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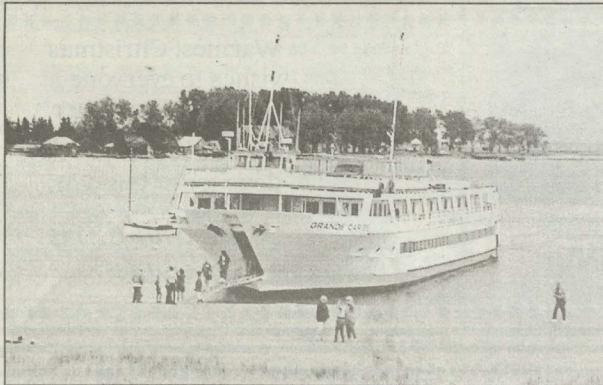
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Grand Marais in 2005



Many things have happened in Grand Marais this past year. Michigan's Governor came for a short visit and talked with the citizens of Grand Marais in October. Things are progressing with the breakwall. The money has been earmarked by the federal government and work should start some time this year. We had a cruise ship in the harbor this summer when Lake Superior kicked up her heels.

The township purchased five lots downtown facing the bay for future use. The Pickle Barrel was restored and reopened this past July. The township has started the process to have a new well in operation this year. The township is also looking into the possibility of a sewer system in town. Questionnaires have been sent out asking residents for their input concerning various options and costs. The voters rejected the millage for a new DPW/EMS/Fire Building. This might come up again at a lesser amount with fewer items on the want list. This building is needed badly, material and equipment is spread around town at the present time.

New owners of the "Sportsman" began the process of repairing the facility for reopening in 2006.

Several annual events including the UP 200 Sled Dog Race, Fly-in, Music Fest, Triathlon, Sea Plane Fly-in, July 4th celebration, Kayak symposium and others came off well. A first Flag Retirement Service was held on July 4th. Several local Veterans participated and the ceremony is scheduled to be an annual event. Goodbye 2005, Hello 2006!

UP200 GM Checkpoint Meeting

Everybody welcome!

Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. Please join us to help make this year's checkpoint the best ever! All volunteers are welcome.

Feed a Musher!

Here's an inexpensive way to help support the Grand Marais Checkpoint - feed a musher. For only \$5.00, you can provide a musher with lunch (served by the Women's Club) and help defray the checkpoint expenses. Interested? Contact Dawn Marx at 494-2529 or Lori Savage at 494-2681.

Got a Room?

We are looking for people who might have a spare room on race weekend for some of the race crew to take a rest. The vets and other race staff are on duty pretty much around the clock, and we'd like to provide them with a little hospitality and a place where they can get a little sleep. For details, contact Juanita Lowe at 494-2716.

UP COMING EVENTS IN GRAND MARAIS

20th Annual GRAND MARAIS 500 MILER

Snowmobile Endurance Run
January 12, 13, & 14, 2006

Cabin Fever Saturday -
Snowmobile Poker Run, Chili Feed,
Kids Cookie Decorating Contest,
Cardboard Sledding Contest, Snowshoe
Poker and the annual Cabin Fever Bash
at Lake Superior Brewing Co.

February 11, 2006

Chocolate Sunday
February 12, 2006

UP 200 Sled Dog Race
February 17 - 19

Burt Township School Receives New Uniforms From Kidz Ink

On behalf of the Burt Township School Athletic Dept., Tom Scaife gratefully accepts the donation of new varsity basketball uniforms from Kidz Ink representative Lea Ward-Harbaum. Kidz Ink is hosting an Italian Dinner Sunday, January 8th from 4:00-7:00 pm to help pay for the uniforms.



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BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDARS

January 23	In-Service Day
February 20	NO SCHOOL
March 20-24	Spring Break
April 14-17	No School Good Friday/Easter
May 29	No School Memorial Day
June 2	Last Day of School
June 3	Graduation 2:00 p.m.

Go Norwegians!!

One dark night outside a small town in Wisconsin, a fire started inside the local chemical plant and in a blink of an eye it exploded into massive flames. The alarm went out to all the fire departments for miles around.

When the volunteer fire fighters appeared on the scene, the chemical company president rushed to the fire chief and said: "All our secret formulas are in the vault in the center of the plant. They must be saved. I will give \$50,000 to the fire department that brings them out intact." But the roaring flames held the firefighters off.

Soon, more fire departments had to be called in as the situation became desperate. As the firemen arrived, the president shouted out that the offer was now \$100,000 to the fire department who could bring out the company's secret files.

From the distance, a lone siren was heard as another fire truck came into sight. It was the volunteer fire company from the nearby Norwegian rural township, composed mainly of Norwegians over the age of 65. To everyone's amazement, that little run-down fire engine roared right past all the sleek newer engines that were parked outside the plant.

Without even slowing down, it drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside, the other firemen watched as the Norwegian old timers jumped off right in the middle of the fire and fought it back on all sides.

It was a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the Norske old timers had extinguished the fire and had saved the secret formulas. The grateful chemical company president announced that for such a superhuman feat he was upping the reward to \$200,000, and walked over to personally thank each of the brave fire fighters.

The local TV news reporter rushed in to capture the event on film, asking their chief, "What are you going to do with all that money?" "Vell," said Ole Larsen, the 70-year-old fire chief, "Da first thing ve gonna do is fix da brakes on dat truck!"

Editorial Policy

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

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

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

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GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS SCHEDULE

Note: Meals listed for Wednesdays & Fridays are prepared on Monday and distributed cold. If you want these meals please call and place an order!

- FRIDAY January 6**
Rotoni w/Meat Sauce - Peas - Beets - Garlic Bread - M'Orange
- MONDAY January 9**
Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles - Cole slaw w/Pineapple - Mixed Vegetables - Fruit Cocktail

- WEDNESDAY January 11**
Baked Chicken - Baked Potatoes - Italian Blend Vegetables - Strawberry Shortcake

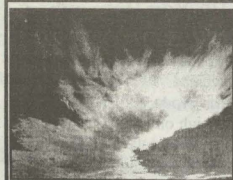
- FRIDAY January 13**
Pork Cutlet - Squash - Parsley Potatoes - Applesauce - Jell-O Mold

- MONDAY January 16**
Boiled Dinner w/Stew - Vegetables - Cabbage Wedge - Cherry Crisp

- WEDNESDAY January 18**
Shepards Pie - Carrots - Tropical Fruit

- FRIDAY January 20**
Swedish Meatballs - Mashed Potatoes - Scandinavian Blend - Cherries

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



WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg, Cooperative Weather Observer.

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6 WLUC--Marquette (NBC)	29	G.M. Community Channel
7 WDIV--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 R&E-Arts & Entertainment	40	The Weather Channel
18 The Discovery Channel	41	FOX News
19 WJQF 19 Marquette (Fox)	42	Court TV
20 Outdoor Channel	43	The Disney Channel
21 WWJ - Detroit (CBS)	44	Food Network
22 USA Network	45	The Learning Channel (TLC)
23 CNBC	46	Speed Network
24 PAX	47	Comedy Channel



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We made it to the New Year. The question is, are we ready for it? We all hope we can stick to our new year's resolution. Me, I did not make one. It seems like I could never stick to them. Our new year was very low keyed. John was sick, Wendy and her family were in so we just played a board game until midnight then went to bed. My understanding is that Janie and Hawk Dowd had a good New Years Eve party. There were lots of locals that were able to bring in the New Year. Downtown celebrations were held by the band stand with a bonfire and fireworks at midnight.

The town was full over the Christmas holiday. Many snowmobiles crossed our trails. The beginning of the week did not have the best conditions with the warm weather and lack of fresh snow. Toward the end of the week we got a few inches of snow to help the groomers and with the added snow helped the sleds get into town without too many problems.

John and I went to Ithaca for a few days over Christmas. We stayed with our daughter Jenny and husband Ben and son Logan. Daughters Sara, and husband Ray Scaife were able to make it over from Michigan Center with son Reid, along with Wendy and husband Steve Sohl from Hazel Park with sons Johnny and Evan. You can only imagine what a mad house it was Christmas morning.

Wendy and Steve were able to come up afterward to Grand Marais with their children Johnny and Evan. Johnny and Evan were able to go for a ride on the snowmobile and Johnny and Daddy went sledding down the bay hill for some excitement. Johnny was able to ride in some of Papa's big equipment in the back yard. He likes to play in the big boy toys too.

Jeff and Rachel Davis were in for a few day staying at their summer home. It is always great to see them around.

Chris and Scott Roberts were in for the Christmas holiday from Mt. Pleasant.

The Scaife family has returned home from their Christmas vacation in Costa Rica. They look rested and tanned from their trip.

Al and Kathy Young were in with their children staying at their cabin on Webb Rd. Nice to see them in for the Christmas holidays.

Trudy McDonald is here for a few weeks over the Christmas holiday. Joe was able to pick her up in Escanaba without any snowstorms this year.

Nancy and Ira McDonald made it down state for their winter stay. Address is 579 Park Place, Saline, MI 48176. We are counting the days for their return. Lou Bailey was able to bring some of their things down and spend a few days.

You will see some new faces down at North Shore Lodge. We have some exchange students that will be spending the better part of the winter here. Introduce yourself and get to know them

Stevie Nyman has officially retired from the Post Office. How could she have done that without a big party? Guess we needed a party coordinator to set up a retirement party! We wish you the best Stevie. Welcome Rachel, glad you is staying on.

Happy birthday to Helen Bailey and Norm Geiger

We are thinking of many people in Grand Marais, Mary Shaw, Caroline LaPeak, and my dad, Andy Bailey. We hope to see you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling....Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

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To the Editor:

We were surprised to read in the Dec. 1, 2005 gazette that in 1960 up to 3 feet of water flooded the main street in Grand Marais, MI. Who can verify that? I think that it must have been Grand Marais, MN. We lived on main street in Grand Marais, MI from 1950 to 1982 and main street was never flooded.

We remember that storm on Nov. 28, 1960. Pulpwood washed ashore in Grand Marais and some was retrieved by local people.

There was a time tho' when there was flooding on Coast Guard Point. Some tourists were staying in Welker's Cabins and were planning to attend the Sunday morning service at the Mennonite Church. When they opened the door to leave, however, water was up to the threshold. It finally receded but later in the day flooded again.

We were told the scientific explanation for this phenomena which we have forgotten. Can anyone enlighten us?

Willard & Mary Handrich

Mary,

I think what you were trying to remember was a *seiche*: a natural, standing wave in the water of a lake, bay etc., caused by changes in atmospheric pressure, seismic disturbances, winds, waves, tides, etc.: it continues after the generating force stops. This happens in Marquette near the old ore dock, you can see the piling in the bay appear and disappear at different times of the year.

Editor

Do You Remember
This Happening?

This Day in Weather History
November 28, 1960 - A severe storm produced waves 20 to 40 feet high on Lake Superior. Duluth, Minnesota was buried under a foot of snow and recorded wind gusts over 70 mph. The northern shore of Lake Superior was flooded and property along the shore was battered. Thousands of cords of pulpwood were washed into the lake and up to 3 feet of water flooded the main street of Grand Marais, Michigan.

From Weather History blurbs.

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OBITUARY

JOSEPH E. ROBERTS

Joseph E. Roberts, Sr. 77 of Grand Marais, died at his home surrounded by his family on Monday, December 19, 2005.

Born in Escanaba on September 21, 1928, a son of the late Theodore & Alice (Badger) Roberts, Joseph moved to Grand Marais at a young age. Following his graduation from high school, Joseph went to work on freighters in the Great Lakes region for several years before settling down in Cleveland, OH. While in Cleveland, he married the former Julia Nemecek on January 29, 1951. Julia preceded him in death in 1990. Joseph had several employers while he was in Cleveland area, the most recent and last employer was Marshall Fields, for whom he worked until his retirement in 1990. Following his retirement, Joseph returned to Grand Marais, a place he always considered his home. Joseph loved fishing, hunting and was an accomplished gunsmith. He was most passionate about nature and animals in particular.

Survivors include son Robert, Jr. of Grand Marais; daughter Janet Roberts of Fairview Park, OH; grand daughter Alisa Roberts of Ft. Wayne, IN; brother Jack of Grand Marais, MI; sisters Jean (Eli) Rochefort, Carol (Richard) Miller, and Judy (Brody) Block all of Grand Marais, Joy Ann (Kirk) Radtke of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Ilah (Orville) Wildner of Unionville, MI and Dorothy Kurian of Marquette. Also surviving are his cats Missy and Daisy.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Grand Marais on Friday, December 23, 2005 at 11:00 am with Fr. Paul Karotekunel officiating. Friends and family gathered at the church before the Mass for a time of remembrance and sharing of stories.

Those who wish may contribute to an animal charity of choice in memory of Joseph Roberts Sr.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family with arrangements.

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We look back and laugh at it all now of course but at the time we were running around (like chickens with our heads cut off.) We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped us make our first year a success.

Although we can't thank each and every one of you personally we are very grateful to all who sent people to us. However there are a few people that do need to be mentioned.

Lori and Pat (owners of Arbor Gate INN) John and Jeanette (owners of Hilltop Cabins) thank you for not being afraid to answer questions that we asked when you had absolutely no idea who we were. You opened yourselves up to strangers in need and for that God has blessed you. Pastor Stephen Post and Mary who came out and prayed and dedicated our business to the Lord.

We thank God who made it all possible. We are looking forward to many more years of prosperity and friendships. Grand Marais is a wonderful place to live.

May God bless the people and businesses in Grand Marais.

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Women's Winter Weekend Planned for Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park



A weekend packed with snow-related activities for women is planned for Feb. 11-12 at the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula. Sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (Becoming an Outdoors-Woman) (BOW) program, with cooperation from park staff and Friends of the Porkies, the weekend's classes will be designed to acquaint women 18 and older with the delights of cross country, downhill and telemark skiing as well as snowshoeing.

"The Porkies is the perfect location for a weekend of fun," said Bob Wild, park interpreter. "We offer a 600-foot vertical drop at our downhill ski area, as well as 42 kilometers of groomed cross country ski trails encircling the alpine ski area, with numerous scenic loops."

The sessions will begin on Saturday with a brief meeting, followed by cross country ski lessons and gliding time on the groomed trails. After lunch, participants will have their choice of either downhill or telemark skiing lessons for the remainder of the afternoon. That evening, cross country ski on a groomed trail lighted with old-fashioned oil lamps will be offered. Hot chocolate will be waiting at a trailside bonfire. Sunday morning, participants will explore the backwoods of the Porkies on a guided snowshoe hike.

The fee for the program is \$75, which includes two lunches, Saturday evening dinner, snacks, lift tickets and trail passes. Participants will be responsible for lodging in nearby Silver City and breakfasts. Rental equipment will be available for an additional cost.

"Many women are familiar with the (Becoming an Outdoors-Woman) programs offered in Michigan, and this special weekend will focus on winter activities in one of the most beautiful places for snow-related recreation in the Midwest," said Ann Wilson, coordinator of the U.P. BOW programs.

To register for the Women's Winter Weekend, log on to www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on the "Learning Corner" icon. Registration materials can be mailed to the DNR, 1990 US 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855. Questions can be directed to Ann Wilson at 906-228-6561 or Bob Wild at 906-885-5275.

Having arrived at the edge of the river, the fisherman soon realized he had forgotten to bring any bait. Just then he happened to see a little snake passing by who had caught a worm. The fisherman snatched up the snake and robbed him of his worm. Feeling sorry for the little snake with no lunch, he snatched him up again and poured a little beer down his throat. Then he went about his fishing. An hour or so later the fisherman felt a tug at his pant leg. Looking down, he saw the same snake with three more worms in his mouth.

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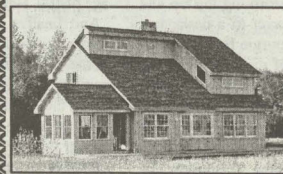
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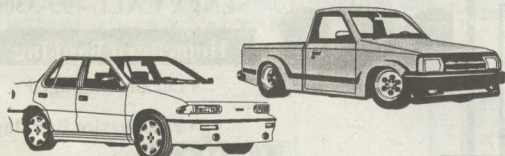


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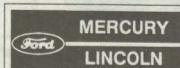


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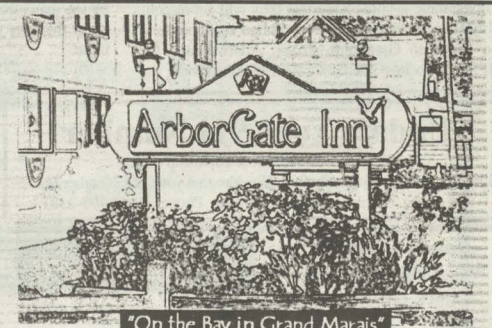


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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES

JIM

The year 2005 was in my opinion a terrible one. Not only did we have intentional disasters but natural ones also took a terrible toll. The world is still suffering from the tsunami, earthquakes, hurricanes, disease, droughts, fires floods and the inhumanity of man. We in the United States continue to have a government that is more interested in wielding its power than taking care of its own. Although I am a firm believer in "Figures don't lie but liars figure", figures do have validity. I heard the number 35 million people in the United States would go to bed hungry tonight (Christmas Day"). Pretty sad that our government thinks nation building is more important than its feeding and housing its own citizens. The year 2006 promises not much improvement except that due to a continuing loss of support for the nation building of Iraq and for Georgie Boy and his henchmen, and the fact that this is an election year, we will probably see a reduction in forces in Iraq. I don't care what initiates a troop reduction, I am happy to hear that it will probably happen. Too bad politics is the reason for bringing some of our troops home alive.

It is even worse that these troops will be coming home to an ungrateful government that continues to cut promised Veterans benefits. I just received notice that the cost to me of my medications has increased one dollar per 30-day supply of each drug. Doesn't sound like much but it is a 14% increase for something I was promised would be given to me for my service. Were benefits increased 14%? How about pensions? This \$100.00 per year will not break me but it will be hard on a lot of Veterans. Amazing that we heard nothing about it until we heard that it was in effect. The vast majority of the troops coming back from Iraq and other military actions will need help of some kind. Will it be there? No! and those that protest will be labeled unpatriotic by the right and the left will say that they can do nothing about it. Maybe if enough people complain about the mistreatment of Veterans and the fact that this is an election year the incumbents will increase VA funding in order to save their lucrative positions.

There are legitimate arguments for both the support and opposition of the "Patriot Act". I understand the value of tapping into conversations of suspected terrorists and would support it if a court order were required. Any red tape delays could be solved with a proviso allowing the taps before a court order was received and in the very unlikely event (less than 1%) that the tap was denied it must stop, with no repercussions to the agency performing the tap and an appeal could be made in secret to a designated official. The cart blanche that Georgie Boy and company want scares the Hell out of me. I see the "Big Brother" mentality taking center stage for people like Georgie Boy. If our government was trustworthy it would be a different story.

Michigan's government has made some decisions that will further erode any control of utilities. Although the MPSC is in the back pocket of the utilities, there is some hope that they will act responsibly some of the time. I have still had no response to the letters to Granholm, Prussi, Adamini and the MPSC as to how we can go about overturning the


authorization for Hiawatha's 20%-40%, depending on how you figure it, rate increase. I suppose these people are too busy to respond to us peons. Maybe a letter to the editor of some major newspapers in the UP will get some action. I will find out shortly if the letters are printed.

In an attempt to fix one of the many problems of "Proposal A" the state house has created another monster that could cost local governments property tax income; no one seems quite sure how this will effect property tax income for cities, villages, townships and schools. Without going into a long and boring explanation of the legislation, suffice it to say that the law creates a new tax to replace property tax for some commercial rental property. For further details pull up or write for a copy of House Bills 5096 and 5097. In a typical government move the legislation suggests that commercial property owners file a form by December 31, 2005 in order to qualify; problem is, there is no form in existence. Other House Bills, HBs 5294-96, sponsored by Joe Hune (R) Hamburg Twp. removes the teeth of local zoning enforcement. It caps the fine for noncompliance of zoning ordinances at \$500.00. This means that if an individual or commercial entity builds in violation of a zoning ordinance they can pay the \$500.00 fine and remain in violation into perpetuity. Does this bonehead ever use his brains?

And finally. Sherri and I went to Marquette to celebrate Christmas (not xmas or "the holidays") my spell checker says there is no word, xmas; I agree. We went to the Hong Kong Buffet Friday night and pigged out. I am not thrilled with any oriental food except good fried rice but was able to find enough shrimp dishes and other selections to fill me to bursting. On Saturday we had a huge ham and you name it dinner. MOM and Roger joined us. I ate way too much and had to wait a few minutes before digging into some deserts. After dinner we opened presents, except for Santa Clause ones. Then the entire James Seibert family went to 9:00 pm Mass at ST. Louis the King in Harvey. It was a very nice service and at the end the priest asked the service personnel present to stand and be recognized. They were deservedly greeted by a standing ovation. After mass everyone went their way and the kids went to bed in expectation of Santa's arrival. I am reasonably sure that none of them with the possible exception of Too and me believe in Santa but the tradition was honored anyway. The whole crew came to Grand Marais to celebrate New Years. They arrived on Thursday at various times and stayed until Sunday afternoon. There were people sleeping in every imaginable place and a few unimaginable ones. It was wonderful having the entire family together for the Christmas season and hopefully the scene will be repeated next year. Next week we are all going to Green Bay to celebrate Grannie Annie's 90th birthday. I guess rearing seven children, some of whom were pretty wild, made her tough. She remains sharp and will probably reach the age of 100. Happy Birthday Mother!

And finally, finally, I hope you remembered our troops during the Christmas Season. Most were not home to enjoy it with their friends and family and some were in some nasty environments. There were also a thousand or so families that celebrated missing one of their members for the first time. It does not appear that we are getting close to winning the war (whatever in Hell that means) and regardless of elections, popular opinion or other factors we will have far too many troops in harms way for this entire year. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim



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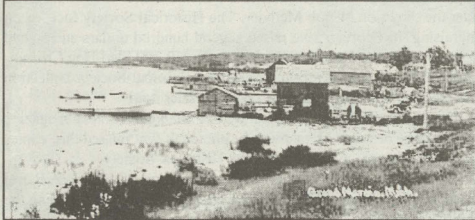
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There Was A Place

by Bruce Erickson

Once there was a place that was known as one of the great harbors on the south shore of Lake Superior. It was a fine refuge for all ships that needed protection from the fury of the lake storms as it was deep and well protected. Picture yourself on the bank of this harbor on a bright summer day. You would observe a beautiful expanse of water with a picturesque sand island in the distance. The bay is rimmed with boat docks. You would see fish tugs and trolling boats returning from their trips to the fishing areas on Lake Superior. Also you would observe youngsters fishing for perch from the docks. Sunbathers and swimmers could be seen using the small beach below the bank. If you would stand in the same spot in the winter you would see numerous fish shanties as well as skaters on a cleared off section of the bay. This harbor was a haven for fish. Before areas of the bay were covered with sand there was a good growth of water plants for cover and food.

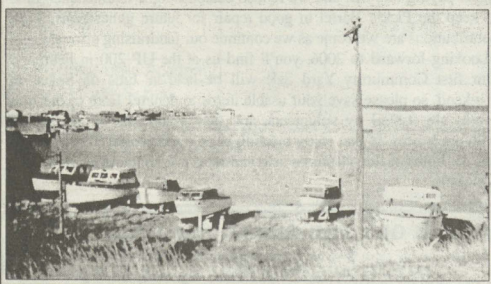


Commercial fishermen made good catches of whitefish in the spring and the bay was a fine place for sports fishing with small boats. The bay was fed by a creek and a river. The river connected the harbor to another bay that was also a great recreation area. Cabins located along the river were able to provide boats for fishing in the river and the smaller bay, which held a good population of bass, pike and steelheads. This smaller bay was also the location for a small park that had children's swings and picnic tables. During the 1950's this all began to change as a breakwater protecting the harbor continued to deteriorate. The wind and currents began to bring in the sand that would almost destroy the beautiful harbor that existed at one time. Of course this place is Grand Marais, MI.

The good news is that a new breakwater will be completed in the near future. This will allow for a return to the past with many of the fine features of the earlier bay. Of course it will be on a smaller scale. There will be better protection from storms especially the north-easters. There will be no need to dredge out the marina area every year. Without this sand build up in the bay there will be more chance for weed growth and better populations of fish. Summer and winter fishing will be much improved. Some fear the bay water will become warm or stagnant but I think this will not happen. With the pier channel providing enough current to circulate the bay water it will be fine. The bay water has always been colder than Lake Superior and I don't think this will change. There will not be the constant flow of ice in the winter, and this will make the fish shanties more stable and allow the bay to again be used for ice-skating.

Some questions will now have to be addressed. What will happen to the beach to the east of a new breakwater that stretches to Lonesome Point. My belief is that it will become larger and more beautiful. If you have hiked across the Sucker River to the present Lonesome Point you know what I mean. Presently this beach is covered with large driftwood and beautiful beach rocks. It is also a wonderful place for swimming and hiking. This spot can be promoted as one of the finest beach areas along the shores of Lake Superior and it must be preserved as a public area. We have a national treasure in the lands along the shore west of Grand Marais and now it is important to save this gorgeous beach area to our east. It would be a shame if it were commercialized and privatized. We have saved the harbor, now it is important that we save this beach. Presently there is a maintained road from the School Forest to the Lonesome Point area. It would be nice to have a public trail from this road to East Bay and this beach. Another question - will the new breakwater be able to be accessed by sports fishermen. This could be another outstanding destination for pier fishermen. With the west side of the west pier constantly adding sand a new area will soon be needed. A public road and parking lot could be made near this new breakwater.

The restoration of our beautiful bay is exciting to contemplate and again we will be able to say there still is a great harbor of refuge along the south shore of Lake Superior.



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Governor Granholm Declares January Mentoring Month

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm declared January Mentoring Month and is calling on people around the state to step forward and mentor children in their community. The Governor's proclamation coincides with the observance of National Mentoring Month in January.

"Mentoring transforms the lives of children and adults," Granholm said. "By strengthening our children through mentoring, we are building a stronger future for them, our communities, and our great state."

As attorney general, Granholm created the "Mentor Michigan Initiative", now led by First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern. Mentor Michigan is a statewide effort to raise awareness about the need for mentors and the benefits associated with mentoring. As a result of the Initiative, organizations across the state are coming together to encourage people to mentor a child.

The Governor and First Gentleman mentor children from the Lansing area and are among the 99 percent of mentors who would recommend mentoring to others. They believe the experience enriches many more lives than the life of the mentee.

"Mentoring is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have" Mulhern said. "Our experience with mentoring has enriched our family's life as well as the lives of our mentees."

The First Gentleman is urging men, particularly men of color, to step forward to mentor children in Michigan.

Mulhern cited a recent study released by Kahle Research Solutions, Inc. that showed only 33 percent of mentors in Michigan are men. The study also showed that while 36 percent of the mentees are children of color, only 24 percent of the mentors are people of color. This disparity creates a dilemma for mentoring programs trying to match children with mentors from the same ethnic and gender backgrounds.

"Mentoring programs from across the state have expressed the desire to put the 'men' back in mentoring," Mulhern said. "Many programs are not enrolling boys, because there are no male mentors available. This is a missed opportunity for everyone who stands to benefit from mentoring."

Additionally, the Michigan Community Service Commission, chaired by Mulhern, has program information and resources on the Mentor Michigan website to help future mentors find an available mentoring organization in their community.

For more information, call 1-800-VOLUNTEER or visit www.mentormichigan.org.

Mentor Michigan is managed by the Michigan Community Service Commission, a state agency that builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. Visit www.michigan.gov/mcsc or call (517) 335-4295 for more information.

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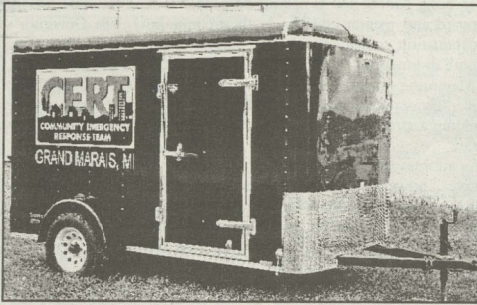
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Historical Society Looks Back on Successful Year

The Grand Marais Historical Society enjoyed a banner year in 2005, highlighted by the success of several large projects. Membership continues to grow (are you a member yet? It's the best deal in town!) and new volunteers were welcomed aboard.

As the year opened, restoration of the Pickle Barrel was in progress, under the direction of Bob Metivier. The Historical Society focused on fundraising. In February, we raised several hundred dollars and spread the word about the Historical Society at the UP 200 Sled Dog Championships. Historic photo reprints from the Historical Society collection were featured and continue to be a popular sales item.

In March, Grand Marais was featured in *Michigan History* magazine in a five-page article with many color photos. If you missed this, copies of the magazine are available from the Historical Society.

Winter drew to a close, and so did the restoration of the Pickle Barrel House. Master gardener Dan Filizetti drew up plans for landscaping the garden area, and on Memorial Day weekend, volunteers began planting the trees and flowerbeds. Chuck Cardinal created a beautiful showcase for the Teenie Weenie collection. Display items came from donations and eBay searches; the red pump in the garden was located in Iowa, the cedar garden furniture came from New York state. The Internet was our friend!

The first Community Yard Sale of the season took place in June, with proceeds benefiting the restoration. We raised over \$1500. A second Yard Sale was held on Labor Day weekend, and another \$1700 was raised. A huge thanks to all who helped!

On July 3, a beautiful sunny day, the Grand Opening ceremony for the new Pickle Barrel House Museum was held on the Greenspace. Over 200 people assembled to mark the occasion, highlighted by a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring Grand Marais resident Bill LaCombe, who also participated in the original dedication 79 years earlier. Susan Bennett, chair of the Save the Pickle Barrel Committee, and Pat Munger, Historical Society President, entertained guests with a history of the Pickle Barrel. Several hundred folks toured the new museum afterward.

The Pickle Barrel House and the Lightkeepers House were busy all summer. Several thousand visitors toured each, and we look forward to another great year in 2006.

In October, the Trudy McDonald Historical Garden was dedicated at the Lightkeepers House. This garden honors longtime Historical Society member Trudy McDonald, who created many of the beautiful plantings around the Lightkeepers House. Trudy and her family attended a tea at the museum, where a special plaque was unveiled. This plaque will be mounted at the Lightkeepers House in the spring.

In the spring of 2005, The Historical Society was awarded a grant from the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries to help in archiving our photo and document collection, and also to renovate the Promenade Through the Past historic walking tour. With the grant money, we purchased a fireproof file and archival sleeves in many different sizes. The photos and documents are being scanned, stored on gold CDs for long-term storage, and placed in archival sleeves to protect them. Some of the photos that the Historical Society owns will be reprinted and offered for sale as an ongoing fundraiser.

Volunteers rebuilt the historic walk planters, and Kay Powers and Sue Allyn revamped the brochure to include several new stops. The Women's Club donated the flowers, and the Promenade Through the Past was completely replaced in August. We hope that this walking/biking tour will become a popular attraction for Grand Marais visitors. Brochures are available around town.

For the first time, we were able to have the Pickle Barrel open for Starry, Starry Night. This, along with sales at the Women's Club Craft Bazaar, added several hundred dollars to the restoration fund. Gabey Whaley and John Leach were the winners of some special Pickle Barrel items. Our thanks to all who participated and helped us make these sales a success!

As 2005 draws to a close, we are proud to say we have reduced our Pickle Barrel mortgage to a few thousand dollars. We are working to finish paying this off, and we're also establishing a maintenance fund to keep the Pickle Barrel in good repair for future generations. Your contributions are welcome as we continue our fundraising efforts!

Looking forward to 2006, you'll find us at the UP 200 in February. Our first Community Yard Sale will be held in June on Splash-In weekend, so please save your usable items to donate! Both of our museums are staffed by volunteers, and new volunteers are welcomed with open arms. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to help at one (or both) of the museums next summer, just contact Pat Munger at 494-2404.



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Hands On History



The second, third, and fourth graders at Burt Township School have been hard at work studying Michigan History. As part of their studies, students participated in a home/school connection activity in which they had to construct a replica of a long house or a wigwam. Along with the replica a paragraph had to be written describing how a traditional shelter was built. The results were exciting, and the students enthusiastically presented their creations in class. The long houses and wigwams are on display outside of the school's office. Stop by and take a look at all of their hard work.

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- Thursday, January 5**
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- Friday, January 6**
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- Monday, January 9**
Chili - Grilled Cheese - Fruit
- Tuesday, January 10**
Chili Dogs - Fruit - Veggies
- Wednesday, January 11**
Spag. w/Meat Sauce - Veggies - Fruit - Rolls
- Thursday, January 12**
Chicken Nuggets - French Fries - Fruit
- Friday, January 13**
Nachos - Fruit
- Monday, January 16**
Chicken Parm. - Veggies - Fruit - Rolls
- Tuesday, January 17**
Subs - Chips - Fruit
- Wednesday, January 18**
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- Friday**
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Mr. Parker saw his son's shiner and demanded, "Jimmy, who gave you that black eye?" "No one," replied the spunky child. "I had to fight for it."

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

STUDENTS' CORNER

Soldier

By Andrea Stachnik

There once was a soldier, who was quite the charmer.

He was a big lover, never a harmer.

Except for when he was forced to fight he defiantly went at it with all his might.

He had blonde hair, and hazel eyes, but when in uniform he had to disguise.

When he got the call, he had to leave his wife. He hoped for all, that it wasn't the end of his life.

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His beautiful brown haired, brown eyed wife, was all he ever needed in his life.



BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL POLAR BEARS 2005-6 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



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- 1/7 Grand Marais @ Maplewood Academy 6:00 P.M.
- 1/13-14 Grand Marais @ Paradise 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 1/20-21 Hannahville @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 1/24 Bay de Noc @ Grand Marais 6:00PM
- 1/27-28 Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 2/2 Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist 6:00PM
- 2/9 Ojibwe Charter @ Grand Marais 5:00PM
- 2/10 Grand Marais @ Hannahville 6:30PM
- 2/11 ENGADINE VB TOURNAMENT TBA
- 2/17-18 Mackinac Island @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 2/24-25 Beaver Island @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 3/3-4 Copper Country @ Grand Marais 6:30PM
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- 1/20-21 Hannahville @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 1/24 Grand Marais @ Engadine 6:00PM/9:30AM
- 1/27-28 Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 1/31 Maplewood Acad. @ Grand Marais 6:00P.M.
- 2/2 Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist 6:00PM
- 2/9 Ojibwe Charter @ Grand Marais 5:00PM
- 2/10-11 Grand Marais @ Hannahville 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 2/17-18 Mackinac Island @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 2/24-25 Beaver Island @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 3/3-4 Copper Country @ Grand Marais 6:30PM/9:00AM
- 3/6-11 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT WEEK

J.V. Schedule

Coach: John Bauknecht

- 1/10 Engadine @ Grand Marais 6:00 P.M.
- 1/13-14 Grand Marais @ Paradise 5:00PM/9:00AM
- 1/20-21 Hannahville @ Grand Marais 5:00PM/9:00AM
- 1/24 Grand Marais @ Engadine 6:00P.M.
- 1/27-28 Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island 5:00PM/9:00AM
- 2/6 Superior Central @ Grand Marais 6:00P.M.
- 2/10-11 Grand Marais @ Hannahville 5:00P.M.
- 2/17-18 Mackinac Island @ Grand Marais 5:00PM/9:00AM

Schools of Choice

The Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency announces the following Schools of Choice Information for the second semester of the 2005-06 school year:

School District	Participating in Section 105		Participating in Section 105c*		Final Date for Student Enrollment
	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	
AuTrain-Onota	-	X	-	-	February 7
Burt Township	-	X	-	X	February 7
Gwinn	-	X	-	X	February 7
Ishpeming	-	X	-	-	February 7
Marquette	-	X	-	-	February 7
Munising	-	X	-	X	February 7
Negaunee	-	X (except gr 4)	-	-	February 7
NICE	-	X	-	X	February 7
North Star Public Academy	X	-	X	-	February 7
Polaris Middle School	X	-	X	-	February 7
Powell Township	-	X	-	-	February 7
Republic-Michigamme	-	X	-	X	February 7
Superior Central	-	X(except gr 1)	-	X (except gr 1)	February 7
Wells Township	-	X	-	X	January 28

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

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LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This is a ten acre parcel located in Superior Dunes Development east of Grand Marais. It has 225 feet of beachfront. \$170,000 (VW-146)

TWO 40 ACRE PARCELS WITH MARKETABLE TIMBER: These parcels are located on highway H-58, 11 miles west of Grand Marais in the National Park Buffer Zone. The road is seasonal, with no electricity. There is a substantial amount of marketable timber that has been appraised by a timber cruiser. \$65,000 each (VL-144 and VL-145)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This parcel, located in Superior Dunes Development just 9 miles east of Grand Marais, has 210 feet of beach frontage. It is a ten acre parcel. \$155,00 (VW-145)

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 3.79 acres with 273 feet of beautiful sand beach in Superior Dunes Development, about 9 miles east of Grand Marais. \$155,000. (VW-143)

SMALL HOME ONE MILE SOUTH OF GRAND MARAIS: This house sits on a parcel that is 300 feet on a year round road, and is 216 feet deep. The house has had a lot of work done lately such as: new electric service and wiring, new plumbing with new washer and dryer. The foundation appears to be in good condition. The home still needs a roof and some additional maintenance work. \$74,500. (R-165)

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 \$165,000. (VW-140)

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 breakwall. It looks like it could be on a post card. \$149,500.00 (VL-130)

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 \$60,000.00. (VL-137)

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)

VIEW PARCEL: This parcel is 100 feet wide and heavily wooded. It is located along the ridge about one mile east of downtown Grand Marais. \$60,000.00 (VL-140)

VACANT PARCEL WITH WELL AND SEPTIC IN GRAND MARAIS: This parcel has 150 feet on a year round road and is 290 feet deep. It is high and dry and located 4 blocks from downtown Grand Marais; it has a Board of Health approved well and septic already in place and a temporary electric pole with service connected to the electric company. A completed foundation for a garage and a small home has been finished. The property is ready to build on. Remember, living in an RV is limited to 15 days per year in Burt Township. \$52,500. (VL-142)

SECLUDED BUILDING LOT IN GRAND MARAIS: Located four blocks from the downtown area and public beach, this property features nice hardwood trees which are high and dry. The parcel is 150 feet by 250 feet and fronts on a year round road with electric and cable. In the winter views of Lake Superior can be seen. \$39,500.00 (VL-141)

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

WOODED THREE ACRE PARCEL WITH SMALL CREEK: Located three miles from Grand Marais on a year round road, this property is very secluded. It is high and dry with beautiful hardwood trees. \$147,000.00 (VL-143)

100 FEET OF VACANT SANDY WATERFRONT BEACH ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This is located right in town and would allow an owner to walk to all stores and restaurants. Grandchildren can walk to the ice cream store! \$119,500.00 VW-144

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. \$189,000.00 (R-153)

NEWER HOME ON TWO ACRE WITH VIEW OF GRAND MARAIS BAY: This cute chalet has a one car attached garage on a year round road. Located four blocks from downtown. This home was just completed two years ago and is on a very nicely wooded and peaceful parcel of land. \$149,500. (R-160)

TOTALLY RESTORED LOG CABIN ON SMALL CREEK: Located only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is absolutely beautiful. \$129,000.00 (R-158)

LOWER LEVEL CONDO ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This unit is on ground floor and allows one to walk out to the condo beach, and using the stairway. \$120,00. (R-166)

UPPER LEVEL CONDO WITH TWO BED ROOMS AND TWO BATHS: The views are spectacular of the Bay and Grand Marais. \$150,000. (R-167)

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 own home. Located in a well planned development there are deed restrictions prohibiting living in an RV or Mobile Home. Priced together for only \$32,000.00 (VW-138)

10 ACRES WITH LOG HOME AND LOG SIDED GARAGE: This has to be one of the nicer wooded parcels in the area. It is high and dry with mature maple and beech trees, located at the end of a year round road. Lots of garden space and room to roam. \$150,000.00 (RR-148)

FORTY WOODED ACRES WITH A YEAR ROUND HOME AND GARAGE: This parcel is high and dry and located on a year round road 13 miles south of Grand Marais. With 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hot water heat, and a steel roof, this would make a great snowmobile or hunting retreat. \$147,500. (R-164)

UNIQUE TWO STORY HOME ABOVE A LARGE GARAGE IN GRAND MARAIS: This home has had extensive remodeling and has beautiful views of Lake Superior and Grand Marais Bay. Located on a year round road one block from downtown. \$158,000 (R-163)

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Harvesting Is A Helping Hand



By Bill Cook, Forester & Biologist
MSU Extension, Upper Peninsula

Timber harvesting simply is not a high priority among most of Michigan's family forest owners. Some would argue that it is becoming an even lower priority as time passes. Let's look at how we know harvesting is a low priority, and then consider whether that's a road we want to follow.

A huge survey of private forest owners was published in 1994. Yes, that was a long time ago, but the study demonstrated some clear conclusions. Smaller, more recent studies echo similar results.

First, most of Michigan's 335,000 owners ranked timber harvest low among reasons to own forest. Maybe that's because almost half the ownerships were under ten acres? Maybe because many of those small parcels are bought-up through urban splatter?

Second, among the fewer owners with large acreages, timber harvest ranked high among priorities. That means most of Michigan's private forest acreage is owned with a high interest in timber harvest. It seems many reviewers underestimate the potential impact of the "fewest who own the most".

The U.S. Forest Service and other agencies keep track of what is harvested and from which ownership the harvest comes. Among all the ownerships across the upper Lake States, the Michigan family forest category is dead last in terms of timber harvest. That's a bit surprising, as most of the acres are owned by people who rank harvest as a high priority. Could it be that survey responses don't necessarily reflect what people actually do?

Michigan families own nearly half of our 19 million acre forest, so the low level of harvest has a profound impact on forest industry. It also has a profound impact on the ecological integrity of the forest and the lifestyles of everyone. Oftentimes that impact is negative, contrary to ownership objectives. "Natural" is not always desirable. But that's another story.

Michigan has one of the largest timber "surpluses" in the nation. We grow far more wood volume than we harvest. We have been doing so for decades. We're certainly not running out of forest, trees, or wood volume. So, family forests are not exactly conserving a resource in short supply.

In fact, they are contributing to the shortage of "available" timber by refusing to harvest trees. This places more pressure on public and industrial forest lands. Of course, there are interest groups successfully working to further reduce harvests from public lands. So, public foresters often find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Meanwhile, fiber costs increase and a major Michigan industry declines.

This squeeze has profound economic impacts, especially in our rural areas. Fiber costs in the Lake States are among the highest in the world. This makes doing business all the more difficult for loggers and mills. The American Forest & Paper Association identified fiber costs as the single most important factor in global competitiveness. Losing jobs and industries in these times of austerity, especially in rural areas, is not something we can afford. Yet Michigan mills continue to close.

Keep in mind the decline of the industrial infrastructure translates into fewer management choices in the forest. Less management will generate an entire suite of economic, social, and environmental challenges for our children and grandchildren. The massive wildfires in the western states highlight that lesson. Insect and disease epidemics are more likely here in the north, especially from exotic species. But, that too, is another story.

Only 10-15 percent of family forests employ the services of a professional forester, according to the folks who work in the area of private forest assistance. That percentage is a lot lower than in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

You would think a person with timber, potentially worth tens of thousands of dollars, would seek expert advice. Don't most people seek professional advice when managing other huge assets, such as retirement accounts and investment portfolios? And, what about all the non-timber values? Most forest owners are not foresters or ecologists. Paying for services would be a good investment.

In the absence of professional expertise, it's not too surprising when misunderstandings occur between loggers and forest owners. The majority of loggers are highly-trained, honest, and hard-working businessmen. Of course, there remains a smaller group of predatory loggers that take advantage of the ignorance of forest owners. The unethical practices of these few loggers increase forest owner reluctance to harvest and generate more than its fair share of bad press.

It's also not too surprising when lack of management leads to forest changes the owner did not intend. Wildlife habitat will change, often unfavorably. I hear this all the time in relation to deer. Beech bark disease and emerald ash borer wreak havoc. Buildings in mature jack pine plains and balsam fir stands are at high fire risk.

There are many, many good reasons to plan for and harvest timber. There aren't many good reasons to maintain private reserves, especially when nature often pushes the forest in unexpected and unpleasant directions. Forest management and timber harvest are part of the solution to a wide range of environmental, social, and economic challenges. They are not part of the problem.

Two women are talking about marriage. One woman says: "I wonder if my husband will love me when my hair is gray." "Why not? He's loved you through three shades already." Replied her friend.

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DNR Offers Michigan Natural Resources Grant Program Workshops



The Department of Natural Resources today announced workshops to assist communities in the preparation of grant applications for the 2006 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program. This program provides funding for acquisition and development projects for public outdoor recreation.

Workshops are scheduled for several locations around the state in January. The workshops will be:
Jan. 18 - From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lake Superior State University located at 650 W. Easterday Ave. in Sault Ste. Marie.
Jan. 18 - From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the DNR Escanaba Office located at 6833 US-2 and M-35 in Gladstone.
Jan. 25 - From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the DNR Plainwell Operations Service Center located at 621 N. 10th Street in Plainwell.
Jan. 27 - From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lansing Community College West Campus located at 5708 Cornerstone in Lansing.
Jan. 31 - From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center located at 104 Conservation Dr. in Roscommon.

The focus of these workshops will be on preparing a successful application for 2006. Topics will include applicant and project eligibility, distribution of funds, preparing applications and attachments, project selection and grantee obligations. DNR staff will be available at all workshops to answer questions. The workshop is free and pre-registration is not required.

Participants are encouraged to notify Grants Management if they plan to attend the workshop to insure adequate materials are available. Participants also are encouraged to bring potential application ideas for discussion at the workshop.

The primary deadline for acquisition and development applications is April 1, 2006. Additional acquisition applications only will be accepted until Aug. 1, 2006. Grant application materials are available on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants or by contacting Grant Management at 517-373-9125.

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