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Everyone is welcome.

GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Winners of the Grand Marais Woman's Club Christmas decorations contest were Ted Soldenski, Vicki/Mary Wicklund, Armand Ross, Mary Gail Heacox, Paul Perry and Bill Nyman. All six were recognized equally for their efforts with token cash gifts. We hope to have this contest again next year.

A Cango (Bingo with canned goods for prizes) will be held on Saturday, January 25th at the Community Center at 7:00 P.M. All ages are invited. Sandwiches, desserts and coffee will be available. The proceeds from this event will be used for local projects.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Potluck will be held on Wednesday, February 19th at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Center.

Please plan to attend so we can show our appreciation to our local dedicated volunteers. If you have any questions please call the chairperson of this event, Mary Alice Johnson, at 494-2644.

The Women's Club has their Cookbook available at local businesses or by calling Chairperson, Edna Jean Johnson at 494-2524.

To the Burt Township Board Members, the Business Community, and the residents of Grand Marais:

As I read the latest edition of The Gazette last evening, I had to snicker. Every year some of our residents forget how the town survives the winter! And they forget history! Society experienced the same kinds of complaints when automobiles were first introduced, and when trains started crisscrossing our nation, and, and, and... Snowmobiling is just one of the latest means of transportation, recreation and, for some, source of irritation that humans have devised and embraced! I am not immune to the inconveniences, noise and lack of respect and consideration that goes along with the benefits of a thriving snowmobile tourist trade. Since I live kitty-corner from the Dune Saloon/aka Lake Superior Brewing, I am bombarded by the noise of snowmobilers and the disrespect from their riders at all hours, I cannot sleep with my window cracked to be lulled by the sound of the surf, hell, most of the time I can't even hear the lake! I wade through the masses at Bayshore Market just to get to the door, I wait for traffic to clear when I go to the post office, market, bank or a friend's home. Last winter, I lost two of my newly planted trees to snowmobiles. This is the first year (out of 9) that I have resorted to put up snow fencing to protect my yard. After laying out the fencing and posts where I wanted them, I waited for help to set the posts, a span of no more than 20 minutes, snowmobiles actually rode right over the fencing!!! In the spring I expect I'll re-seed my lawn and maybe even install a more attractive, permanent fence.

Unfortunately, most snowmobilers are not from the UP. They seem to think the UP is all wilderness and they have a right to go anywhere their sleds can take them. The towns people are there specifically to meet their needs for food, gas, supplies and rooms. It seems that they think the UP is one big amusement park with employees brought in from all over the country, just for their recreational needs. They are here for one reason; fun! And we as a community need to face facts, without winter tourists our economy would be devastated; our stores would close and services would be cut back, most residents would be unemployed and on welfare, young families with children would have to relocate, our school would close, and the village would die. Pure and simple! Does anyone remember the dark times without street lights? Or no grocery store? I am not saying these things were a result of the lack of tourism, what I am saying is that without industries or business development, tourism is all we have to generate revenue and maintain a thriving, viable community!

With a devoted group of about 12 people, the Grand Marais Grooming Program has been extremely successful for the last 9 or 10 years at bringing winter tourists to the area to support our town in the lean months. Some of you say we have been too successful but we are now number one in the state! Every year new trails are added and old trails are rerouted. We work with the Eastern UP Snowmobile Council, Michigan Snowmobile Association, Alger County Road Commission, and The National Park Service to improve snowmobile laws and conditions. We work with the Road Commission and the Burt Township Board to improve access to the village with the least disruption to our residents. Grand Marais is rather unique in our location, topography, limited access to bring traffic in and out of town and the lack of local law enforcement (Of that, I don't have to remind anyone). Even so, we experience the most snowmobile traffic by far, in the central UP over the holidays and have been highlighted on TV6 several times already this year. Our snowmobile program has been instrumental in requiring trail permits and registration stickers on all sleds to police the sport. All funds generated from the sale of trail permits go directly to the Snowmobile Grooming Program run by the Michigan DNR for trail improvement, law enforcement and heightened awareness within the snowmobile community. The State Police and Alger County Sheriff have been in town almost every day and have written many, many tickets. Existing laws are clear; causing damage to persons or property while operating a snowmobile is punishable by a 2 year imprisonment and/or a fine of \$2000 with violations categorized as felony, civil or misdemeanor infractions but our biggest problem is the lack of enforcement of existing laws. There is a state wide program in the works for snowmobile police but, as with all things, change takes time, patience and work.

We are not alone, every state, city, and municipality nation-wide that has established snowmobile trails are having the same problems! I just read a magazine article from Minnesota entitled "What happened if it snowed and there were no snowmobiles?" That was a question posed to a gathering of several Chambers of Commerce who were hearing the same complaints that were published in our little Gazette. The responses from the group? Go back to the beginning of this letter! Grand Marais is not unique to these problems!

So where does this leave US? Well, we need solutions to the problems instead of fighting amongst ourselves every year! We need more positive involvement from the community to improve the situation and promote cooperation with our winter guests. We need improved laws and better enforcement of existing laws governing the sport of snowmobiling at the state level. The Township Board needs to address the need for local law enforcement responsibly, the business community needs to learn the trail system and inform their patrons of the accepted routes in and around Grand Marais, and finally, the general public needs to accept that snowmobiling is here to stay, like it or not. With a ban on snowmobiling I can imagine a sign at the top of the hill, "Welcome to Grand Marais - Closed till Spring". My advise to everyone is: have patience-it's only a few months, learn and use existing laws to your benefit, take down the registration numbers of offenders and report them to the appropriate authorities, and most importantly, encourage cooperation from the snowmobilers you meet instead of dissention.

Kay Wampler

Editors Comments:

Snowmobiling is here to stay, as pointed out in the above article. Let us try to work together as a community to improve this situation. We need to write letters, make phone calls and visit with our representatives at all levels of government (local, county, state and federal), to try to find ways to improve our community. Name calling and fighting among ourselves won't do it. Involvement by everyone is a must. We do have a problem, but we must work together to correct the situation.

Marc Oglevie, Editor Grand Marais Gazette.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

AMCAB, the community's senior meal sponsor, is seeking a grant to help fund the possible construction of an annex to the Community Center in Burt Township's, Grand Marais, Michigan. As part of AMCAB's grant application, open bidding is required from building contractors, which in turn will be submitted with their request. As always there is a deadline for these grants. If interested, AMCAB would like to have your bid in their office by March 25th, 2003, in order to make their grant deadline submittal for this year.

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 AMCAB - Alger-Marquette Community Action Board
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	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	
AuTrain-Onota	-	X	-	-	January 17
Burt Township	-	X	-	X	January 17
Gwinn	-	X	-	X	February 7
Ishpeming	-	X	-	-	January 31
Marquette	-	X	-	-	Elementary 1/17 Secondary 1/23
Munising	-	X	-	X	January 27
Negaunee	X	-	X	-	January 31
NICE	X	-	X	-	January 31
North Star Public Academy	-	X	-	X	Open Enrollment
Powell Township	X	-	X	-	January 31
Republic-Michigamme	-	X	-	X	January 31
Superior Central	-	X	-	X	January 31
Wells Township	To be determined		To be determined		To be determined

*Public Act 297 of 2000 amends Section 105c to permit school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications from students in contiguous ISDs/RESA's, regardless of district contiguity.

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A Message from the Supervisor

By Lee Durrwachter,
Burt Township Supervisor

quired from building contractors, which in turn will be submitted with their request. As always there is a deadline for these grants. AMCAB would like to have the bids into their office by February 15th, 2003, in order to make the grant deadline for this year. More information about the specifications and requirements are available at the township office, and in another area of today's newspaper.

Winter is here. Snow is here. That buzzing around town means snowmobiles are here as well. Up until this past weekend, Grand Marais was the only area that had sufficient snow for these visitors. In an effort to augment traffic control and reduce problems, various signs were erected, along with a new trail into town to lessen the traffic load on H58 East. Some of these efforts have been successful, and some have not. To add to the confusion, law enforcement protocol for snowmobile patrols is to enforce the law on the trails first. So far they have left law enforcement "spill" over into Grand Marais as part of their "trail" enforcement policy, as opposed to starting their enforcement policy here first, and then let it "spill" over onto the trails. The congestion from hundreds of snowmobiles in town has a greater impact here than the trails through the woods. Whether it be "snomo cops" for traffic control, and/or stricter curfews imposed, seeking solutions to address the conflict of this concentration is a priority. With the recent set back for locally staffed snowmobile patrols, due to the lack of state legislature to enact this request, the state police, DNR, and the sheriff's department must travel over 60 miles to handle the growing number of rude, difficult and in defiance of the law snowmobilers. In contrast, the Local Snow Patrol program, which we were hoping to have this year, was designed for patrolling our area and staffed by local volunteers. It would have included local volunteers trained and deputized through the sheriff's department. It was also designed so you could still call 911 to report problems, and you would get a dispatched response patrol in minutes (like our ambulance department) rather than several hours and/or days. Formally trained and deputized by the county sheriff's department, these local snow patrols would have had the same powers to arrest and pursue perpetrators, while at the same time complementing his department. Without this program, our public safety must once again rely on the distant law enforcement agencies for local complaints. However, to increase the urgency of our petitions, we have taken several courses of action, including implementing a complaint form available at the township office, which in turn is faxed on the day of the complaint to the State Police in Newberry, and Munising; and the sheriff's office. So if you have a complaint, besides calling 911, we encourage you to let us know about it. You don't even have to come in to fill it out, just call 494-2381, with the pertinent information, including your emergency fire number, name, and telephone number. This procedure is already paying off. We are seeing the state police and sheriff's department patrolling, ticketing, and just as importantly demonstrating their presence here, thereby preempting possible problems. They are making it a point to be here on a regular basis, particularly on congested weekends. In addition we are going back to the agencies involved, both for financial assistance, law enforcement* and other legal action, including the county, state and federal entities.



At least one snowmobiler found out that when a warning sign says "Keep Right", that you should obey the warning.

Personal: Update on fracture - Superslider continues mending. Cast was removed last weekend. However, X-ray revealed fibula still not completely healed. Diagnosis - Six more weeks in an air splint. At least two shoes can be worn now, but traveling is still at a hobbled pace.

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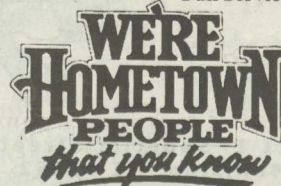
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Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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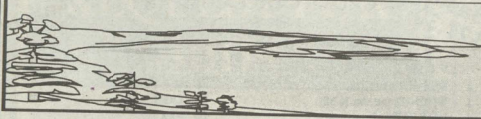
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Jan. 6	30	17	.04	1
Jan. 7	35	17		
Jan. 8	41	17		
Jan. 9	39	19		.25
Jan. 10	22	13	.18	3
Jan. 11	23	18	.15	2.5
Jan. 12	24	16		.25
Jan. 13	21	11	.12	2
Jan. 14	21	14	.11	1.75

As of the writing, we have 11 inches of snow on the ground in town.
Since November 1st we have had 47.95 inches of snow reported in town.

Karla

AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON



Where is the snow? That is what people have been saying lately. Well, it has arrived, again. We are having snow showers, with white out conditions today and should continue through most of the week. Let's hope for a safe weekend for all who are participating in the 500 Miler. This is an endurance run for snowmobiles not a race. The object is to have 500 miles on your sled within 24 hours, but not less than 14 hours. Good luck to all who participate.

The groomers have been working hard. I understand the trails are in great shape.

West Bay Diner is open for the season from 7 to 4. Good to see the lights on.

Lots of Petersons and Hugheys have been in town and in Marquette for Vic Hughey, where he has been hospitalized for two weeks.

Karen Brzys hosted a dinner party for a few friends last week. With a game of Balderdash to end the evening.

Happy Birthday to George Kendall, John Dettwiler, Jenny (Morrison) Cooley, Wendy (Morrison) Sohl and John Morrison.

Get well to Vic Hughey hope to see you out and about soon.

Farewell to Bev Rodgers, Irene Ylimaki, and Bob Phillips. You will be greatly missed.

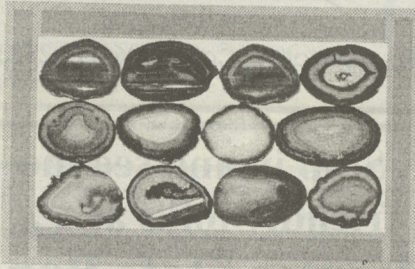
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Kevin Brzys, son of Grand Marais resident Karen Brzys, graduated from Michigan Tech in December with a bachelors degree in civil engineering. Kevin, an alumnus of Burt Township High School, was valedictorian of his 1998 class. We wish Kevin good luck in sorting out his prospects and choosing one that will allow him to continue the outdoor adventures he has learned to enjoy in the U.P.

GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS LUNCH

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MONDAY Jan. 20

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WEDNESDAY Jan. 22

Country Fried Steak - Mashed Potatoes - Mixed/Waxed Green Beans - Fruit

FRIDAY Jan. 24

Spaghetti - Vegetable - Garlic Bread - Fruit Whip

MONDAY Jan. 27

Beef Continental w/Noodles - Carrots - Tossed Salad - Double Orange Whip

WEDNESDAY Jan. 29

Polish Sausage w/Sauerkraut - Boiled Potatoes - Mixed Vegetables - Fruit

FRIDAY Jan. 31

Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy - Harvard Beets - Fruit

MONDAY Feb. 3

Roast Pork - Parslied Potatoes - Squash - Fruit

WEDNESDAY Feb. 5

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FRIDAY Feb. 7

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OBITUARIES

IRENE ROSE YLIMAKI

Irene Rose Ylimaki, 79 of Williamsville, NY and a longtime former resident of Grand Marais, died on Wednesday, December 25, 2002 at her daughter's home in Williamsville, NY. Irene was born on October 12, 1923 in Grand Marais to the late John and Rose (Mulligan) Masse. She lived most of her life in Grand Marais, and in 1992 she and her husband moved to Gwinn living there for three years. They then moved to Stevens Point, WI where they resided with their daughter, Rose. This past fall they moved again with Rose to Williamsville, NY.

Irene attended and graduated from Grand Marais Schools. As a young woman she worked as a waitress; she also worked in factories during World War II. Irene married Oiva Arne Ylimaki September 28, 1957. She and Oiva owned and operated Ylimaki IGA in Grand Marais for many years. She loved to cook, bake, take care of plants, and she especially liked singing Irish Folk Songs.

She is survived by her husband, Oiva, a daughter Rose Ylimaki both from Williamsville, NY. 2 sisters; Merle Juidici of Gwinn, and Mildred Bianchi of Marquette, also numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by 4 brothers. John Masse Jr., Burton Masse, Robert Masse, Russell (Josephine) Masse, 2 sisters, Annabelle (Mathew) Nyman, Florence (Cliff) Fuller, and brothers-in-law, Raymond Juidici, and Roland Bianchi.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SERVICES WILL BE MADE IN THE SPRING.

A funeral mass will be conducted at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Grand Marais; interment will be in Holy Rosary Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of

WILLIAM "Pee Wee" McDONALD

December 30th 1936 - January 11, 2003

"Pee Wee" was born in Chicago, Illinois to the late Alexander and Eliza McDonald. PeeWee and his family were raised in Grand Marais, Michigan. He graduated from Grand Marais high school in 1954. After high school he joined the Air Force and served in Korea for three years. After the Air Force PeeWee returned to Grand Marais for a short while where he married Mary Jane Maddox in 1960. They then moved to Waukegan, Illinois. During their 12 years of marriage they moved to Ithaca, Michigan where he started his career of 38 years as a supervisor at Wolverine World Wide. After parting ways with Mary Jane in 1972, PeeWee married Faye Chase in 1975. After three years of marriage, PeeWee and Faye went their separate ways. PeeWee moved to Rockford, Michigan where he later married Janet Bowman in 1979. After 18 years of marriage PeeWee and Janet parted ways. PeeWee continued living in Rockford after retiring from Wolverine World Wide in 1999.

In 2001 he decided he had had enough of Michigan's weather and decided to enjoy his retirement in Florida. During his 66 years his favorite pastimes included: baseball, football, bowling, golf, hunting, showing horses with his children, fishing, and playing cribbage.

Pee Wee was preceded in death by three brothers: Lyle, Gordon, Norman and one sister, Jean. He is survived by three siblings: Rena, Donald, and Kenneth; four children: Lisa, Paul, Katherine and Lori; two stepchildren: Holly and Lynn; eight grandchildren: Christopher, Alissa, Michael, Parker, Kim, Scott, Emily and Mark; two great grand-children: Meagan and Brandon; two son-in-laws: Steve and Philip and one daughter-in-law, Jill.

Memorial Services will celebrate his life on Saturday, January 25, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Rockford Springs Community Church, 5815 14 Mile Rd. Cedar Springs, MI 49319 (616) 696-3656.

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ANOTHER TRUE STORY
BY PICKLE
THE CALIFORNIA COP

We were on escort duty with a convoy in the Pacific during the war and I caught what they call Cat Fever. They took me off the ship by boat and transported me to Balboa Hospital in San Diego. While there I made friends with another sailor and we decided to go and see Hollywood when we were released from the hospital. When we were finally released we started to hitch hike, the temperature was in the 90's. We would stand there with our thumbs out, it seemed like every service person was also hitch hiking. In four hours time we never got picked up, service people on both sides of us got picked up steadily. We looked at each other and we thought we looked ok.

Finally a black Cadillac with three Filipino men went whizzing by, shortly after a motorcycle cop all in white, with a white motorcycle and chrome on the metal of the cycle, stopped by us and said "Did those three Filipinos in the black Caddie go by you without stopping?" We said they sure did, he said to stay right there and they will be back shortly. We could see him pulling them over down the road a ways and turning them around. His siren sure did make them stop quickly. They came back slowly with the cop trailing them. He stopped in front of us and said to them "Aren't you guys ashamed, passing these sailors up after our service people are fighting and dying to defend your country?"

He told them to give their names and addresses to us and he also gave us his name and telephone number. He said if these guys don't take you to wherever you want to go in Hollywood give me a call and they will get a ticket they will never forget.

The Filipinos said "We're sorry officer and we will never do that again." They took us to Hollywood and took us to many places until we found a room. They said, "You guys sure you are ok and won't tell the cop anything?"

This motorcycle cop sure looked like he stepped out of the TV program called CHIPS, he was a regular angel as far as we were concerned.

Another True Story.

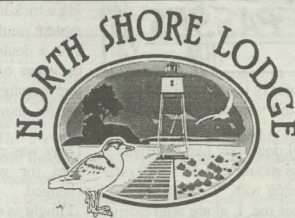
Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

School of Hard Knocks

By Ty Washell

One time I asked a man why he was reluctant to sing when he played his guitar. He said it was because he did not have a good voice. I urged him to sing anyway and suggested a reason why he should. The fact of the matter is that almost anyone can sing. Some can sing perhaps better than others and besides it seems rather ludicrous to downgrade your own voice, after all you were born with it. Everyone doesn't like the same kind of voice, but as the saying goes, "tough nails", no one is forced to listen to you.

I've always been of the notion that if there is something I want to learn badly enough, I will do everything I can to achieve it, its only in giving up that you really lose.



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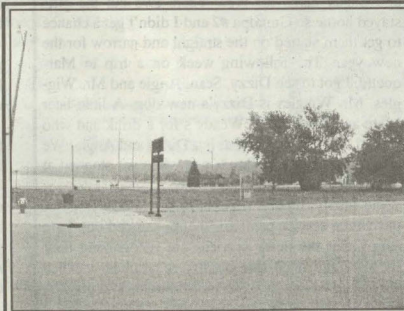
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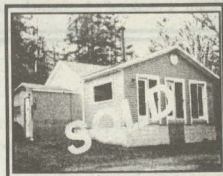
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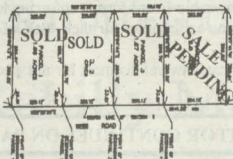
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

I heard the new Senate majority leader, Bill Frist, for the first time on Sunday and was not too favorably impressed. He sounded like a clone of Lott and pro party all the way. At least I don't feel like regurgitating every time he opens his mouth as I do with Lott. He appears to be in lock step with "Crybaby's" economic policy and that scares me. I, along with many others, thought that his medical background would make him push for more inclusive health insurance and tort reform in the medical field, at least. This is a much bigger problem than Iraq. People can not afford insurance these days and the number of uninsured continues to increase. One major health problem can bankrupt most people who do not have insurance. This is a lot more wrong than taxing dividends Mr. Frist! He also supported the re submission, by Bush, of Pickering for the federal bench. It seems as though the elephants don't learn from their mistakes.

I am having a difficult time trying to understand what is going on. We have the elephants in power, now completely, and every time I turn on a news show, I hear of MORE GOVERNMENT. What happened to the party of less government and states' rights? Maybe the writer to my right can explain this 180-degree turn of his party. This is the same party that wanted to abolish the Dept. of Education. They are now expanding it and issuing new rules and regulations that have nothing to do with education. Already we see dissent in the ranks with several elephants saying that the disaster Crybaby calls an economic stimulus package is dead on arrival in Congress. The asses are smirking even though they have little to offer, they continue to take the Larry Allen approach, "Complain, Criticize, and Cry" but do nothing to help solve the problem. At least one news show finally figured out that anytime a politician uses "average" he is lying. Bush, his henchmen, Frist and other supporters of the Bush disaster plan continually use the term "average" saying: "92 million taxpayers will save an average of \$1,083." They know full well that a few will save MILLIONS while the majority will not receive even half that amount. They can call this misleading propaganda anything they want but I call it lying. They are being just as slimy as those they replaced, maybe even worse.

The state governors are unhappy about the Bush plan too and will no doubt be pressuring their senators and congressmen to implement changes that will not cut state revenues, in fact they are asking for increases. This seems to be a united effort of asses and elephants. With this much pressure, I can not see the package getting through congress without so many amendments that it is unrecognizable. I certainly hope that Jenny is going to fight hard. Her predecessor left this state in sad shape; it can not afford further revenue reductions. I heard some creep in Crybaby's administration saying that the states made their problems by poor financial management, they will have to suffer the consequences. Wake up Dimwit! Your boss helped make the problems and plans to make it worse. States, Counties and local governments do not have the option of running a deficit budget (Thank God). You hypocrites can and do waste money, cut state revenues, create pork and lie like the devil, but still justify what will become the largest deficit ever.

How about the Illinois Governor commuting all the death sentences? A staunch supporter of the death

penalty a few years ago and an elephant at that pulling a trick like that. I have believed for years that the system stunk and that justice was far from equal, but I have doubts whether one man should overrule the decisions of so many without giving each case its due investigation. I think it is funny that he is in trouble for showing favoritism to campaign supporters. Isn't that "The American Way" Mr. Lott? When Daily was running Chicago it was a given that you paid for what you got; obviously, that hasn't changed.

I might as well put my two cents in on the snowmobile issue. I have seen letters and heard opinions ranging from the insane to the sublime, including a few that show some thought and practicality. Changes are inevitable especially when new people to the community are almost the only ones willing to hold office. Almost every business is owned by a non-native, and for that matter most of the town is now non-native. I am not justifying the selfish, rude and destructive behavior of some snowmobilers; nor am I sating that only a few are to blame. I have seen them operate like sheep following the leader as the first detours off the trail onto private property. I have seen them speeding through town too, but I have also seen them obeying the rules and being polite. There are only two options that will eliminate snowmobilers from breaking laws: 1. Eliminate them 2. Eliminate the laws. Neither is practical. Unlike some, I don't have all the answers, only some of the questions. There is no doubt that the problem is getting worse. I know that when you are the victim, it is difficult to see anything but red; however if we don't cooperate, the problem will escalate.

And finally, I should quit making guarantees. Sherri and I both saw 2003 arrive and with a bit of the bubbly to boot (sparkling Grape Juice). Poo, Hoo and Too were here for the event and after a toast and hug there was a mass exodus too bedrooms. During their stay, "Cameron" and Daniel came over for a visit and some sledding. Cameron must have learned driving from his OLD grandma, his sled headed right for the ditch and a splash. Poo did a lot of cleaning and straightening while here and I got to pull the boys on a sled during my walks. There were a few bare spots that made things tough sledding (pun intended) and one time when it was very tough, I looked back to see both of them dragging instead of sitting on the sled. Probably because Sherri is a beautician, all the grand kids like to "do" your hair. One day Hoo did Sherri's and Too did mine, Too got the easier job. By the time he was done my hair was plastered down and I was drenched. Poo got a call and had to leave early on Saturday in order to go to work. It was a fine visit and quite entertaining. Paul and Sandy came for New Years Eve but the girls stayed home so Grandpa #2 and I didn't get a chance to get them started on the straight and narrow for the new year. The following week on a trip to Marquette, I got to see Dizzy, Sean, Angie and Mr. Wiggles. Mr. Wiggles is Dizzy's new dog. A little later Marc and I stopped at Wendy's for a drink and who should be right ahead of us but Dizzy and Angie. We also saw Sheila and Jim James when we stopped at the Border Grill for lunch.

And finally, finally. It is sad to see the coverage of our young service personnel being shipped out. I am happy that the news services are recognizing their sacrifice and hope this country remembers it when they return. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Hello Cheese, Mike, Jason and Jeff. Till next issue. Hungry Jim

Mrs. Jones, Do You Know Me?

A small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness to the stand in a trial -- a grandmotherly, elderly woman. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy. And frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a rising big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Williams, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. I used to baby sit him for his parents. And he, too, has been a real disappointment to me. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. The man can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the shoddiest in the entire state. Yes, I know him."

At this point, the judge rapped the courtroom to silence and called both counselors to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said with menace, "If either of you asks her if she knows me, you'll be jailed for contempt!"

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.

Editor - In response to Larry Allyn's letter to editor, published 1/2/03:

For several years now, I have listened to you whine, crudely, about problems that affect you here in Grand Marais. Your last letter to the editor is a good example.

It's very easy to sit back and complain rather than to get involved, isn't it? It's just as easy to verbally abuse all the people who are trying to make a needed situation better.

Perhaps you should extract your head from wherever it is; and this time get involved when asked.

If you can't help create a better solution then as far as I'm concerned you have absolutely no right to complain.

Conni Durrwachter

Editor:

Upon reading the article, "Saved by the snowmobile" by John Pepin, Journalist for the Munising Bureau of the Mining Journal, in the Dec. 30th. paper, immediately after having read all the letters to the Editor in our Grand Marais Gazette, expressing their views in regard to this same issue, it prompted me to see if perhaps this journalist might provide an opportunity for a group here in Grand Marais, to meet with him and express their views on this subject.

I'm certain everyone is aware of the negative side of the snowmobile situation. It exists, not only in our town, but in several in the UP. Everyone agrees that the contribution to our UP economy these snowmobiles bring is indeed a help, but is that justification for the miseries our people must suffer, because of the behavior of so many of them? There should be no reason why this should be so. If the individuals who enjoy the beauty and plentiful snow, good trails and all, would adhere to what little protection the township has attempted to provide for the local people, by invoking certain ordinances, such as no snowmobile traffic after midnight, low speeds throughout the town, staying off private property, without having to have constant law enforcement, there would be no problem.. It seems they are aware of the fact that we do not have constant law enforcement and take advantage of it.

A great deal of thought and preparation this past year had, hopefully, provided some relief for the residents, but it seems the snowmobile riders have decided to ignore this. The negligible difference in time that it would take them to use the newly designated and well groomed trail through a beautiful short stretch of undeveloped property, is truly insignificant. This trail would allow them to get to the gas station, restaurants and such, without disturbing and causing problems for anyone.

Many do show respect, so this is not meant to imply that ALL are like this, but it does appear that the numbers are increasing for those who seem to feel, because they are enhancing our economy, they can do anything they want, and it's developing into a greater and greater problem, each year. Are we really dependent upon these kind to not become a ghost town?

It's a truly sorry state of affairs when some of our residents have actually put their property up for sale and are planning to leave because of this. Where do our people turn to for help? Perhaps with an assist by the media, we might finally get this message to those who are causing the problems, and also have our local, county, and even state representatives help. It seems this might be a last resort to keep peace, and also have economic stability for our winter months in the UP.

I was born, and grew up in this town, left only for WWII years, returned, married and spent the first years of married life here. Upon my husband's retirement we returned, hoping to spend our remaining years, in peace and quiet, in the town we both love. That is also true for many others like us, and it's sad we must be faced now with a problem like this. Many of our children and grandchildren are also returning, and expecting life would be the same for them. If this problem is not faced, and remedied in a manner to satisfy all now, it will only become greater. Like John Stossell says, "Give us a break."

Della Meldrum

Dear Editor:

Hey, Grand Marais

We as taxpayers are still being treated like children by the Snowmobile Club, Grand Marais Business Community, and by our elected Burt Township Board. A discussion was initiated with the township supervisor yet I have neither heard, seen, or been advised of any action toward solving the abusive snowmobile situation.

Do you agree with this:

1. The Snowmobile Club (business community) has \$300,000 in trail grooming equipment and has not taken any action to control or HELP!
2. No apology from the business community (snow mobile club) about the hoard of sleds forced upon the citizens of Grand Marais, while they can make the almighty dollar.
3. No apology from the Burt Township Board for not enforcing local ordinances and State sled laws nor explanation for their lack of action over the years.
4. No apology from county or State law enforcement for not providing consistent service.

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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."

Ignorance in general is not a particularly good thing; in broad terms, it refers to a person without education or knowledge. In the narrow sense, however, it may refer to a person's lack of awareness or knowledge of a specific thing. All of us are "guilty" of ignorance in this latter sense. No one knows it all, and we often acknowledge this by making excuses such as "what you don't know can't hurt you." While there may be some truth in these old sayings, there are always people looking to take advantage of our ignorance. This is particularly true in the case of politicians.

A timely example of this is the current claim that Republicans are offering "tax breaks for the rich." It is an appealing claim to some, but that claim is mainly founded on a lack of awareness and knowledge of who pays taxes and in what amounts. This specific case of ignorance on our part must be widespread, because few voices are raised to counter the claim. Those who assert the claim are playing the "class envy" card.

To raise our understanding and awareness on the subject, let's look at an average cross-section of 100 taxpayers. (Before we start, it is well to remember that there are millions of working people in the U.S. who pay no Federal Income Tax at all, and many of them actually receive entitlement payments from the taxpayers.)

Tell your group of taxpayers that all 100 of them will be jointly responsible for contributing a total of \$100.00 in income taxes to the government. Now, tell one of these taxpayers, (to be known hereafter as the "top 1%") that he or she is responsible for paying about \$37.00 of the entire \$100.00. Tell the next nine taxpayers that they are jointly responsible to pay \$30.00 of the entire \$100.00, or about \$3.33 apiece. (With the "top 1%" they make up the "top 10%.") Tell the next 40 taxpayers that they are jointly responsible to pay \$29.00 of the entire \$100.00, or about 73 cents apiece.

You have now accounted for \$37.00 + \$30.00 + \$29.00, or \$96.00 of the entire \$100.00 of income tax. \$100.00 - \$96.00 = \$4.00 remaining to be collected. Who pays that? If you guessed the remaining 50 as yet untaxed people pay it, you are **right!** They will pay a grand total of eight cents apiece.

What you have learned here actually applies to every \$100.00 of income tax collected by the U.S. government. So, if we give tax relief, who is entitled to the most? Shall we refund \$10.00 of every \$100.00 and give it all to the 50 taxpayers who gave a total of \$4.00 of every \$100.00? That is not only not fair, it would be theft, pure and simple. Now you know who pays taxes and how much they pay, and you also know what is fair and what is right.

Remember this: If your son is a police officer and your daughter-in-law is a Registered Nurse and they earn together \$92,000.00 per year, they are among the top 10 of every 100 taxpayers in the United States. Including the "top 1%," that ten percent is paying an average \$67.00 of every \$100.00 in income taxes collected by the federal government. According to the Democrats, they are **rich**, and the donkeys want to sock it to them in taxes! You know better, and you know what's fair. Refunded money will either be spent or saved. If it is spent or, if it is saved anywhere but in a sugar bowl or mattress, it will stimulate the economy and make things better for all of us, by putting people back to work.

If the president's plan is put into effect, 92 million taxpayers will get an average cut of \$1,083.00 in taxes. 46 million married taxpayers filing jointly will get an average cut of \$1,017.00. 34 million taxpayers with children will get an average cut of \$1,473.00 and 13 million elderly taxpayers will get an average cut of \$1,384.00.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and support the president's plan. Our economy has been growing at a 3% rate over the last year and the stock market is rebounding now over the last 3 to 4 months. We can and should be able to do better. These figures will improve with the president's plan. No country in history has ever taxed its way into prosperity and we aren't about to do so now, despite what the Democrats say.

Study the matter and then let your public servants know what you believe and what you expect from them, in a courteous manner. You may reach your elected officials at the following addresses; please remember to include your name, address and phone number if you e-mail or snail-mail them:

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Shallow Thought!

We can't prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over our heads, but we can refuse to let them build nests in our hair.

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5. No apology from the "DNR-czars" who totally misunderstand the necessity of a small town keeping its integrity and "peace". They have traded this town for Trail # 8.

What can be done:

1. The Snowmobile club-business community are obligated to put up **plastic fencing** or other type barriers where citizens property boundaries are **violated**.

2. The township should protect its land and village commons from misuse with **porta-johns** so our visitors can relieve themselves **inside** instead of out. Maybe the business community should pay?

3. The Burt Township Board, business community and citizens should pack their bags and go to Lansing with pre-arranged appointments to **visit Legislators, specific DNR personnel**, and if necessary the **State Attorney General of Michigan**. The purpose is to lobby (demand) funds for training the 40 hour patrol -enforcement individuals under the auspices of the Alger County Sheriff's Dept.

Also, to describe the "rape" of Grand Marais. **LOBBY ,LOBBY, LOBBY!**

4. The Burt Township Board is obligated to interact with the Michigan Snowmobile Association and the sled manufacturers lobby. And ,any group that has influence, positive or negative over snowmobiles. **LOBBY! LOBBY! LOBBY!**

5. If nothing constructive is accomplished by our elected officials and our Business community then:

A. To ban snowmobiles on certain roads in Burt Township would take a **ballot initiative**. (Maybe 10% of the last vote)

B. Public Officials can be recalled or not re-elected.

Larry Allyn, a very concerned taxpayer.
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Editor:

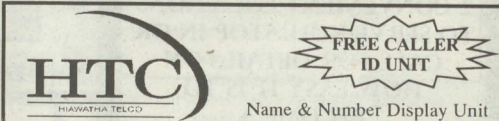
Message About Snowmobiles

Having talked with a number of citizens of G. M. I believe Mary Hecox has been misinformed. Why should property owners on the west side of town be presented with all of these machines?

I don't know who authorized this change but I do know that none of the property owners now involved were asked what they thought about it.

I talked with a man from Escanaba Michigan State Highway Department who informed me there are no restriction on use of M-77 into G. M., therefore why not let them use it due to the fact it is commercial area and they could come straight into town to the business places. 10 miles per hour. We were told a few years ago by the Sheriff that we could not use 77.

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DO YOU REMEMBER THESE STUDENTS?



In the Dec. 19, 2002 issue the pictures were of *Ted Soldenski & Wendy Lowe*. Look thru the paper and you might find their names.

Grand Island Group Site Reservation Lottery Open

The Hiawatha National Forest announces that the annual Group Campsite Reservation Lottery for Grand Island National Recreation Area will be held February 18th, 2003. Groups of 7-25 individuals interested in camping at one of Grand Island's two group campsites should submit reservation requests before that date. Reservations are available for the group sites at Juniper Flats and Murray Bay.

"Last year was the second that the Juniper Flats site was included in the reservation system," said District Ranger Teresa Chase. "It's exciting to see these beautiful sites utilized."

A reservations lottery will be held on February 18th, 2003, for group campsite reservation requests received prior to that date. Reservation requests received on or after February 18th will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each of the two group campsites is designed to accommodate groups of between seven (7) and 25 people. The Juniper Flats site currently does not offer safe access to or from the waterfront and therefore can be used primarily by bikers, mountain bikers and other land based users. The system will apply only to the two group campsites. Individual campsites at Murray Bay, Trout Bay and 11 other locations around the island are not covered under the reservation system and remain first-come, first-served.

Reservations for the Murray Bay and Juniper Flats Group Campsites can be made for up to four (4) consecutive nights per trip. Reservations will be accepted three (3) or more days in advance of the first night of occupancy.

Reservations may be accepted upon receipt by the Forest Service of a reservation application and a \$30.00 check. Reservations will be confirmed as soon as possible. The \$30.00 reservation fee is not refundable once the reservation has been accepted.

Applicants should note that the \$2.00 per person entrance fee is payable at the start of the trip and is in addition to the reservation fee. Entrance fees can be paid at Grand Island Landing at the passenger ferry office; at the Island's self-serve pay stations on Murray Bay and Trout Bay; or at Munising's Forest Service/Park Service Visitor Information Center. For more information on the reservation system or to make a reservation, contact the Forest Service/Park Service Visitor Information Center in Munising at (906) 387-3700.



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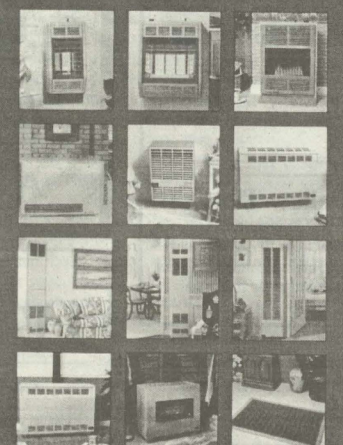
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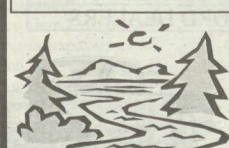
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Burt Township School District Superintendent's Corner

Winter brings many pleasures. The joy of awakening to a scene of fluffy white. The happiness of viewing the trees and fields blanketed in a pureness of freshly fallen snow. This makes me thankful to be in northern Michigan, especially Grand Marais.

The month of January is School Board Recognition Month. It is celebrated in 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts throughout Michigan. It is a time to honor the elected individuals responsible for making the policies governing our public schools.

We're proud of our district and the School Board Members who dedicate the time and energy to see that our district remains viable. Our school board members develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues which impact our entire community. They bear the responsibility for maintaining a balanced budget while providing quality educational opportunities to our students.



The board members for the Burt Township school district are: Carol Tester, Lois Kinlaw, Aleta Hubbard, Ray Gage, Karl Wilson, Tracy Brooks, and Joe Venturato. Each member works diligently to insure that our district operates smoothly, with the communities interests in mind.

We applaud you for the work you do. Take time to thank our board members for the work they do. It's not an easy task, but they do it well. Thank you to each and everyone of you for a job well done.

Until Next Time,
Happy Learning
Happy Teaching
Happy Living
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BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Monday, January 20th Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
- Monday, February 10th Progress Reports Due
- February, 21st NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day in Grand Marais
- Monday, March 3rd Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
- March 24th - 28th NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- Monday, March 31st SCHOOL RESUMES
- Monday, March 31st Progress Reports Due
- Friday, April 18th NO SCHOOL
- Monday, April 21st NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, April 23rd Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
- Wednesday, May 4th Progress Reports Due
- Saturday, May 24th 2:00 p.m. Graduation
- Monday, May 26th NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 5th Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
- Friday, June 6th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



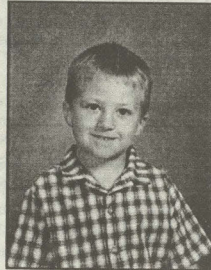
BURT TOWNSHIP 2002/2003 SPORTS SCHEDULE BASKETBALL

1/17 - 1/18 Mackinac Island@ Grand Marais	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
1/24 - 1/25 Hannahville @ Grand Marais	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
1/31 - 2/1 Grand Marais @ Beaver island	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
2/4 Grand Marais @ Engadine	6:00 PM
2/7 Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist	6:00 PM
2/14 - 2/15 Paradise @ Grand Marais	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
2/21 - 2/22 Grand Marais@ Mackinac Island	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM

VOLLEYBALL

1/17 - 1/18 Mackinac Island@ Grand Marais	6:30 PM / 9:00AM
1/24 - 1/25 Hannahville @ Grand Marais	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
1/31 - 2/1 Grand Marais @ Beaver Island	6:30 PM / 9:00 AM
2/7 Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist	6:00 PM
2/8 Engadine Tournament	9:00 AM

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER, 2002 Austin Duszynski



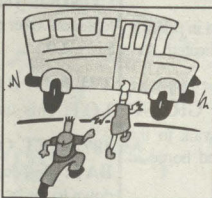
Austin is a Kindergartener at Burt Township School. His parents are Marcy and Al Duszynski of Seney. Austin likes to play Nintendo and go to Grandma Geraldine's and spend the night and watch ice hockey and Nascar on TV. His favorite subjects are math and science. Austin's future plans include building a tree fort next summer with his dad and being an Army person when he grows up.

Jennifer Bell



Jennifer has been selected as December, Student of the Month for the secondary level at Burt Township School. Her parents are David and Dianna Bell of Grand Marais. She is interested in photography and is a part of the volleyball team. Jennifer's favorite subjects are photography and Spanish. She is looking forward to a trip to Costa Rica in the spring with the Spanish Club and further into the future she plans on attending college after she graduates from Burt Township School.

SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION



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BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL STUDENTS' CORNER

Sonnets written by students at Burt Township School

I walk through roads and path all full of snow
O'er hulls and frozen rivers I do tread
So deep the snow it makes my walking slow

I see my final destination up ahead
All white and fluffy is my favorite hill
And the top I climb with my trusty sled

Soaring at high speeds is such a thrill
Down slippery slopes on my mini-sized sleigh
Its so much fun, you don't need any skill

Time goes by so fast; I'm there all day
I grad my sled and down some more I go
Till dark is here and I must start on my way

Even though my toes are froze I know
Tomorrow once again I will play in the snow

By: Jennifer B.

I lay awake thinking about it at night
So sweetly the music flows off the chords
Just a glance of it gives me pure delight

The lessons I had were had to afford
But that did not stop my love for music
Music is an awesome gift from the Lord

When you sit down, the music is magic
When I hear it, my world falls away
Can't help but lost track of what is tragic

The Grand White Piano feels right tonight
I realized my dream, that is so right

By: Heather H.

So peaceful and sound in the bright light of life
Safe and sound you should always be
Abandoned and strong you stay behind the knife

Innocent children brought into the world with no love
It happens all the time, no love to find
They know no better, never heard of above

Growing up knowing only the life of drugs
So sad and innocent the children soon become
Never feeling the grasp of caring hugs

Everyday life is only abuse and screaming
So sad this makes me feel about them
This task only leaves the children dreaming

A happy child hood everyone should lead
But, these poor children can only plead

By: Sara Fletcher

Hear and you forget; see and you remember; do and you understand. --
Confucius

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Thurs. January 16 Lunch - Chicken Patty on Bun w/ Cheese - Green Beans - Peaches	Fri. January 24 Lunch - Lasagna - Bread Sticks - Apples/Oranges
Fri. January 17 Lunch - Ravioli - Bread Sticks - Carrots	Mon. January 27 Lunch - Soup & Grilled Cheese (Home made Chicken Noodle) - Fruit
Mon. January 20 Lunch- Cook's Choice - Fruit	Tues. January 28 Lunch - Pizza - Salad - Fruit
Tues. January 21 Lunch - Ham - Mashed Potatoes w/wo Gravy - Green Beans	Wed. January 29 Lunch - Sloppy Joes - Corn - Fruit
Wed. January 22 Lunch - Chili - Corn Bread - Fruit	Thurs. January 30 Lunch - Turkey - Mashed Potatoes w/wo Gravy - Corn - Fruit
Thurs. January 23 Lunch - Chili Dogs - French Fries - Green Beans - Pineapple	Fri. January 31 Lunch - Spaghetti (Home Ec) - Rolls & Butter - Corn

Tahquamenon Falls State Park offers winter fun

Winter is the perfect time to enjoy a Michigan State Park adventure, especially in the Upper Peninsula, where bountiful snowfall sets the stage for myriad recreational opportunities. Tahquamenon Falls State Park, in eastern Luce County, is where one of the largest waterfalls east of the Mississippi puts on a frosty show for winter park visitors.

The Upper Falls Day Use Area is open to hike, snowshoe or ski to the falls. A four-mile, groomed cross country ski trail begins at the Upper Falls parking lot and follows a fairly easy loop through the Giant Pines area of the park. Nearby, a groomed snowmobile trail runs 14 miles through the park, with a stop at the Upper Falls parking lot. Winter park visitors also enjoy ice fishing, hunting snowshoe hares, and snowshoeing along the hiking trails. Within the same area is a privately owned restaurant that remains open throughout the winter.

Tahquamenon Falls State Park is also open for winter camping at the Lower Falls Campground, and electricity is available at each site. While the modern bathroom in the campground is closed for the season, clean pit toilets are available. Those interested in a more adventurous winter camping experience can head into the back country. Contact the park office for further details and to obtain the required permit.

"Thousands of visitors enjoy the beauty of this park every summer," said Sue Rose, Park Manager. "But many feel that winter is when the park is most beautiful, glazed with ice and snow and so peaceful." Tahquamenon Falls State Park encompasses 40,000 acres, most of which is undeveloped woodlands, including the Tahquamenon River watershed.

2003 State Park annual permits are available for \$20.00, and daily passes for \$4.00. Semi-modern camping fees are \$15.00 per day. Back country winter camping permits are \$9.00.

For further information, contact the park office at 906-492-3415.

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.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month. Call Geri Hill for information 494-2611



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502 FEET OF SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE ON LAKE SUPERIOR: Located in beautiful Superior Dunes Development this ten acre parcel offers lots of privacy. Priced at only \$275,000.

400 FEET OF BEAUTIFUL FRONTAGE ON A SMALL INLAND LAKE: This parcel has lots of pine trees and a sandy beach. Located five miles from Grand Marais with underground power at the site. The road is a seasonal road offering lots of privacy. \$200,000.

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.

NICE WOODED LOTS: 100 X 200 feet with power on property. \$19,900.

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

660 FEET ON LAKE SUPERIOR WITH 25 ACRES: Located in pristine setting, this one of a kind parcel is unique to the Midwest. Can't be duplicated. Access off a plowed road, electric close by. \$350,000.

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.

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.

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.

HILLTOP CABINS 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.

FIVE ACRES WITH HOME AND GARAGE: This is really nice. The 30' by 36' garage is only four years old. The two bedroom, one bath home has a nice fireplace and den plus a warm living room. Completely furnished, the price is only \$86,000.00

VERY NICE HOME ON 20 ACRES WITH STREAM: This picturesque site borders the National Park on a year round road. The 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has a full basement and lots of privacy. The stream meanders along side the 20 acres on its way to Lake Superior. Priced at \$12,000.

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: Located only one block from the main business district on a 45 foot lot this would make an ideal rental when you are away. In very good condition. \$70,000.00.

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.

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.

A CUTE HOME WITH GARAGE IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This two bedroom home is very clean and has a like new two car garage. New bath, nice kitchen, and only two blocks from beach. Reasonable at \$69,500.

CONDO: This is one of the upper units with 1 1/2 baths. A large picture window looks out over the bay. Nice six piece drop washer/dryer combo and storage shed. \$105,900.

TWO BEDROOM HOME ON CORNER LOT: This bungalow home is on a corner lot in the downtown area. It has a

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 \$149,000.

30 ACRES IN SCHOOL FOREST: Nice woods, lots of privacy. Electric close by. Located on a seasonal road. \$20,000

Please call for an update on new listings.

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The MICHIGAN STATE POLICE NEWBERRY POST, along with the ALGER COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT and the CHIPPEWA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, are asking the public for assistance in solving a series of stolen snowmobile complaints that have occurred since December 28, 2002.

Troopers, along with Deputies, have investigated at least six stolen snowmobile complaints that have taken approximately \$50,000 worth of new snowmobiles. The locations have been in the remote areas of Chippewa, Luce, and Alger Counties in the towns of Paradise, Pine Stump Junction, and Grand Marais. It appears those responsible are targeting 2003 Arctic Cat F-1 Firecat snowmachines, as well as Ski-Doo's and Polaris'. In some of the investigation it reveals, that it appears the snowmobiles are being lifted onto either an enclosed snowmobile trailer or an open bed of a pickup truck and driven from the scene.

Right now law enforcement are looking for any tips from the public that may assist in solving this rash of stolen machines and Troopers, as well as Deputies, are asking anyone who may have seen any type of suspicious activity in the areas of Paradise, Grand Marais, and Pine Stump Junction to please contact Crime Stoppers at:

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This is Sergeant Randy Graham of the Michigan State Police Newberry Post reporting for Crime Stoppers.

Shallow Thoughts!

- * You can lead a fool to wisdom but you can't make him think.
- * A hug is a great gift, one size fits all. It can be given for any occasion and it's easy to exchange.
- * A really good scapegoat is almost as welcome as a solution to the problem.
- * As long as students have to take tests, there will be prayer in schools.
- * Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind.
- * Getting older is mandatory - acting older is optional!

**School Board Member Recognition Month
January 2003
Salute to Marquette-Alger School Board Members**

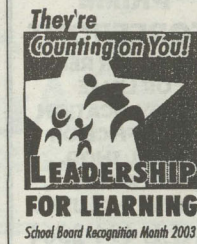
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Occasionally, airline flight attendants make an effort to make the "in-flight safety lecture" a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

* "As we prepare for takeoff, please make sure your tray tables and seat backs are fully upright in their most uncomfortable position."

* "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 6 ways out of this airplane..."

* "We do feature a smoking section on this flight; if you must smoke, contact a member of the flight crew and we will escort you to the wing of the airplane."

* "Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking in the lavatories will be asked to leave the plane immediately."

* "Your seat cushions can be used for floatation, and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."

Who said that the airline personnel have no sense of humor!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AA-MEETING: Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. 494-2364 or 494-2386

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.

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