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## ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POTLUCK DINNER

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The Burt Township Class of 2002 will be holding a  
Chili Cook-Off at the Community Center  
11:00 a.m. - late afternoon

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## GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

### CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Judging of the entries will take place at 1:30 p.m. with prizes  
awarded when the judges make their final decision.

Members of the Grand Marais Women's Club and the Spanish  
Club will serve chocolate fudge brownies along with selections  
from the Bake-off contest.

All proceeds will go to the Burt Township School  
Spanish Club

## Should Burt Township Give Money to Alger County?

If you have been watching, reading or listening to the local news, you know that Alger County is broke. You also know that the County Commissioners have had to make deep cuts in the 2002-year budget. One of these cuts will eliminate the MSU Extension Service in Alger County. In an attempt to save this service, a few people suggested that the Townships, city of Munising and village of Chatham contribute toward the approximately \$40,000.00 needed to keep the MSU Extension Service. Limestone Township organized a meeting on Jan. 30 in Limestone to discuss possible solutions. Treasurer J.T. Seibert represented Burt Township. Most representatives, including ours, were without power to make any commitments because the issue had not been discussed at an open meeting. All present, including Commissioners Sandstrom and Kilgore, had nothing but good to say about the service and did not want to see it lost. There, however consensus left. Some wanted to donate funds to save the service, others wanted the Commissioners to put it back in the budget and cut something else. The Commissioners said that the budget was already bare bones and that they doubted that they would be able to put it back in the budget at their meeting Friday. At their Friday meeting the County budget was approved without the Extension Service funds being restored. If other funding is not found, the Service will cease in 120 days. Local government representatives were asked to go back to their boards and present the facts to them. Our Board will discuss this issue at its Feb. 12, 2002 meeting and decide what action to take.

## Land Acquisition Fund Raising Committee Established

At a Special meeting of the Burt Township Board on Jan. 30, 2002, Dave Bell, Ed Bowen, Dave Bryers, Lois Leavenworth, Frank Mead, Sheri Shafer and Sandee Sibbald were appointed to the newly created committee.

They held their first meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 to discuss various related topics and to gather information. All members except Dave Bryers were present. An organizational meeting was scheduled for Monday Feb. 11 at which officers and duties will be discussed and assigned. This is a big job, but based on the enthusiasm displayed at this first meeting, these people are well qualified and capable of completing it. An account has been opened for contributions toward the purchase of the downtown property and donations can be made to the Burt Township Treasurer or the Burt Township Land Acquisition Committee. During the next few weeks you will see and hear quite a bit of activity on this project. Everyone's cooperation and participation is needed. If you have ideas for fund raising or wish to help, contact one of the committee members.

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE STEHHEN ADAMINI VISITS GRAND MARAIS



State Representative Stephen Adamini was in Grand Marais on February 4, 2002 to talk with the citizens of Grand Marais. After sharing a lunch at the Senior Meals, local citizens had the chance to ask questions and express their views to Adamini. Some of the things discussed were: pending EMS legislation regarding licensing, fee structures for licensing and continuing education requirements; state help in funding the Grand Marais Harbor restoration project; possible help in locating funds to help Burt Township in purchasing the downtown property, funding for water improvement.

## GRAND MARAIS "500 MILER"

The 16th running of the endurance run for snowmobiles was held the weekend of January 17, 18 and 19. Because of the lack of snow throughout the areas in the U.P. around Grand Marais the course was shortened to a 125 mile circuit, Grand Marais to Pine Stump Junction and down to Seney with a stop at Shingleton and back to Grand Marais. The contestants needed to make the loop four times in order to have 500 miles on their sled within 24 hours.

Most snowmobilers were discouraged with the poor snow conditions and decided to pass up the event this year and come again next year. Even with marginal snow cover 45 riders entered with 37 completing the required 500 miles in one day.

The most unique entrant was Nyal Otis. This was his 11th year for entering and not only has he completed the event 9 times, he made it again this year. **NYAL OTIS IS 83 YEARS OF AGE.** Nyal ran with Ed Bowen and Bob Caldwell, both of Grand Marais. The three left at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and rode until 10:00 p.m.. They at that time had 385 miles on their sleds. They took a five hour nap and rode another 115 miles on Friday morning, returning with 500 miles on their sled at 8:45 a.m. The total time for their event was 23 hours and 45 minutes, 15 minutes before their deadline of 24 hours! Every year they say that this is their last year. Who knows what Otis will want to do for his 85th birthday.



**Life's Funny Little Realities**

- \* If at first you don't succeed, see if the loser gets anything.
- \* I finally got my head together, and my body fell apart.
- \* Sometimes I think I understand everything, then I regain consciousness.
- \* You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- \* Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but she can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

Ash Wednesday, February 13th, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 20th, Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 27th, Catholic Church, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 6th, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 13th, Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 20th, Catholic Church, 7 p.m.  
 Maundy Thursday, March 28th, Catholic Church, 5 p.m.  
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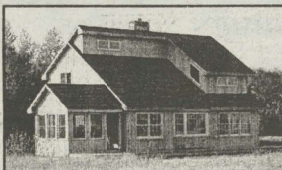
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MARQUETTE, February 5, 2002 - April 15. Everyone knows the date - most of us dread it. Yes, the onset of spring means it's tax time again. Do you know how to file your taxes? What about the new e-file? Are you better off using Form EZ or Form 1040? Can new regulations save you money? Public TV 13 is here to help, with Ask the CPAs, Thursday, February 28th at 8 p.m. Eastern. The hour-long live call-in program offers viewers the opportunity to have their tax questions answered by a panel of experts. The toll-free number to call during the program is 1-800-227-9668.

Expert panelists for Ask the CPAs include: Sarah E. Davis, CPA, with offices at 603 N. Third Street in Marquette; Denise M. Boyle, CPA, with Schneider Larche Haapala & Co., LLP at 401 Ludington Street in Escanaba; and Gloria J. LaPointe, CPA, with offices at 357 Mangum Road in Marquette.

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**Taste and Glide**

The Tenth Annual "Taste and Glide," which is hosted at the Valley Spur Cross-Country Ski Trail, is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Sydney's Restaurant, Midwest Coca-Cola and Friends of Valley Spur.

The "Taste and Glide" is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2002. The "taste" starts at the lodge, which is located five miles southwest of Munising on M-94 where hot beverages, chili and other foods are served. Food tables are located at several sites on the course, which encompasses the easiest trails and coincide with the skating loops.

Hand-dipped chocolate strawberries and Macadamia cookies are traditionally the "attention getters" at the hor d'oeuvre tables. Additionally, fresh veggies, fruit and a variety of sandwiches will be served along with many other delectables.

This could be the perfect excuse for the family to spend an entire day or weekend of skiing in the Munising area. For complete information please call (906) 387-3700. Pre-registration is desirable to assist with preparation, however, day of event registrations will commence at 11 a.m.

"If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the Universe."  
 - Carl Sagan



**NEW ENDOWMENT  
 ESTABLISHED  
 AT ARCF**

A 70<sup>th</sup> birthday is a memorable occasion. Just how do you celebrate it? The children of Richard Nebel found a special way; and, to honor their Father, established a new fund at the Alger Regional Community Foundation. The Richard Wm. Nebel Endowment Fund was initiated by gifts from Richard's children- Kelly Nebel, Lauri Cullen, and Mark Nebel. Other family members and friends have also honored Richard with gifts to this named endowment fund.



Richard Nebel

The field-of-interest fund was established to provide support for community projects that improve the aesthetic appearance of the community in order to spur economic development, such as, but not limited to: tree planting, flower planting, and work on the Grand Island lighthouse; and/or any other general charitable and educational purpose or activity.

Richard William Nebel was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on September 22, 1931. Richard attended William G. Mather High School and furthered his education at Albion College, graduating in 1954. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he returned to Munising where he began his work as an insurance agent with the Peoples State Agency. He later entered the banking business where he served as President and is currently Chairman of the Board. Richard has been actively involved in numerous charitable and community organizations assuming leadership roles in many of these organizations.

"Richard is one of the organizers and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Alger Regional Community Foundation. He was honored in 1999 with a Director's Award, acknowledging seven years of commitment to Alger County through service with the community foundation," stated Mary Bowerman, ARCF Executive Director.

"My Father has always cared about the importance of a beautiful looking community. Over the years, he has devoted much time and energy to the various beautification projects in Munising, and our family felt it was important to establish this endowment to commemorate his efforts, and continue to raise funds for such projects. Munising is one of the most beautiful places in the world, and our family wants to continue to support keeping it that way," Kelly commented.

Gifts may be made at any time to this fund and when the endowment reaches the \$5,000 level, ARCF will begin accepting proposals for grant awards for projects or activities as listed above. "What a fitting way to honor a man whose life and spirit are dedicated to Munising and Alger County. The fund will assure that this community and the things that are so important to Richard will continue to be supported forever," concluded Bowerman.

For more information on creating a named fund, or making a tax-deductible gift to the Richard Wm. Nebel Endowment Fund or any other fund at ARCF, please calls (906) 387-3900.



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**A Message from the Supervisor**

**By Lee Durrwachter,  
Burt Township Supervisor**

Last Wednesday in a special meeting, the township board selected seven volunteers to head up its fund raising committee for the purpose of raising funds to purchase nine downtown properties in Grand Marais, including the pickle barrel house. Those appointed are: Dave Bell, Ed Bowen, David Bryers, Lois Leavenworth, Frank Mead, Sheri Shafer, and Sandee Sibbald. In the meantime, the treasurer informs me donations are already coming in to fund this initiative. Thank you all for your generous support.

A new gas furnace was recently installed in the community center to bring more balanced heating to the dining area of the building, as well as to supplement the furnace at the library end.

Thanks to Mike and Tim, the treasurer and supervisor's office exchange went off without a fumble. Tim added a personal touch to the new sign he created and fastened to the treasurer's office door. He painted the trim in the treasurer's favorite football team's colors - the Packer's yellow and green. This personal touch was designed to intercept the potential aimless wanderings of the treasurer, as he catches on to the location of his new office. By contrast, the supervisor's office is resplendent with a wooden desk, magnificently restored by Mike and Tim.

Last Thursday the clerk and I attended a "Link Michigan" initiative conference regarding high speed internet for our community. Link Michigan's goal is to improve Internet service throughout Michigan. The conference was an introduction, as well as a request, to help fund a coordinated multi-county LinkMichigan planning grant application. The purpose of this meeting was to specifically help the Upper Peninsula counties and local communities to develop their so-called, "last mile" plans. (In our case it's the last 25 to 60 miles.) The Upper Great Lakes Education Technologies, Inc. (UGLETI), and the Upper Peninsula Economic Development Association (UPEDA) are working together to develop this application, which will be underwritten with local contributions and state matching funds.

In support of this goal, under the direction of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Merit Network, Inc., and Michigan State University Department of Telecommunication, the State of Michigan is making planning grants available to counties or collections of counties. The purpose of these grants is to help local areas develop the so-called "last mile" plans for their communities. These grants require a 25% local match and do not allow in-kind matches.

UGLETI and UPEDA are willing to provide matching funds sufficient to request \$103,000. This amount would include \$20,000 of funding to be matched on a 50% basis with local communities not initially part of the grant. Counties that wish to be part of the multi-county application are asked to provide matching funding above the UGLETI/UPEDA funds for additional planning grant funds. For every \$1,000 of matching funds authorized by a participating county, the grant application will be expanded by \$4,000. These funds would be reserved for planning activities in the county. The UGLETI/UPEDA portion of the grant would cover the overall coordination and UP-wide levels of planning assistance.

Under their scenario, they submitted the following example for a 15 county, "multi-county" application: Each of the fifteen counties agrees to contribute \$4,000 in matching funds. The total grant application would be for \$343,000. The initial \$103,000 is to cover overall coordination and UP-wide levels of planning assistance, while the remaining \$240,000, would be used in \$16,000 block increments for county level assistance.

Also, under their proposal they envisioned the grant funds would be employed in three ways, depending on county/community readiness:

- 1) Organization and basic community telecommunications/broadband education.
- 2) Advanced community education.
- 3) Deployment of technical development teams on a cost-share basis.

The LinkMichigan Program has a goal of expanding high speed broad-band access throughout Michigan, "because the future economic well being of the state depends on it".

In the Upper Peninsula, wide-spread access to high speed broad-band telecommunications will mean, "the difference between attracting new business or losing to other areas that have such access."

And on a personal note: A few years ago, I had some dealings with Enron while seeking venture capital and/or a joint partnership to produce oxygenated chemicals made from petroleum to reduce vehicle exhaust emissions, rather than costly alcohol made from food. Needless to say, from that time on, I was interested in their financial well being. The last couple years, though they appeared to have taken on various questionable practices, which led to their recent filing for bankruptcy. It appears during that time, they embellish a philosophy of: Take the money, Enron! Or, just - eND rUN.

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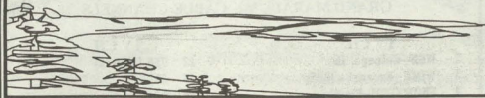
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As of Monday afternoon we have had 97.25 inches of snow reported this winter. We have received 36.0 inches of snow since January 15. There are 16 inches on the ground in town.

KARLA



**AROUND THE BAY:  
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



The snow has come back for all you snow lovers. The snow groomers are back to work. Heard the trails are in good shape now. So come on up and enjoy Cabin Fever this Saturday. The snowshoe poker run is my favorite. Chocolate Sundae is this Sunday at the Rec. Center, stop by and have a small taste of the delicious treats.

The Grand Marais Women's Club Volunteer Appreciation Potluck is Wednesday night, hope to see lots of people there.

Karen Brzys has returned home from her trip to California. Hope things went well.

Last weekend Wendy and Steven Sohl were in from Holly with son Johnny to celebrate Wendys' birthday.

John and Evie Morrison went to Ithaca over the weekend to visit daughter Jenny and husband Ben Cooley. Daughter Sara, was able to come up for the day from Adrian. Also Steven, Wendy and Johnny Sohl came over from Holly so we could all spoil Johnny and send him home with his parents. Sailor our dog had to stay home this time. He was very happy to see us return.

Kay Wampler was able to visit her mom Jeanne Fraser down state. Kay is opening up her accounting business in town now, so if you need your taxes done or have any accounting needs call Kay Wampler in Grand Marais.

Natureinabundance.com has been real helpful in getting the web pages set up for our rental houses, thanks to Cathy. You will have to check it out.

Debbie Johnson had a baby girl yesterday. I'm sure details will follow shortly. Hope all is going well, and congratulations.

Happy birthday to Candace and Ashleigh Capogrossa, Ed Bowen, Andy Bailey, Chris Sarver, Katie Mead.

Get well to Sandy Fisher, Ruth Pell, and Bill DeWolff.

See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling.... Evie  
You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at [morrison3@jamadots](mailto:morrison3@jamadots).

**BIRTH  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



Craig & Rebecca (Rochefort) Lobsinger of Mt. Pleasant are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Austin Daniel, born on December 10th, weighing in at 8 lbs. 2 Oz., 21 inches.

**GRAND MARAIS  
SENIOR MEALS  
LUNCH**

**FRIDAY Feb. 8**

Beef Roll-up - Scalloped Potatoes - Peas - Fruit

**MONDAY Feb. 11**

Beef Stew w/Potatoes - Carrots & Rutabaga - Coleslaw - Cake

**WEDNESDAY Feb. 13**

Chicken Alfredo w/Linguine - Broccoli - Tossed Salad - Dessert

**FRIDAY Feb. 15**

Macaroni & Cheese or Macaroni & Cheese w/Hot Dog - Stewed Tomatoes - Green Beans - Cottage Cheese/Peach Salad - Dessert

**MONDAY Feb. 18**

Beef Roast - Mashed Potatoes/Gravy - Cabbage - Fruit

**WEDNESDAY Feb. 20**

Turkey- Mashed Potatoes - Vegetable - Pumpkin Dessert

**FRIDAY Feb. 22**

Tuna Loaf w/Cream Sauce - Oven Brown Potatoes - Peas/Carrots - M'Oranges

*(Items subject to change.)*

Senior Nutrition Program meals are provided by Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) for persons 60 or older & their spouses.

**OBITUARY**

**FLORENCE McNICKLE**

Florence McNickle passed away on January 26 in Richardson, Texas where she had resided for the last several years. She was 92 years old. Former secretary to Dr. Fred Schuster, she had lived in Grand Marais for many years. She is survived by her neice, Dolly Hair, nephew William Schneider, Nephew Bruce Davidson and many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to: Assistance Centers of Collin County, 900 E. 18th St. Plano, Texas, 75074.



**Winter Family Science  
Fun Day**

On Sunday, February 10, 2002, from 1-4 p.m., Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore will offer a "Winter Family Science Fun Day". The program will help children, parents, teachers and youth leaders learn more about our winter environment through fun, hands-on outdoor learning activities! The program is for children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Participants will explore the outdoors for some of the "wonders of winter" during an introduction to snowshoeing. Activities will include a short trek to a beaver lodge, identifying animal tracks in the snow, a winter scavenger hunt and art show, "snowflea round-up" and winter games including "fox and geese."

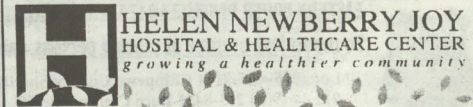
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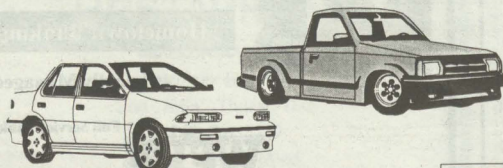
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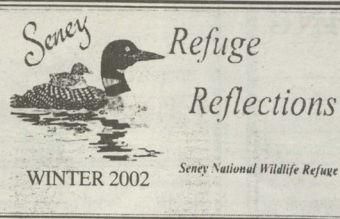
The little boy couldn't see into the pan, which sat perched on the edge of the stove. He hoped it might be icing, or pudding or maybe mashed potatoes. His mother had said to stay away from it; that it was a No No.

Still, there might be something good in it. He moved closer ever so slowly.

As he got to the base of the stove, he began to reach up toward the pan of boiling water. Just as his little fingers began to grab, his mother swept him up from behind, and gave him a firm spanking.

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Refreshments

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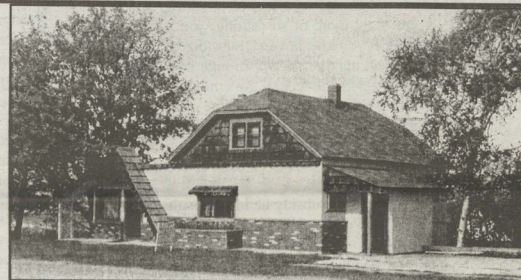
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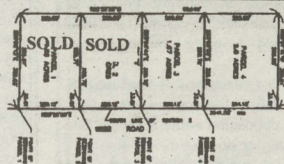
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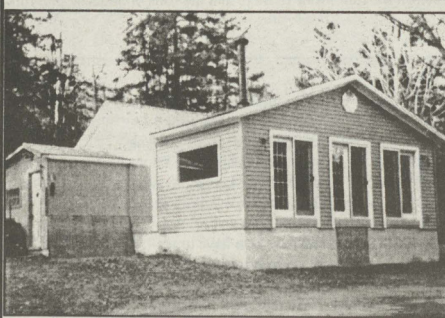


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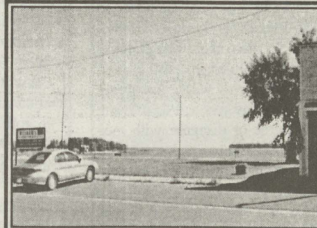


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## DO THE RIGHT THING

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."*

In the Democrats' weekly radio address to the nation on February 3, 2002, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of CA, the newly-elected party whip in the House had little new to offer.

Democrats, Pelosi claimed, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the President in the war on Terrorism. However, she added, Bush was clueless on the economy, (having somehow conspired with his party to devastate said economy in the last 12 months,) and blind to the re-emergent need for campaign finance reform, which the recent demise of ENRON supposedly illuminates.

As to the economy, the Democrats' line, as espoused by their Senate leader, Tom Daschle, is that the president's tax cut plan is what ate up the surplus and caused the current recession. Never mind that signs of the impending recession were surfacing in the final months of the Clinton administration and economists generally agree that the recession actually arrived in March of 2001, barely 60 days into the Bush incumbency.

Never mind that Daschle's claim means that a 38 billion tax cut for fiscal year 2002 supposedly wiped out a projected 313 billion surplus forecast for 2002. Never mind that even adding the costs of the terrorist attacks, the surplus still would have exceeded 200 billion.

The answer to where the surplus went is found in the basic fact that the economic slowdown has reduced taxable income of all sorts, as people lose their jobs and as consumption of goods and services declines and profits plummet with them. As Clinton used to say, "It's the economy, stupid!"

If you want more tax revenue, you need to stimulate the economy to produce more goods and services and, most importantly, JOBS. The iron law of taxation is that if you want less of anything, you tax the dickens out of it. If you want more of something, you subsidize it. If you hate prosperity, tax it; if you love poverty, subsidize it.

Proof of the taxation effect may be shown through one aspect of the National Firearms Act of 1934: The federal government therein kept it perfectly legal for a private citizen to own a machine gun in the U.S.; it simply imposed a transfer tax on the sale of them so high that only the wealthy can afford them. (In leaving this subject, it is worth noting that no legally owned machine gun has ever been used in commission of a crime since 1934.)

Proof of the pernicious effects of subsidy lie in the results of the disastrous 30-plus year "War on Poverty," that spent over three trillion of our tax dollars and actually worsened the plight of the poor.

Turning to the ENRON disaster, it is ever-more clear that the company contributed to every stripe of politician, without fear and, in the end, without favor: When the chips were down, no one would bail them out.

Columnist Donald Lambro recently quoted a humorous admonition from the late, great Democrat Speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn. "Mr. Sam" offered the following caveat to aspiring politicians: "Anyone who can't drink their booze, eat their food, and take their money, and then vote against them the next day doesn't belong in politics."

The main reason some politicians lust for enactment of the McCain-Feingold "Campaign Finance Reform" bill and are now renewing the push to pass it is to stifle their political opposition while allowing free rein to those on their side. ENRON has zero to do with it.

Enact the McCain-Feingold bill and the nation's labor unions and news media are free to champion and support "their" candidates right up to election eve: If you belong to the AARP or the NRA or any other organization of ordinary citizens, forget about it! All advertisements or other commentary from you folks will be illegal for the last 60 days before the election. If you aren't troubled by this, then you will be happy to see McCain-Feingold become law.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING; oppose tampering with current and future tax cuts already enacted and fight as hard as you can to prevent passage of McCain-Feingold. You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is for you to let your public servants know what you believe and what you expect from them, in a courteous manner. You may reach your elected federal officials at the following addresses; don't forget to include your name, address and phone number if you write, either e- or snail mail:

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### Shallow Thoughts!

Air bags: Inflation we can live with.  
Anarchy is better than no government at all.  
People will believe anything if you whisper it.  
Long periods of drought are always followed by rain.

## 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.

To the editor,

No one has to tell me the importance of snowmobiling for our Northern Michigan economy and the enjoyment it provides for our many residents and tourist that visit our beautiful area. In return they should be more courteous and respectful to local residents in whose villages they visit. But we do not have much control over this.

It is the townships responsibility to its people to make laws and rulings that benefit the village people and do their best to enforce them. Posting a speed limit (which has been done - 10MPH seems unreasonable, wouldn't 25 MPH be more reasonable); a curfew should be posted: QUIET after 11:00 p.m.; a new designated trail into G.M. where all machines enter our village on one trail. Speeding along H-58, coming down both sides of the road often right down the middle of the road. Cutting routes right through resident's yards. Gunning their machines no matter what time of the day or night it is. The noise is unsurpassed!

Many resident's take daily walks and find in the winter months we must not walk at all or we must change our schedule for it to be a safer time walking. This brings to my mind why I'm jotting down the negatives our little village is presented with the presence of snowmobilers. The other day I'm on my walk - machines are coming down both sides of the road, having auto traffic approaching me from both directions, I felt trapped - where do the pedestrians walk! One does not feel safe for a daily walk which some of us older folks need due to health reasons or if its just to enjoy the beauty of winter around us.

The environmentalists can stop improvements on a county road because of their concern about a plant or tree becoming extinct. What about all the fumes these machines put into our clean air and all the noise pollution they cause?

Sounding off - Jean Rochefort

Dear Editor,

This letter is about the Snowmobile season here in the U.P. of Michigan.

It is short, if there is snow the latter part of December, January, February and if we have snow most all of March. March in some areas not all areas. It supplies many businesses with an income for the winter months that never was there before snowmobiling became popular. It effects every gas station, every motel, every restaurant, and every person who owns a house or cabin. It brings in income. The state benefits, the Federal government benefits from it through all the taxes they collect.

It provides jobs for those who do not own a business but live here and depend on business that hire people to help with the snowmobile industry.

What I am getting at is the window of opportunity to snowmobile is short, 2 1/2 - 3 months.

The loggers of the region, particularly in Alger County (Shelter Bay) seems to work against the snowmobile season. Soon as it snows they move into areas where snowmobile trails are. Plowing out the roads that snowmobilers can use. They scrap it down to the dirt. They have the remainder of the year, 9 months to log these areas where it effects the snowmobilers. Why can't we work together. You log these areas when there isn't snow. When it snows, move out, let the snowmobilers have their season, short as it is. The snowmobile industry is the #2 industry of the state for tourism.

Sincerely,

Carol Tester

Dear Editor,

This letter is not for everyone. It is for the thief or thieves who broke into my brothers and my home. This happened during a six-week period prior to the last weekend in September.

These people took items that have memories attached to them. A 52 year old wedding gift to my parents. A quilt that was given to me. Three cameras, one that was my sisters given to me after her death, which had pictures of my mother prior to her death and my niece and nephew laying on the floor head to head sleeping after my mother's funeral. The other camera had pictures of their graduations and another nephew's wedding. The video camera had some of the same items on them.

If you don't want to return the cameras please return the film inside of them and the rolls of undeveloped film in the camera cases.

Warren Abrahamson

Dear Editor:

I have occasion to go to the school frequently. I will brag, I lecture to the kids on English and American literature four or five times a year and have been doing so since we arrived in Grand Marais.

Anyway, I see things. And I want to draw your attention to two accomplishments by students.

On the bulletin board as you enter school, there is a love poem by Rachel Scaife. Her effort has form, and discipline, and imagination. It is a poem anyone would be proud to have written. I hope the paper will print it.

I saw, too, as he brought it out into the hallway, a chair built by Matt Butkovich. It is a designer type chair, with a tall tapered back. Excellent taste. Fine work. An attraction in any home.

In both cases, what these kids evidence is a command of fundamentals. You have to walk before you can run, and where Rachel and Matt are is somewhere between a quick walk and say, skipping.

Sincerely,

Jim Leavenworth

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# "HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

Before I get into things at the Federal and State level, I want to alert you to a situation at the local level that you ought to know exists. I am referring to the Alger County money woes. The issue that is at the forefront today is the fact that the County cut the its funding for MSU Extension Service and if approximately \$40,000.00 is not raised, we will lose this service. The current fix favored by some is to have the Townships, City of Munising and Village of Catham donate a portion of the needed funds to keep the service. Burt Townships share would be between \$2,000.00 and \$4,000.00. That doesn't sound too bad and although I would oppose it even if that were the whole story, I could understand others supporting that kind of action. However, that is by far only a small part of the story and as Paul Harvey would say "Here is the rest of the story".

First a little history. If you recall, when we lost our resident deputy sheriff, the Town Board tried to work out a deal with the County Commissioners whereby the Township would pick up half or more of the expense to have some kind of local patrol. The County was going through money problems then, and at a meeting that I attended the County Clerk was warning them that they were headed for disaster. The Commissioners decided that they could not fund the deputy position and refused to add it to their budget. Although many were disappointed, we had to accept their decision and did. Last year the County tried to pass a millage using Ambulance service as the springboard. This was misleading at best and after people discovered the facts, many who would have voted for the millage changed their minds. It was soundly defeated. Anyone who was or is on that board during the past three years had to know that their finances were shaky at best. Recently the Feds and the State both declared deficits; that should have alerted the Commissioners that money was and will be tight. Now, I ask you, does it appear to you that the commissioners acted fiscally responsible by continuing to deficit spend? I think not. I assure you that these commissioners are not bad guys who are profiting from their service; and like most elected positions locally, they normally run unopposed. That does not however relieve them of the responsibility of handling taxpayer money soundly. They dug their hole and they should be held accountable to fill it; not the Townships, city and village of Alger County.

I have several objections to allowing Burt Township to give even one cent to the County for this purpose. The first is the danger of setting a very bad precedent. If we reward the commissioners' poor performance by bailing them out this time, you can bet they will be back. Are we allowed to do this under the Township Charter and other Michigan laws? Why did they cut this very popular program, which is funded at about 80% by MSU, instead of something else? There may be a good reason for their decision but after the meeting at Limestone, they knew that there was widespread support for the service. As I stated before, the Feds, State and now the County are in deficit; Burt Township is stable for this year. However, if the rest of the governmental agencies that provide funds from other taxes such as revenue sharing from the State etc. have to cut, we may be looking at reduced revenues in the future. Should we be funding programs that are County responsibilities when we may have to cut some of our own? This

issue will be discussed at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; if you have any input, either attend or let a board member know your opinion. A decision will be made as to what this board's action will be.

Although I have comments on several issues, I have used up most of my space and do want to critique Crybaby's State of the Union speech. I did not watch it because I figure that to spend an hour plus to hear maybe ten minutes of policy dispersed in 45 minutes of rhetoric and cheerleading with 15 minutes of applause is a waste. Especially when I can get the benefit of the message by listening to a couple conservatives, liberal and moderates of the media give their analysis. For presentation, I give him a B; he did as well as Slick but was a notch below JFK and RR. For delivery, a C, at times he looked almost as bored as some of the audience. For avoiding dangerous waters, an A; he takes second to only one President in my lifetime, his predecessor. For salesman-ship, an A+. Anyone, who can tell the country, "We are at war, I want to expand the war, We are in recession, and will go into deficit spending this year and every week good jobs are lost. But we are in good shape and soon will be on the high road" and have most people support him, deserves the highest mark for BS. I suggest that, if Crybaby's policies are allowed to go forward, the people of this country better get accustomed to war, recession and an ever-increasing National Debt.

The state of the State is as bad, if not worse. I think this is a case of recession more than bad fiscal management by the administration. But, with our dictator, it can and will effect local governments more than it should. Adolph will have no qualms about cutting mandated revenues to schools and local governments; his record is full of examples of this. The ones that can effect Burt Township the most are CFR and Revenue sharing. We get about 25% of our operating budget from these two State controlled sources. They are both at the mercy of the State despite the law. I fully expect the State to steal some of these funds.

And finally. Ask Dorothy Peterson the difference between a Polish sausage and a hot dog. The greatest grandkids were all here for the CANGO night and had fun. Dizzy was Mary Alice's helper after getting bored. I took them all home after 2/3 of the games were over and put on a movie for them. Thanks to some nice ladies, the kids all wound up winners. On the way home, Too informed his mother that "Papa Jim can't call me Too anymore" Poo asked why to which Too replied "Because I am three and he should call me Three", makes sense to me. Lizzard had to have her heart checked out because a blip was heard during an exam. It turned out to be nothing serious and a lot of sighs of relief were heard in our family. Hoo found out that he needs glasses like Doc, I have a feeling that he will cost his parents more in repairs and replacement than Doc will. I hope that many people show up at the Volunteers Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday the 6th. It is a good way to say thanks to the many people of this community who give their time, talents and efforts. Thanks to the Women's Club, this annual event is not only fitting but a delicious event. Don't forget our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers, especially our locals. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim

## ANOTHER TRUE STORY

BY PICKLE

### TERROR ON THE ESCALATOR

Three of us flew to Alaska to fish for salmon Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. As we were getting ready to leave Anchorage to fly home after our week of fishing (did all right but nothing spectacular). We had had Chinese food that evening, my fortune cookie's predictions said, "Your life is in for great changes". I never had much belief in predictions before but it sure wasn't far wrong in this case.

The next morning we went to the Anchorage airport to depart, that is the morning the terrorist hit the World Trade Center, terrible thing. There were at least 1000 people waiting to fly home, everything was canceled so we bought another fishing license and we went back to the fishing camp for a few more days.

After a few days they called us about 3 A.M. on the cell phone and told us to come to the Anchorage airport and maybe they could get us on a flight home. The underground parking garage is about two hundred feet from the terminal. The other two friends had two bags each and I had three so they went ahead of me to change our tickets. I came to this stairway about three hundred feet long, after the lung problems I had last year, I was afraid I would have a stroke carrying my three bags up the steps so I jumped on the escalator with my bags. It started up and one of my suitcases started to slide down the escalator, as I grabbed for it, I slipped and fell facing downwards on the escalator and all my bags on top of me. I started to crawl as fast as I could but the escalator was going up and everything on top of me I couldn't stand up so I sat there with cuts and a broken thumb. Father Glen, who was with us, had come back looking for me and had seen me crawling around trying to get out of this mess. He reached down and lifted me off the escalator with one motion said "Lord have Mercy!"

I guess he saved my life, as I was afraid the escalator steps would grab my clothes and tear me in half. A nurse and a policeman came to my aid. After Father Glen had told them what had happened, they put me in a wheelchair and took us to the head of the line to get our tickets. After getting our tickets the ticket clerk said that the plane was full and the people behind us in line would have to wait for another flight.

I guess you could say this was a blessing in disguise.

Another True Story by Pickle

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**HIGH SCHOOLS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ART CONTEST**

WASHINGTON -Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, today encouraged students and art teachers in high schools across the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District to take part in an annual art competition that puts winning entries from each district on display for a full year in one of the corridors leading into the U.S. Capitol.

Any art work created this school year is eligible for the competition in the Congressional High School Arts Competition, entitled "An Artistic Discovery," and any high school student who either resides in or attends school in the 1<sup>st</sup> District can enter the 1<sup>st</sup> District Contest.

Entries, however, are limited to original concepts done as drawings, collages, paintings, prints, computer graphics or photography. Entries reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work will not be accepted.

All entries must be received by 5 p.m. on May 4 at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba, which is coordinating the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District event, Stupak said.

Information on specific rules for preparing and submitting pieces of art should be available in local high school art departments. Information can also be obtained from Pasqua Warstler at the Bonifas Art Center at (906) 786-3833, or Brian Hutcherson in Stupak's D.C. office, (202) 225-4735.

Information about the Bonifas Art Center is available at: <http://bonifasarts.org>. Copies of the contest guidelines are also available at: <http://www.house.gov/foley/artshow.htm>

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**DO YOU REMEMBER THESE STUDENTS ?**



In the previous issue the pictures were of **Shad Propst & Mike Becker**



**NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT ARCF**

Paul and Alice Simonen were children of Finnish immigrants who recognized the importance of education. Their three sons, Thomas, Edward, and Fredric recently established the Paul & Alice Simonen Scholarship Fund at the Alger Regional Community Foundation in their honor. The scholarship is set up to help Alger County students further their education and the first award of \$500 will be made in June 2002.

Paul (1910-1994) came to Alger County from Finland at the age of two. He graduated from Mather High School in 1927 and then from Michigan Tech. He was a paper chemist at the Munising Paper Company, later Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Alice (1908-2001) was 18 when she came to Alger County to teach elementary school in Melstrand. She subsequently taught in Shingleton, VanMeer, and Munising schools. Alice graduated from Ishpeming High School and Northern.

"This scholarship fund is a first for ARCF in that it is available to anyone from Alger County looking to further their education. It is a one-time scholarship (non-renewable) designed to assist not only current graduates, but any Alger County resident. It is really exciting to be able to offer support to those individuals who may not have had the opportunity to seek additional schooling right after high school or to those who are currently enrolled," commented Mary Bowerman, ARCF Executive Director.

Graduates of the Class of 2002 from any Alger County high school may pick up an application form at their school guidance office. Any other individual (not a current graduate) may request an application from the ARCF office.

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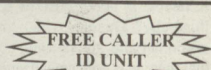
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## BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH SCHEDULE

**Thurs. Feb. 7**  
**Breakfast** - Oatmeal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Mac & Cheese - Bread - Vegetable - Peaches - Milk

**Fri. Feb. 8**  
**Breakfast** - Cereal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Ravioli - Bread - Corn - Pears - Milk

**Mon. Feb. 11**  
**Breakfast** - Oatmeal - Toast - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Hamburger w/wo Cheese - Tator-Tots - Corn - Pears - Milk

**Tues. Feb. 12**  
**Breakfast** - Eggs - Sausage - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken - Potatoes - Green Beans - Fruit - Milk

**Wed. Feb. 13**  
**Breakfast** - Cereal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Nachos w/Works-Refried Beans - Jell-o - Milk

**Thurs. Feb. 14**  
**Breakfast** - Oatmeal - Toast - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Tuna Sandwich - Tator-Tots - Veggie - Applesauce - Milk

**Fri. Feb. 15**  
**Breakfast** - French Toast - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Goulash - Bread Sticks - Salad - Peaches - Milk

**Mon. Feb. 18 SNOW DAY**  
**Breakfast** - Cereal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Sloppy Joe - Tater-Tots - Corn - Fruit - Milk

**Tues. Feb. 19**  
**Breakfast** - Oatmeal - Toast - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Chicken Patty - French Fries - Veggie - Pears - Milk

**Wed. Feb. 20**  
**Breakfast** - Cereal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Meat Sandwich - Soup - Crackers - Muffins - Milk

**Thurs. Feb. 21**  
**Breakfast** - French Toast - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Turkey - Potatoes - Green Beans - Applesauce - Milk

**Fri. Feb. 22**  
**Breakfast** - Cereal - Toast or Bagel - Juice - Milk  
**Lunch** - Cheeseburger Mac - Bread - Corn - Cake - Milk

## BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL STUDENTS' CORNER



### The Mine

By Christopher Purple

As he gets into the elevator to go down into the mine, a sensation comes over him. Part of it is a scared sensation and the other is his adrenaline pumping. Then he starts to go down farther and farther; then the darkness comes, engulfing him like it is ever so hungry. He turns on his light and all he sees is the cold and moist walls of the mine hole. He feels the dust go into his lungs. He is so cold now his feet feel numb. As he walks farther, he comes to the other workers that are loading the rocks. The dynamite men setting it up look like ghosts covered in red particles of dust. As he walks by them, they look at him and he gets blinded for a brief moment from their never-ending lights. When he gets to his spot at the end of the rock moving workers, he starts to work away at the rocks. Suddenly he hears the men telling him to get out because the rocks on top of them, which are making the ceiling, are starting to crack, and he starts to run up.

It seems weird because for years he had been walking in and out of the mine. Now for this brief moment it has all changed, and as he hears the rocks falling down behind him as he is still running, he wonders if he will make it to see the light of the sun ever again on Ann, his wife, and Bobby, his child. Then he collapses from a large rock falling on him and he hears the scream of the red siren. At home his wife hears the same noise that they dread so very much. She gets Bobby and begins to run to the mine. He can hear her among all of the other wives and children running and yelling for their husbands and fathers, but it seems he can only hear his wife and child.

Then he opens his eyes for the first time. He sees light. It seems as if the light is coming from heaven itself; it is so bright and pretty, but something is telling him to go back in, even though he is only a short distance from freedom and life. He turns around and starts to go back down the mine hole. It seems that instead of going toward the light that looked like heaven he has made an abrupt turn straight into hell. Then he sees a man, and he knows that he is the reason why he went back so he grabs him and tells him he will help him out. After hours of trying to get back up towards the heavenly light and out of the depths of the hellish mine, they see the light. When they see the light they scramble toward it ever so quickly.

When they got to the narrow entrance way, there was complete silence, for the people that had made it out and the people that where there thought no one else would be coming out if they had been in there when it came down. All at once the crowd started to clap and yell, as if the president were giving a speech and when he stopped, everyone started to clap no matter if they liked it or not. When the clapping started, Ann began to push her way through the crowd. It seemed to never end for her. Then people started to help the two miners out of the tunnel of hell into the heavenly light. They told them that they could only take one out at a time, for there was too much rubble to get both of them out at the same time. He pushed the man forward that he had saved. The men outside of the collapsed mine grabbed him and pulled him out. When they got him out the walls began to go. He scrambled, trying to get out, but he wasn't fast enough. The walls collapsed like a sandcastle when someone steps on it on a hot sunny day. His wife made it through the never-ending crowd, and he briefly saw the light on his wife's face, but it was different, it seemed to be brighter, for he knew it would be the last time he would ever see her.

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 Dan Norris  
 Molly White

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 Corissa Ross  
 Sara Hubbard

**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
 Shayla Mack  
 Jennifer Bell  
 Devan Ballard  
 Ashleigh Capogrossa

**11<sup>TH</sup>. GRADE**  
 Rachel Scaife  
 Tara Beckwith  
 Catherine Bodak  
 Joshua Brooks

**12<sup>TH</sup>. GRADE**  
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### BURT TOWNSHIP SPORTS SCHEDULE BASKETBALL



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### I am a ghost

I was walking down the road one night  
 I think I saw a ghost  
 A sudden burst of fearful fright  
 Is what I felt the most

I saw a little black cat  
 Going down a trail

It was followed by a big bat  
 Who's fangs were sharp as nails

I began to follow the cat and the bat  
 Down the trail, into the dark  
 I felt a fear go up my spine  
 As I hear the fierce dog bark

I walked along the path of danger  
 Feeling a cold breeze down by back  
 I fell to the ground with on one there  
 I soon realized I was under attack

I never woke up again that day  
 The one I feared the most  
 Here I lie cold and empty  
 For now I am a ghost.

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**FIVE ACRE PARCEL WITH NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** This will be a two bedroom home, one bath, with a two car garage. Nice wooded parcel with year round road with electric and cable. Price includes siding, roof, rough in electric, all windows and garage door. Ready to finish the interior. Priced at only \$60,000.00

**TEN ACRES WITH GARAGE, MOBILE HOME, AND OUT BUILDINGS:** This is a beautiful piece of property. Lots of good deer hunting and close to snowmobile trails. The mobile home is 14 feet by 60 feet and is only 10 years old. Very good condition. Two miles southeast of Grand Marais. \$74,500.00

**TWO 100 BY 100 FOOT LOTS IN THE SCHOOL FOREST AREA:** These lots are side by side so the parcel would be 200 feet wide by 100 feet deep. Electric is in and also a health department approved septic system. Located off School Forest Road this would make an ideal hide away. The road is a seasonal road-not plowed in the winter. \$16,000 for both lots.

**LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT:** 597 feet of sugar sand beach on Lake Superior. This 10 acre parcel has mixed hardwoods and evergreen, in one of the most beautiful developments in the midwest. Underground electric and phone, paved plowed road, a full time caretaker, and only 32 home sites over 1 3/4 miles make this unique property a dream location for privacy. The drive is in and permits are in place for a home on the waterfront. \$335,000.00

**LARGE HOME TWO MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS:** This home has over 1600 sq. ft. of living area with an attached 1 1/2 car garage and large dry basement. Three bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, on a large lot with plenty of trees. Includes a two bedroom guest house which is an ideal rental. An outbuilding contains a nice workshop with a storage lean-to. Priced at only \$88,500.

**REMODELED HOME WITH THREE BARN ON FORTY ACRES:** This wooded 40 has a view of Lake Superior from the top of the hill. The 3 bedroom 2 bath home has attached 2 car garage and a full basement. Two barns are older, one is a new pole barn. The home is beautiful inside with a stainless steel kitchen. \$169,500.

**BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME ON LAKE SUPERIOR:** This two year old home has three bedrooms 2 3/4 baths and large decks. Spectacular sunsets and sun rises can be enjoyed from the living room. 151.6 feet of pure sand beach with no bluff. \$279,000

**MOBILE HOME ON DEEP LOT IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS:** Located only three blocks from downtown and a short walk to the beach. This is in excellent condition and would make an ideal second home in Grand Marais. \$58,500.

**30 ACRES IN SCHOOL FOREST:** Nice wooded lot of privacy. Electric close by. Located on a seasonal road. \$30,000

**FORTY ACRES IN THE BOON-DOCKS!** This 40 is about three miles from a plowed road and electric power. Part of the parcel is low. Would make a good hunting site. Seasonal roads lead to it in the summer. Snowmobilers would have fun traveling into their cabin with their camping gear. Located 18 miles south of Grand Marais. \$25,000.

**CONDO:** Two bedroom lower level unit at Bayview Condominiums on Coast Guard Point. Includes a storage shed: \$93,000

**VERY NICE FORTY ACRE PARCEL WITH OLD CABIN AND BARN:** This 40 is back in the woods surrounded by corporate timber land. Electric power and a plowed road is 1/2 mile away. Land is high and dry and close to a groomed snowmobile trail. Located about 15 miles south of Grand Marais. \$62,000.

**BEAUTIFUL HOME ON GRAND MARAIS BAY:** This like new home is on 261 feet of sugar sand beach complete with a dock for a large boat. Underground sprinkler, standby generator, deck, kitchen and master bath, this home has it all. Ed Bowen must be present for all showings.

**FIVE BEDROOM THREE BATH HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS:** This home has had extensive remodeling over the past few years and is in excellent condition. The view overlooking the bay is spectacular. Three car garage, and a corner lot. Would make an ideal Bed and Breakfast. \$125,000

**187 FEET OF SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY:** This deeply wooded parcel has a nice upland building site with a driveway down to the beachfront. Priced at \$149,500.

**100 FEET OF SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY:** Located close to downtown area this would make an ideal spot for a cottage rental when you are not visiting beautiful Grand Marais. \$129,500

**MOTEL-CABINS-HOME IN GRAND MARAIS:** This resort has it all. Located one mile east of town, this beautiful vacation paradise sits on top of the Grand Marais ridge that follows the Lake Superior shoreline. The views are spectacular. Several of the year round cabins and motel rooms have been completely remodeled. The three bedroom, two bath home has also been remodeled. There are sixteen rental units and they all have a new sewer and water system. Close to snowmobile trails, hiking trails, and public beaches. Nice trees and plenty of room to roam make this one of the nicest vacation spots in the Grand Marais area. Reasonably priced at only \$450,000.

**THREE VIEW PARCELS:** These are located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile east of Grand Marais. All of these heavily wooded sites have acreage and a lot of privacy, with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. Two of them have a nice stream meandering across the property. The stream tumbles and falls over a rock bottom with several waterfalls. One parcel has a spectacular waterfall that is registered in the book of Michigan Waterfalls. The parcels vary between 100 feet, 150 feet, and 175 feet. Prices are \$65,000 and \$75,000. The large waterfall is on a 100 foot parcel for \$65,000. The two parcels with the streams are side by side and can be purchased together.

**THE VOYAGEUR MOTEL:** This resort sits on top of the hill overlooking downtown Grand Marais. One of the nicest views of Lake Superior can be enjoyed from the motel rooms.

**RANCH STLYE HOME:** This 4 bedroom home has a nice walkout lower level with a one car garage. Nestled in a hardwood setting, it's only a short walk to downtown. Quiet and peaceful on one of Grand Marais' side streets. \$83,000.

**LOG CABIN:** This cozy little two bedroom log cabin is nestled in back of a privacy cedar hedge just outside of Grand Marais on H-58.

**WE HAVE SEVERAL COMMERCIAL LISTINGS:** A nice grocery store and well stocked hardware store are some of our commercial listings. A Motel, Cabins, and a beautiful Bed and Breakfast are also available.

**CONDO:** Two bedroom lower level unit at Bayview Condominiums on Coast Guard Point. Completely remodeled with new appliances and new carpet. \$96,000.

**1.1 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 from town. The trees are mixed hardwood and in the front yard is an apple orchard. Good deer hunting and close to the snowmobile trail. \$28,500.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS  
FOCUS ON WOLF  
RECLASSIFICATION**

State natural resource officials today announced two public hearings to discuss reclassifying the gray wolf from "endangered" to "threatened" in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comments on its proposal. The hearings will be conducted Feb. 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Marquette, and on Feb. 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Midway Best Western Hotel in Lansing.

The wolf currently is listed as endangered by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In 2000, the USFWS proposed reclassification at the federal level, and the DNR proposal mirrors that status at the state level.

A team of federal, state, and tribal biologists in 1997 developed the "Michigan Gray Wolf Recovery and Management Plan," signed by Director K. L. Cool. The plan outlines strategies such as education and outreach programs, population monitoring and research, which are vital to understanding wolf ecology and maintaining public support for wolf recovery in Michigan.

The plan requires a combined population goal of 100 wolves in Michigan and Wisconsin, to be maintained for five consecutive years before reclassification from "endangered" to "threatened" can occur in Michigan. That goal has been exceeded, prompting the DNR to enact the reclassification process.

The gray wolf population in the Upper Peninsula has increased from a handful of animals in the mid-1980s to approximately 250 during the winter count of 2001. Track surveys to estimate 2002 mid-winter population levels currently are being conducted and another increase is expected.

Individuals presenting oral comments are asked, if possible, to provide written copies of their testimony and supporting data. Comment forms also will be available at the hearings. Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments until March 8, 2002, via e-mail to [wolfcomment@michigan.gov](mailto:wolfcomment@michigan.gov) or via U.S. mail to, Wolf Comments, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944

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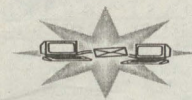
(Munising, MI) "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of a natural community. It is wrong when it tends to do otherwise." Forester and philosopher Aldo Leopold expressed this sentiment in the 1930s. Today, increasing numbers of wild-land users are coming to the same realization as they witness their favorite wild areas being "loved to death" by outdoor recreationists.

This February, interested persons will have an opportunity to learn about the "Leave No Trace" program and its seven outdoor ethics principles during an overnight camping adventure on February 23 and 24 in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The overnight training program will certify participants as "Leave No Trace Trainers," able to teach these concepts to the public or Co-Workers.

The "Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics" national education program was developed by the U.S. Forest Service and now combines the talents and expertise of three other federal land management agencies -the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Since 1991, the National Outdoor Leadership School has administered the program.

Today, the Leave No Trace program revolves around seven important principles. (1) plan ahead and prepare, (2) camp and travel on durable surfaces, (3) pack it in, pack it out, (4) leave what you find, (5) minimize the use of campfires, (6) respect wildlife and (7) respect others.

Teachers, scout leaders, scouts, natural resource agency staff or anyone with an interest are welcome to attend. The training is free and extra winter camping equipment is available for use. Participants must contribute toward their own food costs. The training is limited to 18 people. To register and for more information contact David Kronk at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, (906) 387-2607, or Jon Luepke at the Hiawatha National Forest, (906) 387-2512.



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Procrastinator's Creed \* I believe that if anything is worth doing, it would have been done already. \* I shall never move quickly, except to avoid more work or find excuses. \* I will never rush into a job without a lifetime of consideration. \* I shall meet all of my deadlines directly in proportion to the amount of bodily injury I could expect to receive from missing them. \* I firmly believe that tomorrow holds the possibility for new technologies, astounding discoveries, and a reprieve from my obligations. \* I truly believe that all deadlines are unreasonable regardless of the amount of time given. \* I shall never forget that the probability of a miracle, though infinitesimally small, is not exactly zero. \* If at first I don't succeed, there is always next year. \* I shall always decide not to decide, unless of course I decide to change my mind. \* I shall always begin, start, initiate, take the first step, and/or write the first word, when I get around to it. \* I obey the law of inverse excuses which demands that the greater the task to be done, the more insignificant the work that must be done prior to beginning the greater task. \* I know that the work cycle is not plan/start/finish, but is wait/plan/plan. \* I will never put off until tomorrow, what I can forget about forever. \* I will become a member of the ancient Order of Two-Headed Tur-tles (the Procrastinator's Society) if they ever get it organized.

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