Leavenworth the first prize ribbon; Second Prize went to Martha Smith with her entry of Chocolate Peanut Brownies and third

prize went to Helen Mack for the luscious Torta Suprema de Chocolate. The Spanish Club made \$197 on the Chocolate Sundae event and many folks came out to enjoy a fun filled afternoon.

Thanks go to Karl Wilson and Wilson's Market for the donation of the ice cream for the event and to Goewey's Garage for the prize ribbons. Thanks also go to the members of the Women's Club who baked and donated the brownies for the sundaes and to those who entered the Chocolate Bake-off.

**Native Born UP'er Returns to UP**

Rosie's Grand Marais Realty welcomes Grand Marais' newest resident and Real Estate Sales Associate, Keith Bodi. As a child, Keith, with his brother Larry, was born and raised by their parents in Newberry. Their father Ralph, also a native UP'er, moved the family to SW Michigan in 1950 where more job opportunities were available. In 1958, Keith graduated from Cedar Lake Academy followed by a year of college and two years in X-Ray School before enlisting in the US Army in 1962 and serving as a paratrooper in the XVIII Airborne Corps until 1965. He graduated from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA in 1974 with a BS Degree in Radiologic Technology.

Keith brings with him a wealth of sales and professional experience. He began his sales career in 1980 by beginning and operating a very successful insurance agency in Grand Rapids. After his two daughters graduated, began their careers and feeling the call back north, Keith sold the agency in 1989 and moved to Grayling. Keith was then hired by a West Coast petroleum company, Pacific Pride Services, Inc. Pacific Pride owns and operates a nationwide Unattended Commercial Fueling System. Keith was asked to develop the company's franchise in MI, WI, MN, N & S Dakota. During the nine years Keith worked with Pacific Pride, the total franchises expanded in his territory from 20 to nearly 140 locations. Moving to Grand Marais in November, Keith now resides at N14113 Woodruff St. with his elderly parents, Gilbert and Alice (Bodi) Hudson. Keith's two daughters, Michelle and Theresa, both reside in Moscow, Russia. Michelle, who has spent the past three years as an English Secretary in church division offices, will be returning to the states in April. Theresa moved to Moscow some six years ago as a volunteer English Teacher. Theresa still lives in Moscow and is now married to Alexander Yaroshevich. They have one child, Yan, who is Keith's first grandchild.

We all want to welcome Keith to our thriving and growing town of Grand Marais. Keith's home phone number is: 494-2221.

**GRAND MARAIS WILL RECOGNIZE ITS VOLUNTEERS ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> WITH POTLUCK DINNER**

Volunteers in this community are essential and each year Grand Marais citizens recognize them with a special potluck dinner.

This year's event, sponsored by the Grand Marais Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, March 15, starting at 5:00 p.m. Please come and join us in showing your support for the special folks who make such a difference in the lives of those who live in and visit this community.

**Courtroom Quotations**

*The following quotations are taken from official court records across the nation, showing how funny and embarrassing it is that recorders operate at all times in courts of law, so that even the slightest inadvertence is preserved for posterity.*

Lawyer: "Have you lived in this town all your life?"  
Witness: "Not yet."

Lawyer: "I show you Exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture."  
Witness: "That's me."

Lawyer: "Were you present when that picture was taken?"  
Witness: "By death."

Lawyer: "Now, Mrs. Johnson, how was your first marriage terminated?"  
Lawyer: "And by whose death it was terminated?"

Lawyer: "By death."  
Lawyer: "And by whose death it was terminated?"

Lawyer: (realizing he was on the verge of asking a stupid question) "Your Honor, I'd like to strike the next question."

**View From The Green House**

By Bruce Erickson

In February these views are coming from Wisconsin because the doors to the green house in Grand Marais are covered with snow, although a few winters ago I was born in the green house on January 25.

My daughter alerted me that there were three Grand Marais items on E-Bay, the internet auction site. I called them up and found a post card showing the east pier, the island, and the breakwater. I bid on this item and got it. The second item was a map of the bay (1875) showing soundings. It was taken from an atlas that was done by a government agency. From what I observed, it was not worth the \$15.00 asking price. The third item was a post card of the sand dunes taken from the log slide. The asking price for that item was \$2.00 with no takers. Since then, I have noticed another post card for sale showing the Pickle Barrel and Hill's store.

The Grand Marais site on the internet is great. Keep up the good work.

I did get to the Green House the last week of January and with some shoveling I did get inside to see that everything was O.K. Lots of snow on the roof and the fish car was enclosed in its white cocoon. It was fun to see the town in all its white glory. I stayed with my father Ed. One morning at coffee he and Bess were reminiscing about the winter of 1927-28 when Grand Marais was snowed in for 21 straight days. Bess recalled the county sending in one of their huge snow throwers that cut a straight path down through the town. After the machine retreated back to Munising, the wind blew all the snow back in the plowed path. No one went hungry because of all of the canning, etc.. Ed said as long as they had their barrels of hard-tack and toast they were OK. That was the winter that the basketball team snowshoed to Seney to catch the train to the tournament and rested on the top of telephone poles. Also there was talk about the town skating rink that was made in the lot that now houses the Harbor House and Wilson's hardware. Ed said he was in charge of making of the rink but with all the snow, it was hard to maintain. They could not remember many snow days except the town-liners who walked to school usually came in late and covered with snow. Nilo Human would just roll down the hill from his house.

I did get in two cross-country ski hikes. One was around the town; with all the snow you could travel on all of the streets. I did do the "A" trail that runs from the Park Visitor's center. Beautiful trail, nicely groomed and not crowded. I did wish it somehow could have crossed AuSable Creek and run to the parking lot near the Sand Dunes. It would have been nice to see that area. As I was making my trip on skis, I had memories of Sayre Ostrander and how he was a great promoter of winter sports, especially down hill skiing. He helped build a ski jump on the Sand Hill (the hill that is located near Andy and Geri Bailey's) and would have an annual jumping contest. Also he helped build a higher jump that came down the Sand Dunes across from the Donahey property. Growing up in Grand Marais consisted of much sliding, skating, and skiing in the wintertime.

The next two weeks will take Mary Ann and me to Houston, Texas and then through the southwest- El Paso, Tuscon, etc.. We hope to visit June and Owen Homeister in Green Valley, Az.

"In the past decade or so, the women's magazines have taken to running home-handyperson articles suggesting that women can learn to fix things just as well as men. These articles are apparently based on the ludicrous assumption that men know how to fix things, when in fact all they know how to do is look at things in a certain squinty-eyed manner, which they learned in Wood Shop; eventually, when enough things in the home are broken, they take a job requiring them to transfer to another home."

Dave Barry

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**DO THE RIGHT THING**

By Lee Goewey

*"The mere existence of conservatives should be proof enough to liberals of the fallacy of their belief in the perfectibility of mankind."*

A convergence of events is upon us: Federal and state income taxes are due in less than sixty days, a presidential campaign is underway and a primary election will be held in Michigan on February 22, Washington's birthday.

A cautionary quote from our first president is an appropriate foundation on which to briefly examine each of these events. Washington warned that, "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence - it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master; never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."

Taxes first: We are told by politicians that we don't really care about our taxes; times are so good that we are happy to let the government take and keep whatever it wants, even if there is a surplus.

The fact of the matter is that federal taxes take about forty out of every hundred dollars we earn and that state and local taxes and the cost of bureaucratic administration pushes the total "take" to about half of our total income. The reason it takes two wage earners in many families to "make it" these days is that one of them works full-time to pay the taxes. Are they kidding that they think we don't care? When you look at what all that tax money gets us in return, it's impossible to justify it.

Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid may be viewed by many of us as blessings, but each of them is a ticking time bomb. Each yields a paltry result for the dollars invested, and each needs desperately to be privatized for a sound financial return. The IRS itself is an incomprehensible abomination: It needs total trashing and replacement. As voters, we have left the business of government to the irresponsible actions of our elected representatives, whom we have not held to account. We have not heeded Washington's warning. This dangerous servant and fearful master is every day affirming its power over us in additional ways. Our very rights under the Constitution are being taken away, bit by bit, and we are not resisting. Most ironic of all is the fact that all this is being done to us through the power generated by the misuse of our own tax dollars.

Second, a presidential campaign is underway. As syndicated columnist Linda Bowles puts it:

"The only man in the race with a deep understanding of what has gone wrong in America and what should be done to make it right again is Alan Keyes - and he has little chance of being elected, the reason being that he does understand the problem, which makes him a dangerous threat to the overlords of the entrenched establishment."

I have to agree with Linda. If you pay close attention to Alan Keyes each time you have the opportunity to hear him, you cannot fail to note the accurate and rational grasp he has on every one of the substantive issues of the day. He is compelling, whether the subject be Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, International Relations, Immigration, what to do with the "surplus," the national debt, the IRS, Campaign Finance Reform, the drug problem- you name it. If you've not been paying attention to Alan Keyes, I urge you to watch for him and commend him to you as worthy of your most serious consideration.

Third and last, our Michigan presidential primary will be held on Tuesday, February 22. Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and vote for the candidate that best represents what you know in your heart and mind our country needs to begin a return to the right direction. We've been headed the wrong way for too long, no matter how good the economic times may seem. It's time to put our ship back on course and to repair the damage done to her through our own neglect. We will fail to do this at our own mortal peril.

You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing for you to do is to VOTE, in both the February primary and fall general elections. In the meantime, keep your public servants aware of what you believe and what you expect from them, in a courteous manner. You may contact your elected federal officials at the following addresses; don't forget to include your name, address and phone number if you write:

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Michigan's threatened common loon, for example, will benefit from a nongame fish and wildlife grant received by Lake Superior State University. The study seeks to identify natural and artificial variables, including recreational use, on the current and potential loon occupation of lakes in the Upper Peninsula. The first phase of this project is a field analysis of 80 western Upper Peninsula lakes. Results of this research will help with developing strategies to aid in loon recovery efforts. It is hoped this will result in an increase in the successful occupation of loons on Upper Peninsula lake environments.

Educational outreach efforts, many of which focus on eagles, hawks, great blue herons and song birds, are made possible through the tax checkoff contributions. Schoolteachers, youth leaders and citizens across the state receive wildlife posters, assistance with the design of teaching activities, videos and landscaping for wildlife tips. Some of the best birding areas and other watchable wildlife locations are available to the Michigan vacationer through a wildlife viewing guide.

These are just a few ways your dollars are helping wildlife. Remember to "LOOK FOR THE LOON" on your state income tax form. For more information on other projects, you can request a free copy of the quarterly newsletter, The Spotting Scope. Send your name and address to Natural Heritage Program, Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680. You also can find information through the Department of Natural Resources Web site at [www.dnr.state.mi.us](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us).

**People With Disabilities Answer Census 2000**

Approximately 20 percent of Americans have some type of disability and about 10 percent have a severe disability. How do we know? This information, as well as other important information about people with disabilities, is gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau. The law requires the Census Bureau to ask about disability; the resulting statistical information supports programs that help people with disabilities.

Federal and state governments use the data to determine the distribution of funds and to develop programs for people with disabilities. The information helps ensure that transportation services are accessible to all segments of the population and that employment opportunities and job-training programs serve people with disabilities. Information on people with disabilities is used by state and county agencies to anticipate the number of eligible recipients under Medicare and Medicaid. Local governments want the information to plan services and develop needed facilities for people with disabilities in their communities. And the health care industry uses it to design the products that help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

One out of six housing units will receive a long form, which will contain questions about physical, mental and emotional conditions. When you receive your questionnaire, list everyone who lives at your household. This includes anyone receiving short-term care at a hospital. People receiving long term care will be enumerated at that care facility by a census taker. By filling out your census questionnaire, you help ensure that people with disabilities continue to receive the services they need.

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to the Editor*



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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

In my efforts to provide all documented data possible to help resolve this controversial issue that is causing so much concern, and cost, by the Markes Review of the Burton/Summit Street Right-of-Way, an Abstract was brought to my attention.

I certainly do not intend to convey the idea that I am, in any way, proficient enough to claim, or even possibly suggest, this might be interpreted as a qualified Title Opinion. It is simply a chronological list of conveyances, and other court actions, that concern a parcel of property, within that disputed right-of-way. It begins with the Patent received from the United States of America in 1854, to the last transaction in 1968.

Though the early transactions were long before my time, it was another confirmation of some of the history of the area. It also involved several of the early renowned settlers who laid the foundations for our town.

As it proceeded into the 1920's and later dates, it was, to me, a nostalgic journey into the past. Approaching my 79<sup>th</sup> birthday next month, it brought to mind many of those wonderful early settlers. A lot of them were friends of my Grandparents, and parents. We, in turn, became close and lasting friends, with their children, as we shared our school years and events, then our children with their children.

It was a learning experience going through each entry in this document. Having been a teacher for a few years, I have continually expressed my opinion in regard to the fact that I believe our educational system is remiss in not providing a class for students, even before High School, in real property laws. The largest purchase many of them will make during their lifetime, will be for the purchase of a home, or property on which to build a home.

There seem to be so many loop-holes within our system, in regard to real property. This has allowed unscrupulous people to cause great problems and costs to property owners. These might be prevented if education was provided, alerting them to be aware of such possibilities, and how to protect themselves against this happening to them.

In going through this Abstract, there is no question that irrefutable proof is documented as to the Vacation of Burton/Summit Avenues. All entries within an Abstract, are taken from the court records. I have attempted to simplify these entries to make them easier to follow and understand. If anyone wishes to have a copy of this, I shall be happy to provide you with one.

I would implore all of you, let us stand together, and insist this controversy be resolved.

Della (Rosie) Meldrum

The sublime and the ridiculous are often so nearly related, that it is difficult to class them separately. One step above sublime, makes the ridiculous; and one step above the ridiculous, makes the sublime again.

Thomas Paine

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JIM

What a Winter! It seems like everyone has had a bout with some kind of illness or injury this Winter and yours truly is certainly no exception. It used to be that I couldn't even spell newmonia and now I have it. I have been pretty bored watching reruns, mainly because the majority of current TV programming either doesn't interest me or it makes me nauseous. I would have done more reading but my eyes wouldn't cooperate. There was enough news on about the races for president to keep anyone saturated with campaigning, well almost anyone. I guess that I had been too busy to keep up with the status of the races and had taken things for granted that I shouldn't have. I also, also too as Mr. Forbes would say, enjoyed having the time to listen to some of the less publicized facets of the campaign.

I was watching a show that had a writer being interviewed concerning his opinion of the candidates. I had never heard of the writer and therefore wondered why he was being asked what he thought. It came out that the guy had written a book titled *If They Want Us to Vote, Why Don't They Give Us Some Candidates?* Although I am a firm believer in the "Voting is a Duty" philosophy, I can sure understand his question. It so happened that the guy lives in Texas and I heard for the first time the statement "In Texas we call him shrub because he doesn't quite measure up to a bush." Not very complimentary but then he had a lot of uncomplimentary comments for all the candidates. My kind of guy! If anyone has a copy of the book out there and is willing to let me borrow it, I would appreciate the chance to at least check it out.

I am confident that the "Asses" have all but given the nomination to Gore and that Bradley can only delay the inevitable. The debates and mudslinging will serve to sharpen Gore's talons for the big contest and the fact that both are spending money that could be used for the election campaign is no huge problem. Gore may have to make a few extra trips to Buddhist temples and sell access to a few classified programs to the Chinese, but the money will come! We also have not seen the asses big gun yet and won't until the playoffs are over. I am speaking of the consummate politician of our time, perhaps all time, "Slick Willie". He will be a big player in the general election and in the New York Senate race.

I was surprised to see how

much effect the landslide victory of McCain in New Hampshire had on the "Elephant" race. Before that primary, "Shrub" had all but banked South Carolina's primary victory. Now the polls have it too close to call with Bush leading then McCain. This has Bush spending money like it was water and going as far negative as he and his staff think is justifiable under the rules of campaigning, in other words doing whatever it takes. After the mistake of making his first stop in South Carolina a visit to a college run by a bigot of the first degree and operating under apartheid regulations, Bush seems to have awakened. He has changed his strategy some and is now actually talking to people instead of lecturing to them. At times he almost seems human and if he keeps this up might even keep his coronation ceremony plans.

As much as the South Carolina turn around surprised me, the numbers in Michigan were the biggest surprise to me. I thought that with our popular dictator Adolph Engler supporting Bush that the primary was in the bag for the Shrub. Now I hear that it is close and that most polls show that McCain is actually leading right now. There is no doubt in my mind that Adolph's support for Bush is selfishly motivated and that Bush has every intention of appointing Adolph to a lucrative Cabinet post; so what happens to Adolph's meal ticket if Bush doesn't win? Putting Adolph in his place is almost enough by itself to get me to vote for McCain. Speaking of Adolph, I wonder how that good Catholic boy justifies Bush's visit with the BIGOT in South Carolina who has nothing but contempt for the Catholic Church and everyone in it? The good thing here is that maybe the people of this State are finally realizing what an arrogant, pompous, self serving person that we have for a governor.

Staying with the elephants, I see that the heart of the party in California is making noises of discontent. It seems that some Orange County party members are revolting against the establishment. Are we seeing the downfall of the good old boys power beginning? I said a long time ago that only the arrogance of the elephants could possibly cause them to lose the 2000 Presidential election and that I wasn't sure that even they were that arrogant. Well I was wrong, they are. It does make for an interesting race though.

I am not a great admirer of Governor Ventura but I must

give credit to him for standing up to principle over party. How refreshing and rare. When it became apparent that the Reform Party no longer stood for much of anything and that their probable candidate would be a reject from the elephants, Governor Ventura said good bye. The sad thing about this is that it plays right into the hands of the asses and elephants, who don't want a third party with any power. Regardless, cheers for Governor Ventura.

The L. A. cop scandal sure has not done anything to restore the faith of the people in authority. At least no one seems to be trying to minimize this one as they did in New York and elsewhere. There is no excuse for that kind of activity by police officers and I have no sympathy for any cop caught dirty. I am however disgusted that the lawyers and judges that helped to cause this problem are not being called to the carpet too. Maybe if our police had a little more support and help in the legal system, they wouldn't think it was necessary that they be judge and jury in addition to police officer.

I caught a story on local TV that stated the Senior Meal program was in trouble. It seems that funding may run out due to some more important projects like building ships and planes that aren't wanted or needed, building roads to nowhere, ice rinks in Alaska and donating to the campaigns of qualifying candidates. Maybe the great philanthropist Adolph Engler could provide some help if he doesn't have another jail to build. I guess that doesn't fit the criteria for the "Rainy Day" fund because it isn't wet, and besides, seniors, you're just exaggerating the need to eat anyway.

And finally. What you sow, you reap. Or so I have been told. Having picked on more than a few for various reasons it is only fair that I be repaid once in awhile. When Paul Perry was recovering from open heart surgery, I got on his case for puffing on his pipe by telling him that the reason I had not been to visit him was that I was too busy writing his eulogy. When Paul heard that it was smokeless me that had pneumonia he called to ask if I wanted to borrow his pipe. When Lee Goewey went to the hospital, missing a special meeting, I called him the next day at the hospital and said "some people will do anything to get out of a board meeting". The other day I received a very nice get well card from Lee and Betty which had the hand written message "some people will do anything to get out of going to a meeting". Touché!



Till next issue.  
Hungry Jim

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**POLAR BEARS 1999-2000**  
**VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	TEAMS	TIME
2/ 18-19	Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island	6:30pm/9:00am
2/24	Grand Marais @ Newberry	6:00pm
2/ 25-26	Beaver Island @ Grand Marais	6:00pm/9:00am

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DATE	TEAMS	TIME
2/ 18-19	Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island	8:00pm/10:30am
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**Kid Science**

The beguiling ideas about science quoted here were gleaned from essays, exams, and class room discussions. Most were from 5th and 6th graders. They illustrate Mark Twain's contention that the "most interesting information comes from children, for they tell all they know and then stop."

Clouds are high flying fogs.  
 A blizzard is when it snows sideways.  
 A monsoon is a French gentleman.  
 A vibration is a motion that cannot make up its mind which way it wants to go.  
 Thunder is a rich source of loudness.  
 Humidity is the experience of looking for air and finding water.  
 While the earth seems to be knowingly keeping its distance from the sun, it is really only centrifugating.  
 When people run around and around in circles we say they are crazy. When planets do it we say they are orbiting.  
 The law of gravity says no fair jumping up without coming back down.  
 Look for more in future issues.

**Poems from the Burt Township School's Publishing Class**

**The 20th Century**  
 The industrial revolution had its day  
 First in Britain then came our way  
 It brought with it hopes and dreams  
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 Then we had the roaring twenties  
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 But Europe broke out in war from within  
 And depression plagued our prized heartland  
 Truman gave the people a new deal  
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 The forties brought a war like none before  
 We stayed out till bombs hit our shore  
 We showed that we could manipulate the Atom  
 Supplying more devastation than the Japanese could fathom  
 We blitzed the shores of Normandy  
 So that once again the French were free  
 Indirectly we killed the belligerent Fuhrer  
 Because not much more could the Jews endure  
 The sixties brought a social revolution  
 & the realization of industrial pollution  
 In Vietnam War we were still raging away  
 Why? The public isn't even sure today  
 In the seventies, we realized our human side  
 When political corruption stabbed our pride  
 The eighties was a time of realization  
 Of where we were to go as a nation  
 The Cop's started busting down on drugs  
 The gang lords and Mafia thugs  
 Then came a war on television  
 Where we blew up Iraq with pinpoint precision  
 And later with an intern the president was caught  
 He said he didn't inhale but he did smoke pot  
 With so many changes its hard to bid farewell  
 To the century that I've grown to know so well  
 So forget about computers and Y2K  
 Because the problems of tomorrow will soon be today's  
 I say its time we go back to roots  
 So load up your guns and buckle your boots  
 The best way for man to live is off the land  
 It's just too bad the Bureaucrats can't understand

By: Eli Lowes

**REMEMBER**

I wasn't even alive when it had begun,  
 But I think back and wonder if it was fun.  
 Many things happened then, like wars, civil rights, and crimes  
 Things I wouldn't know were like cause I wasn't around at the time

I heard about the leaders that took many stands  
 The people that followed to take over many lands  
 There were many great artists and bands back then  
 Many of which did drugs and wouldn't act like grown men

As the end of the century gets closer to the new  
 We ask our selves "will I be ready?" or "what about you?"  
 So take some time and remember what this century has brought to you  
 And cherish these moments forever and never forget what you knew.

By: Travis Blackburn

**Farewell**

To the century, the grand old century, "Farewell"  
 Though I lived in a small portion of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Is it going to be different in the USA  
 Will it collapse like the Berlin Wall or  
 Will it prevail like Michael Jordan's fire  
 Will I be another Bill Gates or  
 Just another pest to the economy  
 Will my life be day at the beach  
 Or will it get worse like the Kosovian conflict  
 I can't foresee the future  
 So let's sit and wait

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**"SOWING THE ART GARDEN"  
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Pre-School students began participating in Art projects with Artist/Teacher, Nancy Weston. Our first painting project, "Looking for Small Creatures in the Tall Grass", was lots of fun. Elizabeth Scaife, Jesse Ross, Michael Desmond, and Cassandra Somes did a fine job of practicing their brush strokes, adding paper grass and drawing and assortment of tiny creatures (ants, snails, snakes, worms, spiders, and butterflies) on their paintings. This week we'll be making aliens or robots out of squares and finger painting. It's great fun to have them visit the Burt Twp. School Art Room.



Jesse Ross, Wanda Dorse and Michael Desmond.



Elizabeth Scaife and Cassandra Somes working on their art projects, with the help of Wanda Dorse and Nancy Weston.

Other projects underway in the High School are a painting glass project with Mrs. Goewey and learning about Artist, Henri Matisse. All grades are creating collages with paper and paint. The "Artist in the School" Grant is made possible through the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, support from ARCF, Burt Twp. School, local government and businesses.

**KUDOS STORE OPENS WITH NEW STOCK**

The Kudos Store at Burt township school has gotten a new group of stock. Brenda Reeves was manning the store last week with the new merchandise for the students to pick from.



In the picture to the left is Brenda Reeves with Michael Desmond, Elizabeth Scaife, Cassandra Somes and Jesse Ross. Brenda had just given the preschoolers some merchandise from the Kudos Store.



**BURT TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL  
BREAKFAST AND  
LUNCH SCHEDULE**

- Thurs. Feb. 17**  
Breakfast- Milk - Breakfast Shake - Toast  
Lunch - Milk - Soup - Corn Bread - Fruit Jello
- Fri. Feb. 18**  
Breakfast- Milk - Granola - Apples w/ P.B. Dip  
Lunch- Milk - Chicken Burger - Cup of Soup - Apple Crisp
- Monday Feb. 21**  
Closed Presidents Day
- Tues. Feb. 22**  
Breakfast- Milk - Oatmeal - Fruit  
Lunch- Milk - Hot Dogs - Macaroni salad - Fresh Veg.
- Wed. Feb. 23**  
Breakfast- Milk - Cereal - Toast - Fruit  
Lunch- Milk - Nachos w/works - Jello
- Thurs. Feb. 24**  
Breakfast- Milk - Buffet  
Lunch- Milk - Macaroni & Cheese - Green Beans - Cherry Cobbler
- Fri. Feb. 25**  
Breakfast- Milk - Yogurt - Bagel - Fruit  
Lunch- Milk - Fish Sticks - French Fries - Cole Slaw - Fruit
- Mon. Feb. 28**  
Breakfast- Milk - Cereal - Toast - Fruit  
Lunch- Milk - Lasagna - Bread Sticks - Apple Sauce
- Tues. Feb. 29**  
Breakfast- Milk - Cereal - Toast - Fruit  
Lunch - Milk - Tacos - Spanish Rice - Choc. Pudding

**HOMECOMING  
2000 SPIRIT WEEK  
FEB. 21-25**

- Monday - No School**
- Tuesday - Pajama Day,** come to school wearing the clothes that you would wear to bed.
- Wednesday- Class Color Day,** your class has been assigned a color, every person in the grade must wear the most of that color as they can.
- Kindergarten : Red
- 1st grade: Orange
- 2nd grade: Yellow
- 3rd grade: Green
- 4th grade: Blue
- 5th grade: Black
- 6th grade: Purple
- 7th grade: Red
- 8th grade: Orange
- Freshmen: Yellow
- Sophomores: Green
- Juniors: Blue
- Seniors: Black
- Staff: Blue

**Thursday - Freak Day,** dress as weird and wacky as you can.  
**Friday - Blue and White Day,** show how much school spirit you have by wearing your school colors.

**The Homecoming Dance** will be after the games on Friday Feb. 25 at the Recreation Center.

We hope to see you there!

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS'  
CORNER**

**POEMS FROM  
MR. SCAIFE'S  
ENGLISH CLASS**

**A Fisherman**

A Fisherman there was up early and out, ready to fish  
Waiting to catch the big one, although he could only wish  
As he watches fish jump around his line,  
He thinks in his head *if god could give him a sign*  
For he had not caught a fish for quit a long time,  
Because he was in jail for committing a murder crime  
"I got one, I got one," as the fisherman cries,  
Now everyone will believe me that "I'm not telling any lies"  
As he reels the fish up onto the mighty shore,  
He looks at the fish and says, "I better fish some more"

By: Travis Blackburn

**The Job**

A boy was walking very far  
Down the street and into the bar  
To work his job and wash  
A pile of dishes, cups, and saucers  
Piled to the ceiling almost to the sky  
Breaking the rack in, piled up high  
Washing and scrubbing, until he was done  
Scrubbing and washing all through the sink,  
Time to go home to crawl into bed  
Going on home to rest his weary head

By: Jon Brzy

**First time father**

This wonderful man just had a child  
Feeling so confused and used, he runs wild  
He loves his child and his wife  
Scared of losing the younger days of his life  
He's foolish, just wanting to be lost  
Not caring now what it will cost  
He runs like he did in the past days,  
Never trying to change his ways  
He's not thinking about his future  
Only having fun in this drunken stupor

By: Cori Lumbert

**The logger**

A tall dirty man comes walking in  
He is older, full of sawdust, and not too slim,  
People "eew" as he walks by, but he doesn't bother  
He's not out to impress he's trying to work to be a good father  
It's a tough life, much too tough for a boy,  
He knows that just the saws are not toys  
He tends to his business, keeping to himself,  
He knows people will talk among themselves  
What a slob! How dirty! He is ruining the forest  
All he is doing is trying to keep his family the poorest,  
All people see is a grizzly man with a yooper accent  
But there is so much more to this man then just his job  
So next time you see a logger coming out of the sticks  
Say "Hello" because they're the best of the pick

By Josh Hicks

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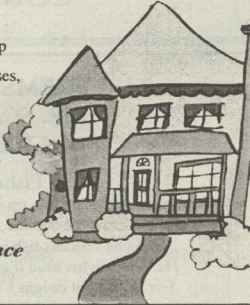


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### LIST OF AMERICAN SLOGAN TRANSLATIONS INTO FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Here is a look at how shrewd American business people translate their slogans into foreign languages:

Bacardi concocted a fruity drink with the name "Pavian" to suggest French chic...but "pavian" means "baboon" in German.

In Chinese, the Kentucky Fried Chicken slogan "finger-lickin' good" came out as "eat your fingers off."

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."

### FREE WINTER FISHING WEEKEND PREMIERES FEBRUARY 19-20

LANSING--Michigan's first Free Winter Fishing Weekend will take place February 19-20, which precedes the observance of President's Day on Monday, February 21. On Saturday, February 19, and Sunday, February 20, fishing license fees will be waived for both residents and nonresidents, though all fishing regulations still apply. The new Free Winter Fishing Weekend was designed to invite both Michigan residents and out-of-state visitors to discover that Michigan provides four seasons of fishing fun for many popular species of fish. Those who try fishing during the Free Winter Fishing Weekend may well find a new winter adventure.

Making the winter free fishing days available on the weekend preceding the observance of President's Day recognizes that many families and individuals already may be travelling or recreating over the holiday weekend. It also may encourage others to enjoy a long weekend by spending time outdoors.

Those who participate in the Free Fishing Weekend are reminded that a fishing license will be needed to fish on Monday, February 21.

Michigan's popular summer Free Fishing Weekend, which always is observed in conjunction with National Fishing Week, will be held June 10-11 this year.

These special opportunities are long-term investments designed to heighten the awareness of all citizens to the importance of being good stewards of Michigan's unique natural resources.

The new Free Winter Fishing Weekend places a special emphasis on the diverse outdoor recreation that Michigan has to offer during every season throughout the year.

#### Things Learned From Children

When you hear the toilet flush and the words, "Uh-oh," it's already too late.

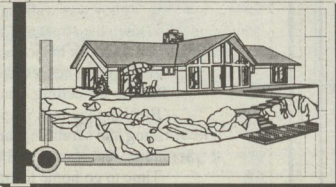
A six year old can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36 year old man says they can only do it in the movies.

If you use a waterbed as home plate while wearing baseball shoes it does not leak - it explodes.

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**HOME IN TOWN WITH ATTACHED GARAGE:** This lovely home is only 1 mile east of town and has been totally remodeled. Price in the fifties. **SOLD**

**80 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND:** Located only 3 miles south-west from Grand Marais, this property is on a year round road. **SOLD**

**210 FEET OF LAKE SUPERIOR WATER FRONTAGE**  
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**TEN ACRES THREE MILES SOUTH EAST OF GRAND MARAIS:** This parcel has a nice meadow as well as woods. Located on a year round road with electric available. **SOLD**

**LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT PARCELS:** Beautiful 10 acre heavily wooded Lake Superior Dunes parcels with over 250 feet of sugar sand beach. Located 10 miles East of Grand Marais on H58, the development features a caretaker home and "ribbons" of black top road that wind through the woods. A must see.

**4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM HOME:** Located 2 miles south of town, this split-level home features a master bedroom with bath, open-kitchen dining, fireplace in living room, and laundry room in the basement. Very nice! **SOLD**

**TWO ACRE PARCEL HEAVILY WOODED WITH NICE STREAM:** This would make an ideal cabin site. The stream runs year round and is nestled in a very beautiful setting. The property is located on a year round road, with electric and cable, about two miles out of town. The trees are mixed hardwood and in the front yard is an apple orchard. Good deer hunting and close to the snowmobile trail. \$35,000.

**100 FEET OF VACANT WATERFRONT ON WEST GRAND MARAIS BAY:** Enjoy the beautiful sugar sand beach right at your doorstep. \$85,000

**FOUR BEDROOM HOME ON RIDGE ROAD:** Located on a heavily wooded one acre site this home features a one car garage underneath. Priced to sell at \$68,500.00

**20 ACRES NEAR KINGSTON LAKE:** This all wooded parcel is on the Baker Grade in a very secluded setting. Price \$23,000. **SOLD**

**VACANT LOT IN GRAND MARAIS:** This would make a very good building site. Located 1 1/2 miles east of town, one block off the busy highway.

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**SNOWMOBILING IN AND AROUND GRAND MARAIS**

BY ED BOWEN

**IT'S GETTING BETTER**

As I drive around town I try and observe how the snowmobilers are behaving. I will park out at the edges of town and watch to see how many are using the trail, or the preferred routing areas, and how many are still staying on the street. Three years ago it was only a few were off the street. Last year it was a little better. I still see a few ride up and down H-58 east of town and it is usually because the groomed trail along side of the road is bumpy. We still have some jerks that want to race.

But this year is different. More and more sleds are riding off the road. A larger percentage are stopping at the stop signs. Many are waving politely as they go by. I still watch some roll right through the stop sign, particularly after the first sleds have waved them on, but for the majority they have been stopping.

I decided to do an informal interview with the waitresses, the sales clerks, and employees with the businesses that see the most snowmobilers in town. I told them I would not quote them and I wanted them to be honest with me and not tell me what they might think I would want to hear. I asked them how they felt about the general attitude and politeness with the riders this year compared to years past. Everyone said it is much, much better. Not as many rude riders and they aren't as impatient as they used to be.

I asked how alcohol sales were with riders compared to years ago and both the take out stores as well as the restaurants with liquor licenses told me it has been dropping every year. While their overall sales were up because of the increased traffic, the consumption on an individual basis was down with each customer. They said more and more riders

were switching to non-alcohol drinks after maybe two drinks.

I asked some of the law enforcement people what they thought. Comments ranged to, "not as many riders off the trails trespassing," to, "more and more couples instead of the large stags." It seems when the boys get together they tend to ride a little harder and miss-behave more.

The snowmobile industry has been on a very active campaign to improve the image of snowmobilers. They have had numerous articles in their trade magazines and they have been on the cover of almost every snowmobile issue with their zero tolerance alcohol program this year. I also think it helps to have the news media blast it all day long when there has been a snowmobile fatality. I know the industry has mixed emotions when the press jumps on these accidents but I think it is good. It makes the other riders think this could happen to me.

I hope we in Grand Marais can continue to work together to improve the trails and the routing so our winter visitors can come into town and leave without using the roads at all. The cooperation with the Alger County Road Commission as well as the Burt Township Board has been outstanding. Three years ago sleds had to ride on seven miles of road to get from the east trail to the west trail. This year it is less than two miles. I was visiting with one of the local DNR officials this week and he thinks trail #8, the main trail across the U.P. and the one through Grand Marais, is the most used trail in Michigan.

I also think it helps to have more law enforcement up here and all of the sheriffs departments have been told by the Michigan Snowmobile Association, (MSA), to apply for twice as much money for trail patrol next year. MSA are lobbying the legislature to change the grant ratio from 75%-25% to 90%-10%. This means the law enforcement agencies only have to fund the program with 10% local matching funds. Snowmobile groups as well as the County Board of Commissioners can raise the 10%.

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**FY 2000 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Superintendent Grant A. Petersen has announced that the park's annual performance plan and documents providing details about the appropriated budget and fee revenues for FY 2000 are available for public review as required by the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

The lakeshore was allocated \$1,384,000 for fiscal year 2000 allocations. In addition, the lakeshore participates in a fee demonstration program. Fees are collected for the issuance of backcountry permits and for drive-in campground use. Combined with fee dollars from FY-1999, the estimated funds available through this program are \$102,000.

Highlights of the park's budget, which funds specific goals in the annual performance plan, include:

**\$246,500 for natural and cultural resource preservation and management** The National Lakeshore's goal is to protect, restore, and maintain in good condition natural and cultural resources. Populations of endangered species, such as Pitcher's thistle, are protected. \$10,000 in estimated fee revenues retained by the park will be used to remove exotic plant populations such as periwinkle and bishop's weed. The lakeshore's curatorial collection storage will also be upgraded. The initial transcripts will be established in a forestry diversity study with fee monies.

**\$462,000 to address visitor services** Park visitors, neighbors, and the general public learn to understand the significance of the national lakeshore and enjoy a safe visit. The National Lakeshore receives nearly a half-million visitors each year. The lakeshore provides education services to local schools. Lakeshore visitors have access to this scenic area along the Lake Superior shoreline. \$48,000 in estimated fee revenues will be used to collect fees and to create a backcountry user education program.

**\$545,000 for facility operations and maintenance** Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities and recreation opportunities. Public facilities include day use areas, campgrounds, trails, roads, scenic sites, and visitor centers. The park provides infrastructure support to insure that the necessary facilities are available for public use and for preservation of the lakeshore's natural and cultural resources. \$48,531 in estimated fee revenues will be used to maintain hiking trails and construct a rest room at the Au Sable Light Station.

**\$131,000 for park administration** The park uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission. Meeting legal requirements and utilizing available funds and personnel in the most effective way requires a support staff. They insure that mandates are fulfilled, and guidance and direction are provided.

A copy of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore's complete annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), is available by writing to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, P.O. Box 40, Munising, MI 49862. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/piro>.

The goals described in the park's annual performance plan are derived from the 1997 NPS Strategic Plan, which establishes a performance management process for the Service and incorporates the requirements of GPRA. The Strategic Plan is available on the NPS home page at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

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- Anonymous

### Questions Asked of Park Rangers

These questions were actually asked of various park rangers across the continent.

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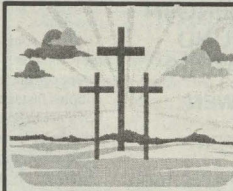
"Where are the cages for the animals?"  
"What time of year do you turn on Yosemite Falls?"  
"What happened to the other half of Half Dome?"  
"Can I get a picture taken with the carving of President Clinton?"

#### Yellowstone National Park:

"Does Old Faithful erupt at night?"  
"Do you put the animals away at night?"  
"How do you turn it on?"  
"When does the guy who turns it on get to sleep?"

#### Grand Canyon National Park:

"Was this man-made?"  
"Do you light it up at night?"  
"I bought tickets for the elevator to the bottom -- where is it?"  
"Is the mule train air conditioned?"  
"So where are the faces of the presidents?"  
"So is that Canada over there?"  
Who said a Ranger's life is easy?



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**AA-MEETING:** Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

**BINGO:** Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

**BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD:** Every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Comm. Ctr.

**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD:** Every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. at School Library.

**GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB:** Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center.

**BURT TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** M-W-F at Noon to 2:00 p.m.; Comm. CTR.

**GERMFASK-VFW HALL:** First Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**CURTIS LIONS:** Third Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**"OLD TIME GOSPEL HYMN SING"** First Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Held at the Methodist Church.

**COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 28-12** Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

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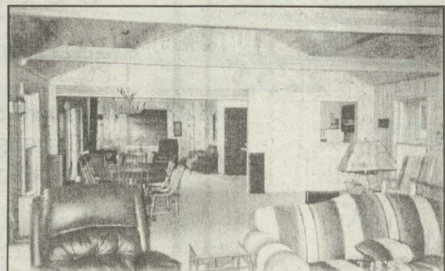
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\* BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS HOMECOMING

February 25 7:00 p.m. Rec. Center

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