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November 24th at 7:30 p.m.
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING THRU CHRISTMAS

SENIOR APT. THANKSGIVING SUPPER
Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 4:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE,
Wednesday, Nov. 26th, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SUPPER,
Nov. 27th, 4:00 p.m. Lutheran Church

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 3rd, 7:00 p.m., Catholic Church

Thursday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church “
Behold the Promise”

Wednesday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m., Mennonite Church

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

Wednesday, December 17th, 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE:

Wednesday, December 24th, 7:00 p.m., Catholic Church

Wednesday, December 24th, 11:00 p.m., Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Date and time to be announced.

Sponsored by the Churches of Grand Marais



GRAND MARAIS LION'S CLUB

NEWS

The regular meeting for December will be December 17, 2003 instead of the 24th because of the holidays.

You still have a couple more weeks to pick up your Lion's Club raffle tickets before the big drawing on December 12th.

The thirteenth drawing for the Grand Marais Lion's Club Raffle was held Friday, November 7, 2003 at the Community Center. Nancy McDonald won the \$50.00 prize and Dave McDonald and Rose Potvin won \$25.00 each. On November 14, 2003 Rene Swift won the \$50.00 prize and Mike Meldrum and Judy Bessler won \$25.00 each. There is still \$3300.00 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.

SIBBALDS APPRECIATION DINNER



To recognize 25 years as Township Secretary, a party for Sandee Sibbald was held November 5, 2003. Several people who have worked with her attended and made complimentary and other remarks. Judge Bill Carmody who was the Township Attorney for several years, Grant Peterson who was Superintendent of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Bob Gandolfi who has been the Townships Insurance Agent for many years, several past and present Board Members and many others took advantage of the open mike to say a few words. The most referred to attribute of Sandee was that if you wanted information she could retrieve it and do so quickly. The most referred to fault was her inability to tell time, especially in the morning. Sandee received several gifts and cash for a vacation in addition to a nice plaque to recognize her contribution to the community.

HAVE A



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



STORM HITS GRAND MARAIS

Last Wednesday evening Grand Marais was hit with winds in excess of 45 mph. The storm that went thru the midwest knocked out power to G.M. from 9:10 p.m. til 4:18 p.m. Thursday. Around the area lots of trees were blow over or snapped from the power of the wind.

As you can see from the picture Woodland Park was hard hit with lots of trees damaged.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Alerts Deer Hunters

(Munising, MI) Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore has released information designed to assist deer hunters who will be visiting the National Lakeshore. Hunters are welcome and the National Park Service (NPS) seeks hunter cooperation in protecting and sharing the resources for the enjoyment of all. While hunting is permitted at the National Lakeshore under Michigan conservation laws, certain NPS regulations related to hunting activities are not found in the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide.

"Federally owned lands within the boundary of the National Lakeshore are administered under the United States Code of Federal Regulations," according to Chief Ranger Larry Hach. "Laws contained in the United States Code provide for protection of the natural resources on lands under the jurisdiction of the NPS."

National Park Service regulations not found in the Michigan Guide will be enforced by Park Rangers, Hach added. These regulations are:

1. One bushel of apples per hunter per week may be gathered in the park. Care must be used to not damage the fruit tree.
2. Cutting of standing trees and branches, whether dead or alive, is prohibited. Possession of such green vegetation is also not permitted.
3. Digging or disturbing soils or vegetation is not permitted.
4. Motor vehicles and other wheeled vehicles are not allowed off designated roads.
5. Ground blinds may be built with natural dead and downed material, but must be dismantled at the end of the hunting season. Upon dismantling, the area must be returned to its original natural setting. All blinds must be removed within seven days of the close of the hunting season.
6. Screw-in type tree steps are prohibited.
7. All trash and other man-made materials must be packed out and properly disposed.
8. Marking of trees to locate trails by using spray paint, colored flagging, or reflective tacks is prohibited. Blazing of trees is not allowed.
9. Hunting safety zones have been established around National Lakeshore developed and high visitor use areas where hunting is not allowed. Hunting is also prohibited parkwide from April 1 through Labor Day.

"Hunting within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is considered an appropriate recreational activity," Hach added. "The additional federal regulations are intended to encourage a quality hunting experience and use of the National Lakeshore which will help insure its enjoyment by other recreational users as well."

For further information about hunting at Pictured-Rocks National Lakeshore, contact park headquarters at (906) 387-2607 or the Grand Marais Ranger Station at (906) 494-2669.

NOTICE

To the tax payers of Burt Township

In compliance with MCL211.44(2), I will be in my office on all Fridays in December. Taxes may be paid at any time the office is open or through the mail; the purpose of this notice is to comply with the existing law.

**James T. Seibert
Burt Township
Treasurer**

Realtor Translations

"Easily maintained" = Requires at least two gardeners and a live-in maid.

"High water area" = Don't store anything in the basement flooring occurs annually.

"Deceptive Appearance" = It looks really, really terrible.

"Extensively Modernized" = The previous owner had a breakdown while trying to remodel it.

"Brilliant Concept" = Do you really need a river running through your home.

"Completely Updated" = Avocado dishwasher and harvest gold carpeting or vice versa.

"Hurry! Deal Won't Last" = The house is collapsing.

"Sprawling Ranch" = Horrible floor plan.



American Indian Heritage Month Activity:

Birch Bark and Porcupine Quill

November is American Indian Heritage Month. During this month Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore celebrates the rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry of American Indians and Alaska Natives, recognizing the vital contributions these groups have made to the strength and diversity of our nation. The theme for this year is "Strengthening the Spirit of Our Nation."

In celebrating American Indian Heritage Month, the Lakeshore will offer a birch bark and porcupine quill demonstration activity on Friday evening, November 21, at 7 p.m. The hands-on program will take place at the Munising Falls Interpretive Center and will be hosted by Park Ranger Pam Baker. The Munising Falls Interpretive Center is located at 1505 Sand Point Road near Munising Memorial Hospital.

The program is free to the public and all materials will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Join us around the pot belly stove!

The first people of this country were not those of European descent; they were here before the Europeans discovered America. They were Native Americans, American Indians, and Alaska Natives. Many American places have been named after Indian words. In fact, about half of the states got their names from Indian words. Some of the states are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Utah. Indeed, the name Munising is from the Ojibwa language meaning "place of the island."

For more information, contact Pam Baker at 906-387-3700, Thursday through Saturday.

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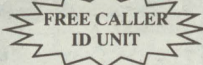
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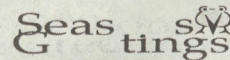
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This year's Christmas issue will be released on December 18. **Deadline to have cards in is DECEMBER 12.**

Larger cards are fine and will be printed at the same rate of \$1.80 per column inch.



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

These past couple of weeks have been very busy with power outages, notification of possible Agate Beach funding, township secretarial tributes and a ribbon cutting ceremony - and all before deer hunting season.

19 Hours of Electrical Disruption

We all started to get concerned when the electrical power was still out after 15 hours and the temperatures were still below freezing. This event was the result of the first major November winter storm that hit last Wednesday evening at 9:15 with wind gusts exceeding 50 miles per hour. The local ACRC Road Crew removed fallen trees from M77 almost as fast as they were falling. Local ACRC foreman Mike Beek pointed out that he would clear trees going South on M77, and before he turned around to come back more trees had fallen across the highway. Alger Delta Electric said it was the worst storm ever in terms of damage and disruption of service. Our Fire Department responded to flaming fallen wires near the county line off M77. All emergency medical personnel were at the ready.

Special thanks goes to Frank Mead, Sandee Sibbald, and Gee and Vicki Petruske for keeping us informed on the condition of our senior citizens and others who were without heat and vulnerable to the cold temperatures throughout Thursday. This information was extremely important as plans were made for transporting to emergency shelters. Before the electrical service was reestablished we were in constant contact with the Alger County Emergency Response Center, including their up-to-date reports with repair crews. Thanks to you all for your help. Thanks also to Mike and Tim for keeping the water flowing by manning the backup generator at the water department. Let me also bring to your attention for those who need water during emergencies, we have an outside water spigot available at the community center, which is located between the outside doors of the Youth Center and Library.

Agate Beach Improvements

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP) has recommended funding all components of the Agate Beach Improvement Project in the amount of \$12,500, for the fiscal year 2003-2004. They have forwarded their recommendation to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) for review and final approval. The Township proposal is to make improvements and to develop a portion of the entrance to Agate Beach Public Park, which encourages passive recreation and wildlife observation. Included in the design and purpose is easier accessibility for seniors to view the magnificent sunsets over the Lake by crossing over the sandy bluffs in the undeveloped part of the entrance to the beach. This project will include construction of a barrier-free board-

walk, providing access to barrier-free observation decks and the beach area.

Treasurer Announces Office Hours for Winter Tax Collection

It's that time of year, again for Winter Taxes. As part of easing the pain, the treasurer announced at the last Board Meeting he would be in his office at the Township Hall every Friday in December. In addition the treasurer will be in his office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. one day between December 25 and January 1. Coincidentally, December 26th falls on a Friday. So check with the treasurer to see if his posted hours will include the day after Christmas, or some other day before January 1st. (He may be too busy playing with his new Christmas toys to show up the day after Christmas.) However, the treasurer will be in his office the last day taxes are due and payable before being returned as delinquent to the county treasurer the next day. Accordingly, MTA's legal counsel believes since the last day is February 29, 2004, and is a Sunday, the treasurer should be in his office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2004. Unpaid taxes will be returned to the county treasurer as delinquent on March 2, 2004.

Board of Review (BOR)

For your convenience, Clerical Errors and Homestead Exemptions will be heard by the BOR on December 11, 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Township Office.

H58 Phase I - Completed

On Monday, November 10, the Alger County Road Commission celebrated in a ribbon cutting ceremony the re-opening of H-58 at Grand Sable Lake Look Out. The new 3.5 miles of paved roadway enhances the Eastern Gateway to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Park. Later, refreshments were served at our Community Center. Notable guests participating in both were U.S. Representative Bart Stupak, State Senator Mike Prusi, Munising State Police Commander Frank Hentschel, Alger County Sheriff David Cromell, PRNLS's Larry Hach, Jon Patmore and Chris Case, Alger County Road Commission's Chairman Doug Miron, and Grand Marais's ACRC Foreman Mike Beek. This occasion marked the first step into having a paved road from Grand Marais directly to our county seat of Munising.

Sandee's Whoop-de-do

On November 5th, a tribute including a potluck banquet was held by the community to honor Sandee Sibbald's 25 years as the Township's Secretary. A special video assembled as a school project by Devon Ballard, pleasantly surprised the honoree. It included interviews from township supervisors, clerks, treasurer and friends. Audience accolades and plaques of recognition highlighted Sandee's evening of appreciation.

Condition of Channel at the Grand Marais Harbor

US Army Corps of Engineers has issued condition surveys taken during September 2003. They are posted at the Post Office, the Township Office and at the Marina's two bulletin boards. Shoals are present.

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16 WKYC--Detroit (ABC)	37 QVC--Shopping Channel
17 A&E--Arts & Entertainment	38 C-Span
18 The Discovery Channel	39 CBS - Country Music Videos
19 The Learning Channel	40 The Weather Channel
20 TNN--The Nashville Network	41 FOX News
21 WWJ--Detroit (CBS)	42 Court TV
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Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg.

Cooperative Weather Observer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Pr.	Sn
Nov. 4	38	29	.36	3
Nov. 5	37	32	.15	
Nov. 6	36	29		
Nov. 7	31	20	.06	4
Nov. 8	28	22		
Nov. 9	40	12		
Nov. 10	40	34		
Nov. 11	45	37	.02	
Nov. 12	46	32		
Nov. 13	42	29	.43	.25
Nov. 14	41	28		
Nov. 15	48	26		
Nov. 16	45	36		
Nov. 17	47	38		
Nov. 18	47	43	.25	

Karla



The beginning of hunting season has gotten off to a slow start for most hunters looking for that big buck. There have been some reports of sightings, and a few bucks have been taken according to the buck pole at Bayside Market.

Bucksnot Lodge entertained out at their deer camp Saturday night. Steak and shrimp were part of the menu along with lots of other good food too. No bucks there either, but seems like everyone was having a good time anyway.

Trudy McDonald is now back in Escanaba for the winter. She certainly enjoyed the summer out in the garden and visiting with her children. If anyone would like to contact Trudy her address is: 501 S. Lincoln Apt 204, Escanaba, MI 49829, 906-789-2831.

Sandee (Vanna) Sibbald slipped quietly out of town after her "She's been working for Burt Township for 25 years" party to spend time with the Young-ins, Beav and Ali in Waterford, Jeff and Sue Ann, Krista and Kyle in Lapeer and Trev, Rich, Nolan and Dana in Lansing. While "down below" she and some of the young-ins, along with a couple other relatives caught the Saturday matinee of "Mama Mia" at the Fischer Theater in Detroit City and is still raving about how she enjoyed the play, featuring music from the 70's group "Abba". She got to spend time with all "Super good-looking Grandkids, Krista, Kyle Nolan and new baby Dana, who she says is starting to look like her Mom, Treva, while Mister Nolan definitely looks like Dad Rich.

Dick Casebeer and John Dettwiler have returned to Indiana for the winter. They successfully brought 2 dogs and 7 cats back without any problem. We will miss you. See ya next summer.

Grandson Johnny had his 2nd birthday on the 11th. He enjoyed the day at Chunky Cheese and played on the rides with his daddy.

Jennifer Radcliffe and John Bleckiner were married on the 8th. They had a beautiful wedding and reception in Marquette.

Heard from Stu Stuart. He and Mave are back in California. Keep in touch.

Keep an eye on the Grand Marais web site. Kay Wampler is always doing updates. She has lots of information that will help you all. Thanks Kay for a great job. I know it is a lot of work.

Would like to wish Dorothy Morrison a get well after her surgery. She seems to be getting along well and glad to be home.

If you have anything for Around the Bay just let us know for the next issue. Keep on smiling..... Evie

You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at:
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Address Change!!!

With the changing of seasons some of our readers will be leaving Grand Marais. Please let us know if your address changes so your paper can be waiting when you get there.

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 ads to The Grand Marais Gazette, P. O. Box 370, Grand Marais, MI 49839 or FAX or call the Gazette at 494-2492.

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FRIDAY Nov. 21
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MONDAY Nov. 24
 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce - Peas - Tossed Salad - Garlic Bread - Vanilla Pudding w/ M'Oranges

WEDNESDAY Nov. 26
 Turkey w/Dressing - Mashed Potatoes - Vegetable - Cranberry Sauce - Pumpkin Dessert

FRIDAY Nov. 28
 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
 NO MEALS SERVED

MONDAY Dec. 1
 Baked Chicken - Oven Brown Potatoes - Green Beans - Bars

WEDNESDAY Dec. 3
 Meatloaf - AuGratin Potatoes - Italian Blend Vegetables - Fruit Shortcake

FRIDAY Dec. 5
 Beef Continental w/Rice - Carrots - Tossed Salad - Double Orange 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.

Shallow Thoughts

Something I've noticed about cellular phones. If you use them a lot, you pay a lot. If you don't use them much, you pay a lot. It's not supposed to make sense, folks, it's supposed to make money.

What if you got away from it all and there was no place to stay?

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Sandee Sibbald

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WHAT DO GRAND MARAIS SENIORS DO WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT? PLAY BRIDGE!

A scheduled bridge game could not be canceled by a winter storm or power failure. Big game winner - Marion Curtis.

Top left picture: Argie Thorrington
Group picture (top left): Argie Thorrington, Norma Jean Bennett, Dee Fauterbach and Marion Curtis.



ANOTHER TRUE STORY BY PICKLE

MY FIRST MILITARY PHYSICAL EXAM

It was the year of 1939 when one of my buddies and myself decided that we would like to join the service. The nearest recruiting office was in the Soo. We got a ride to Seney with someone from town. We were nearly broke so we hopped in the trains coal car when it went through Seney.

When we arrived in the Soo we went to the recruiting office. In the mean time we got a room at a flea bag hotel that was very reasonable, but it had a couple of galvanized pipes running across the ceiling. We bought a pound of baloney and a loaf of bread so we could eat. Well the physical took a couple of hours. I passed everything ok except I couldn't give the doctor a urine sample because every time I was about to this young good looking nurse would walk by to perform her duties in different rooms.

The doctor turned on a couple of faucets, to no avail. He told me that the exam was complete except for the urine test. He told me not to urinate all night so I wouldn't disappoint him the next day. I agreed. My buddy had a different problem. He was a perfect specimen so I never thought that he would have any trouble. His problem was that he lacked one quarter of an inch in height. The doctor gave him a piece of cloth about the size of a scarf and told him to tie the ends together and put it under his chin and hang from the pipes in our room for three or four times an hour and maybe he could stretch that quarter of an inch during the night and then he would be ok to pass the next day.

As you can be seen I got very little sleep that night with him hanging three or four times an hour plus me holding it in for the next morning to complete my physical. Finally morning arrived, we had a baloney sandwich and went to the recruiting office. The doctor checked my buddy as soon as we got there. All of the missing of sleep was to no avail as he was still to short and failed to pass. He said he would wait for me so we could hitch hike together back to Grand Marais.

Next came my turn. He gave me the test tube again. He turned on the faucets, shower and flushed the toilet. Well I was about ready to give him his sample when here comes that nurse again. He said don't worry about her she doesn't even see you. All at once I had luck, the test tube got filled in an instant. I tried to shut it off but the harder I squeezed the more directions it sprayed. The doctor said "MY GOD WHAT KIND OF HICKS ARE WE GETTING IN THE SERVICE THESE DAYS ANYWAY?"

ANOTHER TRUE STORY

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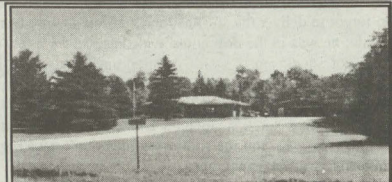
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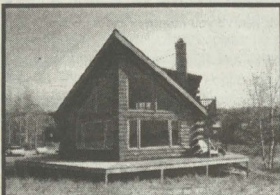
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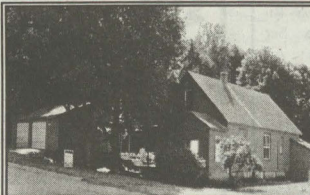


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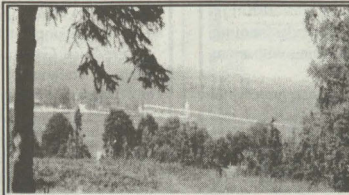
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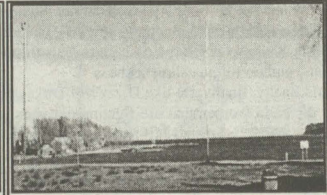
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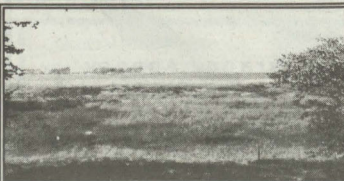
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

It was nice to see that our president and commander-in-chief was able to take a little time off from his campaign fund raising to make an appearance at Arlington Cemetery on Veterans Day. I find it disgusting that he has time to show up in California for Arnold's victory celebration but has yet to show up at any of the services for our troops killed in action in Iraq.

Speaking of Arnold, I see that he is a believer in Voodoo Economics too. In a state that has a huge deficit, he lowers income before making and spending reductions. It has never worked! Under Reagan and Bush the national debt exploded and surpluses disappeared. The same happened under Engler in Michigan. We will all pay for their popularity plays, by now it must be at least to our great grandchildren.

This state has implemented a new lottery tentacle to increase state income under the guise of the money going toward education. Pull-tabs are now being sold in bars. This will separate a lot of money from people that don't have it and families that need it. Will every dollar of income (net of course) be an increase to education funding? Don't bet (pun intended) on it. The vast majority of these tickets will be bought with money that should be paying for food, clothing, housing and other frills. The people buying the tickets ain't gonna drink less and if they should win, the majority of the prize will never see the family coffers. It is a pretty sad situation when this type of scam is used to support education. What happened to Adolph's cure all "Dictate A"? I thought that was going to cure all school financing problems.

TV news lately seems to be concentrating on the killing in Iraq and murder trials in the U.S.A. I can understand the draw of the Washington snipers' trials. That is a multiple murder case that had a lot of people scared that they could be next. Why, however is the California "Peterson" case drawing so much attention? It appears to be no more than a soap opera acted out. Our infatuation with killing and murder is scary and the media would not spend much time on these stories if we didn't want them.

I recently saw a story about a guy who was made a US citizen while being investigated by the FBI for terrorist activities. That should add support to the fact that our "Homeland Defense" is seriously lacking. But we still support the ridiculous policy of invading foreign countries to protect ourselves. That kind of thinking is analogous to killing prostitutes so we don't get a venereal disease. We wouldn't do that; we would protect ourselves one way or the other. We are never going to eliminate radicals, especially religious ones. We can protect ourselves much better by taking care of the U.S.A.

And finally. The wedding of John and Jen went off with no big problems. My young daughter-in-law fell during a dance much to the delight of all present. Hoo, the ring bearer, had to be bribed into not causing any problems. My wife and M.O.M. wouldn't let me out of the pew when it was time for my reading causing Father Jed to call me twice. Boo forgot to deliver the stuff to John and Jen's house as instructed by his wife; he was in the dog house with Jackson for a few days. A few people got snookered, I won't mention any names S.S. I discovered how out of shape I am. And everyone seemed to have a good time. See story in another article.

The Lutheran Church's Hunter's Dinner was well worth attending. The food was great and the waitresses cute; don't get a big head Vicki, I am referring to the young ones.

Turkey Day is coming, that ought to be good for a few pounds. Dizzy's class was asked what they were thankful for. Most of the kids said "my family" or something like that. Dizzy said "The soldiers that are fighting for my country" and then added "and my Family" Way to go Dizzy! Lizzard and Doc will get the pleasure of Sherri and my presence on Wednesday before Turkey Day.

Dizzy had her 8th birthday last Saturday. She got lots of neat stuff including a karioki (sp?) machine. The kids, including me had a lot of fun with it. She also got some cash and wants to go shopping with mom, what a glutton for punishment she is.

And finally, finally. Be like Dizzy this Turkey Day and be grateful for the men and women that are fighting our wars. Happy Thanksgiving! Cheese, Mike, Jason and Jeff and all your comrades.

Till next issue. Hungry Jim

STUPAK URGES FUNDING FOR RURAL BROADBAND

WASHINGTON - Congressional appropriators were urged to increase funds for guaranteed loans to rural broadband service providers by Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, in a letter co-signed by sixty other House colleagues.

The loans provided by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, would go to any companies or public entities that would build out broadband networks that service rural America. Authorization for up to \$20 million in loan funding was contained in the 2003 arm Bill at the urging of Stupak and other rural-district legislators.

The 2004 Agriculture Appropriations Bill is still being finalized, with ongoing negotiations expected in conference. The House of Representatives passed a version of the bill containing \$9 million dollars in funding for Fiscal Year 2004. The Senate-passed version bumped that up to \$15.1 million.

"I wanted those involved with the negotiations on the final bill to know that \$9 million for the coming fiscal year is just not enough. I would rather see the full \$20 million, but \$15.1 million is critical to bring the promise of broadband to rural America. It is an absolute top priority for economic development of our rural areas, education and medical care, government services, telecommuting, entertainment and internet commerce."

"The rural electric program showed that federal loan programs can bring service to rural Americans, and this innovative broadband loan program can achieve similar advances in broadband deployment to rural areas," Stupak maintained.

The Congressman has long been a supporter of increased funding for the Rural Utilities Service and its programs, advocating each year for full funding and restoration of cuts to RUS. Rural-Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Community Advancement Programs.

The RUS program would leverage the \$15.1 million into approximately \$647 million in loan guarantees for rural broadband deployment. The loan guarantees would go to service providers such as wireless and cable companies or local governments and public entities that provide broadband service. RUS has stated that it already has \$1 billion in requests for the loan guarantees.

The sixty co-signers of Stupak's letter included 25 Republican members of Congress. It was sent to the chairmen and ranking minority members of the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committees.

The Grand Marais Wedding of Marquette

By Jim Seibert

On Saturday, Nov 8, 2003 two people with deep Grand Marais roots were married at St. Michael's Church in Marquette. John Bleckiner whose grand father, Charlie, was the janitor at Burt Township School and is rumored to still be making his rounds there and Jen Radcliffe of Kalio blood tied the knot. This put an end to speculation that neither would ever get married. The best man was Mike (NA) Bailey, also with deep roots in Grand Marais; the maid of honor was Amanda Caminiti, Jens cousin. The rest of the wedding party consisted of: Glenn Caron, Bryan Pepp, George E. Radcliffe, Roger Bleckiner (more GM roots) Angela Seibert, Tracie Mawrer and Rene' Somes (more GM roots). The ring bearer was Justin Abouselman grandson of yours truly and Sherri and son of Michelle (Seibert) and Rich Abouselman, the flower girl was Desirae Seibert grand daughter of Jim and Sherri and daughter of Sean and Angela. The ushers were Paul and Sean Seibert. Sean was also the cross bearer and Jane Strohl (Jens Aunt), John Gueke, and Jim Seibert did the readings. Father Jed officiated.

When I got to the reception, I thought that maybe I had not even left Grand Marais because a good percentage of the guests were from Grand Marais. Mike Bailey made the first toast keeping it short because "Jim was hungry". He even behaved during the reception, that caused several people to take his temperature. Shortly into the ceremony John was snatched and a ball and chain was attached to his leg; the key was given to Jen. This was a payback for all the ball and chains he put on grooms (I think Paul Seibert was the first). The DJ did a good job and kept the dance floor full most of the time. Grandma Alice Radcliffe took second to none for dancing and she put a lot of us to shame with her stamina. By the time midnight rolled around just about everyone was ready to go home.

On Sunday some of us met at their house to observe the gift opening. Jen's mother Linda was the recorder and only a few were without cards or some other sort of identification and they had good ideas as to the giver was.

There were many nice gifts, almost made me want to get married again. When we headed for home we were ready for some peace, quiet and a nap. The whole affair went well and I am glad to be in-law related to the Radcliffes. It does seem a little strange having a sister-in-law my children's age. Good luck John and Jen; I hope your marriage is long and fruitful. Remember Jen, you are now fair game for the "And finally" part of my column.

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DO THE RIGHT THING

By Lee Goewey

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

Someone is always trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, despite centuries (even millennia) of proof that it won't work. So it is with socialism in all its guises and the centralized, command economies that accompany such futile efforts.

It's a proven fact that the surest way to get less of something is to tax it more. Conversely, if you want more of an item, subsidize it. Want to destroy the yacht industry? Tax the heck out of those rich so-and-sos who buy such things! We did, and we did. Most of the people who had jobs building yachts lost that employment when the wealthy stopped buying.

Want more unwed mothers? Make it pay to stay single and have more children. We did, and we did. Created a catastrophe for all concerned in the bargain.

Want to decrease the amount or even destroy large quantities of housing in the cities? Impose "rent control." We did, and we did. Huge areas of blight followed the imposition of rent control when landlords could not maintain their properties, let alone make a profit allowing them to support their own families. Buildings were abandoned or mysteriously caught fire and burned when owners lost control over their own properties.

One of the latest disasters in the making is the idea that Americans can reduce the price of prescription drugs by importing cheap drugs from Canada. Really? How is that possible? Well, it "works" this way.

Canada, with about one tenth of our population, is sort of like the penniless patient in the hospital emergency room here in the U.S. so far as prescription drugs are concerned. The poor E.R. patient gets treated, despite his or her inability to pay, and the costs of that treatment are spread among the more well-to-do, who either have insurance or pay their own way.

American drug companies "invent" and produce most of the drugs used in the U.S. and Canada. Research and development (R & D) for these drugs is tremendously expensive. This is the price that must be paid to satisfy our government's demands for safety, purity and effectiveness. The drug companies must either recover these (and other) costs or quit R & D and go out of business. If you think the answer to this is for our government to pay for the R & D, first remember the government has and makes no money of its own; it takes all the money it spends from us taxpayers. Second, anything the government funds, it controls. If that doesn't scare you, you're beyond help.

Canada, for years, has had a government-funded (socialized) health care system. It looks good to the feeble-minded, but is a disaster in practice. Canadians come to the U.S. for treatment they'd die waiting for at home. They also have to come here for drugs! A recent article in the *Washington Post* notes that only 43 of 100 new drugs approved in the U.S. in the years 1997-99 are available in Canada.

As to Canada's policy concerning drugs that are available there, they have government price controls on them. (Price controls, remember, are like taxes: Impose them and you get shortages of what you're "controlling" the price on.) Because of this, U.S. drug companies support Canadian socialism by treating Canada like a U.S. E.R. patient: They let Canada have drugs cheaply and charge U.S. customers for all the huge R&D costs. After all, Canada only produces about ten percent or less of their total drug

business and the companies do recover from those Canadian sales the basic cost of production, excluding R&D.

But here come the Americans, looking for that silk purse from the sow's ear. "Let's re-import those cheap drugs from Canada and save money!" For purposes of illustration, we'll take that proposal to the extreme. Let's assume the drug companies will send all possible U.S. drug needs to Canada so we can re-import them at cheap prices:

- About 57% of U.S. drugs are not exportable to the Canadian market, per the *Washington Post* article cited above.

- For the U.S. drugs which are sent to Canada, no one will pay the R&D costs!

What's *wrong* with this picture? If it needs explanation, you should stop reading now and turn on the TV. Suffice it to say, there are thoughtful people in both the U.S. and Canada who are trying to convince those in power that this re-importation business won't work. The Governor of Illinois, for one, is hot to import "Canadian" drugs to cut the cost of his state employees' prescription drug plan. Such an arrangement could "save" \$91 million a year, he believes. >

An *Associated Press* article of 11-13-03 by John O'Connor addresses the Illinois proposal. The president of the Coalition for Manitoba Pharmacy (CMP) and the president of the Illinois Pharmacists Association have both appeared before state officials in Illinois to urge them to abandon the prescription drug re-importation proposal.

Among the arguments against this scheme,

- U.S. drug manufacturers would likely cut exports to Canada drastically in order to protect their economic existence. This would hurt both Canadians and Americans.

- Illinois would likely not be the only U.S. state to try such a scheme, creating an even larger problem.

- Internet sales to the U.S. are not regulated by Canada and the CMP president warns that customers here may receive counterfeit or dangerous drugs

- O'Connor further quotes the CMP president that "Canada only regulates drugs imported for Canadians' use. It does not have rules about exporting drugs imported from other foreign countries, and those imports have escalated rapidly."

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and tell your elected officials what you believe and what you expect from them regarding prescription drug imports. To my way of thinking, nothing good will be gained by government interference and tinkering in this matter. The "cure" will be worse than the "disease." The biggest problems we have in nearly every area of our lives now is caused by ill-advised efforts of government at all levels to meddle in things in which they have absolutely no constitutional authority or expertise.

You may agree or disagree with me but the important thing is to speak up and be heard by those who represent you in government. You may reach your public servants 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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e-mail: senator@stabenow.senate.gov
Representative Bart Stupak, 2348 Rayburn Bldg.,
Washington, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-4735
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From The Pastor's Desk:

By Pastor Karen A. Mars
Pastor of Grand Marais United Methodist Church
(494-2653)

Thanksgiving is the gracious recognition of the gifts we have received. It is an attempt to acknowledge the one who called us into being and those moments in which we were able to respond to that call.

Table fellowship -sharing a meal with somebody - had a significance in Jesus' social world that is difficult to imagine. Sharing a meal represented mutual acceptance. The rules were deeply embedded in the purity system and governed not only what might be eaten, but with whom one might eat. Refusing to share a meal was social ostracism.

The meal was a microcosm of the social system. Since Jesus frequently ate with outcasts, his meals had sociopolitical significance. These meals were often festive meals -indicated by the fact that the participants "reclined" at table. This turned the meal into a banquet and a celebration.

Let us make our Thanksgiving meal in Grand Marais a festive occasion by sharing it with family and friends or joining with others at the community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at the Lutheran Church at 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

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The stillness of ponds and lakes on this lovely morn reflect the beauty, which surrounds them. The golden hue of the tamaracks is evident, as they hold on to the fleeting daylight hours. The rich red is alluring as the last of the clinging oak leaves hang on tightly to the branches. The coniferous giants display an ever-present green tint towering above the other trees. All combine to present the illusion of being at once above, below, amidst.

How often do we take the time to explore and reflect, to truly observe from all levels?? The importance is to look beyond and yet, at the same time, within. It is easiest to do so when surrounded by the loveliness of the forest. The world appears one of wonderment when we are at peace within. The task, to observe beauty, is truly most challenging when we are stressed, overworked, overbooked or too rushed in our daily lives. It is most difficult to see in individuals who most need it to be seen.

Yes, indeed still waters run deep, in the ponds and in people. Layers mix and meld to become facets of beauty in nature and in people. It is the task of the teacher to locate, and accentuate the beauty and potential that lies within the learner. A teacher teaches because they cannot imagine any other career to be as challenging and yet rewarding. The teacher becomes the catalyst by which the learner reflects the beauty around and within.

All students have the potential to be great. It is the teacher's perception of this potential that inspires and becomes the conduit for its development. This insures that each student is successful in achieving his or her highest potential. And yes, unleashes the greatness, which lies within

*Until next time,
Happy Living,
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Happy Teaching!*
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Deer Hunting

By Michael

I go deer hunting on the weekend. I did see deer footprints. All I saw was deer footprints, a red squirrel and a partridge. I spent the weekend at camp. There were lots of people at camp. Dad shot a big deer.

Hunting

By Jerry

I like to go deer hunting. I might go deer hunting tomorrow. I might go hunting with Craig. It will be fun.

I Like Fall

By Bryce

I like to go hunting. I like Thanksgiving. I like turkey. I like Christmas. I like presents.

Deer Hunting

By Jamie

I like to go deer hunting. I might get to go to my grandpa's cabin to deer hunt. It is cool. Dad and Michael go a deer.

I Like

By Timothy

I like to go hunting. I like Thanksgiving. I like Christmas.

Hunting

By Michael

I go hunting with my dad. I go hunting with my brothers. My dad got a big fat deer. I went to see it. I will go and eat it.

Hunt, Hunt, Hunt

By Nicole

I love to hunt. I love Thanksgiving. I love deer. My dad shot a deer. So did my uncle.

Deer Hunting

By Austin

Dad went deer hunting today. The deer is cool. We put the deer in the garage and peeled it.

Deer Hunting

By Austin

My dad shot a deer. I think it's cool. It was a seven pointer.

Baiting

By LeRoy

I like to go baiting. I like Thanksgiving. I go baiting with my dad. I go baiting with my grandpa. I go baiting on Thanksgiving.

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Friday, Nov. 21

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Monday, Nov. 24

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Tuesday, Nov. 25

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Wednesday, Nov. 26

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Thursday, Nov. 27

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Tuesday, Dec. 2

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Thanksgiving

By Stormi

I like Thanksgiving. I am going down to see my cousins. We will go to see a movie.

Thanksgiving

By Kelcie

I like Thanksgiving. I like the food. My favorite food is mashed potatoes.

Thanksgiving

By Elizabeth

I like Thanksgiving. It is cool. The food is really good. I will eat turkey and mashed potatoes.

Happy Thanksgiving

By Gregory

I play with my dog. I play with my dad. I play with my grandma Jan. I play with my mom. I play

Internet Safety and Your Child

Do you know who your child is chatting with? How safe is your child when surfing the web? Children and internet perpetrators.

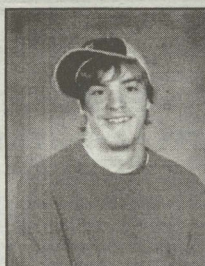
How do we protect our youth? Trooper Hebner of the Michigan State Police will address these issues at an informational meeting on Tuesday, December 9th at 3:45 p.m. in room 106 of the Grand Marais school. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m. for those in attendance. Please RSVP at 494-2543

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL September Students of the Month



Jamie Musselman

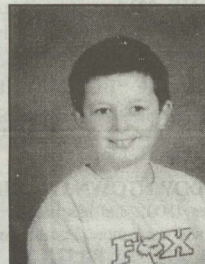
Jamie Musselman was awarded Elementary Student of the Month at the October Board meeting. Her parents are Michael & Tracy Musselman of Germfask. Jamie likes books, doing cutouts and playing dolls. In school she enjoys helping others, doing jobs around the classroom and recess. Her favorite subject is writing. Jamie participates in Kids Club, Girl Scouts. Jamie's future plans are to go into medicine.



Hunter Capogrossa

Hunter Capogrossa was awarded Secondary Student of the Month at the October meeting. His parents are Rick & Mary Capogrossa of Grand Marais. Hunter's interests and activities include Soccer and video class. Hunter's favorite subject is science. He plans to do something in video as a career.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL October Students of the Month



Jesse Ross

Jesse Ross was awarded Elementary Student of the Month at the November Board meeting. His parents are Dale and Amy Ross of Grand Marais. Jesse likes mtoax racing, basketball and soccer. In school he enjoys helping others, doing jobs around the classroom and recess. His favorite subject is math and spelling. Jesse participates in Kids Club. Jesse's future plans are to be a student for the next several years.

Ashlea Cook

Ashlea Cook was awarded Secondary Student of the Month at the November meeting. Her parents are Jan and Dan Cook of McMillan. Ashlea is in the 10th grade. Ashlea's interests and activities include sports, crafts, piano and cooking. Ashlea is involved in Spanish Club, volleyball and drama. She is active in her church youth group and contributes to her community. Ashlea's favorite subject is history. She plans to attend college and major in Art.



2003-04 Polar Bear Basketball / Volleyball Winter Schedule

Basketball coach: John Bauknecht		
Volleyball coach: Stacey Stachnik		
November 21-22	Paradise	Home
December 12	Munising Baptist	Home *6 p.m. start
January 9-10	Hannahville	Away
January 16-17	Mackinac Island	Away
January 23-24	Hannahville	Home
January 30-31	Beaver Island	Home
February 6	Munising Baptist	Away *6 p.m. start
February 13-14	Paradise	Away
February 20-21	Mackinac Island	Homecoming

*Friday Games start at 6:30 p.m. / Saturday Games at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. All games are played in coordination with volleyball games.

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LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 597 feet of sugar sand beach on Lake Superior. This 10 acre parcel has mixed hardwoods and evergreen, in one of the most beautiful developments in the midwest. Underground electric and phone, paved plowed road, a full time caretaker, and only 32 home sites over 1 3/4 miles make this unique property a dream location for privacy. The drive is in and permits are in place for a home on the waterfront. \$299,500.00

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

GORGEOUS HOME ON LARGE LOT IN TOWN: This ranch style home is on five lots with a two car garage. Full basement, new carpet and decorating, and a beautiful yard with flower gardens and trees. Located across from Woodland Park it is in the quieter area of town. \$108,000.00

ONE BEDROOM HOME WITH DETACHED GARAGE ON THREE ACRES: This home is only two miles East of town with over 400 feet of frontage on Highway H-58. It could be split into three parcels. Nice trees and a lot of recent improvements to the home. \$64,500.00

NEWER CABIN ON A 100 FOOT LOT WITH NEW POLE BARN: This would make an ideal rental water view are not visiting Grand Marais. Located three miles out of town it offers a lot of peace and privacy. \$64,500.00

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

TEN ACRES WITH GARAGE, MOBILE HOME, AND OUT BUILDINGS: This is a beautiful piece of property, a lot of good deer hunting and close to snowmobile trails. The mobile home is 12 feet by 60 feet and is only 10 years old. Very good condition. Two miles southeast of Grand Marais. \$72,500.00

CONDO: It is very rare that a condo on Coast Guard Point comes up for sale. This unit is an upper level, 2-3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with some furnishings including a stackable washer and dryer. It also includes a storage shed. It is in immaculate condition and priced at only \$110,000. (C-105)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 323 feet of beautiful beach with no bluff. This 3.79 acre parcel is high and dry and located on a year round road. Priced at only \$175,000. VW-140

TWO TEN ACRE PARCELS IN THE "BOONDOCKS": These parcels are high and dry and heavily wooded with pines and hardwoods. Located off a seasonal road with deeded access eight miles East of Grand Marais. These would make a great hunting or snowmobile camp. \$19,500. Each. VL-133

LARGE RESTORED HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This famous home was built back in the late 1800's and has been remodeled with new plumbing, roof, kitchen, bath, electrical, and much more. Located on a corner lot in the quiet area of town this is a real show place. \$189,500. R-153

TWO WOODED PARCELS CLOSE TO TOWN: Located on H-58 East of Grand Marais these parcels are 115 feet wide and several hundred feet deep. A new drive is being put in on each lot and they are being surveyed. They come with an on site septic approval from the local health department. These are nice wooded and dry and along a year round paved road. Electric and cable runs along H-58. This is a peaceful setting and the price is only \$25,000.00 each.

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.

SEASONAL CAMP SEVEN MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS: This is a tiny cabin located on #416 which is the East snowmobile trail #8. The road is not plowed in the winter and there is no electricity. It has a partial view of Lake Superior and is on a 1.9 acre lot. It is really cute!! Only \$28,500.00

MAGNIFICENT VIEW PARCEL OVERLOOKING THE GRAND MARAIS HARBOR: This is unbelievable. The land is very deep and heavily wooded. It's 200 feet in width and the driveway is already in. Standing where a building site could be you can see downtown Grand Marais and the break wall. It looks like it could be on a post card. \$149,500.00

100 FEET OF VACANT SANDY WATERFRONT BEACH ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This is located right downtown and would allow an owner to walk to all stores and restaurants. Grandchildren can walk to the ice cream store! \$119,500.00

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Coping with Beech Bark Disease

By Bill Cook

Healthy Forests Initiative is the 77th in a series that I have been writing on a monthly basis as part of my duties as the MSU Extension Forester in the UP. Beech bark disease is an exotic introduction that is destined to affect much of the forest in the eastern U.P. Much of Luce County is already heavily impacted and the spread among beech populations is inevitable. Forest owners who are not already familiar with this disease might wish to learn about it.

The eastern Upper Peninsula is dealing with a European scourge that has ravaged millions of acres of beech forest across eastern North America since 1890, the beech bark disease, or BBD for short.

BBD is a combination of a small insect called a "scale" and three fungal species in the genus "*Nectria*". Scales are sucking insects that pierce the beech bark to feed upon the rich fluids underneath. They appear as small clumps of cotton or lint. Scales themselves don't seem to cause great harm. However, they eventually introduce the fungal disease, which kills the delicate living layer called the "cambium". Soon, shallow depressions of oozing tar-colored fluid may appear. *Nectria* girdles the tree and the tree is toast. All this may happen in a couple years, or it may take several.

A couple beech trees in every hundred may be resistant. So, watch for those and let the DNR or MSU Extension know about them. They might be included into research that may represent the future beech forest in North America.

Information about BBD can be found on the Internet on the Michigan Society of American Foresters website at: <http://forestry.msu.edu/msaf>. Click on the "Forestry Info" button, then the "Forest Health" button. You can also request MSU Extension Bulletin E-2746 from your County Extension office.

Beech is one of the few trees that provide "hard mast" for wildlife such as deer, turkey, squirrels, and over 30 other species. "Hard mast" is the technical term for nuts. The Upper Peninsula grows over 200 million board feet of beech, enough to run a cord pile nearly 2,000 miles. Most of it may eventually disappear. Bad news.

Forests infected with BBD display a "killing front" of rapidly dying trees. This "front" moves across the landscape like a wave, sort of. If you want to see what it looks like from the ground, take a drive along Luce County Road 455 (Carlson Camp Road) between M-77 and the Bass Lake Campground.

Forests with a poor management history sometimes have high proportions of beech. These stands are particularly susceptible to BBD, of course. Every forest is different, but where beech dominates the composition, for whatever reason, forest owners will face some difficult choices, sooner or later. Working with a forester will help identify the best management options, which may be limited.

What can be done? Does anything need to be done? What values may be impacted? Should nature be allowed to take its course with an exotic situation? Should a timber harvest be considered? If so, when and how? What about the future? How fast will the disease spread?

Some forest owners have chosen to aggressively salvage beech and work to regenerate alternative species. Much of the BBD infected forest managed by The Forestland Group (formerly Shelter Bay) has gone this route. Operations are often temporarily unsightly, but lead to a healthier future forest in less time than waiting for nature to run its course. If you wonder what might lay in store for your forest, contact Richard Stevenson at the DNR office in Newberry at: stevensr@michigan.gov or 906-293-5131.

If you don't have a forest management plan, now would be a great time to develop one. Don't be tempted to sell timber before its time for fear of BBD. Michigan's Forest Stewardship Program helps pay the planning costs for owners with 12 to 1000 acres of forest. Keep in mind there is more to forest management than reacting to an exotic disease, but dealing with BBD often requires special consideration of alternatives over many years.

Beech bark disease is not the last of exotic tree assaults. Our U.P. forests have already been impacted by Dutch elm disease, larch casebearer, butternut canker, and white pine blister rust. Oak wilt, gypsy moth, pine shoot beetle, and emerald ash borer are on the radar screen, and a number of scary possibilities are lurking on the not-so-distant horizon. Stay tuned.

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Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Call Mary Alice Johnson for information 494-2644



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Announces Publication of Proposed Rules for New Boating and Water Use Regulations in National Park System

(Munising, MI) Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore announced that new rules regarding boating and water use regulations throughout the National Park System have been published and are available to the public for review and comment. The public is encouraged to examine the proposed rules and provide comment.

The proposed rule changes would affect the waters of Lake Superior within one-quarter mile of the shoreline within the National Lakeshore. The proposed rules would also affect all inland lakes within the lakeshore, such as Little and Big Beaver Lakes and Grand Sable Lake.

The proposed rules clarify a number of existing regulations. They also create more uniformity with State laws by requiring the wearing of personal flotation devices (PFD's) by children under the age of 13, creating minimum age requirements for operation of motorized watercraft, and adopting the .08 blood alcohol limit for Boating Under the Influence enforcement.

Personal watercraft (PWC) use would still remain prohibited in the waters of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, until a Final Rule is made concerning that specific recreational use.

The process of rewriting these regulations began in 1997 specifically to address changing visitor use patterns and technologies and boating and water safety issues. The last time these regulations were revised was in 1983. The goal of the proposed regulations is to provide greater consistency with U.S. Coast Guard and state laws and regulations, and to establish rules that can be more clearly understood by the visiting public and more effectively communicated and enforced by National Park Service (NPS) personnel.

"It has been difficult for us to effectively enforce regulations that the public doesn't understand" said NPS Director Fran Mainella. "We are pleased to be moving in the direction of straightforward, understandable regulations and most importantly, a safer park experience for our visitors." An important emphasis in the proposed regulations is safety for children, something that is not apparent in the current boating regulations.

The NPS is seeking comments from the public to determine if the proposed regulations make the parks safer places to visit for boaters and non-boaters, and if they help accomplish the mission of the NPS. The proposed regulations can be located and viewed on the Federal Register website at www.access.gpo/su_docs/fedreg/a030826c.html. The public may submit comments through December 24, 2003. Instructions for submitting comments can be found in the proposed regulations. Once the comment period is over, the NPS will review and analyze the responses before publishing the final regulations.

For further information on these new boating and water use regulations at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, contact Chief Ranger Larry Hach at (906) 387-2607.

INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED TO HELP YOU CHOOSE YOUR NEXT HEALTH PLAN

Q. What does HMO stand for?

A. This is actually a variation of the phrase, "HEY MOE." Its roots go back to a concept pioneered by Moe of the Three Stooges, who discovered that a patient could be made to forget about the pain in his foot if he was poked hard enough in the eyes.

Q. I just joined an HMO. How difficult will it be to choose the doctor I want?

A. Just slightly more difficult than choosing your parents. Your insurer will provide you with a book listing all the doctors in the plan. These doctors basically fall into two categories - those who are no longer accepting new patients, and those who will see you but are no longer participating in the plan. But don't worry; the remaining doctor who is still in the plan and accepting new patients has an office just a half-day's drive away and has a diploma from a Third World Country.

Q. Do all diagnostic procedures require pre-certification?

A. No. Only those you need.

Q. Can I get coverage for my preexisting conditions?

A. Certainly, as long as they don't require any treatment.

Q. What happens if I want to try alternative forms of medicine?

A. You'll need to find alternative forms of payment.

Q. My pharmacy plan only covers generic drugs, but I need the name brand. I tried the Generic Medication, but it gave me a stomachache. What should I do?

A. Poke yourself in the eye.

Q. What if I'm away from home and I get sick?

A. You really shouldn't do that.

Q. I think I need to see a specialist, but my doctor insists he can handle my problem. Can a general practitioner really perform a heart transplant right in his office?

A. Hard to say, but considering that all you're risking is the \$15 co-payment, there's no harm in giving him a shot at it.

Q. Will health care be different in the next century?

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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
February 6 th	Progress Reports Due
February 20 th	Homecoming / Parents' Night

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

GRAND MARAIS LIONS CLUB: 4th Wed. of the month. (Board) 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting 7:00 p.m. Community Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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