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Winter returns to Grand Marais



Winter has returned to Grand Marais. Since the first of the year we have received 21.25 inches of snow in town for a total of 52.55 inches this winter. The Alger County Road Commission crew in Grand Marais reported 106.5 inches of snow has fallen since the first of October. With the snowfall total increasing more snowmobilers have been coming to the area. The temperatures have dipped below zero twice since January 1st. Picture is of Grand Marais Creek east of town on H-58 East.

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**GRAND MARAIS
WOMEN'S CLUB**
**11th ANNUAL
CHOCOLATE SUNDAY**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
 All proceeds will go to the Burt Township School Spanish Club

Grand Marais Women's Club News

The Grand Marais Women's club held their January meeting on the 8th at 7:00 p.m. Since the November meeting was cancelled due to a daylong power failure and our December meeting is always our Christmas party, we had a lot of business to take care of.

We all agreed that the community participation for our Annual Community Christmas potluck party was excellent and want to thank everyone who came. If anyone went away hungry or sad it was not because we did not do our best! The local Girl Scouts were just darling entertaining us with a short skit and several songs. Our thanks to them and to Alma Givens for playing the piano and leading us in song. Again, thanks for your participation.

We have several events coming up in February and hope you will make note of them. Our Annual Community Volunteer Appreciation dinner is going to be on Wednesday February 11th at 6:00 p.m. Make your favorite dish to pass and join us at the community center to show your support of all the volunteers we have in this great town of ours. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated people working so hard for the good of everyone. Please join us and say thank-you.

Chocolate Sunday is on February 15th. All kinds of chocolate goodies including sundaes will be served by the Spanish Class from our local high school at the community center. The Women's club will be providing some of the desserts and the ice cream. All of the proceeds go towards the Spanish Club's next trip to Costa Rica. If the ice is in good order we encourage everyone to bring their skates and go a few rounds on the rink.

The Women's Club and the Lion's Club are jointly providing the food for the meals during the dogsled race on February 21st. We hope to make a nice profit and build up our accounts. If you have not been contacted and would like to help out in some way during this event call me at 494-2644. I will be more than happy to find a job for you for whatever hours you would like to help. Brody Block is also in charge of volunteers and between us I am sure we can find a job for you! Help is greatly appreciated.

I hope you noticed how beautiful the town Christmas tree was by the bandstand. Over twenty years ago several of our club members went to the school forest and dug up a small tiny tree (with permission of course) and brought it into town and planted it on the bank of the bay. It did not do very well and looked pretty sad. Two years later a State forester was at a town meeting and afterwards I asked him to look at our tree and advise us about what to do. He looked and said "Lady, if there was a contest for the worst place to plant this tree you would win, hands down!" He felt that between the constant wind and all the salt from the road that the tree would not ever grow. Did you notice our tree and how big it is? Moral of the story--Don't mess with the Women's Club. Thank You.

**Regular Meeting of the
Burt Township Board
Grand Marais Community Center
Grand Marais, Michigan
December 9, 2003 7:00PM**

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lois Leavenworth & twenty-three visitors.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:03 p.m. Closed at 7:41 p.m..

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

Correspondence/Petitions/Applications/Appointments/Resignations: Correspondence was read. No Petitions. No appointment, resignations or applications.

Minutes of previous meetings: Motion by Seibert, and seconded to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2003, and the November 11, 2003 Meetings. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

Fuel Purchase/Community Center Refunds: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to refund \$125 to the Chamber of Commerce for their use of the Community Center on November 12, 2003. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Ambulance Dept. - Judy Kaye, Lou Bailey and Nancy McDonald completed IC Training and took tests - waiting for results. DPW Manager - Christmas decorations are up. Supervisor - gave report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A) Water Dept. 1. New Well - to be put where storage tank is. 2. Water Rates - HOLD. B) Land Split: (E22535 H-58 East) #2003-04 - TABLED - Ed to resubmit plan will have special meeting to finalize. C) Grand Marais Sno-Trails Association - DNR/Sno-Trails - Lee to contact. D) Update on Curiosity Corner Clean-Up: Lee handling. D) Other: 1. COC Music Festival/Park Plan - TABLED. 2. Blight Ordinance - Schedule special meeting with Planning Commission. 3. Emergency Plan - Lee is working on Burt Township's part of the plan for all of Alger County. 4. Fiscal Year - Will plan to change to March in 2005.

NEW BUSINESS: A) Schedule Special Meeting: RLF Loan: McKinstry Purchase - TABLED. B) Water Dept. Request: 1. Leak Detection - Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to authorize spending up to \$3000 for Leak Detection in Spring 2004. 5 - ayes. Motion Carried. 2. Tank Inspection - Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to authorize spending up to \$2000 on Tank Inspection by Dixon Engineering in the Spring of 2004. 5 - ayes. Motion Carried. C) Request: Alger Conservation District Grant Support - Motion by Savage, and seconded, to re-support the original grant request for the Alger Conservation District. 5 - ayes. Motion Carried. D) Other: Cemetery Survey Payment Request - Motion by Leavenworth, and seconded, to repay Rosalie Meldrum \$275 for the survey she had done on the Cemetery Property. 5 - ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Time recorded: 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Lori Savage, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the December 9, 2003 regular meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

**GRAND MARAIS
SENIOR MEALS
LUNCH SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY Jan. 16
Hamburger Vegetable Pie -
Stewed Tomatoes - Pudding

MONDAY Jan. 19
Cook's Choice - Potato - Cali-
fornia Blend Vegetables - Fruit

WEDNESDAY Jan. 21
Turkey w/Dressing - Mashed
Potatoes - Vegetable - Pumpkin
Dessert

FRIDAY Jan. 23
Pepper Steak - Boiled Potatoes -
Green Beans - Dessert

MONDAY Jan. 26
Meatloaf - Au Gratin Potatoes -
Italian Blend Vegetables - Fruit
Shortcake

WEDNESDAY Jan. 28
Chop Suey w/Rice - Carrots -
Tossed Salad - Cranberry
Gelatin

FRIDAY Jan. 30
Pork Cutlet/Gravy - Parslied
Potatoes - Squash - Dessert

MONDAY Feb. 2
Hamburger Steak w/Onions -
Baked Potatoes - Broccoli -
Fruit

WEDNESDAY Feb. 4
Boiled Dinner w/Potatoes -
Cabbage & Carrots - Peas -
Dessert

FRIDAY Feb. 6
Cabbage Roll Casserole - Car-
rots - Cake w/Fruit Sauce

(Items subject to change.)

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


**SO YOU THINK
YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING?**

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
A snail can sleep for three years.
Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

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.

Letters to the Editor



Your letters are welcomed. The views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents reflect the opinions of those writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

Marc,
One of the charities that our local Women's Club donates to is the Beacon House in Marquette. This facility provides housing for anyone who is a patient at Marquette General Hospital or has a medical appointment (and their family) and needs a place to stay. The fee is whatever you feel you can pay and is available to everyone. Many people from Grand Marais have stayed there and greatly appreciate it. The following note was sent to us from Mary Ann Heathfield of Boulder City, NV.

*Hello,
My son experienced a traumatic brain injury in July 2003. He was in a trauma unit for six weeks, a medical unit for six weeks and has now been at Marquette General Hospital on the rehab floor for six weeks. I have only been able to stay and visit him here in Marquette because of the Beacon House and your generosity.*

*Thank You
Sincerely,
Mary Ann*

This is such a nice facility and we never know when anyone of us may need to stay there. If anyone is looking for a worthy place to send a few dollars, please keep this place in mind.

*Thank You
Mary Alice
Grand Marais Women's Club*

Editors Note: This is only one of the many things that the G.M. Women's Club is involved with. They need your support and time to help the people of the community.

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- What lies on the bottom of the ocean and twitches? A nervous wreck.
- Why don't blind people like to skydive? Because it scares the dog.

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A Message from the Supervisor

**By Lee Durrwachter,
Burt Township Supervisor**

**Support Emergency Operations Plan
for Burt Township**

The first draft of our emergency operations plan has been written, and feedback has already been received and included in the initial second draft. The plan is to be incorporated into the Alger County management program. It is designed to support and coordinate its "emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities". This procedure and/or progressive steps are in line with federal mandates from the Office of Homeland Security, and the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division (MSP-EMD), which is our state's office of homeland security. One of the terms bandied about from the federal level down and now has become a major part of its emergency lexicon is the word "mitigation". In every emergency management program it's being used. Mitigation is still perceived as to make or become mild or milder, and to make or become less harsh, soften. In other words anger, grief, pain, punishments, heat, cold and many other conditions may be mitigated. For government purposes, the basic meaning is still there, but in context of an emergency, it's formally interpreted as: "Those activities designed to alleviate the effects of a major disaster or emergency or long-term activities to minimize the potentially adverse effects of future disaster in affected areas".

So if the township, county, state and/or federal governments determine disaster assistance is needed to supplement our local efforts and available resources, the term "mitigation" could show up to help with disaster relief in "alleviating" the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

Background Information on

Michigan's Emergency Management System

The Michigan Emergency Management Act (Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended) is the legislation, which provides the means for the basic state emergency management. This act prescribes the powers and duties of the governor and certain state and local agencies and officials, as it relates to preparing for, responding to, recovering from and "mitigating" dis-

asters and emergencies. It establishes the organizational framework for the emergency management system used in Michigan. We have taken that outline and are incorporating it on the local level, as our community emergency management operations plan. Our plan takes into account normal emergency and/or disaster events. Typically, our local departments are first to respond, and they assess the situation, determine its scope and magnitude, and determine if additional assistance is required. Generally, our local departments handle the response. When a situation escalates, and local resources are stretched to the limit, back up systems come into play. With our plan, the management systems are in place and the local emergency coordination kicks in with the county and if required, with state and federal. In all cases "together", they assess the nature, scope and magnitude of the situation, and determine the need for resources.

**March Board of Review Changes
Signed by Governor Granholm**

MTA has advised me recently signed PA 194 of 2003 provides for alternate starting dates for the township board of review's first meeting in March. According to MTA, our township board may authorize an alternate starting date by an ordinance or resolution. Our township board may choose to stay with the second Monday in March or specify an alternative date of the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday in March. Either way, our board will consult with its assessor, supervisor or board of review chairman, before adopting an alternate date. MTA also said this alternate date provision is only available for the March board of review meeting, not the July or December meetings.

Last Tuesday (January 6, 2004), I was getting some strange outdoor temperature readings on my thermometers, so I decided to check them all out. Here are the results of that very cold morning at 7:30 a.m.:

- Old indoor/outdoor remote wired RS thermometer: - 7.2 degrees Fahrenheit
- New Atomic Remote wireless sensor thermometer: - 6.9 degrees Fahrenheit
- Outside Car Thermometer: - 5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Hand Carried Meat Thermometer: - 9 degrees Fahrenheit

(Note: With all the talk of mad cow disease, I found another use for my meat thermometer)

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15 TNT--Turner Network TV	36 Home Shopping
16 WXYZ--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
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21 WWJ - Detroit (CBS)	42 Court TV
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**WEATHER
SUMMARY**

DATA is compiled by
Karla Bugg.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec	Snow
DEC. 31	36	27		T
JAN. 1	29	22		T
JAN. 2	35	22	.13	1.
JAN. 3	33	21	.15	.25
JAN. 4	24	19	.01	.25
JAN. 5	24	16	.14	4.
JAN. 6	17	-10	.02	1.25
JAN. 7	16	2	.29	5.
JAN. 8	19	2	.31	.25
JAN. 9	10	-6	T	.25
JAN. 10	18	3	.03	1.
JAN. 11	26	17	.13	1.5
JAN. 12	27	24	.14	1.75

We have approx 10 inches of snow on the ground around town.

The County Road Crew reports that 106.5 inches have fallen at the county line this winter.

KARLA

Editorial Policy

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

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

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

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The New Year was quiet around Grand Marais this year. The motels were not overly busy; restaurants were down in number too. This was mainly due to the lack of snow. Though the snow dance that the local people are doing has helped with winter business it would be nice to see lots of snow this year. What is Grand Marais without lots of snow!

Bill Peterson's daughter Sue Cizek was up with husband Steve and children Lisa over the Christmas holiday.

Ira and Nancy McDonald are trolls this winter. They will be staying at Nancy mother residence near Ann Arbor. The address is: 579 Park Place, Saline MI 48176 Phone 734-944-0094.

In visiting Georgia Mixon over the Christmas holiday were daughter Marilyn and son in law Chris Thompson and grandchildren Brian, Angela, and Nicholas from Canton MI. Son Walter Mixon and sons Michael and Steven were in to celebrate the New Year.

Kay Wampler is busy keeping up with the web page, and the snow trail report. If you have access to a computer check it out on grandmaraismichigan.com. The Grand Marais 500 miler is this weekend. It is going to be cold but should have plenty of snow for the event.

UP 200 is still going to be going though town the 3rd weekend in February. If you are interested in helping out get a hold of Kay Wampler or the Chamber and they can lead you in the right direction.

I am visiting with daughter Sara as I type. We have been going to the U of M to visit Sara and Ray's son Reid who was born December 23rd. He is doing very well and Sara is very pleased with his progress. He is becoming alert and knows when his mommy has come to see him. Thanks to everyone that has shown their concern with well wishes and prayers.

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

Get well to Theresa Swain

If you have any news for the paper let us now. See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling. Evie

You can e-mail me at: morriso3@jamadots.com

Math Joke

The teacher was reviewing counting with her first-grade class. "Jackie," she asked, "can you count to 10 without mistakes?" "Yes," said Jackie, and she did. "Now, Fred," said the teacher, "can you count from 10 to 20?" "That depends," said Fred, "with or without mistakes"!

Working with Dyslexics Class Offered

Bay College's Continuing Education division is offering an 11 week course titled Working with Dyslexics. The course offers the Orton-Gillingham and the Auditory Discrimination in Depth methods of teaching vocabulary, reading and spelling through the use of all the senses. These techniques will be used extensively in class to help solve lifelong disabilities in vocabulary and reading. The class is designed for teachers, parents, teacher assistants and anyone else interested in learning how to help a student struggling in reading and vocabulary.

A total of 3.2 State Board approved Continuing Education Units (SB-CEU's) will be awarded upon successful completion of this course. Class will be held on Tuesdays, January 27 - April 13. Fee for the 32 hours of instruction is \$129 plus material fees of approximately \$60. The course is being taught by Ruth Moody, director of Bay College's Dyslexia Center.

To register and for more information call the Continuing Education Division at 906-786-5802, ext. 1227. Registration deadline is Thursday, January 22.



THE FARM

By Jennifer

Your father had a farm in the woods,
In the middle of an orchard.
He took an old homesteaders cabin
And turned it into a guesthouse.
He made his own bricks,
And built a shop from them.
There was the main cabin,
Where he and his wife would stay.
He dug a root cellar
Out of the side of a hill.
There was also a cook shack,
Where food was prepared and eaten.
And right in the middle of it all
A deep well sat.

When you were a kid
You would spend the summers there.
You built your dog a little house
Back up on a hill.
The oldest kid got seniority,
They got to stay in a cabin,
The others in a tent or two.
Your two older brothers often got the cabin.
They sometimes gave you a drawer.
You bathed in the river,
That went through your "backyard".
In a place you called the Whirlpool
And tried to redirect the water.
As you got older you would still go back.
Sometimes in the summer
Other times on weekends with friends,
Until the government condemned your property.
You tried to fight for it
But in the end you had to leave.

We are back at the farm,
Now a part of the National Park.
We walk through the clearing
That used to have many buildings,
But now they are all gone.
The orchard is overgrown
With tall grass, bushes and trees.
There are a few pear trees left
But they are bitter tasting.
The only structure still standing out there
Is your doghouse,
Off the beaten path.
The cook shack is now in our yard
Just sitting there full of things,
But everything else is gone...
You take me to your Whirlpool
And I play in the cool water
Of Au Sable River.
Not much has changed there.



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Sophie with some of the owner's wives.

ANOTHER TRUE STORY

**By Pickle Meldrum
THE COOKS**

Back in the early '1900's, there were many well-known hunting camps in this area. One of the foremost was Camp Newton. Along with their love for the sport, the hunters main consideration for their time at camp was having a very good cook. In order to find one they checked out the community opinions before making a final selection.

Camp Newton's members at that time were some of our state officials, one in particular being the Governor and his staff. Accompanying them were many of the wives.

For many years, Grandma Sophie Glaza, was the main cook for this camp, and when she retired from the job, it was taken over by her daughter, Sarah.

Sarah and her sister Rose also were in demand as cooks for the renowned "Seney Hotel" owned at that time by the Grondin family. They would leave Grand Marais in the morning and go with a team of horses pulling a wagon, or sleigh, as far as the half-way. The next morning they continued on to Seney. They were also well known by all the lumberjacks in the area for their cooking. The Seney Hotel was well known for it's gambling, as well as for the food.

ANOTHER TRUE STORY



Sarah and her son Ed.

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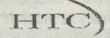
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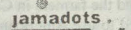
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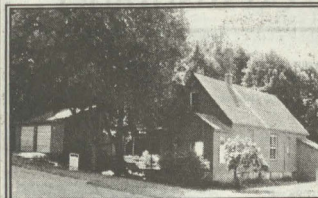
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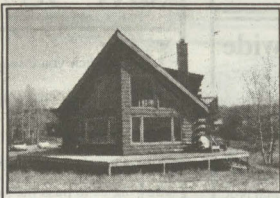
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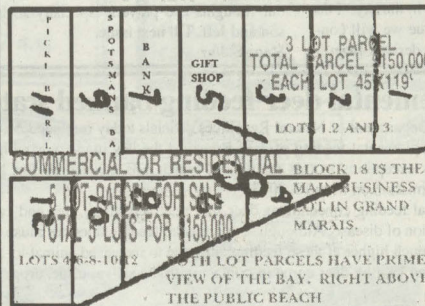
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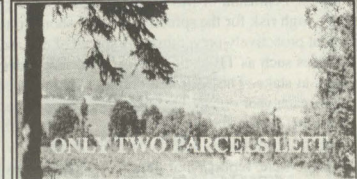
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

If there were people that didn't think our illustrious leader was nuts, they ought to be convinced beyond doubt now. This guy is dangerous too. The "conservatives" have to be reeling after "Crybaby" announced his plans to give certain illegals amnesty and to allow them to stay in this country legally. Where are the elephants that were crying, "What part of illegal don't they understand?" This is a typical "okay for me but not okay for you" stand. In the first place by allowing the illegals to stay sends a dangerous message, "Break the law and we'll change it" sometimes. There is only one reason for this movement now and that is political. Bush couldn't care less about the poor Mexicans plight, he just want to increase his chances for more Hispanic votes. It may, however backfire although I am sure that he and his gang have checked this out and feel it is a good bet. He is also thumbing his nose at a lot of his supporters in Congress, another example of this administration's unbelievable arrogance. As for the groundless idea that a head of lettuce or piece of fruit will cost ten times as much if we don't allow the Mexicans in, I seriously doubt it, but if that is the case then so be it. Had the farmers in California and other areas been forced to use American labor, the current false price would not exist and the market would have stabilized prices by the law of economics, "Supply and Demand". Besides this administration has done nothing at all to make our border with Mexico secure, why think that the influx of illegals will slow even if Bush's political ploy is enacted. The idea that if we make it legal for Mexicans to work here it justifies the way their American employers treat these people is barbarian. It is not okay to enable the breaking of laws and mistreatment of people so Bush can get a few votes and have a cheap salad. I sure hope that the conservatives in congress develop some guts and join with the asses to defeat any bill that proposes this.

The previous issue by itself is grounds for commitment but Bush tops this off with the super stupid announcement "I will put man back on the moon with a permanent space station and then send a man to Mars"! I have always supported Space Exploration and still do, however I believe the majority of those in the know that believe that we can accomplish more for less using unmanned space vehicles. The conservative estimate that I heard from a NASA administrator was 100 Billion Dollars to put another man on the moon. We already have a deficit budget, is this more of Bush's Voodoo economics? Spend more take in less! The projected price tag for a manned trip to Mars is projected to approach if not exceed One Trillion Dollars. The Mars exploration vehicles are only beginning to send back data, how can a person with little or no knowledge of science as Bush has decide to spend that kind of money that, by the way, he doesn't have on a pie in the sky? I do want to see space exploration continue we will continue to benefit from the technology derived from it

and our knowledge of the universe will increase. Reasonable efforts and expenditures I will support, personal goals for pride's sake I won't.

The invisible improvement of the economy took a hit with only 1,000 new jobs instead of the 175,000 or so that this administration predicted. Also more manufacturing layoffs. The report also stated that many Americans have quit looking for jobs after years of failure to find one. I also heard that large companies are renegeing on retirement benefits, due to the great economy I suppose. An interesting tidbit concerning the right wing god Rush Limbaugh. It seems that Rush doesn't want his medical records entered as evidence in his drug trial. I think I heard him complaining about this when Slick was being investigated. Another "okay for me but not for you"? Actually I do agree with him on this, I figure that he won't pay any great penalty for breaking the law anyhow.

It sure hasn't taken Arnold long to start breaking promises. The word is that he has asked for Two Billion dollars of cuts in education after swearing there would be none. No surprise to me, and it has nothing to do with his political party.

The asses aren't making any progress at coming up with an opponent for Bush. They are in fact shooting themselves in the foot quite often. I catch some of the debates and it makes me wonder if they really want a chance to win the election. Everybody is on Dean's case because he is the front runner; if he does get the Democratic nomination, how are they all of a sudden "fully support" him. I don't know, but they will. I am not impressed with any of them. If I had to vote today, it would be for Wesley Clark. Despite some problems I have with him I think that he is the pick of the litter.

Michigan's Gov. jg has not had much of a chance to get into trouble. She has been busy trying to solve the mess Adolph left her and this state when he left office at least eight years too late. It seems that some of her cuts could eliminate the MSU Extension Service in Munising that the voters of Alger County passed a one-quarter mill to support. Count on more cuts.

On the local scene, I have heard a lot of discussion about the proposed "Blight Ordinance". I sure hope that those who have comments, pro or con, were at the Township Board meeting to voice their opinions. Hopefully the Board's decision will be made with the benefit of a lot of input.

And finally, I haven't seen my grandkids during the past few weeks. Hoo did call me one day while playing "Who wants to be a Millionaire?" I was his phone-a-friend and the question had to do with the former name of a country. Luckily I was able to help him out. Maybe some of them will come for a visit soon, Sherri and I have spent enough time in Marquette lately.

A Happy Birthday to Grannie Annie (me mudder) a little late. January 8 was her birthday, I think that she was 87.

And finally, finally. The world seems to be getting more dangerous every day especially for our troops overseas all over the globe. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers especially Josh, Mike, Jason and Jeff. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim

A TRUE STORY

By Chuck Givens

It was late autumn and "Another Beautiful day in Grand Marais" as father Glenn would say. Cold, windy and raining.

Normajeon Bennett, was born and raised in Grand Marais, but now retired after forty years as an educator at Eastern Michigan University and also retired as a full Colonel in the U.S. Army reserves, looked out the window and made the great tactical decision that it would be best not to walk the half mile to early morning church services.

So, she got into her vintage 1979 Jeep, picked up Mary Ann Fairfield, and drove safely to the church.

All went well throughout daily mass. Normajeon read the scripture readings remarkably well pronouncing the biblical names and places perfectly.

When Mass was over and it was time to return home, Normajeon discovered that her keys to her Jeep were missing. She searched the car and the paths she had followed to no avail and then announced in a loud voice: "I've lost my car keys."

Everyone then joined in the search, even father Joy lent a hand. No luck. We all prayed to Saint Anthony for help.

Finally, we gave up the search and got ready to leave. Normajeon wanted to retrace her steps one more time.

She returned to the pew where she had sat and bent down to look under it again. She found nothing; but did hear something rattling in her head.

In despair she rose and threw her hat down in disgust. Behold, the keys fell out. She let out a whoop "I've found my keys". Apparently, she had taken her damp hat off when she got to her pew and laid the keys in it.

Now I ask you. How many other Army Colonels are running around with "Keys in their Bonnets"?

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Supplemental deer feeding banned statewide

Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials today reminded Michigan residents that supplemental feeding of deer is against the law in every Michigan county. There are no exceptions to this regulation, which was enacted by the Natural Resources Commission on May 16, 2003.

Supplemental feeding concentrates deer in a relatively small area and can facilitate the transmission of disease. Although supplemental feeding does not cause disease, the potential for disease transmission is much higher at these feeding sites due to increased animal-to-animal contact. Various diseases can spread when healthy deer come in contact with the saliva, urine, droppings, or the breath of infected animals.

Although no contagious disease like bovine tuberculosis or chronic wasting disease has yet been detected in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, disease pathologists and epidemiologists agree that supplemental feeding poses a high risk for the spread of disease should one become established. The ban of supplemental feeding is aimed at proactively preventing any spread of disease that may occur throughout Michigan.

Diseases such as TB and CWD can devastate a deer herd by causing the death of infected animals, but even more is at stake. The northeast portion of the Lower Peninsula is losing an estimated \$25 million in tourism revenue each year due to the TB outbreak among deer in that area. To date, five dairy herds and 25 beef cattle herds in the Lower Peninsula have been infected with TB and subsequently eliminated, causing a large loss to the farming community and the state. In southern Wisconsin, where CWD has become established in the deer herd, large-scale reduction of the deer population has been initiated to contain its spread.

Recreational feeding of deer is allowed under current regulations as long as deer do not have access to more than two gallons of scattered food at any one time and the food is within 100 yards of a residence and at least 100 yards from livestock.

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."

"Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or the press..." What's so hard to understand about these words? They are, of course, from the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Those first ten amendments, our Bill of Rights, were insisted on by the sovereign "We, the people" to ensure that our new government couldn't grow too big for its britches.

The Constitution itself and the Bill of Rights carefully limited what the government could do and, in the Tenth Amendment cemented the deal by stating that "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

What is so difficult to understand about the wording of these amendments? In the days of old, the Bible was written in Latin, the common people couldn't read it and priests interpreted it as they saw fit. Lawyers and other professionals today often try to stand logic on its ear and interpret things to suit themselves through use of impenetrable, incomprehensible jargon.

The framers of our Constitution, however, wrote a document that was intended to be comprehensible to the people of the United States. Despite that fact, legislators, lawyers, judges, politicians and bureaucrats have tortured our Constitution into yielding ever more "...powers not delegated to the United States..." TO the United States, thereby (and unconstitutionally) depriving the states and the people of those rights.

A perfect example is the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling on 12-10-03 that the McCain-Feingold "Campaign Finance Reform" bill enacted into law last year was Constitutionally acceptable. Ever since passage of that law, it was so clearly an outrageous denial of our right to free speech that few believed the high court would uphold it. By a one-vote margin the Court did just that, shattering logic and our rights.

The powerful edge held by incumbent candidates for public office (the very ones who passed this bill) is widely recognized. The only way an "outsider" can effectively challenge an incumbent is through exercise of the right to freedom of speech. Under McCain-Feingold, organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, The National Rifle Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People or National Right to Life may not purchase advertising that mentions a political candidate by name within 30 days before a primary or 60 days before a general election. To do so constitutes a felony!

Having read and understood what the Constitution clearly says, it is absolutely outrageous that the Supreme Court could come forth with the incredible perversion their ruling represents. There seems but one avenue left for redress: Since the high court is law unto itself, the legislators of the U.S. Congress must recognize their own culpability in the matter and pass a new bill rescinding McCain-Feingold.

Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and contact your U.S. Senators and Representative as soon as possible, urging them to support legislation repealing McCain-Feingold. 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 of them, in a courteous manner. While you are at it, tell the President, too, that he made a grievous error in signing McCain-Feingold and that he should in no case veto any repeal of that bill.

You may reach the president and your federal legislators at the following addresses; please remember to give your name, address and phone number if you use snail or e-mail:

- President George W. Bush
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e-mail: president@whitehouse.gov
- Senator Carl Levin, 269 Russell Bldg.,
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SNOWFEST 2004

Saturday, February 7th
Snowfest 2004 begins at
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A highlight of the event will be horse drawn sleigh rides and dogsled rides.

Visitors can explore the Refuge on snowshoes and skis - available for check-out free of charge. Come early and practice snowshoeing in preparation for the 3 pm snowshoe races. Snowsnake races will also be held.

The Seney Natural History Association and Refuge Volunteers will be providing homemade cookies and hot drinks to help you warm up in the Visitor Center. There'll be games, crafts and fun activities for the whole family! Please remember to dress for both inside and outside activities.

- Check out snowshoes & skis
- Dogsled rides (noon to 2pm)
- Snowshoe races at 3pm
- Outdoor games
- Warm up inside (refreshments & winter crafts)

Winter Film Festival explores the wild February & March 2004

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with Seney Natural History Association invites everyone to participate in the Winter Film Festival at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. This special event will be held on **three consecutive Tuesdays**. Each night will feature movies about wildlife and habitat.

Everyone is invited to join us for a little spring break through movies:

All films will be shown in the Visitor Center Auditorium at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. **Films will begin promptly at 6:30 pm and end around 8:30 pm.** All shows are open to the public and free of charge. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by the Seney Natural History Association. *Please bring your own mug.*



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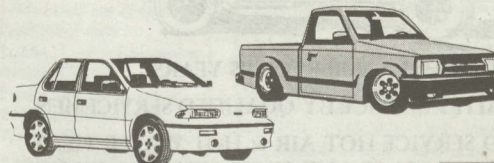
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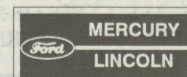
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	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	
Autrain-Onota	-	X	-	-	February 10
Burt Township	X	-	X	-	February 10
Gwinn	-	X	-	X	February 10
Ishpeming	-	X	-	-	February 10
Marquette	-	X	-	-	February 10
Munising	-	X	-	X	February 10
Negaunee	X**	-	X**	-	February 10
NICE	X	-	X	-	February 10
North Star Public Academy	X	-	X	-	Feb. 11, March 17
Powell Township	-	X	-	-	February 10
Republic-Michigamme	-	X	-	X	February 10
Superior Central	-	X	-	X	February 10
Wells Township	-	X	-	X	February 10

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

** There are no openings for 1st, 5th, and 6th grades.

Information regarding the grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted is currently available in the Superintendent's Office of each school district.

THE BIRTHDAY GIRLS IN THE PICTURE ON PAGE 4 OF THE JANUARY 1 ISSUE WERE EVIE AND JOHN MORRISON DAUGHTERS; WENDY SARA AND JENNY.

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Soup's On!

The Women's Club with the help of the Lion's Club has taken on the task of feeding people at the community center ----during the upcoming dogsled race on February 21st. Thinking this would be a fun challenge and never considering how much food we would need for around five hundred people I quickly agreed to the task. May God help the foolish!

Do you know how much soup is needed for that amount of people? According to my computer and several cookbooks, one gallon of soup feeds ten people. That means I need fifty gallons of soup! How big of a pot do you think I will need? I am hoping some of these people will be so full of pancakes from the breakfast that they cannot even think about delicious hot homemade soup! I am aiming for around forty gallons. I am going to have to start soon and freeze a few batches.

If anyone is so inclined and would like to make a batch of soup we will gladly accept it. I have four volunteers so far so I figure that is around eight gallons--forty two more to go. Call me with donations or prayers. Mary Alice 494-2644

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman offers winter getaway

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program today announced an idea for any woman suffering from the winter blahs -- a getaway Feb. 20-22 at the R. A. MacMullan Conference Center located on the shores of beautiful Higgins Lake.

"This three-day weekend workshop is a great way for women to learn new outdoor activities, improve their existing skills and enjoy the company of other women who appreciate the beauty of winter," said Lynn Marla, DNR BOW Coordinator.

The MacMullan Conference Center is surrounded by mature pines and hardwoods, and the comfortable facilities offer a true "up north" feeling, and yet is very easily accessed from US-27. The grounds include many marked trails and an opportunity for exploring.

This workshop for women, 18 and older, offers classes in outdoor photography, winter survival, cast iron cooking, working with birch bark, winter rafting on the Sturgeon River, and an all-day session on Michigan elk where participants hike or snowshoe into elk country to view the herd on its winter range. Other classes include journaling, backpacking, ice fishing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

The \$175 registration fee covers lodging, meals and instruction. Enrollment is limited, so register as soon as possible. The registration form is available on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr, or contact Nancy Thurston at 810-392-2111.

Many other outdoor programs for women are scheduled this year across Michigan. To learn more about this program or additional opportunities, contact Lynn Marla at 517-241-2225, or e-mail marla@michigan.gov.



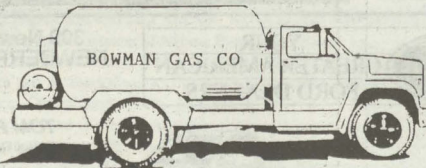
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Burt Township School District Superintendent's Corner

Brenda M. Greenhoe / Smith

A lovely winter wonderland surrounds us. The white snow falls gently upon the trees and landscape. The children and those young at heart delight in the beauty of the season. We overlook the chill in the air to focus on the fun experiences unfolding before us. Winter allows us the opportunity to sled, ski, snowmobile, and catch snowflakes. Winter affords us activities unattainable in other regions. It provides us with experiences so unique that folks travel great distances just to participate. Grand Marais is truly the most wonderful place to be, any season of the year.

Burt Township School reflects a similar experience for the students who are lucky enough to attend school here in Grand Marais. The staff goes above and beyond seeking learning opportunities for each individual student. The staff is working diligently to provide excellence in education for each student.

Rising operational costs and state cutbacks have forced us to all pitch in to insure Burt Township School is viable, remaining to serve the residents of our community and surrounding areas. Our Staff is committed to ensuring our school survives the financial challenges currently in place.

The governor is committed to education. Her original cuts in state per pupil dollars was slated to be \$200 per student. The current figure released last Friday is less than \$100 per student. This means a short fall of \$8,000 rather than \$16,000 for Burt Township School District. We have to face this as good news, a help in addressing the shortfall we had projected. I am confident that the staff, board of education and students will pull together to find ways to address this challenge. I am assured that with all of us working together, Burt Township School will be here for years to come, providing quality education to tomorrow's leaders.

Until next time,
Happy Living,
Happy Learning,
Happy Teaching!
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Change in Date

The Students of Burt Township School wish to invite you to our Homecoming and Parents' night. To be held January 30, 2003, 6:30 pm with dance to follow volleyball and basketball games. This is a change from the original date.



2003-04 Polar Bear Basketball / Volleyball Winter Schedule



Basketball coach: John Bauknecht
Volleyball coach: Stacey Stachnik

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	Home

*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.

Burt Township School District 2003-04 School Calendar

January 16 th	End of first semester marking period
January 26 th	No School
January 30 th	Homecoming / Parents' Night
February 6 th	Progress Reports Due
February 23 rd	No School
February 27 th	End of fourth six weeks marking period
March 4 th	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 12 th	Community Talent Show
March 19 th	Progress Reports Due
March 22 nd	No School
April 7 th	Athletic Banquet
April 8 th	End of fifth six weeks marking period
April 9 th - 16 th	Easter Break
April 19 th	School Resumes
April 23 rd	Spring Carnival
April 26 th	Excellence in Education Week
April 27 th	Excellence Celebration in Munising
April 29 th	Excellence Celebration in Grand Marais (gd 4-6)
May 7 th	Progress Reports Due

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Thursday, Jan. 15**
Chicken Nuggets - Tater-Tots - Jell-o w/Fruit
- Friday, Jan. 16**
Goulash - Garlic Cheese Bread - Green Beans - Fruit
- Monday, Jan. 19**
Tacos w/Works-Orange Wedges - Pears
- Tuesday, Jan. 20**
Meat Loaf - Scalloped Potatoes - Salad - carrots - M'Oranges
- Wednesday, Jan. 21**
Turkey - Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy - Peas or Corn
- Thursday, Jan. 22**
Cook's Choice
- Friday, Jan. 23**
Pizza - Salad - Broccoli and Cauliflower - Apple Sauce
- Monday, Jan. 26**
No School
- Tuesday, Jan. 27**
Ravioli - Rolls - Mixed Veggies - Fruit Cocktail
- Wednesday, Jan. 28**
Hamburger /Deluxe - Curly Fries - Carrots - Orange Wedges - Muffins
- Thursday, Jan. 29**
Nachos w/Works - Refried Beans - Fruit
- Friday, Jan. 30**
Hot Dog - Tater-Tots - Salad - Peaches
- Monday, Feb. 2**
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Pupil: I tried, but there was someone already there!
- Teacher: Can anyone tell me what the Dog Star is?
Pupil: Lassie!
- Teacher: In 1940, what were the Poles doing in Russia?
Pupil: Holding up the telegraph lines!
- Teacher: Why are you standing on your head?
Pupil: I'm just turning over things in my mind, sir!

The Wild Outdoors

By Mel Ott

It was 2:00 A.M. on a Saturday morning and 26-year-old Jim Holt was still half asleep, stumbling around, getting ready for his long five and a half hour road trip to his friend's house, where they would leave for Alaska to hunt Grizzlies and Moose at Big Bear Outfitters. Jim was checking over everything to make sure he didn't forget anything. By the time he left and was on the freeway it was 3:00 a.m.

In a small living room in Madrid, Minnesota, dairy farmer Carl Rinehart was sleeping soundly in an easy chair after having fallen asleep the night before watching David Letterman. He awoke to the sound of Good Morning America on his TV and then he heard his friend's pickup pulling in his driveway. He clambered out of his chair to greet his friend at the door of his garage.

"Hey Jim how you doing?" asked Carl
"Not bad," answered Jim. "How 'bout you."
"Not too shabby," said Carl. "You all packed and ready to go?"

After a half an hour of loading and rearranging their things in Jim's truck they were on their way to Duluth to catch their plane to Alaska. Two hours later they arrived at the Duluth National Airport to board their plane but they had to check their weapons through a special section of the airport so they wouldn't freak out the other passengers. Once they were done with that they boarded the plane and prepared for a long nap.

The five-hour plane ride seemed to take forever; until they fell asleep; then it seemed to go by very fast. When they finally arrived in Juneau, it was about 5:00 in the afternoon. To get to Big Bear Lodge where they would be staying, they had to load all their gear onto a float plane and go from there. What they didn't know was that the plane they were riding in had bad engine problems, and sometimes they were so bad that the plane would simply quit running, taking about 30 seconds to get it running again.

They were just flying over one of the small islands they would be hunting on when the engine suddenly cut out and the plane went into a gentle fall toward the island. All seven passengers were yelling and panicking as the plane continued its decent toward the island when the engine suddenly caught, and they were going again.

After arriving at the lodge the owner asked if they were all right and told them he was sorry about the plane because it was the only one they had available at the time so they were having to make do with it for two days until the other plane arrived.

The next morning after having a hearty breakfast the two friends sat in the lounge getting ready for the day.

"So which island are we going to go to Jim?" asked Carl nervously
"Why do you want to know that?" inquired Jim.

"Well, I don't want to go far in that rickety old plane," Carl answered sort of nervously. "I just have a feeling that something really bad is going to happen."

After much deliberation the two decided on a small island only about 45 minutes flight from the lodge. They figured they would be okay in that plane for that amount of time.

The next day they packed all of the gear they would need into the rickety old plane and set out for the small island called Chakura where (for a day and a half) they would be hunting the grizzlies that occupied it.

After about half an hour on the plane the two friends decided that they would be all right and radioed back to camp to tell them they were going to another island about 20 more minutes away from their first choice. About ten minutes later the plane started making noise and the engine cut out. They waited ten seconds, but it didn't come back on and they started to get worried so Jim went up to ask the pilot what was wrong.

"Hey, is anything wrong up here?" asked Jim
"Does it look like everything's all right," he said sarcastically. "I can't get the engine running again and the radio went out," he explained.

"What are we going to have to do?" Carl asked the pilot.

"Well, for starters we'll have to make an emergency landing on whatever island we're closest to, and then try to get the radio working again," the pilot explained calmly

The plane started its slow decent toward Kuna, an island not even close to either of the islands they had picked to hunt on.

They watched helplessly as the plane began to skim the trees and finally the pilot spied a clearing and gently steered toward it when the wing of the plane caught a tree and was ripped off. The plane went into a spin and began tearing trees down when it suddenly collided with the hard Alaskan soil. The two friends were thrown violently from their seats and were still rolling around as the plane stopped its vicious roll and the two friends came to rest unconscious on the ceiling of the plane.

Two hours later the Jim, Carl and the pilot awoke to find the sun setting low in the sky. They discovered that the pilot had suffered a broken leg and was bleeding profusely from a deep cut in his forehead. The two friends salvaged what they could from the smashed up plane and put them in one pile. They salvaged Jim's 7mm mag, and two boxes of shells for it, and they got the plane's survival kit, which was stored in a compartment with their gear. Their radio was smashed beyond repair and all their navigation equipment was destroyed.

"Well, what are we going to do Carl?" asked Jim. "We can't hardly move the pilot with that leg and carry all the gear at the same time."

"I know, but we can't just stay here, with the pilot because I think he has more than just a broken leg. He might have some internal bleeding, and I don't want him to die because of us," snapped Carl.

"I don't want him to die either, Carl but we can't move all this gear and him, because the lodge won't know where we are if we leave the plane

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- * There are more chickens than people in the world.
- * There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous
- * There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
- * There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.
- * Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- * TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- * Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- * Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- * Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.



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The Wild Outdoors

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and go wandering around and get lost out here on this island," said Jim. "They don't know where we are anyways!" yelled Carl at the top of his lungs. "We're on an island that we weren't even close to when we first started our trip out here, and they aren't going to even think of looking here for us."

After much deliberation the two friends decided to move to the coast of the island and start a fire for the lodge to see from the air to pick them up. They were just walking into a thick pine forest when it started getting dark. They built a small lean-to against a pile of pine branches on the end of a fallen tree. They started a fire and set the pilot down next to it to keep him warm while they cooked some food out of the survival kit. After they had eaten and laid down in the shelter to sleep, about an hour later something woke the pilot up. He looked across the fire to see an enormous grizzly staring at him, and then he realized that he was still bleeding from his forehead and the cloth he was using was saturated in blood. When he looked again he saw the bear charging across the clearing at him and he opened his mouth to scream.

Carl and Jim awoke to an ear-splitting scream, which they realized was the pilot whom, they thought was yelling because of the pain in his leg, but when they looked over to where he was sleeping and saw he was gone they jumped up and grabbed the 7 mm and ran out of the shelter to find a grizzly tearing at the pilot while he was screaming his lungs out.

"Oh, my god Shoot it, Carl! Shoot it!" Jim screamed frantically as he looked around for something to draw the bear's attention away from the pilot, who was still screaming.

Carl raised the gun to shoot; he pulled the trigger and heard a dry click instead of and ear-shattering roar from the barrel of the gun.

"Oh, @#%," Carl yelled as the bear turned its attention towards Jim who took off running the opposite direction to draw the bear away from the pilot Carl ran back to the shelter and grabbed a handful of bullets and jammed them into the gun and ran out blindly- the fire had gone out with the bear stomping around in it-and took a wild shot into the dark toward the direction where he believed the bear to be at and fired. An enormous flame erupted from the barrel of the gun and he saw in an instant that he had just skimmed the hair on the top of the bear's back. It turned and ran into the darkness carrying off the pilot's body with it, smashing down saplings as it went.

The two friends didn't sleep the rest of the night and were still awake in the wee hours of the morning in fear that the bear would come back to finish them off because the blood from the pilot, which was still all over the place, could draw the attention of other bears. Once it was fully light outside the two friends picked up all of the essential equipment they could carry on their backs and pointed themselves to where they thought the coast was and started hoofing along the top of a long ridge. They stopped after about 3 hours walking to start a fire and cook something for their lunch before they continued onwards.

Later they came to a large gorge with a swiftly flowing river at the bottom of it so they followed the gorge until it ended. They were about to cross the river where the current wasn't so swift when Jim glanced up the river through his matted down hair to see a bear in the middle of it fishing. He suddenly recognized it to be the bear that had attacked them and killed the pilot the night before. The bear must have recognized them, too, because it came charging downstream at them at a tremendous speed and before they knew it he was only about 20 yards away from them. Jim turned to run the opposite direction the bear was going and when he looked back he saw Carl on one knee and he stopped dead in his tracks.

Carl knew exactly what he had to do, and, as if by instinct, he dropped to one knee and took a steady aim and emptied all five shots of the gun on the charging bear when it was only about 10 feet away. Then it turned and ran the other way for fear of being hit again. Carl then collapsed into a heap on the ground laughing so hard he was crying and muttering indistinctly under his breath.

"Carl, are you okay man?" yelled Jim as he snapped out of his trance and ran over to his friend, still lying on the ground in a heap.

"I'm okay, but let me tell you something, I am never going to let you plan our vacation again," Carl spat out.

Afterwards they sat for a while, giving Carl's nerves a chance to calm down before they went on. After another 3 hours walking the two had finally reached the coast and had set out to build a fire and wait for rescue. The sound of the waves crashing on the beach was deafening and they could hardly hear anything. They were sitting by the fire when they heard a crunching in the gravel of the beach and looked up to see the same bear looking at them maliciously through its two beady eyes. Quick as a flash the bear was upon them and they had no time to get to the gun. The bear reached Carl first grabbing him around the waist and tossing him like a rag doll down the beach and then racing down to grab him and finish him off. Jim meanwhile had managed to reach the gun but the bear had stomped on it and bent the barrel in its charge. Through all the commotion of the bear and the sound of the waves crashing on the shoreline they had failed to hear a steady thumping that was getting closer by the second. The bear was still tearing at Carl when three shots rang out almost simultaneously and the bear dropped almost directly on to him. Stunned by the shots Jim looked up and saw a coast guard helicopter hovering over him with a man who was holding a rifle hanging out the door. The two friends yelled and cheered at the man in the chopper and he waved back as they came in to land on the beach.

"Are you the two guys whose plane crashed two days ago?" asked the pilot of the chopper. "Yeah, that was us," Jim answered hoarsely.

"Where's the pilot of the plane?" The pilot asked them.

"He was killed two days ago by that same bear," Carl said

"Oh, well, then hop in and we'll take you back because there isn't any sense in looking for him because his body will have already been eaten by other bears and wolves too probably," the pilot explained to the two friends.

The two friends boarded the chopper and took one last look at the bear, which was being loaded onto another chopper, and the small island that they had spent two nights of hell on. They also looked forward to a nice warm shower and hot meal when they got back to the lodge.

When they got back to the lodge the owner told them he would give them a full refund and pay them back for all the gear they had lost. Before they left Jim turned to Carl and said, "Carl from now on I'm just gonna stay home and hunt, no more adventures for me."

"Me, too, Jim. Me, too," answered Carl sleepily before he drifted off to sleep on the plane that would take him and Jim home.

A Weekend of Publishing Workshops and Book Readings in Cedarville

Cedarville, Michigan: The Upper Peninsula Publishers and Authors Association will present book readings and a publishing workshop in Cedarville on **January 16th and 17th.**

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The program on Saturday the 17th will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Les Cheneaux Library in Cedarville. The schedule is: 10:00-10:15, sign in, brief business meeting; 10:30-11:30, Jim Halvorsen, local CPA and a specialist in art accounting, will present valuable insights on tax preparation for authors and independent publishers. Halvorsen works with the Sault Area Arts Council and Alberta House as well as many local artisans; 11:30-12:30, lunch at Ang gios restaurant; 12:30-1 p.m., Bonnie Swadling, UPPAA member and artist, will discuss book cover design, and how authors and publishers can help an illustrator create an effective cover; 1:00-1:30, Sharon Komondy of Open Mind Books and Kristen Diehl of Safe Harbor Books, two independent book dealers, will share their views on the future of the independent book market; 1:30-2:45, Spring Conference update and meeting (the UPPAA Spring Conference will be held April 24th at the Peter White Library in Marquette).

For more information, contact UPPAA President Moira Wilson at (906) 484-2708 or e-mail: moirawz@cedarville.net.

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