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Meet the Sled Dogs!

Find out more about sled dogs and mushing - up close and personal! Two presentations will be held at the Youth Center on Saturday, February 19th, during the UP 200. Steve and Joyce Tchozeski, of Nature's Kennel in McMillan, will have sled dogs, puppies, and equipment to share with interested kids and adults. Here's your chance to pet the dogs, ask lots of questions, and discover the world of sled dog racing. Plus, kids can take home some great free souvenirs! Short presentations will be given at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., followed by drop-in sessions. Don't miss it!

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Place: Youth Center
Everyone welcome!

Grand Marais in February is not Dull!



The Grand Marais Women's Club Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held February 17th at the Rec. Center. As usual the food was great and everyone got to socialize, this is the way to breakup the winter doldrums.

Grand Marais



Community Team

Invites you to be part of the excitement and welcome the 2005 UP200 Dog Sled Pace to Grand Marais

Friday, Feb. 18th 7:00 p.m.

Start of Race Party (bring snacks to pass)

Saturday, Feb. 19th all day

Food \$5) and Baked Goods Sale

The first dog sleds should arrive late morning on Saturday and the last group will leave Grand Marais about 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The Community Center will be open from start of the race till end. There are activities planned and great food and friends... come be part of the excitement. ESPN 2 and Channel's 13 and 6 will also be present.

Food: Grand Marais Women's Club
Sweets & Treats: Grand Marais United Methodist Church
Pickles & Gifts: Grand Marais Historical Society
Gifts/Mementos: Mining Journal, UPSDA and Grand Marais UP200 Community Team

CABIN FEVER - February 11



Cabin Fever brought lots of people out to enjoy the mild weather. The snowmobile poker run, cardboard sledding on the Bay, cookie decorating, and other activities were well attended.



GRAND MARAIS LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Grand Marais Lions Club will be holding their final meeting Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at the Rec Center. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

Grand Marais Community Center

Grand Marais, Michigan

January 25, 2005 7:00PM

Present: Lee Durrwachter, Lori Savage, Jim Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth
Eight visitors.**Absent/Excused:** None**Public Comment:** Opened 7:02 pm - Closed 7:05 pm**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to approve the agenda. 4 - ayes. Motion carried.**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A) **Alley Vacation** - Lee to check into leasing option. Lori to send an update to the Bailey's concerning their request.B) **New Projects for Park** - Motion by Seibert, and seconded, to borrow approximately \$20,000 to be paid off at a rate of no less than \$5,000 per year to fix roads and make bathroom repairs. 5 - ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Leavenworth and seconded to accept the application of Larry Feist as campground host for Woodland Park Campground pending background check. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.C) **Monthly Reports / Newsletter** - Discussion about having managers and chiefs report in writing monthly instead of verbally at meetings.D) **Purchase Requisition Form** - Motion by Seibert and seconded to adopt the purchase requisition procedure and form as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Durrwachter - aye; Savage - aye; Kniss - aye; Seibert - aye; Leavenworth - aye. Motion carried. Procedure adopted.E) **Other****NEW BUSINESS:**A) **Fund Balance** - DiscussionB) **Fund Review** - DiscussionC) **NMPA Resolution** - Motion by Seibert and seconded to adopt the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy resolution to become a member of the academy for a cost of \$100 per year. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.D) **Other** - Motion by Seibert and seconded to continue leasing a backhoe from John Deere, by trading in the current equipment for a new model. 5 - ayes. Motion carried.**Adjournment:** Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn. Time Recorded: 9:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by members of board and secretary who were in attendance and reported to Clerk Savage.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Savage, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the **January 25, 2005 regular meeting**. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.**Work-at-Home Scams: They Just Don't Pay!**

Washington, DC -- "Make big \$\$\$ working from home. Earn \$50 to \$200/hour in the comfort of your home!" You've seen the ads in newspapers, on flyers stapled to telephone poles, and on the Internet. They sound great. In fact, working at home has become more attractive than ever as stay-at-home moms, college students, and retirees look for new ways to earn extra money. But be wary of these offers, warn U.S. Postal Inspectors. There are some genuine job opportunities, but too many don't deliver on their promises.

During National Consumer Protection Week, Postal Inspectors and the Postal Service's Consumer Advocate are joining other federal, state, and local consumer-protection agencies to educate the public about ways to avoid becoming victims of fraud. This year's postal message is "Work-at-Home Scams: They Just Don't Pay."

Chief Postal Inspector Lee R. Heath says, "With so many Americans interested in working at home, it should come as no surprise that job scams have grown in popularity -- but too many offers not only don't pay, they cost victims thousands of dollars."

According to the Postal Service's Consumer Advocate Mike Spates, job seekers should do some homework before accepting a work-at-home offer. "Our goal is to educate consumers so we can reduce their chances of falling victim to work-at-home scams," says Spates.

Postal Inspectors report the most common work-at-home scam is envelope stuffing. The ads promise you money in return for stuffing envelopes at home. But Postal Inspectors say that none of the promotions they've seen pay off as promised.

The newest scam is reshipping fraud. Work-at-home shippers are promised substantial amounts of money -- all they have to do is receive, repack, and then mail merchandise to a foreign address. What the shipper doesn't know is that the merchandise was paid for with stolen credit cards. In effect, the work-at-home shipper becomes part of a fencing operation by receiving and mailing stolen goods. Reports to date indicate the scam has cost victims thousands of dollars, but as long as the ads appear, people unaware of the fraud continue to respond.

Other work-at-home jobs may involve product assembly, craft work, and multi-level marketing. Some ask victims to front money for products or more detailed instructions. Others require that you recruit other people to do the work -- which continues the fraud.

Postal Inspectors encourage consumers to closely examine offers before responding. They offer these protection tips:

- Don't give out personal information to a person or company you don't know.
- Be suspicious of any offer that doesn't pay a regular salary or involves an overseas company.
- Check out the company with the Federal Trade Commission, the Better Business Bureau, state Attorney General, or your local consumer protection agency.

Be smart," says Chief Inspector Heath. "There is no easy way to wealth. If the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

For more than 225 years, the U.S. Mail has been one of the safest and most efficient ways for Americans to do business. The Postal Inspection Service works to maintain that trust. Last year, the Postal Inspection Service received 82,000 complaints from people who believed they were defrauded by offers received in the mail. During the same period, Postal Inspectors arrested 1,446 suspects for mail fraud.

For more information on fraud or to order the free DVD, "Work at Home Scams," visit www.usps.com/postalinspectors. For more information on National Consumer Protection Week, visit www.consumer.gov/ncpw and www.bbb.org.

Classic work-at-home scams include:

- * envelope stuffing
- * product assembly or craft work
- * medical billing
- * reshipping

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**BURT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW
MEETING NOTICE
MARCH 2005**

Thursday March 10, 3-6 p.m. for organizational purposes
in the Township Offices.

Protest will be heard in the Community Center
Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

**BURT TOWNSHIP
JOB POSTING:
PARK MANAGER**

The Burt Township Board is seeking qualified applicants to interview for the position of Woodland Park Manager. Candidates must be bondable; able to supervise employees; and must be available to work between April 1st and October 15th. Full job descriptions are available at the township office.

If you are interested in applying for the position of Woodland Park Manager, please contact the Township Office (906) 494-2381.

Lori Savage
Township Clerk

The Burt Township War Memorial committee is looking to update the Veterans Memorial hopefully before this Memorial Day. If you are aware of any missing qualified veterans that should be included or correction of spelling of a name; or have any questions please contact the Burt Township Office or Jim Seibert. Qualification for inclusion requires service during a war and either a resident when enlisted or a high school graduate of Burt Township. Active duty must include time between: 12/7/1941 - 12/3/46, 6/27/1951 - 1/3/55, 8/5/1964 - 8/2/75, or 8/2/1990 - present.

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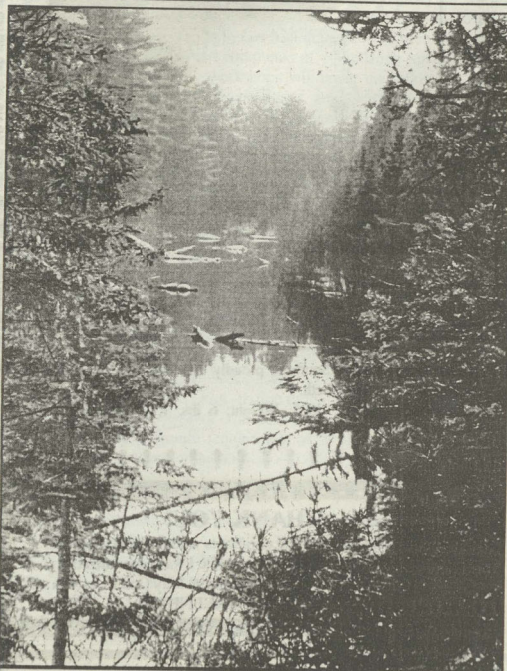


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Winter Scenes around Grand Marais



Grand Marais Creek from H-58 East looking south.



End of Cemetery Rd. looking east towards East Bay and the Sucker

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

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

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

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Workshop Addresses Financial Statement Analysis

The M-TEC at Bay College will be offering an 8-hour workshop that will address the understanding of reading, interpreting, and analyzing financial statements. The program, Financials for the Non-Financial Manager, will be held March 10 and 17 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The workshop's focus will be on gaining a better understanding of three basic financial statements, understanding and using ratio analysis, applying financial decision making techniques, and reading of annual reports. For detailed program and registration information, visit <http://mtec.baycollege.edu/train/financials.pdf> or contact Lori Shea at 789.6902, ext. 1212 or e-mail: shea@baycollege.edu

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WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by Karin Bugg-Cooperative Weather Observer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec	Snow
FEB. 2	40	28		
FEB. 3	41	29		
FEB. 4	42	25		
FEB. 5	46	32		
FEB. 6	44	38		
FEB. 7	42	25	.08	
FEB. 8	25	17	.11	2
FEB. 9	21	1		
FEB. 10	30	0		
FEB. 11	32	16		
FEB. 12	34	29		
FEB. 13	31	12		
FEB. 14	31	23	.2	2
FEB. 15	35	27	.12	1.2

At the present time there is 11 inches of snow on the ground in town, 102.35 inches for the year.

KARLA

The Alger County Road
 Commission garage in
 Grand Marais is reporting
 127.25 inches of snow this year.

Dear Grove Cable Subscribers:

2/3/05 We are experiencing some trouble on channels that have digital equipment. Snowmobiles pass on a trail within 15 feet of the satellite dishes on Airport Road and this momentarily shuts down the equipment. Please bear with us in getting the trail moved or we will have to move our satellite dishes in the spring. We had hoped the trail would be moved this year, but so far, no luck. We apologize and will keep you informed.

Bob Grove

2/17/05 The snowmobile club has moved the trail about 30 feet further away from our cable site and this has reduced the interference considerably. Let me know if you can not live with this for the balance of this snowmobile season. Next year the snowmobile club has promised to move the trail to a different route. I thank you for your patience with this problem.

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7 WDTV--Detroit (NBC)	30 Lifetime
8 WTBS--Atlanta, GA	31 Sci-Fi Channel
9 CNN--Cable News Network	32 TV Land
10 Fox Sports Detroit	33 FAM--The Family Channel
11 ESPN 2	34 Home & Garden
12 ESPN--Ent. Sports Network	35 Hallmark
13 WNNM--Marquette PBS	36 Home Shopping
14 The Movie Channel... Premium	37 QVC--Shopping Channel
15 TNT--Turner Network TV	38 C-Span
16 WXYZ--Detroit (ABC)	39 CHS - Country Music Videos
17 A&E--Arts & Entertainment	40 The Weather Channel
18 The Discovery Channel	41 FOX News
19 WMQF 19 Marquette (Fox)	42 Court TV
20 Outdoor Channel	43 The Disney Channel
21 WWJ - Detroit (CBS)	44 Food Network
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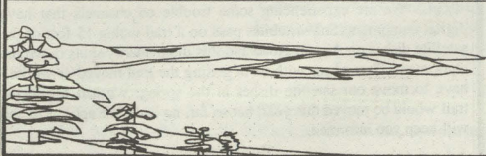
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You'll be happy to know that so far, the funniest name my spell checker has come up with is Calista "Flowchart."

**AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



The Woman's Club had a nice volunteer dinner last week. The food was excellent and the speeches were short. Many thanks for all the volunteers we have who make this community a better place. Without all of them we would be in bad shape. Thanks!

Cabin Fever turned out to be a success. Lois Kinlaw made some excellent chili and provided the fixing to go along with it. Mike Beek was able to get the snowmobile poker run off to a good start. He made a few new trails so there was plenty of snow. Then everyone stopped out to his camp and enjoyed hotdogs out there. Hmm, he also got the winning hand!

The snowshoe poker run was held at the recreation center. (No snowshoes were really required). Unfortunately we need a good storm to make it look like winter. It is snowing now so hopefully we will have some fresh snow for the UP 200 Dog Sled Race this weekend.

Chocolate Sunday was good for the Spanish Club. Good chocolate was provided along with hotdogs and brats.

In over the weekend were Lois Kinlaw's girls Brandy and Nickie and grand grandchildren.

Ed and Mickie Dempsey and their children were in from Negaunee.

Brooke and Ryan Whaley and their children Paige and Blane were in from Marquette. They spent time visiting Grandparents Ron and Barb Whaley. Along with Great Grandparents Neil and Ruth Beaver, and Mark and Adel Barney.

Mike O'Brien from Mason was in town over the weekend with his wife Chris.

Tim and Deb McKinstry had friends Steve and Amy up for the weekend with their new baby Ethan 8 months old. I think the McKinstry boys are ready to have another baby in the house now.

Happy 1st birthday to Evan Sohl. Evan was able to have his Mommy and Daddy (Wendy and Steve) take him to Lansing with brother Johnny and meet up with his cousins Reid and Mommy Sara from Michigan City and cousin Logan and Mommy and Daddy Jenny and Ben. Other cousins Paige and Skyer were able to come with their Mommy Jill and Aunt Maggie and Uncle Greg Smith all from Ithaca.

Happy birthday to Bob Stocking, Steven Sohl and Marc Oglevie.

I received an email from Larry Burant. Many of you remember his mom Helene Burant. If you do not I will give you a little background. She is a wonderful lady that owned "Grahams Cabins" in the 80's. She also managed a little beauty shop out of her home. This is where I met Helene. When we moved here in 1988 I worked with her. She is the kindest person you would ever want to meet. Anyways she became ill and moved back to Ohio near her family where she resides today. Larry says physically she is doing fine, unfortunately the memories are gone. If you would like to send a card or letter this is her address. Helene Burant c/o Pine Valley Care Center, 4360 Brecksville Road, Richfield, Ohio 44286

I heard from Ed Chambers last week. He wanted people to know that his mother Evelyn is very ill. She is on Mackinaw Island with Ed and his wife Nona and will remain there. If you would like to send a card to let her know you are thinking of her, this is the address. Evelyn Chambers PO Box 162, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.

If you have any news for Around the Bay pass it on by.

Until next time, keep on smiling...

Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

**GRAND MARAIS
SENIOR MEALS
SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY Feb. 18
Shepard's Pie - Cauliflower - Fruit

MONDAY Feb. 21
Beef Stew w/Stew Vegetables - Tossed Salad w/Spinach - Pistachio Pudding

WEDNESDAY Feb. 23
Pork Cutlet - Mashed Potatoes - Savory carrots - Spice Cake w/Butter Cream Frosting

FRIDAY Feb. 25
Cheese Lasagna - Peas - Garlic Bread - Jell-O Cake

MONDAY Feb. 28
Chicken BB-Q - Oven Browned Potatoes - California Blend - Fruit Cocktail

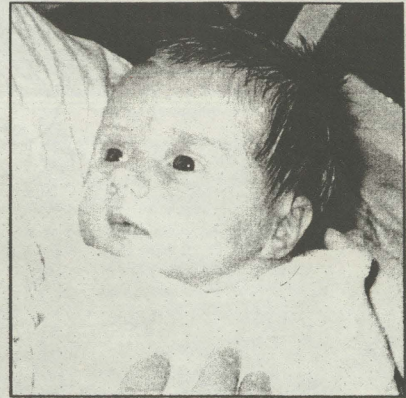
*(Items subject to change.)
Senior Nutrition Program meals are provided by Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) for persons 60 or older & their spouses.*

Did You Ever Wonder?

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."



Birth Announcement



Jason and Aimee Spurlock proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Riley Elizabeth.

Born January 26, 2005; Weight: 6 lbs. 15.8 oz; Height: 19.5 inches."

THANK YOU!

Thank you to my friends and neighbors who provided comfort, food and words of encouragement while I was hospitalized and during my recuperation. You are the best! May God bless you all!
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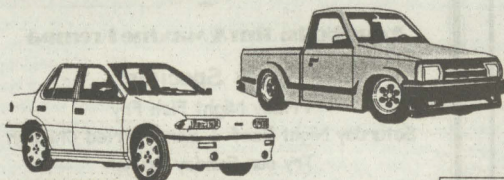
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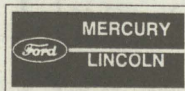
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Backyard Beekeeping Workshops Offered

Backyard Beekeeping Workshops to be held. Michigan State University Extension is once again teaming up with White Birch Apiary of Bruce Crossing to offer a series of Backyard Beekeeping Workshops. Les McBean, who has been in the beekeeping business for 18 years and owner of White Birch Apiary, will instruct the workshops. The workshops will cover the following topics: spring inspection of over wintered hives, emergency feeding, what to use and how, spring medications, mite control, package bees vs. nucs vs. over wintering, re-queening, types of queens, equipment-types and uses, making comb honey, building bear fences, making splits (divides) and the latest in beekeeping news. McBean will also be taking orders for package bees with queen.

Two General Beekeeping Workshops will be held. The first will be at the Marquette Township Hall, 161 County Road 492, Marquette on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm EST. Registration deadline is Friday, March 4. The second General Beekeeping workshop will be held at the Great Northern Buffet, 521 N. Lincoln Road, Escanaba on Saturday, March 19 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm EST. Registration deadline is Friday, March 11.

An Advanced Beekeeping Workshop will be held at the Ewen-Trout Creek School, 144 Airport Road, Ewen on Saturday, March 26, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm EST. Registration deadline is Friday, March 18.

Pre-registration is required. The \$20 per person registration fee includes lunch. A minimum requirement of 20 participants per session must be pre-registered for the session to be held. If a session is cancelled due to low registration, individuals will be contacted to inquire if they would like to register for another session.

For more information or to pre-register for the workshop, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 906-884-4386 or email ontonago@msue.msu.edu. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the Ontonagon County MSUE office at 906-884-4386 by February 14 to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be met when possible.

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Update Your 911 Number

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- 911 or (906) 387-4444 Alger County Sheriff



SPECIAL EVENTS

Winter Film Festival explores the wild. February & March 2005

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with Seney National Wildlife Refuge Association invites everyone to participate in the Winter Film Festival at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. This special event will be held on **Tuesday, February 22 & March 1, and 8.** 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 National Wildlife Association. *Please bring your own mug.*

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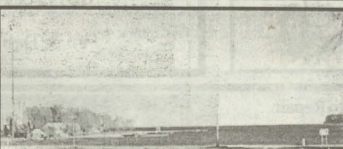
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

This administration, led by Georgie Boy has got to be the most arrogant, biggest peddler of fear and the all time leader of rationalizing the irrational. I would like to be able to stop short of using the word liar but that would be a lie. The "State of the Union" diatribe was its usual large stack of fertilizer but this time it went beyond the expected. The Asses response was equally ridiculous. Social Security does needs fixing, it is broken and will destroy itself if changes are not made now. That and the need for tort reform are about the only things upon which I agree with Georgie Boy; I don't however think his fix on either is even close to the answer.

As I said several months ago, Bush, the ungrateful S.O.B., cut VA Health Care along with most discretionary programs in his proposed budget. How in the name of God can this maniac justify that? He is making veterans that will need help by the thousands, the VA does not have enough money now to do its job and there is the inflation factor to consider. I don't know how he or any of his lackeys can sleep at night. Veterans who need help will die if the VA doesn't get a sizable increase and if they do it makes Bush and Company murderers as sure as if they executed the veterans. The 1200+ page budget has some pretty and very expansive graphics; why not write it on toilet paper, that way it would be useful and save lots of money. This proposed budget has the biggest deficit ever and it contains not one red cent for operations in Iraq or Afghanistan. Go ahead and tell me this clown is a Conservative! Who in the Hell is going to read the entire report? I guarantee that Georgie Boy didn't even read the entire report yet alone write it. Very few if any senators or representatives will read the whole thing either. This is not something that started with Bush either. The budget also cut education and /or eliminated most entitlement programs. However the Defense Dept. war machine got more money and so did Homeland Defense and foreign aid. The Defense Dept. increase would be justified if it went for pay raises and benefits for our service personnel. Any one who has been in the service can tell you that there is a lot of pork in Defense Dept. spending; I can't believe Homeland Defense is any different. Of course our fearless leaders have to have some way to repay their large campaign contributors.

It appears that the voting in Iraq went better than expected, regardless of what happened Bush would have declared it a tremendous success. The Bush favorites came in a distant third and there is already talk about a theocracy, I believe it will happen at least to some degree. The success or failure of the war on Iraq does not justify it. The Machiavellian idea that the ends justify the means ain't so.

I commend the Elephants and Asses who had the courage and gratitude to increase the death benefit from \$12,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for service personnel killed in action. By the way Georgie Boy and company opposed this idea until it was clear that it

had close to unanimous support. I think it should be expanded to include anyone who dies while in the service for any reason but this is at least a start. It won't make their heirs millionaires like the heirs of those killed in the 9/11 attack nor come close to the \$250,000.00 that police officers (on average) get if they are killed in action. I also commend the Senate, especially the Asses who had the guts to cross party lines, which passed a "Tort Reform" law. It may not be perfect, in fact it would be a first if it were, but it is a beginning and a badly needed one.

Another program that Bush all but eliminated is the COPs program. It seems stupid to me to pay for police protection for Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea and many other places but not in our country. Adding to the police problem, Governor Jennie has proposed to close three State Police posts. This along with the cuts in sheriff's dept. and city police depts. will have a lot of areas in the same condition as we are. We continue to see police protection erode under Bush; but then pork is more important to most of our fearless leaders than our safety is.

For you school supporters, Education will take a hit too but not for college loans. Guess from where the money will come? Try High School and Grade School. Vocational training, takes the biggest cut. This is where the vast majority of our citizens will work for their entire career.

Bush's front woman Condoleezza Rice has already proven that she belongs in this warmonger administration. A few more trips by her and we will be at war with several more countries. Iran is the most likely candidate for Bush to attack, North Korea isn't out of the running and gaining fast is Syria. Iraq and Afghanistan will need our troops for years to come and we are experiencing troop shortages. The problem will get worse because volunteers for the Army and Marine Corps are down along with the National Guard. Bush says NO DRAFT, is this his version of "Read my lips!?"

And finally. Hoo called me last week to tell me he had two shutouts as goalie for his hockey team. That used to be my spot back when I was a boy, skating around those dinosaurs was tough and they had a hell of a slap shot. I talked to Lizzard and Doc and they say they are doing fine. Dizzy and Too have been hibernating I guess. It has been several weeks now since I've seen any of the grandkids; I will need an infusion soon or I will go crazier. Maybe some of them will come for the dog sled race.

The "Volunteers Appreciation Dinner" was a huge success. It was the best turnout ever; all tables were full and additional ones had to be set up. As usual the food was plentiful and delicious and the desert table overflowing-until Howard Baker got to it. Mistress of Ceremonies, Lois Leavenworth did a fine job and informed all the speakers that they had only three minutes; that eliminated Bob Weston and Lee Durrwachter. Thanks to the Women's Club for sponsoring this worthy event.

The threats of the Bush administration will have us involved in more military action soon if he has his way. This will spread our forces even thinner. R&R will be going to Afghanistan from Iran or wherever. The situation now keeps most of them in harms way and change for the better is not on the horizon. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.


Until next issue.
Hungry Jim

A man got really drunk one night in his local pub. The barman refused to serve him any more alcohol and told him he should be heading home. The man thought this was a good idea so he stood up to leave but fell over straight away. He tried to stand up again but only fell over again. He thought if only he could get outside and get some fresh air he'd be grand. So he crawled outside then tried to stand up and fell over again. In the end after falling over lots more he decided to crawl home. When he got back to his house he pulled himself up using the door handle but as soon as he let go he fell over again. He had to crawl up the stairs and managed to fall over onto the bed and fell asleep. When he finally woke up the next morning his wife asked him what he was doing at the pub last night. He denied it but she said, "I know you were there..." he maintained his innocence until "...the barman rang to say you forgot your wheelchair again..."

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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."

Zell Miller speech continued from February 3, 2005 issue.

This is the second half of an adapted excerpt from a speech delivered on December 9, 2004, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., at the fifth annual Hillsdale College Churchill Dinner by the Honorable Zell Miller, retiring United States Senator from Georgia. Due to its length, the speech is being presented in two installments; the first in the February 3rd issue of the *Gazette* and the second in this issue. The speech is entitled *Vietnam, Iraq, and the 2004 Election* and it continues as follows:

As the shrill charges of the post-Vietnam crowd rained down, Americans weighed these events. They wondered: If America is not a liberator, why are our old enemies today free, prosperous and independent? If America creates puppets, why are countries we liberated now free to object to what we do? If America is the problem with the world, what would the world look like today without us? And the people's answer to these questions on November 2nd was to say resoundingly that America is what is *right* with the world, rejecting the post-Vietnam assumption that America is what is wrong.

The message of the voters of November was that any nation that has done so much for the freedom of strangers, that has brought prosperity and peace to hundreds of millions, that has free elections and a free press – that any nation with such characteristics and such a record deserves the *benefit* of the doubt. I cannot overemphasize the importance of this point: The worst aspects of the opposition party in the recent election campaign were the doubt that its leaders directed against everything the Bush administration said or did, and the lack of any doubt directed against America's enemies. In the debate over Iraq's fate, we saw these leaders and many in the media granting every benefit of the doubt to a mass murdering, neighbor-invading, terrorist-harboring and dictatorial regime.

The plain facts are that Saddam Hussein not only had but *used* weapons of mass destruction on foreigners and on his own countrymen. He filled mass graves with hundreds of thousands, invaded three countries and dropped missiles on Israel. He repeatedly and consistently violated UN sanctions, gave refuge to killers of American Leon Klinghoffer, and paid families of suicide bombers in Israel. The civilized world could not permit a man like Hussein to continue in power. The American people agreed.

By saying no to the wrong ideology at the wrong time, America has dodged a bullet, and a failed dogma is doomed to wither and die on its poisoned vine. The most destructive idea in America of the past half century has been dismissed and America now has the opportunity to act with energy in support of the best idea of man – the idea of freedom. That is the core of the Bush Doctrine. It is simple but effective.

The Bush Doctrine means, first, that America will not hesitate to use force to stop terrorism. We will act, react, block and prevent it. Terrorism will no longer be considered a social problem, a political statement or a criminal infraction. Instead, it will be seen as an act of war, and our response will be appropriate. The second part of the Bush Doctrine appears to be new, but really isn't. It concerns the role of liberty. Simply put, liberty works. It isn't free. It has its costs. But liberty saves more than it costs.

In Shakespeare's *Henry the Fifth*, the Duke of Burgundy recounts the losses and sacrifices of a bloody war that drained the heart of the French aristocracy at Agincourt. Then he asks the eternal question, now forgotten by European leaders:

You are assembled; and my speech entreats
That I may know the let my gentle Peace,
Should not expel these inconveniences,
And bless us with her former qualities.

In Europe, where small wars once raged incessantly and major wars cursed every generation, the courage and steadfastness of FDR, Churchill and Truman brought a gentle peace lasting now almost 60 years. What great change brought this about? Liberty! After World War II, America fought hard to ensure that constitutional democracies with individual rights and free elections replaced the totalitarian regimes that had been our enemies. Some said that nations like Germany and Japan, with their militaristic backgrounds and totalitarian pasts, could never make the transition to freedom, individual rights and the rule of law. Yet they did. And their adoption of democratic institutions and principles has translated into a spirit of international cooperation and respect. That U.S. policies following WWII could change the history of lands known for war-making proves their potential.

No one claims or believes that freedom is free. Struggle is required, and the linkage between struggle and freedom is as old as time itself. No one captured this understanding as well as Frederick Douglass in 1857:

"The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims have been born of earnest struggle... If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning... They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

Abraham Lincoln added to this in his second annual message to Congress: "In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free – honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve. We shall nobly save, or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth."

President Bush's speeches about introducing freedom to a region known for tyranny and terror follow in this tradition.

Two years before Munich, when no one would listen, Churchill warned: "We must recognize that we have a great inheritance in our possession, which represents the prolonged achievement of the centuries; that there is not one of our simple uncounted rights today for which better men than we have not died on the scaffold or the battlefield. We have not only a great treasure, we have a great cause."

If you take one thing away with you tonight, I pray it is this: American civilization deserves protection and has earned the benefit of the doubt. Do not let barbarians use our civility and freedom to destroy our liberty. Do not let barbarians sack civilization simply because they knock gently. Holding the course for freedom is hard. But with all I've learned from study, age and experience, I believe with every fiber of my body, that there comes a time when a civilization has to choose between good and evil, between freedom and tyranny. I retire from the Senate heartened that the America of our forefathers has made, once again, the right choice for freedom. And I thank Providence above for the wisdom our Founders demonstrated by entrusting the direction of this nation to the common man and woman. From these ordinary folks, we have again seen extraordinary leadership, and for that we can all rejoice.

Zell Miller served in the United States Marine Corps. He received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from the University of Georgia and was elected mayor of Young Harris, GA in the late 1950s. Following service as a state senator and two terms as governor of Georgia, he was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000 to serve the remaining four year of the late Senator Paul Coverdell's term, becoming only the third Georgian to be elected both governor and senator. He did not seek re-election in 2004. A lifelong Democrat but a staunch supporter of the war on terrorism, Senator Miller delivered the keynote address at the 2004 Republican National Convention. He is author of the best-selling book, *A National Party No More: The Conscience of a Conservative Democrat*. He and his wife Shirley have two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Reprinted by permission from *Imprimis*, the national speech digest of Hillsdale College, www.hillsdale.edu.



From The Pastor's Desk:

Pastor Stephen Post

Grand Marais Mennonite Church

"I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10: 14-15 (NIV)

During this time of year we are encouraged to give to each other a special expression of our love and devotion. We buy candy, flowers, or try to find the one card that expresses our deepest feelings for those around us.

But are gifts the true measure of love? Or are they merely an outward reflection of our thoughts and feelings at that moment? Indeed, that is the problem with love—it seems to burn brightly for a time and then suddenly it becomes nothing more than a small spark in a sea of darkness.

Love must be anchored on something more than just the emotions of the moment. Otherwise when the feelings of love cease, the relationships with others will wither, die and be no more.

The true foundation of love is the commitment that we share with family and friends. We declare to the world that we will not allow our relationships with these people to be broken or destroyed by the events and circumstances of life. If love should cease for a season we will still walk the pathways of this life hand in hand with each other and never part to go our separate ways.

Jesus has made that kind of commitment to you and me. He will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). He promised to always be there when we need him (Matt. 28:20) and search for us when we have lost our way (Matt. 18:12, 13). He even laid down His life for us.

If we commit our life to Christ, we will abide in Him and He in us (John 15:4). It will be a life filled with faith, hope and love (1 Cor. 13:13) that will last for all of time and eternity.

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NOT THE BRIGHTEST

A man took a bag of light bulbs back to the shop and asked for his money back, the manager asked, "why do you want your money back?" The man replied, I planted every one of those light bulbs and not one of them flowered!



The Grand Marais Gazette has a new e-mail address: gmgazette@jamadots.com

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, February 16th, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23rd, Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2nd, Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9th, Catholic Church, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16th, Mennonite Church, 7 p.m.
Maundy Thursday, March 24th, Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY, March 25th, Methodist Church, 1 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Campground Hosts Needed for 2005 Camping Season

State recreation officials today announced an opportunity for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in state park and state forest campgrounds.

The campground host program allows individuals to camp in state parks and state forest campgrounds at no charge while providing assistance to other campers.

"Campground hosts play vital roles in helping other campers have a comfortable, fun camping experience," said Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson. "They share their expertise and knowledge and help build camaraderie in the campground."

Hosts answer questions, help organize campground activities and conduct tours of the campground. The specific duties of each host are tailored to their skills and interests. Retirees, teachers, college students and families all have served as hosts.

Hosts must be at least 18 years old and provide service for five days/30 hours each week, including holidays and weekends. A minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks is required. Hosts provide their own camping equipment and personal items.

Campground hosts are chosen by park and forest managers who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the specific needs of the campground.

State park applications should be directed to the park where placement is sought. Volunteers wishing to serve in state parks must attend a mandatory training session in May at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. State forest campground hosts do not need to attend this program.

For details about the state park campground host program, contact Monica Terrell at 517-335-3034, and contact Ada Takacs at 989-275-5151, ext. 2049, regarding the state forest campground host program.

More information also can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. Click on the Recreation and Camping link.

ANOTHER TRUE STORY

By Pickle Meldrum
The Decider

Years ago I used to visit Charley Goodman and often he told me that he had competed with Annie Oakley during the Olympics in England. Charley was an expert shot with either a rifle or a pistol.

Well in Grand Marais every Sunday five Cat Boats would have a race with each boat having two men. They were called Cat Boats as they had only one large sail that was hoisted up with a line through a pulley at the top of the mast and the rope anchored to a cleat.

Well, Charley had a good size wager on this one boat to win. They sailed down the harbor, up East Bay River and out through the old harbor entrance and turned around to return to the starting point by the marina. This one boat was ahead of the boat that Charley had his wager on and Charley was afraid that he would lose his bet. Charley and a friend were up on the hill at Lonesome Point, Charley took his 30-40 Kregg rifle and took careful aim and shot the line holding the sail up, cutting the line. Charley won his bet.

Another True Story!



Watch out for charity scams

Tsunami disaster-relief efforts spawn waves of scam artists

Stepping forward to donate to tsunami relief efforts and charities can help those in need, but don't let scam artists take advantage of your generosity.

According to Postal Inspectors, charity scam artists have established false Web sites that pretend to be legitimate relief organizations. In addition, unsolicited e-mail messages asking for disaster-relief contributions may contain embedded computer viruses or links to look-alike Web sites that resemble well-known organizations.

Always go directly to the Web sites of recognized charities and aid organizations, and follow their instructions on how best to make your contribution.

Postal Inspectors will vigorously investigate individuals who deceive contributors. Scam artists who misrepresent charities via the mail, e-mail, or telephone may be prosecuted under the mail fraud statute.

Postal Inspectors offer these tips when making charitable donations:

- Know with whom you're doing business!
- Contribute to valid and reputable organizations.
- Make your contribution by check.
- Do not give cash.
- Look at canceled checks to verify that the endorsement matches the payee.

The U.S. Agency for International Development provides a list of nonprofit agencies that provide assistance at their Web site.

If you receive a suspicious, unsolicited request for contributions via mail, e-mail, or telephone, contact your local Postal Inspectors, the Federal Trade Commission, or the Better Business Bureau.

No matter what you read in the tabloids, Bill Cosby insists he has never said that all pudding tastes like chocolate mashed potatoes.

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Burt Township School District Superintendent's Corner

By Brenda M. Greenhoe / Smith
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The mid winter thaw has relapsed into snowy frost filled nights and chilly days. The respite was appreciated by all, but the return to snow is reassuring that the weather patterns are not totally askew.

The children are enjoying winter escapades. A great deal of sledding (down hills and along the trails) and skating at the rink are filling our days. The children will make their annual pilgrimage to Buck Shot camp later this month. It is always a fun experience and a delightful way to break up the monotony of the winter doldrums.

Winter is a delightful time of year, if you get out and enjoy its beauty. There are so many things to do outside: snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding, sledding, snowmobiling, hiking, etc. Being outside helps clear the mind and 'reset' your thinking. The winter thaw allowed some folks to get out that normally spend the coldest part of the winter inside. The return to winter seems less formidable after that brief reprieve.

Winter is also an ideal time to focus on what is truly important in this life: family and friends. Raising and influencing children is the most important role, we as adults fulfill. It allows us to 'touch the future'. Some of the considerations we need to be mindful of are:

1. Show children love, concern and respect at all times.
2. Provide children with a safe place to live, learn and play.
3. Help children express feelings appropriately.
4. Listen to what children have to say.
5. Give children appropriate choices.
6. Have reasonable rules.
7. Teach children to be responsible.
8. Teach children to be respectful.
9. Participate in your child's activities.
10. Talk with your child about how his/her day went, dreams / aspirations, fears / concerns, and joys.

Until Next Time,
Happy living,
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Happy learning,
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Thursday, February 17

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Friday, February 18

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Monday, February 21

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Tuesday, February 22

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Wednesday, February 23

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Thursday, February 24

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Friday, February 25

Fish Sandwich - Curly Fries - Dessert

Monday, February 28

Hamburger w/Bun - French Fries - Fresh Fruit

Tuesday, March 1

Ham & Cheese Sandwich - French Fries - Corn - Fruit

Wednesday, March 2

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Thursday, March 3

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Friday, March 4

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Two students from Burt Township School in Grand Marais, have been named local winners in the 36th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The two students, who earned the first and second place awards for their school are Brad Bauknecht, first, and Kristin Blume, second. Both received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Brad's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Brad Bauknecht's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan Government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2004-2005 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2004-2005 contest was "My American Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

My American Hero

By Brad Bauknecht

I asked myself "What is a hero?" A hero is a figure of great strength and ability, one who shows great courage and dramatic work. At least that is what the dictionary says. My hero is someone very different than that. This person is not known allover the world, but does great things that go unnoticed to everyone except me. My American hero is my mother, Jeanette Bauknecht. My mother is very unselfish. She always does things for other people before she does anything for herself. She wanted my siblings and I to have the things that she never had growing up, like nice clothes, and a nice place to grow up.

My mother grew up allover the country moving every time my grandmother felt like it. She did not live with her mother, nor did she really even know her father. But she grew up, finished high school and went on to a few years of college but ended up dropping out because of us. She always believed that family came before anything and everything else could wait.

I believe that without my mother I would be on the streets right now doing drugs, drinking alcohol, and getting into mischief. She might not believe this but it is true. My mother pushes me to be the best that I can be and she has been pretty successful I think.

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Calling all young artists and writers, Northern Michigan University Public Television and READING RAINBOW are inviting youngsters to participate in the Eleventh Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest.

Children from kindergarten to third grade are encouraged to write and illustrate their own stories and enter them in READING RAINBOW's Young Writers & Illustrators Contest, which is conducted in cooperation with local PBS stations across the country. Applications are available from Public TV13 by calling 1-800-227-9668, can be downloaded on-line at the station's Website www.nmu.edu/ptv.13, and are being mailed to elementary school teachers, principals and local libraries across the Upper Great Lakes region. Entry deadline is April 1, 2005.

Entries are judged in local contests, with the local winners advancing to the national competition. Each child who participates in the Contest receives a special Certificate of Achievement signed by READING RAINBOW's LeVar Burton. Local first place winners advance to the national competition.

All National Grand Prize, Second & Third Place winners (twelve in all) will have their stories featured on www.pbskids.org, one of the most-used national Websites for children. They also receive a READING RAINBOW library set of ten DVDs and matching feature books. READING RAINBOW airs weekdays at 1 p.m. ET on WNMU-TV.



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February 20-21 Mackinac Island

Burt Township School District 2004-05 Calendar

February 21	No School
March 4	Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
March 10	Parent Teacher Conference
March 11	Junior Carnival
March 25-April 1	Spring Break - No School
April 4	School Resumes
April 14	Athletic Banquet
April 18	Excellence in Education NMU
April 19	Excellence in Education Munising
April 21	Excellence in Education Dinner Elementary
April 22	Six Weeks Marking Period Ends
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LARGE HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS. This home has three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, a basement, and a large garage. The interior has been completely remodeled. Beautiful kitchen, living room with fireplace, and nice great room. \$130,000.00 (R-159)

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 NICELY WOODED LOTS ON A SEASONAL ROAD: These beautiful lots have the electric in on a metered pole and a health department approved sewer/septic system. The property is ready for you to start your cabin. Located in a well planned development there are deed restrictions prohibiting living in an RV or Mobile Home. Priced together for only \$32,000. VL-138

TOTALLY RESTORED LOG CABIN ON SMALL CREEK: Located only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is absolutely beautiful. \$129,500.

ONE HUNDRED FEET BEAUTIFUL BEACH ON A DEEP LOT ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This property is only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais and offers the protection of the bay. \$119,000.00 VW-142

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. VL-137

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 210 feet of nice beach with no large bluff. This ten acre parcel is located in Superior Dunes Development 9 miles East of town. \$150,000.00. (VW-141)

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 VL-130

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

VIEW PARCEL: This 100 foot parcel is heavily wooded and overlooks Grand Marais Bay. \$60,000.00. (VL-136)

200 FEET OF SEASONAL VIEW PROPERTY: Located one mile from town this parcel has lots of Pine trees and a great view of Lake Superior. \$89,900.00. (VL-135)

40 ACRES ON A YEAR ROUND ROAD WITH ELECTRIC: This property is along Highway M, a county mile south of Grand Marais, about one half is low land and the remaining is high and dry with pine trees. An old hunting camp remains. Price is \$60,000.00. VL-139

THE VOYAGEUR MOTEL: This is one of the finest motels in the Upper Peninsula. There are 10 units plus a newer vacation rental home. The property sits on the top of the ridge south of town and overlooks the Grand Marais Harbor. Included is a 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Located on 7 acres there is lots of room to expand. Special conditions exist. C-200

BEAUTIFUL HOME WITH GARAGE ON 11 ACRES: This two bedroom one bath home is located four blocks from downtown Grand Marais. The home and garage are only ten years old. Nice stone fireplace and large decks. \$149,000.00 R-160

MOBILE HOME ON DEEP LOT IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: Located only three blocks from downtown and a short walk to the beach. This is in excellent condition and would make an ideal second home in Grand Marais. \$58,500. R-136

RANCH STYLE HOME: This four bedroom home has a nice walkout lower level with a one car garage. Nestled on a corner lot with lots of trees it is only a short walk to town. \$82,000.00. (R-155)

BRICK RANCH HOUSE WITH ATTACHED GARAGE ON FIVE ACRES: This home features three bedrooms and two baths with a beautiful Georgia Marble fireplace. Two miles South of town. \$105,000.00 (R-154)

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. \$275,000.00 VW-139

FOUR BEDROOM TWO BATH HOME WITH NEW POLE BARN: Located three miles from Grand Marais this home has been completely remodeled and is on a year round road. \$95,000. R-156

LOG CABIN HOME WITH 100 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This cottage has been completely remodeled with a walk down to the beautiful sand beach. Price is only \$179,500. RW-96

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. \$125,000. Each. VL-133

NICE HUNTING OR SNOWMOBILE CAMP WITH TWO CAR GARAGE: This is located two miles from Grand Marais and has a partially finished great room for a large group. Nice trees and plenty of room to roam. Priced at only \$64,500.00.

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Timber Taxation

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Time for many of us to begin preparing our 2004 income taxes. For those folks who had timber sales last year, there are taxes due to Uncle Sam. Fortunately, the IRS has a special set of codes specifically designed to minimize that tax liability. Unfortunately, parts of it can be difficult to understand.

Income generated from the sales of stumpage should not be treated as ordinary income, such as wages, salaries, etc. Stumpage is the money received by tree owners for their standing trees. Timber sale income should be treated under capital gains provisions.

Capital gains is the increase in value of an investment, in this case timber. You don't have to pay taxes on those dollars invested in the timber. The value of timber is separate than the value of the land. At the time of acquisition, the timber had a specific value. You may have paid for the timber or inherited the timber, but in either case it had a value at acquisition. This value is called a "basis". Typically, a higher basis is beneficial.

All or part of the timber basis can be subtracted from the timber sale income. If you sold all of the timber, then you can use the entire basis. If you sold 50 percent of your timber, you can use 50 percent of the basis. The proportion of your basis subtracted from the gross income is called "depletion".

Often times, figuring the value of just the timber at the time of acquisition can be a problem. Foresters and real estate agents can help establish what the common values were in a certain area in a particular year. If the timber has been owned for over 20 years, it is usually not worth the cost of calculating the timber basis. If the timber has been owned less than 10 years, then it is usually worth figuring out the timber basis.

Under capital gains, you also don't have to pay self-employment taxes, which come to 15.3 percent of the income. This, alone, will save a forest owner quite a bit.

The capital gains tax rate for timber sold after 6 May, 2003 is 15 percent. If you fall into the 10 or 15 percent ordinary income tax brackets, the capital gains rate is 5 percent. This is a good deal for most people.

Many deductions from the timber sale income are also eligible, such as consultant fees, workshop registration fees, timber sale promotion costs, etc. These deductions reduce your taxable net income, which saves you money.

Keep in mind that no two timber sales are the same, so there aren't many standard values to apply to every situation. That's why you should seek the services of a professional tax preparer familiar with the timber sale IRS codes. These folks can also help you work through a maze of forms, such as Form T (revised), Schedule D, Schedule F, and other documents. IRS forms can be obtained at [www.irs.gov] or 1-800-829-3676. You won't find all of them at the local library.

For the tax preparer, you'll need good records. It's hard to claim something without receipts. Having a written management plan, prepared by a professional forester, goes a long way in establishing the most favorable tax category for you. Memberships in organizations such as the Michigan Forest Association, or having a certified Tree Farm, are other excellent ways to help define you as an "active participant".

If you want to learn more about federal income tax treatment of timber sales, there is a really good Internet source [www.timbertax.org]. This website contains many articles, topics, tips, and current information provided by the nation's top forest taxation experts. Most forest owners will have only one or two timber sales in their lifetime. It is usually a good idea to work with a tax preparer familiar with timber taxation.

Wind Energy Meeting

A program entitled "An Introduction to Wind Energy in Michigan" will be presented on Thursday, February 24, from 7pm-9pm Eastern Time. It will be held in Room 952 (Big Bay de Noc Conference Room), located in the University Center on the campus of Bay de Noc Community College, 2001 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba.

The program will cover an overview of wind energy in Michigan. A description of small wind energy systems and possible funding opportunities will be outlined. Experiences in wind energy from other states will also be shared. Presenters include Dr. Lynn Hamilton, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University and Warren Schauer, Extension Educator, District Farm Management.

The program is free and open to anyone with an interest. For more information contact Warren Schauer at 906-786-3032 or schauer@msu.edu.

Things to do at Wal-Mart while the significant other is taking his/her sweet time:

1. Get cans of cat food and randomly put them in people's carts when they don't realize it.
2. Set all the alarm clocks to go off at ten-minute intervals throughout the day.
3. Make a trail of orange juice on the floor leading to the rest rooms.
4. Walk up to an employee and tell him in an official tone, "I think we've got a Code 3 in house wares," and see what happens.
5. Tune all the radios to a polka station; then turn them all off and turn the volumes to "10."
6. Challenge other customers to duels with tubes of gift wrap.
7. Put M&M's on layaway
8. Move "Caution: Wet Floor" signs to carpeted areas.
9. Set up a tent in the camping department; tell others you'll only invite them in if they bring pillows from Bed and Bath.
10. When someone asks if you need help, begin to cry and ask, "Why won't you people just leave me alone?"



DNR Unveils New Resource Tool on the Web

State wildlife officials today announced a new Web site that will help citizens identify the potential presence of rare species and unique natural features on lands in Michigan.

Called the Endangered Species Assessment, the new Web site can be accessed by going to www.michigan.gov, clicking on Online Services and scrolling down to Business Online Services.

The site is designed to provide private landowners, consultants, local governments, developers, and other citizens with a preliminary evaluation of whether endangered, threatened or special concern species; high quality natural communities or unique natural features have been known to occur at or near a site of interest. Following the preliminary assessment, users may contact the DNR to request a more formal assessment to learn whether rare species or unique natural features have been documented at or near the location.

"The Web site makes it possible for people to access important information about rare species early in the planning process," said Todd Hogrefe, endangered species coordinator. "With this new resource tool, people will be able to anticipate potential adverse impacts and then be able to take the appropriate actions to avoid them."

The Web site was developed through a partnership between the DNR, the Department of Information Technology Center for Geographic Information, and the Michigan Natural Features Inventory at MSU Extension.

License Fee Increase Approved

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director Rebecca Humphries today approved a revised license fee structure for the 2005 license year at the monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission, held in Lansing.

Under the new fee structure, most resident hunting and fishing licenses will increase \$1 when they go on sale March 1. Nonresident licenses were increased by \$4 to \$10.

"These modest increases will help us to begin to address a structural deficit that currently exists in the Game and Fish Protection Fund," Humphries said. "We must take appropriate action now to ensure that we will have the necessary revenues to continue the department's primary mission to protect and promote the practice of sound wildlife management."

The last significant fee change that was approved by the Legislature occurred in 1997. That legislation also authorized the DNR Director the discretion to raise fees an additional \$2. The first \$1 increase was implemented in 2001.

Cougar Hair Samples Verified

State wildlife officials today announced that results of DNA testing on hair samples submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources last November came from a cougar.

A motorist reported hitting "a large cat" on November 2, 2004, and turned over hair samples collected from the bumper to biologists at the DNR Escanaba field office. The samples were forwarded to the Wildlife Division's pathology lab and then sent to Central Michigan University for analysis. The incident occurred in southern Menominee County.

"This is exactly the kind of information we are looking for to gain a better understanding of what animals are present in Michigan and identify potential areas for additional work," said DNR Natural Heritage Unit Supervisor Ray Rustem. "Though the information indicates the presence of a cougar it still does not confirm the presence of a breeding population in Michigan."

The DNR encourages hunters and outdoor recreationists to report any sightings of lynx, cougars, moose and wolves using the online wildlife observation report system on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Foggy bathroom mirrors:
If you are tired of having your bathroom mirror fog up after taking a shower, use shaving cream to wipe down the mirror. Just apply shaving cream to the mirror and rub all over mirror. Wipe off the excess and you will have fog free mirrors for weeks. Don't worry about streaks, just use a little elbow grease and there will be a beautifully clean and fog free mirror.

Cleaning pots and pans
To remove burnt or stuck-on food from pots and pans, just pour in a little fabric softener, and let it sit overnight. Next morning, wash as usual, and you are ready to use them again.

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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.
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