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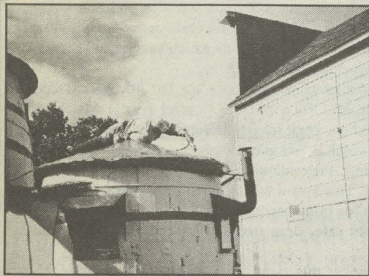
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An Update on the Pickle Barrel House from the Grand Marais Historical Society

by Susan Bennett

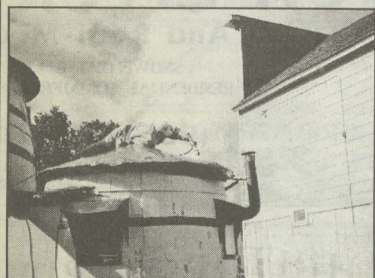
There has been a lot of activity recently surrounding the Pickle Barrel House. The Barrels are sporting a new look and certainly look more cared for.

The Pickle Barrel House has been accepted by the state of Michigan for formal nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the review board that met in Lansing this September. They expect the house to be listed on the national register in November or December 2003. Bob Christensen, from the state nomination board, came to Grand Marais this August to photograph the house. He wrote the Grand Marais Historical Society that "the Pickle Barrel House is a wonderful and unique historic property and worth all the attention and care you can heap on it."

That being said we face two major concerns regarding the building. First, to be in a position to raise funds for its restoration, the Historical Society must own the building and the property it sits on. We hope to accomplish this goal before the end of the year. Second, we need to know, despite its sorry condition, that the Pickle Barrel can still be saved.

On the second point, the viability of the building, we were fortunate to find someone with knowledge and experience with old buildings and construction techniques. Steve Stiers is an instructor with Tillers, International and specializes in the repair and restoration of old buildings, particularly barns and silos. He has an excellent background for evaluating the old and damaged wood in the barrels. He came to Grand Marais and examined the Pickle Barrel in person about two weeks ago. Fortunately, he believes it is not too late. It is his expert opinion that we can save the Pickle Barrel. He will outline a plan for how the house should be restored and will give us a general estimate on the cost of repairs. We can expect to replace about 30% of the wood staves. It is his opinion the work can be done by a skilled carpenter. He is however urging us not to delay and do the work needed on the barrels next summer. So we have a great deal to accomplish and not much time. We will need to do a major job of fundraising this winter, to be able to do the work next summer.

In the meantime, we followed his recommendations for stabilizing and protecting the house over the winter.



Chris Martin of the Fish & Hunt Shop in Curtis was hired to put shrink-wrap on the roof of both barrels, which he did last weekend. Mike Ballard, Ray Gage and Joe Hoffenberger lent us scaffolding, and Mike & Sherri Bates and Ernie Brooks took care of putting it up and taking it down when Chris was finished. Mike and Ernie returned to the house this weekend, along with Gordon Kniss to put floor jacks inside the main building. This support will take some of the stress off the broken staves. The lower portion of the barrel was stabilized with two steel cables. Finally the bottom of the Barrel was wrapped with plastic to help prevent further water damage from snow and rain. Old mattresses, curtains, and rotted plywood were removed from the building before it was wrapped to prevent mold from growing inside the house. Even with the plastic wrap around the bottom, the house is ventilated and its better to keep excess water away from already damaged staves.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed time, money and materials. We have come a long way, but the real job is ahead of us. It is our goal to purchase the barrel and lot and restore the Pickle Barrel House. It is truly a unique part of Grand Marais history. We would like the Barrel to be there for future generations, along with preserving Mr. Donahay's legacy, his pictures and stories of the Teenie Weenies. The Grand Marais Historical Society is a non-profit organization. We are beginning a major fund raising drive. We will be looking for private donations, business sponsors and corporate donations as well as seeking grant money. Tax-deductible donations can be made at any Peoples State Bank. Anyone wishing to work with the Committee in any capacity can join us at our next meeting. We will post notices about town giving the time and place. We are looking for help and invite new members. We have a big job ahead of us but it can be done. And the town will benefit when the Pickle Barrel House can again stand proudly at the bottom of the hill, welcoming visitors to Grand Marais.

Vandalism Reported at Grand Marais Airport

Burt Township Office received word from "Friend of the Airport" member Ed Bowen of vandalism on the runways at the Grand Marais Airport this past weekend. The vandalism was reported to the Michigan State Police Newberry Post and they dispatched an officer immediately to investigate. Vandalism of an airport is a Federal offense. Persons with any knowledge of the vandalism are asked to contact the Burt Township Offices or the Newberry State Police Post.



GRAND MARAIS LION'S CLUB NEWS

The tenth drawing for the Grand Marais Lion's Club Raffle was held Monday, October 6, 2003 at the Community Center. Scott Wieting won the \$50.00 prize (for the third time), and Mary & Bing Mendoza and William Meyers won \$25.00 each. On October 10, 2003 Jenn & Matt Archibald won the \$50.00 prize and David Minor and John LeClair won \$25.00 each. There is still \$3800.00 to be awarded between now and December 12th. On December 12th six tickets will be drawn to win one of the \$500.00 grand prizes. After each weekly drawing the winning tickets are returned to the pot, so you have more than one chance to win. Only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information contact Lou Bailey at 494-2553 or call the Gazette at 494-2492.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003
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October 31 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

ROSE HILL CEMETERY NOTICE

The Rose Hill Cemetery ordinance provides that all flowers, wreaths, papers and flower containers must be removed prior to November 15. Other material that you may wish to retain should also be removed at this time. All remaining material will be removed by Township employees and discarded beginning November 16. If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, call the Township Office at 494-2381

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
 Burt Township Office Conference Room
 Grand Marais, Michigan
 September 29, 2003 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark
Board Members Absent: Lois Leavenworth
Public Attendance: No visitors.
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve agenda. 4- ayes. Motion carried.
Water Policy Workshop: Discussion only. Motions to be presented at next regular meeting.
Adjournment: Motion by Seibert and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 7:05 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted:
 Lori Savage, Township Clerk

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board
 Burt Township Office Conference Room
 Grand Marais, Michigan
 October 2, 2003 4:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark
Board Members Absent: Lois Leavenworth
Public Attendance: Seven (7) visitors.
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve agenda with the addition of "Township Trees" as Item C under Current Business. 4- ayes. Motion carried.
Current Business: A. Marina -Motion by Seibert and seconded to approve a capital expenditure of up to \$5600 to upgrade the marina electrical sites and authorize \$5000 for the graveling and grading of the marina parking lot in the spring if funds are available. 4 - ayes. Motion carried. B. Woodland Park -Discussion only. Put requests on Agenda for October 14, 2003, Regular Meeting of the Township Board. C. Township Trees -Motion by Seibert and seconded to follow the recommendations of the Michigan State Extension representative, Jim Islep. 4- ayes. Motion carried.
Adjournment: Motion by Seibert and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 6:55 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted:
 Lori Savage, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the **September 29, 2003 and October 2, 2003** special meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY THE ALGER REGIONAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR GRANTS FROM THE

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles Across the Generations (PHLAG) Fund - \$5200

Proposal must be for smoking prevention or cessation programs/projects for youth or seniors.

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SEASONAL ROAD HEARING

The Alger County Road Commission will be holding a hearing regarding request for plowing of seasonal roads for the 2003/2004 winter season. The hearing will be held on October 20, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at the Alger County Road Commission Office.

If you cannot attend, please submit your request in writing to the Alger County Road Commission Office before the 20th of October.

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On October 28, 2003, up to 800 UP high school and 8th grade students will converge upon Northern Michigan University for the 6th Annual Upper Peninsula Youth Conference, called "YOUTH IN ACTION". This is a free, day-long conference for all UP schools and staff.

Back by popular demand is Tom Keating from Monticello, Minnesota. Tom is the Keynote Speaker and will talk to the kids on how to be their own best advocates and about becoming proactive teens. Tom is a retired Olympic wrestler, high school counselor and wrestling coach, father of 4 children, and co-founder of Partner's In Prevention in Minnesota which later became the Teen Leadership Cooperative in the U.P.

Our newly appointed state director for the Michigan Dept. of Community Health/Office of Drug Control Policy, Ms. Yvonne Blackman, will be a **very special** featured guest and will have an opportunity to speak to our guests.

A new traveling "Preventionist of the Year" award will be introduced this year. This award will be an on-going award given to an individual who has gone beyond the call of duty regarding making their community safe, drug free and healthy for it's community youth.

Agencies planning this event were: Pathways Substance Abuse Prevention Services, Public Health of Delta & Menominee Counties, Marquette County Health Dept and the Marquette County Sheriffs Office, Marquette-Alger Regional Education Services Agency, the Luce, Mackinac, Alger & Schoolcraft County's District Health Dept., NMU Health Promotions Dept, Dial HELP, the Copper Country Mental Health Agency, the Office of Highway Safety Planning-UP Office, the Newberry, Munising and Negaunee LINK's and the Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking and Driving.

Workshops offered 3 times during the day will be: Youth Tobacco Prevention, Teen Advocacy, Suicide & Depression Prevention, Bully-Proofing Your School, Dating Relationships/Challenges and Consequences, Kids & Gambling, Protecting Kids in Cyberspace, Drunk Driving Impact Panel and Eating Disorders.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Merrilee Keller, Prevention Services Manager at Pathways at (906) 228-2572 or the NMU Conference Department at 227-2623. You may also fax your registration with school, names and t-shirt sizes, listed, to the NMU Conference Dept at (906) 227-1468 by Friday, October 24, 2003.

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A Message from the Supervisor
 By Lee Durrwachter,
 Burt Township Supervisor

Saving Grand Marais' Harbor of Refuge

Just received word from Diana Charles, U.P. Regional Representative, speaking on behalf of U.S. Senator Carl Levin and his efforts to fund the dike. "We tried really hard to get our request for funding into the Energy & Water Bill. Unfortunately it didn't make it; but we're still looking for options for '04. If we don't find anything, we'll request again for FY05."

Haven't heard yet from Senator Debbie Stabenow, or Congressman Bart Stupak on the results of their efforts.

We do know survey and core samples have been taken, and once funding has been approved, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can proceed immediately. It's only October. Last fiscal year's federal budget wasn't approved until April 2003, or six months after their fiscal year began in October.

No PILT Money for Winter Tax Bills, yet?

Now on the state level: The 2004 state budget approved earlier this summer contained full funding for "Payments-In-Lieu Taxes" program (PILT). These are tax obligations of the state, owed to local units of government for land that is owned by the DNR. The land may include recreation land, forest land, open space, state parks, and boat launches.

According to the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), the amount approved for 2004, beginning after October 1, 2003, was \$8.27 million. The only change in the program in 2004, approved by the Legislature and Governor, was the state would no longer pay the 6-mill State Education Tax (SET). This change would save the state roughly \$1.5 million.

Last month the DNR has once again claimed that they did not have funds available to pay their winter tax bills. Officials at the DNR claim they are \$3 million short in General Fund money.

So, hearings were held by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and besides the MTA objections to DNR exemptions and freeze levels on existing payments, and they also objected to payments related to future DNR purchases. In addition, MTA was not opposed to exempting the DNR from the SET portion, or to try to find a way to streamline the billing process (currently the DNR receives roughly 60,000 tax bills related to PILT).

Suggestions to reverse their problems included:

Harvest more timber on state-owned lands, which currently is 55,000 - 60,000 acres per year, generating about \$20 million annually. The state owns 4.5 million acres. The DNR claims about 750,000 acres are eligible for timber harvesting.

Create a PILT Pool that would collect 5% from other DNR accounts to help pay PILT obligations.

No proposals were agreed upon, but Senate action on PILT Legislation is imminent.

Personal note: Last Sunday's Women's Club Harvest Dinner was splendid in décor and delicious to the appetite. Thank you Chef Mary Alice Johnson and the Women's Club for a superb supper.

Shallow Thought

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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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Thespians Wanted

We are preparing to begin our fall theater season. We hope you will join in the fun! Our fall production will be on November 7th and 8th. We will be doing a one-act play, which we hope will be entertaining for us all.

For additional information, contact Dorinda or Brenda at school. 494-2521

Red Cross Holds Disaster Mental Health Training

The Central Upper Peninsula Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a Disaster Mental Health training on Nov. 1 and 2, 2003. This training will prepare participants to use their professional skills to provide the specific activities and interventions necessary to meet the disaster-related mental health needs of the Red Cross workers and their families, people affected by disaster and communities.

People interested must hold a mental health profession license or be certified to engage in independent, non limited practice. This include graduates in a mental health field of education.

The training will be held at 129 W. Baraga Street, Marquette, MI from 9:00-5:00 each day. Cost each participant \$15.00. The remaining cost is covered by a grant obtained for disaster services.

If you are interested in participating in this training, please call Paula Susmark at 228-3659. Limit of 12 participants.



WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg.

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.	Sn
Sept. 30	45	36	.15	
Oct. 1	40	31	.55	1.5
Oct. 2	45	36	.05	
Oct. 3	45	36	.32	
Oct. 4	45	38	.05	
Oct. 5	46	38	.02	
Oct. 6	55	29		
Oct. 7	69	45		
Oct. 8	79	52		
Oct. 9	77	55		
Oct. 10	73	52		
Oct. 11	73	55		
Oct. 12	69	49	.39	
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Oct. 14	55	40	.01	

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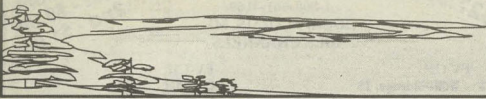
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**AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



Our Indian summer made it here last week. What wonderful weather with sunshine and a warm breeze, the color changes were gorgeous.

The town was packed with color peekers, bird and bear hunters. The Lake Superior Brewing Company had standing room only on Saturday night.

I did recognize a few people in there. Mike O'Brian was in from Mason. Bruce and Yvonne Essex from Whitehall were in with their grandchildren. They were enjoying the wonderful weekend.

Dick Casebeer and John Dettwiler, went to the Keweenaw Peninsula with John and I. We had a wonderful time. The colors were not as pretty as Grand Marais, but it was still very nice to get out and enjoy the west end of the UP. We were able to see Dick and Colleen Grove in Eagle Harbor. Dick and Colleen were the former owners of Alversons Motel in town. They are doing wonderful. The General Store they own in really something to see. Glad we were able to stop by for a visit. Our condolences to their dog Blue that past away in September. Colleen was very good about taking Blue out for his walks in GM along with Hershey the town dog.

We also stopped in Calumet and met up with Tom and Kathy Baker. After settling in our Motel room in "Pleasantville" Tom and Kathy joined us for supper at the local watering hole. The next day we met them for breakfast in Calumet. Kathy and I enjoyed the local shopping at the costume store while the boys replaced the dead battery in the suburban. Tom and Kathy have a beautiful place near Lake Superior and cannot wait to see the finishing touches on their house.

Ray Scaife is in town from Pleasant Lake, visiting with the Scaife family. He hopes to get in some bird hunting while he is here.

Sno-Trails 1st annual Trail Maintenance Day and party went off great with 25 volunteers. A lot of work was accomplished and new friendships forged.

Four of our Ambulance Corps members were in Marquette last week taking classes for CISM "Critical Incident Stress Management".

Judy Kaye's son, Nick and wife Chandra Dongvillo from Honor, near Traverse City were in with cousin, Amanda (Jim Krempa's daughter) and husband Tom from Kalamazoo working on their cabin *The Dock* on Emma Street.

Jim Krempa, friend Maxine, and daughter Annie were up enjoying camp Kielbasa and the wonderful weather, plus making sure everything was going right at *The Dock*.

The Women's Club had a pork dinner Sunday afternoon. Heard it was a good turn out for the town. Thanks to all that helped.

If you notice, coming into town the pickle barrel has a different look. The Historical Society has covered the roof and the lower half of the barrel to try to protect it from the weather until they can start restoring the building.

Happy Birthday to Lou Bailey and John Senecal. If you have any news for Around the Bay get it to the Gazette. See you Around the Bay. Keep on Smiling..... Evie

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Treva (Sibbald) and Rich Gorski are proud parents of baby girl Dana Louise, born October 3, 2003, 11:05 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Dana weighted in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and stretched to 20 3/4 inches. Maternal Gramma Sandee attended the gala event, and stayed to keep brother Nolan company and enjoy Dana for a week.

Maternal Grampa James Sibbald resides in Gulliver and paternal Grandparents are Richard and Renae Gorski of Howell, MI.

**GRAND MARAIS
SENIOR MEALS
LUNCH SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY Oct. 17
Hamburger Steak w/Onions -
Baked Potatoes - Broccoli -
Fruit

MONDAY Oct. 20
Meatballs - Mashed Potatoes - AuGratin Brussels Sprouts - Dessert

WEDNESDAY Oct. 22
Pork Cutlet - Parslied Potatoes - Mixed Vegetables -
Apple Sauce

FRIDAY Oct. 24
Beef Stew w/Potatoes - Carrots & Rutabaga - Coleslaw -
Fruit Crisp

MONDAY Oct. 27
Turkey w/Dressing - Mashed Potatoes - Vegetables -
Pumpkin Dessert

WEDNESDAY Oct. 29
Country Fried Steak - boiled Potatoes - Mixed/Waxed Green Beans - Dessert

FRIDAY Oct. 31
Lasagna - Vegetables - Garlic Bread - Fruit Whip

MONDAY Nov. 3
Turkey w/Dressing - Mashed Potatoes - Vegetables -
Pumpkin Dessert

WEDNESDAY Nov. 5
Country Fried Steak - boiled Potatoes - Mixed/Waxed Green Beans - Dessert

FRIDAY Nov. 7
Lasagna - Vegetables - Garlic Bread - Fruit Whip
(Items subject to change.)

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

A TRIP TO CONNECTICUT

Jim & Lois Leavenworth just returned from a visit to three sons, their wives and seven grandchildren. And what a time it was. Our daughter-in-law, Lynn and Lois went to the Wadsworth Athenium (Art Gallery) in Hartford, Ct. They had an exhibit of Wallace Nutting photographs. As Lois has one of these pictures she thought she would have a chance to talk to the curator about it. No such luck. Wallace Nutting did his work in the early 1900's in Ct. He took photographs of rural scenes, colonial houses and especially hearth scenes. Then he did a very subtle tinting of these photos. He was very successful and branched out making reproduction furniture. Jim went with his son Jesse to an art gallery in Old Lyme, Ct., where a group of American impressionist summered for many years in the 1920's. Jesse and family, along with Grandma Lois, got to see a Scottish Festival in northwestern Ct. Men all dressed in their individual tartan kilts, about six different bagpipe and drum groups, and several different tartans carried on long poles in a parade of different families. A competitive group of young girls were doing the highland fling, a musical set consisting of a harp, concertina, fiddle, guitar and bass with songs of Scotland, and many booths selling clothes and accessories in the Scottish mood. We observed the hammer thrown by both men and women before we gave in to the cold/rainy weather and headed home. The highlight of our two weeks was held on Saturday, October 4th at 4:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, where Abigail Marie Leavenworth (2 months old), was baptized surrounded by many members of our family. All in all a great visit, where we confirmed that our family members are doing well, in good health and enjoying their individual communities. However, it is wonderful to be back in beautiful Grand Marais.

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School of Hard Knocks

By Ty Washell

The only way that the average person can get important news or information to a large audience is by way of a major newspaper, so I am trusting that you will print this important bit of information.

The vast majority of back problems such as Rush Limbaugh appears to have are brought on primarily by inadequate amounts of calcium in the diet.

Any addiction to pain relieving drugs can't very well be overcome until the pain which caused the addiction is taken care of.

If I were able to advise or suggest anything to Limbaugh, it would be to start taking bone oil to strengthen his back and perhaps eliminate the pain before he comes off the pain medicine.

An elderly doctor helped me to realize this fact years ago and I pass it on freely as a tribute to him.



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Pain

By: Ty Washell

The pain that I am feeling
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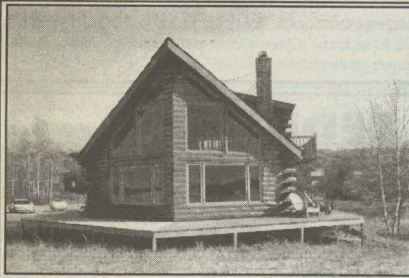
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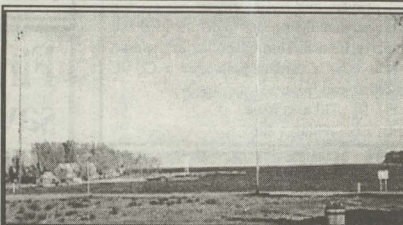
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

You may think that I complain too much about the way this country's government mistreats its veterans, but until they step up to the plate, I intend to keep blasting them. I first must say that I would probably be dead if the VA had not taken care of my health problems. I will also state unequivocally that the staff at the VA facilities that I have gone to for service have been efficient, pleasant and professional. The problem is not with the people of the VA system; it is with the "ungrateful" government that has lied to its armed forces personnel since it became a nation. I was fortunate to get into the system before the republican led Congress and the administrations of "Slick" and "Crybaby" began to decimate VA funding.

Funding for the Veterans Health Administration is by LAW to be based on 1996. If it were, the budget would be \$36 billion, our ungrateful president has requested \$25.4 Billion FOR 2004. Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) led a fight to get \$1.8 Billion added and it passed all appropriate committees. The ungrateful house leadership, however, cut the \$1.8 Billion and when it came to a vote only 59 republicans and 50 democrats had the guts to vote against the cut. The Senate added \$257 Million to their version and in an attempt to look grateful, \$1.3 in "Emergency-Contingent" funds. This is a prime example of our government treating us like a group of idiots. This money will NEVER be authorized for use! Why? In order for it to be available, the ungrateful president that has better places to spend his money would have to declare an emergency. Eighteen months ago \$300 Million of "Emergency-Contingent" money was available but our ungrateful president did not think it needed. The fact that tens of thousands of veterans were waiting a year or longer for an initial appointment was no big deal, I wonder how long he waits for a doctor?

Not only are the ungrateful cutting funds, but they are pulling a few other tricks. The senate that added \$257 Million also transferred \$400 Million from health care to construction projects making the bottom-line a cut of \$143 Million. In addition, the number of veterans applying for their PROMISED benefits is increasing rapidly mainly because this wonderful economy that crybaby and company have given us has put a lot of people out of jobs and a lot more with less or no health care benefits. Add to that the people that lost their retirement packages to fat cat criminals and you have the reason for the tremendous increase. Then of course there is the added load of diseases related to combat that are finally being treated as such. It seems as though a few times each year a new disease is added to the list of Agent Orange caused disorders and from chemical or biological exposure in the Gulf War. Be certain that this Iraq war will add its problems too.

The problem is monumental and getting worse every day. It is also inexcusable. Since this country was founded, men and women have gladly served their country and that tradition remains. We knew

when we went that there was a chance that we would not survive, or would come home injured. We went regardless and still go. Our government promised to take care of our health needs and we accepted that as bible. Administrations and Congresses of the past have reneged but this one takes the cake. We have a president who has no qualms about spending \$60,000 for a jail cell in Iraq but thinks it okay for a veteran to wait over a year for a doctors appointment. We have a congress that thinks another \$86 Billion for the Iraq War is okay but will not support funding that is required by law for VA health care. God help our present day service personnel, this government has no intention of keeping its side of the bargain.

So Rush Limbau is a bigoted, law-breaking dope addict. No surprise to me. Why ESPN ever hired him is beyond me; they should have known trouble was following. His statement was stupid and ignorant but that is SOP for Rush; it was not, in my opinion, worthy of all the hoopla. I detest what this man promotes but believe that his statement was no more a racial slur than "White Men Can't Jump". ESPN showed their lack of concern for what is right by kowtowing to a few ultra liberals and other bigots. His violation of drug laws is another story and is a major problem for him. The fact that he has twice previously gone through a treatment program shows that he has not accepted the fact that his way doesn't work. The fact that he came forward and admitted his addiction while many of his cronies were making excuses for him shows that he is on the right track and can do without his enablers. If he does what he needs to do and takes responsibility for his actions, he can make it. However you won't see the same arrogant, self-centered person.

And finally. As I write this, the Cubs are leading their series with the Marlins 3-2 and the Red Sox and Yankees are tied at 2. My son Pug is a die hard Cubs' fan and will not be fit to be around for awhile if the Cubs don't make it to the Series. Son-in-law Boo is a Yankee fan. I am not a baseball fan but being against the Yankee formula of buying championships, I am rooting for the Red Sox to play the Cubs and the Cubs to win the World Series. My Packers looked pretty sad Sunday giving a win away to the KC Chiefs. I don't think they will be in the Super Bowl this year.

The Women's Club dinner was very good. I heard they had a good turnout too. The color season is about done and I am sure that the snowmobilers are champing at the bit for the first snow cover. I am just as sure that the main topic at all board meetings and coffee klatches will be the problems that snowmobiles cause and the inability of our law enforcement agencies to control them. The Lions Club food wagon is undergoing some remodeling and we hope to have it ready for its maiden voyage for the dog sled race.

And finally, finally. Please show your gratitude to our service personnel by keeping them in your thought and prayers and by informing our elected officials that you want their needs to be provided and the VA properly funded. During the holiday season send our local boys a card or better yet a CARE package (cookies, candy etc.).

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Hungry Jim

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Shallow Thoughts

- I've got nothing against the rich getting richer, but I am against the government helping them do it.
- My bank says it will soon be paperless. I'm not intimidated—gas station restrooms have been paperless for years.
- Doctors' waiting rooms are always full of sick people. You sit there for hours, hoping you don't get "the catch of the day."
- It's the American way: you always get an annual physical whether you need one or not, and your doctor always charges an arm and leg whether he needs them or not.



From The Pastor's Desk:

By: Fr. Joy J. Adimackeel
Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. (Ps 19, 1). Upper Peninsula is well known as God's country for its natural beauty. With its lakes and beaches, falls and forests, hills and valleys Grand Marais is one of the most beautiful places in the U.P. It is quite true that we welcome our visitors to a place where 'Nature (is) in Abundance'.

Nature is a big treasure of wealth and wisdom. Human intelligence has not yet unveiled even half of the hidden mysteries in nature. Primitive people felt awe before the forces of nature and adored them as gods. With the help of science and technology modern man tries to subdue and exploit it.

Our approach to and the use of nature and natural resources are topics of hot discussion today. New branches of thoughts like environmentalism and eco-spirituality have emerged. Beyond all the controversies, to a sincere and open minded ordinary man nature is a good spiritual teacher. The beauty and grandeur of nature compels him to seek beyond what he sees. The beautiful creation is a sign and proof of a beautiful, intelligent and powerful creator. An unprejudiced appreciation of nature will lead us to its Master. To whom shall we be thankful for the fresh air and water that we enjoy (without which we can not even exist) free of cost? The beautiful and wonderful nature challenges us to find out the answer to the question 'who did all these marvelous things! The psalmist found out that answer when he proclaimed 'the heavens are telling the glory of God!'

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

Federal law firmly establishes and protects a number of our nation's significant symbols and requirements of citizenship and service. Among these are the American Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, our national motto and anthem, and the sworn oaths of office administered to members of the military and to all civil servants, from the President on down.

Codified by law, these items are subject to change only through the will of the people and by act of congress. To think that some unelected, unaccountable bureaucrat within the federal system would dare presume to revise or change any of these is preposterous. And yet such a thing has been recently attempted.

Syndicated columnist and noted conservative Phyllis Schlafly set forth the tale in her 9-23-03 column, as re-printed in the 10-01-03 *Conservative Chronicle*; I have heard or read of it nowhere else. It is as follows: "Somebody in the new Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service, (BCIS) planned to celebrate Constitution Day on September 17 by changing the oath of citizenship that new citizens take when they are naturalized. The plan was to make it immediately effective, using it at an immigrant swearing-in ceremony and publishing it in the Federal Register on the same day."

Schlafly then recounts how the American Legion, Reagan-era Attorney General Ed Meese and Senator Lamar Alexander, (R-Tenn.) learned of the plan, vigorously objected and got the bureaucrats to back off. Their excuse for having the gall to act on their own in the matter was the fact that the oath of citizenship is not covered under law. This apparently made it fair game for anyone who didn't like it to change it.

The BCIS now wants to "try again," but I agree with Schlafly and the others: The wording of this oath is none of their business and needs protection from any other loose cannons in the government or elsewhere who would presume to modify it.

The current oath reads as follows: "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen." The aborted version would have read: "I hereby renounce under oath all allegiance to any foreign state."

As the redoubtable Mrs. Schlafly points out, "That is simply not good enough. Osama bin Laden is not a "foreign state," but he does come within the definition of "foreign prince or potentate or sovereignty," and his minions are his subjects, not his citizens. Did the Bureau think it is no longer important for naturalized citizens to renounce loyalty to the likes of bin Laden and al-Qaeda?"

She continues by observing that our existing oath goes on to say: "I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by law." The withdrawn revision would have deleted the requirement to "bear arms," replacing it with a wimpy and vague requirement for the new citizen to serve America "either by military, non-combatant or civilian service...where and if lawfully required." Give us a break!

Senator Alexander has the proper answer to this foolishness; he has proposed legislation to cover the wording of the oath of citizenship with the same protection afforded the flag, pledge, national anthem and motto and oaths of office.

Here is one more outrageous example of the way our government has lost control and failed to come to grips with the catastrophic state of affairs concerning immigration, both legal and illegal. Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and petition you public officials to support Senator Alexander's bill to codify the oath of citizenship under U.S. law. While they are at it, they need to direct the bureaucracy to enforce that law, as now written, so as to revoke the citizenship of any naturalized citizen who violates that oath. The oath is not now being enforced. We even have naturalized citizens from Mexico running for and being elected to public office in their former home country with the full approval of the Mexican government!

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 contact them at the following addresses; please remember to include your name, address and phone number if you use "snail mail" or e-mail:

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Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-4735
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2003 National Wolf Awareness Week

There are roughly 250 wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It is important for us to learn about these amazing creatures so that we can co-exist in a safe and mutually beneficial way.

In celebration of National Wolf Awareness Week (October 19-25), the Hiawatha Interpretive Association will be giving away free Wolf posters. Posters were made available from the Timber Wolf Alliance through financial support of state and federal agencies, and wolf organizations. This year's poster artist winner is Jim Turgeon, an award-winning illustrator. His enthusiasm for the outdoors has led him to create a series of beautiful wildlife paintings. For more information about Jim's artwork, go to his website at www.jimturgeon.com.

We encourage educators and parents to utilize this week to teach children about the many benefits of sharing our forests with Wolves. To pick up your poster, please come to the Hiawatha National Forest/Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Visitor Center on the corner of H-58 and M-28 in Munising. (Posters will not be mailed.)

Kids mature a lot faster than they used to. And in case you haven't noticed, parents get old a lot faster, too.

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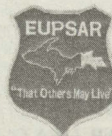


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October 18 th	Autumn Festival
October 23 rd	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23 rd	Photo Retakes
November 7 th	Progress Reports Due
November 7 th & 8 th	Community Theater Production
November 14 th	No School
November 25 th	End of second six weeks marking period
November 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	Thanksgiving Break
December 18 th	Christmas Program (December 22 nd Stormdate)
December 19 th	Progress Reports Due
December 24 th - January 2 nd	Christmas Break
January 5 th	School Resumes
January 16 th	End of first semester marking period
January 26 th	No School
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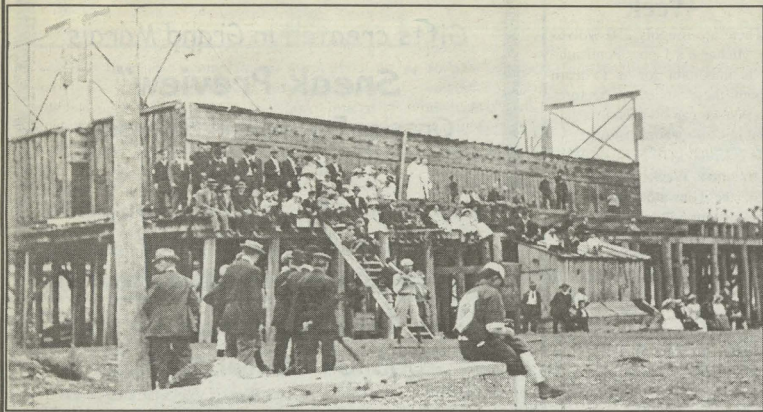
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ANSWER TO THE "DO YOU REMEMBER THESE BUILDING?"

In the 10/02/03 issue of the Grand Marais Gazette on page 8.

I have some information for you on the picture in the last issue. The picture was taken on McMillan Street between Carlson and Braziel, looking toward Woodland Park. The house on the lower left is no longer there. The next house is Victor (Tonto) Martin's. It is one of the earliest frame houses in Grand Marais. It was built elsewhere in town and later moved to this lot, and the addition was added to the back. The next house is ours. Sidney Hall, one of the owners of the Grand Marais Lumber Mill, built it in 1892. Sidney Hall is one of the men who donated a portion of Woodland Park to the town. DeForest Pratt later owned the house. He worked at the Coast Guard Station but also ran a business in the house directly across the street making snowshoes. We found several snowshoe forms still in our house when we bought it in 1966. The middle house on the right is the "fish net" house so named because fishing nets were stored and repaired there. The house in the foreground on the right belongs to Normajeane Bennett. Her parents bought the house and raised it up in order to put in a basement and foundation so it looks a little different today. I recognized Tonto's house on the left, but he helped me with information and identifying the houses on the right.

Regards,
Susan Bennett

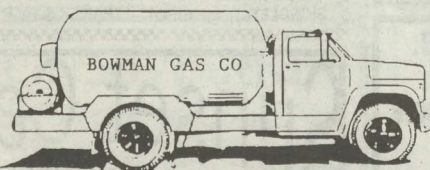


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On October 31, 2003, I will be sending in the first batch of box tops for payment... so any box tops you can send in the next few weeks would be greatly appreciated. This program only allows submissions two dates per year... with a maximum payment to the school of \$20,000 per year.

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**Burt Township
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Brenda M. Greenhoe / Smith
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I recently had the privilege of accompanying our fifth and sixth grade students to Clear Lake Camp. The weather was full of winter splendor. We left school as the rest of the Burt Township School students departed for home due to snow and lack of electricity.

When the students arrived, they attended an organizational orientation. Then took their bags to assigned cabins. The boys were given a cabin by themselves, while the girls shared a cabin with girls from Autrain - Onota school. Once settled in the cabins, the fun began.

Clear Lake camp was originally built as a Civilian Conservation Camp and was used as such. It is owned by the Department of Natural Resources and run as a residential camp for students, church groups, scouts, etc. Our three day stay at the camp was paid for by MARESA, our school's service agency.

The camp builds self esteem and teamwork in an environmental format. The students work in small groups with trained instructors. Areas of instruction were water and forest ecology, historical perspective of the Voyagers, GPS/GIS computer based tracking and mapmaking, physical movement. All courses were taught with team building and self esteem in mind.

The most challenging and memorable for the students was the infamous ropes course. A challenging tightrope walk, eighteen feet above the ground amongst the red pine. Most of our students conquered the course. The students learned to face their fears and to trust in each other to complete the course.

Thanks go to Dave Bailey who assisted in transportation of the students. A huge thank you goes to Bud Caryl for having the tenacity and fortitude to accompany us on the trip and the willingness to chaperone the boys in their cabin. You guys are the greatest! Thanks to MARESA for making this experience possible for our students. All of those participating returned with a changed perspective on making possibilities realities.

Until next time,
Happy Living,
Happy Learning,
Happy Teaching!
©brenda

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Thursday, October 16

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Friday, October 17

Ravioli - Bread Sticks - Veggie - Dessert

Monday, October 20

Chicken Nuggets - French Fries - Corn - Fruit

Tuesday, October 21

Blueberry Pancakes - Sausage

Wednesday, October 22

Mac & Cheese - Green Beans - Bread/Butter - Jell-O

Thursday, October 23

Yard Sale

Friday, October 24

Pizza - Veggie - Dessert

Monday, October 27

Meat Balls - Mash Potatoes w/Gravy - Veggies - Dessert

Tuesday, October 28

Sloppy Joes - Tater Tots - Carrots - Fruit

Wednesday, October 29

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Thursday, October 30

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BY TOM SCAIFE

Prologue/Disclaimer Part III

April 15-Iyok Ami is the name of the place (Earth Mother), and Rigo and I met the kids at the intersection in Cartago on the way up into the mountains. The place, a bit shabby looking on the outside of the lodge, opened up into a kitchen and dining area, glassed in with a wood stove, on which was frying some whole bananas in two pans, and some wooden tables and stools. The view was what made the porch, though. It looked out over the mountain range, all green, into trees covered with vines, moss, and epiphytic plants. I only use that word because it sounds so cool. Look it up if you're curious about the meaning. We picked up a couple guides, the owner lady's son and a hired hand, and started working our way down the vegetation covered slopes on hacked-out trails. I hate walking down mountains because of the strange stresses it puts on my legs, but the surroundings made the hike worth it. We crossed a stream part way down the trail and rock-hopped upstream to a small waterfall. On the way down the guide tried to call the rare and beautiful quetzal bird out to no avail. The climb back up (we were at 8-9,000 feet) was a real heart pounder, and we stopped a handful of times for a breatherer. Back at the lodge the owner whipped up some home cookin', and after lunch we lazed around on the porch, snapping photos and watching hummingbirds, one of which came in the dining room as we were preparing to leave, hovering here and there about the space as Josh tried to snap a picture of it. Down the mountains we went, pausing at a roadside store, to make a call and buy some fruit, coffee, chips, cookies, and candy. Rigo and I again did the dump and run thing with the kids, advising their folks that they would be meeting us early in downtown San José to go river rafting!

April 16-The early morning (6:30) reunion was similar to previous outings: someone is always running a bit late, but no problem! Rigo, Josh, and I watched and waited while our tour guide materialized and asked if I were Rigo. Within 20 or 25 minutes Rachel and Jennifer showed up and we took off in a minibus picking up several other rafters at a couple of hotels before leaving the downtown area. The highway runs up through Braulio Carrillo National Park, a big one encompassing the divide between the Atlantic and Pacific, and dropped down into the tropical humid zone on the Caribbean side. We stopped for breakfast of eggs, toast, fruit, and gallo pinto at a restaurant with a thatched roof, where Rachel initiated and continued a Spanish conversation with the sister of her host mother, who was accompanying us in Devan's place. This is one of those moments that make a Spanish teacher happy, like the time I answered the phone at Rigoberto's house and it was Devan. I spoke to her only in Spanish and she understood everything I said. ¡Bueno! After breakfast we upstreamed on the Rio Sarapiquí to a farm where we unloaded ourselves and our equipment - helmets, paddles, life jackets, and rafts - and received our briefing. After photos and a short practice session, the two rafts were off. Our guide, a native of the area, was named David (Not necessarily pronounced the same) and he was a good deal of fun. When we all paddled a good move, he gave the command "Remos arriba" and we all "high-fived" our paddles with a cry of "Pura Vida": the informal national slogan of Costa Rica. The river was a bit low, so the rapids were fun but not menacing, and David showed us a number of cool birds and other critters along the way including special frogs (one venomous), a tree sloth, and a lizard that ran across the river on its hind legs. In one spot the black buzzards were taking a bath; in others, we were, diving from rock outcroppings, launching ourselves from the raft, and swinging and slinging ourselves from the ropes. This trip was over a couple hours later, but all agreed it was too soon. We ate lunch at the take out spot and headed back over the mountains to San José, where we split up in the Plaza de la Cultura to take buses home. Later that evening I went with Rigo and his family to visit Hortensia's side of the family - two sisters and her parents and a dozen cousins. Her dad is in the Costa Rican Basketball Hall of Fame, and he's quite a character to boot. Major topics of conversation, between the passing of all the snack dishes, included San José in the old days, illegal immigrants, and the war in Iraq. The plan for the next day was to head out to Atenas to visit with relatives on Rigo's side of the family.

April 17- We missed our early start by a couple hours; Riri was having an awful time kicking the cobwebs. The traffic out to Atenas was heavy, so the trip, usually about 40 minutes, took over an hour. As we snaked around the curves winding up to the town, we passed the small coffee factory where we like to buy bulk packages of La Negraita, our favorite whole bean roast in Costa Rica. The plant, we knew was closed today, so Rigoberto had called a couple days back to have his brothers pick up eight kilos that we could get at his dad's place today. The first stop was at a small public park and swimming pool, where the boys tore it up for an hour or so before we went to Rigo's dad's place, a tranquil spot above town in a more rural zone. The sun was hot, but the breeze was nice, chatting with Rigo and his dad on a bench overlooking the valley and offering a panorama of the surrounding mountains. I was offered some fish soup, rice and tuna, Tama'l'mudo, and Chiverri (see me for details), which I dutifully scarfed up for the first round of several

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SHORT STORIES

BY SUSAN MUSTATIA'S STUDENTS

One day my mom and I saw a wolf run across the road. We were in my mom's red van and it was evening. The wolf was a grayish-black color and it was a fully grown male. It looked like it had been in a fight and lost. It slunk across the road into the field on the other side. We watched it until it faded in the distance. Then we drove home.

By: Kyle

One night my baby cousin Mark and I went outside. Mark started to spin around. The next thing I knew he had run into my Aunt Lea's van. He hit so hard my mom heard him all the way in the house! He started again and I turned my head for a second and he had run right into the wall. So I took him in the house. He ran into the table, so I made him sit. And he hit his head on the arm of the chair. So finally I just held him. He didn't get hurt for the rest of the evening.

By: Cassandra

I rode my bike around a corner. And I heard rustling and next appeared a red fox. It was a beautiful red fox. It looked soft and cuddly. But I knew it was a wild animal.

So I stopped my bike and listened. All I heard were birds singing and my breathing. I just stared at the red fox. But it all happened so fast and the next thing I knew the red fox was gone. I rode my bike home as fast as I could. When I got home I told my dad every detail I saw, felt and heard.

It was exciting but at the same time I was scared and nervous. I would do just about anything to relive what I just told about. It felt magical. It was so great.

By: Rachel

One day I went to the Detroit Zoo with my dad, my step-mom, my uncle and my cousin. First I went to the shake shop and I got a blue slushy. I got it all over my face. Next I went to the monkey. They were really hyper like boys. Then I went to the koala and I was so excited because they're my favorite animals! When I got there I completely stopped my eyes were shocked. The koala was so beautiful. The fur was so shiny, grayish, and her eyes were glittering in the sun. I knew it was a girl because she had a baby. Her baby was so pretty and cute. I got to feed them by hand. It was so cool!!!

By: Britney

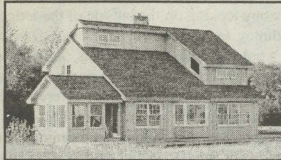
When I got my dirt bike it was an orange KTM. It was a 50 cc. I was so shocked because I never had one before. So I started it and zoomed away like a silver bullet. Even though its orange it still looks silver. But you have to mix the gas with regular and oil. It is a 2 stroke. A 2 stroke sounds rippy and a 4 stroke sounds like a V-8 engine and there you have it folks, bye bye.

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By: Aaron

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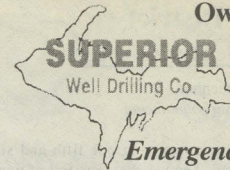


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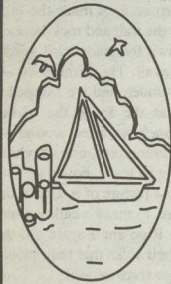
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VIEW PARCEL: This is located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile East of Grand Marais. This heavily wooded site has acreage and a lot of privacy with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. the width of this parcel is 150 feet. It is priced at \$65,000.00. VW-131

ONE BEDROOM HOME ON WOODED LOT: Located two miles East of town, this cottage has had a lot of improvements done to it. Steel roof, vinyl siding, new bath and laundry room, new paint and new carpeting. Would make an ideal retreat at the edge of town. Priced at only \$62,500.00.

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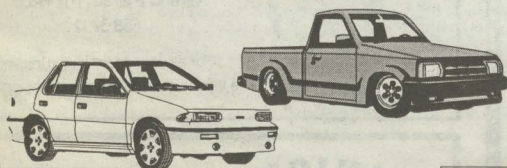
gorgings which would keep me satiated until the following day. We also had coffee and picked oranges from a small grove on a lot next to the father's place, a lot Rigo purchased several years ago. The next stop was Rigo's aunt's house. Where Josh Balbierz and B.J. Somes stayed during a previous Spanish Club excursion. Here we had more coffee and holiday snacks, snagging a large bagful of mangos, one of the most delicious fruits you will ever eat. Much of the talk revolved around the new bridge across the Gulf of Nicoya to Guanacaste, a real time saver compared to the old ferry line that used to run there. Helen, Elizabeth, an I rode that ferry several years ago. It was fun, but when we got back on the road, the sun went down and we had to do some night driving, sharing the road with cyclists, animals, pedestrians, and vehicles of every stripe: a somewhat harrowing and firesome experience. Anyway, we left the aunt's place and headed for the niece's place in a mildly caffeinated state. I have stayed with Sergio Gonzalez and his wife Lorena several times over the years. He is a beekeeper and she a school office worker who finally just returned to work after having three kids in just five years, two boys and a girl. The oldest, Sergio, was just a little shaver when I first met them. Sergio gave us an update on the world of honey and beekeeping, and Lorena gave us some ceviche and tortilla chips. Ceviche is a marinated, cold fish dish with lemon and uianthro - very good, especially on a hot day. Out back we checked the cows while Sergio whacked down and whittled out some pieces off a large shoot of sugar cane, which, when chewed, provided a mild, sugary juice. He later ran around the neighborhood with a large pole, the end of which had a little bag attached, and snagged another bulging bag full of mangos. This visit concluded a second day's round of family interaction, and a tired bunch headed back to San José laden with coffee, mangos, honey, and oranges.

April 18- Good Friday in Costa Rica is serious slowdown time. Virtually all the businesses are closed and the buses don't run. It is a time to kick back, reflect, and be with the family. We ate a large breakfast, and afterwards Riri and his dad set about extracting honey from the minibeec box hanging outside the house. These harmless little critters produce a more liquidy honey that is said to have medicinal properties, especially when applied to the eyes. José Delgado has some of these, too; they are called Santa Maria bees: abejitas. The honey is removed from the pouch cells with a plastic syringe. Well, after kicking back, reflecting, and being with the family for a spell, I took a walk through the noticeably quieter streets down to an equally quiet supermarket, where I bought some shampoo, beans, candy, and more gift coffee to bring home. I packed an empty duff which is now stuffed with about 25 pounds of coffee beans, very solid. I will have to pack carefully, distributing the weight so I don't separate a shoulder while I am staggering through the airport. We had an ample midday meal when I got back, and later we went to the Hipermas, a kind of Walmart, grocery section included. These stores, not unlike the classrooms I have visited in Costa Rican colegios, or high schools, have a slightly rowdier atmosphere than their American counterparts. We picked up some fish, and when we got home Riri prepared a ceviche while I played catch with his brothers in the little park on a hump at the end of the street where they live. Their dog Mila, a three month old puppy that looks like a midget doberman with an abbreviated snout, one of the many such tiny dogs seen throughout the country, accompanied us, occasionally getting lost or stepped on. Next up: a trip to the Volcano Poas the following day.

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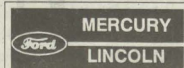
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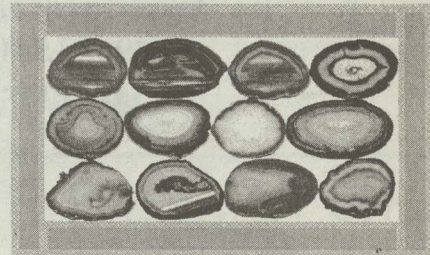
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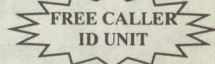
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