

**EVERYONE WELCOME COME SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION** Sponsored by the Grand Marais Women's Club THE REAL PROPERTY AND A DESCRIPTION OF A POLAR BEARS WIN **ENGADINE INVITATIONAL** VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT By Helen Scaife

APPRECIATION **POTLUCK DINNER** WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19TH 6:00 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

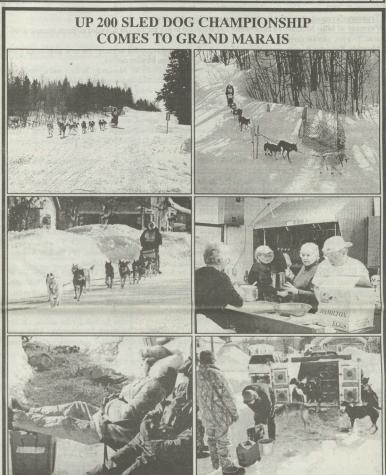
The Lady Polar Bears were victorious at the Engadine Invitational Volleyball Tournament Saturday February 8th 2003. Detour, Mid Penn, North Michigan Christian Academy, Engadine, Paradise, Cedarville, and Bark River Harris were our competition. The tournament was divided into two pools. We played six pool games capped at 17 points with a start at 4 points. Our team was the winner of pool 1 having lost only one game to Engadine. After the pool plays, the tournament was single elimination matches with a cap at 17 points. Our Lady Bears played tough, serves were off all day, but hits were on. Devan Ballard, we now call "Thumper", found her hits in the final match against Cedarville. The ladies were up 10-0, but ended losing the first game. During the second game the ladies were down several points, but they could taste victory. The Come Back Team was able to win the last two games with a lot of team effort, great kills, stupendous saves, awesome blocks, and positive attitudes. From our first Engadine Invitational Tournament winning only two games out fifteen games to five years later taking first place, one could only be proud of each player's effort and accomplishments.

We have a team with spirit and might we have team that can bump, set, spike"

## FIRE AT MARGARET ROBERTS



fire that started on the second floor damaged Margaret Roberts house on Campbell St. Fire damage was confined to the second floor with water damage to some of the first floor. No one was in jured in the fire.



#### **THANK YOU!** TO ALL THE VOLUNTERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

The rerouting of the UP200 Sled Dog Race trail into G.M. would not have been a success if not for all of you who took time out of your life to volunteer and help with all of the many different jobs that needed to be completed. Thank you to all the private property owners who allowed the trail to cross your land. Thank you to Dale Ross, Mike Beek, Roger Pilon, and Ron Marshall for brushing and marking the last two miles of trail nto downtown G. M. Thank you groomer drivers for your help in marking and compacting the trail from Sable Lake all the way to Kingston Plains. Thank you to all the people who helped out at street and snowmobile trail crossings. You stayed out in the cold weather to help keep all the sled dogs and mushers safe. You kept them heading in the right direction on the trail to G. M. and also on the trail leaving. Thank you, Tim Swift of Wolf Creek Excavating & Redi-Mix for the great snow removal job at the community center. This helped to provide lots of room to park all the race support crew vehicles. Also, thanks for the extra trip back on race day to provide special areas for the dogs to rest in. Thank you, Women's Club and Loins Club, for all the hot meals both of you provided during the day Saturday. Thank you, Burt Township Board and School Board, for helping to make this community event possible here in G. M. Thank you to the people who helped inside and outside the community center from the wee hours of the morning, before the first race crews and mushers arrived, to the last musher and crew headed back to Chatham. Many people in the community enjoyed the race, food, and the all around great time at this event in G.M. The chances of this race coming to G.M. in the future are very good.

Here are the results of the race. 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Swingley (18) 2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Holmberg (24) 3<sup>nd</sup> Frank Teasley (28) 4<sup>th</sup> Melanie Shirilla (1) 5<sup>th</sup> Sharon Nelson Curtice (4) 6<sup>th</sup> Stan Passananti (15) 7<sup>th</sup> Ed Stielstra (30) 8<sup>th</sup> Tim Hunt (7) 9<sup>th</sup> Michael Bestgen (13) 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Wallin (6) 11<sup>th</sup> Tasha Stielstra (23) 12<sup>th</sup> James Conner (27) 13<sup>th</sup> Paul Huska (17) 14th Arne Engstrom (3) 15th Anna Chapman (8) for more information about this event log onto www.up200.com

Once again thank you everyone that helped with the UP200 Sled Dog Race. Take care, God Bless Acting President, Chamber of Commerce, Grand Marais, Joe Francis

#### **Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board** Grand Marais Community Center Grand Marais, Michigan January 14, 2003 7:00 PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenworth Twenty visitors. Public Comment: Opened at 7:00 p.m. Closed at 8:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Petitions/Appointments/Resignations: Correspondence was reviewed. Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to appoint Bob Pine to a two year term on the Planning Commission to begin January 2003; and Juanita Lowe and Jack Roberts to a one year term on the Planning Commission to begin January 2003. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to appoint Larry Allyn to a two-year term to the Planning Commission to begin January 2003. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded to accept minutes of the December 10, 2002, Regular Board Meeting as written, and also to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2002, and January 9, 2003, special meetings as written. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor and subject to audit.

Payment of bills: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to pay the bills as amended as funds become available. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Reports were given. Motion by Seibert and seconded to accept the new ambulance rates as presented by Bob Weston effective January 15, 2003. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Policies/Resolutions/Refunds: No Polices were presented. Resolutions: Motion by Seibert and seconded to adopt a resolution directing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute all loan documents related to the Loan of \$75,000.00 from the Township of Burt's Revolving Loan Fund to John A. Bauknecht and Jeanette M. Bauknecht for the purposes of acquiring Hilltop Cabins and Resort, and other personal property as reflected by the terms stated in the attached Loan Agreement, as well as further administrative decisions, including personal guarantees obtained to support mortgage, which has not been finalized, along with the approval of its township counsel and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Roll call vote was taken: Durrwachter - Aye; Savage - Aye; Seibert - Aye; Benmark - Aye; Leavenworth - Aye. Resolution Adopted. No Refunds

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (A) Basketball Court. Motion by Seibert and seconded to appoint Normajean Bennett as organizer of a committee to seek solutions to noise and wrecklessness within the township and make suggestions to the Township Board. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. (B) Alger-Delta Electric Request to Add Streetlights. Tabled for more information. (C) Amend Delinquent Water Payment Late Fee Policy. Motion by Seibert and seconded to change the 5% monthly late fee to a \$5.00 per month late fee. 5 - ayes Motion carried. (D-1) Community Center Rental Agreement: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the proposed Community Center Rental Agreement as the official township facility rental agreement effective January 14, 2003. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. (D-2) Community Center Rental Rates: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the proposed rental rates effective January 14, 2003. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. (E) RLF Loan to purchase Hilltop Cabins and Resort: Resolution above. (F) Budget Amendments. Special meeting called for January 21, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Office.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) Campground Host: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve the position of Campground Host as recommended for a one-year probationary period. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. (B)Health Insurance through Township: Motion by Seibert and seconded to allow all township employees and volunteers to pay for health insurance coverage through the township. 5 – ages. Motion carried. C) AMCAB Grant Proposal: Motion by Seibert and seconded to send a letter of support for grant application to AM-CAB. 5 – ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seibert and seconded to advertise for bids for the addition to the community center kitchen. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. D) Chamber of Commerce Membership: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve becoming members of the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 9:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

## **Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board**

Burt Township Office Conference Room Grand Marais, Michigan February 5, 2003 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenworth

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to accept agenda as presented with additions. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. **Current Business:** 

- Budget Review (Updates/Amendments): Changes made new copies will be available for next board meeting.
- Parcel Division (Land Split) Ordinance: Discussion only.
- Other: UP 200 Deposit and Prizes; and Woodland Park **Proposed Pay Scale**

UP 200: DEPOSIT: Motion by Seibert and seconded that the deposit for use of the Community Center facility during the UP 200 Sled Dog Race will be \$325. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. PRIZE: Motion by Seibert and seconded to donate a certificate for 2 nights camping at Woodland Park. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Woodland Park Proposed Pay Scale: Discussion Only. No motions. Adjournment: Motion by Benmark and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Savage, Township Clerk

## Address Change!!!

With the changing of seasons some of our readers will be re-turning to Grand Marais. Please let us know if your address changes so your paper can be waiting when you return.

BURT TOWNSHIP **BOARD OF** REVIEW NOTICE **FOR MARCH** 2003 Will meet on the following dates and times at the Township Office: Thursday, March 6, 3-6 p.m. or organizational purposes only. Monday, March 10,

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Protests will be heard. Wednesday, March 12, 3-9 p.m. Protests will be heard.

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?

#### **Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board** Grand Marais Community Center Grand Marais, Michigan

February 11, 2003 7:00 PM Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenorth . Twenty visitors.

Absent: Jim Seibert

Public Comment: Opened at 7:02 p.m. Closed at 7:08 p.m..

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to approve the agenda. 4 – ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Petitions/Appointments/Resignations: Correspon-dence was read. No petitions. No appointments. No resignations.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Leavenworth, and sec onded to accept minutes of the January 14, 2003, Regular Board Meeting, and February 5, 2003, Special Board Meeting minutes with corrections. 4 - ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Accepted by Supervisor and subject to audit. Payment of bills: Motion by Benmark and seconded to pay bills as funds become available. 4 - ayes. Motion carried.

Community Center Refund: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to refund a \$150.00 deposit to the Burt Township School. 4 - ayes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Discussion no motions. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1) Woodland Park. a) Greenhouse: discussion no motions. b) Community Center kitchen addition: discussion no motions. c) Campground host: discussion no motions. 2) War Memorial Name Additions: Tabled until later date. 3) Alger-Delta request for Street Light Additions: Jim handling meeting in a couple weeks. 4) RLF loan for Hilltop Cabins: Announcement only. No motions. B) Budget Amendments: Copies of budget amendments given to board members. Discussion no motions. C) Other: Non

NEW BUSINESS: A) School Tax Collection for Summer 2003: Motion by Benmark, and seconded to accept the proposed school tax collection for Summer 2003 as presented. 4 - ayes. Motion carried. B) Other: None

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lori Savage, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the February 11, 2003 regular meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the offical actions taken by the Burt Township Board

#### **BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL** SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**JANUARY 13, 2003** 7:30 P.M.

- APPROVED MINUTES -

This meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Tester. Present: Tester, Venturato, Kinlaw, Wilson, Brooks, Gage, Student Representative Scaife and Superintendent Greenhoe Absent and excused: Hubbard

The Student of the Month presentations for December, 2002 were awarded to: Elementary, Austin Duszynski and Secondary went to Jennifer Bell.

Minutes of the December 9, 2002 meeting were read.

Motion by Brooks and supported by Wilson that the minutes be ac-cepted as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand CD: \$200,000.00 and Checkng: \$247.818.2

Motion by Kinlaw and supported by Gage that the Treasurer's Report be received as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

The bills were read.

Motion by Gage and supported by Kinlaw that the bills be paid as received. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Superintendent's report: Education Yes initiative update.

Public Comment: Helen Scaife concerned as a parent, Tom out of classroom too much, cost of sub teacher in Brenda's absence.

Motion by Gage and supported by Kinlaw to approve the agenda. Aves: 6 Navs: 0

Motion by Brooks and supported by Gage to approve purchase of To be ordered within one week. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion by Venturato and supported by Brooks to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

### **BURT TOWNSHIP** PLANNING COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING** February 25, 2003

6:30 p.m. **Community Center** 

Recommendation for amendments to Burt Township Zoning Ordiance Article IV, General Regulations, Section 401 -Setbacks

#### **FEBRUARY 20, 2003**

#### A Message from the Supervisor

#### By Lee Durrwachter, Burt Township Supervisor

#### **UP200 and Other Cold Craziness**

BRAVO! Kudos to the Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, Women's Club, the support from businesses, and all the Volunteers. You did it! You made this year's UP200 possible. More importantly, you made this a "Community Event" and with less than two weeks notice. You pulled together, and you pulled it off. Hip, Hip, Hooray!

The story was different last Saturday for this year's UP200. It included Grand Marais for the first time. Maybe it was the anticipation of everything that could go wrong. After all, the UP200 organization took a chance on a new trail, a new checkpoint, a new rest area, and on us to save their annual sled dog race. Like the sled dogs, our volunteers reach peak speeds right out of the gate.

In spite of the sub-zero temperatures, our volunteers were organized to pull this off. A team effort which included: standing at the various crossroads to make sure the sled dogs had safe passage; helping the mushers, and the officials to record race times; installing trail signs and decorative luminaries pointing the way for night travel. To which one volunteer remarked, "I hope airplanes don't think this is a airports lit runway". There were volunteers serving breakfast, hot coffee, lunch, selling shirts and other souvenirs; while others controlled and cocoordinated the communications network. At one count there were more than 140 breakfasts served, with almost an equal amount of lunches. Mushers and handlers praised the food, and complimented the convenience of a central location to coordinate all their efforts. I echo their compliments for these marathon volunteers' stamina, which began at 3:30 in the morning. The friendly smiles and well wishes to folks they never met were well received.

Reaching Grand Marais from Marquette, the sled dogs had to pass the mandatory vet check, eagerly gobble a high-calorie/fat breakfast and sprawl out to sleep. Grand Marais was designated as a major checkpoint and turn around for the race, which meant the sled dogs, had a mandatory eight-hour rest period before returning to the race. Like all athletes sled dogs can develop runner's soreness and other muscle pulls and injuries during the first 130 miles. The on-site veterinarians were also available for further examination and urgent medical attention for these athletes.

After their rest, the sled dogs were "hot for the trail" and began priming themselves at the starting line. Yelping with excitement, the sled dogs anticipation grew, as well as the race fans and friends. Seeing these spirited dogs launch into the race reminded one member in the crowd to remark, "This is the same feeling I had watching a jet take off for the very first time. It's that exciting to watch".

#### More good news -

Received word from the Insurance Service Organization, ISO, about our request we made two years ago to review lowering our high fire rating of 9. They informed us that we would receive a new favorable lower fire rating of 7. Officially it goes into effect when it's published, around the beginning of April. This new rating is a major break through for lowering our community's home insurance costs. Since, some of Burt Township is quite rural; our rating could be a 7/9 for the whole Township. Check with your insurance company to see what effect this new rating will have on lowering your home insurance premium.

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

#### **Editorial Policy**

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

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

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

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# GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE

#### GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS LUNCH

FRIDAY Feb. 21 Turkey - Sweet Potatoes -Vegetable - Fruit MONDAY Feb. 24

Orange Baked Chicken -Parslied Potatoes - Green Beans - Cake

WEDNESDAY Feb. 26 Meatloaf - AuGratin Potatoes -California Blend Vegetables -Fruit Shortcake

FRIDAY Feb. 28 Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles -Tossed salad - Carrots/Peas -Cranberry Gelatin

MONDAY March 3 Cook's Choice - Potatoes -Mixed Vegetables - Fruit

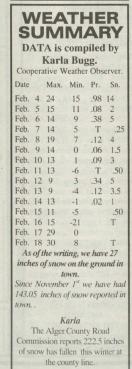
WEDNESDAY March 5 Baked Cod w/Alfredo Sauce -Boiled Potatoes - Green Beans - Fruit

FRIDAY March 7 Macaroni & Cheese - Broccoli - Tossed Salad w/Egg -Dessert

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

#### POSTULATES

- To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little.
- \* To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and try not to understand her at all
- A woman has the last word in any argument.
- Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.





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#### **GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE**

THANK YOU ALL We would like to take time to thank everyone who helped, brought & donated food & anyway involved with the U.P.2000 to make it such a success in such a short time Hopefully they will be back next year. The funds after bills are paid will go towards furnishing the greenhouse/library for everyone to enjoy. Once again thank you for making it the great success that it was. Geri Hill

Howard Baker

#### YOUR THOUGHTFULLNESS

**IS APPRECIATED** Our family & friends would like to thank the Eastern Upper Peninsula Search & Rescue Team esp. Marc Oglevie for his kindness; The State Police. 911 and everyone else involved; including North Shore Lodge employees God Bless us by having the 2

children missing by returning them safely to us. With great appreciation

David & Juli Bates, Cassey Knuckle, Michael Marsh and Kenneth Fedak

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## OBITUARY

**FEBRUARY 20, 2003** 

#### WALTER B. KRACKOWSKI

Walter B. Krackowski, age 67, of M-129 Cedarville, Michigan, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday morning, February 12th at his home after a lengthy illness

Walter was born in Stockton, New Jersey on November 12, 1935. He grew up in Grand Marais, Michigan where he attended the Burt Township School. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1955 where he served as a seaman apprentice until his discharge. Walter returned to Grand Marais where he worked as a logger in his own logging business and as a commercial fisherman in the family fishing business. He served on the Burt Township Board and Zoning Board, was the under sheriff for Alger County and a member of the V.F.W. in Grand Marais.

Walt moved to Cedarville in 1977, where he owned and operated his own sawmill. He was also employed as a carpenter at Woodside in Kincheloe and was last employed for the Sault Tribe Housing Authority in Kincheloe

He enjoyed the sawmill business all of his life and was known as "Mr. Fix-it" to all in the sawmill business. He also enjoyed playing the guitar in area bands, fishing, hunting, and loved the art of drawing. Walter is survived by his beloved wife Carol M. (Rye) whom he mar-

ried June 17, 1978 in Cedarville, Michigan; six children, Anita Krackowski of Escanaba, Michigan, Tami Duncan of Cedarville, Michigan, Rebecca Lettenberger of Wichita, Kansas, Kurt (Mary) Duncan of Cedarville, Michigan, Patricia (Duane) Beauchamp of Escanaba, Michigan, and David (Sonja) Duncan of Cedarville, Michigan; fifteen grandchildren, Jillan, Gina, Angela, Jenny, T.J., Paul. Caralyn, Matthew, Jenna, Mandy, Jordan, Jason, Jessica, Joey, and Chayse; and one brother Stanley (Anne) Krackowski of Cedarville, Michigan,

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Krackowski and his mother Josephine Masse and a sister Frances Nowak.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 14 at the Reamer Funeral Home with Fr. Jacek Wtyklo officiating, Burial will be in Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville n the spring. Memorials may be left to the Hessel Presbyterian Church

Arrangements by Reamer Funeral Home of Pickford, Michigan.



All I can tell you about what is happening it town is through John Sorry you guys I'm in Florida soaking up the sun between going to the hospital. Mom's surgery went very well and she is now home. I will be here for another week helping out. I hear no one is feeling sorry for me

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when I talk to them. It's been sunny and in the 80's during the day. Heard the dog sled races were a nice addition to the town this year. Everyone seemed to be very cooperative and the mushers felt very welcome in town. Cabin Fever was Saturday. I usually do the snowshoe porker run with John, but since I'm out of town John went alone. He did meet up with Dianna Bell and they walked the trail together. He didn't tell me who won. If it was him I'm sure he would have said something. Seems like everyone was complaining of the extreme cold. With pipes freezing and trucks that wouldn't start.

John said he saw Mike and Dan O'Brian from Mason over the weekend.

A get well to Helen Bailey who is in the hospital downstate. You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at: morriso3@jamadots com See you Around the Bay keep on smiling ..... Evie



#### **GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE**

School of Hard Knocks

**By Ty Washell** 

There are several reasons why people use or abuse drugs, and whether they are legal, illegal or just a common substance that people become

If someone does not "feel good" it does not mean that they are physi-

cally sick in every instance. It is slowly being realized that deficiency in

various vitamins are the major cause of illness, premature aging and birth

One of the most brilliant research chemist that ever lived said that most

of the people on earth are deficient in a greater or lesser degree in vita-

addicted to, the effect is often the same, problems for all concerned.

defects, to name a few

#### NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Thursday, February 20, 2003

Burt Township Board PO Box 430 Grand Marais, MI 49839-0430 906-494-2381

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about February 28, 2003 the Township of Burt will request the State of Michigan to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Increased costs for wind and snow load measures at new picnic shelter/pavilion Woodland Park, Grand Marais, Burt Township, Alger County \$8,500 CDBG revolving loan funds.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by Burt Township which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at Burt Township Offices, E21837 Grand Marais Avenue, Grand Marais and is available for public examination and copying,



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Watching the news, or reading it, has become a nightmare. I am sure that my blood pressure exceeds the dangerous level several times during a newscast or reading a paper. Not only do I believe that this administration has tunnel vision, but the Congress has stated emphatically that it is "Pork" as usual.

The newest movement that is eerily reminiscent of the 60s is the anti-war movement. I have heard those involved in the movement called traitors, heroes and everything in between- just as they were in the Vietnam era. I happen to believe that there are a few of the extremists at both ends- just as in the 60s, but most are somewhere in the middle. I believe that most are either anti-war or believe that this war is not justified. The hawks of this administration had better pay attention to this voice. LBJ and Nixon ignored and put down this movement until it was too late. I have not been convinced that we should go to war with Iraq. I still believe that Crybaby is driven by a vendetta and that the hawks in his administration and Congress have equally unjustified reasons for war. I also believe that few of them have an inkling of the tragedy of war. Maybe if we hit Iraq with everything we have as soon as we can, deaths can be kept to a few thousand; but maybe it won't be that simple and quick. Maybe it will last a long time, maybe the hawks are underestimating the will of the Iraqis and-like Vietnam, the war will go on and casualties soar toward on beyond a million. Although I haven't heard any talk about our troops being properly supplied lately, I also have not heard any confirmation that they have everything that they need to give them as much protection and firepower as we ca

I am well aware that I am not privy to all the information that the administration and Congress have, but common sense tells me that there are several threats more likely and at least as devastating as the one posed by Iraq. We can start with our own borders. They are our greatest vulnerability and could be shored up the fastest, easiest and cheapest. The problem there is that the politicians have not found enough pork in doing that YET. North Korea certainly poses a bigger threat to the world than Iraq and appears to have a leader who is at least as scary as Sadam Insane. The problem there is North Korea has no oil and is a much more formidable opponent than Iraq. We have been there and came out on the short end of a tie. As for a tie to Binladden, Saudi Arabia looks to be a much better candidate for that. If you recall, the majority of the terrorists on the 911 planes were Saudis; in fact, I don't recall any Iraqis. But then Saudi Arabia has lots of oil and is kind of an ally-like France and Germany.

Now lets say that we did go to war and removed Sadam Insane either by capturing or killing him. What happens next? Do the rest of the Arabs cower in fear of the USA? I doubt it. I think that we will soon realize what Israelis have been living with for centuries. What happens to Iraq? Do we put a puppet in power who will take and take until he tells us to go home? Our track record for putting people into power isn't good. Lets see there are Castro, Marcos, Noriega and a few others that didn't turn out too well. In fact, I don't recall any successes. We haven't heard much about the new government of Afghanistan and the little I have heard indicates that it controls a very small portion of Afghanistan with the

rest reverting to War Lord dominance I do not support this war but will refrain from being an active protester because the troops will take the protests as personal attacks-just like in Vietnam. I hope there is no war, there are no winners, only survivors and sometimes that is worse. I will support our Armed Forces now and later regardless of how many innocents are "collateral damage". I will also continue to fight for their veterans' rights that this administration and Congress are cutting to make room for pork.

The newest spending bills sent to Bush include pork at the usual level despite the cries of deficits and the need to cut spending. It hasn't stopped porkers like Senator Byrd from allocating \$150,000.00 to redeco-rate his office, how many kids could be fed or see a doctor for that money. Alaska is getting enough to fund some ridiculous projects too; I heard around \$4.5 Billion worth of pure pork. When President Bush came into office, I was getting my drugs free of charge. Shortly thereafter, it cost me \$2.00 per thirty day prescription, now it is \$7.00 and shortly it will be \$30.00. I am presently taking ten prescribed medi-cines; the math is simple, from free to \$3,600.00 per year. This might be a grateful nation but this administration and congress is disgusting. I sure as hell doubt that they cut their benefits. No other group including the seniors has had to put up with this and they were not PROMISED free medical care. That is not the worst of it either, this government is now refusing any health care to new applicants who make over \$26,400 per year. At present rates, if they can get insurance they will pay at least \$6,000.00 per year for something their country promised them free if they would serve this country. They did their part, now President Bush and congress are telling them to go to Hell. I have also not heard that the Veterans Readjustment Act has been funded at all. Doesn't this make you want to run right out and enlist?

And finally. I went to Milwaukee for my MRI last week. The nurse was a little worried that she may not be able to get my fat butt into the tube; I told her I wasn't worried about getting in, I was worried about getting out. I offered to strip and let her grease me up but she said she would pass on that. I should get those results this week after I go through some more tests in Iron Mountain. I picked up some small Valentine presents for the five best grandchildren; I'll bring them when I go over Tuesday. I haven't seen them for a while and need a fix. I got Sherri a hipponocerous and enough lemon juice to float it. I also got some good bratwurst and headcheese in Green Bay. I met my mother, two sisters and two brothers in-law for dinner and some good discussions. At the rate Grannie Annie is going, she will be around for a long time. I guess I will have to learn how to spell nonagenarian. Hope that by the time this issue hits the streets Helen Bailey is well on the road to recov-

I will not be here for the annual Volunteers Appreciation Dinner but I do want to express my apprecia tion to each of them for their contribution to this community. Without these people Burt Township would do without many critical and beneficial services. I hope the turnout is good and know that the meal will be delicious.

And finally, finally. Hello to Jeff, Jason, Mike and Josh, thought I would reverse the order so Jeff does-n't get a complex by being last all the time. I keep you and your comrades in my prayers, thoughts and actions. God be with you and may you come home safe and well and very soon!

Till next issue. Hungry Jim



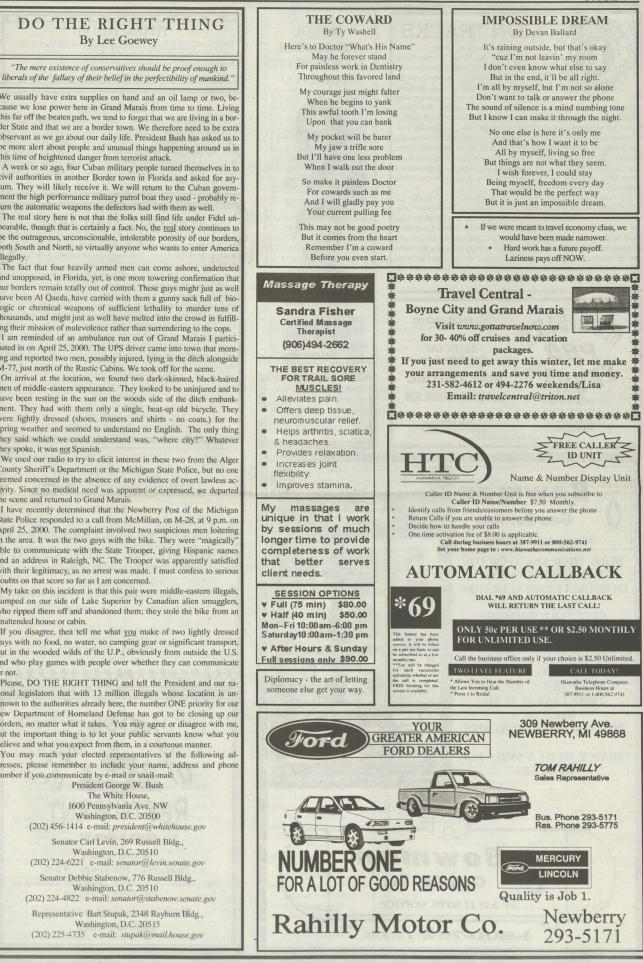
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We usually have extra supplies on hand and an oil lamp or two, be se we lose power here in Grand Marais from time to time. Living this far off the beaten path, we tend to forget that we are living in a border State and that we are a border town. We therefore need to be extra observant as we go about our daily life. President Bush has asked us to be more alert about people and unusual things happening around us in this time of heightened danger from terrorist attack.

By Lee Goewey

A week or so ago, four Cuban military people turned themselves in to civil authorities in another Border town in Florida and asked for asy lum. They will likely receive it. We will return to the Cuban government the high performance military patrol boat they used - probably return the automatic weapons the defectors had with them as well.

The real story here is not that the folks still find life under Fidel unbearable, though that is certainly a fact. No, the real story continues to be the outrageous, unconscionable, intolerable porosity of our borders, both South and North, to virtually anyone who wants to enter America illegally.

The fact that four heavily armed men can come ashore, undetected and unopposed, in Florida, yet, is one more towering confirmation that our borders remain totally out of control. These guys might just as well have been Al Qaeda, have carried with them a gunny sack full of biologic or chemical weapons of sufficient lethality to murder tens of thousands, and might just as well have melted into the crowd in fulfilling their mission of malevolence rather than surrendering to the cops. I am reminded of an ambulance run out of Grand Marais I participated in on April 25, 2000. The UPS driver came into town that morning and reported two men, possibly injured, lying in the ditch alongside M-77, just north of the Rustic Cabins. We took off for the scene.

On arrival at the location, we found two dark-skinned, black-haired men of middle-eastern appearance. They looked to be uninjured and to have been resting in the sun on the woods side of the ditch embankment. They had with them only a single, beat-up old bicycle. They were lightly dressed (shoes, trousers and shirts - no coats.) for the spring weather and seemed to understand no English. The only thing they said which we could understand was, "where city?" Whatever they spoke, it was not Spanish.

We used our radio to try to elicit interest in these two from the Alger County Sheriff's Department or the Michigan State Police, but no one seemed concerned in the absence of any evidence of overt lawless ac tivity. Since no medical need was apparent or expressed, we departed the scene and returned to Grand Marais

I have recently determined that the Newberry Post of the Michigan State Police responded to a call from McMillan, on M-28, at 9 p.m. on April 25, 2000. The complaint involved two suspicious men loitering in the area. It was the two guys with the bike. They were "magically" able to communicate with the State Trooper, giving Hispanic name and an address in Raleigh, NC. The Trooper was apparently satisfied with their legitimacy, as no arrest was made. I must confess to seriou doubts on that score so far as I am concerned.

My take on this incident is that this pair were middle-eastern illegals. dumped on our side of Lake Superior by Canadian alien smugglers, who ripped them off and abandoned them; they stole the bike from an unattended house or cabin.

If you disagree, then tell me what you make of two lightly dressed guys with no food, no water, no camping gear or significant transport, out in the wooded wilds of the U.P., obviously from outside the U.S. and who play games with people over whether they can communicate or not.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and tell the President and our na tional legislators that with 13 million illegals whose location is unknown to the authorities already here, the number ONE priority for our new Department of Homeland Defense has got to be closing up our borders, no matter what it takes. You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is to let your public servants know what you believe and what you expect from them, in a courteous manner.

You may reach your elected representatives at the following addresses; please remember to include your name, address and phone number if you communicate by e-mail or snail-mail:

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## **Burt Township School District** Superintendent's Corner

The wonders of winter continue. The beauty of the white snow envel-ops the surrounding countryside and forest. The scenery is one of peaceful purity. As the winter approaches its culmination, our days are lengthening and the outdoor temperatures are becoming less frigid. This allows increased opportunities to explore the magic of the winter wonderland. What a splendid time to renew one's spirit!

I have had numerous meetings with Upper Peninsula superintendents concerning the governor's proposed cuts. We have met as a group with state legislators, also. Governor Granholm is faced with a massive budget deficit and the proposed cuts impact public education directly. This challenge is forcing school leaders to take a close look at how we will 'make ends meet'. We are looking at how to cut expenditures as well as how to increase revenues. The final impact is yet to be determined. What we do know is that we are facing a 3-5% decrease in our foundation grant and discretionary funds for the remaining 2002-03 school year. Additionally, we will face an additional 11-15% reduc-tion in the upcoming 2003-04 school year.

What does that mean for Burt Township School District? We are forced to make cuts totaling \$2,800 to \$5,000 prior to the end of this fiscal year. We will face an additional \$6,500 to \$20,000 cut for the 2003-04 school year. Although, nothing is confirmed at this point, all indicators are that we will be looking to reduce costs and increase reve nue (through increased enrollment of schools of choice students). Only time will tell how severe the cuts will be, but it is certain that there will be cuts. The challenge to our district and that of other public schools around the state will be increasingly magnified as the governor works with legislators to balance the state's budget over the next three to five

Although the prospective is dim, the beauty of Grand Marais, our lovely historic school, and the smiles of our students brightens each day for those of us lucky enough to work at Burt Township School. We continue to persevere and ask you for any suggestions you might have to help us maintain our school as a viable location for educating the students of the area. Thanks.

Happy Living, Happy Learning Happy Teaching ! Dbrenda



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as January's elementary Studen of the Month. Her parents are Billi Parris and John Parris. Bre anna enjoys riding her bike and fishing; her favorite subjects are language and math. Breanna plans on practicing medicine once she completes her school



Secondary Student of the Month and her parents are Tom Scaife and Pam Heidrich. She is very active on the Polar Bear Volleyball and Soccer teams. Rachel enjoys playing the guitar in her spare time. School activi ties include the Volleyball and Soccer teams as well as Student Representative to the Burt Township School Board. Her favorite subjects are chemistry and Spanish. Rachel is a senior and looking forward to the Spanish Club's trip to Costa Rica, graduation and the Senior Class trip. In the future Rachel will be attending college and then on to medical school

#### **BURT TOWNSHIP** SCHOOL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Thurs. February 20 Lunch - Chicken Nuggets - Rice Broccoli & Cheese - Fruit Fri. February 21 NO SCHOOL Mon. February 24 Lunch-Cook's Choice Tues. February 25 Lunch - Turkey - Mashed Pota-//gravy - Corn - Applesauce Wed. February 26 Lunch - Ravioli - Breadsticks Carrots - Peaches Thurs. February 27 Lunch - Pizza - Green Beans Pears Fri. February 28 Lunch - Corn Dogs - Corn - Fruit Salad Bar & Milk

is available daily. Menu planned and formatted by Mrs. Scaife's High School Home Ec Students.

## Sonnets written by students at Burt Township School

**BURT TOWNSHIP** 

**SCHOOL** 

STUDENTS' CORNER

Inside these prison walls I sadly wait It seems that I've been here for eternity But now I'm trapped inside this place I hate.

It seems that these foes are all against me I can't escape their demoralizing ways Outsiders don't realize the lies I can see.

So still here I slouch in sort of a daze Remembering times of when I loved this place I was such a fool, and that love was a phase.

But now I see we must all run this race For my graduation I'm to eager to wait And then I'll be long gone without a trace

This school is my prison, and inside I await To be released into freedom from this place I hate.

Devan Ballard

If ever there was a sight to see it is The sun before it makes a break of red Yes I'd swell like to see this You'll see it when you rise from your bed.

If you've ever seen, the sky at dawn You'd know without a doubt bout what I mean Just the time when it starts to dry your lawn It's what makes the leaves and grass shine green.

The shades of purple and orange have none to match

Some people may not -- all agree When you see this sight your head you'll scratch But this is something you should take time to see.

So if you're up around the crack of dawn Take some time to stop and look from you lawn

Clay Wilson

#### Cakes, Lakes-n-Dates

Walking down to the lake I find a cake Chocolate cake with tasty frosting too. I eat the cake in small bites by the lake

Not very big, so there be none for you With my fork I eat cake and am not late For class and I must say this is quite true.

I went back to the lake for cake, with a date. We ate some cake and wanted to swim We swam till her hair got wet, poor ole Kate.

A few days later she went for a trim Of the bangs, where she met this guy named Jake. They went and ate some cake, new Kate ain't slim.

So dear friend if you find a lake with cake, Look out for Kate playing with Jake's pet snake.

Joshua B

#### R.D.R

I first saw you on that wonderful night When you can into nick's room with a smile My heart skipped a beat, but it just felt right.

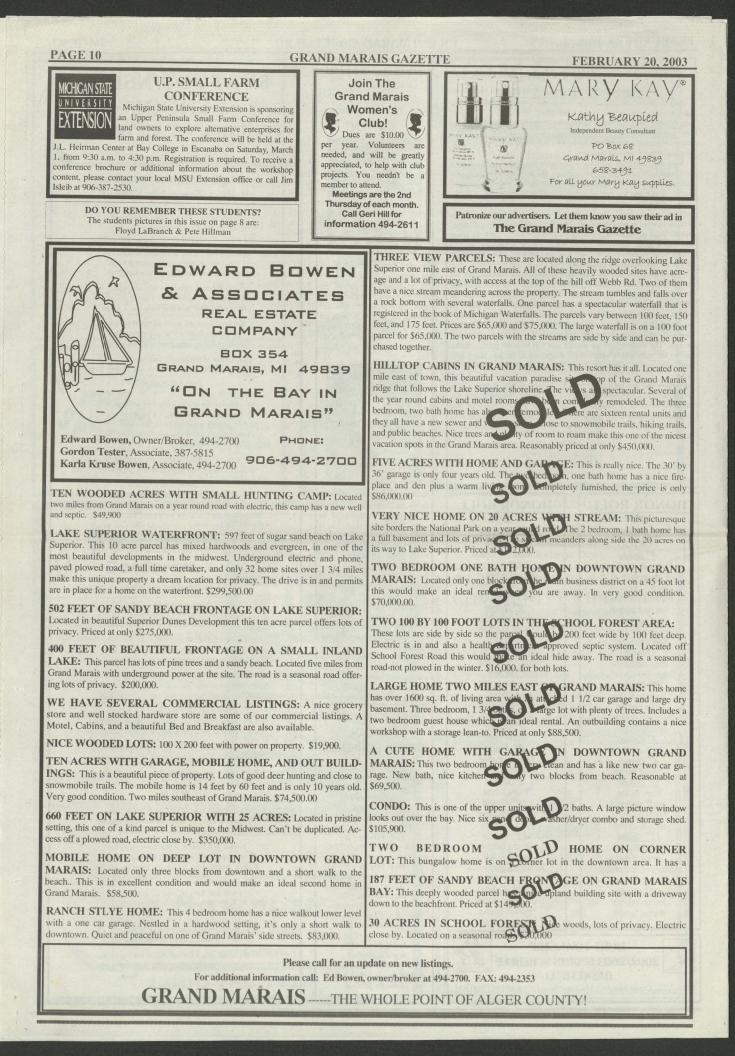
We sat and talked; it just took us awhile. Even though we know lots about each other, Taking things slow just seems right for a while.

Now I wait until we can be with each other. I will just have to take what I can get. To be in your arms is like no other.

To say the least, I am so glad we met. Never, could I ever forget that night. At that time, I knew destiny was set

We make plans for our future with delight: Can't wait to fall asleep with you each night.

Justina S.



#### **GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE**

## **PROFILES IN COURAGE - GRAND MARAIS HS 1928**

#### By Bruce Erickson

It is hard to imagine the fete that was accomplished by the Grand Marais high school basketball team in the winter of 1928. Putting on a pair of snowshoes and walking from the Dunes Saloon to the Superior Hotel would be quite a chore for most of us. Now if you were asked to keep going and walk to Seney you would say it was impossible. But that is what the Grand Marais high school team did in 1928 on the way to catch a train to play in the U.P. Basketball tournament at Marquette. As I was driving with my father Ed Erickson on M-77 the past week he recalled the story. Ed is the only living member of that team that caught the fancy of the whole state of Michigan at the time. I also have used previous accounts that were written by my mother Fern to retell this story.

The Grand Marais School in those days had very little contact with other schools in the area. Travel conditions made it isolated and remote. With the arrival of a forwardlooking superintendent George Butler, who would later become a professor at Northern Michigan University, things began to happen. Butler started organizing sports programs for the school as he began track, high school baseball and basketball. He established a town intramural league, which included local teams. The faculty, coast guard, town liners, ccdar savages, high schoolers were included in this league. The high school team had to use this means to hone their skills as no games were scheduled with schools from other towns. Practice was held in a small building behind the present school and games were played in the opera house.

In 1928 some games were scheduled with out of town schools. Grand Marais had two road games. On one trip to play Munising a blizzard marooned the team for three days. Mr. Butler promised the team that if they practiced hard and showed promise he would enter them in U.P. tournament competition. They would have to participate in Class D which was the lowest classification based on enrollment. The winter of 1928 was a snowy one and the road from Seney to Grand Marais was closed several times that year. As tournament time approached another storm hit that had the Grand Marais -Seney stretch closed for two weeks. Gloom settled over the school as the snow continued to resist all efforts of the plows. Marquette and the tournament seemed an impossible dream, and a million miles away.

When the school assembled on the day the team was supposed to leave for the tournament someone came up with the idea "why not walk to Seney." Ed recalls he thought it was a senior named Fern who started the idea rolling. Fern would later become his wife. Word quickly spread and the team approached Mr. Butler with the idea. He said they would have to get parental approval and approval of the school board. Butler contacted Ora Endress, the president of the board, who gave an immediate ok. Students went home to ask their parents and with their approval the preparation began. Ed recalled it took about three hours to get all the snowshoes, backpacks, warm clothing and other supplies assembled. The team started out for Seney just before noon.

The train left Seney at 9:00 pm, there would be no second chance if they missed the train. Ed walked home to his farm house on M-77 and waited for the team to arrive as the trek began. The boys had little experiênce on snow shoes and Coach Butler had even less. They would trip and fall many times during the long hike. The day wore slowly and the way ahead seemed long and impossible. Ed reported that there was a building with a telephone at the company farm that was about 7 miles from Grand Marais. Coach Butler made a call back home that the team was making good progress.

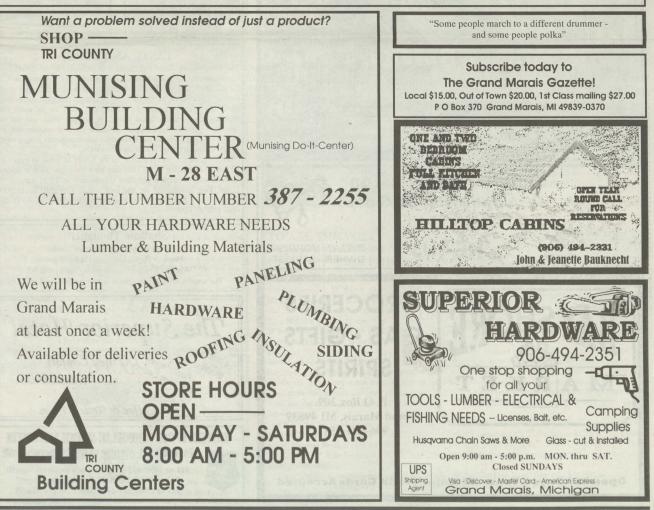
About sixteen miles from Grand Marais they stopped at an old camp where they saw smoke rising from the chimney. An old man was able to offer some of them coffee and a chance to warm up. (Ed reported that by the time he got to the cabin the coffee pot was empty.)

According to Ed, walking from a corner of the highway to the next corner made it seem like an a doable task, but when they reached Fox River campground area and had a two mile long straight stretch, he thought they would never make it to Seven Mile Hill. Ed recalls sitting on top of a telephone pole to adjust his snowshoes. The plows and wind had made huge banks to make this possible, also the poles were not as high as they are today. Darkness was setting in and as they trudged along, the landscape started to disappear. They could see a rising moon as they slowly walked through the Fox River plains. The moon gave them their only light and fear arose that they would not make the 9 o'clock train.

After they passed the Fox River bridge Seney seemed a little closer but their weary legs denied it. There were no words, only the sound of scuffling snow shoes when all of sudden they saw the outline of what appeared to be a truck in the road. They had cleared the road about three miles from Seney and the vehicle was dispatched to pick up the team. Everyone happily climbed aboard and they arrived in Seney at 8:00 p.m. They had a chance to get something to eat at the hotel across from the depot before the train arrived. They reached Marquette about midnight and it was nearly dawn before they settled down in the Ojibwa hotel.

At four that afternoon they met republic in the first Class D game. The game was played on the university floor. Ed said that to the team it seemed like a landing field after playing in their cramped quarters in Grand Marais. He also recalled that they trooped into the gym in high top swamper boots, heavy clothing and knap sacks. They were quite a sight but word had spread about the journey and they were not without cheers. The boys were stiff from walking and fell behind in the first quarter. Ed said they won the last three quarters but the final score was Republic 27 and Grand Marais 17. They traveled back to Grand Marais without incident as the road had been cleared. They had no more than arrived home when another storm closed the road for another two weeks Ed recalled. The team returned home as losers of the tournament game but winners in the eyes of the citizens of Grand Marais and many others who heard about the amazing trip.

Members of the team besides Ed were Phil Newberg, Ernest Hill, Milton Touzel, Bob Miller, Art Hulbert, John Ylimaki, Otto Bufe and Coach George Butler.





## GRAND MARAIS **CHURCHES**

HOLY ROSARY **CATHOLIC CHURCH** Fr. Joy Adimakkeel (906) 494-2589 Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation.

By appointment or before daily mass Weekday Mass: As Announced

> FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

(ELCA) Pr. Robert Gardner (906) 494-2533 Sunday School: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Worship: Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

**GRAND MARAIS** MENNONITE CHURCH

Pastor Stephen Post (906) 494-2724 Sunday School: 10 a.m. for all ages pre-school through adult. Family Worship: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Transportation available and questions answered; call 494-2724.. Church located one block west of the main street on Campbell between Randolph & Carlson

**GRAND MARAIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Pr. Tracy Brook

(906) 494-2653 Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m. Bible Study Wed. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

FELLOWSHIP (906)-494-2542 for meeting place and topic for Sunday

meeting: 10:30 a.m.

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Comm. Ctr. BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. at School Library. GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center. GRAND MARAIS LIONS CLUB: (Board) 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Regular meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month. 7:00 p.m. Community Center BURT TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m at the Community Center. LIBRARY HOURS: M-W-F Noon to 2:00 p.m.; at the Community Center GERMFASK-VFW HALL: Second Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

COMMUNITY

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

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

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 28-12: Meetings 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 494-2622

#### TASTE AND GLIDE

The 11th Annual "Taste and Glide" will be hosted at the Valley Spur Cross Country Ski Trails on Saturday, March 1, 2003, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The "Taste" starts at the Lodge, which is located 5 miles southwest of Munising on M-94. Chili, hot beverages and other warm foods are available in the Lodge. As participants "glide" on the trails, they will find several tables laden with fresh veggies, fruits, and the real 'attention getters" -hand-dipped chocolate covered strawberries and Macadamia nut cookies. The food tables are strategically placed on the easiest trails that coincide with the skater trails.

This could be the perfect excuse for the family to spend an entire day or weekend of skiing in the Munising area. Pre-registration is desired, however day-of-event registration commences at 10:30 a.m. at the Lodge. Fees include trail fee and food: Adult, \$15; child 6-11, \$9.00; under 6 years, free. Further information needed: (906)387-3700, day-time; (906)387-2865, evening.

## **Shallow Thoughts!** I have not yet begun to procrastinate. I took an IQ test and scored in the negative. Who put a stop payment on my reality check? The severity of an itch is without a doubt proportional to the reach. The Superior Hotel

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